

AFTER THE ACRIMONY IS OVER

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

Mrs. MEEK of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I would like to say to the American public, when all of this acrimony that you hear on the floor is over, let me tell you what is going to happen. You are going to end up with an enormous ache in your heart and also in your pocket-book.

Today the Republicans will bring to the House floor a bill that cuts programs that serve average Americans to pay for huge tax cuts. Do you know what the message is? The message is that the spending policies here center around sharp cuts in programs that serve average Americans like you, notably education, and to pay for huge tax cuts for the wealthiest Americans.

Think about where you come in. The President and the Democrats want to target tax relief to middle income Americans. The Republicans' bill will give 20 percent of its benefits to the top 1 percent of American families.

Think about it, when the acrimony is over, think about where you stand. All told, the tax cuts that the Republicans would bring today would give away \$31.3 billion in tax breaks.

Once again, the Republicans are looking to the past for answers to the future.

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

WHAT IS THE RUSH?

(Ms. JACKSON-LEE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. JACKSON-LEE. Mr. Speaker, what is the rush?

I stood on the House floor last evening and asked the same question and, unfortunately, have gotten no answer. We come today, on April 5, 1995, to ask the American people to accept what some would call a tax cut.

I would simply share with you that the tax cut goes to those earning \$200,000 and over, 58.1 percent of the cut to those earning that amount. This morning we had a phony vote on the journal, not because we needed to vote on it, ladies and gentlemen, but simply so the Republicans could count the votes. What is the rush?

This tax cut is not going to impact citizens filing their 1994 taxes. And everywhere you go across this Nation, the statistics say that the American people want us to cut the deficit, not cut taxes.

This is supposed to be the crown jewel. We have editorials saying "it is more paste than jewel." Then we have got those saying "Congress fiddles with tax code while deficit burns."

I would simply say to you that there are some things worth discussing: the adoption credit, the elderly care credit, the spousal IRA's are worth talking about, the small business credits, the home office deduction.

Why can we not take the gloves off, come together and talk about a reasoned response to the America's deficit? Why are we fighting each other and counting votes so we can have a crown jewel; which really is nothing more than costume jewelry held together with paste. Why do we not stand for the American people, stop cutting, let us stand for what is right and make sure we reduce the deficit so that young people will have a future.

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THE TRUTH ABOUT TAX CUTS

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

Mr. SMITH of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, Gilbert and Sullivan once said in one of their operas "Things are seldom what they seem." We have been talking a lot about the protests, and that maybe the tax cuts are unfairly divided between rich and poor.

I think it is important that we remind ourselves what is in this legislation. In this legislation what we are going to be voting on is \$100 billion of spending cuts. That is \$23 billion out of discarding needless bureaucracy, \$24 billion cut in the area of eliminating duplication and waste, \$10,900,000,000 cut from foreign aid, \$7,500,000,000 attacking corporate welfare, \$22 billion in setting empowerment, and an \$11 billion spending cut.

Also what this bill does, it says none of these tax reductions take effect until we cut an estimated another \$400 billion in spending and get on that glide path toward a balanced budget, which is our goal.

CHARGES RELATING TO TAX BREAK FOR RUPERT MURDOCH ARE LUDICROUS

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

Ms. DELAURO. Mr. Speaker, for the chairman of the Committee on Ways and Means to come up here a few minutes ago and to suggest that a junior Senator in the minority party in the other body is responsible for a multimillion dollar tax break for Rupert Murdoch is ludicrous. Democrats have not been able to win one vote in committee in this body and in the other body since January.

Newspaper accounts report that the Republicans supported the tax break after learning that Murdoch was the beneficiary of the legislation, and after consulting the Speaker of this House, according to six sources involved in the

negotiations. However, if Republicans want to act on behalf of working middle-class families in this Nation, and on behalf of small businesses, and against a multimillion-dollar break for Rupert Murdoch and his taxes, they just need to ask the President of the United States "Pull the bill back, support the concurrent resolution, and do away with this outrageous billionaire boondoggle."

SUPPORT THE TAX RELIEF BILL

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

Mr. HUTCHINSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to strongly support the rule and to strongly support the tax relief bill that the House will be debating. This, I think, is the most critical feature of the Contract With America, and there is nothing more important in this tax relief provision than what we offer the American family. We have told the American family time and time again "Your time will come."

Every study, every evaluation of the American family says we need to have a tax credit for children, and yet it has been delayed and delayed and delayed. Over 70 percent of the benefits of this tax cut will go to families making less than \$75,000 a year who pay only 45.6 percent of all the income taxes. A mere 12½ percent will go to Americans who earn over \$75,000, and they pay 54.4 percent of the income tax burden.

This is an eminently fair provision. It is progressive. The contract's \$500 per child tax credit treats all of America's children equally. That is the way they should be treated. We need to pass the rule today and we then need to give relief to the American family.

THE AMERICAN PEOPLE CAN HANDLE THE TRUTH ABOUT TAX REDUCTIONS

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

Mr. KENNEDY of Massachusetts. Mr. Speaker, I want to stand today in opposition to the rule that has been proposed. First and foremost, this is a rule that I went before the chairman of the committee and he agreed that we ought to be including some additional services for adoptive parents that are in dire need of assistance to be able to adopt children in this country. We have got over 3 million abused children, we have 450,000 kids in foster care, and we desperately need to provide adoption services to those children.

Most importantly, I oppose this rule because I do not think that this is a period of time that we ought to be talking about tax cuts for the American people. The fact of the matter is we need to bring the deficit of this country down. We ought not to be at this