

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.

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#### 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.

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#### 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.

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#### 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.

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#### 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.

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#### 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.

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#### 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

warned of \$100 million of fast cuts that will be necessary if the District of Columbia has to spend at last year's levels much longer. That will stop the city cold.

The majority has an obligation to get 13 appropriations passed every year. The majority speaks often of its special authority over the Nation's capital. Exercise that authority. Let the District spend its own money. Save the Nation's Capital.

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#### THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE TWO PARTIES

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

Mr. ROGAN. Mr. Speaker, for the first time in American history, American families spend more in taxes than they do for food, clothing and shelter combined. Republicans in Congress are trying to do something about that. We are trying to fashion tax and spending policies that will return more money to working families that earned the money. We want them to keep more of what they earn rather than send their money to Washington for bureaucrats to spend.

Republicans prefer to work with our Democrat colleagues in a bipartisan fashion, but it becomes increasingly difficult when the President of the United States labels tax cuts for families as selfish and says that Americans should be satisfied with a revived economy and "happy to pay for government services."

Our frustration grows when Democrat policymakers in Washington all the way down the line echo this sentiment of selfishness.

For example, the administration's Deputy Treasury Secretary recently said that the Republican plan to reduce the death tax, which cripples family farms and businesses, is selfish.

Unbelievably, the leader of the Democrats in the U.S. Senate, TOM DASCHLE, said "I do not think that people are overtaxed."

Mr. Speaker, the next time someone says there is not a dime's worth of difference between Republicans and Democrats in Congress on tax policy, I would suggest there is a dime's worth of difference: It is the taxpayers' dime.

#### THE TIME HAS COME FOR THE REPUBLICANS TO DISMISS THE CHARGES AGAINST LORETTA SANCHEZ

(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, it has become clear to all that the case that the Republicans have been pursuing against the gentlewoman from California [Ms. SANCHEZ]

has failed. It has failed for the simple reason that they have been unable to provide us sufficient evidence to suggest that somehow she was improperly elected to her seat in the Congress. And yet in spite of that overwhelming evidence of a lack of evidence to voter fraud affecting her seat, they continue this investigation.

They have sent out subpoenas to people, improperly so; they have questioned the citizenship of individuals who have properly voted; they have questioned all sorts of voters, but what they have not been able to do is they have not been able to prove that she has been improperly elected.

The time has come for the Republicans to drop this case and to dismiss the charges against the gentlewoman from California [Ms. SANCHEZ] and let her conduct herself on behalf of the citizens she was elected to represent in Orange County, CA. The time has come to stop this witch hunt against Hispanic voters and to let LORETTA SANCHEZ sit as an equal with the rest of us.

#### MOTION TO ADJOURN

Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. GILLMOR). The question is on the motion to adjourn offered by the gentleman from New Jersey [Mr. MENENDEZ].

The question was taken; and the Speaker pro tempore announced that the noes appeared to have it.

Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. Speaker, I object to the vote on the ground that a quorum is not present and make the point of order that a quorum is not present.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Evidently a quorum is not present.

The Sergeant at Arms will notify absent Members.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 85, nays 315, not voting 33, as follows:

[Roll No. 585]

YEAS—85

Andrews  
Barrett (WI)  
Becerra  
Berry  
Blumenauer  
Boswell  
Brown (FL)  
Brown (OH)  
Clement  
Clyburn  
Conyers  
Coyne  
Cummings  
Davis (IL)  
DeFazio  
DeLauro  
Deutsch  
Dicks  
Dingell  
Doggett  
Engel  
Eshoo  
Evans  
Farr  
Fazio  
Filner  
Frank (MA)  
Furse

Gejdenson  
Hall (OH)  
Hastings (FL)  
Hilleary  
Hinchey  
Hinojosa  
Jackson (IL)  
Jackson-Lee  
(TX)  
Johnson (WI)  
Johnson, E. B.  
Kennedy (RI)  
Kennelly  
Kilpatrick  
Kind (WI)  
LaFalce  
Lantos  
Levin  
Markey  
McCarthy (MO)  
McDermott  
McGovern  
McKeon  
McNulty  
Meek  
Menendez  
Metcalfe

Millender-  
McDonald  
Miller (CA)  
Nadler  
Oberstar  
Obey  
Olver  
Owens  
Pallone  
Payne  
Pelosi  
Peterson (MN)  
Pomeroy  
Reyes  
Rush  
Sabo  
Sanchez  
Slaughter  
Smith, Adam  
Snyder  
Spratt  
Stabenow  
Stark  
Strickland  
Stupak  
Tauscher

Thompson  
Thurman

Abercrombie  
Ackerman  
Aderholt  
Allen  
Archer  
Armey  
Bachus  
Baesler  
Baker  
Baldacci  
Ballenger  
Barcia  
Barr  
Barrett (NE)  
Bartlett  
Barton  
Bass  
Bateman  
Bentsen  
Bereuter  
Berman  
Billbray  
Bilirakis  
Blagojevich  
Bliley  
Blunt  
Boehlert  
Boehner  
Bonilla  
Borski  
Boyd  
Brady  
Brown (CA)  
Bryant  
Bunning  
Burr  
Burton  
Buyer  
Callahan  
Calvert  
Camp  
Campbell  
Canady  
Cannon  
Cardin  
Castle  
Chabot  
Chambliss  
Chenoweth  
Christensen  
Clay  
Clayton  
Coble  
Coburn  
Combest  
Condit  
Cook  
Cooksey  
Costello  
Cox  
Cramer  
Crapo  
Cunningham  
Danner  
Davis (FL)  
Davis (VA)  
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DeGette  
Delahunt  
DeLay  
Diaz-Balart  
Dickey  
Dooley  
Doolittle  
Doyle  
Dreier  
Duncan  
Dunn  
Edwards  
Ehlers  
Ehrlich  
Emerson  
English  
Ensign  
Etheridge  
Everett  
Ewing  
Fattah  
Fawell  
Flake  
Foley  
Ford  
Fossella  
Fowler  
Fox

Torres  
Velazquez

NAYS—315

Franks (NJ)  
Frelinghuysen  
Frost  
Gallegly  
Ganske  
Gekas  
Gibbons  
Gilchrest  
Gillmor  
Gilman  
Goode  
Goodlatte  
Goodling  
Gordon  
Goss  
Graham  
Granger  
Green  
Greenwood  
Gutierrez  
Gutknecht  
Hall (TX)  
Hamilton  
Hansen  
Harman  
Hastert  
Hastings (WA)  
Hayworth  
Hefley  
Hefner  
Hill  
Hilliard  
Hobson  
Hoekstra  
Holden  
Hoolley  
Horn  
Hostettler  
Houghton  
Hoyer  
Hulshof  
Hunter  
Hutchinson  
Hyde  
Inglis  
Istook  
Jenkins  
John  
Johnson (CT)  
Johnson, Sam  
Jones  
Kanjorski  
Kaptur  
Kasich  
Kelly  
Kildee  
Kim  
King (NY)  
Kingston  
Klecza  
Klink  
Klug  
Knollenberg  
Kolbe  
Kucinich  
LaHood  
Lampson  
Largent  
Latham  
LaTourette  
Lazio  
Lewis (CA)  
Lewis (KY)  
Linder  
Lipinski  
Livingston  
LoBiondo  
Lofgren  
Lowey  
Lucas  
Luther  
Maloney (CT)  
Maloney (NY)  
Manton  
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Martinez  
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Matsui  
McCarthy (NY)  
McCollum  
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McHale  
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McInnis  
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Wise  
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McIntyre  
Meehan  
Miller (FL)  
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Moakley  
Mollohan  
Moran (KS)  
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Morella  
Murtha  
Myrick  
Neal  
Nethercutt  
Neumann  
Ney  
Northup  
Norwood  
Nussle  
Ortiz  
Packard  
Pappas  
Parker  
Pascrell  
Pastor  
Paxon  
Pease  
Peterson (PA)  
Petri  
Pickering  
Pickett  
Pitts  
Pombo  
Porter  
Poshard  
Price (NC)  
Pryce (OH)  
Quinn  
Radanovich  
Rahall  
Ramstad  
Redmond  
Regula  
Riggs  
Rivers  
Rodriguez  
Roemer  
Rogan  
Rogers  
Rohrabacher  
Ros-Lehtinen  
Rothman  
Roukema  
Royce  
Ryun  
Salmon  
Sanders  
Sandlin  
Sanford  
Sawyer  
Saxton  
Schaefer, Dan  
Schaffer, Bob  
Schumer  
Scott  
Sensenbrenner  
Serrano  
Sessions  
Shadegg  
Shaw  
Shays  
Sherman  
Shimkus  
Shuster  
Siskis  
Skaggs  
Skeen  
Skelton  
Smith (MI)  
Smith (NJ)  
Smith (OR)  
Smith (TX)  
Smith, Linda  
Snowbarger  
Solomon  
Souder  
Spence  
Stearns  
Stenholm  
Stokes  
Stump  
Sununu  
Talent  
Tanner  
Tauzin  
Taylor (MS)