

Mr. ROEMER. Mr. Speaker, children do not have lobbyists in this country. Children do not have political action committees, and children cannot vote.

And it is no wonder, Mr. Speaker, that children are getting the shaft by the Republican cuts in the Head Start Program. Here is a Head Start Program that President Reagan and President Bush wanted to increase funding in. They did not want to cut children out of this program. This goes too far and it is too extreme. This threatens to put children out on the streets.

The Speaker has an earning by learning program, paying children to learn by reading a book. You cannot pay them to read a book if you cannot teach them how to read.

Please support restoring the \$137 million cuts to our precious Head Start Programs.

AUDIT RESULTS

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

Mrs. SEASTRAND. Mr. Speaker, business men and women across America know the first thing you do when you acquire a new enterprise is to audit the books. Last November the American people took back the House of Representatives from the liberals who had controlled it absolutely for 40 years. When the new American majority assumed responsibility for this institution last January, we took the practical, prudent step of authorizing a complete audit of the House of Representatives.

Today, the results of that first-ever audit are being made public. It will come as no surprise to the American people that the independent audit by Price Waterhouse has proven once again that power corrupts and absolute power corrupts absolutely.

Competence, waste, expediency, mismanagement, confusion, contradiction, living above the law, no accountability, no security, these are among the findings of the auditors being reported today.

The bottom line is inescapable and undeniable. This House, this cherished institution designed by our constitutional forefathers of this great Nation is once again going to be a people's House because we are going to clean it up.

KEEP PROGRAMS THAT ARE MEANINGFUL TO THE MIDDLE CLASS

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

Mr. KLINK. Mr. Speaker, we have been dwelling on Medicare cuts for quite some time during these 1-minute remarks and for good reason. But the gentleman from Indiana who spoke two speakers previous to me talked about cuts in Head Start. He reminded me of

a Head Start Program that I visited back in my own district. You could tell when they serve the lunches to these young children at Head Start that some of them had not eaten in quite a long time.

Now, the whole question is, How can you be prepared to learn if you do not have food on your stomach? How can you be prepared to learn when you are not getting that instruction at home? The parents did get them enrolled in the Head Start Program. Teachers talked about the fact that they had made great strides not only with these youngsters preparing them to learn but also with the parents themselves.

Cuts on college loans, cuts on Head Start, cuts in Medicare, cuts in Medicaid, these are going to hurt our people, and also that we can get \$245 billion in tax cuts prior to balancing the budget. The elimination of corporate taxes and nonrefundable \$500 per child, lower capital gains, this is not going to mean much to the middle class. But Medicare, Head Start, college loans, all of these things mean a great deal.

MORE ON AUDIT RESULTS

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

Mr. LINDER. Mr. Speaker, given the Democrats' track record for balancing the Federal budget, it should come as no surprise that they used less than precise bookkeeping during the 40 years of managing or mismanaging the House of Representatives.

According to Roll Call and a Price Waterhouse audit of the House books, Democrats did not pay the bills they ran up, used numbers convenient to their purpose, and made a mockery of the trust of the American people. Sound familiar? That is the exact same Democrat management style that gave this country \$5 trillion of debt.

Having heard the demand of the American people, House Republicans are changing the way Congress operates. It is simply common sense to expect the people's House and the Government to pay their bills. That is what small businesses and American families do across the country. The Government of the greatest Nation on Earth should do no less. We will balance the budget in 7 years. Republicans are administering this House of Representatives with seriousness and reverence appropriate for the leading democracy and not the lackadaisical approach taken during the last 40 years.

CRUMBLING ECONOMY

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

Mr. DEFAZIO. Mr. Speaker, as the Republican revolution patters on about the audit of the House of Representatives, the economy is crumbling around us. It is business as usual in Washington, DC, or, rather, as usual, big busi-

ness and Wall Street are dictating that we continue our failed trade policies with the enthusiastic support of the new Speaker and the new majority.

We ran a record trade deficit in May. According to the Commerce Department, it was an \$11.4 billion trade deficit. That means we exported 228,000 jobs to unfair trading partners around the world.

What does the new majority have to say about that? Well, precious little, because they are too busy filling their campaign coffers with special trips to Wall Street rather than addressing the failed trade policy. Yes, this administration, the Clinton administration, has followed Reagan and Bush in this failure. But the new majority is doing nothing to change it. We need a new trade policy for this country, a policy that brings jobs home to America and protects our economy.

RESULTS OF HOUSE AUDIT

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

Mr. HAYWORTH. Mr. Speaker, I listened with great interest to the preceding speaker pooh-pooh the results of the House audit. My goodness, the most profound news to come out of this new Congress, another promise kept that showed by this audit what blatant disregard House officials had for common mathematics.

Listen to this. Records were so inadequate and so incomplete that the auditors would not render an opinion on the reliability of the House's financial statements. This is the worst evaluation that an auditor can issue. The finance office in this institution under the previous rule processed \$700 million a year in expenses and salaries using handwritten ledgers that the auditors cannot make sense out of.

The fact is, Mr. Speaker, this new majority with help from dedicated Members of the new minority will remake this institution in the image of the American people. Today the audit symbolizes another promise made, another promise kept, keeping our word and bond with the American people to get back to basics and get back to business.

REPUBLICANS WANT TO PRIVATIZE MEDICARE

(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, a recent Washington Times story confirmed what seniors have feared about Republican plans to cut Medicare. The conservative newspaper reported that the Republican leadership's ultimate goal is to privatize Medicare. Today, the GOP is ready to dismantle Medicare today, to finance their tax cut to the wealthy. But what about tomorrow?

The Gingrich plan to privatize Medicare will mean that seniors will pay more in premiums and deductibles and will lose their choice of doctors. Under the Gingrich plan, recipients who now pay \$46.10 per month for Medicare part B would pay more than \$110 per month.

Thirty years ago when Medicare was established, 93 percent of Republicans opposed the plan. Now, the Gingrich Republicans are walking in lockstep once again and are out to achieve a 30-year goal, dismantling what they never wanted in the first place—Medicare.

FINDINGS OF FIRST AUDIT

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

Mr. LARGENT. Mr. Speaker, this is a small sample of what the House books look like. I think the American people expect us to not only read the House books but also to have an audit of the House books, and today marks the release of findings of the first—America, did you hear that—the first audit of the House books in history.

In this audit, the auditors found in the last Congress a shocking disregard for financial controls, a disregard for businesslike practice and frequently having waived the rules regarding the House books.

Some of the promises that we made on the first day of this Congress was that Congress would live under the same laws that everybody else has to abide by. I think that is only fair. Another one of the promises that we made was that we would have the first audit ever of the House books.

The auditors have come back and said that the House books are in a shambles.

Mr. Speaker, there is an old adage that says if it does not work at home, do not export it.

Let me tell you, it has not worked in this House for a long time. But this year we are making it work in this home and then export it to the rest of the American people.

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MAY'S TRADE NUMBERS

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

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Speaker, just hot off the press, America ran another budget-busting \$11.4 billion trade deficit for the month of May, continuing the record-breaking hemorrhage for 1995 for our country. For the first 5 months of this year, we recorded a trade deficit with the world of over \$52 billion, an increase of 30 percent over the same period last year, more lost wages for this country, more lost wealth. What is the administration, the leadership of this House, and every other "blind trader" around Washington doing about this bleeding of America's wealth?

While we chalked up a deficit of \$2.8 billion with China just in May and a projected \$32 billion deficit with them for this year, the administration is pushing for extension of most-favored-nation for China. With Mexico, after all the promises of increased exports to Mexico, our country is projected to run a \$20 billion trade deficit with them this year. American workers can no longer afford to sustain these kinds of trade losses. Let us bring that wealth back to America.

REPUBLICANS STAND FOR CHANGE, DEMOCRATS STAND FOR THE STATUS QUO

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

Mr. JONES. Mr. Speaker, we, the Republican majority, are committed to preserving, protecting, and improving the Medicare system. However, the other side continues to play the political games and ignores the writing on the wall. The Clinton Medicare trustees stated that the program will be bankrupt by the 2002. The fact that the system is going bankrupt makes our efforts more important than ever before.

Our plan gives States the flexibility needed to design effective, innovative health programs tailored to meet the special needs of individual citizens. We will not cut the Medicare Program, instead our proposal includes a spending increase of \$340 billion over the next 7 years—a 34-percent increase in Medicare spending per retiree.

We will clean up the waste and inefficiency in the system and provide an improved system for current and future generations.

Bottom line, we stand for change, the Democrats stand for the status quo.

CALLING ON THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE TO DENOUNCE RACISM

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

Mr. FLAKE. Mr. Speaker, it is rare that I come to this well with news that is unpleasant. My tendency is to be very positive about most things all the time. However, I will share several events that I would like to call to Members' attention.

On Thursday, as I was in the elevator 5B in the Rayburn House Office Building, on the very elevator door was written these words: "Niggers equal crime." As if that was not enough, the problem for me was exacerbated when about 3 o'clock on Sunday morning I was awakened by a telephone call. That telephone call said to me, in a prank call, "We are going to join NEWT GINGRICH in killing all niggers."

Mr. Speaker, I urge you this morning to mount this well as Speaker of the House of Representatives, as a leader in this Nation, to let this country

know that these epithets do not represent you. In the depths of my heart I would hope that you would help us to make all Americans believe that.

EFFORTS TO SAVE MEDICARE ARE NOT MEAN-SPIRITED

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

Mr. KIM. Mr. Speaker, I had a design engineering firm before I joined in Congress 2½ years ago, and at one time I had 150 employees, and I am an expert in mathematics. Let me tell the Members, this is the flat tax that the political leadership proposed, a 17 percent flat tax. This is what is proposed by my colleagues on the other side of the aisle. It is a different bracket based upon income.

Let me plot this. They insist this is a flat tax also. I would like to ask the American people, does that seem flat to them? Let me take a look at this Medicare. Mr. Speaker, this line is leading into bankruptcy within 7 years. The bottom line is what the Republicans are proposing, trying to save and preserve the Medicare system from bankruptcy. Look at these two lines. This green line is simply trying to slow down the rate of increase just a little bit. Still there is an increase. Each year we are spending more money. My colleagues call it cuts, draconian cuts, mean-spirited cuts. I just do not understand this.

FOLDING OF NEW YORK NEWSDAY

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

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. Speaker, yesterday morning when I woke up in New York, I did what I customarily do, I go to the door of my apartment and pick up the newspapers. Something was missing. That was New York Newsday, the paper that folded that Sunday. All New Yorkers, and particularly those of us who read Newsday and were covered in Newsday, regret this loss very much.

Whether it was their feisty and comprehensive coverage in New York City or the investigations they did or the thoroughness with which they treated the outer boroughs, Brooklyn, Queens, where I come from, or whether it was the complete, fair, and balanced coverage of Washington which made the reader interested in what went on there, New York Newsday is going to be missed. I regret very much that it is not continuing.

It seemed that it was almost about to turn a profit when its life was untimely ended, and yet those of us who know the reporters and editors and delivery people who made this newspaper tick will tell the Members one thing: It did a great job, it improved all of its competitor papers, as they would be the first to admit, and it made our city a