

gentlemen, the government is beginning to govern and Congress has little, if any, control over the FBI, the ATF, and IRS.

Shame Congress. Clean hands? My assets.

WHAT I LEARNED ON SUMMER VACATION

(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, we might entitle this, "What I Learned on Summer Vacation." The fact is, going back home, we reorient ourselves to the great and good common sense of the American people.

Did I hear uniformity among the constituents of the Sixth District of Arizona? Of course not. Good people can disagree, but overwhelmingly the people of the Sixth District of Arizona told me, "Stay the course, stick to your principles, work hard to reform this government."

Indeed, we have heard today already broad bipartisan consensus, and so in that spirit of bipartisanship, I extend my hand to my friends on this side of the aisle, saying the problems we confront are too great for politics as usual.

Let us get about the business of governing America.

FIRST LADY DESERVES OUR PRAISE

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

Mr. RICHARDSON. Mr. Speaker, the First Lady deserves credit, first for going to China, and second for speaking out so forcefully for human rights and women's rights.

The First Lady spoke out eloquently against forced abortions and forced sterilizations and other women's rights abuses common in other countries, such as rape, mutilation, and domestic violence. She also stressed the importance of women to families and the need for setting new standards for women's health, economic welfare, family planning, and the status of women in general.

Mr. Speaker, the First Lady showed guts and commitment in China, and she deserves our praise.

Mr. Speaker, the First Lady has worked continuously on issues related to women, children, and families for the past 25 years. This week she has combined her skills and experiences with the role of diplomat.

Amidst tenuous United States-Chinese relations, the First Lady has walked a fine line in Beijing—balancing the urgent need for women's rights and the administration's policy of constructive engagement with China.

Mrs. Clinton has successfully pointed out the need for a forum of openness of free speech in Beijing. Her remarks underscore the magnitude of the U.N. Women's Conference

and the need for responsible behavior by every member of the international community to confront the oppression that afflicts millions of women.

With the assistance of the U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations, Madeleine Albright, Mrs. Clinton has laid the important groundwork for continued dialog between Secretary of State Christopher and the Chinese Foreign Minister in their upcoming meeting.

Hillary Clinton deserves our gratitude for her efforts which engage China while steadfastly advocating the need for advances in human rights which are necessary for China's genuine integration in the international arena.

OUR COMMITMENT TO GET THE JOB DONE

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

Mr. BASS. Mr. Speaker, I am proud to say that today the House Republicans are ready to finish the job we started 8 months ago. We are ready to balance the budget for the first time in a generation, to help save this country for our children and our grandchildren, and we are ready to pass a plan that will protect, preserve, and strengthen Medicare for our senior citizens.

We are willing to take the heat on this controversial issue to save a broken system that three, I repeat, three of President Clinton's own Cabinet secretaries say needs to be dealt with immediately. We are ready to pass a plan that will help end our country's welfare system that creates poverty, dependency, destitution, breaks up families, and discourages people from working.

We are committed to ending a system that has created debt and has rewarded inefficiency.

We are not afraid to take on the special interests and the status quo here in Washington. In fact, the only ones interested in preserving the old ways are the defenders of the old order who live and breathe inside Route 495 in Washington, DC, and if we learned anything during this August recess, it is that the American people want us to stay the course and continue with this revolution in 1995.

PROTECTING HUMAN RIGHTS OF ALL PEOPLE

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

Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts. Mr. Speaker, sadly, just before we left for recess, the President of Zimbabwe, Robert Mugabe, engaged in an unjustified wholly prejudicial attack on gay men and lesbian citizens of his country.

The attack was in sharp contrast to the leadership of, for instance, Nelson Mandela, who has included in the Constitution of South Africa, with the sup-

port of that country, protections against discrimination.

I am very pleased to say that at the request of myself and the gentlewoman from California [Ms. WATERS] about 70 Members of this House have joined in sending a letter to Mr. Mugabe objecting strenuously to his bigoted attack on people who simply have a different sexual orientation, noting that this kind of denunciation of people who are decent citizens is contrary to the respect for human rights that we had hoped Mr. Mugabe would show.

I am including at this point in the RECORD the letter and the list of signatures, as follows:

His Excellency ROBERT MUGABE,
President, Harare, Zimbabwe.

DEAR MR. PRESIDENT: We were distressed to read your attack on people who are gay and lesbian.

As Members of Congress dedicated to protecting the human rights of all people, we believe that you are gravely mistaken in your denunciation of people based on their sexual orientation and your assertion that they should be excluded from the protection of their "individual freedom and human rights."

When individuals are mistreated by government because of some basic characteristic of their nature, human rights are violated. Attacking decent individuals who are fully respectful of the rights of others, who are productive and responsible citizens, but who happen to be gay or lesbian is wrong. As strong supporters of the struggle of the people of South Africa against the oppressive, dehumanizing apartheid system, we welcomed the inclusion in the Constitution of South Africa of recognition that discrimination based on an individual's sexual orientation is wrong. We strongly urge you to re-examine this issue and to follow the example of the new government of South Africa in respecting the human rights of all people.

BARNEY FRANK,
Member of Congress,
MAXINE WATERS,
Member of Congress.

COSIGNERS OF THE LETTER TO PRESIDENT ROBERT MUGABE OF ZIMBABWE

Neil Abercrombie, MC; Xavier Becerra, MC; George Brown, MC; Ronald Delums, MC; Lloyd Doggett, MC; Anna Eshoo, MC; Elizabeth Furse, MC; Steven Gunderson, MC; Alcee Hastings, MC; Steny Hoyer, MC; Patrick Kennedy, MC; Zoe Lofgren, MC; Edward Markey, MC; Marty Meehan, MC; George Miller, MC; Joseph Moakley, MC; Eleanor Holmes Norton, MC; Frank Pallone, MC; Jack Reed, MC; Martin Sabo, MC; Charles Schumer, MC; Gerry Studds, MC; Melvin Watt, MC; Sidney Yates, MC; Gary Ackerman, MC; Howard Berman, MC; William Clay, MC; Norman Dicks, MC; Richard Durbin, MC; Sam Farr, MC; Sam Gejdenson, MC; Luis Guterrez, MC.
Sheila Jackson-Lee, MC; Tom Lantos, MC; Nita Lowey, MC; Jim McDermott, MC; Carrie Meek, MC; Norman Mineta, MC; James Moran, MC; John Oliver, MC; Nancy Pelosi, MC; Lucille Roybal-Allard, MC; Bernard Sanders, MC; David Skaggs, MC; Edolphus Towns, MC; Henry Waxman, MC; Thomas Barrett, MC; Sherwood Boehlert, MC; Peter DeFazio, MC; Julian Dixon, MC; Eliot Engel, MC; Thomas Foglietta, MC; Henry Gonzalez, MC; Jane Harman, MC; Maurice Hinchey, MC; Eddie

Bernice Johnson, MC; John Lewis, MC; Carolyn Maloney, MC; Cynthia McKinney, MC; Kweisi Mfume, MC; Patsy Mink, MC; Jerrold Nadler, MC; Major Owens, MC; Charles Rangel, MC; Bobby Rush, MC; Patricia Schroeder, MC; Louise Slaughter, MC; Nydia Valázquez, MC; Lynn Woolsey, MC.

INTRODUCTION OF THE MOTOR SPORTS PROTECTION ACT

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

Mr. FUNDERBURK. Mr. Speaker, as you know, North Carolina is the home of professional auto racing and it is on behalf of thousands of North Carolinians and millions of NASCAR, NHRA, and INDY racing fans across America that I introduce the Motor Sports Protection Act today.

Mr. Speaker, Bill Clinton is waging war on the tobacco family. He has threatened the livelihood of thousands of tobacco farmers across the South and he is now on the verge of destroying professional automobile racing as we know it.

The Funderburk bill, which Richard Petty says all race fans can rally around, will stop Bill Clinton before he crosses the finish line. It prevents Big Brother agents from slapping advertising restrictions on the tobacco sponsors of pro racing. Mr. Speaker, each NASCAR alone pumps over \$2 billion into the southern economy. Racing fans are hard-working, law-abiding Americans. They deserve better than to be used as pawns in Bill Clinton's shell-game. Lets send him a message right now: Bill Clinton keep your hands off racing.

Support the Funderburk Motor Sports Protection Act

WOMEN STILL TREATED AS SECOND-CLASS CITIZENS

(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, the United Nations owes the women of the globe a great apology.

Every 10 years there is an international U.N. Women's meeting, and the United Nations could have cared less about what the host did to make this meeting as inconvenient and as awful as possible. In fact, the Secretary General of the United Nations could not even bother to come. He predicted he was going to have a fever all 12 days that this meeting was going to be going on.

Now, the message that sends to all countries is that the United Nations is putting this on only because it is politically correct, but they do not really care, and the Secretary General cannot really bother to come.

I find that tragic, and I am very grateful the First Lady went and tried

to put together anything that we could, because these issues are very, very critical.

There will not be another international meeting for 10 years, and to have allowed China to play with it this way is outrageous.

I think the House leadership owes American women also an apology, because the delegation sent from this body to the women's meeting could not have a woman chair. A woman could only be a cochair. They had to send a male along, too, and one who does not have a good record on women's issues.

I find that very troubling, and the message from all of this is, "Women, our time still has not come yet." When will be treated as first-class rather than the second-class citizens the United Nations relegated us to as we see this meeting in Beijing proceed?

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CAL RIPKEN, JR.'S MANY ACHIEVEMENTS

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

Mr. EHRLICH. Mr. Speaker, today I rise in tribute to a constituent whose achievement is the talk of the Nation.

Tonight Cal Ripken, Jr., a native of Aberdeen, MD, will play his 2,131st consecutive game with the Baltimore Orioles, breaking a longstanding record held by the legendary Lou Gehrig. It is fitting that Cal is the only player ever to accomplish this feat, because he uniquely represents the qualities for which Lou Gehrig will always be remembered—sportsmanship, fair play, and sheer love of the game.

Fans across the Nation have started calling Cal the Iron Man. But endurance is only one aspect of his success. He was Rookie of the Year in 1982; MVP in 1983 and 1991; and played in 13 consecutive All-Star games. He has hit more home runs than any shortstop in major league history.

Despite his fame, Cal Ripken takes precious time before and after every game to sign autographs, pose for pictures, or simply to chat with his fans—the way Babe Ruth, Lou Gehrig, and Jackie Robinson once did. At a time when many fans are disillusioned by the big-business approach to baseball, Cal's sincere passion for the sport reminds us of a time when baseball was what it was always meant to be—a game.

I urge all my colleagues to join with me and the citizens of Maryland as we salute Cal Ripken, Jr. His accomplishment is a timely illustration of what is best about our national pastime.

NOW 71 PERCENT OF AMERICANS DO NOT TRUST REPUBLICANS TO HANDLE 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, over the August break, I had a chance to meet with my constituents to discuss the Republican plan to cut Medicare in order to finance a tax cut for the wealthy. The people I represent want me to bring a message back to the Republican leadership: Medicare is a trust fund, not a slush fund.

Now, I know that my Republican colleagues were also back home trying to sell themselves as the true protectors of Medicare. But, the American public isn't buying this GOP makeover. The public is skeptical about the sketchy GOP plan that claims private insurance companies will offer seniors more for less. With such fantastic claims, it's no wonder that a recent poll found 71 percent of Americans have little trust in the House Republicans to handle Medicare.

For 30 years Republicans have wanted to privatize Medicare. In fact, the current majority leader has said that he would have no part of Medicare in a free world. Does that sound like a party that wants to protect Medicare?

THERE IS MORE TO DO

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

Mr. RADANOVICH. Mr. Speaker, this 104th Congress now moves forward from the Contract With America. And, "move" must be the operative word.

The lesson learned in our August recess is that the public wants action not words. Everywhere I went, men and women said, "Congressman, we'd sooner have you moving ahead * * * even if the path is rough and you stumble occasionally * * * don't let Congress just stand there."

America bought in to our program. They approve our commitment to a balanced budget. They like cutting back the bureaucracy. They commend term limits.

Most of this we delivered in this House. Yet, there is more to do here on the Hill, and I urge the Senate to heed the call.

Let us get down to business, but let us make sure it is dealing with unfinished business, not business as usual.

REPUBLICANS TAKING THE CARE OUT OF MEDICARE

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

Mr. ENGEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today on behalf of my mother, Seroy Engel, and the millions of mothers, fathers, sisters, and brothers throughout our Nation whose lives depend on Medicare. In the next few weeks this legislative body is going to have to make some tough decisions. The question will be will we let the Republicans take the care out of Medicare. I say, "No."