

The Republican Congress is determined to track down the mistakes of 60 years of liberals robbing from Peter to pay Paul. Republicans are determined to save the ship before it sinks from the weight and burdens of excess taxes.

Mr. Speaker, I yield back to the American public any much-needed tax break.

#### ATTORNEY GENERAL HAS NO CHOICE BUT TO APPOINT INDEPENDENT COUNSEL

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

Mr. STEARNS. Mr. Speaker, yesterday the lead editorial in *The New York Times* came out strongly against the Attorney General and her continued refusal to admit to the obvious. The law requires that an independent counsel be named to investigate allegations of illegal campaign money from Communist China into the Democratic Party in the 1996 election.

FBI Director Louie Freeh has pleaded with the Attorney General to do so. And now Charles Labella, the person who was hand picked by Janet Reno to lead the investigation of these charges, has told the Attorney General that she simply has no choice.

The *New York Times* in this editorial states, "Ms. Reno can give her usual runaround about being hard-headed, but she cannot hide from the meaning of this development."

Ms. Reno has ignored the advice of the FBI Director and her own hand-picked investigator for too long. She is a lot like the character in Hogan's Heroes, that great TV series, Sergeant Schultz. When Colonel Hogan would say something to him about nefarious affairs, Sergeant Schultz would say, "I know nothing, I see nothing, I hear nothing."

Ms. Reno, it is time to appoint an independent prosecutor for campaign finance.

#### REGARDING THE 2000 CENSUS

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

Mr. WELDON of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I would like to respond to the errant comments of my colleagues, ill-informed colleagues on the other side of the aisle, regarding the year 2000 census.

Let me suggest that the very same Democrats who self-righteously assure us that the Commerce Department under President Clinton will be immune from politics, if given the opportunity to conduct the census by sampling, would be the very same people who would be screaming, "Don't play politics with the census", if a Republican President were trying to do the same thing.

In fact, there is not a single Democrat who would be supporting sampling

if the sampling computer magic were not being conducted by the political appointees of the Commerce Department. And let us not forget that the administration that my colleagues suggest is a paragon of integrity is the same administration that used the IRS to smear Billy Dale and the White House travel office employees, the same administration that politicized the Immigration and Naturalization Service in 1996 to illegally approve citizenship for criminal aliens, and, of course, it is the same administration that has done such a good job regarding missile technology secrets from the Communist Chinese.

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#### AMERICAN PEOPLE DESERVE AND EXPECT AN EXPLANATION

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

Mr. GUTKNECHT. Mr. Speaker, of all the scandals coming out of this White House, one scandal above all is perhaps the most disturbing. This scandal is more disturbing than the 900 FBI files on Republicans that somehow showed up in the White House; more disturbing than the use of private investigators to smear political opponents; more disturbing than the use of the IRS and the FBI to smear Billy Dale and the Travel Office employees; more disturbing than the allegations of perjury and obstruction of justice; and even more disturbing than the vast left-wing coverup of all of the above.

I am talking about the shocking revelation that the White House has helped the Communist Chinese Government with its missile program. We do not know if this administration gave a waiver to Loral Corporation because the chairman, Bernard Schwartz, was the Democrat's top donor in 1996 or not. But whether this administration did it for the money or not, the scandal is still almost beyond comprehension.

At best, the administration inadvertently helped the Communist Chinese Government to develop its Long March missiles. The American people expect and deserve an explanation.

#### AMERICA NEEDS TO ADDRESS CRISIS IN AGRICULTURE

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

Mr. THUNE. Mr. Speaker, agriculture in the northern plains is in great crisis. Farmers are having to sell below the cost of production. People across America need to understand that there is a close connection between a healthy agricultural economy and a strong America.

We need to address the crisis in agriculture, but we need to do it without the partisan carping that is coming out of the Democrats in Congress. The

level of the rhetoric that is coming out of the Democratic leadership in the Congress is shameful.

We need to work together to solve the cash-flow problems in agriculture, to more aggressively open markets overseas, and to improve the crop insurance program. Farmers do not care whether the Democrats or the Republicans get the credit. They only know that they need to stay in business.

I challenge my colleagues on the other side of the aisle to work with us cooperatively to find solutions to the crisis in agriculture. Let us quit playing politics with agriculture's future. Let us work together.

#### IRANIANS TEST INTERMEDIATE RANGE BALLISTIC MISSILE

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

Mr. HUNTER. Mr. Speaker, when just a couple of days ago the Iranians tested an intermediate range ballistic missile, one that has the range to strike Israel, our administration was once more embarrassed, because they had predicted a number of times that the Iranians could not achieve this capability until sometime late next year.

Well, the Iranians were a year ahead of schedule. Only one person predicted they would be able to do it much earlier in this body, and that was the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. WELDON). He is working on a piece of missile defense legislation. The gentleman from New Jersey (Mr. SAXTON) is putting in legislation a number of us are cosponsoring which directs the President to conduct an emergency program to build a defense against the systems the Iranians are developing right now.

Mr. Speaker, now is the time for the President to act. With the same urgency with which our enemies are building the ballistic missiles, we must act with the same urgency to build defenses against those missiles.

#### TODAY UTAH CELEBRATES ITS PIONEER HERITAGE

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

Mr. CANNON. Mr. Speaker, 151 years ago today, Brigham Young led the first Mormon pioneers into the valley of the Great Salt Lake.

The next spring, malnourished Mormon settlers began planting corn, beans, wheat, and potatoes. But as soon as they sprouted, the shoots were attacked by hordes of crickets.

Dr. Priddy Meeks recorded in his journal that "the crickets came so thick it made the earth black in places, and it did look like they would take away what little we had growing \* \* \* and we a thousand miles away from supplies."

Out of desperation, men, women and children poured into the fields to scare