

in the winter—especially if families have trouble paying high heating bills.

That's why the Home Energy Assistance Program, known as LIHEAP, is so important and that's why 180 of my colleagues and I are going to do everything we can to make sure it isn't eliminated. We've written a letter asking for full funding for LIHEAP.

Mr. Speaker, I would tell my colleagues who may vote to kill LIHEAP—It's cold out there. The rich don't need another tax break. Please keep the heat on.

PROTECT THE FUTURE—SUPPORT THE REPUBLICAN BUDGET

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

Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, the Dallas Cowboys are losing and the American people are also losing as long as our President puts his priority on spending. The simple truth remains: The President is against a balanced budget because he wants to spend more taxpayer dollars to expand the size and scope of the Government.

The proof is in the details. The President's first and second budgets would leave huge deficits. The President's third budget spends an additional \$400 billion, does not balance, and raises your taxes.

Our President is still the same old tax and spend liberal.

That's why House Republicans are standing firm for a balanced budget that ends deficit spending and preserves America's future. A budget that ensures prosperity, ensures stability, and ensures freedom for all Americans. Protect the future—support the Republican balanced budget.

DONALD EUGENE WEBB SHOULD BE BROUGHT TO JUSTICE

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

Mr. KLINK. Mr. Speaker, 15 years ago last Monday I was a young television reporter in a small town called Saxonburg, PA, which now happens to be in my congressional district. I was there because in the middle of the afternoon the police chief in that small town, Gregory Adams, was murdered. He was beaten and he was shot with his own gun; and today the perpetrator of that heinous crime remains free.

His name is Donald Eugene Webb, and he is either in the enviable or unenviable position of being on the FBI's 10 Most Wanted list a record amount of times. In 15 years neither the FBI nor any other law enforcement agency has seen Donald Eugene Webb, even though the full efforts of the Pennsylvania State Police and the Federal Bureau of Investigation have been extended.

Webb has been named fugitive of the week by Pennsylvania Crime Stoppers.

His story has been told on "America's Most Wanted," on "Unsolved Mysteries," and no one who has seen any of these shows has seen Donald Eugene Webb.

Mr. Webb's family, including two sons who were infants and who are now young teenage men, deserve an answer. His widow has since remarried and deserves an answer. The people of Saxonburg, PA, and all of law enforcement deserve to have an answer, and deserve to have Donald Eugene Webb brought to justice.

SAVE THE AMERICAN DREAM

(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, while there are some significant differences between the Republican Balanced Budget Act of 1995 and President Clinton's unbalanced budget act of 1995, both sides in the debate agree that we should spend significantly more on Medicare each year.

Now, the difference between the increased spending in President Clinton's budget and our budget over the next 7 years is, get this, less than 2 percent. So where is the fight?

Under the Republican budget, Medicare spending grows from \$178 billion to \$289 billion by the year 2002, and spending per senior grows from \$4,800 to \$7,100 by the year 2002.

Under the President's budget, Medicare spending starts out at \$178 billion, just like under the Republican plan, and increases to \$294 billion by the year 2002. Spending per senior citizen increases from \$4,800, again just like the Republican budget, up to \$7,245, a pinch less than 2 percent over the Republican plan. So again I ask, where is the beef? Where is the problem?

Mr. Speaker, it is time that the President stop using imaginary Medicare spending cuts as an excuse for not balancing this budget. It is time for him to help the Republican majority put our House in order and save the American dream for the next generation.

TAXES, TAXES, TAXES

(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, how can America be bankrupt? There are airport taxes, highway taxes, excise taxes, estate taxes, gas taxes, property taxes, income taxes, sales taxes, luxury taxes, nanny taxes, old taxes, new taxes, hidden taxes, inheritance taxes; there is even now a tax called a sin tax. I say to my colleagues, no wonder the American people are taxed off.

The truth is that Congress as a Congress that taxes everything ultimately will tax freedom and will not balance anything. What is next? A budget tax?

Is it any wonder that the American people are saying, kiss my taxes?

Beam me up, Mr. Speaker. I yield back the balance of my taxes.

THREE BUDGETS FOR CONGRESS

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

Mr. HEFLEY. Mr. Speaker, the third time is a charm, right? Well, not for this President. Last week he tried, once again, to lay out a balanced budget plan. Unfortunately, the President missed the mark by well, \$400 billion.

The simple fact is, the only budget proposal proposed thus far that balances the budget in 7 years, cuts taxes for working families, saves Medicare from bankruptcy, and reforms welfare is the Balanced Budget Act of 1995 which President Clinton vetoed last week.

The President has now presented three budgets to Congress, well, one budget and two sets of talking points; yet none of them comes into balance.

Mr. Speaker, it is time for the President to keep the promise he made 23 days ago: Balance the budget in 7 years using honest numbers. There is only one person standing between the American people and a balanced budget, and that one person is Bill Clinton.

COUNTDOWN TO SHUTDOWN

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

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, this is day four of the countdown to shutdown. It no longer looks as if shutdown lies ahead for the Federal Government. A CR until January sometime is more likely. For the District of Columbia, a CR is only marginally better than a shutdown.

Mr. Speaker, you cannot run a complicated city on a month-to-month basis. It makes it almost impossible to make rational management and financial decisions.

Thanks to a bipartisan bill, the D.C. Fiscal Protection Act, D.C. may be spared this new atrocity; the subcommittee will mark up a bill tomorrow. The full committee has waived jurisdiction, indicating how important it is to allow the District of Columbia to spend its own money. Yes, its own money; 85 percent of the money in our appropriation is raised from District taxpayers.

Community leaders representing those taxpayers met with me in a town meeting last night. They are the innocent bystanders. They say that there could be no greater waste than forcing the District to pay employees on a CR basis. Free the D.C. 85 percent.

DO NOT BALANCE THE BUDGET ON BACKS OF SENIOR CITIZENS

(Mr. STUPAK asked and was given permission to address the House for 1