

duration of a union organizing drive. The trucks had these large signs posted which said, "Mexico Transfer Job."

So it is clear that people are making threats against workers ever time workers try to claim their rights.

The report makes no mention of health hazards or food hazards of the transporter trucking problem. NAFTA opened the floodgates to tainted food from Mexico. U.S. border inspectors are absolutely overwhelmed. Fewer than 1 percent of the 3.3 million trucks entering the United States each year are inspected. In about 6 weeks, Madam Speaker, this Congress will be deciding whether to spread NAFTA's poor performance over the entire hemisphere.

This is the meaning of the fast track vote. What we know about NAFTA's first 3 years does not justify spreading it throughout the hemisphere. As recently as March 18, 1997, a top official at the U.S. Trade Representative's Office said in a debate with me on national television that they could back up job growth estimates with specific companies, specific cities and towns where the growth has occurred, but they have not.

I think supporters of NAFTA should go back to the drawing board and report accurately and fully the effects of NAFTA. Congress should not give the President special fast track authority to expand NAFTA. We should look for ways to protect the American worker, protect American jobs, and assure that our economy will have the ability to prepare America for the new century.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12 of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess until 10 a.m.

Accordingly (at 9 o'clock and 38 minutes a.m.), the House stood in recess until 10 a.m.

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AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Ms. PRYCE of Ohio) at 10 a.m.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, Reverend James David Ford, D.D., offered the following prayer:

We know, O God, that the lives of people are filled with all the emotions of the human heart, from the joy and gladness of love and peace to the disappointments and frustrations that cloud the day and trouble the soul. Yet, O gracious God, whatever our mood or whatever our situation in life, You are constant in Your grace and faithful in Your promises. For these gifts and all the confidence You bring to us and to all people, we offer these words of thanksgiving and gratitude. In Your name we pray. Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentleman from Arizona [Mr. SALMON] come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. SALMON led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A message from the Senate by Ms. McDevitt, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate had passed with an amendment in which the concurrence of the House is requested, a bill of the House of the following title:

H.R. 2203. An act making appropriations for energy and water development for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the Senate insists upon its amendment to the bill (H.R. 2203) "An Act making appropriations for energy and water development for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998, and for other purposes," requests a conference with the House on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses thereon, and appoints Mr. DOMENICI, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. GORTON, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mr. BENNETT, Mr. BURNS, Mr. CRAIG, Mr. STEVENS, Mr. REID, Mr. BYRD, Mr. HOLLINGS, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. KOHL, and Mr. DORGAN, to be the conferees on the part of the Senate.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will entertain fifteen 1-minutes from each side.

LANDMARK OCCASION

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

Mr. GIBBONS. Madam Speaker, this is the dawn of good news for the hard-working taxpaying Americans.

Madam Speaker, I rise today to commend the budget team, the negotiators from both sides of the aisle, both Democrat and Republican, for reaching a tentative budget agreement. As is the case with all compromise, the negotiated tax package does not contain everything or every provision that I would like. It does, however, contain many provisions that will dramatically improve the lives of hard-working men and women throughout this country.

Starting next year, the death tax exemption will jump to 1.3 million for small businesses and family farms, making it easier for parents to pass the family business onto their children. Most importantly, Madam Speaker, this budget agreement exemplifies the Republican message that working men and women in America should be allowed to keep more of their hard-earned money to spend as they see fit. This is a landmark occasion, and I urge my colleagues to support it, the tax relief bill tomorrow, when it comes to the floor.

DEMOCRATS CAN BE PROUD

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

Mr. PALLONE. Madam Speaker, I am proud of the role the Democrats took in this budget deal to guarantee that working families got their fair share of the tax cuts. While the Republicans were fighting for Wall Street, the capital gains or estate tax breaks, Democrats were fighting for Main Street, the education and child tax credits. We wanted to make sure that the education and child tax credits went to all working Americans, including those with incomes less than \$30,000, who the Republicans wanted to cut out of the child tax credit.

Democrats also fought the battle and won to provide health insurance to the majority of the Nation's 10 million uninsured children. President Clinton wisely insisted on an increase in the tobacco tax to provide a larger amount, \$24 million to insure kids; and Democrats in the House, including our health care task force, pushed to close loopholes so the money could not be siphoned away for other purposes and would provide an adequate benefit package.

Madam Speaker, we still have to look at the details before we crow too much, but the general outlines of the agreement show that Democrats can be proud of their fight to stand up for the interests of working families.

COACH RON POLK

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

Mr. PICKERING. Madam Speaker, I rise today to take notice of a very special man, Coach Ron Polk. He served as the head baseball coach at Mississippi State University for 20 years, where he led his Bulldogs to the college world series five times.

Coach Polk has compiled an incredible record at Mississippi State with a record 888 wins. Last February, he became only the 16th coach in college baseball history to reach the 1,000 win pinnacle.

He has been selected as the National Coach of the Year on two separate occasions and coached the U.S. Olympic

baseball team three times. Coach Polk has taught and coached 18 all-Americans and 98 players who have gone on to the ranks of professional baseball.

In addition, tonight he is serving as the honorary coach of the Republican congressional baseball team. We hope to have one more victory for his record tonight. He arrived last night just in time for the budget deal to be reached, and we hope that that is a good omen that, as he comes to town, we do good things in Congress for the American people and hopefully we will win one for him tonight.

It is with great honor that I recognize his achievements. The king of college baseball, he has served Mississippi State and college baseball with great distinction.

HOUSE DEMOCRATS FOUGHT FOR WORKING FAMILIES

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

Mr. ALLEN. Madam Speaker, what a difference a few weeks can make. The tentative agreement to balance the budget and cut taxes sure is different, and better, than the Republican proposals we voted on last month.

Even last week the other side was describing hard-working, low-income Americans as receiving welfare if they got a \$500 per child tax credit to offset their payroll taxes.

House Democrats fought to ensure that they were covered. This is a victory for those working families.

House Democrats fought for some new initiatives to cover some of the 10.5 million children in this country who do not have health insurance. This agreement has \$24 billion for children's health care. This is a victory for them.

Tax credits for education, support for families, cutting capital gains taxes for home sellers and investors, this is a victory for fairness and the American people.

We still need to see the revenue projections to be sure that this agreement is fiscally sound, but it is much fairer than the Republican proposals this House passed in June. This is a victory for all of us.

USE OF GOATS AT MILLS COLLEGE

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

Mr. BALLENGER. Madam Speaker, the Teamsters Union recently accused Mills College in Oakland, CA, of violating its union contract by hiring 500 goats to clear brush from college property rather than using unionized maintenance workers. According to press accounts, in filing a grievance against the school, the local Teamster boss suggested that the college should require the 500 goats to become union members.

Madam Speaker, I do not want to make the Teamsters a scapegoat in this saga, but we know how John Sweeney, the ultimate union boss in Washington, plans to make good on his promise to increase union membership through renewed emphasis on organizing. By golly, if you cannot convince real live human beings to join your local neighborhood union, let us sign up some farm animals.

Madam Speaker, I would caution, however, that this scheme might have its share of problems. For one, the Supreme Court's Beck decision says that workers have the right to object to the payment of union dues not used for collective bargaining purposes. No matter how this caper finally gets resolved, Madam Speaker, I wish to urge Mills College to stand their ground and not let the Teamsters get their goats.

CHARLIE TRIE

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

Mr. TRAFICANT. Madam Speaker, if you thought John Huang was something, get a load of Charlie Trie. This Little Rock restaurant owner, who has suddenly mysteriously disappeared, did not mess around. Charlie Trie went right to the Bank of China; \$1 million was wired from the Bank of China, directly to Charlie Trie's bank account that happened to end up in the Democrat National Committee.

Let us tell it like it is. When money from the Bank of China ends up in a Presidential campaign, it is not about fundraising anymore, Madam Speaker, it is destroying our national security. Truth is, when it comes to power politics, Chinese money literally grows on trees. Beam me up, Madam Speaker. There should be more investigation into this Chinese money business.

REPUBLICANS STICK BY THEIR GUNS

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

Mr. SCARBOROUGH. Madam Speaker, 4 years ago the Democrats in this Congress passed the largest tax hike in U.S. history. They told us that tax relief for middle-class Americans was out of the question. That is why every Republican voted against their budget.

Three years ago, Democrats opposed the balanced budget amendment and the balanced budget in 7 years. They said it would wreck the economy. Yet our budget is going to balance in the next few years. Two years ago, Democrats spent millions and millions of dollars attacking the Republicans for trying to save Medicare. Keep it alive for another generation. Today, they signed onto our plan to save Medicare. We will not even spend a cent against them demagoguing.

This past year, we were told time and time again by liberals that tax cuts

were out of the question. Well, we stuck by our guns and because of it the American people will have the first tax relief plan in 18 years.

Madam Speaker, I am proud we stuck by our guns, I am glad we stuck with our fight. I am glad that the American people will be the beneficiaries of the Republican Party standing up for what is best for them.

BEN HOGAN

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

Mr. FROST. Madam Speaker, today Fort Worth, TX, says goodbye to one of its own, golf legend Ben Hogan. As a youngster growing up in Fort Worth in the 1950's, I realized Ben Hogan was something special. He was spoken about with reverence in our city.

Only later, when I tried with little success to play golf, did I realize how very special he was.

One of the greatest golfers to ever play the game, Ben Hogan began his career as a caddie at the Glen Garden Country Club in Fort Worth when he was 11 years old. When he was 16, his mother urged him to do something more productive with his life.

Ben, displaying the determination that would characterize his play later, responded by saying, Mama, some day I am going to be the greatest golfer in the world. Ben Hogan won nine major tournaments and in 1953 won the U.S. Open, the Masters, and the British Open in the same year, something no other golfer has ever done. All told, he won 63 tournaments and displayed a quiet dedication and grace that were the envy of everyone who ever played the game.

Now the starter at the Celestial Golf Club has called Ben Hogan to the first tee for his next round. I expect that Ben will master that course as well.

AMERICAN PEOPLE ARE THE TRUE WINNERS

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

Mr. SALMON. Madam Speaker, what a pleasure it is to be here today. This year has been a very emotional roller coaster for me. I have had my highs and lows. I have been called irreverent. I have been called a rebel. I have been called an agitator. I had an epiphany along the way just a few days ago. As bad as things seem to get sometimes and as slow as things really change, it could have been worse.

I could have been here when the other party was in charge. I could have been here when deficits were spiraling. I could have been here when tax cuts not only would never even make it out of committee, they would never even see the light of day.

Today, we are passing a substantial tax cut, something that the Democrats