

### A QUESTION FOR MIDDLE-CLASS AMERICANS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Georgia [Mr. KINGSTON] is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. KINGSTON. Mr. Speaker, to the middle class in America, there is one question now: Are you working longer and harder and have less to show for it? Are you concerned that, while you may be better off than your parents were, will your children be better off than you are? Are you concerned that your children will not be able to share in the American dream; or has big government, irresponsible bureaucratic policies, command and control Washington politics, stolen the American dream from our children?

I believe that it has. I am not going to say it is the only cause, the only threat to the American dream, but it certainly is a significant one. As Washington grows, our own personal freedoms contract. We lose freedom with every new regulation, with every new law, with every new tax, with every new bureaucracy.

In the 1950's, the average American family paid 5 percent Federal income tax. Today it is 24 percent. That means that the average family is a two-income family, with 38 percent of the family income going to pay the Federal Government.

What does that mean? Mom and dad wake up in the morning all over America at 6:30 a.m., run downstairs, put Pop Tarts in the toaster, wake up Junior and little Sally, say, "It is time to get ready for school. I know you are tired because you stayed up last night doing your homework and playing soccer, and so forth."

Then they try to give them a quick breakfast, hoping everybody remembers to make his or her bed, brush his or her teeth. They rush them out the door. Dad kisses mom good-bye, she runs off to her job, he runs off to his job, they see each other again at 6 o'clock at night.

At 6 o'clock at night it is car pool time, it is quick dinnertime, it is bath time, it is homework, and it is bedtime at 8:30 to 9, and then they start all over again. It is a dogged rat race. The problem is, the Federal Government is as guilty of creating it as everything that has ever happened inside the homeplace.

The reason why, as much as anything else, is this huge, growing bureaucracy that has to feed upon the taxes of the middle-class members of society. The people who are out there busting their tail, day in and day out, are feeding the Washington bureaucracy. It is time to say enough is enough.

In the early 1960's when President Kennedy cut taxes, with the top rate from 91 percent to 70 percent, the economy grew by over 42 percent. In the 1980's Reagan cut the top tax rate from 70 percent to 28 percent. As a result, the economy grew by 32 percent. Even in the 1920's, when income taxes were

cut from 73 percent to 25 percent, the economy grew by 59 percent.

What does that mean? That means that businesses grow and, as businesses grow, jobs are created. Jobs are created, more revenue comes into the folks in Washington, DC, so you can balance the budget and lower the deficit by cutting taxes.

Just look at the tax cut that Dole and Kemp have proposed. If you are making \$30,000 a year, if that is your family income, under the current tax plan, you are paying \$1,700 in taxes. With this, you would be paying \$500. The savings to families are \$1,200.

I ask the middle class in America today, what would you do if you had \$1,200 more today in spendable income? Maybe a little bit for college education accounts, maybe a few more shoes, a few more hamburgers, a few more CD's, maybe fixing your car up from that dent you got 6 months ago that you cannot quite fix. That is what it means. This is the real world.

In Washington, the elitists up here in the bureaucracy and the press always say, how are you going to pay for it? I do not remember any of them asking in 1993 when President Clinton passed the largest tax increase in the history of America, I do not remember anybody going back to the middle class of America and saying, how are you going to pay for this? You know, the President is about to stick it to you. He is going to get another \$500 or \$600 from you. How are you going to pay for it? Because they know the answer.

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Mom and dad are going to continue working hard and busting their tail and doing the right thing, and the fat cat bureaucrats in Washington are going to continue to lap it up and enjoy it.

Think about what this tax cut means to a single mother with two children making \$30,000 a year. Under the current tax system, under President Clinton, that lady pays \$2,300 a year. Under the Dole plan she would pay \$1,000 a year. That means to that single woman with two children, she would have another \$1,300 in her wallet. Do you not think she can spend that money a lot better than the Department of Human Resources or the Department of Education, or the Department of the Interior up here in Washington?

Let us give the middle class in America a break. Let us return to them the freedom that they have earned that has been handed down from the previous generation, and let us not kill them and choke them off with excessive taxes the way we are going now.

### CONFERENCE REPORT ON H.R. 1296, OMNIBUS PARKS AND PUBLIC LANDS MANAGEMENT ACT OF 1996

Mr. HAYWORTH (during the special order of the gentleman from Indiana, Mr. BURTON) submitted the following

conference report and statement on the bill (H.R. 1296) to provide for the administration of certain Presidio properties at minimal cost to the Federal taxpayer:

#### CONFERENCE REPORT (H. REPT. 104-836)

The committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 1296), to provide for the administration of certain Presidio properties at minimal cost to the Federal taxpayer, having met, after full and free conference, have agreed to recommend and do recommend to their respective Houses as follows:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate and agree to the same with an amendment as follows:

In lieu of the matter proposed to be inserted by the Senate amendment, insert the following:

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