by vetoing appropriation bills and close down Government. He has learned and he thinks he knows that with the help of the liberal press he can spin this politically so he can demand any spending he wants out of Congress in those appropriation bills and simply say, ''If you don't put in those appropriation bills that I, the President, want, then I'm going to veto it and any government close-down is going to be the Republicans fault.

If worse comes to worse, it is reasonable to keep Government open and operating at 100 percent of the previous year's level, and not let the President of the United States take over the spending responsibility of the legislative branch and dictate to Congress what is going to be in those appropriation bills.

PASS FAIR DISASTER AND TAX BILLS

(Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I can tell my colleagues what all of us want on the Democratic side of the aisle. We want fair and clean legislation to help the people in the Midwest and we, yes, want the bag of tricks to stop, the trickery that the Republicans are trying to play on the American people.

Frankly, this supplemental appropriation bill does two damaging things. One, it says that the balanced budget deal is not really a deal. It says that the promise of $1.5 billion to help our seniors with Medicare premiums, we will not have to commit to that nor will we have to give you that. That is why we want to put in the supplemental appropriation bill some kind of language that keeps the Government doors open, not because we care about that but because we want to bust the budget and we do not want you to do anything about it.

The census? That is not relevant to appropriations for the people in need. It is the same kind of trickery over and over again. It is the same way with the Republican tax plan, a plan for the rich, not for small businesses, not for middle income or low income individuals who send their children to the lowest income colleges. There is no money in there for them.

Mr. Speaker, let us get away from the bag of tricks. Give the money to the people in the Midwest and pass a fair tax bill.

SUPPORT THE STATE DEPARTMENT AUTHORIZATION BILL

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

Mr. GILMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of the State Department authorization bill which we will be voting on this morning, and I ask our colleagues to note that this bill, H.R. 1757, contains no foreign aid and no U.N. arrearages. These matters will be taken up later in separate legislation.

This bill before us carries out the promise we made to the American people to reform our international affairs bureaucracies designed to fight the cold war. The bill will consolidate two Federal agencies, USIA and ACDA, into the State Department.

The bill also contains other important features, including provisions to tighten the economic squeeze on Cuba's Castro, provisions to nail deadbeat diplomats, provisions to apply the MacBride employment principles in Northern Ireland, and provisions to implement the construction of our United States Embassy in Jerusalem.

Mr. Speaker, I strongly urge our colleagues to support this State Department authorization bill that will be before the House later on this morning.

GIVE PRESIDENT A CLEAN DISASTER BILL

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

Mr. LEWIS of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today because the Republicans are at it again. Our President has requested emergency funds to help flood victims in the Midwest. One more time the Republicans have put partisan politics above the needs of the American people. Republicans insist on trying to put their pet political projects into the emergency relief bill.

We are trying to help those who have lost their homes, their businesses and their possessions acquired through a lifetime of hard work. If there is a role for the Federal Government, this is it. We are a caring and compassionate nation. We must help those in trouble and stricken with misfortune.

It is a shame and a disgrace that once again the Republicans are holding flood victims hostage. Putting politics above the needs of the people is wrong, just plain wrong. Stop playing political games with people's lives, Mr. Speaker. Give this President a clean disaster bill.

SUPPORT ROHRABACHER AMENDMENT TO FOREIGN RELATIONS AUTHORIZATION BILL

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

Mr. ROHRABACHER. Mr. Speaker, in a few moments we will be discussing on the floor the foreign relations authorization bill. The first vote today will come in a few moments after that, when this body will vote on an amendment that I have proposed.

The Rohrabacher amendment is very simple. Russia, who is the recipient of $95 million of foreign aid from the United States, has developed a deadly new missile whose purpose is to kill American sailors. It is a supersonic cruise missile that is almost impossible to defend against, which skims along the ocean at supersonic speeds and is designed to attack Aegis cruisers and American aircraft carriers. It will cause havoc in the Straits of Hormuz, in the Straits of Taiwan. It will lead to situations where our sailors in great numbers, tens of thousands of them, will be vulnerable to be killed by this weapon.

The Russians now are proposing to transfer this weapons system to China. My amendment says if they do that, we should cut off the aid that we are giving to Russia. It is that simple.

Mr. Speaker, I ask for support for the Rohrabacher amendment.

RESERVATIONS ABOUT OZONE AND PARTICULATE MATTER REGULATIONS

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

Mr. WISE. Interesting note, Mr. Speaker. Does anybody think it a little strange that some of my colleagues from the other side, in protesting the President's veto of the disaster assistance bill, go through long explanations of the census and Government shutdowns? That is the problem. They are not supposed to be on a disaster assistance bill, but that is not why I rise today.

I rise today, Mr. Speaker, to talk about the Environmental Protection Agency and to express my concerns about the ozone and particulate matter regulations that are being proposed. My concern, Mr. Speaker, is not that I am opposed to clean air, and indeed I put my support for clean air legislation up there with just about anybody else's. My concern is that in this major legislation that will designate many of our areas as nonattainment that have previously been attainment areas, that in this important area of discussion there has been no discussion, or relatively little discussion, about the impact.

I do not remember in my career in Congress such a change of great magnitude with so little public discussion. It certainly ought to be discussed more in the public, it ought to be discussed more in the Congress. That is why I have joined others in urging Administrator Browner not to proceed with these regulations as written, but to take the advice of many others, including, I might add, some of their own advisory bodies to the EPA that have expressed reservations about them.

REMOVAL OF NAME OF MEMBER AS COSPONSOR OF H.R. 663

Mr. BARCIA. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that my name be removed as a cosponsor of H.R. 663.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. KINGSTON). Is there objection to the re-