

Mr. EHRlich. Of course, this whole debate is chock full of irony. You have big union bosses asking the working people in this country to take their hard-earned money to pay big time media consultants to run ads to defeat folks in this Congress who have an opportunity agenda which will benefit working people.

Mrs. SEASTRAND. Not only advertising in the form of radio, television, but direct mail, phone banks, door-to-door campaigns. I have been under siege, as I call it, since last April, a whole year. Here is a local article from one of my local newspapers, *Seastrand Under Siege*. Not only do they do it in advertising and direct mail, but they are bodily sending people to protest at my office. But also there is a gentleman here whose picture, Tim Allison, who is my Project '96 coordinator. He is somebody who is coming from outside the district in my district to organize against me.

I say all is fair in love and war and politics. If folks at home want to organize against ANDREA SEASTRAND and say she is not doing it, that is the way it does go. But I think be you Democrat, independent, Republican, Libertarian, whatever your philosophy, I think we should all be outraged to think that that special interest money from Washington, DC is bringing in a gentleman such as this one, I do not know where he lives. They have done that in JIM LONGLEY's district in Maine. They have done it in many of our districts. In fact, some of our Members are trying to find out who their Project '96 coordinator is. Not only are they doing it in advertising, they are actually sending an organizer into the district.

Mr. RANDOVICH. I think you need to ask the question, why are they doing that? That is simply because they have had influence, a special influence on the Congress for the last 40 years. And they are going to do anything they can to get that special interest influence back. It is plain and simple. It is power and the loss of it.

We came here to undo things in Washington because of too much government and too much government control. And we are here to localize; we are here to privatize government. They do not like it because they like it when they had influence. And under the old administration that was here for 40 years, they ran this country into the ground to the tune of \$5.5 trillion worth of debt. They want to get the reins back so that the can run us deeper into debt.

Mrs. SEASTRAND. I would just ask for the gentleman to continue to yield to finish my comments. It is just interesting, because I have list upon list here of union expenditures, whether it is the salaries, the chauffeurs or the big perks, the free rent, the big ticket perks, whether it is condos or purchasing videos or purchasing artwork or whether it is gifts, on and on, lunches, meals, convention conferences,

page after page where my folks at home are trying to do it with their blue collar job, they are trying to make a living, in many instances both spouses are working in the family, here the big union bosses living off more or less the fat of the land are upset because we are trying to bring some tax relief and some common sense for our folks at home.

So with that, I just enjoyed being with my colleagues today, and I thank you for letting me participate.

Mr. EHRlich. We thank the gentlewoman.

I would just like to add one further observation. I hope we will be able to do this again in the near future, because this is fun. This is the fun part of the job. We can talk to the American people without anybody filtering our words, directly to the folks that sent us here.

I just need to, because it is one of my favorites from the report card, talk about the TEAM Act. We all received the same report card.

Protecting your rights as workers. Congressman Ehrlich voted for the so-called TEAM Act, which allows employers to, listen to the words, I would ask the American people to listen to the words here, which allows employers to control who represents employees in discussions about wages, hours and other working conditions, H.R. 743, September 27, 1995.

Now, we have made this point time and time again tonight. Demagogues hate facts. They hate facts. Because facts kill demagogues. The Protecting Your Right as Workers Act, H.R. 743, specifies the following: Organizations, these new organizations will not have the authority to serve as the exclusive bargaining representative of employees. Second, they will not be able to enter into collective bargaining agreements. Third, workplaces that already unionized are specifically exempted under the bill.

Now, we are going to, hopefully, I know we are running out of time, we will hopefully have time to go over the two categories that we missed. But the fact needs to be made to the American people, the facts are so dangerous even in this town.

One thing, just a suggestion I throw out this evening to my colleagues in front of me and to the conservative Democrats who supported us so much in these debates and to my Republican colleagues and to the American people is that facts always kill demagogues. One thing that we do in our office, when people call me up and they say, EHRlich, you say X and GEPHARDT said Y, or GINGRICH said X and FAZIO said Y or HOYER said Y, I do not know what to believe. In our office, and I will throw this open to the folks in the second district of Maryland, all across the country tonight, do not believe us if you choose not to. If you are so cynical about politics, if you are so cynical about Members of Congress regardless of party, do not believe any word you

have heard from the three of us tonight, nor should you believe what you hear from that podium day after day. Just get the facts. Call our office. I will send you the bill. I will send you the budget numbers. I am sure my two colleagues would agree with me. We will send you the raw numbers. We will send you the actual bills. You figure it out.

Because I will not run a campaign on the foundation that the American people are dumb, that seniors cannot read the newspaper, that seniors do not expect this Congress to save Medicare. I will not run a campaign on the basis of class warfare or generational warfare, where you turn grandparents against grandchildren, where the guy making \$20,000 a year is encouraged to be jealous of the woman making \$28,000. That is not the way you run an economy. That is not the way you run a House. That is not the way I am going to run my campaign.

Let the word go out to the big union bosses, class warfare, generational warfare, this phony stuff will not work because the people, the American people can read and they can write and they can learn and they know better. I thank the gentleman.

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Mr. RADANOVICH. Thank you very much, Mr. EHRlich from Maryland and Mrs. SEASTRAND from California. In closing I would like to say that our case to the American people, and you are right, this is the opportunity for us to come unedited to the American people and let them know our opinions and let them judge for themselves, because through the ballot box, the American people are the ultimate judge of who should sit in this Congress and whose philosophy should prevail.

But I would say that we are here to do a job, and the job is not to promote class warfare, not to make the rich more richer at the expense of the poor, or the poor more rich at the expense of the rich. It is simply to build a better country. And we believe that by our efforts of balancing the budget, using the balanced budget as a blueprint to change this country, that we are changing America for the better, for the betterment of everybody, for equal opportunity for everybody. We are changing America for the better.

We are not playing silly games, and we are determined to do that, and that is our job. And I hope people will realize that the changes that we want to make through a balanced budget process, by localizing government, by privatizing government, will make America a better place, will make America a better place not only for you and I, but for every American in this country.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Mr. MYERS of Indiana (at the request of Mr. ARMEY) after 12:30 p.m.

today, on account of illness in the family.

(Mr. GOSS (at the request of Mr. ARMEY) from 1 p.m. today, on account of personal reasons.

Ms. KAPTUR (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT) for April 30 and the balance of the week, on account of illness.

SPECIAL ORDERS GRANTED

By unanimous consent, permission to address the House, following the legislative program and any special orders heretofore entered, was granted to:

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. DOGGETT) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. LIPINSKI, for 5 minutes, today.
Mr. MEEHAN, for 5 minutes, today.
Mr. PALLONE, for 5 minutes, today.
Ms. MCKINNEY, for 5 minutes, today.
Mrs. CLAYTON, for 5 minutes, today.
Mr. BENTSEN, for 5 minutes, today.
Mr. MONTGOMERY, for 5 minutes, today.

(The following Members (at the request of Ms. PRYCE) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. DICKEY, for 5 minutes, today.
Mr. WALKER, for 5 minutes, today.
Mr. FOX of Pennsylvania, for 5 minutes, today.
Mr. METCALF, for 5 minutes, today.
Mr. NEUMANN, for 5 minutes, today.
Mr. MCINTOSH, for 5 minutes, today.
Mr. GUTKNECHT, for 5 minutes, on May 2.
Ms. PRYCE, for 5 minutes, on May 2.

EXTENSION OF REMARKS

By unanimous consent, permission to revise and extend remarks was granted to:

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. DOGGETT) and to include extraneous material:)

Mr. KLINK.
Mr. GEJDENSON.
Mr. DURBIN.
Mr. PASTOR.
Mr. HAMILTON in three instances.
Mr. VENTO.
Ms. LOFGREN.
Mr. BARCIA in three instances.
Mr. CARDIN.
Mr. ACKERMAN in two instances.
Mr. CONDIT.
Mr. HILLIARD.
Mr. VISCLOSKEY in two instances.
Mr. RANGEL.
Mr. FILNER.
Mr. DELLUMS.
Mr. LANTOS.
Mr. WILSON.
Ms. MCCARTHY.
Mr. BENTSEN.

(The following Members (at the request of Ms. PRYCE) and to include extraneous material:)

Mr. MARTINI.
Mr. KNOLLENBERG.
Mr. GINGRICH.
Mr. SHUSTER.
Mr. PACKARD in two instances.

Mr. PARKER.
Mr. BOEHLERT.
Mr. YOUNG of Alaska.
Mr. DELAY.
Mr. DAVIS.
Ms. MOLINARI.
Mr. MCCOLLUM.
Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN.
Mr. BALLENGER.
Mr. BILBRAY.
Mr. COOLEY of Oregon.

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. RADANOVICH) and to include extraneous matter:)

Mr. RAHALL.
Mr. FRANKS of New Jersey.
Mr. DELAY.
Mr. RANGEL.
Mr. LATOURETTE.
Mr. COSTELLO.
Mr. SMITH of Michigan.
Ms. FURSE.
Mr. LANTOS.
Mr. FAZIO of California.
Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas.
Mr. ROMERO-BARCELÓ.
Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN.

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

Mr. THOMAS, from the Committee on House Oversight, reported that that committee had examined and found truly enrolled a bill of the House of the following title, which was thereupon signed by the Speaker:

H.R. 2024. An act to phase out the use of mercury in batteries and provide for the efficient and cost-effective collection and recycling or proper disposal of used nickel cadmium batteries, small sealed lead-acid batteries, and certain other batteries, and for other purposes.

SENATE ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

The SPEAKER announced his signature to an enrolled bill of the Senate of the following title:

S.J. 53. A joint resolution making corrections to Public Law 104-134.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. RADANOVICH. Mr. Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 11 o'clock and 16 minutes p.m.), the House adjourned until tomorrow, Thursday, May 2, 1996, at 10 a.m.

OATH OF OFFICE, MEMBERS, RESIDENT COMMISSIONER, AND DELEGATES

The oath of office required by the sixth article of the Constitution of the United States, and as provided by section 2 of the act of May 13, 1884 (23 Stat. 22), to be administered to Members, Resident Commissioner, and Delegates of the House of Representatives, the text of which is carried in 5 U.S.C. 3331:

"I, AB, do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support and defend the Constitution of the United

States against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; that I take this obligation freely; without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion; and that I will well and faithfully discharge the duties of the office on which I am about to enter. So help me God."

Has been subscribed to in person and filed in duplicate with the Clerk of the House of Representatives by the following Members of the 104th Congress, pursuant to the provisions of 2 U.S.C. 2b:

JUANITA MILLENDER-MCDONALD, 37th District, California.

ELIJAH E. CUMMINGS, Seventh District, Maryland.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 2 of rule XXIV, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

2691. A letter from the Acting Executive Director, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule—Early Warning Reporting Requirements, Minimum Financial Requirements, Prepayment of Subordinated Debt, Gross Collection of Exchange—Set Margin for Omnibus Accounts and Capital Charge on Receivables from Foreign Brokers (RIN: 3038-AB011 and 3038-AB12) received May 1, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

2692. A letter from the Acting Executive Director, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule—Ethics Training for Registrants (RIN: 3038-AB09) received May 1, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

2693. A letter from the Director, Defense Procurement, Department of Defense, transmitting the Department's final rule—Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement; Small Disadvantaged Business Concerns (DFARS Case 95-D039) received April 30, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on National Security.

2694. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs and Public Liaison, Department of the Treasury, transmitting a copy of the 12th monthly report as required by the Mexican Debt Disclosure Act of 1995, pursuant to Public Law 104-6, section 404(a) (109 Stat. 90); to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services.

2695. A letter from the Director, Office of Management and Budget, transmitting OMB's estimate of the amount of change in outlays or receipts, as the case may be, in each fiscal year through fiscal year 2002 resulting from passage of S. 735, pursuant to Public Law 101-508, section 13101(a) (104 Stat. 1388-582); to the Committee on the Budget.

2696. A letter from the Assistant General Counsel for Regulations, Department of Education, transmitting the Department's report on the notice of final funding priorities for the Special Studies Program received May 1, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(91)(B); to the Committee on Economic and Educational Opportunities.

2697. A letter from the Director, Regulations Policy Management Staff, Office of Policy Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Department's final rule—Chlorofluorocarbon Propellants in Self-Pressurized Containers; Addition to List of Essential Uses (Docket No. 92P-0403) received