

tax on that. So, if the Government helps collect child support, the Government keeps 10 percent of that money.

Now, Mr. Speaker, that again, I think, is very antifamily values and antieverything the Congressional Caucus on Women's Issues had worked for. If my colleagues look at any number of other issues, they see them being rolled back, they see them being rolled back, and, as my colleagues know, people do not believe it. We had even the Violence Against Women Act barely, barely funded when it was unanimously agreed to a year ago.

I hope people watch what happens to that statue of those three women, and wake up and find out what is happening to the statutes that so many women have cared about, and men, too.

MEDISCARE TACTICS AND OTHER FALL FICTION

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of May 12, 1995, the gentleman from Arizona [Mr. HAYWORTH] is recognized during morning business for 5 minutes.

Mr. HAYWORTH. Mr. Speaker, I always enjoy spending time of course in the Sixth District in Arizona, but I also enjoy returning to the well of this body to hear some very creative accounts of what has transpired here, and I appreciate my predecessor here in the well for offering her unique interpretation on events, but, as the RECORD will reflect, because I have done some checking specifically about the statue of the suffragettes that came to the floor as a unanimous-consent request, one Member, a new addition to this House, the gentlewoman from North Carolina, stood in opposition citing the cost of \$80,000 to \$100,000.

Now there are those in this body who say, "Hey, it is no big deal. A little bit of money for a symbol; that's fine." I personally would like to see the statue brought up, but perhaps we ought to find some means of funding to remove the statue—

Mrs. SCHROEDER. Mr. Speaker, will the gentleman yield?

Mr. HAYWORTH. No, not at this time, I will not yield. The gentlewoman has had 5 minutes. I appreciate my amount of time. I will not yield to the gentlewoman at this time. I would be happy to debate her at a later time.

So too have we had interesting interpretations, not only from the gentlewoman and indeed from almost all the folks over here on this side of the aisle, as to what is transpiring in terms of health care for all Americans, but especially health care for senior citizens. I listened with great interest as my friends on the other side continue to play the game of "MediScare."

As my colleagues know, we thought the big fiction time for reading, Mr. Speaker, was in the summer with those great big, thick paperback books. No, no. It is right now here in the fall with the blatant charges that are coming from the other side that are just filled with disinformation.

With reference to the so-called spousal impoverishment statute, I would hope that Members on the other side would stand with us to rail against the greater source of spousal impoverishment and family impoverishment, and that is a confiscatory tax policy that penalizes for Americans for succeeding not only in this life, but from the grave. The same folks who voted to tax us retroactively maintain an estate tax that is absolutely confiscatory and punishes the very people we should be helping. Indeed our entire policy is this: "If you succeed in this Nation, somehow you are to be punished." It is not fair.

Why it is not fair that one works hard and succeeds. They ought to take that money and surrender it to the State.

Mrs. SCHROEDER. Mr. Speaker, will the gentleman yield?

Mr. HAYWORTH. I will not yield at this juncture. I will continue my remarks, and the gentlewoman has had her time earlier.

My colleagues heard it completely in the fiction that we will hear no doubt again from the other side today. It has been the greatest line. It is cited as a catechism even among the pollsters of the liberal news media who seek somehow to solidify something that is absolutely false. The other side will march to the well of this House and say that the new majority is trying to change Medicare to pay for a tax cut. That is just blatantly and totally false. The fact is the new majority worked very hard on a budget plan to bring this budget into balance within 7 years that paid for all of the tax reductions along the way.

My colleagues, here is the big secret that somehow is not getting out. Indeed, Mr. Speaker, I would challenge the major news media outlets of this Nation to use this part of my remarks because it is the absolute truth, and it is what people are missing in this whole debate. If our budget were balanced today, right now, we would still have a problem with the Medicare trust fund. Members of both parties, three members of the President's own Cabinet, tell us that Medicare is going broke. We have to fix it, and something else that follows the school lunch fiction and all the other scare tactics. The fact is we are not cutting Medicare. We are reducing the rate of growth. The average expenditure per beneficiary rises almost 40 percent over the next 6 years, from \$4,800 this year to \$6,700 in the year 2002. So, it is not a cut, and to hear the wailing and gnashing of teeth, and creative accounting from the other side almost defies imagination.

I say to my colleagues, apply it in everyday terms to your own life. Your son or daughter comes to you asking for an allowance. I use an example from my own. My oldest daughter, going from junior high to high school, wanted an allowance increase from \$5 a week. I felt in a sense of parental lar-

gesse we double it to \$10 a week. Now because I did not give her \$15, Mr. Speaker, she wasn't yelling that it was a cut of \$5. She got a real increase.

So, my colleagues and Mr. Speaker, listen closely to the charges. They are without foundation. It is the MediScare tactics of the past. Read the real record. Check the real numbers.

OUR SENIORS' CONCERNS ABOUT REPUBLICAN MEDICARE REFORM

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 4, 1995, the gentleman from Texas, Mr. GENE GREEN, is recognized during morning business for 5 minutes.

Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I yield such time as she may consume to my colleague, the gentlewoman from Colorado [Mrs. SCHROEDER].

Mrs. SCHROEDER. Mr. Speaker, I will be very brief because the gentleman from Texas is being very kind. I am glad I got to answer these statements.

No. 1, the cost for bringing the statue up. There has been a private group that the Senate has put together that is willing to do this, it is my understanding, so that is not an issue.

No. 2, I find that countering spousal impoverishment by saying that estate taxes are too high; for heaven's sakes, if they are both in the poorhouse, estate taxes are not going to matter.

So we are beginning to see what the gentleman from Arizona and his party—

Mr. HAYWORTH. Mr. Speaker, will the gentleman yield?

Mrs. SCHROEDER. Mr. Speaker, the gentleman did not yield to me, and I do not mind yielding. I think I yielded to the gentleman every time.

Mr. HAYWORTH. Will the gentlewoman yield?

Mrs. SCHROEDER. At this point, Mr. Speaker, I yield back to the gentleman from Texas, Mr. GENE GREEN.

Mr. HAYWORTH. Mr. Speaker, will the gentleman yield?

Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas. I will yield, but let me make my remarks about the Medicare to my colleague from Arizona because I want to make sure my colleagues understand that that is what our morning hour here is about, so we can exchange ideas and talk about it.

Over the last week I spent a lot of time in my district, like other Members have, and I used this last week to meet with constituents, and visit a number of my senior citizens' centers, and answer their questions, and I have not had the opportunity to host our Social Security Commissioner, Dr. Shirley Chater, in Houston, and she toured one of our west-end senior citizen centers, the Magnolia Senior Nutrition site, and also the Texas Medical Center to talk with those who are most affected by the proposed cutbacks in Medicare.