

Speaker, become a pawn of the Serbs in their peace negotiations.

I suspect that Milosevic and his gang think they can use David Rohde as a bargaining chip in order to have us reduce our demands that the Serbs remove war criminals Karakzic and Mladic from their commands as part of any peace agreement. They are wrong.

Mr. Speaker, I am today urging the Clinton administration to demand that David Rohde and other noncombatant personnel, including all U.N. military and civilian personnel, be immediately released.

CONGRESSIONAL LIBERALS VOICE BOGUS CLAIM

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

Mr. HERGER. Mr. Speaker, liberals here in Congress and in the White House love to claim that Republicans are raising taxes on the poor because of our efforts to reform the earned income tax credit. This claim is bogus and is an outright scare tactic.

EITC was set up in the 1970's to help working, poor families. It was designed to be a tax refund program. Since then, EITC has turned into a welfare program. In fact, only one-quarter of the \$21 billion spent on EITC actually go to tax refunds. The other three-fourths go to welfare grants. The program has expanded far beyond its original intent.

In the last 10 years, spending on the program has increased 1,220 percent. This is unsustainable growth.

Mr. Speaker, the American people need to know that we are not raising taxes on poor people. Every family covered by EITC will receive the \$500 per-child tax credit and it is an outright fabrication to suggest that reforming EITC is a tax increase.

CLINTON ADMINISTRATION AND AMERICAN PEOPLE HAVE DIF- FERENT PRIORITIES

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

Mr. EWING. Mr. Speaker, the Clinton administration's top concern these days seems to be raising the debt ceiling; in other words, increasing the Government's credit limit, which will be paid by our grandchildren.

For 11 months now, the Republican Congress has been writing a budget which will be balanced in 7 years. Throughout the whole process, the President has been missing the whole point. He needs to build consensus and accept the agenda of the American people.

Now the President wants us to raise the debt limit when he has not even stated he will sign the balanced budget amendment over a 7-year period, nor has he said he will sign legislation to save Medicare or reform welfare. He

wants to increase the debt ceiling and he is fighting nearly every Republican proposal to cut spending and reduce the size of Government.

Mr. Speaker, the Clinton administration's priorities are not the same as the American people. The American people want to clean up this fiscal mess, not increase the Government's credit limit without balancing the budget.

YITZHAK RABIN DEDICATED TO LASTING PEACE

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

Mr. FORBES. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in remembrance of one of the giants of the 20th century, a true hero, Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin.

Prime Minister Rabin, who was tragically taken from us over the weekend, could best be described as one of the Founding Fathers of the State of Israel, and a man dedicated to lasting peace in the Middle East.

As a soldier, he led troops during Israel's War of Independence in 1948. As chief of staff of the Israel Defense Forces, he led Israel to a victory over Arab forces in 1967. As Defense Minister, he strengthened Israel's armies to defend against external threats, and as Prime Minister, he pursued peace with Israel's enemies. Above all else, he was a true patriot, whose commitment to the people of Israel and a secure future for all of its generations to come was unequivocal.

For those of us here in America, he was a friend, a comfortable friend, who we came to know during his time as Israeli Ambassador to the United States.

This past August, my wife, Barbara and I, had the good fortune of spending some time with the Prime Minister and his lovely wife, Leah. During that visit as I toured Israel, it was clear that Prime Minister Rabin was undergoing tremendous pressure from external forces as well as internal forces, as he so valiantly pursued the process of peace. This and so much more shall serve as an enduring legacy of hope and optimism that characterized the rich and full life of Prime Minister Rabin. Our prayers are with the Prime Minister's family and with all Israelis during the most difficult time.

PRIME MINISTER'S LEGACY TO MOVE FORWARD FOR PEACE

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

Mr. CARDIN. Mr. Speaker, as a Member of the congressional delegation that attended Mr. Rabin's funeral, let me share with you some of my observations from returning from Jerusalem.

Mr. Rabin was truly a unique individual who pursued peace, and his loss will be deeply felt in the peace process,

make no mistake about that. We have lost a unique individual who was committed to bringing about peace.

As President Clinton remarked and as King Hussein of Jordan remarked, the legacy of Mr. Rabin must be to move forward in the peace process. The best way to honor Mr. Rabin's memory is for all of us to rededicate ourselves to peace in the Middle East.

My observations of what is happening in Israel today is that the Israelis are more united, more committed to peace than ever before, and I think that is a fitting tribute to Mr. Rabin's work.

YITZHAK RABIN'S ASSASSINATION

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

Mr. KNOLLENBERG. Mr. Speaker, on Saturday, November 4, the world suffered a great loss. Prime Minister Rabin's leadership and commitment to peace in the Middle East will be missed.

His untimely death is nothing less than tragic, not only to his family and the people of Israel, but to everyone who yearns for the end of bloodshed in the Middle East.

The United States has always stood beside Israel. Now more than ever, we must reaffirm our commitment to the parties involved in the peace process to ensure that Yitzhak Rabin's vision becomes a reality.

Mr. Speaker, our hearts and prayers go out to the people of Israel and Prime Minister Peres.

The challenges of the future are large, but not insurmountable. Mr. Rabin has shown us that courage and perseverance can win the day. Let us learn from his example.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. SHAYS). Pursuant to the provisions of clause 5 of rule I, the Chair announces that he will postpone further proceedings today on each motion to suspend the rules on which a recorded vote or the yeas and nays are ordered, or on which the vote is objected to under clause 4 of rule XV.

Such rollcall votes, if postponed, will be taken after debate has concluded on all motions to suspend the rules, but not before 6 p.m. today.

REAPPOINTMENT OF HOMER AL- FRED NEAL TO THE SMITHSON- IAN BOARD OF REGENTS

Mr. THOMAS. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the joint resolution (H.J. Res. 69) providing for the reappointment of Homer Alfred Neal as a citizen regent of the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution.

The Clerk read as follows: