

an example different than that as we talk in the 1-minutes in the morning.

EDUCATION: THE KEY TO THE AMERICAN DREAM

(Mr. WYNN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. WYNN. Mr. Speaker, unfortunately today I think my Republican colleagues just do not get it. The fact is that education is the key to the American dream and the key to global competitiveness, but American students are falling behind their foreign counterparts. Enrollment is increasing by 7 percent over the next 6 years, but the Republicans are cutting the budget by 7 percent below 1995 levels. That will not enable us to meet the American Dream.

Let us look at the cuts. They are cutting math and reading assistance for 150,000 disadvantaged students. They are cutting local education assistance by \$350 million under the Goals 2000 Program. They cut 15,000 disadvantaged students out of the Head Start Program.

They claim they want to fight drugs, but they cut \$25 million out of the Safe and Drug Free Schools Program. They say they want technological advances, but they cut \$277 million out of technology programs for schools. They say they want advanced higher education, but they cut direct student loans.

Let us give education the priority it deserves.

TIME TO STOP THE FAKE ADS

(Mr. FUNDERBURK asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. FUNDERBURK. Mr. Speaker, if the people do not wake up, they may have the best labor-union Congress money can buy. The AFL-CIO is doing the dirty work of the liberal Democrats in Congress and of Bill Clinton.

In North Carolina, a right-to-work State, union ads falsely charged that I voted to give myself a congressional pay raise. Of course I just arrived in Congress in 1995, not in 1989, when the last pay raise was voted on.

Next, the right arm of the Democrat National Committee, the AFL-CIO, put ads on the air in Raleigh-Durham saying that my name was Randy, not David. That would be news to my parents.

Then a colleague called me from Nebraska saying that the AFL-CIO attack ad on minimum wage was being shown on television in Omaha, NE, attacking DAVID FUNDERBURK of the Second District of North Carolina. Admittedly, Nebraska starts with "N" like North Carolina, but that is where the similarity ends. And our "Randy" in Congress is from Washington State.

The big boss labor unions of the Democrat party are spending tens of mil-

lions to lie, distort and deceive the public so they can buy back a left-wing, union-controlled Congress. It is time to stop the mud and false ads.

REPUBLICANS TARGET EDUCATION AGAIN

(Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I appreciate my colleague from North Carolina when he asks to stop the slinging of the mud on the one hand, and not the other.

But, Mr. Speaker, let me talk about education this morning. Did we learn anything last year in Congress? Maybe we need to do more homework on our own. The American people overwhelmingly rejected education cuts last year, and they still do. But the Republicans want to deny education services to hundreds of thousands of children with the bill we have today.

The Labor-HHS-Education appropriations bill cuts education funding \$2.6 billion below the level needed to keep up with inflation. Overall education will be cut below fiscal year 1995 levels at the same time school enrollment is going up 7 percent. Education reform funding and Eisenhower teacher training grants are being eliminated. The Republican bill provides \$475 million less in title I funding for disadvantaged children than the administration requested.

It is time for the Republicans to listen to the American people and provide the funds for education. It is America's future we are talking about.

AMERICA'S CHILDREN DESERVE BETTER

(Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, while continuing to fund his pet projects around the world, President Clinton has turned his back on the Nation's fight against drugs.

For 3 years this President has made severe staff cuts to drug enforcement agencies, and, of course, drug use among children has skyrocketed. Among 12- and 13-year-olds alone marijuana use has increased 137 percent. One reason is because Mexican drug smugglers have invaded and taken over the Texas border, allowing them to bring marijuana, cocaine, and heroin into our country and to our children at will.

Even the President's drug czar admits we have lost control of the border. President Clinton gave \$20 billion to bail out Mexico, but now when we need to protect our own citizens against Mexican drug lords he says wait.

Mr. Speaker, America's children deserve better.

RESTORE EDUCATION CUTS TO RENEW THE AMERICAN DREAM

(Mrs. SCHROEDER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. SCHROEDER. Mr. Speaker, today the Republicans once again rush to act as the demolition team for the American dream, as they are putting on their jerseys and getting ready to rush out there and unilaterally disarm our children as they prepare to move into the global competitive economy they are going to face in the 21st century. Yes, the Republicans are eagerly awaiting their ability to slash away at education funding.

I personally believe there is no better investment in our future than making sure every American child has a world-class education. I am ashamed when we are willing to add billions for prisons and slash away at education so that America's kids are going to be left holding the debt and no way to pay it off. This is shameful.

I hope everyone today votes for the Obey amendment, which will try to restore these cuts and put America back on line, following the American dream we were all able to follow.

THE CLINTON YEARS: NO END TO WELFARE AS WE KNOW IT

(Mrs. KELLY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. KELLY. Mr. Speaker, Americans have spent more than \$5 trillion trying to end poverty—but throwing more of our Nation's hard-earned tax dollars at the failed programs of the 1960's is not the answer.

Remember in 1992, President Clinton campaigned on the promise to end welfare as we know it. Well, last year, when this Congress sent him a true welfare reform initiative, he vetoed it.

Then, on May 18, the President reaffirmed his desire for reform, by endorsing the welfare initiatives proposed by Wisconsin Governor Thompson.

In fact, President Clinton said, "Welfare does not have to be a partisan issue. Wisconsin has the makings of a solid, bold plan, and we should get it done."

Well, this Congress, has gotten it done. The waivers that Wisconsin needs to implement its program have been sitting on the President's desk for weeks, waiting for his approval.

Eighteen other States are also waiting for waivers to curb poverty in their communities. And according to HHS, they will wait at least 210 days, just for the initial review.

Mr. Speaker, the President has gotten one thing right about welfare reform—it shouldn't be about politics. This Congress believes it should be about giving people a hand-up, and the American people agree with us. It's

time President Clinton stopped talking, and start delivering on his promises.

Where is your pen, Mr. President? The country needs welfare reform.

THE SPECULATORS VERSUS THE PEOPLE

(Mr. BONIOR asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. BONIOR. Mr. Speaker, it is the speculators versus the people. The bear is on Wall Street. A good example of what is happening to this country occurred last Friday when the country received good news: Unemployment had dropped to 5.3 percent; a quarter of a million new people were added to the payrolls in America; the average hourly wage, biggest increase in 1 month in recorded history, 9 cents in that 1 month. And what happens on Wall Street? Pandemonium breaks loose. The Dow Jones average goes down 114 points, 30-year Treasury bonds leap a quarter of a point.

The bears on Wall Street make their living by betting on the next Federal Reserve decision. The Federal Reserve needs to hold the line on interest rates so that we can have true welfare reform, so we do not lock in 5 to 6 million people on unemployment because of decisions that are made to benefit speculators in this country.

WISCONSIN IS WAITING FOR WAIVER ON WELFARE

(Mr. KLUG asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. KLUG. Mr. Speaker, on May 18, President Clinton went on national radio and called Wisconsin Works a solid, bold welfare reform proposal. Several days later he repeated the same line in the State of Wisconsin. When Governor Thompson submitted Wisconsin's bold welfare program to the bureaucrats here in Washington, they said they needed 1 month to review it. Guess what. One month expired yesterday, and we are not in month No. 2. In Wisconsin we have a rather simple idea. We think you should replace welfare with work.

How much longer will we have to wait for the bureaucrats in Washington to give us their stamp of approval to finally put in place what the President called a solid, bold welfare reform plan. Am I optimistic that the approvals just around the corner will consider this fact? There are 28 welfare waiver applications currently pending from 19 different States, some dating back almost 3 years. Mr. Speaker, how long will the State of Wisconsin have to wait? One more month? Three more months? One more year? Three more years?

Mr. Speaker, we should ask the President, where is the waiver application the State of Wisconsin needs for its bold welfare reform proposal?

MINIMUM WAGE IS A MORAL ISSUE

(Mr. LEWIS of Georgia asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. LEWIS of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to urge my Republican colleagues to stop blocking action on the minimum wage. I have said it before and I will say it again here today: Raising the minimum wage is not just an economic issue, it is a moral issue; it is the right thing to do.

The Republicans in this House tried to block an increase in the minimum wage and failed. The Republicans in the Senate tried to block it and failed. Having lost on the floor, Republicans now are holding the minimum wage hostage. The Republicans in Congress will do anything to deny hard-working people a small raise.

Mr. Speaker, Mr. Majority Leader, I know you vowed to fight an increase in the minimum wage with every fiber in your being, but you cannot fight the will of the American people forever.

One thing is for sure, come November, working people will remember.

WELFARE REFORM

(Mr. HERGER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. HERGER. Mr. Speaker, again, President Bill Clinton has dropped the ball on welfare reform. During his 1992 campaign, Bill Clinton promised to end welfare as we known it. But when given the opportunity, Bill Clinton broke his promise—he vetoed welfare reform, not once, but twice.

Thirty days ago, Bill Clinton promised to take action on Wisconsin's welfare waiver request. Well, the 30 days are up, and again we see that Bill Clinton cannot be trusted to keep his word. Again, he has broken his promises and again he has done nothing about one of the most pressing problems in this country.

Mr. Speaker, what is it going to take? Why can't Bill Clinton keep his promises?

Millions of Americans are stuck in a cycle of welfare dependence and poverty, and all the White House can do is worry about its poll numbers and play partisan political games. Bill Clinton should keep his promise to reform welfare and finally begin showing leadership.

SAFE DRINKING WATER

(Mr. McDERMOTT asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. McDERMOTT. Mr. Speaker, the Republicans seem to be obsessed with this welfare business but there are some issues that are much bigger than welfare. Clean drinking water in this

country is something that everybody needs, whether you are Republican or Democrat.

The front page of the Washington Post has a story that you cannot drink the water in Washington, DC.

Now, if you look at USA Today they are talking about Washington State and the problems with drinking water there.

Yet this House dawdles and does not appoint the conferees to deal with the Safe Drinking Water Act. Now, it is amazing to me that you can sit here and talk about some welfare waiver when, in fact, this city, the capital of the United States, the most powerful country in the world, if you come to my office or come to the Speaker's office or any other office, they will not get you a glass of water from the tap.

Every one of us drinks bottled water in this building. You go in those Cloak-rooms, both sides, you have bottled water.

The American people are entitled to safe drinking water. Appoint the conferees, Mr. Speaker.

CLINTON ADMINISTRATION ECONOMIC POLICY EFFECTS

(Mr. WALKER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. WALKER. Mr. Speaker, many Americans feel that under the Clinton administration economic policies, they are worse off. The reason why they feel that way is because they are worse off.

Under Clinton administration economic policies, real median family income has had a zero annual growth rate. That compares with a 1.7-percent annual growth rate between 1983 and 1989.

Under Clinton administration policies, wages and salaries declined by 2.3 percent between March 1994 and March 1995, the largest drop on record in the post World War II era. Under Clinton administration policies, real average weekly earnings fell in 1995 by three-tenths of 1 percent. Under Clinton administration policies, the median household has lost eight-tenths of 1 percent of their purchasing power.

The Nation has seen the GDP grow at 1.4 percent. That is one-third of the economic growth during the Reagan years.

Under Clinton, had normal recovery circumstances applied, 11.2 million jobs would have been created. Clinton only got 7.7 million jobs. We have had a bad economic performance under this President.

STRIKING THE ERGONOMIC RIDER

(Ms. PELOSI asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. PELOSI. Mr. Speaker, later this morning the House will vote on my amendment to the Labor, HHS bill which would strike the extreme rider which ties OSHA's hands on repetitive