American people would not notice the creation of numerous additional Federal bureaucracies. He assumes that it is okay to spend over $60 billion in tobacco settlement money that has not even been sent to Congress. Finally, he assumes the American people will not notice the billions of dollars in higher fees and taxes in his budget.

But let us be fair, Madam Speaker. The fault does not lie solely with the President. The American people must admit our guilt in believing his promises. We all assumed that the President was serious when he said to all America that the era of big government was over. Yet, this budget proposal is the very essence of big government. Empty promises, big government, high taxes. Mr. President, you can run from reality, but you cannot hide from the American people.

NOMINATION OF U.N. SECRETARY GENERAL KOFI ANNAN FOR NOBEL PEACE PRIZE

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

Mr. LANTOS. Madam Speaker, peace is fragile anyplace, but it is particularly so in the Middle East. Only time will tell whether the agreement reached by U.N. Secretary General Kofi Annan in Baghdad will hold.

There are two things, however, which are nondebatable: that the presence of our military forces is the best guarantee that the agreement will be kept; and that the extraordinary diplomatic skill of the Secretary General of the United Nations, Kofi Annan, needs to be honored and recognized.

I ask all of my colleagues on both sides of the aisle to join me in recommending and nominating Kofi Annan for the Nobel Peace Prize. This great international public servant deserves this recognition. His impeccable integrity and commitment to the finest values manifested itself in his negotiations, and may in fact save untold human lives in the region and beyond.

I ask my colleagues to join me in nominating Kofi Annan for the Nobel Peace Prize.

FEDERAL EDUCATION DOLLARS CAN BE REDIRECTED TO WORTHWHILE PROGRAMS IN THE CLASSROOM

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

Mr. PITTS. Madam Speaker, I rise to bring an egregious example of Federal education waste to Members' attention. Through the Department of Education we funded an education study entitled, and I quote, ''Channeling Your Donna Reed Syndrome.''

Since when does the 1950s television ideal wife and mother have anything to do with teaching kids basic math, reading, writing, science, and history? As part of this education study, we learned the ''Four Affirmations We Should Say Daily: 1, I am competent; 2, I am attractive; 3, I am respected; 4, I own this day.''

While American schoolchildren lag behind the rest of the developed world in basic academic skills, our Federal education dollars are paying for the recitation of daily affirmation concepts. Instead of funding studies like this one, I urge Members to cosponsor the Dollars to the Classroom Act, which block grants 30 Federal education programs to States, requiring that at least 95 percent of the funds be made available for classroom activity.

LEGISLATION MUST ENSURE THAT HEINOUS CRIMES RECEIVE APPROPRIATE PUNISHMENT

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

Mr. TRAFICANT. Madam Speaker, 20 years ago Larry Singleton picked up Mary Vincent. Singleton raped her, and to escape discovery, chopped off her hands and threw Mary into a ditch for her to bleed to death. Mary survived and helped convict this bum.

Larry Singleton was out in 8 years, Congress. Yesterday Mary Vincent, in a courtroom with two metal hands, fingered Singleton once again, because, you see, 20 years later, Larry Singleton picked up Roxanne Hayes. He raped her, and to make sure he did not get caught, he executed her.

Beam me up. Enough is enough. Eight years. We have victims screaming out from graves all over America, and Congress is coddling to criminals. It is time for Congress to look at the rights of the victims, not the murderers. It is time to legislate that those life sentence people who murder again do not get another life sentence. They get put to death.

BARBARIANS IN THE WHITE HOUSE

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

Mr. TIAHRT. Madam Speaker, Harry Thomason, a friend of the President who was forced out of the White House in the Travelgate affair once said he planned to stay, and I quote, until the barbarians are driven from the gate.

Well, the barbarians are now in the White House. History tells us that barbarian kings commonly killed the messenger if the messenger was the bearer of bad tidings.

That barbaric practice in a more civilized way exists today. You see, the White House does not like the message Judge Ken Starr is bringing. That message is possibly, just possibly the President of the United States misrepresented the truth, attempted to obstruct justice, and encouraged others to perjure themselves. So since the White House does not like the message, they have attacked Judge Ken Starr. It is a new version of kill the messenger if you do not like the message.

Madam Speaker, America must demand the truth, because if there is no truth, there is no justice. If there is no justice in Washington, there is no justice in Wichita, Kansas or anywhere else in the United States

ANNOUNCEMENT FROM THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Speaker would request Members not to make personal reference to the President of the United States.

PRESIDENT'S BUDGET HEADING IN THE WRONG DIRECTION

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

Mr. ROGAN. Madam Speaker, I wish to make a few statements of principle. I consider tax increases to be a step in the wrong direction. I consider tax cuts to be a step in the right direction.

I consider increased spending and bigger government a step in the wrong direction. I consider lower government spending and smaller government a step in the right direction.

It is the belief of the Republican Party that the Federal Government has gotten too big, that tax burdens on families have grown too high, and that Washington is about the last place we ought to be looking to solve family problems.

This is why Republicans believe that the President's budget proposal represents a step in the wrong direction for two very good reasons. First, it is a step toward higher taxes, with a request for $100 billion in new taxes. Second, it is a step toward higher government spending; $100 billion in new spending.

This is the wrong direction because it means government, instead of families, will grow stronger, Washington becomes more powerful, and Americans have less freedom.

Madam Speaker, this is not what America voted for in November of 1996.

SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION

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

Mr. ETHERIDGE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to call on my colleagues in Congress to pass the legislation to help States and localities meet the school infrastructure needs of this country.

In community after community in my district, we desperately need new and improved schools. The General Accounting Office has documented that America's unmet school construction needs total more than $100 billion. And