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Mr. DAVIS of Florida. Mr. Speaker, tomorrow the House is scheduled to vote on fast track legislation to provide this President with the same negotiating authority that every President has had since 1974 in this country. Opponents argue that the debate is about jobs. That is exactly what the debate is about. This is a debate about whether we are going to continue as a country to enjoy the benefits of further exports that provide high-paying jobs in our country.

Fast track legislation has enabled the Congress and the President to work together since 1974 as the public expects us to do, to take advantages of opportunities around the world, to use our prowess as a country, our competitive spirit, our resources to prevail in the world economy. If we do not take advantage of the opportunity to renew fast track authority tomorrow, we will lose a very important opportunity.

Yesterday I met with a worker from my hometown who came up here to tell me that his job and the jobs of his sons were at stake unless we renewed fast track authority. He was speaking on behalf of countless workers around the country who expect us to do the right thing.

When we go to vote tomorrow, let us keep in mind the jobs around the country that are at risk and the future jobs we can provide for our children, and let us pass fast track authority.

REPEAL THE IRS CODE

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

Mr. BLUNT. Mr. Speaker, yesterday the House did something that every single observer 2 weeks ago and a month ago said was impossible, we turned the tables on the IRS to where citizens are protected; where taxpayers will have new taxpayer rights; to where, if people lose an IRS case, they have to pay, but if they win that IRS case, the Government has to pay. The resources of the Government are no longer overwhelmingly on the side stacked against taxpayers.

But Mr. Speaker, the real villain is not the IRS. We want to change the IRS as we know it. The real problem is the IRS Code. We need to repeal that Code. We need to start over again. We need to give the American taxpayer a fair deal, a safe deal, a simple deal, something they understand. The only way to do that is to repeal the Code. We need to do that when we get back into this Congress next year.

VOTES ON QUESTIONS OF CAMPAIGN FINANCE REFORM NEXT SPRING

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

Mr. ALLEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recall to the Members of this body that last weekend the Speaker of this House indicated there would be a vote on campaign finance reform next spring. But that raises many questions. For example, when next spring? We need a vote as early as possible.

It raises the question of what kinds of bills. I urge all Members of this body to insist on a bipartisan bill and bipartisan bills to bring to the floor in order to vote on campaign finance reform.

We know where the Republican leadership has been on this issue. The leadership has said we need more money in politics. We do not need to ban soft money, we need to take off all the limits on contributions to individual candidates. That is the wrong approach. We need more controls on contributions in this country, we need less money in politics, and we need to do that by working together with the other side.

The people back home want less money in politics. The people back home know that every voter, every contributor, every person who wants to participate in this system is being discouraged by the very large sums of money given to the national parties. We need to ban soft money, we need tighter disclosure on issue ads, and we need a vote early next spring.

We will talk a lot less about campaign finance reform if the Republican leadership gives us a vote.

THE UNITED NATIONS SHOULD NOT BLAME THE UNITED STATES FOR CASTRO'S FAILURES

(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, yesterday the United Nations once again voted to condemn the United States embargo on Cuba, demonstrating that when it comes to standing for freedom and human rights on the island, the United Nations members are on the side of the oppressor, rather than in support of the victims of the Castro dictatorship.

The vote should come as no surprise, because for decades the U.N. has coddled the Cuban dictator, Fidel Castro. We must force Castro to lift the embargo that he has on freedom and democracy in Cuba. When will there be free elections? When will Cubans be free to express their opinions?

A serious problem also is the Clinton administration's unwillingness to lobby our allies to support our Cuba policy. Unfortunately, the administration's inaction should be expected, given its refusal to enforce the Helms-Burton law, which was overwhelmingly approved by this body just 2 years ago. An embargo to support democracy for Haiti, an embargo to support democracy for South Africa, but when it comes to Cuba, the United Nations pre-

fers to hypocritically flirt with Castro. Blame the United States for Castro's failure? Shame on the United Nations.

FAST TRACK IS A JOB LOSER FOR AMERICA'S WORKERS

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

Mr. TRAFICANT. Mr. Speaker, to pass fast track the President said he will expand job retraining and unemployment counseling by \$1.2 billion. Unbelievable. The reason is very simple: More Americans will lose their jobs on yet another fast track.

To be more specific here, fast track is a loser, a job loser for American workers. What are we retraining these workers to do? How many more pantyhose crotch closer jobs are really out there, Mr. Speaker? Beam me up.

It is time to stand up and stop this madness. American workers do not want unemployment compensation, they do not want retraining, they do not want trade adjustment assistance. They want to keep their jobs and take care of their families.

IRS REFORM AND THE BUREAUCRATIC TAX CODE

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

Mr. GIBBONS. Mr. Speaker, the IRS reform bill passed yesterday, which is an important first step in the battle to overhaul the current tax collection system in this country. However, this victory must be viewed with a little cautious optimism.

Let us not forget that when the President of this country was confronted with the Senate finance hearings that last month exposed the incredible abuse of power, which seems, by the way, to be the way of business over at the IRS, his first reaction was to defend the IRS. Incredible, stupefying, the American people thought, that this President's first reaction was to say, things really are not that bad.

He criticized the Republican tax reform plan. Of course, that was until he saw the American taxpayers were having nothing to do with his shrill criticism, because they have known for years that the IRS operates through heavy-handed tactics, sloppiness, and a lack of accountability. Any agency that allows bureaucrats no accountability will, over time, abuse its power.

The IRS reform package passed yesterday 426 to 4. It will inject real accountability to the IRS. Let us get rid of this bureaucratic, selfish Tax Code.

NO MORE TAXPAYER DOLLARS FOR EXPENSIVE FISHING EXPEDITIONS

(Mr. EDWARDS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1

minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. EDWARDS. Mr. Speaker, enough is enough. The gentleman from Georgia Mr. BOB BARR now says we should spend taxpayers' dollars for an expensive fishing expedition. Why? To see if there might possibly, conceivably, maybe be a reason to consider impeaching President Clinton. Ridiculous.

First Republicans spent millions of taxpayers' hard-earned money to try to bring down President Clinton with Whitewater hearings. Strike 1. Then Republicans wasted taxpayers' money attacking Senator LANDRIEU's election in Louisiana. Strike 2. Now Republicans are trying to overturn the election of the gentlewoman from California Ms. LORETTA SANCHEZ, and after an entire year, there is no proof her election should be overturned. Strike 3.

Having struck out with taxpayers' money, the gentleman from Georgia [Mr. BARR] is now flailing away at the Constitution. Some Republicans, including the gentleman from Georgia, seem to love democracy. They just hate elections that do not go their way. The gentleman from Georgia [Mr. BARR] should accept that Mr. Clinton was elected by the American people. He may not like it, but it is time to get over it.

THE PRESIDENT'S REMARKS ON TAX CUTS

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

Mr. PITTS. Mr. Speaker, just 3 days ago President Clinton told Virginia voters what he really thinks about Americans who favor tax cuts. He called them selfish, as this headline illustrates.

When I heard that, I realized that this is actually a part of a pattern, and that I really should not have been surprised. So I went back, did a little research, and discovered that many other prominent Members of his party do believe exactly that, that it is selfish of people to think that they should get to keep more of what they have worked so hard to earn.

The Deputy Secretary of the Treasury said, "There is no case other than selfishness," about those who want to reduce the death tax. A few days later he was forced to retract that statement, but only last month minority leader in the Senate TOM DASCHLE told Americans that he does not think many people are overtaxed, and now President Clinton goes on record with his vision of Americans and tax cuts.

Of course, he will soon go back on his words and clarify what he really meant to say. I think that that will not be necessary.

CONGRESS SHOULD NOT ADJOURN UNTIL COMPLETING INVESTIGATION REGARDING THE HONORABLE LORETTA SANCHEZ

(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 House should not adjourn this weekend until it ends this witch-hunt of the election of the gentlewoman from California Ms. LORETTA SANCHEZ. The Republican leadership plans to put forward this morning a so-called martial law rule that will limit Democratic Members' ability to bring up privileged resolutions that demand an end to the outrageously partisan and unprecedented 10-month investigation into the election of the gentlewoman from California [Ms. SANCHEZ].

The gentlewoman from California won her election fair and square. After wasting more than \$500,000 in taxpayer money, Republicans have completely failed to prove that Bob Dornan's loss was the result of voter fraud. Republicans were trying to harass and intimidate Hispanic voters simply because in 1996 Hispanic Americans voted in larger numbers than ever before, and mostly supported Democratic candidates.

Let us free the gentlewoman from California Ms. LORETTA SANCHEZ, and let us put an end to this witch-hunt before we adjourn this weekend.

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LET US GIVE PARENTS MORE CHOICE IN EDUCATION

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

Mr. TIAHRT. Mr. Speaker, there is a clear difference between the liberals' view of education and the initiatives of the Republicans in Congress. It is founded on our basic premise of our political rudder that steers us through the ocean of life. I think it is just a simple philosophical difference. The Republicans believe in people. We trust the common sense that people possess, and the liberals trust the big bureaucracy.

A good example is our effort to give parents more choice in selecting schools for their children. In a recent survey done by the American Viewpoint, 67 percent of the people agreed with the Republican initiatives who want to give parents more control over their children's education by allowing them to choose which schools their children attend and by giving them vouchers that will allow them to send their children to a private or religious school if they choose to do so, while only 28 percent agreed with the liberals who opposed the choice that parents would get.

Mr. Speaker, competition will make the education system stronger. It has

in our higher education system. We saw it after World War II with the bills that were available for soldiers to get higher education. So let us give parents more choice in education.

DORNAN-SANCHEZ CONTESTED ELECTION

(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 I listened in interest as my colleague, the gentleman from Michigan, Mr. EHLERS, discussed the investigation of the election of our colleague, the gentlewoman from California Ms. LORETTA SANCHEZ. He explained that 6,000 voters in Orange County were noncitizens at the time of last year's election, not just in the 46th District, which the gentlewoman from California Ms. SANCHEZ represents, but in the entire county, which includes five other congressional districts.

We ought to be committed to weeding out voter fraud. And if our Republican colleagues are truly committed to weeding out voter fraud in this country, they would be investigating all of the congressional elections that took place in Orange County last year to find all of these ineligible voters.

But there have been no investigations of any of the other Orange County elections. And why? Because those seats were won by Republican Congressmen, the gentleman from California [Mr. ROYCE], the gentleman from California [Mr. KIM], the gentleman from California [Mr. ROHRBACHER], the gentleman from California [Mr. COX], and the gentleman from California [Mr. PACKARD].

Republicans are only targeting one district, one Member, one community, the Hispanic community, clearly nothing more than a partisan political probe funded by U.S. taxpayers. Enough is enough. Call an end to the investigation.

TOP 10 REASONS MEMBERS OF CONGRESS OPPOSE FAST TRACK

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

Mr. DREIER. Mr. Speaker, as intensity builds toward tomorrow's historic vote on fast track, I am gratified to stand here and inform my colleagues that, within the hour, they will have a suitable-for-framing "Dear Colleague" in their office which outlines the top 10 reasons Members of Congress oppose fast track. They come from our home office in Eugene, OR.

Reason No. 10 the Members oppose fast track: Trade must kill jobs. We still have 4.9 percent unemployment.

Reason No. 9: Smoot and Hawley got a bum wrap.

Reason No. 8, two words: Black helicopters.