

WELFARE REFORM

(Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD. Mr. Speaker, as we struggle to find a balance between human needs and the desire to address the abuses and ineffectiveness of the current welfare system, we must not forget the major beneficiaries of welfare—children.

Any plan that does not adequately address the needs of children is destined to raise the misery of childhood hunger, homelessness, and disease to a magnitude we have never before witnessed in this country.

In my home State of California, 69 percent of current AFDC recipients are children who depend on welfare as a safety net to survive.

Children throughout this country will be virtually abandoned under H.R. 4, the Republicans' welfare reform bill.

In the subcommittee, the Republican majority refused to assure child care for mothers who got to work, refused to assure the safety of children in foster care, and refused to preserve SSI benefits for certain medically disabled children. And they are even threatening child nutrition programs.

It is reprehensible to leave our children, our future work force, physically and intellectually weakened by denying them nutrition, shelter, and health care.

This will only negate our goal of building a more self-reliant America.

IN SUPPORT OF THE CONDIT AMENDMENT

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

Mr. BONILLA. Mr. Speaker, today we have an opportunity to better the lives of millions of Americans by passing the Condit amendment and putting a stop to the abuses of the Endangered Species Act. The Condit amendment should actually be called the Condit-Smith-Combest-Bonilla-Edwards amendment because it has been a good bipartisan effort to move this amendment forward once and for all putting a moratorium on the listing of endangered species in critical habitat in this country.

Too many times in this country we have seen development of constructions of hospitals stop because of the designation of a fly on the endangered species list. We have seen homes being torn down in some cases. You cannot even clear brush on your property anymore because the radical left wing environmentalists in this country think a rat might be living in your bushes and, therefore, do not give you an opportunity to do what you want on your property.

This is a vote for property rights, a vote for restoring some of the basic

free enterprise values in this country that we hold dearly.

Vote for the Condit amendment today.

PFF/GOPAC

(Ms. MCKINNEY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. MCKINNEY. Mr. Speaker, it appears that the web known as Newt Incorporated is beginning to unravel. A recent Los Angeles Times article details the intricate link between GOPAC, the Progress and Freedom Foundation and the Speaker's college course. While denying commingling all along, it appears that Newt Incorporated has been promoting a weird thirst for power at taxpayers expense. Meanwhile my friends wax indignant about illegitimacy, nutrition programs, and Big Bird.

It looks like the real welfare cheats might be some corporate sugar daddies. I have a rhyme:

Hickory Dickory Dak, it is time to investigate GOPAC. It is time for an outside counsel to clear all of the smoke arising from revelations about Newt Incorporated.

UNILATERAL ACTION BY THE PRESIDENT AGAIN

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

Mr. BURTON of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, the people of this country did not want us to spend billions of dollars and risk Americans lives going into Haiti. And the Congress knew that. We were not going to support it. Yet President Clinton unilaterally took action that put our troops at risk and sent our people in Haiti and spent billions of dollars in the process.

The people of this country did not want us to spend money bailing out Mexico. And yet President Clinton unilaterally is spending \$53 billion of American taxpayers' money bailing out that country that is in an absolute mess.

And now yesterday unilaterally by executive order they are replacing strikers, a striker replacement bill is being passed by the executive branch without any act of Congress.

This is illegal, in many of our opinions. However, the President did it. Unilateral action again. Someone should tell this President this is a Republic and not a dictatorship.

PERMISSION FOR COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC AND EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES TO SIT TODAY, THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 1995, DURING THE 5-MINUTE RULE

Mr. GOSS. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the following committee and its subcommittees be permitted to sit today while the House

is meeting in the Committee of the Whole House under the 5-minute rule:

The Committee on Economic and Educational Opportunities.

It is my understanding that the minority has been consulted and that there is no objection to this request.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. EWING). Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Florida?

Mr. DOGGETT. Mr. Speaker, reserving the right to object, I have consulted with the ranking member of the committee, and we will not object to this request.

Mr. Speaker, I withdraw my reservation of objection.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Florida?

There was no objection.

FEDERAL FOOD ASSISTANCE

(Mrs. CLAYTON asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. CLAYTON. Mr. Speaker, if the Personal Responsibility Act of 1995 passes, Federal nutrition programs for children and families will never be the same. School lunches and breakfasts will be slashed. Thousands of women, infants, and children will be removed from the WIC Program. National nutrition standards will be eliminated, and States will be able to transfer as much as 24 percent of nutrition funds for nonnutrition uses.

But, more is at stake. Retail food sales will decline, farm income will be reduced, and joblessness will soar. That is why, if I may borrow a quote, I will resist this change, "with every fiber of my being." Many of the proponents of H.R. 4 want capital gains cuts. We want an increase in the minimum wage. They want block grants. We want healthy Americans. They want a full plate for the upper crust and crumbs for the rest of us. We want, and we will restore, Federal food assistance programs. It is irresponsible to do otherwise.

PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 450, REGULATORY TRANSITION ACT OF 1995

Mr. GOSS. Mr. Speaker, by direction of the Committee on Rules, I call up House Resolution 93 and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 93

Resolved, That at any time after the adoption of this resolution the Speaker may, pursuant to clause 1(b) of rule XXIII, declare the House resolved into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union for consideration of the bill (H.R. 450) to ensure economy and efficiency of Federal Government operations by establishing a moratorium on regulatory rulemaking actions, and for other purposes. The first reading of the bill shall be dispensed with. General debate shall be confined to the bill and shall not exceed one hour equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight. After general debate the bill shall be considered for amendment under the