

aisle, too. You all have been partisan and politicizing this place.

The soldiers in Bosnia are not leaving. The cancer researchers are not leaving. The FBI agents are not leaving. I personally believe, and we all only answer to our constituents and to our conscience, but I believe it would disgrace the Congress for us to leave while the Government is shut down.

One other thing to my side, this is not a leadership vote. This is a conscience vote. And my conscience is not for sale. Congress should not leave while the Government is shut down.

You all ought to stop being so partisan, because when we can get together in the spirit of reconciliation, we can solve these problems. Each side eggs the other side on and nothing gets done.

#### TAX DOLLARS NOT AT WORK

(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, at the State and local level, when you pass a road-way, there is a big sign that says your tax dollars at work. Here in Washington we ought to have a sign that says, your tax dollars are not at work. Because that is the reality in day 20 of the Government shutdown. Let us be real. The Republicans are trying to say this is President Clinton's shutdown. Absolutely wrong. The President could not open the Government if he wants to.

The Republicans set the agenda. The Republicans are in the majority. The Republicans have the vote. Let there be no mistake. This is a Republican, a Gingrich Republican government shutdown.

This is not about a balanced budget in 7 years with real numbers. I am for that. A lot of Democrats are for that. There are budgets out there to do this. This is about their desire to give tax breaks to the wealthy while cutting Medicare and Medicaid.

Meanwhile our employees, the taxpayers' employees and their families are suffering. Mortgage payments are not being made. Utility bills are not being met. Car payments are not being made. Clothes for the kids are not being met, and contractors are not being paid. I hope Federal employees will come to Washington, to Capitol Hill to share their pain with these Republican revolutionaries.

#### THE AMERICAN PEOPLE EXPECT US TO BALANCE THE BUDGET

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

Mr. GUTKNECHT. Mr. Speaker, I am a House Republican freshman. The President calls me an extremist, right-wing, radical Republican freshman.

What am I so extremist about? Well, I want the Government to balance its budget, just like my family has to. A balanced budget means lower interest

rates, which means cheaper car loans, mortgages, and student loans. Pretty scary stuff.

I want to cut taxes for working families and I want to reduce capital gains tax to create more jobs. Yes, I know it will mean more take home pay for working Americans and better jobs. Well, I guess that is extreme if my colleagues are big government liberals.

I have been in Washington for an entire year, and am still being overcome by commonsense, practical, and honest solutions to our Nation's problems. I guess in Washington that is pretty extreme. Mr. Speaker, the American people expect us to balance the budget and do the right thing for our children's future.

#### WE HAVE OUR PAY SO WE ARE GOING TO GO PLAY?

(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, we have heard excuse, after excuse, after excuse. Let us put the record straight. Let us look at facts, not rhetoric.

Yesterday we had on this floor the potential of bringing up what the House should have brought up, and that was the resolution, passed unanimously in the U.S. Senate because the Senate, with BOB DOLE, said enough is enough. Of course it is. Today the taxpayers will spend another \$40 million for nothing, for nothing because they are going to keep this shutdown as we watch Head Start going into trouble, as we watch 240 small businesses a day not be able to get capital loans to keep going, and on, and on, and on.

What are the Gingrich Republicans in the House saying? They get the Marie Antoinette compassion award. They are saying, "Let them eat cake. We have our pay."

So, today we are going to vote a recess resolution. We are going to go play.

Now I think the American people are very angry if they say, "We have our pay, we're going to go play."

We cannot open it with keys. We open it with a voting card. They keep voting "no." That is what is wrong.

#### I AM HERE TO BALANCE THE BUDGET

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

Mr. BAKER of California. Mr. Speaker, 1 year ago the 1st day of the 104th Congress began. In short it was the beginning of the end. It was the beginning of the end for the Washington business-as-usual crowd, and when the balanced budget is signed into law, the American people will understand why they held the second Boston tea party here in Washington on November 1994.

Oh, in the past, yes, our leaders in Washington have always backed down from making tough decisions necessary to lead this country, and they always

found a way to protect their spending while adding new taxes and new debt to the American people. As a result we have a \$5 trillion debt. We spend \$200 billion a year on interest just to keep that debt alive.

That is what these folks are really for. Mr. Speaker, the new majority is here to say no. The President said the House Republicans are unwilling to compromise. Well, I want to tell my colleagues I am here to balance the budget, and I believe that we have compromised for 26 years. We have added the spending. We have compromised the business of big Government. We are not going to do it anymore.

#### JOIN THE SENATE AND PASS A CONTINUING RESOLUTION

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

Mr. SANDERS. Mr. Speaker, 480,000 Federal employees are working without pay, a form of involuntary servitude; 280,000 Federal employees are not working, and they will be paid. Virtually all of these workers have mortgages to pay, children to feed, and financial obligations to meet.

Mr. Speaker, what is happening to these workers is immoral, is wrong, and must be rectified immediately. NEWT GINGRICH and the Republican leadership must not continue to hold the House and the American people hostage while they push their disastrous 7-year balanced budget plan. The gentleman from Georgia, Mr. GINGRICH, and the Republican leadership must join Senator DOLE and the entire Senate and pass a continuing resolution now, now to reopen Government.

Mr. Speaker, that is what the American people want, that is what they need, and that is what this body must do.

#### WHAT IS RADICAL OR EXTREME ABOUT BALANCING THE BUDGET IN 7 YEARS?

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

Mr. DUNCAN. Mr. Speaker, today some in the national media and some for partisan political purposes are accusing House Republicans of being extremists or radicals.

If ever there was an inside the beltway line, this has to be it.

Out in the country, the overwhelming majority of the people do not see anything radical or extreme about trying to balance the budget in 7 years.

Most people wonder why we cannot do it sooner than that.

Most families have to balance their budgets every year.

And then there are the so-called cuts. James K. Glassman, the Washington Post columnist who is not partial to either party, has called the Republican budget the "No-Cut Budget."

Federal spending has almost tripled in the last 15 years.

One agency that we have supposedly gutted is the EPA, yet their spending has doubled in the last 10 years.

Very few people out in the country, in the private sector, have had their salaries doubled or tripled in the last 10 or 15 years.

So when people hear these crocodile tears coming out of Washington, or they read some misleading report about a cut, they should ask what that agency was getting 10 years ago, all years of very low inflation.

And they should remember that Federal spending goes way up every year under the 7-year budget passed by the House.

#### EVERY DAY OF SHUTDOWN COSTS APPROXIMATELY \$50 MILLION

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

Mrs. KENNELLY. Mr. Speaker, on day 20 of the longest Government shutdown in history, once again yesterday the Republican majority refused to open the Government. This is a cruel, unnecessary hardship. There is not a businessowner in this country who would demand that his or her employees cease working and forgo their paychecks indefinitely. There is not a private employee in this country who would be expected to tolerate such treatment. Yet our Federal workers are forced to accept idleness or to work without pay.

Meanwhile, taxpayers are also paying an unfair price. Who is eliminating health and safety violations while OSHA is closed? Who is making sure laid-off workers are going to get the compensation they paid into? Who is looking out for the integrity of worker pension plans? In a word—nobody.

But everybody—every taxpayer—will be footing the bill for this fiasco. Every day of shutdown costs approximately \$50 million. Talk about Government waste.

This situation is wrong. I urge my colleagues, pass legislation to open the Government.

#### THE 104TH CONGRESS WILL BALANCE THE BUDGET

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

Mr. BARTLETT of Maryland. Mr. Speaker, I entered politics because I thought I could make a difference. As a Republican, as a proponent of a balanced budget, and as a Member of the 104th Congress, I truly feel that I have, in a small way, made a positive difference. I am very confident that in the coming days America will have a balanced budget—something the American people have demanded for many, many years.

Now, let me say that I truly feel sorry for those who are unfairly caught up in the middle of this partial Government shutdown. But, let me also add that I would feel even more shame and sorrow if we failed to discipline our Government.

We must, as a government, as leaders, think of the future and think also of our children. We must balance the budget and restore the ethic of living within our means.

This 104th Congress has made a difference and we will balance the budget.

#### GIVE CREDIT WHERE CREDIT IS DUE

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

Mr. DOGGETT. Mr. Speaker, I rise in defense of the freshmen House Republicans. They have been unfairly maligned. Blaming them for this Government shutdown is like blaming the followers of the Pied Piper for being mesmerized by him. They voted with Speaker GINGRICH 92.3 percent of the time in 1995. Marching in lockstep with him is the only step that they know. No, we should give credit where credit is due. Speaker GINGRICH is individually as responsible for this shutdown as he was for the cry-baby shutdown in November. He could end personally this shutdown in 15 minutes this morning if he would simply put Republican BOB DOLE's resolution here for a vote.

Mr. Speaker, I believe there would be bipartisan support for it from almost every member of the Democratic caucus and some of the Republicans, but instead of letting people of moderation, of good will, work together to end this shutdown and the \$40 million a day that it costs the American taxpayer, they are asking that the Speaker be given extraordinary power to recess this body until January 23. That is simply fanaticism run amok in this body.

#### A NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION

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

Mr. FUNDERBURK. Mr. Speaker, I was prepared for almost anything when I came to Washington 1 year ago today, but I never thought that I would spend my time defending my constituents in an all out war being waged against them by President Clinton. First, Bill Clinton decides to send \$40 billion to bail out Mexico, while our national debt stands at \$4.9 trillion and of course he does not want to balance the budget. This is a slap in the face of the workers in my district, who have already lost jobs that moved to Mexico as a result of NAFTA. Then the President and his FDA decided to attack the small tobacco farmers in my district, who struggle from year to year just to make ends meet. These are the people who provide the jobs, pay the taxes, and fight our wars. Clinton liberals are

using tobacco as a politically correct shipping boy while a member of his administration called for the legalization of cocaine. Now, Mr. Clinton in a desperate attempt to salvage his reelection, is sending young men and women from my district to Bosnia. Many casualties are the likely result, and for what American national security interest? Mr. Speaker, I have a New Year's resolution for Bill Clinton; stop waging war against the citizens of the Second District of North Carolina.

#### LAYOFFS AND GOVERNMENT SHUTDOWN: JUST THE BEGINNING OF A TWO-PRONGED ATTACK ON THE AMERICAN MIDDLE CLASS

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

Ms. MCKINNEY. Mr. Speaker, AT&T lays off 40,000 employees at a time when profits have never been better. The Republican Congress furloughs 260,000 Federal workers for no reason other than to use them as human shields in the GOP jihad to provide tax cuts to companies like AT&T.

This, Mr. Speaker, is just the beginning of a two-pronged attack on the American middle class. Daily, I get calls from constituents wondering why they cannot go back to work while negotiations over the budget continue. Even BOB DOLE has said enough is enough and that Federal workers should return to work.

However, our noble Speaker of the House, whose behavior resembles that of the King of Prussia, insists on keeping Federal workers off the job until the President goes along with his attack on Medicare. Mr. Speaker, BOB DOLE is right, enough is enough.

#### REPUBLICANS ARE WINNING AND ARE MAKING A DIFFERENCE ON THE BALANCED BUDGET

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

Mr. CHAMBLISS. Mr. Speaker, it has been an honor and a privilege to serve the people of Georgia in Congress this past year. I truly feel that we have changed the way Congress and Washington operate. It is no longer business as usual and status quo. This past year has been long. It has been arduous, and obviously the work continues as we try to make sure the President honors his commitment to balance the budget in 7 years. But I am proud to say that we are winning. This 104th Congress has totally changed the terms of political debate. It is no longer should we balance the budget, it is now a matter of how soon we get the President to keep his word to balance the budget. It is no longer should we make government smaller, it is now a matter of how small.

Mr. Speaker, Republicans are making a difference. We have stood firm for