

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 Arney 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.

What are we doing? We are doing just the opposite. We are not addressing the needs that we need to address. As we look at the existing piece of legislation, especially Title I, there is some specific language in Title I. It is only addressed to limited English proficiency youngsters. Every other child, if you are an Anglo, if you are black, you do not have to jump through that hoop. The cost incurred is that if you are limited English proficiency, you are required to have to get parental approval. If you are Anglo, you do not have to. If you are black, you do not have to. That is discriminatory.

I would ask that Members seriously consider that we treat everyone in the same fashion and the same form. I would ask that we vote "no" on Title I.

REPUBLICANS PROTECT SOCIAL SECURITY

(Mr. TANCRED0 asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. TANCRED0. Mr. Speaker, what is a great day this is, in fact. I am incredibly happy to hear the discussion on the floor. I mean, this is amazing, and I hope the American people are paying strict attention here.

After 40 years of control by the Democrats in this House and in the Congress of the United States, after 40 years of spending every single dime of Social Security surplus and, by the way, a lot of money that did not even come into the government of the United States, after 40 years, they traipse to the floor today to say, "We must protect Social Security."

What a great battle we have won for the minds of the American public when even they are now saying they need to protect Social Security. As for the President's opinion on this, as to whether or not he wants to protect Social Security, I ask you all to think carefully of the last time you heard the President of the United States say he was going to veto a bill because it spent too much money. Never, not one, zero, nada. All the bills that the President is going to veto is because he says they do not spend enough.

PLEA FOR BIKE PARTISANSHIP

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

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Mr. Speaker, the most important act that we can do to promote livable communities on behalf of the Federal Government is simply to lead by example. There are 65 million Americans who cycle. A simple four-mile round trip on a bicycle saves 15 pounds of air pollution.

Members of this assembly have the opportunity to help lead by example by joining the Bicycle Caucus Tuesday morning with Secretary of Transportation Rodney Slater and the Washington Area Bicycle Association for a ribbon cutting for the new metropolitan branch trail.

If you do not have a bike, Member of Congress, let us know and we will loan you one for the event. You will have fun. Join the bicycle caucus, do right for America.

As we hear the battling here on the floor, this is an activity that is "bike" partisan. I think it will be good for us all to get on two wheels and inaugurate that trail.

CONGRESS MUST SUCCEED IN BUDGET BATTLE

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

Mr. METCALF. Mr. Speaker, we are in the last crucial days until Congress adjourns, and we must be really alert. This is a time of last-minute desperate midnight decisions. Now we must be most vigilant. The President may try to apply pressure in support of his tax increase by shutting down the government again. That is a real concern, and we cannot let that happen.

Do not let the President raid the Social Security trust fund in these last crucial hours for his spending programs. There must be real trust in the trust fund, and there must be real money there. People are depending on that money. I am one of them. It is my generation that is depending on that money. We must stop the raid on Social Security. It is our job and this Congress must succeed.

MOSELEY-BRAUN FOR NEW ZEALAND AMBASSADOR

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

Ms. MCKINNEY. Mr. Speaker, the last time I checked, a flag is made of cloth, not carved in stone. But it appears, Mr. Speaker, that the heart of at least one Senator is carved in stone and it is stone cold.

I have long known that some of my brothers and sisters in the South are still fighting the Civil War. But guess what, Mr. Speaker, the United States won. The Confederacy lost.

The South shall rise again. But this time under the leadership of a New South coalition that unites us rather than tears us apart. But some folks particularly in North Carolina did not get the message.

Like the slaves who did not get the word until years later that they were free, it appears that JESSE HELMS still has his heart in Confederate bondage. From fighting the Confederate flag on the Senate floor to singing "Dixie" in Senate elevators, Senator HELMS has ricocheted the Senate back to the Tara Plantation of "Gone With the Wind." Thank goodness those days really are gone with the wind.

Carol Moseley-Braun could be our next ambassador to New Zealand if President Clinton stands by her.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. THORNBERRY). The Chair will once again admonish the Member not to refer to Members of the other body.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the pending business is the question of agreeing to the Speaker's approval of the Journal of the last day's proceedings.

The question is on the Speaker's approval of the Journal.

The question was taken; and the Speaker pro tempore announced that the ayes appeared to have it.

Mr. TANCRED0. Mr. Speaker, I object to the vote on the ground that a quorum is not present and make the point of order that a quorum is not present.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Evidently a quorum is not present.

The Sergeant at Arms will notify absent Members.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 352, nays 62, not voting 19, as follows:

[Roll No. 520]

YEAS—352

Abercrombie	Chenoweth-Hage	Frost
Ackerman	Clayton	Gallegly
Allen	Clement	Ganske
Andrews	Coble	Gejdenson
Archer	Coburn	Gekas
Armey	Collins	Gilchrest
Baker	Condit	Gilman
Baldacci	Conyers	Gonzalez
Baldwin	Cook	Goode
Ballenger	Cooksey	Goodlatte
Barcia	Cox	Goodling
Barr	Coyne	Gordon
Barrett (NE)	Cramer	Goss
Barrett (WI)	Crowley	Graham
Bartlett	Cubin	Granger
Barton	Cunningham	Green (WI)
Bass	Danner	Greenwood
Bateman	Davis (FL)	Hall (OH)
Bentsen	Davis (IL)	Hall (TX)
Bereuter	Davis (VA)	Hansen
Berkley	Deal	Hastings (FL)
Berman	DeGette	Hastings (WA)
Berry	Delahunt	Hayes
Biggert	DeLauro	Hayworth
Billrakis	DeLay	Herger
Bishop	DeMint	Hill (IN)
Blagojevich	Deutsch	Hinche
Bliley	Diaz-Balart	Hinojosa
Blumenauer	Dicks	Hobson
Blunt	Dingell	Hoeffel
Boehlert	Dixon	Holden
Boehner	Doggett	Holt
Bonilla	Dooley	Horn
Bonior	Doolittle	Hostettler
Bono	Doyle	Houghton
Boswell	Dreier	Hoyer
Boucher	Duncan	Hulshof
Boyd	Dunn	Hunter
Brady (TX)	Edwards	Hutchinson
Brown (FL)	Ehlers	Hyde
Brown (OH)	Ehrlich	Inlee
Bryant	Emerson	Istook
Burr	Engel	Jackson (IL)
Buyer	Eshoo	Jackson-Lee
Callahan	Everett	(TX)
Calvert	Ewing	Jenkins
Campbell	Farr	John
Canady	Fletcher	Johnson (CT)
Cannon	Foley	Johnson, Sam
Capps	Ford	Jones (NC)
Cardin	Fossella	Jones (OH)
Carson	Fowler	Kanjorski
Castle	Frank (MA)	Kaptur
Chabot	Franks (NJ)	Kasich
Chambliss	Frelinghuysen	Kelly