

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.

□ 1030

#### 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  
Ackerman  
Andrews  
Berry  
Bonior  
Brown (CA)  
Brown (FL)  
Brown (OH)  
Carson  
Clay  
Conyers  
Coyne  
Davis (IL)  
DeFazio  
DeGette  
Delahunt  
DeLauro  
Dellums  
Doggett  
Evans  
Farr  
Fazio

Filner  
Frank (MA)  
Frost  
Furse  
Gejdenson  
Gephardt  
Hastings (FL)  
Hefner  
Hinchey  
Jefferson  
Kennedy (RI)  
Kilpatrick  
Klink  
Lantos  
Lewis (GA)  
Lowe  
McCarthy (NY)  
McNulty  
Millender  
McDonald  
Miller (CA)  
Mink

Moakley  
Moran (VA)  
Obey  
Olver  
Owens  
Pallone  
Pascarell  
Pelosi  
Sabo  
Sanders  
Sandlin  
Serrano  
Slaughter  
Thompson  
Torres  
Vento  
Waters  
Waxman  
Weygand  
Woolsey  
Yates

NAYS—322

Aderholt  
Allen  
Archer  
Armey  
Bachus  
Baesler  
Baker  
Baldacci  
Ballenger  
Barcia  
Barr  
Barrett (NE)  
Barrett (WI)

Bartlett  
Bass  
Bateman  
Becerra  
Bentsen  
Bereuter  
Bilbray  
Billakis  
Bishop  
Blagojevich  
Bliley  
Blunt  
Boehlert

Boehner  
Bonilla  
Bono  
Borski  
Boucher  
Boyd  
Bryant  
Bunning  
Burr  
Burton  
Buyer  
Callahan  
Calvert

Camp  
Campbell  
Canady  
Cannon  
Capps  
Castle  
Chabot  
Chambliss  
Christensen  
Clayton  
Clement  
Clyburn  
Coble  
Coburn  
Collins  
Combest  
Condit  
Cook  
Cooksey  
Costello  
Cramer  
Crapo  
Cubin  
Cummings  
Cunningham  
Danner  
Davis (VA)  
Deal  
DeLay  
Deutsch  
Dickey  
Dicks  
Dixon  
Doolittle  
Doyle  
Dreier  
Duncan  
Dunn  
Edwards  
Ehlers  
Ehrlich  
Emerson  
English  
Ensign  
Etheridge  
Everett  
Ewing  
Fattah  
Fawell  
Flake  
Foley  
Forbes  
Ford  
Fowler  
Fox  
Franks (NJ)  
Frelinghuysen  
Gallegly  
Ganske  
Gekas  
Gibbons  
Gillmor  
Gilman  
Gonzalez  
Goode  
Goodlatte  
Goodling  
Gordon  
Goss  
Granger  
Green  
Greenwood  
Gutierrez  
Gutknecht  
Hall (OH)  
Hall (TX)  
Hamilton  
Hansen  
Harman  
Hastert  
Hastings (WA)  
Hayworth

Hunter  
Hutchinson  
Inglis  
Istook  
Jackson (IL)  
Jackson-Lee  
(TX)  
Jenkins  
John  
Johnson (CT)  
Johnson (WI)  
Jones  
Kanjorski  
Kasich  
Kelly  
Kennedy (MA)  
Kildee  
Kim  
King (NY)  
Kingston  
Klecza  
Klug  
Knollenberg  
Kolbe  
Kucinich  
LaFalce  
LaHood  
Largent  
Latham  
LaTourette  
Lazio  
Leach  
Levin  
Lewis (CA)  
Lewis (KY)  
Linder  
Lipinski  
Livingston  
LoBiondo  
Lofgren  
Lucas  
Luther  
Maloney (CT)  
Maloney (NY)  
Manton  
Manzullo  
Martinez  
Mascara  
McCollum  
McCrery  
McDade  
McGovern  
McHale  
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McInnis  
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McIntyre  
McKeon  
McKinney  
Meehan  
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Menendez  
Metcalfe  
Mica  
Miller (FL)  
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Mollohan  
Moran (KS)  
Morella  
Murtha  
Myrick  
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Nethercutt  
Neumann  
Ney  
Northrup  
Nussle  
Oberstar  
Ortiz  
Oxley  
Packard  
Pappas  
Parker  
Pastor  
Paul  
Payne  
Pease  
Peterson (MN)  
Peterson (PA)  
Petri  
Pickering  
Pickett  
Pitts  
Pombo  
Porter

Portman  
Poshard  
Price (NC)  
Pryce (OH)  
Quinn  
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  
Siskiy  
Skeen  
Skeltan  
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  
Tauscher  
Tauzin  
Taylor (MS)  
Taylor (NC)  
Thomas  
Thornberry  
Thune  
Tiahrt  
Tierney  
Towns  
Traficant  
Turner  
Upton  
Velazquez  
Visclosky  
Walsh  
Wamp  
Watkins  
Watt (NC)  
Watts (OK)  
Weldon (FL)  
Weldon (PA)  
Weller  
Wexler  
White  
Wicker  
Wise  
Wolf  
Wynn  
Young (FL)

## NOT VOTING—48

Barton	Gilchrest	Neal
Berman	Graham	Norwood
Blumenauer	Hooley	Paxon
Boswell	Hoyer	Pomeroy
Brady	Hyde	Radanovich
Cardin	Johnson, E. B.	Rangel
Chenoweth	Johnson, Sam	Roemer
Cox	Kaptur	Sawyer
Crane	Kennelly	Schiff
Davis (FL)	Kind (WI)	Skaggs
Diaz-Balart	Lampson	Stark
Dingell	Markey	Stokes
Dooley	Matsui	Sununu
Engel	McCarthy (MO)	Thurman
Eshoo	McDermott	Whitfield
Foglietta	Molinari	Young (AK)

□ 1055

Messrs. PACKARD, GEKAS, LEACH, CASTLE, LEWIS of California, HINOJOSA, SMITH of Michigan, BONO, BOEHNER, KANJORSKI, and Ms. SANCHEZ, changed their vote from "yea" to "nay."

Mr. OWENS changed his vote from "nay" to "yea."

So the motion to adjourn was rejected.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

## GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. SKEEN. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks on the bill (H.R. 2160) making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and related agencies programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998, and for other purposes, and that I may include tabular and extraneous material.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. HASTINGS of Washington). Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from New Mexico?

There was no objection.

# AGRICULTURE, RURAL DEVELOPMENT, FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 1998

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to House Resolution 193 and rule XXIII, the Chair declares the House in the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union for the further consideration of the bill, H.R. 2160.

□ 1058

## IN THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Accordingly the House resolved itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union for the further consideration of the bill (H.R. 2160) making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and related agencies programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998, and for other purposes, with Mr. LINDER in the chair.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The CHAIRMAN. When the Committee of the Whole rose on Tuesday, July 22, 1997, the bill had been read through page 27, line 23, and pending was the

amendment by the gentleman from Wisconsin [Mr. OBEY].

Pursuant to House Resolution 193, no further amendments to the bill or amendments thereto are in order except the amendments printed in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD before July 22, 1997, the amendments printed in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD numbered 21, 22, 23, and 35, one amendment by the gentleman from California [Mr. COX] regarding assistance to the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, and the amendment by the gentleman from Wisconsin [Mr. OBEY], pending when the Committee of the Whole rose on July 22.

Each amendment is considered read, debatable for 10 minutes, except as provided in section 2 of the resolution, equally divided and controlled by the proponent and opponent.

The Chairman of the Committee of the Whole may postpone a request for a recorded vote on any amendment and may reduce to a minimum of 5 minutes the time for voting on any postponed question that immediately follows another vote, provided that the time for voting on the first question shall be a minimum of 15 minutes.

After a motion that the Committee rise has been rejected on a day, the Chairman of the Committee of the Whole may entertain another such motion on that day only if offered by the Chairman of the Committee on Appropriations or the majority leader or their designee.

After a motion that the Committee rise with the recommendation to strike out the enacting words of the bill has been rejected, the Chairman of the Committee of the Whole may not entertain another such motion during further consideration of the bill.

Pending is the amendment by the gentleman from Wisconsin [Mr. OBEY].

Pursuant to the resolution, the gentleman from Wisconsin [Mr. OBEY] and a Member opposed each will control 15 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Wisconsin [Mr. OBEY].

□ 1100

Mr. OBEY. Mr. Chairman, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Chairman, 2 years ago, when the majority party tried to cut the School Lunch Program, this Congress and the Nation finally rejected that. Last year, they tried to cut the WIC Program, the feeding program for women, children, and infants. The country rejected that. Now we are back with this bill, and this bill is \$30 million short of the amount that is apparently required in order to prevent 55,000 women and children from being knocked off the program.

At the same time, this Congress is being asked to approve a tax cut which will provide, on average, a \$27,000 tax cut to the richest 1 percent of people in this country. I think that is unconscionable. The bill itself is \$180 million below the President's budget for the WIC Program.

The amendment that I am offering today simply does not even restore the President's request. We simply try to restore \$27 million so that we assure that no person is knocked off the program in the coming fiscal year. Now how do we pay for it? We pay for it simply by eliminating \$36 million, which has been put in this bill above the President's budget to pay for subsidies for commissions for insurance agents who write crop insurance.

This is not aimed in any way at changing what farmers receive by way of crop insurance. This is not aimed in any way at affecting what farmers pay. It is simply aimed at the abuses in the commissions which were described by the General Accounting Office when they pointed out that they had discovered above-average commissions paid to agents by one large company. They discovered the Government was being charged for corporate aircraft and excessive automobile charges, we were being charged for country club memberships and various entertainment activities for agencies and employees such as skybox rentals at professional sporting events.

This amendment is, purely and simply, aimed at ending the rip-off of both farmers and taxpayers by some people who are involved in this program so that we can free up some money for starving and malnourished kids. It is as simple as that. I urge support of the amendment.

Mr. Chairman, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. SKEEN. Mr. Chairman, I yield myself such time as I may consume, and I rise in opposition to the Obey amendment.

I would like to point out that we have worked long and hard to put together a bill that is reasonable and fair to all aspects of USDA, FDA, CFTC, and farm credit. I think we have before this House a bill that is balanced. It takes care of the needs of farmers and ranchers; research related to nutrition and ag production; housing, rural development, and nutrition of low-income people and the elderly; food, drug and medical device safety; and food for the needy overseas.

I appreciate the gentleman from Wisconsin [Mr. OBEY] trying to do what he is trying to do. If my colleagues look at this bill, they will see that we both regard WIC as the highest priority item in it. WIC received the largest increase in this bill, at \$118.2 million over last year. This is on top of \$76 million that was recently provided in the supplemental. With this increase, WIC is funded at \$3.924 billion in fiscal year 1998. This amount fully supports the current participation level of 7.4 million.

My colleague, the gentleman from Wisconsin [Mr. OBEY] says that if this amendment does not pass, 55,000, now they are going up about 5,000 a day from what I can gather after hearing the new statistics, 55,000 women, infants and children will be taken off the program.