

overdue. The St. Louis Post Dispatch said it well when it said: Nobody asked wage earners in Missouri if they could afford President Clinton's 1993 tax increase. The Republican tax relief plan puts some of the money back where it belongs, in the pockets of working Americans. The tax relief plans passed by the House and the Senate are not government handouts. This money belongs to the workers of Missouri and they should not have to come on bended knee to the Federal Government just to keep more of what they worked so hard to earn.

It is the same for wage earners in Kansas in my district and across America, they should keep more of what they worked so hard to earn. I urge my colleagues to vote for the tax relief plan for working families. It is long overdue.

CONDEMNING TERRORISM IN JERUSALEM

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

Mr. LANTOS. Mr. Speaker, I rise with a sense of profound outrage and steely determination to denounce the murderous terrorist attack against children, women, and elderly men in Jerusalem's open marketplace by the assassins of Arab extremism, who are hell-bent on destroying the peace process so desperately craved by millions of decent Israelis and Arabs in the region.

It is long past time for Arafat to order his huge police force to destroy the countless terrorist nests scattered through the territory under his control. Until Arafat focuses his vast resources on destroying terrorism, there can be no progress toward peace in the region.

This morning I am introducing a resolution condemning today's terrorist attack in Jerusalem, expressing the solidarity of the Congress and the American people with the grieving families and people of Israel and calling on Arafat to begin in earnest a war against the assassins of people and peace in the Holy Land. This resolution is cosponsored by the distinguished Republican chairman of the House Committee on International Relations, Mr. GILMAN, and the distinguished ranking Democratic member of the Committee on International Relations, Mr. HAMILTON. It is supported by the Democratic leader, the gentleman from Missouri, Mr. GEPHARDT, and Senator HELMS and Senator BIDEN are concurrently introducing it in the other body.

TAX CUTS FOR MORE FREEDOM AND LESS GOVERNMENT

(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. Mr. Speaker, the sun is rising this morning

in America and shining on many happy faces. Taxpayers are celebrating because conservatives in Congress and President Clinton have agreed on plans to simultaneously balance the budget for the first time in more than 30 years while providing tax cuts for the first time in 16 years.

Liberals however have woken up and are crying boohoo. Liberals are aghast at the prospects of the Federal Government balancing its budget and reducing spending. Liberals are horrified by the Federal Government simultaneously letting taxpayers keep more of the money that they earn. Oh, the horror, the horror.

Tax cuts equal more freedom for individual hard-working American taxpayers and less power for the Federal Government in Washington. No wonder liberals are crying boohoo.

DEMOCRATS DESERVE CREDIT

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

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, Democrats and Republicans have reached a historic balanced budget deal, and this morning I want to congratulate my Democratic colleagues and the White House for standing firm in defense of what we knew was right. There is no doubt that Democrats are responsible for the inclusion of some of the budget deal's most important provisions.

As a result of the Democrats efforts, the Federal budget will have \$24 billion to provide health care for at least 5 million children who would otherwise have been uninsured. It will have a \$500 per child tax credit for many families with incomes under \$30,000, thereby covering 13 million more children than would have been the case under the GOP plan.

It will have education tax credits including the President's HOPE Scholarship Program that would have been denied to many students pursuant to the Republican proposals.

Mr. Speaker, the Republicans clearly felt the pressure from the White House and the congressional Democrats in the final days of the budget negotiations. Indeed as a result of our defense of what is right, we now have a budget that will benefit the average working American instead of just the rich one.

PROMISES MADE, PROMISES KEPT

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

Mr. ROGAN. Mr. Speaker, what a difference a few years makes. In 1993, Republicans were entering their 39th year in the minority in this House. That year was significant because Congress passed on to working people the largest tax increase in American history. The next year Republicans made a promise to the American people. They said that we will return more hard-earned money

to working families, and put our national fiscal house in order, when we balance our Federal budget.

Today, Mr. Speaker, we are on the verge of a historic agreement, because the promises made by our side are now promises kept for the American people. We are about to enact the first tax cut in 16 years and the first balanced budget since I was in the sixth grade.

Promises made, promises kept.

BORDER PATROLS

(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, due to an unfortunate shooting on the border, the Pentagon has removed our military troops from the Mexican border. That shooting must be investigated, but the simple truth is in the last 3 months seven Border Patrol agents were shot and the borders are now wide open.

And from the community where this young man was shot, a group came up to meet with me, and listen to what they said, Congress. They said they want open borders, no immigration. They oppose military troops on the border.

Of an 8-hour shift, the Border Patrol spends 6 hours in coffee shops, and their local sheriff was convicted and is in jail for smuggling 2,200 pounds of cocaine.

Beam me up. America has no drug program. We have got open borders. We have got heroin and cocaine on every street corner. Kids are dying and the White House is more concerned with politics than our children. Congress, wake up. When it is as easy to get heroin and cocaine as it is to get aspirin, there is something wrong in high places.

THE COLLINS FAMILY

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

Mr. KINGSTON. Mr. Speaker, back in the First District of Georgia what will the tax cut mean to the Collins family? Mr. and Mrs. Collins, who have a combined income of \$61,000 and three kids, Dennis, Tom, and Sue Ellen, the \$500 per child tax credit means the Collins' will pay \$1,500 less in taxes next year.

Mr. Collins is a farmer. Mrs. Collins is a school teacher. Because he is self-employed, he can start deducting 100 percent of his health care costs. That makes health care for the Collins family more affordable and more accessible. And when it comes time to estate planning, to pass that family farm, that American dream back down the line to Tom, Dennis, and Sue Ellen, Mr. and Mrs. Collins will now have a \$2.6 million unified tax credit on their death taxes that will be exempt from the taxes so that they can pass the farm on to the next generation.

Mr. Speaker, this is the American dream as the Republican Party has worked for it. We have worked in a bipartisan fashion. We believe that families like the Collins' are all over America.

CAMPAIGN FINANCE REFORM

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

Mr. GEJDENSON. Mr. Speaker, we have seen great cooperation in the House Democrats, Republicans, the White House, all coming together on some incredibly complex issues. Taxes, health care. Now we can take our time and finally act on the promises we have had from the Speaker and from others in this institution over the last 3 years. Let us do campaign finance reform. Let us at least end soft money. Americans are being driven out of the political process when they see hundred-thousand-dollar contributions given to both political parties.

The Speaker says there is not enough money in politics. Every indication is, the more money that goes into politics, the less people are participating. Get rid of soft money. Let us take a first strong step to clean up of the election process.

WEARING OUT OUR WELCOME

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

Mr. GOSS. Mr. Speaker, this week angry Haitian mobs protested the planned 4-month of extension of the U.N. mission to Haiti, an extension that received surprise Chinese sign-off for an as yet undisclosed price. Frustrated and victimized Haitians accused U.N. troops of only guarding the palace and Aristide's house instead of providing the law and order they are there for.

Ironically the United Nations also had to issue an apology recently for what Haitians saw as too much attention from U.N. troops in Port-de-Paix, where the U.N.'s soldier had to be rescued from the mobs by airlift. Haitian parliamentarians have also demanded an end to the occupation.

If we have worn out our welcome in Haiti, let us send our troops and the United States trainer/builders out of range of rock-throwing mobs and save further wear and tear on American taxpayers' wallets. Aside from time, what can we buy in Haiti in a 4-month extension that \$3 billion could not buy in the past 2½ years?

EVERYONE TAKES CREDIT

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

Mr. FARR of California. Mr. Speaker, yesterday everyone in the leadership took credit for getting the budget deal. It demonstrated that leadership means that we can get things done when we pull together.

But where is the leadership in campaign reform? The President stood here in this room and asked for it by the Fourth of July. Members of the House and Senate have both introduced comprehensive legislation. They have introduced legislation to do it in small ways or big ways. Yet nothing is moving, Mr. Speaker. Nothing is moving.

However, soon we will see big contributions moving into the coffers of the Republican Party. It seems only smart that we should have a vote on campaign reform before someone suggests that there is a link between tax breaks and campaign contributions. The public wants a vote, Mr. Speaker. The President wants a vote. I authored a comprehensive campaign reform, H.R. 600. I want a vote. This House wants a vote. When do we get it?

GOOD NEWS FOR AMERICA

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

Mr. NEUMANN. Mr. Speaker, I rise this morning to talk about the good news that is here for America. It is good news.

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For the first time since 1969 we are going to have a balanced budget in the United States of America. For the first time since 1969, the people that are here in Washington are not going to spend more money than what they take in. They will do the responsible thing.

The news even gets better. After a balanced budget, in addition to a balanced budget we are also going to pass bills that lower the taxes on the American people.

I have heard a lot of rhetoric about who gets these tax cuts. I want to cut through all that rhetoric and get down to what it really means to a family of five in Janesville, WI. A family having three kids living in Janesville, WI, earning \$40,000 or \$50,000 a year because both parents are probably working, they have that income coming in, what they should do on January 1 of next year, this is not Washington rhetoric, they should walk into their place of employment and tell their employer they want to keep \$100 more every month of their own money. Because that is what this tax cut package means to a family of five in Janesville, WI, or anyplace else in America.

For each of the children in the family there is a \$400 per child tax cut, \$1,200 for a year. That is \$100 a month. And on January 1 the American people should start keeping that money instead of sending it to Washington.

BOTH PARTIES CIRCUMVENTING CAMPAIGN FINANCE LAWS

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

Mr. MILLER of California. Mr. Speaker, as the ongoing Senate hearings and news reports have revealed, both parties are circumventing our campaign finance laws to raise hundreds of millions of dollars in soft money. The time has come to ban soft money.

Over 2 years ago the Speaker and President Clinton shook hands on campaign finance reform, but since that time nothing has been done. How many more pressing issues will Congress fail to address because of the insidious influence of money and politics? As we all know, delay means death for campaign finance reform.

Recently 25 Members and I wrote to the Speaker asking for a floor scheduled vote on banning soft money in the 1998 election cycle. If no such schedule is designated before we leave this week, Mr. Speaker, all Members should be prepared to arrive at work early and stay late, because regular order is intolerable while campaign finance reform remains absent from our calendar.

WHY CHANGE THE SUBJECT?

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

Mr. LINDER. Mr. Speaker, this is fun. We have just agreed to the largest new budget proposal in generations, a balanced budget, tax cuts for everyone in America, and they want to change the subject to campaign finance reform.

The fact of the matter is both sides do not do it, the only side accused of taking illegal foreign contributions are the Democrats. The fact of the matter is, when Bob Dole accepted \$75 million of taxpayers' money to run the Presidential campaign, that is all he spent. It was the President that took \$75 million and then spent \$40 million more illegally. They are not arguing with that. They want to say the system is broken because everyone does it.

That is not the evidence. That is not the evidence before the Thompson committee. But if I were in as deep a trouble as they are with respect to cheating on the current laws, I would want to change the laws too.

STOP HARASSMENT OF HISPANIC CANDIDATES AND VOTERS

(Ms. CHRISTIAN-GREEN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. CHRISTIAN-GREEN. Mr. Speaker, my colleagues on the other side of the aisle have singled out the gentlewoman from California [Ms. LORETTA