

Board of Regents to allow Dr. Lombardi to sign each of their diplomas.

The second anecdote is even more true to his spirit, because at every homecoming Dr. Lombardi marched with the alumni band playing his trademark clarinet and wearing his Gator suspenders.

Today, Dr. Lombardi is leaving his post after a decade of dedicated service. We are fortunate, though, that he will not be going very far and that he plans to return to teaching in the University's history department. On this occasion, I wish Dr. Lombardi and Cathryne all the best and offer great thanks for all his hard work and efforts on behalf of the University of Florida.

THE BUDGET

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from New Jersey (Mr. PASCRELL) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. PASCRELL. Mr. Speaker, over the past few weeks, the Republican leadership has taken their year of budgetary gimmicks to a new level, and I want to address that.

Not only have they declared the Census an emergency, something we have been doing through the centuries, not only have they delayed funding for critical medical research at the National Institutes of Health, they tried to create a 13th month in the year and put off payments that lower-income working families receive under the Earned Income Tax Credit.

Not only have they put on the floor an appropriation bill that has abandoned our commitment to reduce class size in our schools, a commitment which we started in the 1999 budget to eliminate immunization for 300 kids and gutted funding to hire teachers for disadvantaged students, not only have they been saying that they are the great protectors of Social Security and Social Security surpluses, while their own Congress Budget Office numbers which they have demanded the House use say the exact opposite, that all would have been bad enough, now they are telling us they are doing the responsible thing.

They have decided to hold up a penny and say, of course we can cut one penny out of every dollar we spend. One percent they say. That is just wasted money. They have abandoned apparently their idea of an \$800 billion tax cut, so-called tax cut.

Why? It did not resonate with the people of America. The reply of the leadership has been, Most people don't pay taxes. That's why people aren't supporting this tax cut.

They have got to be kidding me. Most people in America do pay taxes. Most people in America of adult age work if they are not retired. But let us keep it elementary. Let us keep it very simple. Let us get back to the penny.

We all know that on the face of this penny is the face of Abraham Lincoln,

our great role model. It appears here. As we listen to the rhetoric of the leadership, I would like this House to consider some other faces that are reflected here in this penny, the faces of those who represent the real story of about what this penny means.

Consider the face of Bob Corsa from Clifton, New Jersey. Bob is one of our Nation's veterans. Cutting that penny means that he and his fellow veterans will lose nearly \$200 million in funding for desperately needed medical care. This little penny I hold in my hands that their side has held up night after night, I am holding it up tonight. These are America's heroes. Yet, the Republican leadership calls their medical care wasteful spending. What is one penny? What is one percent?

How about the face of the young 3-year-old in the town I grew up in and still live in, Paterson, New Jersey, who may be one of 5,000 children denied an opportunity to attend Head Start programs. He or she would be so denied because this penny actually means 39 million less dollars for Head Start in their proposal. The other side calls these investments in our future wasteful spending.

We should also remember the face of that college student who will not have the opportunity to receive work study assistance or the family who will be forced to live another decade near a toxic waste site because funding for the cleanup of that site has been slashed.

The other side is saying to those citizens, it is just a penny. It is just wasteful spending we are cutting. Their argument is the easy way out. It is an across-the-board cut that fails those we were sent here to advocate for, the voiceless. And we continue this process.

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION CANNOT BE AUDITED

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Washington (Mr. METCALF) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. METCALF. Mr. Speaker, today the Department of Education cannot produce the required paperwork to allow their financial books to be audited by the General Accounting Office, the GAO. It is the only department that has not been audited for fiscal year 1998.

The Federal Department of Education is responsible for distributing \$120 billion a year in education spending. Unfortunately, it does not know where all that money is going. It is unacceptable that the Department of Education cannot account for how billions of dollars intended for institutes are being spent.

Yet, rather than looking at these issues, the Department has claimed that, as a result of a less than 1 percent reduction in their budget, they will have to cut funding for education programs because they say there is no waste in their agency.

I am convinced that we can find savings and solutions in the Department of Education and make sure that taxpayer dollars are used as they were intended, to help kids learn, not on bureaucratic mix-up or faulty computer systems. But until the Department of Education is willing to work to find out how they spend all our money, we cannot be sure how much waste is occurring or how much we can more effectively spend taxpayer dollars.

How does anyone explain how a Federal department is unauditible? The only worst case I have ever heard about than this one is in 1995, 1996 the IRS could not account for about \$4 billion. They just could not account for it. They just lost it or misplaced it, I guess.

The Republican Congress wants to take a different approach to education, flexibility in return for strong accountability, the opportunity for parents, teachers, and schools to spend money the way they choose in return for providing that students are learning.

We have asked the GAO to look at some of the Department's accounting practices to make sure that every dollar that should be going to the classroom students is actually getting there to the local districts and classrooms.

I hope that the President and Secretary Riley will work with us to make sure that every Federal education dollar is spent wisely and is used to help children learn, not spent on red tape or bureaucratic mistakes.

The first step in making sure that the Department of Education's books are auditible is that we know where the money is going. I hope Secretary Riley will do everything he can to make sure this happens as soon as possible.

SOCIAL SECURITY

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from California (Ms. WOOLSEY) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Ms. WOOLSEY. Mr. Speaker, Republicans must take all of us for fools, standing on a soap box trying to convince the American public that they are the saviors of Social Security, when in fact they are like the thief who does not believe he has committed a crime until he gets caught. Then he goes, oh, I committed a crime.

Instead of supporting Social Security, the Republican leadership has a long track record of hostility toward that good program.

In fact, the gentleman from Texas (Mr. ARMEY), the majority leader, has maligned Social Security as a rotten trick and as a bad retirement for American people. Republicans have tried to eliminate Social Security. They have tried to privatize Social Security, and they are trying to steal from it.

The Republican budget proposals before us this week and for the past few weeks would not add a single day to Social Security's solvency.

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We are already into the fourth week of fiscal year 2000 and the Republicans are covertly dipping into the Social Security program. The reality is that the Republican spending bills have already spent the Social Security trust fund surplus for fiscal year 2000. And according to the Congressional Budget Office, despite the majority's smoke and mirrors, they have borrowed more than \$13 billion of the Social Security surplus up to this date. And by the time we are finished with all of the spending bills, CBO estimates, if we go in the way that they are proposing, that \$13 billion will actually be \$24 billion. How does this extend the life of Social Security and the Social Security trust fund?

From past remarks, we know that the Republicans would be perfectly okay to let Social Security dry up and go away. Social Security, however, faces a shortfall over the long term and Congress must work, and we must work together, with real numbers, to secure the future of Social Security for Americans and for American families in the future.

I say to the Republicans, stop talking. Start working. Work with us. Work with the President. Work on a plan to extend the life of the program. Actually, the President has a plan to shore up Social Security over the long term. His plan would reduce the national debt by \$3.1 trillion over the next 15 years and eventually devote the savings to extend the life of Social Security. We have a responsibility to future generations, to ensure that Social Security remains the strong successful program it is and that our country's priorities are addressed at the same time.

I have a message for the Republican leaders. You are not fooling anybody. Stop talking. Start working. Work with us. Work with the President and work for the people of this country.

TRIBUTE TO RETIRING UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA PRESIDENT JOHN LOMBARDI

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. KUYKENDALL). Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Florida (Mr. MICA) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. MICA. Mr. Speaker, first I want to pay just a few moments of tribute to one of the most distinguished gentlemen I know in the State of Florida, a gentleman I have known for the past decade, who has headed the University of Florida, Mr. John Lombardi. John Lombardi is retiring as the President of the University of Florida. I have had an opportunity since I first attended the University of Florida, it will be some 40 years ago, in 1960, as a freshman on that campus, to see the University of Florida, which gave me an incredible opportunity in life, an educational advantage. I have seen many

Presidents, J. Wayne Reitz, Phil O'Connell, Bob Marston, Marshall Criser, the interim President Bryan and others who have done a superb job in leading our first and foremost university in Florida, the University of Florida in Gainesville. But I have never seen an individual who has done a more incredible job in bringing together success in academics, success in programs, success in contributions to the university, both financial contributions and incredible standing. There just is no one who has done a more incredible job than John Lombardi. As he departs this week after a decade of service to our university, to our State, I salute him along with other members of the Florida delegation for what he has done for my alma mater, in raising the academic standards and improving student performance and increasing graduation rates, and for increasing the number of degree programs and again the academic standing that he brought to the University of Florida through his efforts.

Just a word of praise, also, for his gracious, hardworking wife Carolyn who also with John Lombardi provided her leadership as really our first lady and spokesperson for the university and tremendous hostess for the university. Another tireless, devoted individual who gave so much to the University of Florida. We truly will miss them, but we are truly grateful for their tremendous contributions, Mr. Speaker.

The final tribute is not given by me but given by the graduates to John Lombardi of this fall's term. Even though there is an interim president coming, a very distinguished gentleman coming, they have signed a petition, the graduating seniors, to request that John Lombardi sign their diplomas, a final salute, not only from alumni and distinguished alumni from throughout the country and the State but even from those graduating this year. So, John Lombardi, we salute you, and you have done a tremendous job.

Mr. Speaker, I also wanted to speak in my remaining few moments to the comments of the last speakers who accuse the Republicans of stealing or robbing from Social Security. What could be more absurd? Every time the Democrats came to the floor and controlled the House of Representatives for 40 years, they in fact not only spent all the money in the Social Security trust fund, they went beyond that and spent 200 and \$300 billion more per year in funding beyond that. This Republican controlled Congress is the first time we have brought our financial house into order. We have never said to do away with Social Security. We said the other side bankrupted Social Security. We laid the facts and the information before the American public and we looked for alternatives to take pressure off of Social Security so that Social Security could be secure and not robbed.

So for the first time, and again I cannot believe they can come to the floor

with a straight face and to the American people and say that the Republicans have not been good trustees of this fund. I urge my colleagues and the American people to look for the truth, not rhetoric.

TRIBUTE TO REVEREND WILBUR N. DANIEL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. DAVIS) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to a great theologian, a great community builder, a tremendous humanitarian and a great American, Reverend Wilbur N. Daniel, pastor of the Antioch Missionary Baptist Church of Chicago for 42 years. Reverend Daniel will be best remembered as a fast start Baptist preacher who had the ability to electrify and move crowds in a matter of 2 or 3 minutes. He was a tremendous organizer and social activist who served as president of the Southside Branch NAACP in Chicago. He was chairman of the board of the Antioch Foundation, moderator of the North Woodriver Baptist District Association for 40 years, treasurer of the National Baptist Convention of America and chairman of the board of directors of the Highland Community Bank.

Reverend Daniel was born in Louisville, Kentucky, where he attended school and entered the ministry at age 25. His first pastorate was at the Macedonia Baptist Church in Gary, Indiana. It was while there that he enrolled at the Fort Wayne Bible Institute and then on to becoming one of the most learned theologians in America.

While a great preacher and spiritual motivator, Dr. Daniel was also a master builder and his church was an early leader in the building of affordable housing through its Eden's Green Development. He will be seriously remembered for helping to rebuild the Englewood Community in Chicago. When you drive through it, you will see new homes, senior citizen buildings, nursing homes, rehabilitated apartment dwellings, all put together by Reverend Wilbur Daniel and his 4,000-member Antioch Missionary Baptist Church.

Please do not think that Dr. Daniel relied upon the spirit alone. He was an astute politician. He was Republican, Democrat, Independent, making use of everybody to build houses and develop communities. A visionary who encouraged social activism, civic involvement, union organizing, outreach programs for the needy and recreational activities for youth. He built a Christian academy and brought more than \$25 million of Federal housing money into the Englewood Community. Condolences to his sons Wilbur Jr., Ricky Eugene and two grandchildren. A dreamer, a man of vision, a worker, a leader, a good neighbor, a good friend, and a great American, Dr. Wilbur N. Daniel.