

come. Regardless, he went to West Virginia and told the American people that the Social Security trust fund did not exist.

So now Congressional Republicans have come up with a brilliant idea: Create private accounts with the money that exists in the trust fund. Who are Congressional Republicans trying to fool? It is clear that the Congressional Republicans are determined to privatize Social Security, despite very little support for the idea.

#### H. RES. 340 AND THE NEW LONDON DECISION

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

Mr. GINGREY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to speak in defense of one of the most fundamental guarantees afforded us by our Constitution, our right to own private property. Unfortunately, Mr. Speaker, by the narrowest of margins, the Supreme Court has, for all practical purposes, placed a for-sale sign on the doorstep of every American home or business and it reads, "for sale by government."

Mr. Speaker, by a vote of 5 to 4, these sacred property rights have been thrown out in the name of expediency and greed. Justice O'Connor stated it best in the minority's dissent when she called the majority's opinion "perverse."

Mr. Speaker, this perversity cannot stand. Therefore, I introduce House Resolution 340 to demonstrate this House's resolve and dedication to defend our constitutionally guaranteed property rights. I call on all Members of this Chamber on both sides of the aisle to speak in one voice in defense of the Constitution.

#### ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. LATHAM). The Chair must remind all Members, and this does not refer to the immediately previous speaker, that they should not make derogatory statements toward the President.

#### THE SECURITY AND FINANCIAL EMPOWERMENT ACT

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

Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentlewoman from California (Ms. ZOE LOFGREN) for including the Security and Financial Empowerment Act in her comprehensive VAWA bill.

Domestic violence, in addition to being a personal tragedy, costs employers millions of dollars in sick leave, absenteeism and loss of productivity, and it causes thousands of victims to lose

their job, forcing them to stay in an abusive relationship when unable to provide for themselves and their children.

The provisions of the SAFE Act protect the economic security of these victims by permitting up to 30 days of unpaid leave to see a doctor, go to court or find a safe place to live. Further, it prohibits insurers from dropping their coverage due to this violence, and it assures that women forced to leave their lives because of this abuse are eligible for unemployment compensation.

Finally, the bill creates a resource center for businesses seeking to help employees who suffer from domestic violence.

Mr. Speaker, the SAFE Act is an important bill that must be included in the reauthorization of VAWA. It helps employers to keep valuable employees, and it empowers victims of domestic violence to leave their abuser.

#### FAMILY BUDGET PROTECTION ACT

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

Mr. CHOCOLA. Mr. Speaker, every day families and businesses across America have to make tough decisions. They have to live within a budget and eliminate wasteful spending. The Federal Government should act no differently.

So I have joined my colleagues in re-introducing the Family Budget Protection Act in this Congress. It is legislation that gives the budget resolution the force of law. It limits the growth of spending. It places a premium on combating waste, fraud and abuse. And it forces us to honestly account for long-term funding obligations.

Together, these reforms will help balance the budget, promote more responsible spending and encourage Congress to make the same tough decisions that confront American families and small businesses every single day.

Mr. Speaker, I urge all of my colleagues to demonstrate our commitment to fiscal discipline and join me in supporting the Family Budget Protection Act.

#### ADMINISTRATION POLICIES IN IRAQ BASED ON FAILURE AND FALSEHOOD

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

Mr. INSLEE. Mr. Speaker, our proud troops in Iraq last night deserved an address that showed a President committed to effectiveness and truth. The sad fact is that these administration policies are based on failure and falsehood.

The failure is that, a full 2 years after the Iraq war started, we still have less than 15 percent, less than three battalions, that this administration

has effectively trained that are ready for combat operations to replace American military personnel and bring them home.

This is a spectacular record of failure. After 2 years of us here in this Chamber demanding that the President train these troops so that they can replace the American GIs and Marines, we have three battalions, and that is it; after 2 years?

This has happened because of the rose-colored glasses that this administration has worn, thinking we were going to be greeted like liberators in Paris. They were wrong. And it is based on falsehood, falsehood when the President stood right behind me and said that there was WMDs. There was not, and now he is trying to bait and switch.

#### THE TRUTH ABOUT SAVING SOCIAL SECURITY

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

Mr. SHAW. Mr. Speaker, I have never heard so many negative statements as we see coming from the other side of the aisle, with speaker after speaker, most of them scripted, making false accusations as to what the Republicans are doing with Social Security.

If they are going to criticize what the Republicans are doing to try to save Social Security, let them come forward with their plan. Everybody knows that Social Security is going to be going into the red beginning in 2017. Everybody who has done any research knows there is a \$26 trillion shortfall over the next 75 years in cash. So what are they doing? They are sitting there making false accusations about what we are trying to do.

One of the speakers just this morning said that we were going to diminish the trust fund by putting the Treasury bills into the individual accounts. Nothing could be more wrong.

I assume that these statements are being made out of ignorance and not out of knowledge of the truth, because we know what it is when you say something that you know is not true.

#### HONEST TALK, NOT GIMMICKS, NEEDED ON SOCIAL SECURITY REFORM

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

Mr. LEVIN. Mr. Speaker, I wanted to respond to the last one minute, indeed to set the record straight. The gentleman from Florida said the Republican plans do not make solvency worse. Read the DeMint plan. The only way that the Shaw-McCrery plan does not make it worse is by borrowing money and by counting the same money twice.

The gentleman talks about the urgency of the shortfall, but the