

point than a single's income. Married couples receive a lower standard deduction than two singles. Even tax provisions regarding Social Security, capital gains, and the Earned Income Tax Credit are subject to this disparity.

This unfair treatment, inconsistent with the principles on which this Nation was founded and on which we base our congressional service, must stop. I ask my colleagues to join in marriage penalty relief.

#### CAMPAIGN FINANCE REFORM

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

Mr. DOGGETT. Mr. Speaker, when it seemed they had no promises left unbroken, the Gingrich Republicans have apparently decided to break yet another promise on cleaning up this Congress.

As over 200 Members of this House stood strong outside this door signing a petition, demanding that campaign finance reform be debated here on the floor of the Congress in a fair and bipartisan manner, Speaker GINGRICH grew desperate, and he came forward and said, if you will not have that kind of reform, we will vote on campaign finance reform no later than May 15.

On my calendar, that is next week. Yet, word is circulating that the Gingrich Republican leadership, which has done practically nothing in this entire Congress on anything, has decided to do absolutely nothing on campaign reform in the entire month of May.

Mr. Speaker, when it comes to the matter of cleaning up corruption, they know that each day of delay will assure the death of real reform.

#### HUBBELL TAPES SHOW EVIDENCE OF CRIMES

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

Mr. SHIMKUS. Mr. Speaker, while the other side is becoming increasingly hysterical every time evidence is unearthed, I would ask my Democratic friends a few questions. What do you suppose Webster Hubbell meant when he said on tape, so I need to roll over one more time?

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Again, for the benefit of those on the other side who may be too busy attacking and smearing everyone whose job it is to uncover the truth, I ask them, what do they think convicted felon Webster Hubbell meant when he said, "So I need to roll over one more time." Or, "I will not raise those allegations that might open it up to Hillary." What about Mrs. Hubbell's statements about overbilling that, "That would be one area Hillary would be vulnerable." Is this not evidence of crime? Is this not relevant to the investigation now ongoing?

Can we not agree that our citizens deserve the truth and that no citizen is above the law?

#### BURTON COMMITTEE HAS BECOME PAPARAZZI OF AMERICAN POLITICS

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

Mr. EDWARDS. Mr. Speaker, Harry Truman would not be impressed. "The buck stops here" has now been amended by Republicans in Congress to say, "The buck stops with staff; don't blame me."

The gentleman from Indiana (Mr. BURTON) has released private conversations between husband and wife. He released edited tapes that misrepresented those conversations. He has said he is "out to get President Clinton."

When the gentleman is supposed to be leading an impartial investigation, when public outrage forced action, what did Republicans do? They fired a staff person. Harry Truman would not buy that and neither will the American people.

Republicans have changed the principle of innocent until proven guilty to guilty before the facts are heard. Republicans have changed the principle of limited government to the injustice of government, forcing mothers to testify against their daughters and the injustice of intruding into marital conversations.

The Burton committee has become the paparazzi of American politics, and that is a sad day for our country.

#### SOME WANT TO DIVERT ATTENTION FROM SCANDAL IN WHITE HOUSE

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

Mr. PITTS. Mr. Speaker, let me see if I have got this straight. The same White House that hired private investigators to look into the private lives of Judge Starr and his deputies now is offended that the privacy rights of his victim friend, Web Hubbell, has been violated.

The same White House that releases documents, subpoenaed documents, no less, one drip at a time, now is complaining that the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight is not being forthcoming in release of documents.

The same White House which collected 900 FBI files, just all happened to be Republicans, is a defender now of privacy rights.

The same Democrats who took the criminal intercept of a private conversation on a cellular phone last year and then released it to the press is now upset that the perfectly legal and routinely taped conversation of a convicted prisoner has been exposed for all the world to see.

Maybe all these people simply wish to divert attention from the greatest scandal of them all: the one in the White House.

#### BURTON INVESTIGATION IS AN EMBARRASSMENT

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

Mr. ALLEN. Mr. Speaker, the Burton investigation is an embarrassment. I know; I am a member of the committee.

Yesterday, the Republican leadership apologized to the Republican Members of this House. They should apologize to the American people. Millions of taxpayer dollars are being wasted on a partisan, unprofessional, indeed, inept investigation.

White House personnel like Marsha Scott and Maggie Williams have been deposed for days and forced to incur thousands of dollars in legal fees to answer questions asked by other investigators. Apologize to them.

The Federal budget, a patient's bill of rights, improved education, more support for child care, all are being neglected while Republican staffers listen to taped conversations between Webster Hubbell and his wife and pour over Democratic documents. For all that, apologize to the American people.

Let us get on with the business of American families. Replace the gentleman from Indiana (Mr. DAN BURTON) not just his staff.

#### TRIBUTE TO DR. JAMES D. STRAUSS

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

Mr. REDMOND. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to pay tribute to one of America's living treasures, Dr. James D. Strauss of Lincoln Christian Seminary.

Dr. Strauss has committed his life to the training of Christian ministers who today circle the globe in their service to people of many ethnic and racial groups.

Dr. Strauss is no ordinary professor. For 40 years his sharp mind has ignited sleeping minds. His commitment has influenced great accomplishments in others. His servant's heart has moved others to service. His profound grasp of reality has inspired others in such a way that they understand their place in the universe.

Today, the honor of professor emeritus will be conferred upon Dr. James D. Strauss, an honor that in his humility, he would deny that he has earned. Yet his vigor and quest for his service to God will no doubt give new meaning to the word "emeritus."

Dr. Strauss, your servants have seen and bear witness that you have presented your life as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable before our Creator.