

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

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)
Deal
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
Manzullo
Martinez
Mascara
Matsui
McCarthy (NY)
McCollum
McDade
McHale
McHugh
McInnis
McIntosh

Wise
Woolsey

McIntyre
Meehan
Miller (FL)
Minge
Moakley
Mollohan
Moran (KS)
Moran (VA)
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
Sisisky
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)