

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

another 10 years, just as we do. So what happens to the rest of that money? It does not go into the Medicare trust fund. Instead, it goes to pay for tax breaks for the very wealthy.

Mr. Speaker, those are the fact. We need to make an adjustment. An adjustment costs about \$90 billion. The Democrats are willing to make that \$90 billion adjustment. Why do we need to rest of the money? It does not go to the Medicare trust fund; it goes to the very wealthy.

THE COST OF SAVING MEDICARE

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

Mr. NADLER. Mr. Speaker, the basic lack of reality of what the Republicans are saying was addressed by my colleague a moment ago. The trustees tell us that \$90 billion is what is necessary to fix the Medicare trust fund for long-term solvency. The Republicans take \$270 billion, and they claim this is offered to save Medicare. If they were really honest about this, they would say, OK, we will reduce our tax cut from \$245 to \$155 billion and take that \$90 billion and give it to the Medicare trust fund.

But they are not honest about it. When the gentleman from New York [Mr. RANGEL] offered that amendment in the Committee on Ways and Means, he was ruled out of order. We have already been told it will be ruled out of order if we were to offer it on the House floor tomorrow, because the Republicans are afraid to confront the reality and to let us show the American people what they really are talking about. They want the entire money for a tax cut for the rich and they do not dare say let us cut the tax cut and give \$90 billion to Medicare.

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MEDICARE ONLY NEEDS A \$90 BILLION CUT

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

Mr. MILLER of California. Mr. Speaker, as the House gets ready to vote on the Medicare proposals coming from the Republicans and the Committee on Ways and Means, it has become crystal clear what exactly is taking place now. It has become very clear you do not need to cut \$270 billion from Medicare to preserve it to the year 2006. We now see that that can be done for somewhere in the range of \$90 billion.

So what is it that is happening to the other \$170 billion that the Republicans are taking out of Medicare? What has become clear is this is the means by which they can provide the tax cut, the predominant benefits of which go to the wealthiest people in this country,

and still balance the budget. They cannot afford a tax cut. This country cannot afford a tax cut. We can only make room for that tax cut if we take an additional \$170 billion out of Medicare. That is unconscionable and it is wrong and it should be rejected.

PERMISSION FOR SUNDRY COMMITTEES AND THEIR SUBCOMMITTEES TO SIT TODAY DURING 5-MINUTES RULE

Mr. GILCHREST. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the following committees and their subcommittees be permitted to sit today while the House is meeting in the Committee of the Whole House under the 5-minute rule: The Committee on Commerce, the Committee on Economic and Educational Opportunities, the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight, the Committee on International Relations, the Committee on the Judiciary, the Committee on National Security, the Committee on Resources, the Committee on Science, the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, and the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence.

It is my understanding that the minority has been consulted and that there is no objection to these requests.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. BUNNING). Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Maryland? There was no objection.

FISHERY CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT AMENDMENTS OF 1995

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. HAYWORTH). Pursuant to the order of the House of Monday, September 18, 1995, and rule XXIII, the Chair declares the House in the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union for the further consideration of the bill, H.R. 39.

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IN THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Accordingly the House resolved itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union for the further consideration of the bill (H.R. 39) to amend the Magnuson Fishery Conservation and Management Act to improve fisheries management with Mr. BUNNING (Chairman pro tempore) in the chair.

The Clerk read the title of the bill. The CHAIRMAN pro tempore. When the Committee of the Whole rose on Monday, September 18, 1995, all time for general debate had expired.

The committee amendment in the nature of a substitute printed in the bill shall be considered under the 5-minute rule by sections and pursuant to the order of the House of Monday, September 18, 1995, each section shall be considered read.

The Clerk will designate section 1. The text of section 1 is as follows:

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

**SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

*This Act may be cited as the "Fishery Conservation and Management Amendments of 1995".*

Mr. YOUNG of Alaska. Mr. Chairman, I ask unanimous consent that the remainder of the amendment in the nature of a substitute be printed in the RECORD and open to amendment at any point.

The CHAIRMAN pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Alaska? There was no objection.

The text of the remainder of the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute is as follows:

**SEC. 2. AMENDMENT OF THE MAGNUSON FISHERY CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT ACT.**

*Except as otherwise expressly provided, whenever in this Act an amendment or repeal is expressed in terms of an amendment to, or repeal of, a section or other provision, the reference shall be considered to be made to a section or other provision of the Magnuson Fishery Conservation and Management Act (16 U.S.C. 1801 et seq.).*

**SEC. 3. FINDINGS, PURPOSES, AND POLICY.**

(a) FINDINGS.—Section 2(a) (16 U.S.C. 1801(a)) is amended—

(1) in paragraph (2)—  
(A) by striking "and (B)" and inserting "(B)"; and

(B) by inserting before the period at the end the following: "; and (C) losses of essential fishery habitat can diminish the ability of stocks of fish to survive";

(2) in paragraph (6) by inserting after "to insure conservation," the following: "to provide long-term conservation of essential fishery habitat,"; and

(3) by adding at the end the following:  
"(9) Continuing loss of essential fishery habitat poses a long-term threat to the viability of commercial and recreational fisheries of the United States. To conserve and manage the fishery resources of the United States, increased attention must be given to the protection of this habitat.".

(b) PURPOSES.—Section 2(b) (16 U.S.C. 1801(b)) is amended—

(1) by striking "and" after the semicolon at the end of paragraph (5);

(2) by striking the period at the end of paragraph (6) and inserting a semicolon; and

(3) by adding at the end the following:  
"(7) to promote the conservation of essential fishery habitat in the review of projects that affect essential fishery habitat; and

"(8) to ensure that conservation and management decisions with respect to the Nation's fishery resources are made in a fair and equitable manner.".

(c) POLICY.—Section 2(c)(3) (16 U.S.C. 1801(c)(3)) is amended by inserting after "practical measures that" the following: "minimize bycatch and".

**SEC. 4. DEFINITIONS.**

(a) EXECUTION OF PRIOR AMENDMENTS TO DEFINITIONS.—Notwithstanding section 308 of the Act entitled "An Act to provide for the designation of the Flower Garden Banks National Marine Sanctuary", approved March 9, 1992 (Public Law 102-251; 106 Stat. 66), section 301(b) of that Act (adding a definition of the term "special areas") shall take effect on the date of the enactment of this Act.

(b) NEW AMENDMENTS.—Section 3 (16 U.S.C. 1802) is amended—

(1) in paragraph (4)—

(A) by striking "COLEENTERATA" from the heading of the list of corals and inserting "CNIDARIA"; and