

the debt of our citizens. It is that simple. If they cannot figure it out, maybe they should not be running the place.

Mr. Speaker, I yield such time as he may consume to the gentleman from Georgia (Mr. SCOTT).

Mr. RYAN of Wisconsin. Madam Speaker, I yield 1 minute to the gentleman from Georgia (Mr. SCOTT).

Mr. SCOTT of Georgia. Madam Speaker, first, I want to respond to something my distinguished colleague from the other side said. Now you talk about smoke and mirrors. For him to say on our side that we are talking about raising taxes is so disingenuous. Nobody is talking about raising taxes. We are talking about fiscal responsibility and pay-as-you-go responsibilities.

We are saying that we do not want to cut vital services to the American people and then go borrow more money that we have to pay interest on. That, in effect, when you put it altogether, if anybody is talking about raising taxes, it is the Republicans. Somebody has to pay for this. You know who is going to pay for it, our grandchildren and our children based on their proposals.

No, sir, you are not going to be able to depend on Democrats this night that we are talking about raising taxes. Democrats are talking about keeping our taxes low and bringing fiscal responsibility back to this House.

You talk about responsibility. When Democrats were in control, when President Clinton was there, he left a several trillion dollar surplus. In just 5 years, this President and this Republican-led Congress has squandered that surplus. So when you talk about who is more responsible for the taxpayers' money, it is Democrats, not Republicans. And the American people are not going to be fooled by this smoke and mirrors of consistently trying to paint the Democrats as being for raising taxes and they for not. The Republicans are for raising taxes and raising the debt ceiling.

Madam Speaker, I want to show this chart. It is not as big as your chart, but the Republicans have increased the debt limit by \$3 trillion. I have been here 4 years, and this is the fourth time that the Republicans have asked to raise the debt ceiling so they can borrow more money.

In June, 2002, they asked to raise the debt ceiling by \$452 billion. In May, 2003, they asked to raise the debt ceiling by \$984 billion. In November of 2004, they raised the debt ceiling by \$800 billion, all of which we are borrowing against, against the best national security interests of this country, against the best financial security interests of this country.

Mr. RYAN of Wisconsin. Madam Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

I hope the gentleman appreciates the fact that I yielded him a minute to beat me up some more.

Mr. SCOTT of Georgia. Madam Speaker, will the gentleman yield?

Mr. RYAN of Wisconsin. I yield to the gentleman from Georgia.

Mr. SCOTT of Georgia. Madam Speaker, let me assure the gentleman it was not beating him up. He is a great gentleman, but it is some of the policies that have been emanating from the gentleman's leadership.

Mr. RYAN of Wisconsin. Reclaiming my time, a couple of points.

Number one, as a percentage of this economy, this is not the largest deficit we have had in history, which is the statistic that matters. But you know what? This deficit is too big because it is a deficit, period.

Number two, if you do not pass this tax bill, taxes automatically go up. That means they are increased. Here is what this tax bill does: It prevents these tax cuts from going away. Said another way, it keeps taxes where they are so they do not automatically increase because the law requires that taxes go up next year, the year after, and the year after that.

So the concern we have is that because we lowered taxes, got economic growth going again, created new jobs, it actually increased revenues to the Federal Government and lowered our deficit projections. The concern we have is let us focus on spending, not taking more money out of the pocketbooks of our constituents. Let us not take a bigger bite of the paychecks of the workers of America by taking more of their tax dollars. Let us prevent these tax increases from hitting the American people and let us focus on the real problem, spending.

So if you try to defeat this tax bill, you are basically saying we want taxes to increase. Or if you want to offset it, you are saying to prevent tax increases we need to increase taxes. That does not make a lot of sense.

So the point is we have probably a fundamental disagreement. We believe that we should not raise taxes on people. We believe that the more money a person has in their paycheck, the more money a person has in their pocketbook and wallet and their business, the more successful they are going to be, the more freedom they have, the more prosperous they will be and the better our economy will be. And its impact on our budget deficits is a beneficial one, usually, because it means there are more revenues coming to the government.

Nevertheless, we should not look at it as an opportunity to spend. We should look at this good economic news we have right now, the fact that the economy is growing, people are going back to work and paying taxes, we should look at this as a moment to make sure we do not spend as much money so we can reduce the deficit and pay down our debt. That is what it is all about at the end of the day.

Madam Speaker, I appreciate the dialogue and the debate. I urge a no vote on this motion to instruct.

Madam Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mrs. DRAKE). Without objection, the previous question is ordered on the motion to instruct.

There was no objection.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion to instruct offered by the gentleman from Tennessee (Mr. TANNER).

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

Mr. TANNER. Madam Speaker, on that I demand the yeas and nays.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, further proceedings on this motion will be postponed.

LIBERATION OF IRAQ

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

Mr. POE. Madam Speaker, 3 years ago this month, the fight for liberation of Iraq began in the hot desert lands of the Middle East. On March 19, 2003, American soldiers embarked on the war against tyranny, treachery and terrorism. Since then, thousands of brave, passionate Americans have fought for freedom for the Iraqi people.

As the song says, all have given some, and some have given all in this battle for liberty and justice. The Americans went to Iraq as freedom fighters and have established a democracy in that place that has never known true freedom.

Those young Americans are all volunteers, and more Americans are joining the military each day to continue this battle.

When I was in Iraq, I visited with those Americans, and they told me they are winning this war on terror, and I agree with them. This is the finest military ever assembled in history, and we owe them our support and our resolve. I paraphrase what President Kennedy said, We will support any friend, oppose any foe, pay any price to secure the defense of liberty.

Some things are just worth fighting for, and freedom is one of those things. God bless these Americans, and that's just the way it is.

CONGRATULATING THE PLANO, TEXAS, BOYS BASKETBALL TEAM

(Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks and include therein extraneous material.)

Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Plano Senior High School boys basketball team.

Under the leadership of Coach Inman, they made history on March 11 as the first Plano school team to capture a State basketball championship. The Wildcats, you know, come-from-behind

victory over the defending State champs, Kingwood, on Saturday in overtime will go down as one of the most exciting basketball games in Texas high school history.

They won 60-58 to clinch the coveted State title. I say, Congratulations, Wildcats. Y'all embody the school motto: A Tradition of Excellence.

God bless you and God bless America. Boys, we are proud of you. Plano is proud of you. America is proud of you. And I salute you.

Madam Speaker, at this point, I will insert the names of the players into the RECORD.

Coach Tom Inman:

2005-2006 PIANO VARSITY ROSTER

No.	Player	Position	Height	Class
00	Anton Korolev	Post	7-0	Junior
1	Chris Hsiao	Point	5-9	Senior
2	Nathan Christian	Wing	6-4	Sophomore
3	Anteus Mann	Wing	5-11	Junior
4	Eric Zastoupil	Post	6-8	Senior
5	Tyler Roof	Wing	6-1	Senior
10	Landon Skinner	Point	6-2	Junior
15	Rex Burkhead	Wing	5-10	Freshman
21	John Roberson	Point	5-11	Junior
22	Robert Jackson	Wing	6-2	Senior
23	Michael Daniel	Point	5-10	Sophomore
24	Joseph Fulce	Wing	6-7	Senior
25	Raahul Ramakrishnan	Post	6-4	Junior
32	Lawrence Mann	Post	6-5	Senior
34	Cody Jones	Post	6-7	Senior

Principal Dr. Doyle Dean

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SPECIAL ORDERS

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mrs. DRAKE). Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 4, 2005, and under a previous order of the House, the following Members will be recognized for 5 minutes each.

AMNESTY WORKER PROGRAM

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

Mr. POE. Madam Speaker, with the overwhelming problem of illegals in this country, some in this Congress want to make it worse. They think that an amnesty worker program is the answer to this problem, and tomorrow the Senate Judiciary Committee will be meeting to consider an amnesty worker program as a solution to the problem. I could not disagree more.

A program granting amnesty for millions of lawless illegals that are already breaking the law by being here defies common sense. We heard that illegals will take jobs Americans won't take. Well, there is absolutely no proof of this assertion. Also, this statement

is an insult to the American worker. The jobs illegals sometimes get are below minimum wage, thus driving down the value of American workers. This program is another way of outsourcing American jobs but by bringing the foreigners to our country rather than shipping the jobs to their country.

Under proposals here in Congress, there is no limit to the number of workers allowed to enter; and they would be allowed to bring with them their families. And did I mention that they are expected to leave then after 6 years? We already know that 60 percent of the people who legally came into the United States never left after their visas expired. What makes us think this time will be different?

With an amnesty worker program come the worker's family members who will need the use of our public school systems, health care, public housing and other social services. Where is this money going to come from, Madam Speaker? Well, it is going to come from the American taxpayer. The taxpayer always pays. That is the responsibility, for some reason, for American taxpayers to pay for those people who are from foreign countries illegally in the United States.

And it is also likely the United States will lose even more money because the remittances that these guest workers send home to their families and their home country is growing every day. According to a survey by the InterAmerican Development Bank, Mexican and Latin American immigrants living in the United States already send \$30 billion a year in remittances back to their native country.

It is also estimated that 20 percent of the cost of health care and 20 percent of the cost of education comes from those who are illegally in the United States and not contributing to pay for the cost.

Making these so-called workers legal will not change the cost to the American taxpayer.

And after 6 years, what plans do we have to make sure that these individuals will leave? We are taking their word for the fact that when their time is up they will quietly pack up and go back home. This defies common sense.

This same sort of situation occurred back in 1986 when 3 million illegals were given blanket amnesty on the condition there would be a ban on hiring other illegal immigrants. This so-called ban was essentially ignored by employers, and we have no reason to expect a different result this time.

Furthermore, the amnesty work program would be managed by the United

States Citizenship and Immigration Services, the CIS. Well, the United States Government Accounting Office released a report this week charging these bureaucrats with a failed organizational infrastructure and massive mismanagement and corruption.

The report shows that the CIS doesn't have a handle on fraud, doesn't do enough to deter it and won't have a fraud management system in place until 2011. The GAO report also found that most of the fraud is a result of a backlog of applications which placed additional pressure on the CIS to produce or process applications faster, making an increased risk of incorrect decisions, including approval of potentially fraudulent applications.

Because of this pressure, multiple offenders are able to game the system, because neither the CIS nor the Immigration and Customs Enforcement regularly penalize those illegals caught committing fraud.

The GAO also found that, of the 94 terrorists known to operate in the United States between the 1990s and 2004, including the September 11 hijackers, two-thirds committed immigration fraud. And now we want bureaucrats to run an amnesty worker program when they are already not capable of the running the programs that they have.

We must remember that an amnesty worker program will not stop illegal immigration. We already have three guest worker programs in place, and we are still dealing with illegal immigration on a daily basis. In 1986, the Immigration Reform and Control Act legalized 3 million aliens in an attempt to control and reform immigration woes. A lot of good that did. Now, 20 years later, those 3 million have grown to almost 12 million.

The consequences of an amnesty worker program could be chaotic, and there is clear risk to our homeland security. The GAO report is yet another reason added to the long list of why amnesty worker program would be a disaster for the United States. So, Madam Speaker, we cannot outsource American jobs by bringing more illegals into the United States under the banner of amnesty. That's just the way it is.

HONORING TOM OGBURN, JR.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentlewoman from North Carolina (Ms. FOXX) is recognized for 5 minutes.