

In the end, Pinocchio became a real boy, and he did the honorable thing; he told the truth. I wish certain people today would learn the same lesson, those in the big White House.

LEGACY OF REPUBLICAN CONTROLLED CONGRESS

(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, for the past 2 years, the Republican majority has failed to act on the basic issues that face hardworking Americans. This Congress has failed to pass meaningful HMO reform, killed efforts to reduce teen smoking, undermined attempts to reduce school class size, ignored the need to bolster the minimum wage, and suffocated serious campaign finance reform.

Because Republicans control this Congress, the American people are not guaranteed that they can choose their own doctor. They do not have guaranteed access to hospital emergency rooms. And American people cannot hold HMOs accountable for medical decisions.

Because Republicans control this Congress, our children will not have smaller class sizes next year. Because Republicans control this Congress, teenagers will not be safe from big tobacco's nefarious marketing and consistent lying. Because Republicans control this Congress, there will be no increase in the minimum wage for families who work hard and who play by the rules.

Tough luck, America. Republicans are in charge. For 2 years, America's needs have been ignored. That is the legacy of this Republican controlled Congress.

MORE GOOD NEWS: DOLLARS TO THE CLASSROOM REPEALS GOALS 2000

(Mrs. LINDA SMITH of Washington asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mrs. LINDA SMITH of Washington. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with more good news. Yes, it is true. Above the clamor of scandals and the President's threat to shut the government down, this Congress is doing good things. We are taking steps to shrink the power of the Federal Government into the lives and pocketbooks of American families.

We just passed the Dollars to the Classroom Act. This bill can reduce classrooms size all over the Nation if the Senate will just pass it and the President will not veto it.

You see, because President Clinton himself said, and I agree with him, I think we have clear direction and he should not veto this one, he said, "We cannot ask the American people to spend more on education until we do a better job with the money we have got now."

As I look around this town, Washington, D.C., and see all these big buildings filled with bureaucracies, I know those folks that many make \$70,000 to \$100,000 should go home, and we should send that money back to the classrooms.

Our Dollars to the Classroom Act also abolishes Goal 2000. This is an experiment that did not work. We will send that money back to the classrooms to achieve the goals of education excellence. Getting more money in the classroom is truly good news.

RUMORS OF GOVERNMENT SHUTDOWN

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

Mr. BOB SCHAFFER of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, the Republicans want to move in one direction and the Democrats in another. This year, like every year, on almost every single spending bill, the division is quite clear. Republicans want to cut back on the size of government. Democrats want to expand it.

We have different visions, different ideas about what government should do, what it can do, and how much of the government spending is an outrageous waste of taxpayers' money.

But our differences are no excuse for a government shutdown, and I am very depressed to hear the persistent rumors that many in the White House are urging the President to provoke a confrontation, shut down the government, and divert attention away from the crisis in the White House.

They want to shut down the government and then try to blame it on Republicans. This is an interesting way, indeed, to combat public cynicism toward government.

I urge the President to reject the advice of his more liberal advisors and continue to work with the Republicans toward an honorable compromise on the remaining spending bills. Do not shut down the government, Mr. President.

SAVE SOCIAL SECURITY; ELIMINATE MARRIAGE TAX PENALTY

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

Mr. WELLER. Mr. Speaker, I have an important question to ask this morning. Why does the President want to squander the surplus on new government bureaucratic spending? Why does the President want to squander the surplus on State Department spending and defense spending and, of course, a computer fix for government bureaucracies?

This House just a few weeks ago made a commitment to save Social Security and to use the surplus to save Social Security. This House made a

commitment to set aside \$1.4 trillion, 90 percent of the projected tax revenue surplus, over the next 10 years and use that to save Social Security.

The remaining dime on the dollar we would then use to eliminate the marriage tax penalty, help expand, build new classrooms in schools back in Illinois, help family farmers, help family businesses, help those who want to send their kids off to college.

Mr. Speaker, it is interesting that the President says, if we use \$7 billion of the tax revenue surplus next year to eliminate the marriage tax penalty, that is squandering. But then he turns right around and says let us use \$14 billion, twice as much, for government spending, bureaucratic spending. Mr. Speaker, you cannot have it both ways. Let us save Social Security. Let us eliminate the marriage tax penalty.

MARCH FOR CUBAN FREEDOM AND DEMOCRACY

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

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. Mr. Speaker, this Saturday, the South Florida community will hold a march through the streets of Miami to reaffirm our commitment with the Cuban people in their struggle for freedom against the last totalitarian dictatorship of our hemisphere, that of Fidel Castro.

This march will join our diverse community as one, under one ideal; that the people of Cuba are not alone in their struggle for freedom. This march will ask the Clinton administration to stop appeasing the Cuban Communist regime and start enforcing the sanction laws that this Congress has imposed on the Castro tyranny that the White House has conveniently refused to apply.

We will also ask the international community to stop its immoral investments in Castro's slave-economy that only serve to strengthen the dictatorship.

It will be a solemn occasion to remember the hundreds of thousands of victims who have fallen prey to the Castro regime over its almost 40 years reign of terror and repression.

The thousands of people who will walk through the streets of Miami this Saturday will send a clear message to the tyrant in Havana: We will not rest until the Cuban people reclaim their freedom and democracy.

HOW THE U.N. AND THE CLINTON ADMINISTRATION IS CREATING A MORE DANGEROUS WORLD FOR ALL

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

Mr. PETERSON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, the United Nations, led by the United States, is getting pushed around by a rogue nation with an unfeeling dictator, Saddam Hussein.