

motion to the House to recommit, he said the following, and I quote:

This motion to recommit is very simple. It does four simple things.

When I read the 16-page motion, I found out it included more like 40 than 4 changes. For example, it eliminates the marriage penalty, it eliminates the American dream savings account, it eliminates the spousal IRA. It eliminates the child tax credit completely in the first year and then reduces it to \$100. It changes it from a \$200,000 ceiling to a \$60,000 ceiling which was called \$95,000.

It eliminates the tax on Social Security benefits, the tax preference for long-term insurance, the accelerated death benefits and long-term care benefits, it eliminates the capital gains tax reduction, it eliminates the neutral cost recovery provisions, it eliminates the repeal of the alternative minimum tax, it eliminates the increase in the social security earnings test.

My question to the minority leader is I would like to give him the opportunity to explain why, what the disconnect is here when we were told this was a 4-point change when in fact it really completely and totally changed the bill.

WGOP RADIO

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

Ms. DELAURO. Mr. Speaker, it's nothing new for politicians to use the power of radio to send a message, but it appears that Republicans in this body are hoping to start their own station. WGOP radio—playing all the greatest hits from the 1980's, 24 hours a day.

For the last 100 days we have been listening to the Republican Party's greatest hits compilation, entitled the "Contract With America." It includes an array of golden oldies from the grand ole party. Among the easy listening favorites are the crowd pleasing, tax-cut fever, the cold war favorite, the theme from Star Wars. And, finally, that fairy tale put to music, puff the magic budget.

Tax cuts for the wealthy, runaway military spending, and empty promises for a balanced budget—these familiar tunes have been playing 'round the clock on WGOP.

Mr. Speaker, Republicans are hoping to find a new audience for these old songs, but the American people do not think that skyrocketing deficits and tax breaks for the wealthy and billionaires being able to renounce their citizenship so they can get a tax evasion, they do not think these are anything to sing about. And, Mr. Speaker, they are going to change the station.

REPUBLICANS' PLEDGE TO THE AMERICAN PEOPLE: PROMISES MADE, PROMISES KEPT

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

Mr. CHRISTENSEN. Mr. Speaker, last September 27, Republican incumbents and candidates stood on the Capitol steps and made a pledge to the American people. We promised to bring to the floor legislation that had been blocked by the Democrat-controlled Congress for years. Congressional reform, welfare reform, tax breaks, term limits, regulatory reform, legal reform.

Mr. Speaker, I stand here today to say that we kept our promise. A new day has dawned in America. We have proved to the people that politicians can keep a promise. The Republican majority is working hard to recapture the long-lost trust the American people used to have in their elected officials. And I am proud to be a part of this healing process.

Mr. Speaker, it is as simple as this—promises made, promises kept. This is what the Republicans are all about.

WEALTHY AMERICANS GAIN MORE THAN THEY PAY

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

Mr. KEVIN. Mr. Speaker, a central issue yesterday was what is the impact of the bill on various income groupings. The gentleman who heads the Committee on Ways and Means yesterday said that wealthy Americans will pay a slightly higher portion of the Nation's total tax bill.

True. But that is because 1 percent of all taxpayers will have an income increase in the year 2000 of \$47 billion if this bill ever was enacted.

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So their share of taxes goes up slightly because their share of wealth goes up tremendously.

I now just want to say a word about ethnic slurs in this country. A slur on any part of America is a slur on all of America. People should not be excused for outrageous statements because they are outrageous on many other occasions. A gentleman in the other body owes everyone in America an apology.

LAST NIGHT'S MOTION TO RECOMMIT WAS DECEPTIVE

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

Mr. CASTLE. Mr. Speaker, I would like to follow up on the gentleman from Ohio [Mr. HOKE] with respect to the motion to recommit last night. This was presented, it is a 10-minute debate, then we vote on it, and that could become part of the legislation. It

was presented in such a way that it was very appealing to some of us who had some concerns about certain aspects of the tax bill. We found out in the middle of all this that it was 16 pages. We went over, and we researched it, and in a short period of time we learned exactly what the gentleman from Ohio has represented here today, and that is that it basically gutted all aspects of the tax bill. It did much more than the four things which were on the placard here. I do not know why this happened in this particular way; that is to be answered some other day in some other way.

But the bottom line was it was a deceptive approach to how that motion to recommit was handled. Maybe we have problems with motions to recommit, maybe they need to be filed sooner, maybe we need to have a longer time in order to digest them, but certainly we should not be in a situation in which deception is being practiced in this building.

I put into the RECORD last night in a 5-minute appearance all the mistakes that were presented on the floor and the correct version of what was actually in that 16-page motion to recommit. From now on I hope we can pay more attention to this particular problem.

REPUBLICANS' CONTRACT IS DAMAGING AMERICA

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

Mr. GEJDENSON. Mr. Speaker, the Republican contract may have good titles, but it is bad policy. Its policy is just too extreme for America. What we end up doing is cutting taxes for the top 1 percent while we take away educational opportunity for average and middle class kids.

What does that do to this country? It does not just hurt the children. It hurts the future of our country and its competitiveness. What do they try to do on drug treatment during the crime bill? A great title; they cut the funding for drug rehabilitation.

The Republican contract is too extreme. Its impact on the deficit is that it will explode it. Its impact on the economy of the country is that it will retard it, it will leave us less competitive as a nation, it will increase unemployment and, in the end, further add to the deficit.

Mr. Speaker, maybe we have got great rhetoric on the Republican side and good titles, but it is bad policy, it is too extreme, and it is damaging America.

THE REPUBLICAN MAJORITY HAS KEPT ITS PROMISES

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