

would consider all relevant aspects of campaign finance reform and present a comprehensive bill for an up-or-down vote on the floor.

President Clinton, Speaker GINGRICH and Senator Dole all have publicly endorsed the concept. Let us take advantage of this rare consensus. Mr. Speaker, it is either an independent commission or more of the same.

INVESTIGATE THE ROLE OF CUBA IN DRUG SMUGGLING

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

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. Mr. Speaker, it comes as no surprise to those of us from south Florida that, as reported by the Miami Herald yesterday, the DEA is investigating a connection between Cuban tyrant Castro and the shipment of over 5,000 pounds of cocaine which was confiscated in Miami early January.

The Herald reported that United States drug enforcement agencies suspect the drugs were offloaded inside Cuban territory from a Colombian freighter and the agency is investigating a photo which documents a meeting between Castro and one of the drug smugglers arrested.

But will the mounting documentation on this and other cases result in an indictment of Castro?

As long as the administration refuses to confront, for political reasons, the role that the Cuban Communist regime plays in drug smuggling, our Nation will never win the war on drugs and stop the devastating effects that narcotics have on our children and society.

Unfortunately, the administration continues to drag its feet because the leadership at the top is not there and it ignores the facts in order to avoid a confrontation with Castro.

Once again, President Clinton fails the drug test.

It is time for the rhetoric to stop and action to be taken.

The finger points to Fidel Castro. Will President Clinton investigate?

ILL-ADVISED CHANGES IN LABOR LAW

(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 am here from the Government and I am going to help you. I am a Republican and I am here to help the working people of America.

Both these statements are kind of hard to believe. We have a bill today on the calendar that will change 60 years of 40-hour week laws. The Republican majority this year alone opposed the minimum wage increase, cut occupational health and safety funding for safe workplaces, cut funding for fair

labor standards enforcement, and now today they want to lower the wages by eliminating overtime wages.

This Congress is not the friend of the working people; they want to eliminate the working people.

AMERICAN PEOPLE NEED TO KNOW TRUTH ABOUT FILEGATE

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

Mr. BALLENGER. Mr. Speaker, one of the most interesting questions surrounding the Filegate matter was "Who hired Craig Livingstone?" In testimony before the House Government Reform and Oversight Committee, Bernard Nussbaum said he did not know who hired Mr. Livingstone.

That was the story last month, on June 26.

Yesterday, a very different picture emerged. Chairman Bill Clinger has now reported that based on his committee's investigation, Bernie Nussbaum was indeed very knowledgeable about Mr. Livingstone's employment at the White House.

The FBI has supplied evidence that completely contradicts his testimony.

Mr. Speaker, I think the American people deserve to hear the truth about Filegate. Instead of all the excuses and coverups; instead of all this bobbing and weaving; would it not be easier for the White House to come clean?

Think about it, Mr. Speaker, if they are truly innocent of any wrong doing, why do they not just tell the truth?

WORKING FAMILIES FLEXIBILITY ACT

(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, America's working families are under tremendous stress. The average working family feels like a hamster in a wheel, where they run faster and faster every year and their tongues are hanging out and they cannot make ends meet. And so the Republicans who were against flex time, were against family medical leave, were against everything else, have come up with this new warm fuzzy. It sounds wonderful.

They are talking about the Working Families Flexibility Act. Well, it is so flexible that a working woman who works 47.5 hours a week at \$5 an hour takes a 22-percent pay cut. This is not what we need. It is wrong to try and trick America's families, who are under such stress, that you are trying to be so sympathetic toward them, when all you are really doing is giving their employers even more money and even more authority over the time and the hours that they work. This is wrong. It should be defeated.

Mr. Speaker, I hope everybody listens to it, and I hope we stop putting the kind of nice warm fuzzy names out

over something that is really going to harm America's families. They are too precious to do that.

WELFARE REFORM LEGISLATION

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

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask President Clinton a simple question. Will you sign the welfare reform legislation? Everyone in this Chamber wants to save our children. Every one in America agrees the current welfare system has failed our children. We have worked on a bipartisan basis in both Chambers to deliver reforms that free the most vulnerable children in America from a life of dependency on a faceless, uncaring bureaucracy.

We are one step away. All we need is President Clinton's signature. Here's what he must decide. Is it fair to leave our most vulnerable children trapped in unsafe schools and unsafe homes? Is it fair to leave kids in a system where the only successful entrepreneurs in the neighborhoods are drug dealers?

President Clinton must decide who is more capable of delivering true compassion to these kids. Can a Washington bureaucracy that is saddled with outdated rules and regulations created to appease some special interest group really deliver compassion? I believe neighbors helping neighbors can dramatically change the lives of individual Americans. I hope the President makes the right decision for America's kids.

MINIMUM WAGE AND WELFARE

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

Mr. MILLER of California. Mr. Speaker, Members of the House, apparently the Republicans have gotten the message. America's families are working harder than ever, longer than ever, and earning less than at any time in the last 20 years. The reason for that is simply that wages have not kept up.

But what we now see is the Republicans fighting an effort to bring a minimum wage to a livable wage. We see it is Republicans now allowing employers to take away people's overtime, overtime that has become, unfortunately, more and more important to maintaining family wages in this country.

So, what we have is, we have a dual attack on working families, and now we see also that they are going to bring us a welfare bill that will plunge a million more children into poverty that are not in poverty today. Half of those children are in working families, but because their families cannot earn a better minimum wage, because they will not be allowed to earn more overtime, those families are now going to be put into poverty because they are

also going to lose what little benefits they get under the current welfare system. No; working families, working poor families, working middle class families continue to be under assault by this Republican Congress because they have not got the message these families need help.

AIRPORT SECURITY NEEDED NOW

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

Mr. BURTON of Indiana. Mr. Speaker in 1990, we passed the Aviation Security Improvement Act, which was supposed to protect people in airports getting on their airplanes. It was supposed to deal with the possibility of detecting plastic explosives, which could kill a lot of people like that which happened in New York just a few short days ago. The problem is it did not work. It has not worked and since 1990, nothing really has been done.

They said by 1993 we would have devices at every airport, especially the international airports, to detect these plastic explosives. It has not happened, and now we have lost 230 some people over the Atlantic.

We need to put dogs at the airports that have the ability to sniff out plastic explosives. We use them in this Chamber, in the Capitol of the United States, and it will work at the airports.

The cost is very small compared to the machines we are talking about. Those machines could cost up to \$2.2 billion. To put dogs at 50 airports costs about \$4 million a year, and we could do it right away. We do not need to mess around. If we are going to protect the flying public in this country, we need to do it now.

Mr. Speaker, I have introduced a bill to this effect, and I hope all of my colleagues will cosponsor it.

THE COMP TIME BILL

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

Mr. BONIOR. Mr. Speaker, this comp time bill is not about compensation, and it is not about flexibility, and it certainly is not about helping working families. It is about ending the 40-hour workweek. It is about cutting people's pay. It is about changing the laws so employers no longer have to pay overtime wages for overtime work.

This bill takes away the only real raise that most people have gotten over the last 20 years, and they have earned that through their own hard work, through their sweat.

Mr. Speaker, if this bill becomes law, as this chart points out, a single mom who puts in 47 hours at 5 bucks an hour can lose \$50 a week. The factory worker who gets \$10 an hour can lose \$110 a week. This is a 22-percent cut.

Mr. Speaker, if this bill becomes law, workers are going to need comp time

just to find a second job to make up for the money they lose in overtime pay.

PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 2391, WORKING FAMILIES FLEXIBILITY ACT OF 1996

Ms. GREENE of Utah. Mr. Speaker, by direction of the Committee on Rules, I call up House Resolution 488 and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 488

Resolved, That at any time after the adoption of this resolution the Speaker may, pursuant to clause 1(b) of rule XXIII, declare the House resolved into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union for consideration of the bill (H.R. 2391) to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to provide compensatory time for all employees. The first reading of the bill shall be dispensed with. General debate shall be confined to the bill and shall not exceed one hour equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Economic and Educational Opportunities. After general debate the bill shall be considered for amendment under the five-minute rule for a period not to exceed two hours. It shall be in order to consider as an original bill for the purpose of amendment under the five-minute rule the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Economic and Educational Opportunities now printed in the bill. The committee amendment in the nature of a substitute shall be considered as read. Points of order against the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute for failure to comply with clause 7 of rule XVI are waived. Before consideration of any other amendment it shall be in order to consider the amendment printed in the report of the Committee on Rules accompanying this resolution, if offered by Representative Goodling of Pennsylvania or his designee. That amendment shall be considered as read, may amend portions of the bill not yet read, shall be debatable for ten minutes equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question in the House or in the Committee of the Whole. If that amendment is adopted, the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute, as amended, shall be considered as the original bill for the purpose of further amendment. No further amendment to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute, as amended, shall be in order except those printed in the portion of the Congressional Record designated for that purpose in clause 6 of rule XXIII. Amendments so printed shall be considered as read. The Chairman of the Committee of the Whole may: (1) postpone until a time during further consideration in the Committee of the Whole a request for a recorded vote on any amendment; and (2) reduce to five minutes the minimum time for electronic voting on any postponed question that follows another electronic vote without intervening business, provided that the minimum time for electronic voting on the first in any series of questions shall be fifteen minutes. At the conclusion of consideration of the bill for amendment the Committee shall rise and report the bill to the House with such amendments as may have been adopted. Any Member may demand a separate vote in the House on any amendment adopted in the Committee of the Whole to

the bill or to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute. The previous question shall be considered as ordered on the bill and amendments thereto to final passage without intervening motion except one motion to recommit with or without instructions.

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The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. KINGSTON). The gentlewoman from Utah [Ms. GREENE] is recognized for 1 hour.

Ms. GREENE of Utah. Mr. Speaker, for the purpose of debate only, I yield the customary 30 minutes to the gentleman from Massachusetts [Mr. MOAKLEY], pending which I yield myself such time as I may consume. During consideration of this resolution, all time yielded is for the purpose of debate only.

Mr. Speaker, House Resolution 488 is a modified open rule providing for the consideration of H.R. 2391, the Working Families Flexibility Act. The rule provides for 1 hour of general debate, equally divided between the chairman and the ranking member of the Committee on Economic and Educational Opportunities.

Mr. Speaker, the rule makes in order the Committee on Economic and Educational Opportunities amendment in the nature of a substitute as an original bill for purpose of amendment, with each section considered as read. The rule waives clause 7 of rule XVI, which requires amendments to be germane, against this committee amendment in the nature of substitute. This waiver is necessary because the committee amendment includes a remedy provision to further enhance existing worker protections, and this provision is technically beyond the scope of the bill.

Mr. Speaker, the rule provides for the consideration of the manager's amendment printed in the Rules Committee report, which amendment shall be considered as read. This amendment shall not be subject to amendment or to a division of the question, may amend portions of the bill not yet read, and is debatable for 10 minutes equally divided between the proponent and an opponent. If adopted, this manager's amendment shall be considered as part of the base text for further amendment purposes.

In order to better accommodate members' schedules, the rule allows the Chairman of the Committee of the Whole to postpone votes and reduce voting time to 5 minutes.

Mr. Speaker, there are only 26 legislative days left in this Congress, and there remain a large number of priority items that must be considered by the House, including the remainder of the reconciliation process and all 13 appropriations conference reports. Accordingly, the rule provides for a 2-hour limit on the amendment process. Given that no amendments were offered during the full committee markup of this legislation, and only one amendment has been filed, 2 hours