

"He has put everything on this," said Auburn University at Montgomery political analyst Brad Moody. "He has made it the centerpiece of his campaign and the centerpiece of his first year in office. He has thrown all his political capital away."

Sheila Bird was among those who voted against the lottery even though her 2-year-old daughter Amanda could have one day benefited from the plan.

"I just feel like it's morally wrong. I feel like it's going to cause problems in lower income families," she said. "I think you can get money other ways."

#### SPECIAL ORDERS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 6, 1999, and under a previous order of the House, the following Members will be recognized for 5 minutes each.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from New Jersey (Mr. PALLONE) is recognized for 5 minutes.

(Mr. PALLONE addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

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.)

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from New York (Mrs. MALONEY) is recognized for 5 minutes.

(Mrs. MALONEY of New York addressed the House. Her remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Connecticut (Mrs. JOHNSON) is recognized for 5 minutes.

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#### DEMOCRATS WHO CONTINUE TO SUPPORT SEPARATION OF CHURCH AND STATE ARE ALSO RELIGIOUS PEOPLE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Florida (Ms. BROWN) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Ms. BROWN of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise this evening because I listened to several of my Republican colleagues on the floor last night, and I was very disturbed by what I heard. The Members implied that because Democrats continue to support separation of church and State we are not religious people. As a child growing up in Jacksonville, Florida, the district I now represent,

my religion was the cornerstone of my life. It still is today. In fact, my church is more to me than a place I visit on Sunday. It is my home. It is a family gathering place and it is a real part of the community I represent.

My Republican colleagues would have people believe that Democrats are anti-faith. This is a lie. Democrats believe in the separation of church and State. We believe that every person has the right to choose their religion. We do not believe it is up to the House of Representatives to dictate how and where our faith should be expressed. Our constituents did not elect us to be their spiritual leaders. They do not turn to C-SPAN for healing. Rather, they expect us to vote for the programs and policies that mirrors their beliefs. This is how they judge us.

Do we support Head Start and school lunch programs, education? Do we support saving Social Security and protecting public education? This is the reason we have been sent to Washington, not to preach but to support the things that are important to the people who sent us here.

#### OUR TRADE DEFICIT IS STILL GROWING

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Tennessee (Mr. DUNCAN) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. DUNCAN. Mr. Speaker, earlier today my good friend, the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. TRAFICANT), spoke on this floor about our trade deficit. He pointed out that our trade deficit in the last quarter hit an all-time record of \$87 billion. If that keeps up, it would be an astounding \$350 billion for the full year, meaning that we are buying that much more from other countries than they are buying from us.

Most economists agree that we lose, conservatively, 20,000 jobs per billion, meaning we would lose 7 million jobs to other countries in one year if our trade deficit stays at the rate of this last quarter. Many people believe we are losing these jobs, that we have this unbelievable trade deficit in large part because of bad trade deals, trade deals good for big multinational companies but very harmful to small American businesses and American workers.

The Christian Science Monitor, one of the leading national newspapers, had this on its front page recently, quote, "America's widening trade deficit, now more than \$25 billion a month, is starting to cause concern in the topic echelons of the United States."

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"While the trade gap has been growing for years, it is becoming large enough that experts are becoming increasingly worried it will slow the 'miracle' economy of the 1990s."

Just 1 week later, the Washington Post reported that the "suddenly slumping" U.S. dollar "is stirring unease about the potential for a stam-

pede by foreign investors from American stocks and bonds, which could terminate the U.S. expansion and destabilize the world economy."

According to the Post, "The problem starts with the U.S. trade deficit . . . as the booming U.S. economy sucks in massive amounts of imports, and slumping overseas markets absorb fewer exports from American firms."

We simply cannot, Mr. Speaker, continue to run trade deficits of 300 or more billions of dollars each year without causing very serious problems for our own people.

Today, our unemployment is very low, but our under-employment is terrible.

We have many college graduates who work very hard and spend a lot of money to get a degree in a field in which there are very few good jobs available. There are so many people getting law degrees these days that even they are becoming of very little assistance to many in getting good jobs or positions.

Most colleges and universities cannot discourage students from majoring in certain subjects without causing a faculty rebellion.

So parents and students really need to start asking the hard question: Is it likely that I can get a decent job if I major in this subject?

If we keep running trade deficits like we are now, we will have more and more college graduates working as waiters and waitresses. Also, young people had better wake up and tell these environmental extremists that we cannot base our entire economy on tourism unless we want to have almost everybody working at minimum wage jobs.

This large trade deficit, which is causing us to lose so many high-paying jobs, is also causing the gap between the rich and the poor to grow much wider.

This is, I suppose, why it is hard for so many wealthy people to realize the extent of this under-employment problem and why so many upper income people support extreme environmental measures that really hurt lower income people by driving up prices and destroying jobs.

I started thinking about all this after reading a column by William Safire in today's Knoxville News-Sentinel, which I assume ran in yesterday's New York Times. Mr. Safire, after being ripped off due to a big cable merger, wrote in a column entitled, "Giant Corporations May Not Serve Us Well," these lines: "The merger-maniac mantra: In conglomeration there is strength."

"Ah, but now, say the biggest-is-best philosophers, we're merging within the field we know best. And if we don't combine quickly, the Europeans and Asians will, stealing world business domination from us."

"The urgency of globalization, say today's merger maniacs, destroys all notions of diverse competition, and only the huge, heavily capitalized multinational can survive."