

Hilliard	Neal	Schroeder
Hinchey	Oberstar	Skaggs
Jacobs	Ortiz	Stark
Jefferson	Owens	Taylor (MS)
Kanjorski	Pallone	Vento
LaFalce	Pastor	Visclosky
Lantos	Payne (NJ)	Volkmer
Lewis (GA)	Pelosi	Watt (NC)
Lowey	Pickett	Wolf
Manton	Pombo	Wyden
McKinney	Pomeroy	Yates
Menendez	Richardson	
Mineta	Sabo	

ANSWERED "PRESENT"—1

Stockman

NOT VOTING—28

Abercrombie	Gonzalez	Seastrand
Baker (CA)	Klug	Thompson
Blute	Largent	Tucker
Boehner	Livingston	Velazquez
Chapman	McNulty	Weldon (PA)
Collins (MI)	Meek	Wise
de la Garza	Mfume	Young (AK)
Ehlers	Morella	Zimmer
Fattah	Murtha	
Frost	Riggs	

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Mr. ALLARD, Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota, and Ms. HARMAN changed their vote from "nay" to "yea."

So the Journal was approved.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. EWING). Will the gentleman from Vermont [Mr. SANDERS] come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. SANDERS led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

REMOVAL OF NAME OF MEMBER AS COSPONSOR OF H.R. 607

Mr. QUINN. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that my name be removed as a cosponsor of the bill, H.R. 607.

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

There was no objection.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will entertain 10 requests for 1-minutes per side. Further 1-minutes will take place after regular business today.

REPUBLICAN CONTRACT WITH AMERICA

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

Mr. SOLOMON. Mr. Speaker, our Contract With America states the following:

On the first day of Congress, a Republican House will require Congress to

live under the same laws as everyone else; cut committee staffs by one-third; and cut the congressional budget.

We kept our promise.

It continues that in the first 100 days, we will vote on the following items: A balanced budget amendment—we kept our promise; unfunded mandates legislation—we kept our promise; line-item veto—we kept our promise; a new crime package to stop violent criminals—we kept our promise; national security restoration to protect our freedoms—we kept our promise; Government regulatory reform—we are doing this now; welfare reform to encourage work, not dependence; family reinforcement to crack down on deadbeat dads and protect our children; tax cuts for middle-income families; Senior Citizens' Equity Act to allow our seniors to work without government penalty; commonsense legal reform to end frivolous lawsuits; and congressional term limits to make Congress a citizen legislature.

This is our Contract With America.

THE SPEAKER'S COLLEGE CLASS, SUBSIDIZED BY AMERICAN TAXPAYERS, SAID TO BE EXTREMELY PARTISAN

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

Mr. BONIOR. Mr. Speaker, just how nonpartisan is NEWT GINGRICH'S college class?

The Speaker claims it is nonpartisan. He sold it to the Ethics Committee as a nonpartisan class.

The sole reason that donors get tax exemptions is because it is supposedly nonpartisan.

Yet, in the past 2 days, we have received new evidence that this class was as partisan as partisan gets.

The dean of the college who once helped teach the class now says that political and academic resources were commingled.

A Ph.D. student who helped set up the class said on Sunday: "the class was intended to be partisan and very political."

Mr. Speaker, this class, which promotes an intensely partisan, political agenda of the Speaker, is being subsidized by the American taxpayers.

And its fund were commingled with the Speaker's own political action committee, GOPAC.

It is time for the Speaker to come clean with the American people.

It is time for him to release the list of past GOPAC donors.

And it is time that we appoint a professional, nonpartisan, outside counsel to investigate this whole mess.

PRESIDENT CLINTON USING SCARE TACTICS

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

Mr. TIAHRT. Mr. Speaker, I do not think the President really understands what happened last November. I think he is trapped in a 1960's time warp. He seems hopelessly married to big-government ideas of the past, and he is using scare tactics to save big-government's agenda.

Yesterday Mr. Clinton was accusing Republicans of wanting to kill the school lunch program. This is absolutely not true. Mr. Clinton's problem is that he thinks he knows more about the needs of students than the 50 State Governors. He thinks that the bureaucrats here in Washington can do a better job of setting standards than the local school districts. I say to my colleagues, "Let me tell you I trust Governor Bill Graves and the local school districts of Kansas a lot more than I do any Beltway bureaucracy."

Mr. Speaker, if the President wants to continue to engage in this type of blatant political propaganda and demean his office in the process, he is free to do so.

Mr. VOLKMER. Mr. Speaker, Mr. Speaker—

Mr. TIAHRT. But while he is busy resurrecting the sixties, we will be working hard for the people by getting America ready for the next century.

Mr. VOLKMER. Mr. Speaker, I demand that the gentleman's words be taken down.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The words will be taken down.

The Clerk will report the words.

□ 1030

Mr. VOLKMER. Mr. Speaker, I withdraw my demand that the words be taken down.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. EWING). The gentleman from Missouri withdraws his demand that the words be taken down. The time of the gentleman from Kansas has expired.

THE TRUTH ABOUT SCHOOL LUNCHES

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

Mr. LINDER. Mr. Speaker, it amazes me the length Democrats will go to try to save Federal bureaucrats their jobs. Yesterday, the Democrat leadership and President Clinton launched a mean-spirited attack on Republican attempts to provide school lunches through block grants. But once again, just like a broken record, they did not tell the whole story.

The Republican approach will actually increase spending for school lunches by decreasing administrative costs, which translates into cutting the Federal bureaucrats. But Democrats shy away from anything new because they just cannot seem to get over their love affair with a bigger bureaucracy and a failed welfare system. However, sinking to scaring needy children—

even this is a little low for the White House.

Mr. Speaker, it is time to get on with making the Federal Government smaller, less costly, and more efficient. That is what the people want, and it is what the Republican majority is all about.

REPLACE WELFARE WITH WORK

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

Mr. FORD. Mr. Speaker, today I rise in support of a strong work program to replace our welfare system in this Nation. What the American people will get with the Republican bill is the illusion of a work-based welfare system. This bill wishes for more work that the Republicans have submitted to the Committee on Ways and Means, but it does not require work. It offers weaker work requirements than current law.

Mr. Speaker, it is time for us to say to the American people we are going to replace welfare with work. This bill does nothing to hold States accountable for performance. As if by magic, expect more families on welfare to go to work. The work requirements in their welfare bill will not work and serve the welfare population of this Nation. If it does not happen, then what we do in the Republican bill is we punish the children of the welfare population.

This bill is mean-spirited and short-sighted, and it is just plain mean on children in this country, and we ask for an alternative package, and that package would respond to the human needs of the people.

REPUBLICAN BILL IS STRONG ON WORKFARE AND STATE RESPONSIBILITY

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

Mr. COLLINS of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, you know, I rise very seldom this year to speak to the House for 1 minute or any time, but I hear comments about—like the former speaker had to say about the work program in the welfare reform bill the Republicans put out. It raises the hair on the back of my neck. You cannot get any stronger than telling people, and allowing States to even make it stronger, 2 years. Two years of welfare, then you go to work. You engage in some work program. And in 3 more years you are off.

How much stronger can you be? That is 100 percent. One hundred percent of those who are on welfare today in 5 years will be in a work program or they will be off of welfare. How much stronger can you get?

It is rhetoric coming from the minority side. That is all it is. They are trying to confuse the public. The Republicans have a strong welfare-work-State responsibility bill.

COMMENTS ON MEXICAN LOAN GUARANTEE

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

Mr. TRAFICANT. Mr. Speaker, Uncle Sam will not help Washington, DC, because of waste, fraud, and mismanagement. Let's see if I understand this: Down there in Mexico there is waste, fraud, mismanagement, corruption, larceny, kickbacks, bribes, and conspiracy. There is even an armed revolution to boot. But Uncle Sam can find \$53 billion to bail out Mexico.

Tell me, Mr. Speaker, who is now formulating the policy for the United States of America? The Three Stooges, or what? Beam me up. When Uncle Sam can say "Sorry, Charlie," to Orange County, CA; Washington, DC; Youngstown, OH; and New York but find \$53 billion for Mexico, that says it all, Congress. Think about it.

SCHOOL LUNCH SCARE PROGRAMS

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

Mr. HOKE. Mr. Speaker, I watched with utter disbelief yesterday as not only the Democratic leadership, but the President of the United States, stood up and scared every single school-aged child in this land by telling them we are going to starve them to death.

Mr. Speaker, once again the Democrats have not told the whole truth. We are not cutting school lunches. We are cutting Federal bureaucrats. Under the Republican plan, spending for school lunches will increase 4 percent at least next year, and administrative overhead will decrease dramatically.

I know it is hard for the Democrats to shake the Big Government ideology they have called for for so long, but Republicans are charging ahead to make the Government smaller and less costly. While we are busy seeking bold new solutions, all the Democrats can do is carp about tired myths and defend the failed and bankrupt welfare state.

NEW WELFARE PROPOSALS LACKING IN FAMILY VALUES

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

Mr. SANDERS. Mr. Speaker, we have heard a lot about family values lately, but what kind of family values are contained in the Contract With America, which proposes massive tax breaks for the wealthiest people in this country, billions of dollar increases on military spending, including the discredited Star Wars Program, and at the same time cutbacks on programs desperately needed by the weakest and most vulnerable people in our society?

I was especially outraged yesterday by a subcommittee's elimination of the LIHEAP Program, which provides low-income people, including many senior citizens, heating subsidies in the wintertime. In my State of Vermont, over 20,000 households, including many senior citizens, take advantage of that desperately needed program.

Tax breaks for the rich, increases in military spending, and cutbacks on heating programs for the elderly and the poor. What family values.

FEED THE KIDS, NOT THE BUREAUCRACY

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

Mr. KINGSTON. Mr. Speaker, the Democrats' scare tactics never cease to amaze me. First they told the senior citizens if we pass the balanced budget amendment, you will never get another Social Security check. Next they went after the politicians. If the President has a line-item veto, you will never get a pork-barrel, I mean an economic development project, in your district again.

Now it is the school kids. If we consolidate 16 different food and nutrition programs, lay off hundreds of bureaucrats and make the system more efficient, kids will go hungry.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you, how hungry will these kids be when our country is broke? This debate is not about feeding the kids, but eliminating fat cat bureaucrats who have been picking the best helpings off children's plates for too long. Feed the kids, not the bureaucracy.

REMEMBER OLD-FASHIONED IDEAS

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

Mr. GUTIERREZ. Mr. Speaker, some of my colleagues like to say we have a "new Congress." They are right.

A new Congress that loves the photo ops of passing a so-called crime bill, but votes to take police officers off our streets. A new Congress that loves the headlines of talking about moving people from welfare to work, but scoffs at the idea of paying Americans a livable minimum wage.

Yes, we have a new Congress. But it has forgotten a lot of old-fashioned ideas. Like the idea of giving those in need a helping hand—instead of pointing the finger of blame. The idea that we should help our constituents take back their streets from criminals. The old ideal that perhaps we should give our kids a hot lunch in their schools.

And the idea that every American who works hard and sweats and toils every day deserves to be able to feed their family and own their home and send their kids to college.