

Finally, somebody has said something about the similarities between the Holocaust and the activities of the Chinese Government.

Now, I know the Clinton administration will not do anything. But will the Congress do anything? This Congress has done nothing. The business of this Congress is business. You have watched priests put in jail in China; you have watched bishops be put in jail in China; you have watched Harry Wu's enslavement. Now you watch 60 Minutes and orphans being killed, and we know the Clinton administration has done nothing, but this Congress, this Congress, where we all have the right to speak out, we have done nothing.

TIME FOR CONGRESS TO WORK TOGETHER

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

Mr. DOGGETT. Mr. Speaker, neither political party has a monopoly on truth. We need to work together, as President Clinton urged last night, to find some common ground about the problems that this Nation faces.

There is not any good reason why we cannot put the fanaticism of this Gingrich-led Congress behind us. Enough of the temper tantrums; enough of the Government shutdowns that waste taxpayer money; enough of the threats to reject the full faith and credit of the United States of America.

The time to start anew is today, working together, to address this question of the adjustment of the debt limit. We cannot afford to have the first default in the next month in the history of this Nation. Six former Treasury Secretaries, Republicans and Democrats alike, have come together to urge us to address this debt limit issue. We ought to do it today. It is the same kind of bipartisan support we need from our House colleagues to address this very serious matter.

Every single American who has got a credit card loan balance, who has a variable mortgage, who might ever want to take out a loan, had a stake in our protecting the credit of this country.

MOVE TOGETHER TO ATTACK DEFICIT

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

Mr. HAYWORTH. Mr. Speaker, again I come to the well and listen with great interest to my good friend from Texas, even as he decries fanaticism, launch into his own special brand of name calling. And that is fine; good people can disagree.

But it is precisely because we need to maintain the full faith and credit of the United States of America that we must move together to attack this

egregious deficit and this huge debt in the trillions of dollars, and the best way to do that is to truly put aside name calling and work together, work together to end runaway spending.

The President came last night and he said the days of big Government are over, and yet the budget plan he endorses calls for an additional \$350 billion in spending and additional \$200 billion in taxes.

Friends, let us work together. But the same old formula of tax-and-spend is not the prescription for America's future. It is time to truly say the days of big Government are over, and a limited and effective Government should be the mission of the United States of America.

MAINTAIN ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

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

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, the President challenged the Congress last night not to turn the clock back on environmental protection. Unfortunately, that is what has been happening in this House. Whether it is Superfund or enforcement within the EPA, in each case over the last year we have seen significant threats and efforts to turn back the clock on environmental protection.

Right now the Superfund Program is in shambles. Enforcement within the Environmental Protection Agency has been suggested, and pursuant to the CR that we passed, cut back by 25 percent. Lobbyists and special interests, as the President has said, the polluters, are now in the room writing the environmental bills and trying to weaken environmental laws.

We need to heed the President's call. In this year in Congress we have to make sure there is adequate funding for Superfund and for environmental protection. This was always a bipartisan issue. As the President mentioned, much of the environmental laws were passed when President Nixon was President and the Democrats controlled Congress.

The President also looked at the future and he said we can expand the economy; we can create jobs at the same time we protect the environment. He had a vision for the future in this country which is proenvironment, and this Congress should heed his call.

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TALK IS CHEAP

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

Mr. FRISA. Mr. Speaker, once again the President gave a sterling speech last night. So good, in fact, that I would say he has a silver tongue. Unfortunately, he expects Americans to pay for the polish.

So, we have heard enough slick talk from Bill Clinton, because his talk does not come cheap. We pay the price. Let us do the real work of the American people and cut the size and cost of Government and leave more money in people's paychecks so that we can spend our own money how we see fit. When we accomplish that, our work truly will have been done.

HOLDING DEBT CEILING DECISION HOSTAGE IS BAD POLITICS

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

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. Speaker, the message from the President last night was simple. He wants a centrist and bipartisan agreement, a balanced budget in 7 years. The President reached out his hand. It would be a shame if NEWT GINGRICH and the Republican freshmen slapped it. But already we hear plans from the extreme Republicans to add this bangle to the spending bill and that dangle to the debt ceiling.

Mr. Speaker, last month the Republicans hostages were Government employees. This month it seems it will be the debt ceiling and America's credit rating. Holding the debt ceiling hostage will raise mortgage rates for homeowners, credit interest rates for consumers, college loan interest rates for students.

Last month, Republicans learned that holding Federal employees hostage was wrong and bad politics and they had to retreat with their tail between their legs. Now, amazingly, the Republicans are attempting to play this hostage game again, this time with the full faith and credit of the United States. Mr. Speaker, I say to my Republican colleagues, when are you guys going to learn? Enough already.

PRESIDENT ATTEMPTS TO BASK IN HEROES' HONOR

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

Mr. DORNAN. Mr. Speaker, my father, Harry Joseph Dornan, who is the hero of my life, died 21 years ago today. He would be tormented today, as I am, by the lack of character and integrity at the highest level of our Government.

Mr. Speaker, he took me and my brothers into the Oval Office in 1941, and he held the White House and its occupant in a certain awe and respect. Even liberal writers say that the White House has been dragged down to the street level over the last 3 years.

Last night, amidst that snow job, Mr. Clinton did it again. He put heroes in the gallery trying to reflect in their honor and glory, and that is not possible when Paula Corbin Jones is going to get her day in court. And then he put a hero in this front row who, like

my dad, he was wounded three times fighting for freedom, Barry McCaffrey, the general who was told in the White House 2 years and 10 months ago, "We don't talk to people in uniform here."

Barry McCaffrey will be a superb drug czar, but when Clinton pointed out that he had three Purple Hearts and two Silver Stars, he could not gag out the word "Vietnam." He could not say he won those honors in Vietnam.

IS THIS ANY WAY TO TREAT AN AMERICAN HERO?

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

Ms. DELAURO. Mr. Speaker, last night, the Nation was introduced to Richard Dean, a true American hero. An employee with the Social Security Administration, Mr. Dean was at work in the Murrah Federal Building last April when a terrorist's bomb tore a hole through that structure, killing 168 people. Mr. Dean went back into the building four times, saving three other lives.

Mr. Dean was a hero on that day in April. But, Mr. Dean and Federal employees like him are heroes everyday. They help our elderly in their retirement, help our families find affordable housing, help our communities stricken by natural disasters. Yet, in November, Mr. Dean and thousands of Federal employees like him were forced to work without pay, because of the Gingrich Government shutdown. These hard-working men and women should not be used as pawns in an inside-the-beltway political game. So, let me join the President today to ask my Republican colleagues: Please don't shut down the Government for a third time. Think about Richard Dean. And, ask yourself, is this any way to treat an American hero?

PROSPERITY AND FUTURE OF AMERICA'S YOUNG PEOPLE

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

Mr. COLLINS of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, the majority of this Congress passed a 7-year plan to balance the Federal budget. Our plan will zero out deficit spending by the year 2002. But, Mr. Speaker, at the end of those 7 years our accumulated debt will be over \$6 trillion. If Congress reduces that \$6 trillion debt by \$200 billion per year beginning in the year 2003, it will then take 30 years to pay off the principal; 30 years, Mr. Speaker, at \$200 billion per year for 30 years. Even at that rate, it will be the year 2033 before we pay off the \$6 trillion debt.

Mr. Speaker, the next two generations of working taxpayers will pay the bill. We must end wasteful spending now. And, Mr. Speaker, is the fight to retain power in Washington important enough to risk the prosperity and fu-

ture of our young people? No, Mr. Speaker, it is not.

PRESIDENT PRESENTS CHALLENGES FOR THE NATION

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

Mr. BONIOR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend President Clinton on a magnificent State of the Union Address. More than anything else last night, I think the President talked about family in a way that I have not heard around here for a very long time. He made it very clear in a very poignant statement that the primary duty of parents today is to raise our children. I think we all realize that our problems, crime, gang violence, education, breakdown in community values, would not happen if we had stronger parents and stronger families.

Washington does not have all the answers. But there are certainly things that we can do to help these families, like giving parents a \$10,000 tax cut for college expenses, increasing the minimum wage, protecting pensions, protecting Medicare and Medicaid, and passing the V-chip legislation that will help parents control some of the garbage that is flowing into homes today.

Mr. Speaker, the President did a good job laying out those challenges that the Nation faces and I hope each of us on both sides of the aisle will pick up the challenge and move this country forward.

ACTIONS SPEAK LOUDER THAN WORDS

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

Mrs. SEASTRAND. Mr. Speaker, President Clinton gave challenges to Congress last night. He challenged us to cherish our children and strengthen the family. Congress sent the President legislation containing a family, per-child tax credit, but he vetoed it.

The President challenged us to help every American achieve economic security. Yet he vetoed the first balanced budget in a generation.

The President challenged us to provide Americans with educational opportunities. Yet he vetoed legislation that would have lowered the cost of the average student loan by \$216 a year.

The President challenged us to make our environment safe and clean. Yet he vetoed the appropriations bill that funds the Environmental Protection Agency.

Mr. Speaker, is it any wonder that the American people doubt the President's sincerity. He talks a good talk, but his actions speak louder than his words. I challenge the President to start walking the walk he talks.

WAKE UP, REPUBLICANS

(Mrs. CLAYTON asked and was given permission to address the House for 1

minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. CLAYTON. Mr. Speaker, the President challenged us on many things yesterday, and he challenged us to come together to work for a balanced budget that would hold up the principle that has made this Nation great. The President also challenged us to be responsible as far as our liability and our bills.

Mr. Speaker, now the Republican majority is threatening to hold the full faith and credit of the United States hostage, if they do not get their way on the budget.

They have said that they will refuse to raise the debt limit, thereby causing our Government to be unable to pay its bills.

This threat is no small matter, and its consequences are very serious.

Already, the two biggest rating agencies in the United States have said that our Government may lose its high credit rating.

If we lose our high credit rating, we will have to pay more for the money we borrow. That is self defeating.

Worse, interest rates, even with the threat of a default, will begin to rise. Citizens will then pay more for mortgages, automobiles, and other consumer goods.

Even the wealthy who they want to help with their big tax cut, will be hurt if America cannot meet its obligations.

Wake up Republicans. The gain you hope to get with this risky maneuver, is not worth the loss you will cause.

PRESIDENT SHOULD PUT HIS PEN WHERE HIS MOUTH IS

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

Mr. KINGSTON. Mr. Speaker, last night the President's speech was somewhat like the swimsuit edition of Sports Illustrated; thrilling, exciting, but full of dreams and fantasy. It was a golden oldies collection of Bill Clinton's greatest hits, lines, and slogans from 1992. Welfare reform, a middle-class tax cut, and, of course, balancing the budget. In fact, I thought he was running in the New Hampshire primary, but facts deal harshly with fiction.

The rhetoric of the candidate has dissolved into the reality of a President. We sent him welfare reform; he vetoed it. We sent him a middle-class tax cut; he vetoed it. We sent him a balanced budget, and he vetoed that. The hot air from last night's speech explained why even 3 feet of snow quickly melts in Washington, DC.

Mr. Speaker, I would say to the President: Mr. President, put your pen where your mouth is. Sign some of the legislation that you talked about last night, and then let us get this country moving again.