

For too long, 9 million self-employed individuals have been held hostage to the shell games of Congress. This tax deduction has expired several times and been reinstated several times, leaving millions of Americans unsure what Congress is really going to do.

And now, with the March 1 filing deadline for farmers fast approaching, Congress must act immediately to permanently restore this tax deduction and put an end to this cruel game.

I am pleased the Ways and Means Committee has sent to the floor a bill that ends the shell game.

I urge my colleagues to support H.R. 831. The clock is ticking and we cannot afford to wait much longer.

CHILD NUTRITION PROGRAMS THREATENED

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

Ms. DELAURO. Madam Speaker, on Friday, I visited a School Lunch Program in my district and met with school officials and State food service directors to talk about the devastating impact that the Contract With America will have on child nutrition programs.

Under the Republican welfare reform plan, Connecticut will lose \$49 million in Federal food aid in 1996 alone. And, the program that will take the biggest hit? The School Lunch Program. Each day, 104,000 children in my State receive reduced or free meals through the School Lunch Program. It is a proven nutritional program that helps keep our kids healthy and ready to learn.

Madam Speaker, the Contract With America is a political document. It was written to meet the advertising deadline of TV Guide, but it does not meet the needs of our children.

We can reform welfare without hurting our kids, if we work together. But, Democrats will not stand idly by while Republicans trample on the rights of children in a relentless march to meet NEWT GINGRICH's 100-day deadline.

AN APOLOGY DUE THE SPEAKER AND THE HOUSE

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

Mr. FORBES. Madam Speaker, two Members of this great body have likened Republicans and the Speaker of this House "to something worse than Adolf Hitler." For that I cannot even begin to express my outrage.

The gentleman from Manhattan, NY [Mr. RANGEL] said, regarding the Contract With America, "when I compare this to what happened in Germany, I hope you will see the similarities."

His colleague, the gentleman from New York [Mr. OWENS], in referencing Republicans, said, "these people who are practicing genocide with a smile, they are worse than Hitler."

Madam Speaker, protectors of the same old order, the failed policies of the past, rely on gross distortions and outlandish scare tactics. But comparisons to the Holocaust, to the barbarism of Hitler and to his atrocious crimes is beyond the bounds of civility.

Our initiatives to restore compassion, common sense, and responsiveness to government will not be dissuaded, no matter how intemperate the remarks of the other side. The gentlemen owe the Speaker and this great body an apology.

MORE ON WELFARE REFORM

(Mrs. SCHROEDER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. SCHROEDER. Madam Speaker, America's working families have always had terrific compassion for those in need. That has been characteristic of America. America is family. And so we approach this welfare debate, one of the great problems is American families want welfare to be a safety net and not a hammock. But to make it a safety net and not a hammock, we have to help people have the skills they need to be able to work. And so that means teaching them to fish rather than giving them a fish. That is what the issue is.

And at a time when we are talking about not only killing student loans but knocking out student lunches, we obviously are going in the wrong direction. We ought to be doing everything we can to invest in our young people and to say to everyone, we are all in the same boat, but everybody has to pull an oar.

Let us get a welfare reform that is fair and in the great tradition of America, treating us all in the same manner.

THE REVOLUTION

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

Mr. HAYWORTH. Madam Speaker, a revolution began last November 8—a revolution which continues today. The essence of our new revolution is not hard to understand: the American people have decided that the Federal Government has grown so huge and so pervasive that it has displaced our freedoms.

Our Government taxes too much, it spends too much, and it regulates too much. And in the process it has become a burden to our personal liberties, to our livelihood, to our markets, and especially to our future generations.

Madam Speaker, through our Contract With America, Republicans have promised to do something about this problem. In 50 days we have passed legislation that will redefine the relationship between the Federal Government and the people.

The Washington establishment may not like it but the revolution has taken root even in the hallowed Halls of Congress. Over the next 50 days Republicans will complete our contract and keep our promise to deliver real change.

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DEMOCRATS SHOULD GET ON BOARD AND HELP CHANGE AMERICA, NOT CONTINUE FIN- GER-POINTING

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

Mr. SCARBOROUGH. Madam Speaker, I could not help but hear a former speaker up here talk about the Republicans rushing to extremism in the first 50 days of our Contract With America.

Madam Speaker, the fact of the matter is if they are viewing what we have been doing for the first 50 days a rush to extremism, that explains better than any poll will ever explain why they are now in the minority and we are in the majority.

The overwhelming majority of Americans wanted a balanced budget amendment. We gave them one. The overwhelming majority of Americans wanted a line-item veto. We gave them one. The overwhelming majority of Americans wanted this Congress to live by the same laws that they make everybody else live by. We did it. We will keep doing it the next 50 days.

If all they can do is compare us to Hitler and Goebbels and everybody else in their rush to extremism, because they have no new ideas, so be it.

Madam Speaker, this train has left the station. If they want to get on board and help us make real change in this country, we will accept their help, but they are not helping by rushing to extremism and pointing fingers. We have to make a difference. That is why we were sent here.

AMERICA NEEDS REGULATORY REFORM AND RESTRUCTURING OF OSHA

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

Mr. NORWOOD. Madam Speaker, Joe Dear is at it again. I ran for Congress not only because imperial Washington was hopelessly out of touch with normal Americans, but also because many of the rules and regulations imperial Washington imposes on the rest of us help so little while costing so much. To cite one example that hits very close to home for me, in 1991 OSHA announced a standard on infection control for dental offices. OSHA projected that the annual expense of compliance would be \$87.4 million. However, according to a recent study by RRC Inc., it turns out