

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.

□ 1015

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.

Reason No. 7: Wall Street could use a total meltdown of Asian stock markets.

Reason No. 6: Ralph Nader and Pat Buchanan agree. Can they both be wrong?

Reason No. 5: Fast track does not let United States Congress set the minimum wage in Portugal.

Reason No. 4: 1998 Nobel Prize winner for economics, Ross Perot.

Reason No. 3: My vision for our 21st century economy, manual typewriters, rotary telephones, and black-and-white televisions.

Reason No. 2: John Sweeney told me to.

And reason No. 1: Mr. Speaker, I want a better fast track, a better balanced budget, a better tax cut, and better welfare reform.

END HARASSMENT OF MS. SANCHEZ

(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, when Abraham Lincoln formed the Republican Party, one of the groups that he had to deal with in putting his coalition together was the nativist movement in this country called the "Know Nothing Party." They hated two groups: The Irish, who spoke Gaelic and were Catholic; and the Germans, who spoke German and were Catholic.

That root has been in the Republican Party from the very start. It is what drove millions of immigrants into the Democratic Party. All the southern Europeans who came to this country became Democrats because they knew the Republicans did not want them. And now we are after the Asians and the Hispanics. A prime example of that is the harassment of the gentlewoman from California [Ms. SANCHEZ].

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues, on behalf of their party and this country, that they take the leadership in ending this harassment of a Member of this House, who was duly elected, certified by the State of California, and has been forced to spend \$300,000 or more defending that seat. End it, Mr. Speaker. You can lead us.

DEMOCRATIC PARTY, LET US WORK FOR TAX RELIEF

(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, sometimes on particular issues, the distinctions between the Democrat and Republican Party are blurred. But when it comes to taxes, there is absolutely no doubt.

What does the leading Democrat in the United States of America have to say about tax cuts? They are selfish. Good gracious, you might use the money to buy your child new braces.

What did he say? He said several issues here again. What does the deputy secretary of treasury under Clinton say? When it comes to estate taxes, there is no case other than selfishness necessary.

That means, if we work hard all our lives and we want to pass the family farm on to our son or daughter so he or she can continue to plow the fields that our grandparents walked in, that means we are selfish. And then what does the leading Senate Democrat say, TOM DASCHLE? "But certainly I don't think that many people are over-taxed."

Now, go tell that to the people who are working 60, 70 hours a week, working overtime, the man and woman passing like ships in the night trying to make ends meet, buying new tires, repairing the dryer, trying to pay the home mortgage. Tell them that they are being undertaxed and they are being selfish because they want more.

Please, Democratic Party, join the American people and let us work for tax relief.

DORNAN-SANCHEZ CONTESTED ELECTION

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

Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. Speaker, 1 year after the election of the gentlewoman from California [Ms. SANCHEZ] to this House and her investigation continues by this House, we went from a witch hunt that started with a half a million questionable individuals, allegedly, to last night's revelation that we are down to 1,000 individuals and still counting downwards.

Democrats welcome the opportunity of the U.S. attorney's investigation in California into the broader questions. We welcome that. We want to see what he has got to say. And we welcome any broader voter fraud question. But what we do not welcome is the continuous use of hundreds of thousands of taxpayers' dollars that our conservative friends on the Republican side are always wanting to save, and we agree with them.

Why do they not want to save it in this case? The reason they do not want to save it is because they want to use taxpayer dollars to do what their history has done in their own State of California where they were fined \$600,000 for voter suppression and voter intimidation.

Stop abusing the taxpayers' money.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. GILLMOR). The Chair would observe that the rules provide for a 1-minute speech, and the Chair would ask Members to stay within that time limit.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Ms. SLAUGHTER. Mr. Speaker, I was unable to be present for rollcall votes 568-571 earlier this week. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on rollcall votes 568 and 571 and "nay" on rollcall votes 569 and 570.

IT IS TIME TO CLEAN HOUSE AT IRS

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

Mr. BALLENGER. Mr. Speaker, just when we thought it could not get any worse, we find out about another outrage at the IRS. The deeper we dig, the more we find out that the IRS is a rogue agency that abuses its power.

Congress asks, who is responsible? And what kind of response do we get from this administration's Treasury Department and from this White House? The same responses we got from this administration whenever they get caught in other wrongdoing: Denials and attempts to change the subject or their favorite expression that "mistakes were made" whenever they wish to avoid holding anyone accountable.

The same administration that somehow ended up with 900 FBI files of Republicans and cannot seem to recall just how that happened is the same administration that has done absolutely nothing in 4½ years to rein in an agency that is out of control. Politically motivated tax audits, replacing justice with revenue quotas, intimidating settlements on ordinary citizens who cannot afford lawyers, irresponsible bureaucrats who abuse their power. The list goes on and on.

It is time to clean the house at the IRS.

CONGRESS SHOULD ENACT D.C. APPROPRIATION

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

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, if this were a court, I would be forced to throw myself on the mercy of the court. Congress has an obligation to allow the Capital of the United States to spend its own money by enacting our appropriation.

Did my colleagues know that the District no longer gets a Federal payment under the rescue plan? Almost every dollar in the D.C. appropriation was raised in the District from the people I represent. Without an appropriation, there should be no appropriation subcommittee.

Did my colleagues know that there is no dispute over money? First there were vouchers. Now Republicans are fighting among themselves over an authorizing measure outside the jurisdiction of the appropriators. Ominously, the District's chief financial officer is