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OUTRAGED AND ASHAMED OF PRIORITIES OF NEW MAJORITY

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

Mrs. SCHROEDER. Mr. Speaker, as we end this session, I want to show two pictures, because pictures are worth a thousand words, so they say.

This is the picture of what we are going to be doing when we get to the Defense Department bill. Yes, it is very historic. For the first time since I can ever remember, and believe me, I am old with this gray hair, for the first time since I can ever remember, we are giving them \$8 billion that even the Pentagon did not want.

Yes, the GOP elephant is carrying this pork right into the Defense Department. You do not want it, you get it. You get B-2 bombers, get all sorts of missiles, you get anything you want. Here it comes. Maybe they will even gift wrap it. Who knows?

I find that absolutely outrageous when at the very same time we are going to be taking up Labor-HHS and in there we are attacking children right and left. We are throwing 60,000 children out of Head Start. That does not make me very proud. We are taking a 60-percent cut in safe and drug-free schools. As a parent I am outraged. I could go on with the whole list. But remember these two pictures. This is the new priority of this new Congress. I am ashamed.

Today in my district an innovative new program is being launched to help kids and families and reduce teen violence.

Two years ago I teamed up with Attorney General Janet Reno, Colorado Gov. Roy Romer, Denver Mayor Wellington Webb and Aurora Mayor Paul Tauer to begin finding innovative solutions to urban violence in the metropolitan Denver area. The partnership is called Project PACT [Pulling America's Communities Together], an initiative being piloted by the U.S. Department of Justice.

In addition to coordinating law enforcement activities throughout the metro area, Project PACT encourages innovative preventive strategies. This summer Project PACT teamed up with Ticketmaster—the Nation's leading ticket sales outlet—and Mile High United Way to create an activities-for-kids hotline.

Starting today, Colorado parents can call the Ticketmaster/PACT safe summer hotline and get a listing of arts, sports, and recreation activities in any metro Denver neighborhood. The hotline will be piloted for the month of August and will run all next summer.

Ticketmaster is interested in replicating this hotline in other urban districts around the country. I encourage you to look into working with your local United Way, Ticketmaster and other public and private partners to create a safe summer hotline. Innovative strategies like this one need to be supported and replicated, and I am proud to have this hotline in my district.

CLINTON ADMINISTRATION ZIGS AND ZAGS ON OSHA

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

Mr. BALLENGER. Mr. Speaker, I guess we all know by now that the Clinton administration has made a lot of zigs and zags and 180-degree turns. Now they are doing their famous "now you see it, now you don't" on OSHA reform.

Two months ago President Clinton made quite a show of going to a small business in northwest Washington and promising that his administration was going to reinvent OSHA. He said that the administration wanted OSHA to be a partner with employers in working toward safety in the workplace. "Prevention not penalties" was going to be the new goal for OSHA, according to the President. Last month, Assistant Secretary for OSHA, Joe Dear, made the same promises to the White House Conference on Small Business. Our goal is not to issue penalties, he said, but to work with employers and employees to improve safety.

Someone must have forgotten to get the script to Secretary of Labor Reich. Yesterday he criticized every effort Congress is making to have a more reasonable OSHA.

The Clinton administration's efforts to appeal to the small business community with promises of a reinvented OSHA are looking more and more like one more PR gimmick by this administration. Small businesses, employers, and employees, deserve better.

REPUBLICAN PRIORITIES ARE WRONG

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

Mr. OLVER. Mr. Speaker, the Republicans' defense appropriations bill earmarks \$493 million to begin production of the first two unneeded B-2 bombers. But the Republicans' education appropriations bill which we debate today cuts funds for education.

Safe and drug-free schools, special education, art in schools, adult education, education for gifted children, and public library funding all will be slashed. Education for homeless children will be eliminated, gone. Dropout prevention, gone. The national writing project, gone. The teacher corps, gone. Workplace literacy programs, gone.

The irony here is that every single one of the cuts I just mentioned, plus many more, added together equals less than the startup costs of those two unneeded B-2 bombers.

Cuts in education on the one hand, more money to build unneeded B-2 bombers on the other hand. The Republican priorities are wrong.

MEDICARE

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

Mr. TATE. Mr. Speaker, it is an undisputable fact that Medicare is going broke. In fact, in this report it states very clearly that under all sets of assumptions, the trust funds are projected to become exhausted. The good news is the Republicans are willing to take this issue head on, to preserve Medicare, to protect Medicare, and to strengthen Medicare. In fact, we plan on increasing the spending from \$4,800 this year for a recipient on Medicare to \$6,700 per recipient on Medicare, a \$1,900 increase per recipient on Medicare.

The bad news is the liberals have a plan for Medicare as well. Their plan is to do nothing, to allow Medicare to go broke within the next 7 years. Even if the budget was balanced today, we would still have this report stating very clearly that Medicare would go broke.

The Republicans have repealed the Clinton taxes on Social Security benefits, raising the senior citizen earning limit. Now we want to allow seniors to keep more of their money and to protect their Medicare. I urge support for these kind of changes.

EDUCATION CUTS

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

Mr. MARTINEZ. Mr. Speaker, not even Head Start is safe from cuts.

Although it has enjoyed bipartisan support for years, but now the new majority is cutting \$132 million from the program; 60,000 or more children will be denied services.

As you may recall, in 1989, a bipartisan group of Governors, along with President Bush, outlined the national education goals.

First and foremost was—"by the year 2000, all children will start school ready to learn."

Does the new majority leadership no longer believe that such a goal is laudable?

We certainly have not achieved it.

Cutting Head Start is one of many steps that will undermine educational achievement in this country.

Members on the other side of the aisle continually espouse the need for parents to assume responsibility for their children—something many of us already knew was critical. Head Start, in addition to helping prepare children for schooling, encourages parents to become integrally involved in their children's educational achievement.

Do the majority leaders really care about education and parental involvement, or do they only care about tax breaks for their wealthy contributors?