

elected this person, he goes to Washington, he never is going to have to appear on the ballot as a congressional candidate again.

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I got this other guy or lady who can run for reelection; and if they choose to do so, of course, then they will appear on the ballot.

Now I don't know about you, but I just feel much more comfortable as a voter, not as a Member of Congress, as a voter. I feel much more comfortable with voting for this guy where we have got this carrot, and if he does a good job, I am going to send you back.

That is what democracy is all about. You do a good job, I am going to send you back there, and I am going to keep you there.

But this guy here, he knows that I know that he is not going to serve in Congress another day of his life. He does not have to return my phone calls because he does not need my vote. He does not have to do a good job. He can vote against everything that this district believes in. He does not have to hold one town hall meeting.

Now you tell me, who do you feel, not as a Congresswoman but as a voter, who do you feel would be most representative of your views?

Ms. JACKSON-LEE. Well, as the gentleman from Louisiana well knows, it wasn't too long ago when I was not standing here at the well and was that citizen in my hometown. And I could just see glaring headlines when you were talking, government by reckless abandonment.

That is the fellow over there that has got a term, one 2-year term, does not have to worry about responding to any of the issues that his or her constituents are concerned about, clearly articulates views that are off the mark and off the margin, maybe his or her own personal views, does not have to fight and go to the mat for the issues of that district, whether it be highways or whether it deals with energy laws, whether it deals with welfare, whether it deals with business investment, whether it deals with tax cuts or whether it deals with bringing down the deficit.

You had asked the question what he or she is doing. I would simply say to you again, governing by reckless abandonment. It would be simply what they would want to do.

The fellow or the lady that is dealing with the fact that they have to present themselves to the voters, they have to stand up to the test, and voters can be as sharp and to the point on their issues, do not sell any of those individuals cheap or undermine their understanding. And they ask the hard questions of where you have been over the last 2 years on the issue. And if you want their confidence, that is the question. You are taking away voters giving an elected official the confidence of their vote.

The most high honor that you can get from an individual is their confidence in voting for you. You take that away. You undermine the very system of government, and you leave it to reckless abandonment when you ensure that you have an artificial term-limiting process.

Mr. FIELDS of Louisiana. If the gentlewoman would yield on this final point.

And I really think that what we do, we are saying, what we are saying to voters across America, we are actually reaching into every congressional district, 435 congressional districts across the country, and we are saying to people in those districts, you are too stupid to do what is right. You keep sending the same people here time and time again.

Well, you know, to me that is an insult to a voter's intelligence. If they say people served in this Congress x number of years, it has only been because the people in that district evidently wanted them to serve.

Ms. JACKSON-LEE. The choice is theirs.

Mr. FIELDS of Louisiana. I want to thank the gentlewoman from Texas for joining me tonight in the special order. I thank the Speaker.

#### LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Mr. UNDERWOOD (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT) for today and the balance of the week, on account of official business.

#### SPECIAL ORDERS GRANTED

By unanimous consent, permission to address the House, following the legislative program and any special orders heretofore entered, was granted to:

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. LEWIS of Georgia) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Ms. KAPTUR, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. MFUME, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. DEFAZIO, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. STUPAK, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. POSHARD, for 5 minutes, today.

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. INGLIS of South Carolina) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. GOSS, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. DORNAN, for 5 minutes each day, today and on March 29.

Mr. KINGSTON, for 5 minutes each day, today and on March 29.

Mr. FORBES, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. SHAYS, for 5 minutes, on March 29.

Mr. HANCOCK, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. BRYANT of Tennessee, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. LATHAM, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. JONES, for 5 minutes, on March 29.

Mr. DAVIS, for 5 minutes, on March 29.

Mr. TIAHRT, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. FOX, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. HILLEARY, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. INGLIS, of South Carolina, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. TATE, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. GRAHAM, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. RIGGS, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. DUNCAN, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. FOLEY, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. METCALF, for 5 minutes, today.

#### EXTENSION OF REMARKS

By unanimous consent, permission to revise and extend remarks was granted to:

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. LEWIS of Georgia) and to include extraneous matter:)

Mr. ENGEL.

Mr. HASTINGS, in two instances.

Mr. GORDON.

Mr. GIBBONS.

Mrs. SCHROEDER.

Mr. KLECZKA.

Mr. LANTOS.

Mr. STOKES, in two instances.

Mr. TRAFICANT.

Mr. MILLER of California.

Ms. PELOSI.

Mrs. MALONEY, in two instances.

Mr. RICHARDSON.

Mr. PAYNE of New Jersey, in two instances.

Mr. WILLIAMS.

Mr. STARK.

Mr. FILNER.

Mr. MENENDEZ.

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. INGLIS of South Carolina) and to include extraneous matter:)

Mr. WELLER.

Mr. MCDADE.

Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas.

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey.

Mr. ZIMMER.

Mr. CRANE.

Mr. HOBSON.

Mr. DICKEY.

Mr. PACKARD.

Mr. QUINN.

Mr. CASTLE.

Mr. FOLEY.

Mr. EMERSON.

Ms. MOLINARI.

Mr. HOKE.

Mr. ENGLISH of Pennsylvania.

Mr. CHAMBLISS.

Mr. SOLOMON in three instances.

(The following Members (at the request of Ms. JACKSON-LEE) and to include extraneous matter:)

Mr. MARTINI.

Mr. GILLMOR.

Mr. PASTOR.

#### ADJOURNMENT

Mr. FIELDS of Louisiana. Mr. Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 11 o'clock and 5 minutes p.m.), the House adjourned until Wednesday, March 29, 1995, at 11 a.m.