

process they avoid immigration and labor laws that their U.S. competitors must obey.

In addition, foreign operators benefit from foreign government subsidies designed to encourage capital investment overseas and provide employment for their citizens.

The real issue at stake in the proposed repeal of the Passenger Services Act is who gets the American vacation dollars; a U.S. or a foreign business? No one would dream of letting Toyota, Sony, or some other foreign corporation set up shop within our boundaries and escape U.S. taxes, immigration and labor laws, but this is exactly what we are allowing in the vacation cruise line industry.

The U.S. passenger vessel industry deserves our support. There are some 3,600 passenger carrying vessels in the U.S. fleet, 20 or more of which are in overnight service. These U.S. passenger vessels employ thousands of Americans and make a significant economic contribution to their local communities. In addition, the owners of these vessels obey U.S. laws, pay U.S. taxes, and employ Americans. Instead of repealing the Passenger Services Act, we should be exploring ways to increase the viability and the strength of the American cruise line industry.

I would propose that we put an end to our practice of subsidizing foreign cruise lines. Mr. Speaker, Americans are sick and tired of paying over half of their income in taxes and then letting big foreign corporations get tax breaks and other preferential treatment.

The truth is that the foreign cruise lines have powerful lobbyists who have been able to get their ships favorable treatment for many years, but the American people deserve a change, they deserve better.

It is not going to be easy to fix all of our problems and close tax loopholes like this one. Opponents will throw up every roadblock they can, but the duty of the Congress is clear.

#### THIS HOUSE NEEDS TO GET ITS BUSINESS IN ORDER

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Texas [Ms. JACKSON-LEE] is recognized for 5 minutes.

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I think today was one of those more unique days in the U.S. Congress, particularly this House, and I think it deserves an explanation to the American people, for the real issue today is that this House needs to get its business in order.

I join today on one of the very rare occasions with the gentlewoman from California [Ms. PELOSI] along with many other women in this House, Congresswoman PELOSI being the ranking member on the Committee on National Security, to raise the question of fairness and the irony that we are supposed to be here to work things out. Those who might have seen the con-

stant rising might have wondered what the business of this House was today. The business was to indicate to those who control this House, my Republican friends, that bipartisanship is something that they called for and that we called for but they are not acting upon. How disturbing to find that in foreign operations where an amendment was worked out dealing with international family planning, and some may say, "How small an issue," but the issue bears on many concerns that this country has; one, its international relations with helping many, many countries formulate in a fair manner the treatment of women who are interested in family planning.

If you really want to promote families, then you will promote women having the choice to plan families and to have the knowledge and understanding which, in fact, may avoid abortions, of which many of my colleagues to the right are so vehemently opposed to, then promote family values and work with countries like China and the continents of Africa and South America in promoting family planning. But yet the bipartisan amendment that was worked out was thrown aside and discarded. Women who have worked on this issue for so long, it was substituted for by a Republican amendment that just a couple of weeks ago had failed badly.

What is the intent of that? To dash the hopes of those who would work fairly in this House to pass an amendment that would work fairly on behalf of the international community and support family planning, and, yes, to dash the hopes of anyone who would think that we would work together in a bipartisan manner. How tragic.

It is important that this House gets itself in order, and I hope that by rising today and voting time and time again to adjourn this Congress the message got out that women stand for something, Democratic women in this Congress; we stand for fairness and, yes, we stand for bipartisanship. We stand for understanding that the way to solve the world's problem is working together, training people on the way to manage their families and to be successful.

Then, as we proceeded in discussing this issue called tax reform and tax cuts, let me also acknowledge that our Republican friends need to get their House in order. I do not know. For some reason it seems that the schoolteacher and the police officer, the fire fighter, the bus driver, and the single working mother on the Republican tax plan do not deserve to get a tax cut when just 2 years ago, 3 years ago in 1994, when almost a majority of the Republicans signed the Contract on America, they agreed that those who either paid income tax received an earned income tax credit; those are the working poor, or paid payroll tax were deserving of a child tax credit. Today their memories have faded them. These people are not around to lobby, they

are not out in the hallway. So they have forgotten the bus driver, they have forgotten the schoolteacher, they have forgotten the single working mother, they have forgotten the police officer.

These are the families that the Republicans are saying are looking for welfare. They are preschool and kindergarten teachers, teachers aids, sales clerks, carpenters, rookie police officers, in-home caregivers. They are the millions of people across America who work hard and struggle every month to pay their bills and to provide for their children. Most of them would be pretty surprised to find out that the Gingrich Congress does not think they deserve tax breaks like everyone else, even though a big chunk of their paychecks go to paying Federal taxes.

So, I think that we need to know why we are here. First, to put forward legislation that works, the family planning amendment that women negotiated under the leadership of the gentlewoman from California [Ms. PELOSI] and got an agreement to be passed.

And then, if we talk about tax reform and tax breaks, go outside these halls and look at the everyday working American and tell me that they do not deserve the \$500 a year tax credit because they are a rookie police officer, a teacher, a bus driver.

Let us get our House in order, and let us plan to work so that the legislation that comes out of this House speaks the right language, and that is for all of America and not special interests.

#### NATIONAL MONUMENT FAIRNESS ACT

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

Mr. HANSEN. Mr. Speaker, on September 18, 1996, President Clinton went out to safety on the south rim of the Grand Canyon and stood there and declared 1.7 million acres of Utah as a national monument. He had a right to do that. It is called the antiquity law that was passed in 1906, and the reason it was passed is Teddy Roosevelt and others could see that we were ruining many of the prehistoric things that were around. We were finding all these things that had been there for years and destroying them. So he had a right to do that. I do not object to the right.

What I do object to is the interpretation of the law. The law is very clear. It says that the President of the United States will do this for two purposes, and he will state these purposes. First, is to protect the archeological part of it, and another, historic site. This President did not declare either one.

And the next part of the law is the key, and it says he shall use the smallest acreage available to protect that particular thing—1.7 million acres—bigger than Delaware and Rhode Island combined; and no one told us what was there, except we know that there was