

the baby—and it was in the counterfeit baby formula can, the scoop was too small.

So I said to the person at the Federal agency, "What difference would that have made?" He said ultimately the mother would have wondered, "What is going on? Why isn't my baby gaining weight as he was supposed to?"

Counterfeit formula, not enough nutritional value, an incorrect scoop. The Federal agency moved in and did its job. Which Federal agency? The Food and Drug Administration.

Most Americans do not know much about the Food and Drug Administration, but in terms of the health of our family, it may turn out to be one of the most important. Virtually all of the food, all of the drugs, our Nation's blood supply, and so many other things depend on the watchful eye of the Food and Drug Administration.

I did not come here tonight to just tell you an interesting and positive story about that agency but to tell you there are forces afoot in Washington, DC, and around the Nation that are literally attacking the Food and Drug Administration, and in fact some of them have gone so far as to suggest this agency should go out of business.

Now who in the world would do that? Well, it turns out it is a coalition of very conservative groups, radical right-wing groups that are coming together who want to turn out the lights at the Food and Drug Administration.

Who are these folks? Well, if you peel back the cover and look inside, they have all sorts of high-sounding names, names like the Competitive Enterprise Institute, Citizens for a Sound Economy; all of these different names. It turns out you look inside and you find out a very interesting story. The political groups that are trying to put the Food and Drug Administration out of business, the agency that is responsible for protecting us, turns out to include some of the most radical right-wing interests in America: the David Koch Foundation, the Koch Family Foundation, created from the oil fortunes of Fred Koch, founder of the extremist ultraconservative John Burch Society.

They put in \$1.7 million to close down the Food and Drug Administration. And a lot of companies that are regulated by the Food and Drug Administration and are sick and tired of having that agency look over their shoulders, they want to close them down, too.

The Smith, Richardson Foundation, with money from the Vicks Vaporub and Smith Bros. Cough Drops, fortune, as well as the Merrell Pharmaceutical Company, contributed \$500,000 to this effort to close down the Food and Drug Administration.

The information I am sharing with you is published in the New York Times of last Sunday in an article by Phil Hiltz, in a special to the New York Times.

It reaches, unfortunately, to the House of Representatives, NEWT GING-

RICH, has called the Commissioner, the head of the Food and Drug Administration, David Kessler, Mr. GINGRICH has called him a thug and a bully. He says the Food and Drug Administration is a job killer.

It turns out that a foundation which the Speaker is using to finance his college video courses has received contributions from a number of businesses regulated by the same Food and Drug Administration. I think it is important that people all across America, when they hear folks criticize Federal agencies, Washington bureaucracies, stop and ask a few questions about which ones and why would you happen to be criticizing them? There are too many regulations coming out of this town, certainly, too many bureaucrats. We have to do our best to make sure that we keep those on the job who are doing the job properly, and those who are not have to be relieved of their responsibilities.

But be careful when you hear these charges made about the Food and Drug Administration. Recall for a moment that if that agency had not been on the job and doing it right, that counterfeit baby formula would have been sold, perhaps, across the Nation to the detriment of infants and to the detriment of the families who unwittingly would have been purchasing these goods.

This is not the first time the Food and Drug Administration stepped in. Do you recall a few years ago when the syringes were popping up in Diet Pepsi cans? The Food and Drug Administration stepped in. They proved it was a hoax. They saved the Pepsi Cola Company a lot of grief and put them back on their feet.

It is an important agency, and let us not be too quick to do away with them.

TRIBUTE TO DR. HERBERT VENNEY

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. GOODLATTE). Under the previous order of the House, the gentleman from Virginia [Mr. SCOTT] is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. SCOTT. Mr. Speaker, in commemoration of Black History month, I rise to pay tribute to a prominent black community leader who played an important part in the local history of Virginia's Northern Neck area, the late Dr. Herbert L. Veney.

Like many physicians in rural areas, Dr. Veney was called upon to use his medical training in diverse ways. In addition to his family physician private practice, he served as consultant to a local mental health facility, medical director of a community nursing care facility, and as county medical examiner.

Dr. Veney was active in several organizations that supported human services, education and civil rights causes including the Richmond County Community Services Association, St. Pauls College Board of Trustees, the American Cancer Society, the Black History

Museum Board and the NAACP—just to name a few.

One of Dr. Veney's unique contributions to the community was founding the Black Business and Professional Coalition. Chaired by Dr. Veney from 1985 until his death last October, this organization assists minority owned businesses in the northern neck area with management skills training in addition to providing college scholarships for minority youth.

Each year the BBPC holds an Unsung Heroes Awards Ceremony to honor the efforts of local citizens who have, in the words of one of its members, "made our way easier by blazing trails for others." And to raise funds for scholarships. These words aptly describe the man whose persistence and dedication to minority youth made this scholarship fund possible. Dr. Veney is the kind of unsung hero who serves as a role model not only to others in the black community, but to the community at large.

PROGRESS REPORT ON THE CONTRACT WITH AMERICA

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Michigan [Mr. BONIOR], the minority whip, is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. BONIOR. Mr. Speaker, on the way over to the floor from my office, I happened to gaze out one of the Capitol windows, and full view there was quite a magnificent sight. It was a full winter moon that was highlighting a bank of clouds. And I thought to myself how wonderful it must be to see the Capitol outside, to see this structure, with people like myself and others who are in it and to bathe in the glory of this institution and what it represents. It was a stunning view, and I was moved by it this evening.

Mr. Speaker, we are beginning to see a crack with this Contract With America, or on America, however you want to phrase it. I know that my colleagues on this side of the aisle believe it is indeed the Contract With America. We believe, in fact, on our side of the aisle, there are some problems with what Republicans have proposed.

We saw it tonight. We passed a bill tonight called the Local Government Law Enforcement Block Grants Act of 1995.

Let me give you my perspective of what that is. We passed a major crime-fighting bill at the end of the last Congress, \$30 billion. The centerpiece of it was to put police officers on the streets of our cities and our villages, our county roads all across America. 100,000 police officers.

Republicans came here today, and their goal was to roll that back, cut the funding level, put it in a block grant and ship it off to local units of government or the State Government, primarily, and let them decide what to do with it.

They could do anything they want with it. They could pave roads, buy helicopters, they could buy yachts, and they could buy tanks. And they have done that before, and that is why I mention it.

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They could do anything with that money. We believe the best way to fight crime is to put police officers on the streets. The gentleman from Michigan [Mr. STUPAK], who was a State police officer in Michigan for 12 years, spoke eloquently today about that issue on this floor. Now, while I was not a police officer, I was, in my time, before I came into this business, a probation officer. I worked with delinquent youth. I know a little bit about the subject.

The best way to fight crime is to have people in the neighborhoods working to prevent crime. That does not just mean apprehending. That means activity seeking out solutions to the problems that are out there.

The good news is, while they may have passed the bill tonight by a vote of 238 to 192, we have enough votes to sustain the President's veto of this bill. And the President stated very strongly this weekend that he will veto this bill because it does not move us toward providing those 100,000 police officers on our streets in this great country of ours.

We surpassed the number we needed to sustain the veto by 46 votes tonight. So it is a victory for America.

But more importantly than that, what this vote said tonight, and I might add, we had Republican support on this vote tonight, they are breaking. The contract is starting to crumble.

I believe, first of all, that the contract is not going to affect the average man and woman in this country. It is not going to do anything about their incomes. It is not going to do anything about the spiritual vacuum that they feel in their lives, or they do not see each other, or they work different shifts, or they do not communicate with their children because of the necessities of the economic challenge they have before them to keep up with their neighbors or to make a decent living to sustain their families.

None of that is addressed in their contract. They have got 10 points, none of it is addressed. And so when we offer amendments, for instance, on the balanced budget amendment, that say tell us what you are going to do about the family problem, tell us what you are going to do about Social Security, the Republicans punt. They do not answer. They have no answer.

We passed the balanced budget amendment to the Constitution, but it is in the Senate right now. And because they will not answer the question of where they will cut, will it be education, will it be health, they are not getting the support that they need.

So in conclusion, Mr. Speaker, I appreciate the Chair's indulgence, let me say that the contract is beginning to crumble. We dealt it, I think, an important blow this evening with respect to this vote.

I will encourage my colleagues to stay firm, to stay strong as we proceed through this first 100 days.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Mr. CRAPO (at the request of Mr. ARMEY), for February 13 and 14, on account of family medical emergency.

SPECIAL ORDERS GRANTED

By unanimous consent, permission to address the House, following legislative program and any special orders heretofore entered, was granted to:

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. SCOTT) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. GUTIERREZ, for 5 minutes, today.
Ms. JACKSON-LEE, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. MCKINNEY, for 5 minutes, today.
Mr. DICKS, for 5 minutes, today.
Mr. KENNEDY of Rhode Island, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. STUPAK, for 5 minutes, today.
Mr. OWENS, for 5 minutes, today.
Ms. KAPTUR, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. DURBIN, for 5 minutes, today.
Mr. SCOTT, for 5 minutes, today.

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. RADANOVICH) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. CHRISTENSEN, for 5 minutes, on February 15.

Mr. MARTINI, for 5 minutes, on February 15.

Mr. BILIRAKIS, for 5 minutes, on February 15.

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN, for 5 minutes, on February 15.

Mr. DIAZ-BALART, for 5 minutes, on February 15.

Mr. TIAHRT, for 5 minutes, on February 15.

Mr. FOX of Pennsylvania, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. KINGSTON, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. BRYANT of Tennessee, for 5 minutes, today.

(The following Member (at the request of Ms. JACKSON-LEE) to revise and extend his remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. BONIOR, for 5 minutes, today.

EXTENSION OF REMARKS

By unanimous consent, permission to revise and extend remarks was granted to:

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. SCOTT) and to include extraneous material:)

Mr. SKELTON.

Ms. ESHOO.
Mr. HAMILTON.
Mr. LAFALCE.
Mr. MONTGOMERY.
Mr. WILLIAMS.
Mr. GORDON.
Mr. BERMAN.
Mr. STOKES in two instances.
Ms. MCCARTHY.
Mr. COLEMAN.
Mr. LEVIN.
Mr. JACOBS.
Mr. WARD.
Mr. RICHARDSON.
Mr. MARKEY.

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. RADANOVICH) and to include extraneous material:)

Mr. PACKARD.
Mr. CRANE.
Mr. SAXTON.
Mr. MARTINI in two instances.
Mr. FRANKS of New Jersey.
Mr. EWING.
Mr. SOLOMON.
Mr. WOLF.
Mr. QUINN.
Mr. BILBRAY.
Mr. GREENWOOD.
Mr. MCCRERY.
Mr. LATOURETTE.
Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN.
Mr. SMITH of New Jersey.

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. WELDON of Florida) and to include extraneous material:)

Mrs. COLLINS of Illinois in two instances.

Mrs. LINCOLN.
Mr. KLINK.
Ms. DANNER.
Mr. GEPHARDT.
Mr. HORN.
Mr. PORTMAN.
Mr. PAYNE of New Jersey.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. BONIOR. Mr. Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 7 o'clock and 4 minutes p.m.), the House adjourned until Wednesday, February 15, 1995, at 11 a.m.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 2 of rule XXIV, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

367. A letter from the Secretary of Commerce, transmitting a report of a violation of the Antideficiency Act, in the National Telecommunications and Information Administration [NTIA], pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 1351; to the Committee on Appropriations.

368. A letter from the Copyright Office, Library of Congress, transmitting a report of activities under the Freedom of Information Act for calendar year 1994, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552(a); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

369. A letter from the Chairman, Merit Systems Protection Board, transmitting the Board's report for fiscal year 1994 listing the number of appeals submitted, the number