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Messrs. COBURN, COLLINS, STUMP, HAYES, PICKERING. PICKETT, HILLEARY, WHITFIELD, BACHUS, WAMP, CALLAHAN, ROGERS, HALL of Texas, TAYLOR of Mississippi, HULSHOF, McINTYRE, PITTS, SISI-SKY, WISE, RAHALL, BILIRAKIS, DEAL of Georgia, SPENCE, COBLE, RYUN of Kansas, SUNUNU, ARCHER, MOLLOHAN, ARMEY, TALENT, DELAY, SOUDER. MURTHA. GRAHAM, and BARTLETT of Maryland changed their vote from "yea" to 'nay.

Mr. ROEMER changed his vote from "nay" to "yea."

So the motion to instruct was agreed

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Stated for:

Mr. EHLERS. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 354, I was inadvertently detained. Had I been present, I would have voted, "yea."

Mr. WELLER. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 354, I was inadvertently detained. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea."

Mr. DEUTSCH. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably absent from the Chamber today during rollcall vote No. 354. Had I been present I would have voted "vea."

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. LAHOOD). Without objection, the Chair appoints the following conferees:

From the Committee on the Judiciary, for consideration of the House bill and the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference:

Messrs. Hyde, McCollum, COBLE, SMITH of Texas, CANADY of Florida, BARR of Georgia, CONYERS, FRANK of Massachusetts, Scott, Berman and Ms. LOFGREN.

Provided, that Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas is appointed in lieu of Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts for consideration of sections 741, 1501, 1505, 1534-35, and titles V, VI, and IX of the Senate amendment.

Provided, that Mr. MEEHAN is appointed in lieu of Mr. BERMAN for consideration of sections 741, 1501, 1505, 1534-35, and titles V, VI, and IX of the Senate amendment.

From the Committee on Education and the Workforce, for consideration of the House bill, and the Senate amendment (except sections 741, 1501, 1505, 1534-35, and titles V, VI and IX), and modifications committed to conference: Messrs. Goodling, Petri, Cas-TLE, GREENWOOD, DEMINT, CLAY, KIL-DEE, and Mrs. McCarthy of New York.

From the Committee on Commerce, for consideration of sections 1365 and 1401-03 of the House bill, and sections 1504, 1515, and 1523 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Mr. BLILEY and Mr. DINGELL.

Provided, that Mr. BILIRAKIS is appointed for consideration of section 1365 of the House bill and section 1523 of the Senate amendment.

Provided, that Mr. TAUZIN is appointed for consideration of sections . 1401-03 of the House bill and sections 1504 and 1515 of the Senate amendment.

There was no objection.

APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF HARRY S. TRUMAN SCHOLARSHIP FOUN-DATION

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, and pursuant to section 5(b) of Public Law 93-642 (20 U.S.C. 2004(b)), the Chair announces the Speaker's appointment of the following Members of the House as members of the Board of Trustees of the Harry S. Truman Scholarship Foundation:

Mrs. EMERSON, Missouri and Mr. Skelton, Missouri. There was no objection.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will now entertain 1 minutes until approximately 10:45 this morning.

WELCOME HOME TO THE MEM-BERS OF THE RED HORSE **SQUADRON**

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

Mr. GIBBONS. Mr. Speaker, on June 8, the Secretary of Defense, Bill Cohen, ordered three U.S. Air Force Red Horse Squadron combat engineer teams from Nellis Air Force Base to Albania.

Their mission was to execute critical road and bridge repairs in this war-torn region as part of NATO's efforts to see a peaceful and safe return to a count-

less number of refugees.

Tonight will be a special evening at Nellis Air Force Base as many of these dedicated troops will be returning to their families and friends. Mr. Speaker, 61 members of the Red Horse Squadron will arrive on base tonight to a warm Nevada welcome.

This last spring, I had the opportunity to visit the Balkan region with some of my House colleagues and we were able to witness firsthand the enormous damage caused to the Kosovo

region.

The task of removing land mines and repairing this region is an enormous challenge for our servicemen and women and continues to be to this date.

So on behalf of all Nevadans, let me say "welcome home" to the members of the Red Horse Squadron. I salute them for their valuable service to this

country and to this effort.

As we continue to help these refugees back to their farmlands and homes, let us hope that all of our American troops will remain safe and return home in the very near future.

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ATLANTA TRAGEDY GOOD EXAM-PLE OF WHY WE NEED GUN CON-

(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, this morning I wish to rise and offer our sympathy to the people of Atlanta, to those who have lost their loved ones and those who are now recovering in Atlanta's hospitals, to Mayor Campbell and the elected officials to which I know that, being the largest number of mass killings in the history of that city, this and yesterday were tragic days.

That is why I think this recent vote was most important. As we move toward conference to be able to establish this conference's and this Congress' position on protecting our youth and having a reasonable and rational response to gun violence in America, it is important to be able to have effective back-

ground checks.

What a tragedy that this individual. this alleged perpetrator had a background of violence; and, yet, he was allowed, until we get further facts, seem-

ingly, to get guns.

This Nation must stand up against the proliferation of guns in this country fairly and responsibly. We must do it together, Republicans and Democrats. Mr. Speaker, I look forward to us saying to the American people enough is enough.

WHY IS TAX RELIEF A THREAT TO DEMOCRATS?

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

Mr. SHIMKUS. Mr. Speaker, why is the idea of giving tax relief to taxpayers so upsetting to many Demo-

Could it be that Washington would rather have more money to spend, and the politicians on that side would rather spend more money?

Why is it that Democrats refuse to acknowledge that the Republicans, the Republicans, have passed lockbox legislation to protect Social Security and Medicare while Democrats in the other body have blocked Social Security lockbox legislation?

Why do Democrats mischaracterize the effect of the Republican tax relief package on the national debt, ignoring the \$2 trillion in debt reduction that we provide for?

Why do Democrats refuse to admit that the Republican proposal allocates \$2 for Social Security and Medicare for every \$1 in tax relief?

Why is the new Washington spending not a threat to fiscal discipline whereas tax relief is?

Why do Democrats call for higher spending and attack Republicans as extremists for cutting spending while at the same time attacking Republicans for failing to exercise fiscal discipline? Why?

SUPPORT EDUCATION SAVINGS **ACCOUNTS**

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

Mr. PITTS. Mr. Speaker, last year, the President vetoed the Education Savings Accounts bill that passed both Houses of Congress.

The American people have clear evidence of what Republicans have been saying for years now. The Republican Party is the party of reform. The other party is the party that will defend the education special interests at any price.

One party introduces real reforms with proven results. The other party talks a great game. But when it comes to reform, well, talk is about as far as it goes. If it is a choice between reform and the status quo, they pick the status quo every time.

Offering parents who desire nothing more than to send their children to a good school or at least to a better school is what this is about. Offering parents tax-free savings accounts that can be used for extra tutoring, special education needs, supplementary education materials, or a school in a better part of town is what this legislation is all about.

I urge both Democrats and Republicans who think that these are worthwhile goals to help parents do what is best for their kids. Support our tax bill which includes education savings accounts.

CHAIRMAN GREENSPAN "MOVING ON TAX FRONT MAKES A GOOD DEAL OF SENSE'

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

Mr. WELDON of Florida. Mr. Speaker, Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan recently testified in a way that my colleagues will never ever hear quoted by the other side. In fact, none of the mainstream newspapers appear to see fit to publish this portion of his remarks, save, of course, for the Wall Street Journal editorial page.

Chairman Greenspan said that he would delay tax cutting unless, and here is the key part, "unless, as I've indicated many times, it appears that the surplus is going to become a lightning rod for major increases in outlays. That's the worst of all possible worlds, from a fiscal policy point of view, and that, under all conditions, should be avoided."

In other words, Mr. Speaker, Chairman Greenspan is saying get the money out of Washington before the liberals spend it. Give it back to the people.

He goes on from there to say, "moving on the tax front makes a good deal of sense to me." Those are the actual words of Chairman Greenspan, not the spin of the White House or the distortions of those on the other side who are forgetting to include the critical portion of the Federal Reserve Chairman's remarks.

REPUBLICAN TAX RELIEF PACKAGE BENEFITS AMERICANS

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

Mr. BARTLETT of Maryland. Mr. Speaker, what would the Republican tax relief package mean to Americans? It would mean that, for many Americans who cannot obtain health insurance through their employers, obtaining health insurance would become easier.

It would mean that more seniors would be able to pass on the family farm or the family business to their children. It would mean that people who save for their future and for their children would be able to get a greater return on their savings.

It would mean that ordinary Americans would see their paychecks go up a little bit, giving them more options, more choices about working, working overtime, or meeting the family budg-

It would mean that paying off those credit card debts would be a little easier. It would mean that married couples would not be penalized so heavily for being married.

Lower taxes means that people would have more control over their lives, over their time, and over their futures.