

Tauzin	Upton	Weldon (PA)
Taylor (NC)	Velázquez	Weller
Tejeda	Vento	White
Thomas	Vucanovich	Wicker
Thornberry	Waldholtz	Wilson
Thornton	Walker	Wise
Thurman	Walsh	Woolsey
Tiaht	Wamp	Wyden
Torkildsen	Ward	Wynn
Torres	Waters	Yates
Torricelli	Watt (NC)	Young (AK)
Towns	Watts (OK)	Young (FL)
Traficant	Waxman	Zeliff
Tucker	Weldon (FL)	Zimmer

NAYS—36

Abercrombie	Hastings (FL)	Pelosi
Brown (CA)	Hefley	Pickett
Brown (FL)	Hilliard	Roberts
Chapman	Jacobs	Roemer
Clay	Kennedy (MA)	Sabo
Clyburn	Lewis (GA)	Schroeder
Collins (MI)	Maloney	Stockman
Crane	McKinney	Taylor (MS)
Engel	Menendez	Thompson
Fazio	Mineta	Visclosky
Filner	Oberstar	Volkmer
Gillmor	Owens	Wolf

ANSWERED "PRESENT"—1

Harman

NOT VOTING—28

Becerra	Ford (TN)	Minge
Berman	Gedjenson	Pombo
Boehner	Gephardt	Reynolds
Bonior	Gibbons	Rush
Browder	Inglis	Sanders
Canady	Manton	Smith (MI)
Chenoweth	McCollum	Whitfield
Conyers	McDade	Williams
Cramer	McDermott	
Fattah	Mfume	

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Ms. DELAURO changed her vote from "nay" to "yea."

So the Journal was approved.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. MINGE. Mr. Speaker, during rollcall vote No. 282 on the Journal I was at the George Washington University Hospital with my wife who was in surgery. Had I been present I would have voted "aye." I ask unanimous consent that my statement appear in the RECORD immediately following rollcall vote No. 282.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. BUNNING of Kentucky). The gentleman from Mississippi [Mr. MONTGOMERY] will come forward and lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. MONTGOMERY led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A message from the Senate by Mr. Hallen, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate had passed without amendment a concurrent resolution of the House of the following title:

H. Con. Res. 34. Concurrent resolution authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for the Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey Circus Anniversary Commemoration.

PERMISSION FOR CERTAIN COMMITTEES AND SUBCOMMITTEES TO SIT TODAY DURING THE 5-MINUTE RULE

Ms. PRYCE. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the following committees and their subcommittees be permitted to sit today while the House is meeting in the Committee of the Whole House under the 5-minute rule: Committee on Agriculture; Committee on Banking and Financial Services; Committee on Economic and Educational Opportunities; Committee on Government Reform and Oversight; Committee on International Relations; Committee on National Security; Committee on Small Business; Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure; and Select Committee on Intelligence.

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

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

Mr. WISE. Mr. Speaker, reserving the right to object, the minority has been consulted in each of those cases and has no objection, and therefore, I withdraw my reservation of objection.

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

There was no objection.

THE CONTRACT WITH AMERICA

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

Mr. HOKE. Mr. Speaker, our Contract With America states the following: On the first day of Congress, the Republican House will require Congress to live under the same laws as everyone else, cut committee staffs by a third, and cut the congressional budget. We have kept our promise.

In the first 100 days, we will vote on the following items: Balanced budget amendment, unfunded-mandates legislation, line-item veto, new crime package, National Security Restoration Act, government regulatory reform, commonsense legal reform, welfare reform to encourage work, congressional term limits.

We kept our promise on every one of those, passed every one except congressional term limits, which 82 percent Democrats voted against, 83 percent Republicans voted for.

Today we are going to vote on a tax package for family reinforcement, tax cuts for the middle class, and Senior Citizens Equity Act to allow our seniors to work without Government penalty.

Mr. Speaker, today we are going to restore the \$24.8 billion in Social Security cuts that were passed by Democrats in the last Congress.

A SPECIAL BREAK FOR RUPERT MURDOCH

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

Mr. DOGGETT. Mr. Speaker, on the first day of Congress I joined the call for openness in this Congress, and frankly, we have not made very much progress.

During closed-door Senate-House negotiations last week, Republican legislators bestowed a multi-million-dollar tax break on Rupert Murdoch, yes, Rupert Murdoch. You have heard of him before. He is the same foreign plutocrat who came here to the Capitol to meet with Speaker GINGRICH just after the election. Yes, Rupert Murdoch, he is the one with the \$4.5 million book deal.

And in this supposedly open House from this podium or any other, did we hear one word about Rupert Murdoch being the only beneficiary of this piece of legislation that was just announced as enrolled this morning? Not a word was uttered.

There were 19 business deals affected by this piece of special legislation worked out in secret. Eighteen of them failed to make the mark. But 18 of them were not owned by Rupert Murdoch. His was the only measure in the entire country to get this special break, and it did not happen without the blessing of his good buddy, NEWT GINGRICH.

TAX CUTS AND LOWER DEFICITS

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

Mr. EWING. Mr. Speaker, in response to the last speaker, I think we should give credit where credit is due, and that is to Senator CAROL MOSELEY-BRAUN of Illinois.

Mr. Speaker, tax cuts and lower deficits go hand in hand. Tax cuts of 1981 resulted in huge increases in Federal revenue. The problem was that Government spending rose at an even higher rate.

Here are the facts: In 1980 our tax revenues were \$517 billion, while Government spending was \$591 billion. In 1994, tax revenues were \$1.2 trillion, but Federal spending was \$1.4 trillion.

In other words, people were not taxed too little, but Washington would not stop spending too much.

Mr. Speaker, if we let people keep more of the money they earn, that creates jobs and stimulates investments. That means higher tax revenues without a tax increase.

I support the Tax Fairness Act of 1995.

CAUGHT IN THE MIDDLE

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

Mr. GUTIERREZ. Mr. Speaker, as we debate this so-called middle-class tax cut, there is going to be a lot of talk about just who is the middle class.

Well, I do not know if the people in my district meet your definition of middle class, but I do know that they keep getting caught in the middle.

My constituents are caught in the middle of a fight within the ranks of the Republican party about whether to cut taxes for the super rich or just the very rich.

My constituents are caught in the middle of two failures of phony fiscal policy from the GOP, trickle-down economics in the 1980's and its sequel in the 1990's, two budget busters that are squeezing working families like a vise.

And others in my district are caught in the middle because they are treated like pawns in this game, as the Republicans take money from education, nutrition, and health care to finance tax cuts for those who are already faring quite well.

We can disagree about who is the true middle class, but it is clear that those who work hard to get their families through the next day have a lot more class than those in this House who are simply trying to get through the next election.

TIME FOR THE GOVERNMENT TO TIGHTEN ITS BELT

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

Mr. HAYWORTH. Mr. Speaker, it is always interesting to listen to my friends, the liberals on the other side of the aisle, and they do some very creative writing as we just heard from the preceding speaker.

As we begin to debate this issue of tax cuts, I think it is important to keep one fact uppermost in our minds: Those who send their hard-earned money to Washington did not cause this deficit. Those liberal big spenders who sat and dominated this Chamber for so long, those are the folks who caused this deficit. It is an obvious but overlooked point.

So when the liberals say they cannot afford to cut taxes, what they are really saying is they will not cut spending.

This whole debate is evidence of a disturbing mind-set on the part of the liberals from the other side of the aisle which assumes all the money in America belongs to this Government and that this Government needs the money much more than America's families. Friends, it is the American people who need tax relief. They have been tightening their belts for years while the Government has continued its big-spending ways.

Mr. Speaker, it is time the taxpayer got a break, and it is time this Government tightened its belt.

STOP SENDING CASH TO RUSSIA

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

Mr. TRAFICANT. Mr. Speaker, the Pentagon has pleaded. They have begged. They have even offered Russia special projects. And Russia said, "Nyet. Forget it."

Russia will sell nuclear reactors to Iran. Now, think about it, Russia has already sold submarines to Iran. Now Russia is going to sell nuclear reactors to Iran.

Tell me, since when do these Communists-turned democrats deserve all of our American cash?

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Last I heard, Mr. Speaker, they still had in Russia missiles pointed at New York.

Now look here. If Boris Yeltsin is now the new George Washington over there, I am a fashion leader, and I should be on the cover of GQ.

The bottom line is we have too many experts at the Pentagon drinking vodka with Boris. Either that, or they are smoking dope. But, if Congress wants to save money, stop sending cash to Russia.

Think about it.

LET US CUT TAXES THIS WEEK

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

Mr. CHABOT. Good morning. My name is STEVE, and I am a tax cutter. I never realized I had a problem with this compulsion when I was back home in the real world, but, when I landed inside the beltway, I knew I was in real trouble.

I had always believed that we should let working Americans keep more of their hard-earned paychecks. I had always thought we ought to give senior citizens in this country a break. I thought I was normal, but then I came to Washington, and the liberals and the bureaucrats have tried to show me the error of my ways. They have tried to convince me that the money I always thought belonged to the taxpayers really belongs to the Federal Government. They tried to convince me that bureaucrats know best, more better than what the working men and women of this country do. They think that bureaucrats are smarter than the folks back home.

Well, that is baloney. Maybe being a tax cutter is not so bad. In fact, dog-gone it, I am proud to be a tax cutter.

Let us cut taxes like the Republicans want to do this week.

GAYS IN THE MILITARY

(Ms. HARMAN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1

minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. HARMAN. Mr. Speaker, I was encouraged when the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of New York concluded on Thursday that the core of the Defense Department's don't-ask, don't-tell policy is unconstitutional. Judge Nickerson is right.

At least twice on this floor in the previous Congress, Mr. Speaker, I stated my belief that the ban and the Clinton administration's don't-ask, don't-tell policy violate the equal protection clause of the 14th amendment, the rights of free speech and assembly under the first amendment and the ninth amendment right of privacy.

This debate is still far from over. Over the weekend, Speaker GINGRICH said the House will again review this policy. He is making a mistake on the merits and on the politics. On the merits he is wrong because reinstating the ban is unconstitutional. On the politics he is wrong because the momentum of the first 100 days will quickly unravel as divisive social issues, like the gay ban, abortion rights, and school prayer are revisited.

Mr. Speaker, it is not easy to look the Joint Chiefs in the face and tell them how we think they should organize their forces and enforce the military chain of command. But it is time to recognize that gays and lesbians have always been a part of the military and that they have performed their duties with diligence, patriotism, and honor.

REPUBLICAN TAX CUTS ARE PRO- SENIORS, PRO-JOBS, AND PRO- FAMILY

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

Mr. FOX of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, there are three parts of the Contract With America that are very important to the American people. Already passed, \$180 billion for deficit reduction, \$190 billion for spending cuts, and now we have tax cuts for individuals, families, seniors, and small business.

A key goal to move money and power out of Washington and back to families and communities, Americans are better off making their own decisions rather than having Federal bureaucrats making decisions for them.

The tax relief plan lets families keep more of their money to save for education, a first home, long-term care or retirement, lets small businesses invest without being penalized, and it will repeal the unfair Clinton tax on senior citizens' Social Security benefits and allow seniors to make more than \$11,280 without deducting from their Social Security. Finally, Mr. Speaker, the tax cut will reduce the deficit, stimulate investment, and create jobs.

Let us pass the bill.