

dads off the hook to the tune of \$7.9 billion over the next 5 years and \$24 billion over the next 10 years.

This is the Republican reconciliation. Watch out everybody but the rich.

#### NATIONAL PRIORITIES

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

Ms. LEE. Mr. Speaker, the priorities set forth in a budget directly speak to what we value as a Nation. It is a statement about our sense of morality and about our priorities.

What values are represented in giving away our public lands and coastal areas to oil companies that are making record profits at consumers' expense?

What does \$10 billion in Medicaid cuts to health services for poor children and long-term care patients, and increasing the cost of prescription drugs, what does that say about our values?

What about \$844 million in food stamp cuts that eliminate nutrition and school lunch programs and breakfast benefits for hundreds of thousands of families and children?

How about \$14 billion in cuts to student aid programs, including raising the cost of college for students and their families through increased interest rates and fees?

What about eliminating \$470 million of Federal housing rehab grants to make rental units available to low-income families, which could include families displaced by Hurricane Katrina?

Let me tell my colleagues, these cuts are really going to pay for the \$106 billion additional tax cuts for the wealthy this year and will still leave an enormous deficit. What does this say about our values? You cannot tell me that we cannot do better than this.

#### BLOOD IS ON THE HANDS OF THOSE WHO HAD THE KNIFE

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

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I have been told that if all you do is cut, cut, cut, all that you really get is blood, blood, blood, blood.

I am afraid that the blood of the American people, the blood of the poor, the blood of the homeless, the blood of the hungry, the blood of the children, the blood that is cut out of Medicare, Medicaid, food stamps, all of that blood will be on the hands of those who had the knife.

#### RETAINING THE PROPOSED \$70 BILLION BUDGET CUTS

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

Ms. CORRINE BROWN of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise to address the House regarding the proposed \$70 billion cuts.

Let me just say that this weekend I went to the Florida-Georgia game, and it was a real tough game, but at that game was the head of the Police Athletic League who had just read an article in the Times Union, which is one of the most conservative papers in the United States. It talked about the proposed cuts in the food stamp program, and he was appalled that we are going to cut programs for school lunch and senior citizens programs while we are trying to give tax breaks to the rich.

I mean, just picture this. The head of the Police Athletic League, conservative group, giving me the going over.

I told him, you know what, you are singing to the choir. I do not support these cuts. You need to talk to the people on the other side of the aisle, the people that you play golf with, the people that you run around with. Those are the ones that are planning on doing these cuts, and I recommend that you talk with them and let them know that you do not support those cuts.

#### BUDGET RECONCILIATION PROPOSAL

(Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I think the American people should be told why so many of us are rising to the floor even before the budget reconciliation proposal comes to this floor. It is because, what is the choice or the choice that is being made by Republicans? Is it that they are willing to give a \$70 billion tax cut, rather than spend dollars on education, rather than spend dollars on health care, rather than spend dollars on easing the pain of senior citizens?

The interesting aspect that I would like to bring to the attention of my colleagues is that there is a pending possibility of a veto because our colleagues in the Senate have been able to find some relief for the \$10 billion Medicaid cut. Their proposal has to do with taking away the \$10 billion cushion that has been established by the Medicare drug law. They want to take those dollars and have it to pay for the large cut of \$10 or \$11 billion that is coming out of this budget, out of Medicaid.

Is it not ridiculous to spend \$70 billion on tax cuts, borrowing from Peter to pay Paul, and we are going to get a veto by the President of the United States if we try to save the \$10 billion for those seniors who need the money in Medicaid?

Vote against the budget reconciliation when it comes to the floor.

#### SPECIAL ORDERS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of Jan-

uary 4, 2005, and under a previous order of the House, the following Members will be recognized for 5 minutes each.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from North Carolina (Mr. McHENRY) is recognized for 5 minutes.

(Mr. McHENRY addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

#### EXCHANGE OF SPECIAL ORDER TIME

Mr. BISHOP of Utah. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to claim the time of the gentleman from North Carolina (Mr. McHENRY).

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Utah?

There was no objection.

#### EVERYDAY HEROES

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Utah (Mr. BISHOP) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. BISHOP of Utah. Mr. Speaker, Senator ORRIN HATCH of my State has penned words to a song entitled, "Everyday Heroes." The lyrics in part read:

"Some people have helping hands that go a second mile."

"They're willing to love and lift a brother for a while."

"Everyday Heroes live in every neighborhood."

"Everyday Heroes, helping in the way a neighbor should."

"Giving just a little time; sharing just a little love."

"God bless each one of those everyday heroes."

Mr. Speaker, I wish to introduce this body to an everyday hero whose efforts make the world a better place to live. If you think about that in that respect, it is actually quite spectacular. This hero is an outstanding educator at Box Elder High School in Brigham City, Utah; and I had the opportunity of teaching alongside him before I came to Congress. I know from personal experience the dedication he brings to his job, and I know how he helps kids every day.

At Box Elder High School is a charismatic head wrestling coach by the name of Mike Ripplinger. He was recently named the Class 4A Coach of the Year, shortly after leading his team to the fourth State title in 6 years, his fifth overall. That goes along with a record 18 region championships in the 20 years he has been a head coach. In a sport like wrestling, which is very competitive in Utah, that is indeed quite an accomplishment.

The measure of a coach, as our good Speaker well knows, is not based on his success and the wins and losses but the quality of the students with whom he works. More impressive than any