

trict, from the Julia C. Hester House in Houston, TX. This House has a compelling obligation to insure that no child in this Nation goes to bed hungry.

It has become evident to me that Republicans care only about one thing: the time remaining in their contract.

I believe the American people want a humane country; they want a country that is good for children. They want our children to eat.

Do not cut school lunches; do not cut nutrition programs for our children.

ANOTHER REGULATION IN BILL CLINTON'S AMERICA

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

Mr. LINDER. Mr. Speaker, John Shuler, a Montana rancher, was fined \$4,000 in 1993 for violating the Endangered Species Act. What was Mr. Shuler's crime? He shot and killed a grizzly bear that charged him on his own property.

Welcome to Bill Clinton's America.

This is just another of the many examples of outrageous Federal regulations that are hurting American competitiveness and, more simply, ticking Americans off.

I think it is incredibly important to understand the regulatory mindset that is at work in this administration. It is a mindset that assumes the worst about our fellow Americans, whether they be businessmen, property owners, or workers.

But all that begins to change when we pass the Regulatory Transition Act, which will institute a moratorium on new regulations. This moratorium will allow us time to carefully consider the entire issue of Federal regulation and to pass laws that preserve important safeguards while repealing those regulations that are counterproductive. This is what Americans said they wanted on November 8. And this is what we will deliver.

STOP DECLARING WAR ON OUR KIDS

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

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. Speaker, the Gingrich Republicans are now calling for an end to our national program of free and low-cost school lunches. The message of the Gingrich Republicans to America's hungry children is clear: "Let them eat the Republican Contract."

It is sad that our Republican colleagues have not taken the time to meet with teachers, who will tell you that for many of our Nation's kids the school lunch is the only nutritious meal in their day, the only way to help a listless child get ready to learn. Why are the Gingrich Republicans gutting the school lunch program? So that

they can give tax breaks to the wealthy, a group well represented by the lobbyists in this town.

Well, America's kids need their lobbyists in Washington, too. America needs to give the Gingrich Republicans a clear message: Stop declaring war on our kids.

THE ENDANGERED SPECIES ACT

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

Mr. CALVERT. Mr. Speaker, in the last Congress, rats, bugs, and even weeds were more important than people. Certain bureaucrats have become so eager to list new species as endangered, they have lost sight of the intent of the Endangered Species Act and ignored human concerns.

The Stephens kangaroo rat, considered not only to be endangered, was partly responsible for the destruction of 29 homes in my district. In fall 1993, southern California was battling several wildfires. Because homeowners lived in critical habitat they were unable to obey California law and clear dry weeds and brush away from their homes. It was even illegal for the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection to set controlled fires so that they could reduce the amount of combustible materials. The result: 29 homes destroyed.

Well, Mr. Speaker, yesterday we struck a blow to rats and scored a touchdown for the American people. The Combest-Condit amendment to H.R. 450 sets not only a moratorium to the Endangered Species Act, but is retroactive to November 20, 1994. This may not bring back the 29 homes in my district, but it will help the American people realize that this Congress thinks they are more important than rats, bugs, and weeds.

FUNDING FOR THE CORPORATION FOR PUBLIC BROADCASTING

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

Mr. LEWIS of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong opposition to cuts in funding for the Corporation for Public Broadcasting. There are those who say we should abolish public radio and sell public television to cable. To those of my colleagues, I say to you, there are people in our country who cannot afford to pay \$400 a year for cable. There are those who will be left out and left behind, those who will be left in the dark, left in silence.

I know what it is like growing up in rural America. I grew up on a small farm just outside Troy, AL, in the heart of the segregated South.

Radio was my window to the larger world. It was on the radio that I first heard the Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr. I heard his voice—the voice of

the civil rights movement—and it became my cause, my purpose and my mission for the next 30 years of my life. That voice changed my life and the lives of millions of Americans.

Today, public broadcasting reaches out across this country, bringing non-violent children's shows, news, and job training programs. It brings light and hope into every corner of this Nation. Some of my colleagues say we cannot afford public broadcasting. I say, can we afford to live without it?

REGULATORY TRANSITION ACT OF 1995

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. DICKEY). Pursuant to House Resolution 93 and rule XXIII, the Chair declares the House in the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union for the further consideration of the bill, H.R. 450.

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IN THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Accordingly, the House resolved itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union for the further consideration of the bill (H.R. 450) to ensure economy and efficiency of Federal Government operations by establishing a moratorium on regulatory rulemaking actions, and for other purposes, with Mr. LAHOOD in the chair.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The CHAIRMAN. When the Committee of the Whole rose on Thursday, February 23, 1995, the amendment offered by the gentleman from Louisiana [Mr. HAYES] had been disposed of and the bill was open for amendment at any point.

Three hours and thirty minutes remain for consideration of amendments under the 5-minute rule.

Are there further amendments to the bill?

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PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRY

Mr. VOLKMER. Mr. Chairman, I have a parliamentary inquiry.

The CHAIRMAN. The gentleman will state his inquiry.

Mr. VOLKMER. My inquiry is, Mr. Chairman, concerning the amount of time that is still left, the total time still left on the bill.

The CHAIRMAN. Three hours and thirty minutes.

Mr. VOLKMER. Three hours and thirty minutes from this time?

The CHAIRMAN. The gentleman is correct.

Mr. CLINGER. Mr. Chairman, I move to strike the last word.

Mr. Chairman, I yield to the gentleman from Florida [Mr. STEARNS] for purposes of a colloquy.

Mr. STEARNS. Mr. Chairman, I thank the gentleman from Pennsylvania [Mr. CLINGER] for this opportunity to have a colloquy with him, and this concerns an amendment that I would