

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

have chided and fought against for years and years and years because they believe in government. We believe in people.

Today, the American people are the true winners. In spite of the fact that change still does not come fast enough, here we are. And there is a major change in Washington. Government is shrinking and the American people are truly the victors.

BUSINESS AS USUAL

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

Mr. DEFAZIO. Madam Speaker, we have got the great bipartisan budget deal, a balanced budget with generous tax cuts. If it seems too good to be true, do you know what? It is.

This is not a new day in Washington, DC. This is business as usual. Cutting up a fat hog, made wildly optimistic assumptions about the economy and revenues, cut social programs a little. Do not take a penny out of the Pentagon and give a host of generous tax cuts slanted toward the most wealthy in America and the largest corporations. A deal written behind closed doors announced last night; no written copies available to Members of Congress, nothing available for review, but it will be voted on tomorrow night, just to be certain that no one knows the details before the details leak out and it begins to stink like the Potomac in August.

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TRIBUTE TO HAP BAKER

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

Mr. BARTLETT of Maryland. Madam Speaker, yesterday in Carroll County, MD, we laid to rest a great American, Hap Baker. Hap was the inventor of the guidance system for the Patriot missile. He was proud of that. But he was probably proudest of this little button which he was never without for the past several years: "Politically incorrect, and proud of it."

Hap felt that he was politically incorrect because he had an undying commitment to the great principles of limited government and individual rights set forth in the Constitution. Hap was aghast that a profligate Congress passes law after law and never questions the constitutional authority. He was particularly supportive of second amendment rights.

But first and foremost, he was a conservationist. Hap understood that even in a perfect world, the Lord asked Adam and Eve to dress and keep the garden, and Hap wanted to help. We miss you Hap, and we will not forget you and what you stood for: "Politically incorrect, and proud of it." God bless.

BALANCED BUDGET AND TAX AGREEMENT

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

Mr. ROEMER. Madam Speaker, I rise in strong support of the bipartisan balanced budget and tax agreement. This proposal achieves two long-sought-after objectives. One, it will balance the budget in a fair and equitable manner. And, second, it creates new programs for children's health, education, and modest tax relief for hard-working Americans.

Now, with this recently-agreed-to budget proposal, we have \$24 billion for children, we have tax relief for small farmers, small businesses and, yes, low-income people at \$25,000 a year; we have educational help for people in college.

Madam Speaker, this permanently rejects the tax-and-spend label on Democrats. And, yes, it will continue to say the Democrats come up with new ideas that work effectively for hard-working people in America.

AMERICAN PEOPLE ARE WINNERS IN BALANCED BUDGET AGREEMENT

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

Mr. BOEHNER. Madam Speaker, and my colleagues, it is really going to happen, the first balanced budget in a generation, the first tax cut from Washington in 16 years, and a program to strengthen and preserve Medicare.

Members from both sides of the political aisle worked together; the White House worked with us honestly to bring about these achievements. So there are a lot of people going to be claiming credit today and a lot of people claiming who the winners really are. The real winners in this agreement are the American people, the American people who sent us here to do their bidding and to do their work.

Over the last 2½ years, it has not just been this balanced budget and this tax cut and this preservation of Medicare that we have accomplished, it has been welfare reform, a generation of politicians trying to come to grips with this issue, illegal immigration reform, health care reform, elimination of over 300 Federal Government programs, saving over \$50 billion.

This Congress continues to do what the American people are demanding, a smaller, less costly, less intrusive government here in Washington, moving power back home so Americans can make more decisions about their own lives.

IN SUPPORT OF BALANCED BUDGET AGREEMENT

(Ms. STABENOW asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. STABENOW. Madam Speaker, it is my pleasure today to rise in support of the balanced budget agreement that we will be voting on later this week.

Before I entered the House in January, we had a Congress that was shutting the Government down, not once but twice. We now have new faces. We now have the President's leadership in bringing together people on both sides to create a bipartisan agreement. This is an agreement that when it first came before the House I could not support because it very much gave relief to those at the top, hoping that those at the middle somehow would receive it through trickle-down economics.

But what we have now is very different. The efforts, the hard work of the last few weeks have made a tremendous difference. We now see middle-class families, small businesses, family-owned farms receiving the kind of relief that we have been fighting for. Education is now a top priority; children's health care for families that work but do not have insurance.

This is a dramatically different proposal than the one that passed a few weeks ago. The hard work paid off. The folks that have been communicating their concerns for middle-class America have made a difference.

OVERSEAS PRIVATE INVESTMENT CORPORATION

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

Mr. ROYCE. Madam Speaker, the Overseas Private Investment Corporation, known as OPIC, provides loans and insurance to corporations operating overseas and at below-market cost. It is a subsidy. OPIC competes with private banks and insurers, only OPIC operates outside of the market, with the full faith and credit of the American taxpayer behind it. The American taxpayers are at risk.

The Royce-Andrews-Kasich amendment, which will come up on Thursday, is a modest proposal. It calls for spending no more than \$20.8 million on this program. We are asking that OPIC live within the administrative expenses budgeted for it in 1994, when its current authorization level was established.

In this time of corporate downsizing and shrinking budgets, is it really so much to keep OPIC's budget from growing by \$12 million, or 50 percent? I do not think so. I urge my colleagues to vote "yes" for this amendment on Thursday.

IN SUPPORT OF ROYCE-ANDREWS-KASICH AMENDMENT

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

Mr. JACKSON of Illinois. Madam Speaker, I rise today in support of the Royce-Andrews-Kasich amendment, which is a bipartisan amendment that