

which says "Don't Deport My Daddy." She and the other nine American children are the reason we are here today. Sinead deserves the same opportunity to live in America and realize her dream as any other child. These people should not be deported.

#### NEWLY ASSUMED POLICE POWERS BRUCE BABBITT AND THE BU- REAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT ALLEGE TO POSSESS

(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, I would like to discuss the newly assumed police powers Bruce Babbitt and the Bureau of Land Management allege to possess. Although the BLM claims these regulations are merely a recodification of the current regulations and do not result in the creation of new authority, this is simply not the case. The proposed law enforcement regulations are an attempt to vastly, and in most cases unlawfully, expand BLM's law enforcement authority.

The Constitution of the United States guarantees proper notice describing those actions which may subject its citizens to criminal punishment. However, in this case, BLM has criminalized thousands of minor violations of Federal, State, and local rules that previously were not criminal. The proposed regulations' vague references to any law or ordinance are not constitutionally sufficient, thus making the proposed regulations unlawful and, indeed, unconstitutional.

Tomorrow, Mr. Speaker, the Subcommittee on National Parks and Public Lands of the Committee on Resources will bring BLM and the Department of the Interior before our committee and the American people to explain their new regulations, which have begun to put a stranglehold on the western part of this country. To that extent, we may never recover.

#### LET US FEED OUR CHILDREN AND EDUCATE THEM

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

Mr. GREEN. Mr. Speaker, last night the majority Republicans made a wise decision in including full funding for the WIC programs. They threatened originally to cut the President's \$76 million request for additional fiscal year 1997 funds in half, which would have forced 180,000 women, infants, and children to be kicked off of the nutrition program.

I join a lot of my colleagues today in breathing a sigh of relief now, although we hear that WIC has been replaced by education cuts.

Under their new proposals there are several red flags. Under this Republican proposal, 86,000 children will be

cut from Head Start, 360,000 fewer students would be eligible for Pell grants for college or job training, and nearly 500,000 fewer children would have teachers to help them with basic math and reading skills.

Congress has enacted a safeguard for our country's pregnant women and infants and children by not removing them from the WIC rolls. Now let us make sure they can also educate our children. Let us not only feed our children, but let us educate them.

#### CONDEMNING THE JUSTICE DE- PARTMENT'S EFFORTS TO DE- PORT IRISH-AMERICAN FAMILIES

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

Mr. KING. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to denounce the outrageous decision by the Justice Department to deport Irish nationals from this country. As my friend, the gentleman from New Jersey [Mr. MENENDEZ] has said, we are talking about 10 men and women who have lived in this country a number of years, who have never violated any laws of the United States, who are legally in the United States, who are married either to American citizens or foreign-born residents of this country.

The fact is these men are outstanding members of this community. They have raised their children who go to our schools, they have raised families, they have worked hard, they have contributed to this country. Yet, in a mean-spirited action, the Justice Department is moving to deport them. Their only crime is they were politically convicted in nonjury political courts in Britain years ago. They were political prisoners. They entered this country legally. Now, for no reason whatsoever, our Justice Department is moving to deport them.

The gentleman from New York [Mr. GILMAN] and I had the opportunity to testify for one of these men, Brian Pearson. At his trial the judge found that he was entitled to status in this country, and refused to deport him. Yet the Justice Department has decided to appeal that decision, in direct violation of President Clinton's campaign pledge that there would be no more Joe Doherty's. This is another Joe Doherty. The decision is wrong, it is outrageous, and I condemn it.

#### CONGRESS SHOULD TAKE A LOOK AT CHINA, THE NEXT MAJOR NA- TIONAL SECURITY THREAT

(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, China violates American trade laws, China threatens to nuke their neighbors, China sells nuclear weapons to our enemies, China tries to influence American elections, and to boot, there is no

political freedom in China. There is no religious freedom in China. Let us not forget China is still a Communist dictatorship.

Mr. Speaker, if that is not enough to compromise your samurai, there is a group of Washington politicians who want to reward China with permanent, that is right, permanent most-favored-nation trade status. Beam me up.

I say there should be some permanent brain surgery for these permanent politicians performed by some permanent proctologist; permanent this, China. Congress had better take a look at the next major national security threat that is a dragon about ready to eat our assets.

#### A SALUTE TO CHRIS ALLEN, MAK- ING A DIFFERENCE IN THE LIVES OF CHILDREN

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

Mr. WAMP. Mr. Speaker, how do you follow that?

Mr. Speaker, I, too, rise today to commend and salute one man in Chattanooga, TN, who is making a huge difference in the life of children. His name is Chris Allen. He is a reporter with WDEF Channel 12 in Chattanooga, but he is being recognized this month by the President of the United States as one of 28 citationists of over 3,600 nominated from the Points of Light Foundation.

Chris, several years ago, was on a routine mission studying the inner city schools in Chattanooga and found that the library books were not on the shelves, that the materials were not in the classrooms, and he began an organization that has now helped over 11,000 children and raised over \$500,000 to help the inner city schools in Chattanooga, TN.

Chris Allen deserves this recognition. He deserves for the House of Representatives today to recognize him, which I do at this time. We commend you, Chris Allen. One man can make a difference.

#### URGING AN END TO DEPORTATION PROCEEDINGS FOR SEVEN IRISH NATIONALS

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

Mr. NEAL of Massachusetts. Mr. Speaker, I join with my colleagues in support of the seven Irish nationals residing in the United States who are currently facing deportation by the Immigration and Naturalization Service.

While these individual cases and backgrounds may be different, they do share a number of important similarities. These seven Irishmen were convicted in British courts, with no juries. They have served their time and they are not wanted for any crime

anywhere. They are now productive, law-abiding members of their communities, and most importantly, they pose no threat to anyone.

Mr. Speaker, I have met personally with the Gaynors, the Morrisons, the Pearsons, the Megaheys, the McErleans, the Crossans and the Caufields, and they have told me what this decision will mean if they are deported at this time.

The election of Tony Blair as Prime Minister of Britain has restored a sense of hope on both sides of the Atlantic that a just and lasting peace can finally be achieved in the north of Ireland. I urge the administration to give these seven Irish-American families renewed hope today by ending these foolish deportation proceedings and allow them to live their lives out in peace and tranquility as American citizen.

#### THE ADMINISTRATION MISSES AN OPPORTUNITY TO HELP PROVIDE LASTING PEACE AND JUSTICE FOR NORTHERN IRELAND

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

Mr. GILMAN. Mr. Speaker, the President and his Immigration and Naturalization Service have missed an important opportunity to help in our efforts to provide lasting peace and justice for Northern Ireland.

Brian Pearson, an Irish nationalist who lives in Rockland County, NY, in my district, with his American wife and child, faces continued INS deportation proceedings. Despite an immigration judge's extensive findings that Brian Pearson is no threat to our Nation's security, and which granted him political asylum and permanent resident status, and despite extensive public support for not pursuing an appeal, the INS has gone forward in the appeal process.

I have raised Brian's possible deportation with the President, with the Secretary of State, and asked to use Brian's case to begin the reconciliation and healing that Northern Ireland needs so badly today. During the recent 18-month cease-fire the prior conservative British Government missed the opportunity to use the cases of both nationalists as well as loyalist prisoners to help build confidence, reconciliation, and greater healing to underline and build support for lasting peace.

I urge the administration to stop this appeal process.

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#### ON BEHALF OF DEPORTEES

(Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I am here today to talk about the Irish deportees. I come from the

great State of New York. We have the Statue of Liberty in front of us. That Statue of Liberty is there because we take immigrants here. We have people that are living in this country and now we are trying to take them out of the country.

I am sorry, Mr. Speaker. We are here to protect the families of these Irish-American families. I am sorry, sir. We have to protect the wives and children. If we do not take a stand now, how often will it happen?

That is what is great about this country. We stand up for those things that we believe in. Mr. Speaker, please. Mr. President, hopefully you will listen to our voices. Let these people stay here in peace. They are part of us. We are part of them.

#### TAX ON CAPITAL GAINS

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

Mr. HUTCHINSON. Mr. Speaker, I often get asked the question, are cuts in the tax on capital gains a tax break for the rich? Actually, it is a very interesting question. But the answer would reveal little more than the fact that the rich have, well, more money than the nonrich. But it is a fair question nonetheless.

Who benefits the most from a tax cut on capital gains, the rich or the middle class? The answer is, it depends on how we measure it. If we measure by value, then, yes, most of the gains go to upper income people because upper income people have more money to invest. So that is not saying very much. But if we measure by the number of people who own a capital asset, we may be surprised to know that according to the Internal Revenue Service, the vast majority of taxpayers claiming capital gains are 77 percent.

They have adjusted gross incomes of less than \$75,000 a year. I repeat this surprising fact. According to the IRS, 77 percent of those claiming a capital gain on their tax returns have incomes less than \$75,000 a year.

It produces jobs, Mr. Speaker. That is why we need it.

#### NOEL GAYNOR

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

Mr. PASCRELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to bring this House's attention to a matter of concern to all Americans.

A little over 7 years ago, Noel Gaynor legally emigrated from his native Northern Ireland to the United States in hopes of putting his past behind him and beginning a new life. Mr. Gaynor settled in my district in Bloomfield, NJ, and since his arrival has been nothing but a model citizen and part of the community, a diligent and hard-working union laborer. He is highly regarded for both his work and

his character. Mr. Speaker, he is my neighbor.

More importantly, Mr. Gaynor has married a wonderful wife, Colleen, two beautiful young daughters. He has established a life here in the United States. This is all in jeopardy because the INS now seeks to tear Mr. Gaynor away from his home.

Mr. Speaker, he is my neighbor. Uprooting Mr. Gaynor from his life here and deporting him would not only destroy his life but the life of his wife and his children.

Mr. Speaker, Noel Gaynor is our neighbor.

#### ON THE BUDGET

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

Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN. Mr. Speaker, New Jersey is moving forward again. As a former chairman of New Jersey's Assembly Appropriations Committee, I was one of those chiefly responsible for passing Gov. Christie Todd Whitman's economic plan in 1993.

Let me tell my colleagues, we heard a lot of doomsday predictions back then. So I know that it is sometimes tough to be bold. But we passed tax cuts. We passed spending reductions and we passed a balanced budget. And New Jersey is stronger today because of those victories. We have seen more jobs, a growing economy, and a better quality of life in our State.

Mr. Speaker, it is time to be bold for the American people. We can do that by passing our own balanced budget plan. Our historic agreement invests in education, the environment and protects important priorities like Social Security and Medicare.

Better yet, it cuts taxes, creates jobs and will keep our economy growing for the future. But best of all, our budget builds a stronger America for our children by actually balancing the budget once and for all.

Mr. Speaker, we owe it to our children to be bold once again.

#### PROVIDE WIC WITH THE MONEY TO FEED WOMEN AND CHILDREN

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

Mr. BALDACCI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to add my voice to those who are saying it is about time, time that it was recognized that we cannot neglect the hungry, that we cannot deny nutrition to women, infants and children.

The decision to provide more money for WIC was a step in the right direction. The special supplemental nutrition program for women, infants and children faced a shortage that had to be made up. Tens of thousands of needy mothers and babies would have gone without proper food if changes were not made to the supplemental appropriations.