

Mr. EHRLICH. Mr. Speaker, if I went to this well every day and looked into that camera and said, folks, Mr. WICKER from Mississippi is wearing a blue tie today and I bought \$100 million of ads and ran them across the country, and I did not care about telling the truth or shooting straight or having integrity but I loved those 30-second attack ads and every one of those attack ads said, Mr. WICKER is wearing a blue tie, do you know what? I bet you by election day, some people would believe that you were wearing a blue tie tonight, Mr. WICKER, and we all know that is a yellow tie.

Mr. WICKER. It is a yellow tie with very small elephants on it.

Mr. EHRLICH. In much the same way some people will believe tax cuts for working folks are tax cuts for the rich, in a very similar way some people will believe that slowing the growth in Medicare from 10 percent to 7 percent a year is a cut and on and on and on. I will close with this: I think the American people are a lot smarter than that.

Mr. WICKER. Before I yield to the gentlewoman from California, you have mentioned taxes and tax cuts. Let us remind ourselves, I think it is important to remind ourselves that President Clinton campaigned in 1992 on a middle class tax cut. Instead, he raised taxes on the American people the very next year. And the minority leader of this House got up before the Democrat convention in Chicago just a few weeks ago and said about that tax hike that the Democrats passed without a single Republican vote, what we did was right and our President did what was right, and I would do it again tomorrow and so would Bill Clinton.

When it comes to taxes, I am afraid that is the truth. They think tax increases are good and they would do it again tomorrow if they get a chance.

Mrs. SEASTRAND. Mr. Speaker, it is just interesting, I am pleased to participate with you this evening, but as we mentioned, we were trying and we still are trying to give power back to the folks at home, move that money and power and influence from Washington, DC to each and every one of our special places; for me, to California. And I think it is really something when you think that you gave your word, you kept your word, you kept your promises and you are called an extremist for doing so.

I would just say that for doing so, I have been punished more or less with having that outside money come in. I often tell people, if you try to go to Washington and try to change the way things were, then you see why nothing was done for 40 years. Because when you step out of the box from the way they did things, you are punished with those ads and misinformation.

I think the gentleman from Maryland is right. I am hoping that the good Americans across this Nation will be able to see through this and will again go to the polls and reelect those that are trying to work for them and give them back their Government.

Mr. BURR. Mr. speaker, I would simply say in closing that I know that my colleagues agree when I say that character does matter, that conviction does matter, that commitment does matter, that where there is, quite honestly, character, there is courage, that where there is conviction, there is hope, and where there is commitment, there are results.

And if I could sum up this freshman class in the 104th Congress, it would be that we have been courageous, that we have maintained a sense of hope for the future and hope for this country and hope for the families and that, in fact, we should be judged based upon the results, the results of 2 years, not a year and a half, like some want to judge us, but the full 2 years and the impact that we have made on changing how we represent the American people.

I am proud of the change, and I look forward to serving with each one of you in the 105th Congress so that we can continue with the progress that we made in the 104th Congress.

Mr. WICKER. Mr. Speaker, in the minute or two that I have remaining, I just want to remind my colleagues of why we are here this evening. For this Congress and for America, the historic Contract With America was a positive agenda to restore commonsense Government. The contract, in its intents and in its substance, has been distorted and criticized in recent months as a failure and for somehow being extreme.

Tonight we have documented that the contract has largely been a success, with almost two-thirds of its legislative items passed by Congress and signed into law by President Clinton. Further, we have shown that the contract was anything but extreme, with widespread public support, over 60 percent of the American people support all 10 items of the Contract With America. Much of the contract passed the House with significant bipartisan support, as I said, 58 percent of House Democrats voting for the Contract With America.

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My colleagues have repeatedly shown tonight that the contract's legislation will have a real and positive effect on the lives of all Americans.

Mr. Speaker, at this point I want to thank my colleagues for participating in this special order.

#### 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. FALEOMAVAEGA) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mrs. LOWEY, for 5 minutes, today.  
Mr. FILNER, for 5 minutes, today.  
Mrs. THURMAN, for 5 minutes, today.  
Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas, for 5 minutes, today.

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tend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. MCINTOSH, for 5 minutes, today.  
Ms. WELDON of Pennsylvania, for 5 minutes, today.  
Mr. MCINNIS, for 5 minutes, today.  
Mr. RIGGS, for 5 minutes, today.

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Mr. CAMP.  
Mr. LIGHTFOOT.  
Mr. NEY in three instances.  
Mr. BAKER of Louisiana.  
Mr. KOLBE.  
Mr. CRANE.  
Mr. OXLEY.  
Mr. HYDE.  
Mr. ZELIFF.  
Mr. SHAYS.  
Mrs. JOHNSON of Connecticut.  
Mr. HORN.  
Mrs. ROUKEMA.  
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Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN.  
Mr. BAKER of California.  
Mr. PORTER.  
Mr. BURTON of Indiana.  
Mr. DUNCAN.

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Mr. HEFNER.  
Mr. MOAKLEY.  
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Mrs. KELLY.  
Mr. LEWIS of Kentucky.  
Mr. DOOLEY of California.  
Mr. DIXON.  
Mr. FARR of California.  
Mr. BARCIA in two instances.