Mr. BAKER of California. Mr. Speaker, while the liberal Democrats are attacking the Speaker of the House, we are going to go on and change the government because the people last November demanded change. They want changes in foreign aid. The liberal establishment here in Washington is not real fond of change. They do not approve of things like balanced budgets or fiscal responsibility. For years, now, liberals and Washington bureaucrats have made piles of money of the American taxpayer.

Last November, Americans clearly rejected the status quo here in Washington. They rejected deficit spending, and they told Congress to balance their budget and end the bureaucratic spending spree.

This week, Congress will have a chance to make some fundamental changes in our foreign assistance programs. We will scale back foreign aid and eliminate wasteful agencies. Clearly this is an opportunity to dramatically restructure international involvement, making it more accountable to the American taxpayers and more responsive to American interests.

Less than 10 percent cut this year in foreign aid. That is disgraceful. It is not even hors d'oeuvres. Placing AID under the State Department is like giving your mother to the post office. This bill needs work. Eighty-one percent of the American people want dramatic cuts in foreign aid, and we have not done it. This bill is just the beginning. When it goes to conference, this bill needs tremendous cuts.

PLEASE DO NOT CUT FUNDING FOR EDUCATION: IT IS AMERICA'S FUTURE

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

Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to object to the budget put forth by the majority Republicans as it relates to education cuts. The majority Republicans have been saying for the past few weeks that their budget is one for the children of America.

Honestly, Mr. Speaker, their drastic budget cut slams the door in the face of our children. Many young people today see education as their only way to become part of the middle class, and they are right. If we cut title I funding, if we cut bilingual funding, if we cut national service assistance, if we cut student loans, if we cut job training, where are they going to get the education and training they need to earn a decent income and become taxpaying citizens?

It does not save taxes next century by cutting education today. Our children will not have a job in the next century to pay taxes if they do not have access to a good education today.

Mr. Speaker, I am particularly concerned about the elimination of bilingual education in the Republican budget. These two children in this picture are from the Love Elementary School in the Heights area of Houston. Love has an incredible success rate in the bilingual program at their school The children are learning English, they are excelling in their studies, and the program works. The students are continuing into junior and senior high. But, they will not if we pass the Republican budget because it cuts education funding.

CHINA SHOULD NOT HAVE MOST-FAVORED-NATION STATUS

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

Mr. WOLF. Mr. Speaker, I suspect that when we are gone, the administration will announce they are going to give China MFN. We should know several things: one, persecution has increased. Catholic priests have been arrested; on Easter Monday a Catholic priest was taken away. On Maundy Thursday they raided a house church. Violations of human rights have increased. The Gulags have increased. Most of the people watching this today are wearing clothing made perhaps in Gulags, but since that time, we have found out two additional things. We now know conclusively that they are shooting 25-year-old men and taking their kidneys and selling them for $25,000. We have conclusive proof. I urge anyone who wants to see it to come to my office and I will show them.

The, last week, we found out in Chinese hospitals they are selling aborted fetuses, aborted babies, for food to eat. When this Congress has an opportunity to vote on MFN, I ask Members to think in terms, do they want to give a country like that MFN when they are selling aborted babies for eating and killing people for kidney transplants? These are the things that the Nazis did, and we would never give MFN to Nazi Germany.

REPUBLICANS SHOULD NOT CUT THE STUDENT LOAN PROGRAM

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

Mr. OLVER. Mr. Speaker, I have studied the Republican budget. I have seen the charts and the graphs. I have seen the Republicans cut student loans with one hand to give a huge tax cut to the wealthiest Americans with the other hand.

Carissa Guertin of Fitchburg State College in Massachusetts has seen it, too. She says student loan cuts might take her out of college. Carissa writes, and I quote:

> I am the first in my family to actually go to college. Without student aid, I will be forced to quit college and try to get a job without a degree. This may cause me to add to the growing number of welfare recipients. I might have to become one. I do not see how student aid cuts will help our economy at all in the long run.

Mr. Speaker, I agree with Carissa.

A FRIENDLY WAGER: THE HOUSTON ROCKETS VERSUS THE SPURS

(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, yesterday I fought against student loan cuts, but today I ask for a moment of personal privilege. As spring proceeds, Mr. Speaker, many say that the hearts of Americans turn to the boys of summer. Mr. Speaker, the hearts of Texans turn to the boys of the B-ball; that is basketball.

Therefore, Mr. Speaker, who I understand is from San Antonio, a friendly wager is in order. That is that the Houston Rockets will take this series in 7. I wonder, does the Speaker have the right stuff to accept this wager, the loser having to provide reasonable penalty for the loss to our respective constituents. I wonder, does he have the right stuff to accept this wager?

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. BONILLA). If the gentlewoman will yield, I thank her, and I would like to say I accept the challenge with great enthusiasm, and I am sure that my fellow Texan shares the pride that we all have in our State in watching two Texas teams battle it out to represents the West in the NBA finals.

I, as a Spurs ticket holder for many years, will be rooting with my heart and soul for the San Antonio Spurs, and I know the gentlewoman will be doing the same for the Houston Rockets, but regardless of who wins, I am sure that she shares my pride in knowing that there will be a Texas team represented in the NBA finals.

Ms. JACKSON-LEE. We are on, Mr. Speaker.

FOREIGN AID

(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, speaking as a jazz fan, wait until next year. But today, we will continue debating the American Overseas Act. This act takes bold steps to downsize the Federal bureaucracy, and at the same time make the United States more responsive to a rapidly changing world.

Critics of this bill have said that this is America turning inward, withdrawing from the rest of the world. In fact, however, this is America opening its eyes and squarely facing both our need to balance the budget and to respond to a very different and changing world. Our foreign affairs agencies were created during the cold war, when we had