

They want to earn a decent wage and be able to save a little money at the end of each month. All of these things, Mr. Speaker, all of these are what the American people want. The Republican Contract With America does none of them.

The American people deserve better than this extreme Contract With America. And the time has come that we not just pray and we not just speak. The time has come for action. I did not sign this contract. The American people did not sign this contract. The time for action is now.

CONTRACT WITH AMERICA NOT FOR MIDDLE-CLASS FAMILIES

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

Mr. BONIOR. Mr. Speaker, if the Contract With America was a song, it would be "50 Ways to Leave the Middle Class." How is it possible that we have been in session 50 days, we have cast 150 votes, yet we have not passed one single amendment, not one, that addresses jobs, incomes, health, education, job training? You cannot send your kid to school on an unfunded mandate, Mr. Speaker.

On the issues more important to working middle class families, this contract has been silent for 50 days. And you know what, it is going to be silent for the next 50 days as well.

Instead, Republicans have voted to pull 100,000 police officers off the beat. They have said no to protecting Social Security, and they have said yes to Star Wars, a \$50 billion project, and on top of that, they want to balance the budget. But yet, what do they do? They go and vote for renewing Star Wars at a \$50 billion price tag. And, of course, today we saw in the supplemental, they busted the budget by voting for that. They said no to many things that are necessary for middle income people.

Now we read that in the next 50 days, they intend to cut the student lunch program.

Mr. Speaker, you cannot renew American civilization by making kids in America go hungry. Republicans may be in a rush to ditto every single bill, but in this rush to extremism, the Gingrich revolution is leaving the values of working families behind in this country.

We will meet them, as we discuss these issues that are important to working families over the next 50 days, and they will know and the American people will know that when it comes to

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[Mr. KLINK addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.]

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The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from California [Mr. BECERRA] is recognized for 5 minutes.

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The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Indiana [Mr. BURTON] is recognized for 5 minutes.

[Mr. BURTON of Indiana addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.]

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Ohio [Ms. KAPTUR] is recognized for 5 minutes.

[Ms. KAPTUR addressed the House. Her remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.]

THE 104TH CONGRESS DELIVERS THE LEGISLATION AMERICA HAS WANTED

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Florida [Mr. SCARBOROUGH] is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. SCARBOROUGH. Mr. Speaker, I do agree with the previous speakers that now is the time for action, and that is exactly what we have been doing. I heard a previous speaker tell us that this Contract With America was a rush to extremism, I don't understand that, and a rush away from the middle class. I don't understand that.

When we look at poll after poll, survey after survey, everybody out there is agreeing on the very concepts that we are bringing to the floor these first 50 days.

We have pushed through a balanced budget amendment that the middle class wanted. We have pushed through a line-item veto. We have pushed

coast the type of legislation that they have been wanting. We have been delivering it for the first 50 days, and for anybody to stand up here and say that it is a rush to extremism ignores political reality in this country.

It has been a rush to the middle class, a rush back to the values that Americans have been begging for in their leadership, a rush back to the type of principles that Americans have been begging for.

Just imagine it, in 50 days we now have a Congress that has to abide by the same laws that they make all of American abide by. Just imagine, in the first 50 days, we now have a balanced budget amendment that has been passed from this House that requires the Federal Government to abide by the same laws that Americans have to abide by in writing their checks.

We cannot spend more money than we take in, according to our balanced budget amendment. What is so extreme about that? What is so extreme about cutting committee staff by one-third? What is so extreme about cutting congressional staff from 21 down to 16? There is nothing extreme about it.

This is what America has demanded. This is what America has asked for. This is what liberals have denied America from so long, and this is what we are delivering on. There is nothing extreme about the Contract With America, or this legislation that has been passed.

For all those pollsters and pundits and political experts out there that are trying to figure out why there was a conservative landslide on November 8, all you have to do is look at the leadership on the other side of the aisle and listen to what they have been talking about, saying that these measures are extremism. Come on, who are they fooling?

They are saying that they have nothing to do with jobs or income or health. Who do they think they are fooling? Anybody knows that when you cut regulations, when you put the type of regulatory reform on the table that we have put on the table, you are going to save jobs. You are going to create jobs. You are going to take the handcuffs off of small business men and women across this country, and allow them to create jobs.

When you pass a taxpayer protection plan that we passed the first day of Congress, that requires this body to pass new tax increases by a three-fifths vote in the 104th Congress, you are saving jobs and you are saving income from a middle class and a lower class