

Reagan revolution, Congress passed a Budget Act which made trickle down economics the policy of the land. Under the banner of fiscal conservatism, that budget provided for large increases in military spending, along with sweeping tax cuts that mainly benefited the wealthy. The theory was that the money would trickle down to regular folks, but we regular folks only got trickled on.

In fact, we got so tired of being trickled on that we voted George Bush out of the White House and put Bill Clinton in. The result, as was predicted by the liberals at the time, was the largest debt in the history of the world.

However, let us fast forward to the 1990s where the Republican Contract on America has been totally discredited and they would like us to forget that they shut down the government in order to force our President to accept their twisted priorities. Instead, because Democrats stood up to the Republican bullying, we are now experiencing Bill Clinton's economy where job growth is up, unemployment is down, homeownership is up and interest rates are down. The deficit is down and the budget surplus is up.

Unfortunately, the Republican Congress' response to all of this is predictable. Increase military spending and go back to the same old trickle down theories that produced the largest debt in the history of the free world; this time a trillion dollar tax cut to their wealthy fat cat buddies and an increase in military spending as they embark upon a desperate effort to recapture the glory days of Ronald Reagan's trickle down.

Amazingly, they think we have forgotten. They figure that by changing the name to compassionate conservatism they can fool us, but that is just not so. In the FY 2000 budget, the United States will spend more on the interest on Ronald Reagan's debt than on the entire Medicare program. The FY 2000 budget also commits half of all Federal discretionary spending to military programs.

Now, there are some good things in the military budget that I strongly support: Cooperative threat reduction programs, increases in pay for members of our uniformed services, and increased benefits for America's veterans. However, the tremendous excesses in the military budget compelled me to oppose it. The current defense strategy calls on the military to be prepared to fight two significant wars at the same time, without any allies, and while maintaining a credible military reserve. The bottom line is that we maintain a Cold War era military and its incumbent costs irrespective of any realistic assessment of the threat to our national security. We also maintain at tremendous expense a Cold War nuclear arsenal.

I strongly believe we must leave behind the military structure and devices that we depended upon to win the Cold War and prepare for the real world of

today and tomorrow. Instead, we are layering unrealistic demands on top of Cold War needs. As a result, the emergency supplemental appropriations bill became a Christmas tree, laden with gifts of pork for everyone, and the rate of the increase in military spending now threatens Social Security, low income housing and nutrition programs.

It is clear to me that our national security cannot be measured in bombers alone. I believe our national security depends equally on our domestic programs and on constructive foreign policy initiatives. We can no longer continue to spend nearly half of all of our Federal discretionary dollars on military programs. This misplaced priority compromises our national security by shortchanging our investments in programs that make for real security: A healthy, well-educated, properly housed citizenry.

Does the U.S. really need a military that is big enough to simultaneously fight two major regional wars alone? Why does the U.S. need to continue to station 100,000 troops in Europe? Europe cannot defend itself? Why is the United States spending \$35 billion per year to maintain over 6,000 nuclear weapons on high alert against an enemy that no longer exists? Why should the U.S. spend another \$11 billion on a missile defense system that is technologically infeasible and strategically destabilizing? Why not close the military bases that the Department of Defense no longer needs and support converting them into profitable commercial and industrial centers? Why should the DOD get more money when it cannot even find over \$9 billion worth of inventory and continues to give away millions in over payments to contractors?

More money is not the answer to Pentagon waste. Instead, we should end the obsolete U.S. Cold War military, invest instead in developing multilateral civil institutions such as the organization for cooperation and security in Europe. These steps will reduce the cost of the U.S. Government by more than \$40 billion a year.

THREATS OF HATE MUST STOP AGAINST SAN FRANCISCO'S CHINESE-AMERICAN POPULATION

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 19, 1999, the gentleman from California (Mr. LANTOS) is recognized during morning hour debates for 5 minutes.

Mr. LANTOS. Madam Speaker, some time back I rose in the well of this House to denounce the burning of Black churches in the south. A few weeks ago, it was my duty and the duty of my like-minded colleagues to denounce the burning of three synagogues in California. Today it is my painful duty to speak out against a new and different incipient hate crime.

I am proud to represent the City of San Francisco in this body. San Fran-

cisco is viewed across the globe as one of the most spectacularly beautiful places on Earth, but its real beauty comes not from its location and topography and buildings but from the richness of the cultural variety of its citizens.

In recent days, our Chinese American population has been intimidated, attacked, assaulted, with hate literature of the most pernicious type. I stand here, Madam Speaker, calling on these merchants of hate to stop their nefarious and hideous business.

San Francisco's Chinese American community is one of the most law abiding, industrious, hard working, patriotic segments of our society. They deserve our respect and our recognition; not the oozing of hate literature and the threats of thugs who are in the process of attempting to intimidate a population which for generations has contributed so richly, not only to the cultural variety but also to the economic vibrancy of our city.

This attack on San Francisco's Chinese American community must stop. I call upon the major law enforcement agencies at all levels to be ultra vigilant in seeing to it that these merchants of hate will not go beyond their threats and, in fact, engage in physical actions of intimidation against the Chinese American population.

San Francisco prides itself, and justly so, in providing a secure, safe and civilized haven to all its citizens. The Chinese American population of the City of San Francisco is entitled to nothing less.

I intend to meet with the leadership of that community to reassure them that my colleagues in this body and indeed our Federal Government is fully prepared to protect them in all their rights and privileges as American citizens.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12 of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess until 10 a.m.

Accordingly (at 9 o'clock and 25 minutes a.m.), the House stood in recess until 10 a.m.

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AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order at 10 a.m.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend James David Ford, D.D., offered the following prayer:

Let us pray using the words of Psalm 100:

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the lands.

Serve the Lord with gladness.

Come into His presence with singing.

Know that the Lord is God.

It is He that made us, and we are His.

We are His people, and the sheep of His pasture.

Enter His gates with thanksgiving and His courts with praise.

Give thanks to Him, and bless His name.

For the Lord is good.

His steadfast love endures forever, and His faithfulness to all generations. Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

Mr. FROST. Mr. Speaker, pursuant to clause 1, rule I, I demand a vote on agreeing to the Speaker's approval of the Journal.

The SPEAKER. The question is on the Chair's approval of the Journal.

The question was taken; and the Speaker announced that the ayes appeared to have it.

Mr. FROST. Mr. Speaker, I object to the vote on the ground that a quorum is not present and make the point of order that a quorum is not present.

The SPEAKER. Evidently a quorum is not present.

Pursuant to clause 8, rule XX, further proceedings on this vote will be postponed.

The point of no quorum is considered withdrawn.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER. Will the gentleman from New York (Mr. MCNULTY) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. MCNULTY led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A message from the Senate by Mr. Lundregan, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate had passed with an amendment in which the concurrence of the House is requested, a bill of the House of the following title:

H.R. 2280. An act to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide a cost-of-living adjustment in rates of compensation paid for service-connected disabilities, to enhance the compensation, memorial affairs, and housing programs of the Department of Veterans Affairs, to improve retirement authorities applicable to judges of the United States Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the Senate has passed bills of the following titles in which concurrence of the House is requested:

S. 296. An act to provide for continuation of the Federal research investment in a fiscally sustainable way, and for other purposes.

S. 1402. An act to amend title 38, United States Code, to enhance programs providing education benefits for veterans, and for other purposes.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. GILLMOR). The Chair will entertain 15 one-minutes on each side.

25TH ANNIVERSARY OF LEGAL SERVICES CORPORATION

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

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, today the White House is holding a party celebrating the 25th anniversary of the Legal Services Corporation.

Mr. Speaker, this is no time to celebrate. We now know that the Legal Services Corporation massively misrepresented its caseload to Congress. In fact, according to a recent study, LSC misrepresented a full one-third of its cases to Congress. That kind of waste and mismanagement are hardly causes for celebration.

LSC was inflating numbers. LSC was giving Congress misleading information. LSC was wasting taxpayer money. And worst of all, it was neglecting the very people it claims to help.

Mr. Speaker, we cannot reward poor performance and misleading information. No birthday celebration can paper over the fact that the Legal Services Corporation is not helping as many people as it claims.

Now that the false cases have been exposed, it is clear that LSC does not deserve the funding it has been getting. In fact, Mr. Speaker, perhaps they should make their case before the false claims court.

Mr. Speaker, given LSC's habit of inflating numbers by a third, I would not be surprised if that birthday cake at the White House today has 33 candles on it.

TRIBUTE TO JUDGE FRANK M. JOHNSON

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

Mr. FROST. Mr. Speaker, on July 23 the Nation lost a great American when Judge Frank M. Johnson died at his home in Montgomery, Alabama.

Judge Johnson was truly an American hero, a man of decency and courage, and whose dedication to the principles of the Constitution ensured that all Americans might enjoy the rights and privileges accorded to the citizens of this Nation by that great document.

His most celebrated decisions came in the early years of the civil rights movement in this country. After Rosa Parks refused to give up her seat on a

Montgomery bus, Judge Johnson ruled that the regulation that required her to stand in order that a white passenger might sit was in violation of the 14th Amendment.

Following the savage beating of civil rights marchers, who included our own colleague the gentleman from Georgia (Mr. LEWIS) by Alabama state troopers as they attempted to march from Selma to Montgomery, Judge Johnson moved that those marchers should be allowed to express their grievances through a peaceful demonstration.

In his ruling, he said that those marchers were doing nothing more than exercising their Constitutional right to assemble peaceably to seek redress of grievances.

He struck down laws that prohibited African-Americans from serving on juries, signed the order to force the integration of the University of Alabama, took part in the case that led to the one man, one vote ruling by the Supreme Court and had a hand in scores of other cases that led to desegregation of public facilities throughout the South.

Mr. Speaker, I believe this great man did indeed yield true justice. The country has lost a great man.

LANCE ARMSTRONG, AN INCREDIBLE COMEBACK

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

Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, we have got a new hero named Lance Armstrong as a professional cyclist.

In October of 1996, he was diagnosed with cancer, threatening not only his career but his life. Last Sunday afternoon, he conquered both. Lance, who grew up in Plano, Texas, in our district, won the Tour de France by 7 minutes, 37 seconds.

Armstrong's triumph over the France landscape is a testament to the strength of human mind, body, and spirit when put to the test and a testament to faith in God that miracles do happen.

The fact that an American won the race for the first time in 9 years is reason enough for national celebration. But Armstrong's victory over cancer gives a very real, very special hope to those who are struggling with cancer.

Today we say bravo and congratulations, Lance, for a victory that will go down as one of the most incredible comebacks in history.

America is in your debt. God bless you.

AMERICA MUST NOT TOLERATE MURDERERS

(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, the Yosemite murderer confessed to four