

domestic product in taxes, the highest since World War II according to the Congressional Budget Office.

The average U.S. household will pay approximately \$5,307 more in taxes to their Government than it needs over the next 10 years according to the Congressional Research Service.

The typical American working family pays more than 38 percent of its income in total taxes, more than it spends on food, clothing, and shelter combined. The average household pays \$9,445 in federal income taxes alone, which is twice what it paid in 1985.

Is it any wonder that Americans feel as though they are working harder than ever but cannot seem to get ahead?

Broad-based tax relief is the best answer. Working families should not be working for Washington. Rather, Washington should be working for families.

I yield back any change we have in our pockets.

GUN SAFETY LEGISLATION

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

Ms. DeLAURO. Mr. Speaker, another week in America, another mass shooting. Seven people killed at Ft. Worth, Texas, four of them children. Every day 13 children are killed by guns in America. Yet, this Congress does nothing.

Opponents to gun safety laws say that no law could have prevented the Ft. Worth tragedy. They may be right. But just because we cannot save all of the children does not mean we should not try to save any of our children.

Hundreds of children have died since the tragedy at Columbine High School, when Congress promised to act.

Today I join my colleagues to pay tribute to some of those children and to urge the congressional leadership to pass gun safety legislation in their memory.

April Bonita Turner, age 18, killed by gunfire on April 20, 1999, Washington, D.C.; Courtney Bradley, age 18, killed by gunfire on April 22, 1999, St. Louis, Missouri; James Walton, age 16, killed by gunfire on April 22, 1999, St. Louis, Missouri; Pierre David, age 18, killed by gunfire on April 28, 1999, Detroit, Michigan; Sheldon Jones, age 17, killed by gunfire on April 28, 1999, Washington, D.C.; Tonetta Smith, age 16, killed by gunfire on April 29, 1999, Washington, D.C.

NATIONAL MINORITY ENTREPRENEURS OF THE YEAR

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

Mrs. WILSON. Mr. Speaker, tonight in Washington, D.C., the country will recognize nine national minority entrepreneurs of the year. Of those nine, two come from Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Miguel Rios started Orion International Technologies in 1985 and has grown that company to 140 employees and \$9 million in revenue providing engineering and systems integration services for lasers at White Sands Missile Range and Air Force Research Laboratory. He is one of the Nation's top Hispanic high-tech firms.

Tito Bonano started Beta Corporation in 1993 to provide radioactive waste management services and has branched into computer services, as well. Both of these national minority entrepreneurs of the year formerly worked at Sandia National Laboratories in Albuquerque, and Tito has also had his business named as one of the top 10 of New Mexico's Flying 40, the fastest growing high-tech firms.

We are all proud of them as Americans and as New Mexicans and we honor them today.

YOUTH VIOLENCE PLAGUES OUR INNER CITIES

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

Ms. LEE. Mr. Speaker, youth violence has plagued our inner cities for years. Legislators, community activists, parents, and teachers have all called for a comprehensive solution.

Homicide is the leading cause of death among black males age 15 to 24. Unfortunately, now gun violence is now happening everywhere. We must pass gun safety legislation now. Access to guns by children and criminals should end.

Let us remember all children who have been killed by gunfire. I call to the attention of my colleagues those who have been killed since the Columbine tragedy:

Pablo Vega, age 18, killed by gunfire on May 4, 1999, Detroit, Michigan; Ernest Troche, age 17, killed by gunfire on May 8, 1999, Bridgeport, Connecticut; Salvador Galimoto, Jr., age 13, killed by gunfire on May 9, 1999, Milwaukee, Wisconsin; Tyquan Miller, age 9, killed by gunfire on May 16, 1999, Richmond, Virginia; Brad Crouse, age 15, killed by gunfire on May 19, 1999, Hillsboro, Wisconsin; Edward Belton, age 18, killed by gunfire on May 21, 1999, St. Louis, Missouri; George Camacho, age 14, killed by gunfire on May 22, 1999, San Bernardino, California.

PRESIDENT RELEASES FALN TERRORISTS

(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, last week the President of the United States released the FALN terrorists from prison onto the streets. These terrorists committed heinous crimes and were convicted of robbery, sedition, and con-

spiracy. We even have pictures of them actually making bombs. The President somehow trusts these terrorists that they will now do the right thing.

Mr. Speaker, when it comes to the American taxpayers deciding for themselves how to spend their own money, the President does not trust them. The President prefers to continue letting the bureaucracy in Washington dictate how Americans' hard-earned money is spent.

This is what President Clinton said earlier this year: "So the question is, what do we do with the surplus? We could give it all back and hope you spend it right."

How about that? The President can only hope the American people would do the right thing. That is outrageous, Mr. Speaker. The President trusts FALN terrorists. He trusts the federal bureaucracy here in Washington. But he does not trust the American people with their own money.

What is next? The Unabomber on the street?

GUN SAFETY LEGISLATION

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

Ms. SCHAKOWSKY. Mr. Speaker, in my hometown of Evanston, Illinois, I have been to three funerals in recent months. I have cried with grieving parents bearing their children because of senseless gun violence. To honor the memories of those children, I pledge my support for gun safety legislation and continue the roll call of names of children who have been killed by gunfire since Columbine:

Susie King, age 11, killed by gunfire on May 23, 1999, West Lampeter, Pennsylvania; Lee Brown, age 16, killed by gunfire on May 27, 1999, Forest Park, Georgia; Armando Garcia, age 16, killed by gunfire on May 28, 1999, San Bernardino, California; Angela Yglesias, age 18, killed by gunfire May 28, 1999, Detroit, Michigan; Antonio Munoz, age 17, killed by gunfire on May 30, 1999, Providence, Rhode Island; Iris Turull, age 3, killed by gunfire on May 31, 1999, Bronx, New York; Daron Mitchell, age 18, killed by gunfire on May 31, 1999, Akron, Ohio; Allen Darrington, age 17, killed by gunfire on June 1, 1999, Kansas City.

ELIMINATION OF THE MARRIAGE TAX PENALTY

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

Mr. WELLER. Mr. Speaker, is it right, is it fair that under our tax code married working couples pay more in taxes just because they are married? Is it right, is it fair that 21 million married working couples pay higher taxes than identical couples with identical incomes who live together outside of marriage? Of course it is wrong.

Let me introduce to my colleagues Michelle and Shad Hallihan, public school teachers from Joliet, Illinois. They suffer the marriage tax penalty. Twenty-one million married working couples pay an average \$1,400 more in higher taxes just because they are married.

Now, \$1,400 in Joliet, Illinois, where Shad and Michelle live, is one year's tuition at Joliet Junior College. It is 3 months of day-care at a local child care center. It is also several months' worth of car payments.

This Republican Congress believes we should eliminate the marriage tax penalty. We passed legislation as part of the Financial Freedom Act, our tax cut, to eliminate the marriage tax penalty for a majority of those who suffer it, people like Michelle and Shad Hallihan.

My colleagues, the question is will the President join with us? Does he want to spend the money here in Washington, or does he want to eliminate the marriage tax penalty?

Mr. President, sign the tax cut. Let us eliminate the marriage tax penalty for Michelle and Shad Hallihan.

HOW MANY MORE CHILDREN'S LIVES WILL END BY GUNFIRE?

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

Mrs. LOWEY. Mr. Speaker, how many more children's lives will be ended by gunfire? How many more tears will parents shed?

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Mr. Speaker, it is time to act. We must pass gun safety legislation now.

Mr. Speaker, I am here to continue the roll of names of children who have been killed by gunfire since Columbine:

Dominic E. Johnson, age 16, killed by gunfire on June 1, 1999, St. Louis, Missouri;

A.J. Flores, age 13, killed by gunfire on June 2, 1999, Grand Prairie, Texas;

William Floyd, age 18, killed by gunfire on June 2, 1999, Washington, D.C.;

Ricky Salizar, age 12, killed by gunfire on June 2, 1999, Roswell, New Mexico;

Rodney Nelson, age 17, killed by gunfire on June 3, 1999, Detroit, Michigan.

DEFEAT H.R. 1402, CONSOLIDATION OF MILK MARKETING ORDERS

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

Mr. GUTKNECHT. Mr. Speaker, for 62 years dairy farmers in the upper Midwest have been placed at a competitive disadvantage. For 62 years we have received less for our milk simply because we are closer to Eau Claire, Wisconsin. No other product in America is priced based on where it comes from and what it goes into, only milk.

In response to this, a couple of years ago Congress authorized the Secretary of Agriculture to come up with modest reforms. Dairy farmers have spoken. They voted in a plebiscite to endorse Secretary Glickman's modest proposal.

Mr. Speaker, out in the Midwest we have an expression: A deal is a deal; and a bargain is a bargain.

The farmers have spoken, but unfortunately we are going to have a great debate today to undo those modest reforms.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, please as we listen to this debate today, we should vote our consciences, not the special interests, defeat H.R. 1402.

THIS CONGRESS WILL NOT PASS REAL GUN SAFETY LEGISLATION

(Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, today I stand here to offer the names of dead children, the names of children who were killed by guns since Columbine. I represent the mothers whose tears will not dry and the fathers who have broken hearts because of the loss of their children because this Congress will not pass real gun safety reform.

So this morning, Mr. Speaker, I am here to continue the roll of our dead children:

Robert J. Prough, age 13, killed by gunfire on June 4, 1999, Beaver Dam, Wisconsin;

Maurice Jiles, age 18, killed by gunfire on June 5, 1999, Gary, Indiana;

Joseph Sweeney, age 18, killed by gunfire on June 5, 1999, Washington, D.C.;

Lawanza Robinson, age 18, killed by gunfire on June 16, 1999, Detroit, Michigan;

Blaine Reeves, age 15, killed by gunfire on June 9, 1999, Atlanta, Georgia;

Raphael Rivera, age 14, killed by gunfire on June 10, 1999, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania;

Shannon Smith, age 14, killed by gunfire on June 14, 1999, Phoenix, Arizona;

Brandon Williams, age 3, killed by gunfire on June 15, 1999, Hollywood, Florida.

PORKER OF THE WEEK AWARD

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

Mr. HEFLEY. A study from the General Accounting Office reveals that President Clinton's trips last year to Africa, China, and Chile cost more than \$72 million. The President's six-nation tour of Africa required advanced, 10 separate advance, trips to arrange the itinerary, 1300 military and civilian officials, more than 200 White House aides, 13 helicopters and enough equipment to require 98 air cargo missions, all at a cost of \$43 million. A 10-day

trip to China costs nearly \$19 million, and a 4-day regional summit in Chile had a \$10.8 million price tag. Of the 72.1 million total for these three trips, 84 percent was charged to the Defense Department.

At a time when Bill Clinton is gutting defense budgets and asking for military personnel to do more with less it is offensive that he draws tens of millions of dollars for presidential trips that yield very little. Instead of perpetuating the 13-year downward defense spending cycle this administration has continually promoted, Clinton should build up America's military that he so readily uses.

Does not it appear excessive to pin \$72 million on three trips billed as goodwill tours? Bill Clinton gets my "Porker of the Week Award."

WHO WOULD HAVE THOUGHT THERE WOULD EVER BE A CONGRESS LIKE THIS ONE?

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

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, who would have thought that our country would ever see so much gun carnage? Who would have thought that the killings would spread from districts like mine to districts of all my colleagues? Who would have thought there would ever be a Congress like this one who would have done nothing about the killing of children like those whose names I read killed since Columbine?

Lee Martindale, age 14, killed by gunfire on June 17, 1999, St. Louis, Missouri;

Roshon Hollinger, age 5, killed by gunfire on June 20, 1999, Atlanta, Georgia;

Darryl Hall, age 13, killed by gunfire on June 22, 1999, Jacksonville, Florida; Khari Bartigan, age 18, killed by gunfire on June 23, 1999, Boston, Massachusetts;

Deslond Glenn, age 17, killed by gunfire on June 24, 1999, Fort Worth, Texas;

Fred Warren, age 18, killed by gunfire on June 25, 1999, Miami-Dade County, Florida;

Chau Tran, age 17, killed by gunfire on June 26, 1999, Lansing Michigan;

Richard Rogers, age 16, killed by gunfire on June 29, 1999, Fort Wayne, Indiana.

PUTTING EVERYDAY AMERICANS AHEAD OF BIG GOVERNMENT

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

Mr. SCHAFFER. Mr. Speaker, government confiscates too much money from the American family. In my view, the Republican tax relief package currently sitting on the President's desk improves the fairness of the Tax Code.

For example, it reduces the marriage tax penalty which seems to me an obvious step in the right direction. It also