

It will lead to the compromise of every single American's privacy.

Every check they have ever written, every insurance exam for their family, their medical records, the checks they have written out for the last 20 or 30 years, they can all be now sold to anyone who wants to buy them, every secret in their family. This is a deal that the Republican leadership and the White House have signed off on.

If they have their income tax form done for them by H&R Block, there is a law that says they cannot reveal it. But if they use their income tax form to apply for a mortgage, under this new law, they can sell their income tax form. They can give out that information to anyone.

But if they want to complain to Prudential or to Bank One, do not try to call the CEO. He has got an unlisted number at home. He is concerned about his privacy. He does not want them to bother him.

But they do not give a hoot about the ordinary American's privacy.

PRESIDENT IS FOR SOCIAL SECURITY LOCKBOX

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

Mr. HERGER. Mr. Speaker, now even President Clinton is for a Social Security lockbox.

Just yesterday, the President said, "At a minimum, we should agree on a down payment on reform by passing a Social Security lockbox."

One hundred, fourteen days ago, House Republicans and Democrats passed my legislation, the Social Security and Medicare Safe Deposit Box Act 416-12. The House of Representatives is committed to not spending one dime of Social Security Trust Fund on unrelated programs, and now the President is on board there, as well.

Mr. Speaker, Senate Republicans have tried seven times to consider the Social Security lockbox, only to be blocked by Senate Democrats.

Mr. Speaker, it appears Senate Democrats are now the only obstacle to achieving a lockbox to protect Social Security surpluses.

SENATE DEMOCRATS ARE SAVING REPUBLICANS

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

Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California. Mr. Speaker, the Senate Democrats are saving the Republicans. Because if the lockbox that the gentleman from California (Mr. HERGER) talks about was enforced today, they would be under arrest for picking the lock and stealing the Social Security money out of it because they have already spent \$13 billion of Social Security money, and they keep saying they have a lockbox.

That is no lockbox. This is an open and revolving door. They have dipped into Social Security time and again in their appropriations bills.

The Congressional Budget Office tells us that already on the running account they have stolen \$13 billion of people's Social Security money, and in all likelihood it will be as high as \$25 billion in people's Social Security money.

Mr. Speaker, Republicans should remember that, under the Constitution, only they can spend the people's money. They have authorized, they have appropriated the expenditure of \$13 billion, \$13 billion of the people's Social Security money that they say is in the lockbox.

It is not in the lockbox. It is in the appropriations bills that they have been voting on day after day that exceed the request of the President of the United States. They are lucky that the police are not here arresting them today.

PRESIDENT NEEDS TO SHOW US HIS SOCIAL SECURITY PLAN

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

Mr. OSE. Mr. Speaker, did my colleagues know that Americans today are living longer and having fewer children? This means, in the end, fewer workers in the future to support each Social Security beneficiary.

In 1960, there were 5.1 workers for every person on Social Security. Today that number stands at 3.4, and on our current pace, by the year 2030, that ratio will be down to 2.1. Let me repeat that. There will be two people supporting each Social Security beneficiary.

Mr. Speaker, we need to reform our current Social Security system, and we need to reform it as soon as possible. It has now been 294 days and counting since the President promised to provide reforms to the Social Security plan. He has not delivered.

As my good friends on the other side know, we cannot make up in volume what we lack in a plan.

There is no plan. The President has not given us his machine. Mr. Speaker, I am asking the President, finally, show us your plan.

REPUBLICANS HAVE HANDS IN THE COOKIE JAR

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

Ms. DELAUB. Mr. Speaker, the Republican leadership reminds me of the little boy who denies eating cookies even though his mouth is smeared with chocolate and his shirt is covered with crumbs.

According to their own accounting office, the Congressional Budget Office, the Republican leadership's budget al-

ready spends \$13 billion of the Social Security Trust Fund.

All of the sound and fury from the other side does not match the reality. Their hands are in the cookie jar and the Republican leadership is spending the Social Security surplus.

The Republican leadership has a long history of trying to undermine Social Security. The majority leader has called Social Security a "rotten trick" and said it should be "phased out."

This is the same party who, 60 years ago, fought fiercely to stop the creation of Social Security. They are still fighting now to spend the surplus and to see, in the long run, that it is phased out.

SOCIAL SECURITY: PEOPLE'S RETIREMENT FUND NOT PRESIDENT'S PERSONAL SLUSH FUND

(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, newspapers reported several days ago that the President has taken a new hard line with Republicans in Congress, saying that he will refuse to sign other spending measures until they address his priorities and "assure the Social Security surplus is being protected."

Being protected? Recently the President vetoed the foreign aid bill and has threatened to veto others because they do not spend more. But more of what?

Since the President has refused to accept our reasonable spending measures, he has only who choices left, either raise taxes or raid the Social Security Trust Fund, neither of which Congress will support, nor will I.

If President Clinton was sincere about protecting Social Security, he would sign into law the reasonable spending measures we have passed in Congress and sent to him.

Mr. Speaker, Social Security is the people's retirement fund, not the President's personal slush fund. Stop the raid on Social Security.

REPUBLICANS ONLY NEED TO LOOK IN THE MIRROR FOR WHO IS SPENDING SOCIAL SECURITY SURPLUS

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

Ms. RIVERS. Mr. Speaker, let us think about what we have been hearing this morning about attempts to spend Social Security.

First my colleagues on the other side say the President is trying to do it. But, of course, the facts are he cannot appropriate a dime, he does not have the ability. Only Congress, in fact, only the majority can do that.

Well, then they say it is the Democrats in Congress who are trying to spend the Social Security surplus.

What are the facts? The minority cannot spend money on its own. Most appropriation bills are leaving the House passed with overwhelmingly Republican support.

Democrats cannot spend any money on their own. Well, say the Republicans, somebody is spending Social Security. Well, of course somebody is, and the Congressional Budget Office says it is the Republicans who are doing it. And of course the Congressional Budget Office is led by a Republican.

So if the Republicans are committed to finding out who is spending the Social Security surplus, I can tell them where to look. In the mirror.

REPUBLICANS WILL NOT USE TAXES, USER FEES, OR GIMMICKS FOR FUNDING AMERICANS' PRIORITIES

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

Mr. PITTS. Mr. Speaker, over the past few weeks Democrats have been attacking our appropriations bills by suggesting that they do not spend enough. They do not like our budget. However, the only thing they have to stand on is the President's budget and the numerous taxes and user fees included in it.

This week, we voted on the President's alternative to raise taxes and fees \$240 over the next 10 years. What was in it? Just a partial list of his so-called offsets and new taxes, tobacco tax, increase the aviation fees, Superfund taxes, increase the agriculture fees, commerce fees, FDA fees, Coast Guard fees, DOT fees, EPA pesticide registration fees, FCC, and Social Security fees, and the list goes on.

Mr. Speaker, we will pass spending bills that fund priorities of the American people. We will not spend the Social Security surplus but we will not do it by heaping on new user fees, gimmicks, and taxes for every turn of an American's life.

FIFTH ANNIVERSARY OF AMERICORPS

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

Ms. WOOLSEY. Mr. Speaker, I am here today to pay tribute to AmeriCorps on its fifth anniversary.

AmeriCorps is a program that gives volunteers the chance to grow while giving millions of others a helping hand. Thanks to AmeriCorps, 4 million children have been tutored, 10,000 homes have been built, 600,000 seniors have been helped today live independently, and disaster survivors have been assisted. That is what I call a successful program.

Recently, some of my colleagues wanted to cut AmeriCorps and they

want the funding to be killed. Thankfully they changed their mind. Now over the next 5 years hundreds of thousands of Americans can look forward to richer lives either through the opportunity to help others or through the good fortune of being helped.

I say keep up the good work, AmeriCorps. Happy anniversary. America thanks you.

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LET US WORK TOGETHER TO SAVE SOCIAL SECURITY

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

Mr. SMITH of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, for those people that might be watching this session arguing between that side and this side, who think it is more important to save Social Security, really the news is so good, because if both sides can work together to make sure the President does not raid the Social Security trust fund, we are going to be so much better off.

For 40 years, we have been spending the Social Security surplus for other government programs. When we did the "Contract with America," we said we were going to balance the budget. We set the target date for 2002. Actually we accomplished it this past year that ended October 1. We balanced the budget without using the Social Security trust fund. So now that we have got both sides working together, let us do that. Let us not start criticizing that we are not spending enough money in these appropriation bills because what that means is you are spending the Social Security surplus. It is tough for politicians in Washington not to spend more money to do more good things for the people in this country simply because they are more apt to get re-elected when they spend that money.

Let us be frugal. Let us run our pocketbook and our checking account like everybody else.

ON H.R. 2, TITLE I REAUTHORIZATION

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

Mrs. CHRISTENSEN. Mr. Speaker, today this body will be continuing consideration of H.R. 2, the Student Results Act which reauthorizes ESEA, or Title I. Title I is a vital program for elementary and secondary schools in the territories as well as the States. My district, the Virgin Islands, relies heavily on the resources it provides to educate our children.

We in this body have a responsibility to ensure that this important measure reaches all Americans, and this includes women, people of color, the poor and those for whom English is not their first language. The bill as it ex-

ists contains much of the resources and programs our schools need, but we must give the American people the best Title I we can. That means reauthorizing the Women's Education Equity Act, keeping the poverty threshold at 50 percent, including adequate provisions for bilingual education, and saying "no" to vouchers.

Our future demands full support of our public school system as the best insurance for a well-educated citizenry. With the passage of the Mink-Woolsey-Sanchez-Morella amendment, we have begun to do that. Young girls and women across America are grateful to our colleagues for this amendment. Now let us pass the Payne amendment, reject the Armeay amendment and help our bilingual students.

REPUBLICANS ARE NOT SPENDING SOCIAL SECURITY

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

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. Speaker, today we are listening to political debates and discussions on the floor of the House. I well understand what is occurring here today. But the truth should not be held hostage. The fact of the matter is Republicans for years now have been insisting on us not spending Social Security. As a member of the Committee on Rules, we are under instructions by DICK ARMEY, the majority leader, that there can be no spending bill that comes on the floor of the House of Representatives that would spend Social Security for next year.

In fact, as we now see in yesterday's paper, the chief of staff for the White House says, "The Republicans' key goal is not to spend the Social Security surplus." For the first time in 39 years, this year not one penny of Social Security was used to fund the government operations. I am proud of what Republicans are doing, and the American public can know that the truth of the matter is that we will make sure from this day forward with the new budget that not one penny of Social Security will be spent.

VOTE NO ON TITLE I REAUTHORIZATION

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

Mr. RODRIGUEZ. Mr. Speaker, we talk about the importance of education; yet when it comes to the education bill, we should all be disappointed in terms of where we are at with that particular bill. We talk about the global economy and yet when we look in terms of responding to the global economy, we should be there in terms of trying to teach dual language instruction, we should be there to try to improve multilingual education, we should be there to try to reinforce bilingual education.