

Mr. Speaker, I have struggled to support the rescission bill. As a loyal Republican with one of the highest conservative ratings, and with a strong desire to reduce our deficit, I want to support this bill, but I regretfully, Mr. Speaker, cannot in its present form. It troubles me that cuts, caps, and passing the problems off to the States, the Pontius Pilate approach to governing, a policy that we have taken of late, seems to disproportionately affect the elderly, women, African-Americans, and other minorities, veterans, and children.

Approximately 90 percent of the appropriation cuts have come from only 2 of the 13 appropriation subcommittees. The rule confines amendments to the same two areas. Where is the fairness?

It saddens me, when discussions rescissions, that the weakest links in our chain are the first to be affected. In the past I have proudly supported the amendments of the gentleman from Indiana [Mr. BURTON] to cut appropriation bills by 1 percent or 2 percent across the board. It was fair.

Now, Mr. Speaker, I ask every Member to put aside the logic of how the cuts are not really cuts, or how the people receiving the benefits are not truly going to be hurt. How ridiculous. To a degree, it is as disingenuous as some Members referring to the health care self-insurance tax break legislation as a bill to help small business people before the vote, and then bragging about how it was the first salvo against affirmative action after the vote.

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Hoodwink is a term that comes to mind.

Mr. Speaker, I am for reducing our deficit, I am for helping our urban areas. For example, I believe that welfare dollars going to able-bodied and non-elderly recipients should be given in the form of loans, with the recipients being required to pay back or work off a portion if not all of the loan. This change would allow us to derive a significant sum of money each year that would help us reduce our deficit.

Just as important, Mr. Speaker, it would force all people to understand that they will no longer get something for nothing. It represents a true end to welfare.

Summer jobs. Instead of just eliminating the program, let's replace it with something better, like tax credits to employers who hire indigent youngsters.

And housing, Mr. Speaker. Cutting public housing by nearly 25 percent without a better solution is truly an enigma.

It has been said that we must be concerned with our children's future. No one will argue with that position. But for the less fortunate children in America, they are merely concerned about getting past tomorrow.

Oh, yes, it does get worse. We are telling the most despondent and the

most vulnerable people in our society that we have changed our minds on having certain programs. When asked what are we offering instead at this time, the answer is, "Nothing." Yet we want these highly vulnerable people to believe in our system. It is a sad message, Mr. Speaker. It is a sad message. It is truly a classic example of adding insult to injury. We should strive to improve our Nation by strengthening our weakest link, not by crushing it.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. KIM). Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Texas [Mr. PETE GEREN] is recognized for 5 minutes.

[Mr. PETE GEREN of Texas 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 Louisiana [Mr. FIELDS] is recognized for 5 minutes.

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

#### FORMER CONGRESSMAN ARTHUR WINSTEAD DIED IN MISSISSIPPI

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

Mr. MONTGOMERY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to share with my colleagues the sad news of the death of our former colleague from Mississippi, Arthur Winstead. He died in Jackson, MS, on March 14 at the age of 91.

Arthur Winstead served with great distinction in the U.S. House of Representatives from 1943 to 1965. He was a member of the Armed Services Committee and had a big hand in helping U.S. servicemen as they returned and readjusted to civilian life after World War II. He also had a great interest in education and was instrumental in bringing vocational education schools in Mississippi.

I now represent the congressional district that Arthur served for so well over those 22 years. He was replaced in 1965 by Prentiss Walker and when Prentiss ran for the U.S. Senate in 1966, I was elected to fill the open seat. We continued to stay in touch over the years. He always gave me sound, common sense advice and had an ability to quickly analyze a problem and find a solution. I considered Arthur Winstead a close friend.

He is survived by his wife, Edna B.; a son, Arthur Winstead, Jr., and two grandchildren. Funeral services will be in Meridian and burial will be at Cedar Lawn Cemetery in his hometown of Philadelphia, MS.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentle-

woman from Texas [Ms. JACKSON-LEE] is recognized for 5 minutes.

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

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

[Mr. MENENDEZ 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 Massachusetts [Mr. OLVER] is recognized for 5 minutes.

[Mr. OLVER 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 Illinois [Mr. RUSH] is recognized for 5 minutes.

[Mr. RUSH 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 Massachusetts [Mr. NEAL] is recognized for 5 minutes.

[Mr. NEAL 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 Connecticut [Mr. SHAYS] is recognized for 5 minutes.

[Mr. SHAYS 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 Washington [Mr. HASTINGS] is recognized for 5 minutes.

[Mr. HASTINGS of Washington 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 Indiana [Mr. HOSTETTLER] is recognized for 5 minutes.

[Mr. HOSTETTLER 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 Missouri [Mr. TALENT] is recognized for 5 minutes.

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

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 4, 1995, the gentleman from Tennessee [Mr. FORD] is recognized for 5