

AMERICAN PUBLIC SHOULD TRUST DEMOCRAT PARTY TO SAVE SOCIAL SECURITY

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

Ms. KILPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, American people, do not be fooled. Who do you trust to save your Social Security System, the most important system that this government has put forward since the early 1930s? I am sure you support and trust the party who fought back an \$800 billion tax cut this year that would have not put a penny into Social Security. I am sure the American people support the party who will fight, who have shown to their leadership that they, and we will, protect the Social Security system.

American people, do not be fooled. Social Security is sound, and we Democrats will make sure that it will be until the new century.

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ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will remind all Members that the House rules prohibit urging action in the other body.

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UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI RESEARCH TEAM MAKING STRIDES IN FINDING A CURE FOR DIABETES

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

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. Mr. Speaker, what do Halle Berry, Mary Tyler Moore, Miss America, and another 16 million Americans have in common? Diabetes.

In the last 40 years, we have seen a dramatic increase in the number of Americans with diabetes, and this year 200,000 will lose their lives to this disease, making it the sixth leading cause of death. In fact, this disease has grown so much that the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention have labeled diabetes as the epidemic of our time.

While much work and research remains to be done in this field, scientists at the University of Miami are making gigantic strides that may very well soon lead to a cure. Dr. Camilo Ricordi and Dr. Norma Kenyon are conducting exceptional work in the field of medical research. Their current work studies with anti-CD154, an artificial antibody, has succeeded in curing monkeys from potentially fatal causes of diabetes. Further progress will soon replace harmful and less effective drugs, and may allow some diabetic patients to lead normal, healthy lives without depending on needles and insulin.

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate the championship research team at the University of Miami.

USE HONEST BUDGETING, NOT GIMMICKS, AND FINALIZE FY 2000 APPROPRIATIONS BILLS

(Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, just this past week I received lots of mail, especially from women in Texas, telling me how important Social Security really is to them. Social Security lifts 366,000 Texas women out of poverty, and it lowers the poverty rate among elderly women in this State from 55 to 19 percent.

It is distressing to me that while the elderly in my State are worried about the future of Social Security, the Republican-led Congressional Budget Office has revealed that the majority party's leadership has already used more than \$1 billion from the Social Security surplus.

Mr. Speaker, we have to stop it. Let us use honest budgeting and not gimmicks, and talking about a lockbox, when we know it is being ignored. We understand clearly that we cannot use \$13 billion from Social Security and save it at the same time.

Mr. Speaker, the people of my State and the people of this Nation want us to save Social Security.

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PATH TO SECURE FUTURE IS A GOOD EDUCATION

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

Mr. BALLENGER. Mr. Speaker, every American child deserves a secure future, and the path to the secure future is a good education. But too many of our Nation's most disadvantaged children are having their hopes and dreams dashed by failing schools.

It is time for a new approach. It is time to give these kids a chance to get out of the schools that are not working and get into ones that are. And it is time to recognize that no matter how much money we spend, our Nation's worst schools will never meet their responsibility to the students as long as the Federal Government ensnares those schools in red tape.

The Democrat solution is to keep spending more and more money on a failing system. The Republican solution is, spend the money, yes, but to reform the system as well.

In the coming weeks, the House will have the opportunity to rekindle the flame of hope for those children whose only hope lies within the schoolhouse walls, and I hope we will do it.

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U.S. SHOULD SEND UNITED NATIONS A BILL

(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, the White House says we will lose our vote if we do not give \$1 billion to the United Nations. Some vote, folks. We have the same vote as countries the size of West Virginia trailer parks.

In addition, we now give three times more than Germany, five times more than France, 35 times more than China every year, plus \$22 billion in peace-keeping. If that is not enough to ban your nukes, while the White House prepares to veto America's defense bill, the White House wants more foreign aid money from Congress.

Beam me up here. We should not be sending a dime to the United Nations. We should send them a bill.

I yield back all the wars declared by the United Nations that were financed by Uncle Sam and fought by American troops.

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PORKER OF THE WEEK AWARD

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

Mr. HEFLEY. Mr. Speaker, once again the Federal Government is playing a shell game with taxpayers' money. The Department of the Interior has been diverting millions of dollars collected from excise taxes on hunting and fishing equipment to controversial environmental projects.

Congress dictated that the taxes collected be sent back to the States to fund wildlife and sports fishing restoration management programs. However, Fish and Wildlife Service officials diverted money meant to administer programs into a slush fund to pay for 75 pet projects that are not related to hunting. The projects include \$385,000 for the spotted owl, \$429,000 for Atlantic salmon; \$292,000 on wolf programs; \$116,000 on the blackfoot ferret; and \$791,000 for marine mammals.

Now, some of these may be good projects, but that is not what Congress gave the money for. It is estimated that more than \$45 million has been diverted and much of it wasted by the Fish and Wildlife agency. The Fish and Wildlife Service gets my "Porker of the Week Award."

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WHERE IS THE SECRET REPUBLICAN BUDGET PLAN

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

Mr. EDWARDS. Mr. Speaker, day 21. Day 21 of the new fiscal year, and I have one question. Where is the secret Republican budget plan? I asked this 2 days ago, and no Republican colleague could find it for me. I have asked the pages, I have looked in committee hearing rooms, I have looked on the seats of the floor of the House, but I cannot find it anywhere.

The Constitution says that the Congress, not the President, must pass appropriations bills. Yet while they are

criticizing the President, 21 days into the new fiscal year, I cannot find the Republicans' secret budget plan.

Maybe there is a reason for that. Maybe it is because the CBO says their individual proposals would spend billions of dollars of Social Security money, at the very time they are running ads against Democrats saying we are spending Social Security money.

I would suggest for the Republicans to pretend like their proposals are protecting Social Security, is kind of like Al Capone claiming to be a crime fighter.

Day 21. It is time for the Republicans to show the country and the Congress their secret Republican budget plan.

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COSPONSOR THE DEFENSE OF PRIVACY ACT

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

Mr. CHABOT. Mr. Speaker, over the last several years, we have witnessed a drastic increase in the number of Federal Government proposals which erode personal privacy rights and other important civil liberties. These misguided proposals, such as the Federal banking regulators' so-called "Know Your Customer" scheme, clearly demonstrate that the Federal agencies continue to promulgate rules and dictate policy without consideration for the ultimate ramifications on the privacy of American families.

To prevent such assaults in the future, I am introducing the Defense of Privacy Act. My legislation will require all Federal agencies to assess the privacy implications of proposed rules and regulations.

Mr. Speaker, this commonsense reform will help agencies focus on important privacy issues while strengthening the privacy rights of every American. I urge my colleagues to cosponsor this important legislation. Let us do all we can to keep Big Brother at bay.

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SOCIAL SECURITY SURPLUS

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

Mr. GREEN of Texas. Mr. Speaker, my colleagues on the other side of the aisle leave everything until the last minute. Sometimes I wonder if this Congress could not mess up a one-car funeral.

According to the Congressional Budget Office, they are dipping into the Social Security budget to the tune of \$13 billion while spending thousands of dollars on false and misleading ads. Before the appropriations bills are finished, that \$13 billion cut into Social Security could rise to \$24 billion.

Social Security is one of the most successful domestic programs ever created. It guarantees a retirement security for millions of Americans. It is our

responsibility to take the necessary steps to keep Social Security safe and strong, not only for our parents' generation, and not only for our generation, but also for our children's generation.

Where is their plan to extend the life of Social Security? It does not exist. In fact, the leaders in the Republican conference have been quoted many times against Social Security and Medicare, like this one from my colleague from Texas that says, "No, I'm not going to make such a pledge, not to get into Social Security."

In fact, the Republican tax plan would have sucked the surplus dry, leaving nothing for strengthening the Social Security Trust Fund, extending Medicare, or even a prescription medication provision.

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QUIT PLAYING GAMES WITH SOCIAL SECURITY TRUST FUND

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

Mr. HAYWORTH. Mr. Speaker, my friends on the left offer so many inaccuracies and there is so little time to respond.

I would agree with one statement from the gentlewoman from Michigan, Mr. Speaker, when she said, do not be fooled. I join her in that sentiment to this degree: Do not be fooled, Mr. Speaker, do not be fooled by the claims now of fealty to Social Security when on this floor just a few nights ago my friends on the left voted against a foreign aid bill, voted to say we ought to send \$4 billion more of the Social Security Trust Fund not to save Americans, not to help Americans, but to go to foreign governments.

That is wrong. That is a raid on the trust fund. If in fact they are guardians of Social Security, they should join with us to save 100 percent of the Social Security Trust Fund for Social Security.

We did it this fiscal year for the first time since 1960. Join with us. Quit playing games.

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REPUBLICANS HAVE ALREADY DIPPED INTO SOCIAL SECURITY TRUST FUND

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

Mr. DOGGETT. Mr. Speaker, "do not be fooled?" Well, it is near trick or treat time, and what is the trick that the Republican majority is concerned about? Well, here is the gentleman from Texas (Mr. ARMEY), the majority leader for the Republicans, saying it is Social Security that is a "bad retirement," a "rotten trick" on the American people.

As my colleague from Texas was just pointing out (Mr. GREEN), these views

are ones that Mr. ARMEY keeps repeating. Questioned just a few years ago he was asked, "Are you going to take the pledge? Are you going to promise not to cut people's Social Security to meet these promises?" The gentleman from Texas (Mr. ARMEY): "No, I am not going to make such a promise."

Our Republican colleagues are the good folks who now come and tell us they want to preserve the Social Security Trust Fund. They did not vote for Social Security. They do not like Social Security. They want to substitute some privatized Social Security Wall Street private plan for the Social Security that has been so important to the American people over the last 60 years.

Let us protect Social Security, let us recognize the Republicans have already dipped into the Social Security trust fund, and let us preserve Social Security for the future.

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TIME TO SLAM DOOR ON PRESIDENT'S PLANS FOR MORE TAXES AND RAIDING SOCIAL SECURITY

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

Mr. KNOLLENBERG. Mr. Speaker, President Clinton has opened the door to one of massive tax increases on working Americans and raiding Social Security to finance Washington's spending.

Revenues are flooding into the Treasury at record levels, but the President says that is not enough. As the percentage of GDP or income or however we want to look at it, taxes are at an all-time high. But the President says they have to be higher.

We squandered billions in Russia. We have got hundreds of wasteful or questionable programs, paid billions each year to so-called consultants. And still the President says we need more money because he just cannot find anything in the budget he wants to cut. He would rather raise taxes or dip into the Social Security surplus.

Mr. Speaker, the American people want to tell the President no, they do not want the President's higher taxes. This body does not want his higher taxes. Remember the vote, 419-0. They do not want him to take a step backward and raid Social Security. They do not want more spending and bigger Government.

It is time to slam a door on the President's plans for more taxes and raiding Social Security.

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PRIVACY

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

Mr. MARKEY. Mr. Speaker, there is a terrible travesty about to be visited upon the American people. A deal between the Republican leadership and the White House has been perpetrated.