

### REQUESTING THE NAMES OF SOCIALISTS ON NEWSPAPER EDITORIAL BOARDS

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

Mr. FROST. Mr. Speaker, I read with interest comments by Speaker GINGRICH which appeared in yesterday's newspapers about the editorial boards of many of our Nation's newspapers.

The Washington Post reported that Speaker GINGRICH told a group of business executives Monday night that many newspaper editorial boards contain Socialists. Speaker GINGRICH has been accused recently of exaggerating the truth or making plain misstatements of facts.

Quite frankly, I do not know whether the Speaker is telling the truth in this instance or not. But I am willing to give the Speaker the benefit of the doubt. According, I call on Speaker GINGRICH to name names. Who are the Socialists on the editorial board of the Dallas Morning News? Who are the Socialists on the editorial board of the Fort Worth Star Telegram? Who are the Socialists on the editorial board of the Houston Post? Who are the Socialists on the editorial board of the San Antonio Express News? Who are the Socialists on the editorial board of the Austin American-Statesmen? Who are the Socialists on the editorial board of the New Orleans Times Picayune? Who are the Socialists on the editorial board of the Daily Oklahoman?

If you are telling the truth, name names, Mr. Speaker. We are all waiting.

### WELFARE THAT WORKS

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

Mrs. WALDHOLTZ. Mr. Speaker, our current welfare system reminds me of the old adage about a certain road that was paved with good intentions. My home State of Utah decided to create its own new program that has gone from good intentions to good results.

In order to create its own program, Utah had to get 48 Federal policy waivers, which allowed the State to design a program that fits our citizens, gives innovation a chance, and promotes learning and independence. Utah's program, SPED—the single parent employment demonstration project—moves the focus of welfare from income maintenance to increasing family income. And let me tell you, it works.

In Salt Lake City alone, after 18 months under this new program, the average AFDC grant went from \$352 per month down to \$149 per month while the average family income has climbed from \$697 per month to \$795 per month. And 35 percent of all participants have left the system due to increased earnings.

This program works because it is based on the belief that the State is the most effective tool for providing these services. I hope Congress will give other States the flexibility to find programs that work for them as well as SPED works for Utah.

### LET US BALANCE THE BUDGET WITHOUT PLAYING POLITICAL PROMISING GAMES WITH TAX CUTS

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

Mr. ROEMER. Mr. Speaker, yesterday Alan Greenspan testified before Congress and said that the dollar plunged to historic lows due in large part to the Federal budget deficit. We in the House passed a constitutional amendment to balance the budget.

We need to make the courageous decisions to help balance that budget, but tax cuts, further taking away from lunch programs for hungry children across America, taking food out of their mouths to pay for a tax cut, is not the way to go.

Recently before the Committee on the Budget such economists as Stephen Roach and Roger Brinner both said tax cuts are a bad idea. Let us make the courageous decisions and provide all American people with the best tax cut we can. That is to reduce the deficit. That will create better interest rates to buy a new home, to refinance a home, and to buy a car.

Let us not play political promising games with tax cuts. Let us make courageous decisions to balance the budget.

### NOW IS THE TIME TO BALANCE THE BUDGET

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

Mr. BASS. Mr. Speaker, the Committee on the Budget yesterday heard from Federal Reserve Board Chairman Alan Greenspan, and when he was asked by the chairman of the Committee on the Budget why it is important that we balance the budget, he said, and I quote "I would say \* \* \* in the short run \* \* \* that there would be some strain leading to a period in which I think their," meaning the people of this country, "real incomes and purchasing power would significantly improve, and I think the concern, which I find very distressing, that most Americans believe that their children will live at a standard of living less than they currently enjoy, that that probability would be eliminated and that they would look forward to their children doing better than they."

Mr. Speaker, we have heard a lot of talk this morning about children and the welfare of children. If we really care about the future of the children in

this country, in whose millions of little hands the future of this country will lie, then we will move as a body to balance our budget, and balance it by the year 2002.

This is spoken by the Chairman of the Federal Reserve Board. If there was ever a need to move forward, the time is now.

### LET US NOT QUESTION PARENTS FIGHTING FOR THEIR CHILDREN'S NUTRITION

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

Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. Speaker, on Monday, demonstrators protesting the Republican cuts in school lunch and child nutrition programs raised their voices in opposition loud enough to scare the Speaker away.

What was most interesting however, was not that the Speaker refused to confront his critics, but what the Speaker's later comments revealed about the way his mind works. With regard to the protesters, the Speaker asked, "Why weren't they at work?"

I have never heard the Speaker ask why bankers, who visit Washington to lobby for deregulation, were not at work.

I have never heard the Speaker ask why high rollers who come to lobby for capital gains tax cuts were not at work.

I have never heard the Speaker ask why the people who pay \$50,000 for an exclusive fundraising dinner for one of his pet projects were not at work.

Mr. Speaker, you gave us a rare look at your darkest, most privately held thoughts with that comment. Chanting with bullhorns may not qualify as dialog, but neither do comments such as yours.

Let us not question those parents fighting for their children's nutrition.

### FEDERAL FOOD ASSISTANCE

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

Mrs. CLAYTON. Mr. Speaker, from Tuesday morning into the wee hours of yesterday morning, the Committee on Agriculture marked up title V of the Personal Responsibility Act.

That bill is now poised for consideration on the House floor.

Leadership of the committee is to be commended for eliminating the mandate for block granting the Food Stamp Program.

A State option on block grants, however, remains and will be an issue on the floor.

Also, during markup, the committee accepted my amendment which requires those who must work for food stamps to be paid at least the minimum wage for their labor.

The Agriculture Committee was also wise to take that course.

But, with action by other committees, the block grant issue continues to loom large and