

On top of all this, Mr. Speaker, there are reports that Speaker GINGRICH, in an effort to placate the conservative forces that almost brought him down, may once again be gearing up to shut down the Government in the name of tax breaks for the rich.

Mr. Speaker, the GOP just does not get it. The American people are not interested in tax breaks for the rich and Government shutdowns. They are interested in job security and health care. The GOP should let honest people make an honest living and leave the definition of independent contractor alone.

#### TOO MUCH POWER IN THE HANDS OF GOVERNMENT

(Mr. RYUN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. RYUN. Mr. Speaker, when our Founding Fathers were debating the Constitution in Philadelphia in 1787, one of the most important subjects they discussed was concerning our freedoms. Some thought too much governmental power was the threat to freedom. Others thought too much power in the hands of the majority would be a threat to the freedom of minorities. Yet others thought that too much power in the hands of factions or what we call today special interest groups was the greatest threat to the general public. Men such as Thomas Jefferson and James Madison wrote extensively about these threats to freedom. Thomas Jefferson and James Madison were right about all three of these threats to freedom.

Today I would like to call special interests or special attention to the threat to freedom that Thomas Jefferson feared the most: Too much power in the hands of Government. When the Government takes between one-fourth and one-half of everyone's income, that is too much power in the hands of Government. Let us heed the words of Thomas Jefferson and reduce the power of Government by passing the first tax package in 16 years, one that guarantees a \$500-per-child tax credit, allowing families to keep more of what they earn.

#### TWO HUANGS DO NOT MAKE A RIGHT

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

Mr. TRAFICANT. Mr. Speaker, John Huang says he never broke the law, he never raised campaign money for the Democrats while he worked for the Commerce Department. The gutless wonder now says, "My wife did it." That is right. John Huang says that Jane Huang was the one that raised the half million dollars from the Indonesian landscaper that ended up having to be returned because the landscaper never filed his taxes. In addition, Jane

Huang raised \$12,000 from John Huang's old boss at Lippo.

And after all this, John Huang says, "Hey, behind every good man is a good woman. I did nothing wrong."

Jane Huang says, "I did nothing wrong."

Tell it like it is. Two Huangs do not make a right. If there is any consolation, my colleagues, John Huang could have blamed Jane Doe, not Jane Huang.

I yield back the balance of this Communist intrusion into our political process.

#### THE TIP OF THE EGG ROLL

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

Mr. KINGSTON. Mr. Speaker, I think it is important to talk about Chinagate figure John Huang because he had a real tough job. As the president of his holding company, Hip Hing, a subsidiary of Lippo Group, he had to work many, many long hours. See, when one's only asset is a vacant parking lot, we would not believe the pressures they are under. Nevertheless he had the time to get deeply involved in Democrat politics, and when he donated \$50,000, no one raised an eye about how a vacant parking lot attendant could afford such largess. Of course they did not know he was reimbursed by his parent company, the one-half Chinese Communist government owned Lippo Group, but now even Democrats admit this was an illegal donation and apparently only the tip of the egg roll.

#### PROVIDE TAX RELIEF TO THE FAMILIES WHO NEED IT THE MOST

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

Ms. HOOLEY of Oregon. Mr. Speaker, we need to pass a tax relief package that works for working Americans. By the way, the method of calculating income by the Treasury Department was indeed devised by the Reagan administration.

The tax reconciliation bill denies tax relief to millions of working families who pay Federal taxes but who earn less than \$30,000 a year. These folks would be unable to claim the \$500-per-child tax credit even though they pay Federal taxes.

Mr. Speaker, we are talking about nurses, teachers, junior police officers who are trying to raise their families on limited incomes. We are talking about small business owners, family farmers, hourly wage earners. We are talking about people who put a significant percentage of their salaries toward paying Federal payroll taxes. We are talking about people who need tax relief. We are talking about people who get nothing under this tax plan.

Let us not pass up this golden opportunity to provide tax relief to families that need it most. It is time to restore the full \$500-per-child credit to working families.

#### THE WHITE HOUSE BLAMES IT ON THE SYSTEM

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

Mr. TIAHRT. Mr. Speaker, if compromise of our national security and corruption of the electoral process itself were not involved, I would find great humor in the attempts to change the subject by the other side. Everyone knows how absolutely brilliant children can be at changing the subject, how inventive our kids can be at shifting responsibility and finding excuses for their behavior.

It is like a child playing with a dog in a way that he is not supposed to, pulling his tail or poking the dog where he hates to be poked, and then when the dog reacts by barking or biting, the child indignantly blames the dog.

Well, Mr. Speaker, what we have is the White House in clear violation of the law and then turning around and blaming the system for making them break the law. The system somehow required the Democrat National Committee to take foreign money. The system somehow required the White House to turn the White House into the mother of all fundraising operations. The system somehow required the DNC to accept drug money from drug traffickers.

Great example for our kids, Mr. Speaker; break the law then blame it all on the system.

#### BILLIONS OF DOLLARS IN TAX BREAKS FOR MILLIONAIRES AND NOTHING FOR DANIEL

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

Mr. LEWIS of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, Republicans continue to try to sell their huge tax break for the rich by promising tax relief for middle-class Americans. But under the Republican plan millions of working Americans get no tax cuts, they only get empty promises. Let us take an example:

Daniel is a police officer. He works hard and supports his wife and four children on his \$26,000 salary. He pays thousands of dollars in taxes. What does Daniel get from the Republican tax bill? Nothing, zero, zip. Democrats want to give Daniel and millions of other working families a tax cut.

What do Republicans say about Daniel? Daniel, the police officer? They said Daniel is on welfare. Billions of dollars in tax breaks for millionaires, nothing for Daniel, nothing for millions of hardworking families. That is the Republican tax bill, that is the Republican tax plan.