pleased that we are going to allow them to keep some of their own money.

Mr. Speaker, we are going to do what we said and balance this budget over 7 years, for our children.

LET US STOP BUSINESS AS USUAL

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

Mr. LUTHER. Mr. Speaker, I came here to change the way Washington operates, to balance the budget and to do so in a common sense way that invests in America's values and future.

My biggest disappointment is how business as usual seems to continue in Washington, pork barrel spending, partisan speech making, and now the actual shutdown of Government itself. Only in Washington could Congress exempt itself from this situation, with staff staying on and typing more speeches and more press releases.

Fellow Members, I closed my offices and furloughed my entire staff, because that is how the real world operates. In the real world, when you do not do your job, tomorrow is not business as usual. When there is no money in your account, you do not keep your door open and your employees on.

As a new Democrat here, I ask both new Democrats and new Republicans to join me in stopping business as usual in Washington. Let us set down and work together for the good of our country.

AMERICANS SEEING HOPE FOR THE FUTURE

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

Mr. TIAHRT. Mr. Speaker, the Senate joined with the House and 80 percent of Americans and said, let us balance the budget in 7 years; let us get the show on the road.

This balanced budget increases Medicare, goes from $4,800 to $6,700, it increases student loans, it does not repeal one environmental law, and it includes tax breaks for families, for middle-income workers. That allows the President to overcome the mistake he made in 1993 by raising our taxes.

Now the stock market is up; the bond market is up. Why? Because finally Americans are seeing hope for the future in the form of a balanced budget. To quote someone quite important, ''If not now, when? If not us, who?''

Mr. President, let us do it.

TIJUANA HOOTERS?

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

Mr. TRAFICANT. Mr. Speaker, since 1991 4.5 million Americans have lost their livable-wage jobs; 4.5 million. It has gotten so bad that men have filed a complaint with the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission so that they can wear tank tops and panty hose and work at Hooters Restaurant.

Mr. Speaker, do you want to hear what is really crazy? The Government said they are right. I say to my colleagues, something is wrong when men are willing to wear brassieres and panty hose around here to get a job in America. What is next? Tijuana Hooters?

While we are talking about this type of garbage around here, both parties had a 7-year budget plan, and to tell you the truth, neither one of them is going to work. And the Democrats even want a line-item veto. Beam me up, Mr. Speaker. I do not want to be employed by Tijuana Hooters.

BUSYBODY BUREAUCRATS

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

Mr. KINGSTON. Mr. Speaker, I want to follow up on my friend from Ohio's comments. Talk about nonessential employees. The EEOC has come in and told Hooters, as the gentleman said, to hire men who look like that to work in their restaurants and then, among other things, from the crowd who brought you the $435 hammer, they are saying that Hooters needs to teach employees to be more sensitive to men's needs.

They are sensitive to men's needs. That is why they are making millions of dollars. There is nothing that men like more than an abundance of Buffalo wings and breasts. Think about it. That is what Jay Leno said last night.

The Federal Government is $4.9 trillion in debt, Hooters is making millions of dollars, and they are coming in and telling Hooters how to run their business. These busybody bureaucrats are defining what it is to be a nonessential employee, and they are making the case for shutting down the Government.

Let us balance the budget and get rid of the busybody bureaucrats, so that if you go in to have a good meal, you will not have to look at that, Mr. Speaker.

MORE TAX CUTS FOR THE WEALTHY

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

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, after several weeks now of secret negotiations with the Republicans in the House and Senate, we finally get the Gingrich budget today, and it is the same thing as what we expected, it hurts seniors to provide tax breaks for the wealthy.

Essentially, seniors are going to be asked to pay more to get less; their part B Medicare premiums are going to double, hospitals and health care providers are squeezed so much that we will see hospitals close and the quality of care they provide reduced, and seniors will lose their choice of doctors because they will be pushed into HMO's where they do not have a choice of doctors.

It is not fair to America; it is not fair to the average American. It means that the quality of health care goes down, all to pay for more tax breaks for the wealthy and for the corporations.

Mr. Speaker, I would urge my colleagues, we have to defeat this budget. The President has to veto it so we can get back to do something that balances the budget and at the same time protects Americans and does not hurt American seniors.

TRIANGULATION BECOMING BIANGULATION

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

Mr. GANSKE. Mr. Speaker, everyone is now familiar with the infamous White House strategy of triangulation.

This describes President Clinton's strategy of distancing himself from the Republicans in Congress and the Democrats in Congress. It was devised by his political guru Dick Morris, the same man who yesterday said, ''I run the government.''

Well, both the Senate and the House have passed a continuing resolution that would keep the Government open and stipulates only one additional thing—that President Clinton agree to negotiate a 7-year balanced budget with honest numbers.

And, I am pleased to say, 49 Democrats voted with the Republicans in the House and 7 Democrats voted with the Republicans in the Senate for the proposal.

It seems that this triangulation strategy is fast becoming a biangulation strategy—those who support a balanced budget against those who do not.

Mr. Speaker, I urge President Clinton to stop with the political games and get down to serious governing. I urge President Clinton to sign the continuing resolution, open up the Government and commit himself to a 7-year balanced budget.

TAX CUTS FOR THE RICH

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

Mr. RANGEL. Mr. Speaker, the whole Nation is waiting for us to settle this dispute. The difficulty is that in order to negotiate, you have to make certain that both sides have an open mind.

The major problem that our Republican friends have is that they decided a long time ago that they had to have this crown jewel of a $245 billion tax cut. Where did the figure come from? Why is it so important? Only God and