

REPUBLICANS SEEK COMMON-SENSE REFORMS IN GOVERNMENT AND A BALANCED BUDGET

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

Mr. KINGSTON. Mr. Speaker, let me say this to my friend from New Jersey. If he truly believes that information, which obviously his speech writer was inhaling when he wrote, then I would like to challenge him here and now for a debate on the environment on the House floor.

Usually during special hours when the Democrats have the floor, they do not yield to Republicans. I will do it on my own hour to debate such outrageous fantasy about cuts in the environment.

The fact is we have a \$5 trillion debt. The Republican Party is trying to put sanity and commonsense reforms both in environmental legislation and in all government legislation.

I think it is very important to cut out the rhetoric and get back to the fact that the children in America, a baby born today, owes \$187,000 over the next 75 years just in interest on the national debt.

It is time for the Democratic Party to quit hiding its head inside the sand, quit coming out with the partisan demagoguery and face the real problem of trying to balance the budget and have commonsense reforms in government. I hope my friend will debate me.

RISING IMPORTS, DWARFING U.S. EXPORTS MEAN LOST U.S. JOBS AND SINKING WAGES

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

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Speaker, there is an economic wind blowing across our Nation that has thus far failed to capture the attention of the leading Presidential candidates, and I am specifically referring to lost U.S. jobs and sinking wages eroded by rising imports dwarfing U.S. exports.

The latest Commerce Department figures show that for midsummer we had the highest trade deficits in over a decade. Over \$11.7 billion for the last month. The trade deficit with Japan, up 33 percent. Car parts, imported cars from Japan far dwarfing our exports. Trade deficit with China, up 15 percent. Imported clothing, imported shoes, imported textiles, meaning more lost jobs in this country.

Our dependence on oil continues to grow as we see U.S. troops being sent to Kuwait rather than energy resources developed here at home.

I am glad somebody notices. The Philadelphia Inquirer from September 8 through 22 is running an incredible series: "America: Who Stole the Dream?" Please read it. People in America somewhere are noticing, even if the Presidential candidates are not.

MOST PARTIAL-BIRTH ABORTIONS ARE ELECTIVE

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

Mr. CANADY of Florida. Mr. Speaker, it has been widely reported that partial-birth abortions are extremely rare. Pro-abortion groups claim there are no more than 500 partial-birth abortions per year, and they are only performed in extreme circumstances, such as when the child is severely deformed or the mother is in grave danger.

These myths are finally being dispelled. The Record newspaper reported that a single abortion clinic in New Jersey performs 1,500 partial-birth abortions each year. One doctor was quoted as saying that "only a minuscule amount" of partial-birth abortions are performed for medical reasons.

The Washington Post also reported yesterday that most partial-birth abortions performed are elective. I quote: "[T]he 'typical' patients tend to be young, low-income women * * * whose reasons for waiting so long to end their pregnancies are rarely medical."

The evidence is overwhelming: the vast majority of partial-birth abortions are elective. I ask you, how long will we continue to allow children in this country to be partially delivered and then killed?

IT IS STILL THE SAME IN D.C.

(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, in an effort to cut the budget, the GAO called the OMB, the CBO, the RTC, the NSC, the ITC, the GSA, and the IRS, and they had no success. So the GAO then called the DOD, the DOE, the DOT, and the DDT, and they could find no cuts. So the GAO then called the CIA, the DIA, the OSI, the PCB's, and the PCP's, and they could find no cuts. So, then they called OSI, ORI, and IUD and could find no cuts. And finally, so frustrated, they called the PMS, and there were no cuts to be made.

So they decided there should be a whole new program called the Accounting Selection System, hereafter to be known as A-S-S, which only goes to show us, when it comes to bureaucrats and cuts, it is still the same in Washington, DC. It is called the B.S. in D.C.

And with that, I yield back the B-O-M-T.

THE TAX-AND-SPEND DEMOCRATS

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

Mr. DOOLITTLE. Mr. Speaker, the ultra liberal Clinton administration is at it again. Yesterday Interior Sec-

retary Bruce Babbitt endorsed a plan to tax anything and everything having to do with enjoyment of the great outdoors.

This plan would impose a 5-percent tax on, and, mind you, this is just a partial list, backpacks, camping stoves, canoes, canteens, climbing equipment, flotation vests, also hiking boots, mountain bikes, outdoor sleeping mats, ski equipment, sleeping bags, tests, paddles, binoculars, cameras, film, books on bird identification, and audio tapes of wildlife calls.

Mr. Speaker, this is just a glimpse, a reminder, of what the tax and spend liberal Democrats would do if returned to power next year. They just refuse to acknowledge that what the American people want is fewer taxes, not higher taxes.

EDUCATION FUNDING

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

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, this September a record number of children entered elementary and secondary schools across this country. Every one of them should be concerned about what the House Republicans did with respect to education. Although we have never had so many children in our schools, House Republicans cut funding for elementary and secondary education by \$400 million.

In subcommittee I offered an amendment to add \$2.1 billion to Head Start and education. It was defeated on a party-line vote. On the floor, House Democrats offered an amendment to add these desperately needed funds. It was defeated on a party line vote.

But yesterday, the Senate voted to add \$2.3 billion to educate America's children. I hope that House Republicans have done their homework and will support this very important addition for America's children and America's families.

THE PRESIDENT AND THE RICH

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

Mr. TIAHRT. Mr. Speaker, if you had \$25,000, you could have spent last Friday evening with Bill Clinton, Hillary Clinton, and Barbra Streisand. Where else but in Hollywood can Bill escape the nagging problems of the average American, like the increasing drug use among teens, in order to rub elbows with his rich and famous pals?

That is \$25,000. Can you believe it? Mr. Speaker, the average American family of four working people with an annual income of about \$30,000 a year would have had to fork over almost all of their paycheck for an entire year just to have dinner with Bill and Hillary Clinton.

We had a great President from Hollywood, Ronald Reagan. Now we have a