

make better points than I could make here on the floor today about how these distortions and outright lies have fooled so many of our senior citizens.

I do not think there is any group in America that I feel more concerned about that would be misled intentionally than the senior citizens. And when I know that an organization like the labor unions have done this intentionally to scare them from voting for my colleagues it is something that we all should be concerned about, no matter what side of the aisle we may be on.

With that, Mr. Speaker, I am going to read for you the editorial that I made reference to. It was Thursday, July 25, 1996. The Goldsboro News-Argus, and the title of the editorial is, "Don't Be Fooled: Campaign Commercials on GOP Medicare Cuts are a Lie."

Mr. Speaker, now I will read the editorial:

People in public office should be accountable for their conduct. At campaign time, it is appropriate for opponents to focus on incumbents' voting records they feel might be contrary to the public interest.

Hence, the AFL-CIO sponsored TV commercials calling attention to the voting records of Republican Congressmen Fred Heineman and David Funderburk on Medicare would seem fair enough.

But they aren't fair at all. They are predicated on an outright lie—and the campaign to re-elect Bill Clinton is using the same twist of the facts.

The presidential campaign ads claim Bob Dole and Newt Gingrich are trying to end Medicare.

The AFL-CIO ads targeting Heineman and Funderburk pointedly accuse the two of voting "to cut Medicare by \$270 billion" a year.

The truth of the matter is that Heineman and Funderburk, like their fellow Republicans, voted to increase Medicare appropriations by 7 percent.

How was the AFL-CIO able to twist that into a Medicare cut of \$270 billion?

It's done the same way the Democratic Party has been trying to scare the daylights out of the elderly and the poor all along.

While Republicans in Congress have been working—in response to a mandate from their electorate—to get control of runaway federal spending, Democrats, typically, have been loathe to do so. Democrats, and President Clinton, wanted a 10 percent increase in allocations for Medicare—more than double the annual overall rate of inflation.

Republicans insisted on limiting the increase to 7 percent—not cutting the appropriation.

While it can be argued that medical costs are outstripping the overall inflation rate—as they have done consistently—one possible way of bringing this in check might be to put some sort of restraints on growth of Medicare costs.

I won't be done by having the government continue to fuel runaway escalation of medical costs.

All members of Congress should be answerable to the electorate for their voting records. But the people of this country should resent and reject political advertisements based on lies.

Let me repeat that again. That "the people of this country should resent and reject political advertisements based on lies."

Mr. Speaker, that is my purpose of coming to the floor today. I think the strength of a democracy, again as I

said earlier, depends on the information that is provided the voters and I hope that both sides of the fence will try to deal with the facts and not fiction and lies.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Indiana [Mr. BURTON] is recognized for 5 minutes.

[Mr. BURTON of Indiana addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.]

SPECIAL ORDERS GRANTED

By unanimous consent, permission to address the House, following the legislative program and any special orders heretofore entered, was granted to:

(The following Member (at the request of Mr. ENGEL) to revise and extend her remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mrs. COLLINS of Illinois, for 5 minutes, today.

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. BEREUTER) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. BURTON of Indiana, for 5 minutes each day on July 30 and 31 and August 1 and 2.

Mr. STEARNS, for 5 minutes on July 30.

EXTENSION OF REMARKS

By unanimous consent, permission to revise and extend remarks was granted to:

(The following Member (at the request of Mr. ENGEL) and to include extraneous material:)

Mrs. KENNELLY.

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. BEREUTER) and to include extraneous matter:)

Mr. BURTON of Indiana in two instances.

Mr. CRANE.

Mr. MILLER of Florida.

Mr. BAKER of California.

BILLS PRESENTED TO THE PRESIDENT

Mr. THOMAS, from the Committee on House Oversight, reported that that committee did on the following dates present to the President, for his approval, bills of the House of the following titles:

On July 25, 1996:

H.R. 2337. An act to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for increased taxpayer protections.

On July 26, 1996:

H.R. 1114. An act to authorize minors who are under the child labor provisions of the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 and who are under 18 years of age to load materials into balers and compactors that meet appropriate American National Standards Institute design safety standards.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. JONES. Mr. Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 3 o'clock and 54 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until tomorrow, Tuesday, July 30, 1996, at 9 a.m. for morning hour debates.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 2 of rule XXIV, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

4414. A letter from the Director, Defense Procurement, Department of Defense, transmitting the Department's final rule—Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement; Petroleum Products from Caribbean Basin Countries [DFARS Case 96-D312] received July 17, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on National Security.

4415. A letter from the Secretary of Energy, transmitting Uranium Enrichment Decontamination and Decommissioning Fund Triennial Report, pursuant to Public Law 102-486, section 1101 (106 Stat. 2955); to the Committee on Commerce.

4416. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Clean Air Act Final Interim Approval of Operating Permits Program: The U.S. Virgin Islands [V1001; FRL-5544-8] received July 26, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

4417. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Di-(2-ethylhexyl) Adipate; Toxic Chemical Release Reporting; Community Right-to-Know [OPPTS-400095A; FRL-5389-6] received July 26, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

4418. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Cypermethrin; Pesticide Tolerance [PP 4F4291/R2265; FRL-5387-5] (RIN: 2070-AB78) received July 26, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

4419. A letter from the Director, Defense Security Assistance Agency, transmitting notification concerning the Department of the Navy's proposed Letter(s) of Offer and Acceptance [LOA] to Egypt for defense articles and services (Transmittal No. 96-46), pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2776(b); to the Committee on International Relations.

4420. A letter from the Director, Defense Security Assistance Agency, transmitting notification concerning the Department of the Navy's proposed Letter(s) of Offer and Acceptance [LOA] to Thailand for defense articles and services (Transmittal No. 96-65), pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2776(b); to the Committee on International Relations.

4421. A letter from the Deputy Associate Administrator for Acquisition Policy, General Services Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule—Federal Travel Regulation; Maximum Per Diem Rates for Kansas City, KS and Kansas City, MO [FTR Amendment 49] (RIN: 3090-AG07) received July 29, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

4422. A letter from the Mayor of the District of Columbia, transmitting a request to waive the 30-day congressional review period for the District of Columbia legislation entitled "Tax Lien Assignment and Sale Amendment Act of 1996," pursuant to Public Law