were going to take place and taken steps to prevent them.

As Congress is asked to make tough choices about development assistance and funding for the poorest of the poor, is it right for Congress to appropriate $12 million for the Croatian-American Enterprise Fund in light of these recent atrocities.

The answer is no. Congress would not only be turning our backs on genocide, we would be approving it.

SENIORS SHOULD BE HEARD, NOT ARRESTED

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

Ms. BROWN of Florida. Mr. Speaker, here I have hundreds of questionnaires that my constituents signed opposing drastic Medicare cuts. Oh, did I say cut? I meant gut. The Republican plan will actually gut the Medicare Program.

And now, to make matters worse, Republicans are trying to gag America's seniors. When a small group of senior citizens protested the Commerce Committee voting on a Medicare bill without having one hearing on it, they were arrested.

I do not believe that these seniors should be gagged. Shame on my Republican colleagues for shutting out seniors from Congress—the People's House. As a Democrat who believes in the Democratic process, I believe those seniors deserve to be heard from, and not arrested.

Thousands of my constituents have told me that they are outraged at the Republicans' reverse Robin Hood tactics, stealing from the working people and giving tax breaks to the wealthy.

WHITE HOUSE WEATHER VANE CHANGES DIRECTION

(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, ''Oh, ain't it funky now.'' Those immortal and prophetic words are written and sung by that Godfather of Soul, James Brown, from his classic hit, ''Ain't It Funky, Part 2.'' Surely these words must have been the inspiration of the Clinton reelection theme when they came up with the motto ''Get the Funk Out of America.'' And I never knew funk was a big problem out there. It has not shown up in any of my polling data.

But we always knew that the Clinton administration marches to the beat of a different drummer. And, as SONNY BONO might say, last night the beat goes on, because, in an apparent complete reversal, Mr. Clinton said at a Democrat fundraiser, of all places, that there are a lot of people still mad about his huge, largest tax increase in the history of America. He said, ''It might surprise you to know that I think I raised taxes too much too.''

So now, Mr. Speaker, we have the President once again noticing that the White House weather vane has changed directions, and he is going to get behind the middle class tax cut. Hallelujah, another campaign promise he is going to be forced to keep.

Mr. Speaker, I welcome the President in supporting the middle class tax cut.

MEDICARE POLITICS

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

Mr. KLINK. Mr. Speaker, 1 week has passed since 15 senior citizens were hauled out of the Committee on Commerce for daring to ask how the 30-year-old promise of Medicare was going to be kept. The reason for their question was in view of the Republican attempt to rape, ravage, and pillage that system to the tune of $270 billion to offset tax cuts for the wealthy, and they were upset about the fact that the legislation before us had had no hearings.

Still, the image of those wheelchair-bound individuals being handcuffed and loaded into paddy wagons and police cars will long linger with those of us who were there. Some of them were veterans who had fought for our rights to be heard. They were being told ''You are too old; get out of here.'' Others were mothers and grandmothers. They were being told ''You are too old; get out of here. You are not important anymore.''

Let us get the facts straight. In 1965, 93 percent of the Republicans voted against Medicare. In 1993, not one Republican put up a vote for COBRA 93 which propped up Medicare and cut the deficit by 40 percent. Now, in 1995, we are arresting our seniors for being concerned about that promise made 30 years ago.

REFORMING MEDICARE

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

Mr. GILCHREST. Mr. Speaker, I would like to make a comment about Medicare and the proposal that are going to be up this week for a vote on the House floor. After reading the material and understanding that the long-term sustainability of Medicare as it stands right now is not in good condition, what we need to do to protect seniors right now and protect those people that will move into that category in the very near future is to reform Medicare so it is sustainable over the long haul.

In order to do that, we have to reduce the amount of cost to each senior citizen. We have to slow down the rate of growth for Medicare from about 10 percent to about 5 percent. We have to protect Medicare part A. These reforms do that. We have to protect Medicare part B. These reforms do that. We have to give seniors more options, more health care, and better quality health care. These reforms do that.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues, when the vote comes up on Thursday to vote for the reforms.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE CLEVELAND INDIANS, 1995 AMERICAN LEAGUE CHAMPIONS

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

Mr. STOKES. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to offer my congratulations to the greatest baseball team in America, the Cleveland Indians. Last night, the Indians captured the American League Pennant with a 4-to-0 victory over the Seattle Mariners. Armed with the best record in the major leagues, the Indians now march boldly forward to the World Series.

On behalf of the residents of the greatest city in America, I take pride in expressing our congratulations to the Cleveland Indians, including Mike Hargrove and his excellent coaching staff, the team's general manager, John Hart, and team owner, Dick Jacobs. We also extend congratulations to the Cleveland Indians spectacular pitching staff including Dennis Martinez, and the series most valuable player, pitcher Orel Hershiser. The Cleveland Indians have demonstrated an excellence in teamwork and determination to make the dream of a world championship a reality.

When the World Series opens in Atlanta on Saturday, the Cleveland Indians will be making their first appearance since 1954, a period of 41 years. Our hearts are with the team and we will be cheering them on to victory over another great team, the Atlanta Braves.

THE REAL DEAL ON MEDICARE

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

Mr. WYNN. Mr. Speaker, this week we will have on the floor of the House so-called Medicare reform. All the American people are basically asking for is straight talk, true numbers, and the real deal.

The real deal is this: According to the Medicare trustees, we do need to make some adjustments in Medicare. How much? We need to make about $90 billion in adjustments so that we can ensure the solvency of the trust fund for about 10 years, for the next 10 years.

The Democrats say well, that will only cost $90 billion. So why do the Republicans say that costs $270 billion? Why are they taking $270 billion out of the Medicare program? They do not get any greater solvency. According to the CBO, they will only assure solvency for