

Our next step is to change how we run our campaigns. I have introduced H.R. 3274 to do just that. My bill does limit PAC contributions, and it requires that contributions come from within the candidate's State and that 50 percent of contributions come from within the candidate's district. If we are here to represent the people from our district, then they are the ones that should help us get here. They are the Americans we work for and are accountable to.

It is time for meaningful campaign reform. We can pass some. We should do it. It makes sense.

#### AMERICA'S WORKING FAMILIES NEED AN INCREASED WORKING WAGE

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

Mr. FAZIO of California. Mr. Speaker, when Franklin D. Roosevelt first proposed a national minimum wage, he described it as a "fair day's pay for a fair day's work." Now, 50 years later, the minimum wage has plummeted to its lowest value ever and its purchasing power has fallen to a 40-year low. On an annual income of \$8,400 a year, paying the bills and keeping food on the table is a daily challenge for minimum wage workers.

The 90-cent increase proposed by the President and Democrats in Congress would make the minimum wage a living wage. An extra 90 cents an hour would pay for 7 months of groceries, a year of health care costs, 9 months of utility bills, or 4 months of housing.

Contrary to Republican rhetoric, the average minimum wage worker is not a teenager looking for a little extra cash. She is a working mother, often the only wage earner in her family.

Let us not load up a minimum wage increase with all sorts of special breaks and goodies that would cause the President to veto the bill.

America's working families need an increased working wage, protections for their pensions, an effective education for their children, and affordable health care. Is that too much to ask?

Let us start by raising the minimum wage.

#### WAKEUP CALL

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

Mr. BAKER of California. Mr. Speaker, politicians excoriate liberal judges for releasing dangerous criminals and the Clinton appointees are among the worst. But defense and plaintiff attorneys have found an even greater ally, the bleeding-heart juries.

Half of the jury in the first case hung up the jury saying the Menendez brothers who murdered their parents for insurance money were afraid of their parents and should be released. It reminds me of the case in Richmond, CA, where

the burglar fell through the roof and sued the property owner for having a faulty roof and won. Yesterday's decision that Bernhard Goetz who defended himself from subway muggers should pay \$43 million because he injured one of the muggers was among the worst cases.

The real problem is not just liberal judges or bleeding-heart juries but a lack of absolute values. Our Nation's switch to situational ethics does not allow us to hold people responsible for their own misdeeds.

Should people who murder their parents prosper? Should burglars sue innocent property owners? Should thugs and muggers enrich themselves through court action when their victims rise up and defend themselves.

Wake up, America, before your ability to move safely in urban areas joins the 40 percent of your income taken by a loving and caring government.

#### PERMISSION FOR SUNDRY COM- MITTEES AND THEIR SUB- COMMITTEES TO SIT TODAY DURING THE 5-MINUTE RULE

Mr. GOSS. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the following committees and their subcommittees be permitted to sit today while the House is meeting in the Committee of the Whole under the 5-minute rule:

Committee on Agriculture; Committee on Banking and Financial Services; Committee on Commerce; Committee on Economic and Educational Opportunities; Committee on Government Reform and Oversight; Committee on International Relations; Committee on the Judiciary; committee on National Security; Committee on Resources; Committee on Science; Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure; and Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

Mr. Speaker, it is my understanding that the minority has been consulted and that there is no objection to these requests.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. RADANOVICH). Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Florida?

There was no objection.

#### PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 175, FURTHER CONTINUING AP- PROPRIATIONS, FISCAL YEAR 1996

Mr. DREIER. Mr. Speaker, by direction of the Committee on Rules, I call up House Resolution 411 and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

#### H. RES. 411

*Resolved*, That upon the adoption of this resolution it shall be in order to consider in the House the joint resolution (H.J. Res. 175) making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 1996, and for other purposes, modified by striking title II of the joint resolution. The joint resolution as modified shall be debatable for one hour

equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations. The previous question shall be considered as ordered on the joint resolution as modified to final passage without intervening motion except one motion to recommit. The motion to recommit may include instructions only if offered by the minority leader or his designee.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman from California [Mr. DREIER] is recognized for 1 hour.

Mr. DREIER. Mr. Speaker, for the purpose of debate only, I yield the customary 30 minutes to the gentleman from South Boston, MA [Mr. MOAKLEY], pending which I yield myself such time as I may consume. During consideration of this resolution, all time yielded is for the purpose of debate only.

(Mr. DREIER asked and was given permission to revise and extend his remarks and include extraneous material.)

Mr. DREIER. Mr. Speaker, this rule provides for the consideration in the House of House Joint Resolution 175, making further continuing appropriations for fiscal year 1996. It provides for 1 hour of debate equally divided between the chairman and ranking minority member of the Appropriations Committee.

It orders the previous question to final passage without intervening motion except one motion to recommit which, if containing instructions, may only be offered by the minority leader or his designee.

Mr. Speaker, the rule also modifies House Joint Resolution 175 by striking out title II, which contained language to recapitalize the Savings Association insurance fund, better known as SAIF, and avoid another taxpayer bailout of yet another deposit insurance fund. Let me underscore that again. The plan was designed to avoid a taxpayer bailout and look for a private sector solution. This is an unfortunate but necessary step that was taken by the Rules Committee because passage of this 1-day continuing resolution is needed to forestall a disruption in Government services while congressional leaders and the administration work out the details of a permanent continuing resolution. As my colleagues know, the funding authority that much of the Government is currently now operating under expires in about 12 hours and 16 minutes.

Mr. Speaker, I want to take a moment to explain why I believe that the SAIF recapitalization legislation is needed, and why I hope that the majority and minority leadership in both the House and the Senate will work with the administration to bring this legislation before the House just as expeditiously as possible.

Mr. Speaker, because the bank insurance fund became fully capitalized last year, deposit insurance premiums to that fund fell from 23 cents per \$100 to 4 cents. Consequently, there is a premium disparity that exists now between the bank insurance fund and the Savings Association insurance fund.