

Beware, Democrats alike, do not take China lightly and do not take John Huang lightly. Huang just did not have friends at the Commerce Department, Huang has friends in high Communist places.

I yield back the balance of some problems here.

#### ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. HASTINGS of Washington). The Chair would remind Members to refrain from using anything close to profanity in their remarks.

#### HELP THE POOR, SUPPORT ECONOMIC GROWTH

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

Mr. PAPPAS. Mr. Speaker, what do the poorest Americans think of our tax relief proposal? What do those forgotten Americans who face great obstacles in life think about a tax plan that begins with the idea that Americans should be allowed to keep more of their own money? If it were up to them to design the tax bill, what would it look like?

I suspect what many of the poorest among us lack most is hope, so the question is, which tax relief measure would give those folks the most hope? Which tax bill would do the most for economic growth? Which tax bill would do the most to encourage job creation?

I know that economic growth is not something that liberals like to talk about, but economic growth is what would give the most hope for the future. That is why the tax on savings and investment needs to be reduced. If Members disagree, then I have but one question: Would lower economic growth help the poor?

#### REPUBLICAN TAX PLAN: HUGE TAX BREAKS FOR THE WEALTHY AND A BALLOONING DEFICIT

(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, we found out this morning that the Republicans have come together on a unified budget bill that is far worse for the average working American than the previous versions that passed the House and Senate. Their unified tax bill is even more unfair to working families and deeply skewed to help the wealthy. In particular, the Republicans have refused to scale back on one of their prize tax breaks for the wealthy, allowing investors to index their capital assets to inflation and thereby reducing their taxes.

Of course, the media and the American people are waking up to this Re-

publican proposal. Today in the Washington Post the headline in the editorial said "A Dismal Budget Prospect." If I could read from a section, it says:

The tax provisions remain the worst aspect of the legislation. Why? The President has stated two great objections to them: They are tilted hugely toward the very rich, and in the long run, would be a far larger drain on the Treasury than their authors acknowledge. The Republicans today in this unified tax plan have given no ground on either count;

again, huge tax breaks for the wealthy and a ballooning of the deficit.

#### THE REPUBLICAN TAX BILL IS RIGHT, FAIR, AND TIMELY

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

Mr. SUNUNU. Mr. Speaker, this week Congress will finalize its proposal for tax relief for all Americans and begin discussions on that tax proposal with the President. During the past month Republicans have worked consistently to lower taxes for all Americans, with a \$500-per-child tax credit, relief for families sending their children to college, providing death tax relief for small businesses and family farms. In fact, 75 percent of the tax relief in this proposal goes to those earning less than \$75,000.

I hope the President will avoid the class warfare rhetoric we have heard today, but I am not optimistic. This administration's record falls short. In 1993 they pushed through the largest tax increase in America's history. This administration has proposed higher taxes on health care, taxes on energy, even taxes on camping equipment. They have called the reduction in the capital gains tax as being unnecessary and suggested that relief from death taxes is selfish.

The administration's record is one of higher and higher taxes. This is wrong. Americans deserve this tax relief. This bill is right, it is fair, and the time is now.

#### REPUBLICANS SHOULD COME BACK WITH A TAX PROPOSAL THAT HELPS AVERAGE WORKING FAMILIES

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

Mr. BLAGOJEVICH. Mr. Speaker, let me give an example of who benefits under the Republican tax plan. Sandy Weill is a CEO who last year earned \$94 million. Under the Republican plan, he would enjoy a capital gains tax cut adding up to \$7 million. The average American family earns a little more than \$32,000 per year. Their entire annual income is, now get this, only four one-thousandths as big as the capital gains tax cut Sandy Weill would get under the Republican plan.

America has been good to people like Sandy Weill. With \$94 million in income last year, I think he can wait for his tax cut. But most Americans cannot wait. They can use a tax cut now. Working families need it to pay their rent or mortgage, buy their groceries, raise their children, and maybe have a little left over for a rainy day.

I implore my Republican colleagues to take a second look at their plan and come back with a proposal that actually helps average working families. I know they can do it. They just have to want to.

#### TIME FOR THE LEFT TO STOP TWISTING THE TRUTH ABOUT TAX RELIEF

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

Mr. BOB SCHAFFER of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, it is time for the left to stop twisting the truth about tax relief. That is the headline of the editorial in this week's U.S. News & World Report.

Here is what the editorial says. It says that "The middle-class families that benefit from the Republican tax plan should hardly be considered rich." The editorial goes on: "The way the left is trying to twist the tax debate, boldly ragging successful Americans as a way to achieve political points, trivializes the real issues and divides us as a people." That is what the U.S. News & World Report says.

The editorial suggests that the Democrat approach to this tax debate is a lot like the phony get-rich-quick schemes we often see on television, suggesting that somehow you magically become wealthy overnight. If Members are inclined to believe that kind of baloney, I would direct their attention to the get-rich-quick scheme presented here on my left.

All the Democrats, call the U.S. Treasury Department, 202-622-0120, and they can find out how, by applying their philosophy on taxes and income, their middle-class income actually makes them wealthy overnight, overnight. All Members have to do is call the Treasury Department, and they, too, can find out how the Democrats believe they are rich. Call the Treasury now, 202-622-0120. Democrat operators are standing by.

#### AN UNJUST AND UNFAIR REPUBLICAN TAX PLAN

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

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, one purpose of Government is to suppress injustice. The Republican tax plan does just the opposite. This plan unjustly benefits the top 5 percent of income earners by giving them over 50 percent of the cuts. This plan unjustly

excludes working and middle-income students trying to pay for an education.

Take, for example, Tina, a single parent, mother of four, and student at Malcolm X College. With an income of \$25,000, she pays \$1,400 in tuition and fees. She would receive no break under the Republican plan. That is unjust. Under the Democratic plan, Tina would receive a \$400 tax break. That is justice for a single mother of four attempting to get an education.

In addition to Tina, 4.8 million other Americans are left out by the Republican plan: Police officers, schoolteachers, dental assistants, and carpenters would not receive a break. The Republican plan can be summed up in three words: Unjust and unfair. Give America a break. Let us support a fair and just plan.

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#### SUBPOENA TO CHAIRMAN OF HOUSE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT REFORM AND OVERSIGHT

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

Mr. DUNCAN. Mr. Speaker, something is wrong. How can it be that a House committee serves a subpoena on a Federal agency one day and 3 days later that same agency subpoenas the campaign records of that committee's chairman? Talk about politicizing the Justice Department.

Yes, it is curious but that is exactly what happened 2 weeks ago. The gentleman from Indiana [Mr. BURTON] sent a subpoena about campaign fundraising to the Justice Department on July 8. Bingo. On July 11, an FBI agent walks into his Indianapolis campaign office with a subpoena for all "Burton for Congress" records. We are not the only ones to think this is strange. Even Dan Rather on CBS News raised it on his program.

This is not what good government should be about, Mr. Speaker. It should not be a game of tit for tat. The gentleman from Indiana [Mr. BURTON] should not have to face a political prosecution or persecution just because he is trying to do his job. The Attorney General should not politicize our system of justice in this way.

#### CUTTING AMERICAN WORKERS

(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, the Republican majority has placed a provision in the budget bill to expand the definition of independent contractor. Because of the negotiation on tax cuts and health insurance for children and Medicare, not much has been said about this issue.

Mr. Speaker, this provision goes a long way toward taking away many of the benefits that employees need. We are not talking about personal parking

spaces or perks. We are talking about health insurance coverage, pensions, and employer contributions to Social Security and unemployment insurance.

Employers say they want clear rules on how to classify an independent contractor. We can clarify those rules very easily without leaving a hole that one can drive a Mack truck through.

If this provision passes, perhaps millions of workers will lose their benefits and be classified as working for themselves, even though this is not the case. Outside of Washington people are concerned about and oppose this systematic downsizing and lowering of our standard of living. That is what this provision will do.

There is lots in that tax bill to be concerned about, but one of the things I am concerned about is the complaint of the American people that their standard of living is being lowered. They are doing it with this Republican bill.

#### MOTION TO ADJOURN

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

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. HASTINGS of Washington). The question is on motion offered by the gentleman from Wisconsin [Mr. OBEY].

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

Mr. OBEY. 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 64, nays 322, not voting 48, as follows:

[Roll No. 307]

YEAS—64

Abercrombie	Filner	Moakley
Ackerman	Frank (MA)	Moran (VA)
Andrews	Frost	Obey
Berry	Furse	Olver
Bonior	Gejdenson	Owens
Brown (CA)	Gephardt	Pallone
Brown (FL)	Hastings (FL)	Pascrell
Brown (OH)	Hefner	Pelosi
Carson	Hinchey	Sabo
Clay	Jefferson	Sanders
Conyers	Kennedy (RI)	Sandlin
Coyne	Kilpatrick	Serrano
Davis (IL)	Klink	Slaughter
DeFazio	Lantos	Thompson
DeGette	Lewis (GA)	Torres
Delahunt	Lowe	Vento
DeLauro	McCarthy (NY)	Waters
Dellums	McNulty	Waxman
Doggett	Millender	Weygand
Evans	McDonald	Woolsey
Farr	Miller (CA)	Yates
Fazio	Mink	

NAYS—322

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Allen	Bass	Bonilla
Archer	Bateman	Bono
Armey	Becerra	Borski
Bachus	Bentsen	Boucher
Baessler	Bereuter	Boyd
Baker	Bilbray	Bryant
Baldacci	Billakis	Bunning
Ballenger	Bishop	Burr
Barcia	Blagojevich	Burton
Barr	Bliley	Buyer
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		Chambliss
		Christensen
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		Danner
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		Ewing
		Fattah
		Fawell
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		Foley
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		Gibbons
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		Packard
		Pappas
		Parker
		Pastor
		Paul
		Payne
		Pease
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		Petri
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		Portman
		Poshard
		Price (NC)
		Pryce (OH)
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		Rahall
		Ramstad
		Redmond
		Regula
		Reyes
		Riggs
		Riley
		Rivers
		Rodriguez
		Rogan
		Rogers
		Rohrabacher
		Ros-Lehtinen
		Rothman
		Roukema
		Roybal-Allard
		Royce
		Rush
		Ryun
		Salmon
		Sanchez
		Sanford
		Saxton
		Scarborough
		Schaefer, Dan
		Schaffer, Bob
		Schumer
		Scott
		Sensenbrenner
		Sessions
		Shadegg
		Shaw
		Shays
		Sherman
		Shimkus
		Shuster
		Sisisky
		Skeen
		Skelton
		Smith (MI)
		Smith (NJ)
		Smith (OR)
		Smith (TX)
		Smith, Adam
		Smith, Linda
		Snowbarger
		Snyder
		Solomon
		Souder
		Spence
		Spratt
		Stabenow
		Stearns
		Stenholm
		Strickland
		Stump
		Stupak
		Talent
		Tanner
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		Taylor (MS)
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		Thomas
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