

price if we do not balance the budget. They will pay the price for this fiscal irresponsibility.

Unless we take steps now to balance the budget, our children will look forward to higher taxes, as much as 82 percent of their income; higher interest rates; fewer opportunities; a lower standard of living.

Mr. Speaker, we will have to balance the budget soon. We will do it for our children; we will have to do it for our grandchildren. We will fight to see that they will not be the only generation that has a lower standard of living than their parents.

Mr. Speaker, we should save our children by balancing the budget.

#### CONGRESS IS JACK THE RIPPER TO AMERICA, BUT PLAYS SANTA CLAUS TO THE WORLD

(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, the American people are frustrated, and it is not hard to figure out. Congress cuts housing in America but gives a \$50 million gift to Jordan. Congress cuts jobs for American kids but gives \$20 billion to Mexico. Congress cuts money for schools in America but gives \$12 billion to Russia. Congress cuts health care for America's veterans who fought in our wars, but pays for the defense of Japan and Germany.

The record speaks for itself. When it comes to America, Congress is like Jack the Ripper. When it comes to the rest of the world, Congress is Santa Claus. The truth is, the American taxpayer has the best government that Japan and Germany ever wished for or ever thought they could get.

Beam me up. This is a sad day. How about some more cuts for America?

#### KEEP THE REPUBLICAN PROMISE: CONTROL BOTH TAXING AND SPENDING

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

Mr. HEFLEY. Mr. Speaker, in the last few weeks, the other side of the aisle has engaged in such heated and hysterical rhetoric that it has reached meltdown levels. Their leadership and their President can no longer be thought of as sober or rational, and their hysterical and pathetic claims reveal a total lack of reasoned analysis of the facts.

They are slaves to a welfare state that insists on high taxes and bigger bureaucracies. They fail to see the disastrous consequences of welfare, and they are blind to the out-of-control spending that may yet put us all in the poor house.

Last November, the American people short-circuited the tax-and-spend Democrats. They said no to deficit

spending and yes to accountability and responsibility. Republicans will keep our promise to cut wasteful Federal spending and to let Americans families keep more of what they earn. It is only right that we gain control of our taxing and spending, so that future generations may enjoy a decent way of life. Surely the alternative is budgetary chaos.

#### SCHOOL LUNCHES

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

Mr. UNDERWOOD. Mr. Speaker, in 1991, 14,355 students participated in the national school lunch program on Guam. In 1994, 18,000 students participated. If the Republican School Lunch Program had been put into effect on Guam in 1991, even with their 4.5-percent increases, by 1994, over 3,500 children would have been without school lunches.

In the same time period, throughout the United States this would have meant 1.1 million students without lunch every day. These are the facts. This is the reality behind the rhetoric. The Government pays 4.5 percent now and the children pay later.

If the majority has their will, they will in fact have increased funds for school lunches for next year, and it is likely that few children will go hungry in 1996, but will the number of children eligible for the School Lunch Program remain the same in 1997 and 1998 and beyond?

This blockhead grant will simply not keep pace with the growing number of kids, nor will it help them wherever they go. What price is the majority willing to pay to block grant school lunches? Mr. Speaker, as far as I am concerned, they are not paying any price. Our children are.

#### CLINTON ADMINISTRATION IN SHAMBLES AS DEMOCRATS OPPOSE CONTRACT WITH AMERICA

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

Mr. BALLENGER. Mr. Speaker, yesterday Attorney General Janet Reno recommended appointing an independent special counsel to investigate the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, Henry Cisneros. It seems that Secretary Cisneros may have lied to the FBI during his background check regarding payments he has made over the years to his mistress. Reports suggest that the payments he made to his mistress are much larger than he originally reported to the FBI.

Mr. Speaker, let us review the names of President Clinton's closest advisers that have resigned or are under a cloud of suspicion: Jocelyn Elders, Mike Espy, Les Aspin, Webster Hubbell, Rob-

ert Altman, Ron Brown, and now Henry Cisneros.

Mr. Speaker, who is next?

It is no wonder the President and his Democrat colleagues are spending so much time distorting the facts of our Contract With America. They have no ideas of their own, and their own administration is in a shambles.

#### THE VOTE ON H.R. 1158 AND 1159 DEFINES HOW MANY PRO-LIFE HOUSE MEMBERS HAVE BACKBONE AND HOW MANY ARE SPINELESS

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

Mr. VOLKMER. Mr. Speaker, the Republican Contract on America we all know, through cuts on the school lunch program and other programs, has been hard on the kids. Today we are finding that the leadership of the Republican Party in the House is not only taking it out on kids, they are now going to take it out on the unborn.

Under H.R. 1158 and 1159, there is language in there that will protect the unborn throughout this country. The leadership of this House, the Speaker, has now required the Committee on Rules to issue a rule that, under adoption of that rule, it automatically takes the Istook language out of the bill.

I have talked to the right-to-life forces here, and they are telling me that this vote will be counted. This is the pro-life vote. We are going to find out what Members will kowtow to the leadership in the Republican Party when they put the pressure on, when they tell them there will be retribution if they do not vote for this rule.

We are going to find out how many pro-life people in this House do have backbone, and how many are spineless.

#### THE IMPORTANCE OF BIODIVERSITY

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

Mr. GILCHREST. Mr. Speaker, as we take up the debate over the reauthorization of the Environmental Protection Act, we hear claims there is no need to preserve less well-known, often unglamorous species. It is easy to call for preservation of charismatic species like the bald eagle, the grizzly bear, and the sea turtle.

Some of today's most important medicines, as well as the keys to future medical crises, come from a wide range of animals, plants, molds, invertebrates, and other obscure wild species. In fact, more than 40 percent of the prescriptions sold in the United States today are derived from these organisms.