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This is our Contract With America.

BLOCK GRANTS DO NOT FEED CHILDREN

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

Mr. BONIOR. Mr. Speaker, after just 67 days in power, the Republicans are now known as the party that cut school lunches.

Today, they are actually trying to convince us that block grants will be better for children.

But that is not what they said in the past.

In 1982, Congressman WILLIAM GOODLING said, and I quote: "a child's nutrition needs do not vary from State to State."

Senator BOB DOLE said: "The nutrition area is one that does not easily lend itself to State responsibility" and added "It is appropriate that the Federal Government retain primary responsibility for nutrition programs."

And Speaker, GINGRICH himself cosponsored a resolution which said, and I quote, "the Federal Government should retain primary responsibility for the child nutrition program and such programs should not be included in any block grant."

Mr. Speaker, block grants do not feed children.

Republicans understood that in the past. But now that they need the money to pay for their tax cuts for the wealthy, they seem to have forgotten.

Well, I promise you this, Mr. Speaker: the American people will not forget.

PUT THE FARMER FIRST

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

Mr. FUNDERBURK. Mr. Speaker, I have often said that farmers are the backbone of my district. The Second District of North Carolina from Rocky Mount to Dunn is the second largest producer of tobacco in America. We also have hundreds of soybean, peanut, and livestock farms. Unfortunately, Washington treats these hard working Americans like criminals. It taxes and regulates them.

A classic example of Washington's war on farmers is the tax penalty the IRS imposes on those who pass farmland down to their family members. Farmers have 2 years to notify the IRS that someone has died.

The catch is that the IRS has not made hundreds of farm families aware of this requirement. For farmers who do not have time to read the IRS fine print, the tax police demand back taxes and penalties which are so severe, that these farmers are now in the position

of having to sell their farms to pay the tax man.

Mr. Speaker, the farmer has had enough—enough of interference, enough of redtape, and enough of the IRS. Let us do something right for the men and women who put the food on the table. For starters let us pass H.R. 501, which allows farm families to hand their and down from each generation without fear of the IRS.

FREEDOM OF CHOICE ON BUDGET CUTS

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

Mr. ANDREWS. Mr. Speaker, this is a place where we come to make choices. Many of us, both Republican and Democrat, are ready to make choices to reduce the Federal budget, but today in the Committee on Rules, the Republican leadership of the Committee on Rules is ready to deny us a choice, a series of choices, that the American people have a right to hear us make.

This week on this floor, we will have presented to us a \$17 billion budget cut proposal by the Republican majority. Some of us agree that the budget ought to be cut, but ought to be cut in different places. We want to offer an amendment that would say: "Let us not take home heating assistance away from senior citizens across this country; instead, let us take the money from the S&L bailout. Let us not take money away from reading teachers for children across this country; let us take the money from energy subsidies to huge multinational corporations.

We are not going to get the right to make that choice unless the rule proposed by the Republican leadership is defeated. Honor your Contract With America, open up the promise, and defeat this rule.

REPUBLICANS PROMISE DELIVERY ON FIGHT TO PRESERVE THE AMERICAN DREAM

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

Mr. CHABOT. Mr. Speaker, you will hear a lot of whining, weeping, and gnashing of teeth on the other side of the aisle in the coming days. You see, the liberal Democrats just cannot accept that under our Republican tax relief plan, Americans will actually be allowed to keep more of their own money.

The liberal Democrats think all money belongs to the Government.

They think the Government needs the money more than working families do.

They think Government does a better job of spending your money than you do.

And they cannot accept that the bloated bureaucracy will be reduced to pay for much-needed tax relief.

They think Government should be even bigger.

They think Government does just a wonderful job of delivering services.

They think the Government needs a raise.

But Republicans will put Government on a diet. We will read every page, check every line, and challenge every figure in a search to cut waste, fraud, and abuse.

This is nothing less than a fight to preserve the American dream for our children. And we will deliver.

THE SHAMEFUL REVERSE ROBIN HOOD POLITICS OF THE REPUBLICAN PARTY

(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, why are Republicans cutting school lunches for our children, heating assistance for our seniors, and health care for our veterans? To pay for yet another tax cut for the wealthy.

Last week we finally got a look at the Republican tax giveaway, and we found that 50 percent of the benefits of the Republican tax cuts go to people making \$100,000 or more. The capital gains cut is worth \$8,000 to families making \$200,000 or more, while working middle class families making \$30,000 or less would only get a tax cut worth \$92.

Mr. Speaker, I say to my colleague who just spoke, yes, that is a fact, it is a diet, it is a diet for the working middle class families of this country. Cutting services for the most vulnerable to benefit the most privileged 2 percent of Americans is wrong. The reverse Robin Hood politics of the Republican Party is shameful.

TELL THE AMERICAN PEOPLE THE TRUTH

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

Mr. JONES. Mr. Speaker, I have come to the floor of the House to confront my Democratic colleagues who seem more intent on distortions, regarding the future of the School Lunch Program, rather than promoting the health and safety of our Nation's most precious asset—our children. I hope these individuals abandon hollow political rhetoric and tell the American public the truth. The Republican plan is growing school meals by 4.5 percent. Tell the American people the truth. By the year 2000, we will be spending \$1 billion more on school lunches than today. Tell the American public the truth, Republicans are cutting out Federal bureaucrats and bringing school lunches closer to home.