

### NUTRITION BLOCK GRANT PROPOSAL CALLED MEAN SPIRITED

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

Mr. WARD. Mr. Speaker, today I rise in opposition to the mean-spirited nutrition block grant proposal. I say mean spirited, and I do intend to say that, because what the Republicans are saying is, "No, we're not going to cut the amount of money that's spent. We're going to put it into one bundle or block and give it to each of the States."

You know, that sounds good on the surface, but what they are doing is saying, "What we're going to spend is a fixed amount. It's not going to depend on the economy. It's not going to depend how some regions of our country fare compared to some other regions. It's going to depend on how much we want to give them today."

Let me tell you, Mr. Speaker. It will devastate our Nation's children. Children are the most defenseless population in America. They are entirely at the mercy of adults. We have a moral obligation to provide for these children.

When I was in the Peace Corps, living in Africa, I was not surprised to see children malnourished. I do not want to see it in America.

### BALANCED BUDGET AMENDMENT

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

Mr. JONES. Mr. Speaker, while home over the weekend, numerous people shared their hope and anticipation in the passage of the balanced budget amendment. These people understand the need for this legislation since their share of the national debt exceeds \$13,000. The debt now stands at over \$4.5 trillion and it has been 25 years since the Federal Government has endorsed a fiscal year surplus.

My constituents and constituents nationwide want a balanced budget amendment because it denies the Federal Government from spending more than it takes in. It ensures that the Federal Government lives by the same rules as families, businesses, and local governments, and it restores fiscal sanity and common sense to Washington. As elected officials, it is our duty to work for passage of this legislation. This commonsense approach to changing business as usual is the right thing to do for future generations.

My fellow Members, it is my hope that this amendment passes for the sake of the American people.

### CHINESE TRADE: THE FLY AND THE SHARK

(Mr. TRAFICANT asked and was given permission to address the House

for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. TRAFICANT. Mr. Speaker, another trade deal with China. This time it is over software. Software, Mr. Speaker. While we are quibbling over software, China is melting down hardware in factories all over America.

Check this out. Nike makes over 1 million pairs of athletic shoes in China every year and it costs 17 cents to make a pair of those shoes. Nearly all of them are shipped to America and they sell for over \$100 a pair. But these think tank experts keep telling Congress, we need these cheap Chinese goods so we can keep our prices down.

Beam me up, Mr. Speaker. I commend Mickey Kantor for his efforts, but the truth is I think this trade deal is a fly on China's face while a full-grown great white shark is eating America's assets. That is assets, Mr. Speaker. Think about it.

### ENDING BIG BUSINESS AS WE KNOW IT

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

Mr. KNOLLENBERG. Mr. Speaker, tomorrow the other body will cast its most important vote to date on the balanced budget amendment. Only a balanced budget amendment can provide the discipline to end deficit spending, shrink the Government, and reduce the burden on American families to shoulder the national debt for generations to come.

The balanced budget amendment is still one vote short as President Clinton and the other guardians of big government are doing everything within their power to kill it.

The fact of the matter is that many Members of Congress and the President have absolutely no intention of ever balancing the budget. They seem to be content with ongoing \$200 billion deficits and the intrusion of big government into the daily lives of American taxpayers.

Mr. Speaker, there is a fork in the road and the paths are clear. One leads to more of the same, deficits and higher taxes. The other leads toward the replacement of the welfare state with an opportunity society that understands that power emanates from people, not from government.

The choice is clear. I urge all my colleagues in the other body to move this country in the right direction.

### PUBLIC BROADCASTING BRINGS REWARDS

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

Mr. MINETA. Mr. Speaker, last week the House Appropriations Committee took the first step to cut funding, and

eventually eliminate, the Corporation for Public Broadcasting.

Public Broadcasting stations are different than commercial stations in that they are not always bound by the bottom line. This allows them to air programs commercial stations cannot afford. And it allows the American public to watch quality, commercial-free programming that is not available elsewhere.

The Corporation for Public Broadcasting ensures that our children watch Sesame Street rather than Beavis and Butthead, that quality arts and cultural entertainment are available, and that we get indepth news coverage on television and radio.

Mr. Speaker, as we cut Federal spending, we must be smart and responsible. And we should remember that for a relatively small investment, Public Broadcasting brings us great rewards.

### PASS THE BALANCED BUDGET AMENDMENT

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

Mr. CHABOT. Mr. Speaker, after listening to some of my liberal colleagues on the other side of the aisle, you would think that balancing the budget was like dreaming the impossible dream. Actually nothing could be further from the truth. We can balance our budget. We just need to act a little more responsibly. That is why I support the balanced budget amendment to the Constitution. It forces us to act a little more responsibly.

One would think from the rhetoric of the liberal Democrats that balancing the budget means draconian cuts in the budget. Actually all we have to do is slow the rate of spending to an additional \$2 trillion instead of \$3 trillion in the next 7 years. The fearmongers are acting like we want to starve children. Ridiculous. We want to save our children's future.

I encourage all of my colleagues, pass the balanced budget amendment now.

### CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT AND MEAN SPIRITEDNESS

(Mrs. SCHROEDER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mrs. SCHROEDER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to thank the President for signing the order that will make the Federal Government a model employer on child support enforcement. I chaired the hearings last year where we had parent after parent come forward and talk about their problem of making Federal employees be responsible for paying child care. Now the President has done everything within his means and I would hope that this body would do everything within their means to fill in the things that we have to do by legislation.