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Mr. Speaker, in order to prevent taxpayers' hard-earned dollars from being wasted on this type of information from my FBI background check, I thought I would voluntarily hand this over to the White House. By giving this to the White House, they would be able to save time and money on helping us to save to balance the budget.

I would like to point out to this Chamber that valuable taxpayer money has been wasted time and time again by this White House on politically motivated shenanigans such as these FBI files, their travel office and helicopter follies to golf courses by White House personnel.

Mr. Speaker, these problems will continue to happen. I urge my colleagues and the American people to realize that this abuse of our Government by this administration and their liberal buddies is not the first, nor will it be the last.

REPUBLICANS MORE INTERESTED IN REDUCING TAXES FOR THE WEALTHY THAN REDUCING THE DEFICIT

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

Mr. VOLKMER. Mr. Speaker, Members of the House, the cat is out of the bag. The radical Republican extremists are not in favor of reducing the deficits. They do want a tax cut, a massive tax cut, for the wealthy. We saw it last night.

Mr. Speaker, if my colleagues listened to the chairman of the Committee on the Budget, the gentleman from Ohio [Mr. KASICH], he never once in this closing argument for that budget, never once, mentioned the word ''deficit.'' In fact, under their budget, the reason he did not, under their budget next year the deficit goes up; the following year, the deficit goes up. It does not go down. They need to do that in order to give tax cuts for the wealthy.

The spending cut for Medicare; where is that going to go? The spending cuts for food stamps; where is that going to go? Tax cuts for the wealthy, not to reduce the deficit, because the deficit is going to go up.

Mr. Speaker, they are more interested in reducing taxes for wealthy than they are in reducing the deficits. I say let us reduce the deficits before we give any tax cuts for anybody. That is my position. Let us get a balanced budget first. Then we reduce the deficits.

BROKEN ARMS AND BROKEN PROMISES

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

Ms. DELAURO. Mr. Speaker, late last night the House passed the 1997 budget, after an intense battle. The Republican leadership spent an entire day twisting arms to get the votes they needed. The result: A House Chamber filled with broken arms and, most important, broken promises.

Some freshman Republicans who came to Washington to balance the budget ended up voting to actually increase the deficit. Two in particular, Representatives COOLEY and CUBIN, actually voted ''no'' on passing the budget and then switched their votes. They were joined by two other switchers, Representatives ALLARD and METCALF. Clearly there was a lot of pressure in this Chamber yesterday.

Pressure to approve a budget that increases the deficit, cuts the Medicare Program by $168 billion over a 6-year period to pay for tax breaks for the wealthy, limits student loans, taxes working families, and closes rural hospitals.

Now the drama of the budget battle is over and the Republican leadership has made one thing explicitly clear: Promises can be made and promises can be broken.

PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRIES

Mr. WALKER. Mr. Speaker, parliamentary inquiry.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. HASTINGS of Washington). The gentleman from Pennsylvania will state his parliamentary inquiry.

Mr. WALKER. Mr. Speaker, is it within the rules of the House for Members to ascribe motivation to other Members and identify them by name?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Political motivations can be suggested, but not personal motivations.

Mr. WALKER. And the use of names is an appropriate kind of behavior on the House floor?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. There is nothing per se a violation by using another Member's name in describing a political action or motive. However, tradition has been to refer to Members by the State of origin rather than by personal names.

Mr. WILLIAMS. Mr. Speaker, parliamentary inquiry.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman from Montana will state his parliamentary inquiry.

Mr. WILLIAMS. Mr. Speaker, is it within the rules of the House for Members during 1-minutes to question the motivation of the President?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Again, in debate it would be allowable to question political motivation. What the gentleman raised as a parliamentary inquiry was on personal motivation.

Mr. WILLIAMS. Mr. Speaker, is it within the rules for a Member of the House during 1-minutes, or at any other time, to question whether or not a President is acting within the law in his own or her own personal activities?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will not make a judgment on what the charges may be or the motivations behind that, but the Members should refrain from personalities in debate.

Mr. WILLIAMS. I would encourage that as well.

WHAT IF A REPUBLICAN PRESIDENT WERE ACCUSED OF RAIDING FBI FILES?

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

Mrs. SEASTRAND. Mr. Speaker, the other day in the Washington Post, Mary McGrory brought up a point about the Filegate controversy that I thought was very relevant. What if this had been a Republican administration? Think about it, Mr. Speaker; every member of the liberal media would be at their wits end. CNN would have special Filegate music and would break in every 10 minutes with a special report. Dan Rather and Peter Jennings would be breathless in their zeal to find out the truth about what was going on in the White House.

''60 Minutes'' and ''20/20'' would do special interviews with the people whose FBI files were investigated. They would ask sensitive questions like, ''How does it feel to have your FBI file looked into by the White House?''

But this is not what is happening, Mr. Speaker. Of course, there is media coverage of Filegate, I do not deny that. But there is a different standard applied to liberal Democrats by the media. If a Republican President were accused of raiding FBI files of Democrats, the liberal media would be in absolutely apoplexy.

AFRICAN-AMERICAN CHURCHES UNDER SIEGE IN AMERICA

(Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, in the 1960's, as the civil rights journey, bloody though it might have been, unfolded in this Nation the eyes of most of America were riveted on those who were seeking simply freedom. Today we are under siege as the most recent church burned in Enid, OK. African-American churches across this Nation are under siege through the tragedy of church burnings. Some of my colleagues have disdained to call this political. I cry out in outrage.

As a cosponsor of the Church Arson Prevention Act, I asked the Speaker of the House in posthaste to bring this to the floor. In joining the gentlewoman from North Carolina who sponsored a resolution for this Nation to denounce this tragedy, I asked for its immediate attention in this House, and I ask America not to sleep at night while these tragedies are occurring, for I ask whether or not our colleagues are willing to entertain the possible loss of