

My colleagues talked earlier about a camp. Do not send them to camp. Teach them how to be a productive citizen. Does the majority party really want our youth out on the streets instead of learning good work habits?

This bill is just not fair. Until changes are made, I urge my colleagues to vote against the Labor-HHS-Education appropriations bill.

TRUST, TRUTH AND ACCOUNTABILITY

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

Mr. BALLENGER. Mr. Speaker, let me give a few quotes from our President.

October 1992, and I quote:

I think trust and trustworthiness is an issue in this campaign, and I think I have demonstrated it in my life.

In December of 1992 concerning the Iran-Contra pardons the President-elect said:

I am concerned about any action which sends a signal that if you work for the government you're above the law or not telling the truth to Congress under oath is somehow less serious than not telling the truth to some other body under oath.

October 1995:

The road to tyranny, we must never forget, begins with the destruction of truth.

And June of 1996:

The other thing we have to do is to take seriously the role of this problem, older men who prey on under age women. There are consequences to decisions. One way or another people always wind up being held accountable.

SOMETHING IS WRONG WITH THIS POLICY

(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 America we have record trade deficits, record bankruptcies, record debt, consolidations, downsizing, more American jobs keep going overseas, a schizophrenia stock market, all symptoms of a major economic problem in America.

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After all this, the experts say American taxpayers must keep sending more money to the International Monetary Fund to prop up foreign countries to avert disaster. Beam me up, Mr. Speaker.

When American dollars end up in the pockets of foreign politicians who then vote against America at the United Nations, something is wrong with this policy, very wrong. I say these foreign countries do not need American taxpayer dollars. They need reform. Think about it.

Mr. Speaker, I yield back what economy we have left.

PRESIDENT THREATENS TO VETO SPENDING BILLS

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

Mr. GIBBONS. Mr. Speaker, I am very and deeply disappointed by reports that the President intends to veto several spending bills over so-called environmental riders. Further reports indicate that this is part of the President's politically motivated effort to force a government shutdown.

This country cannot afford another government shutdown, particularly in these trying economic times.

A decision to simply veto spending bills without good-faith efforts to negotiate policy differences will jeopardize billions of dollars of increases for wildlife, recreation, parks, forests, endangered species, public health, and other important priorities.

Mr. Speaker, the President's rhetoric is unhelpful in resolving honest policy differences and unnecessarily erodes the public trust in the legislative process. Hard working men and women cannot afford another government shutdown, but it appears the President has played partisan politics above people, above the environment, and above the best interest of this Nation.

The President has an open invitation to negotiate, in good faith, areas of legitimate policy disagreement. For the sake of the American people, let us hope he accepts this invitation.

VOTE NO ON THE OMNIBUS PARKS PORK BILL

(Ms. MCKINNEY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. MCKINNEY. Mr. Speaker, today's Washington Post Editorial calls the Republican Omnibus Parks Bill "pork." The Washington Post did not get it quite right. It is not just a pork bill, it is the pork bill straight from the environmental butchers. People in Georgia are very concerned about the bill's provision for Cumberland Island. This bill will carve up Cumberland Island, so that it can be served on a silver platter to one of America's wealthiest families.

The butchery of Cumberland Island is not just pork, it is old fashioned Republican service with a smile. What else can we expect from the Republican Party. They failed their polluting friends when they wanted to dirty our water and air. Now they are trying to let their other friends buy our national treasures. In contrast to the TV commercial, this work is not the other white meat. This pork bill is Republican green.

Republicans have always believed that America should reward the wealthiest and most privileged among us. And what better way to keep giving to the rich than by robbing the American people of a national treasurer of Cumberland Island.

If this bill makes it out of Congress, I will urge the President to veto it. I ask my colleagues to vote "no" on this pork bill.

MANAGED CARE REFORM

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

Mr. GREEN. Mr. Speaker, I am glad to hear my colleagues trying to define the Democrats, and sometimes they would not know one if they saw one.

But the problem we have this year is that this is a historic Congress. We are getting ready to vote tomorrow on an historic vote on opening an inquiry of impeachment of the President. But this, more than any Congress, has done nothing at all for the American people on the bread and butter issues.

But what I want to talk about this morning is the HMO reform that should have been passed, should have been passed by the Senate, and the quality bill should have been passed by the House.

It is clear that this do-nothing Congress has been by design this year, because they don't want to make the changes that the American people want. The polls show the American people want HMO reform. They want their doctors to be able to help them make medical decisions instead of a gag rule. They want to be able to appeal decisions made by a bureaucrat with an insurance company.

They want some choices in their medical care. They want access to specialty care, and they want emergency care when they need it, not based on somebody deciding, no, you cannot go to your closest emergency room.

That is why this is a do-nothing Congress, and that is why tomorrow, even with this historic vote, we are going to go home without providing any help to the American people for their health care.

PINOCCHIO

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

Mr. PITTS. Mr. Speaker, there is a children's story that is instructive in these critical days. It goes something like this: There was once a little boy who lived in a little white house. His name was Pinocchio. Pinocchio was a wooden puppet who came to life and had many unhappy adventures because he was very selfish. Pinocchio had trouble with telling the truth.

Whenever Pinocchio told a lie, his nose grew longer. Once, when he told several lies, his nose became so long he could not even get out of his little white house. I wonder, Mr. Speaker, how long his nose could get with 7 months of not telling the truth.

Like Pinocchio, some people today have a problem with telling the truth.