

Mr. EHRlich. Madam Speaker, the bottom line is, if they do not realize we are serious by now, they will never realize it. As the gentleman well knows, because he has been the target particularly, and the gentleman from Washington [Mr. TATE], they know we are serious. That is why they are so scared because they know we have the facts and we have the votes and we have the leadership, your leadership.

Mr. TATE. Madam Speaker, if the gentleman will continue to yield, it has been referenced many times about the freshmen coming to this town. We brought fresh ideas. But it is amazing from the folks across the aisle, they want to do things the way they have always done it.

We can understand the mentality a little better when I think, well, why are you worried about this? This is \$40 billion, billion with a B. This is a lot of money. I am not sure how much was spent on political campaigns last year, but I think those pale in comparison to \$40 billion, to me if we can really reform the way things are done around here.

The other argument, as we are closing, is, how can we do this? How can we change this? How can they look into the taxpayers' eyes in my district, as they are working and struggling to get by to put food on the table, to buy shoes for the kids, to save money for education, to put a little money aside for health care, to maybe even save money to go on vacation and to find out that their own money is being sent to Washington, DC, to lobby for more of their hard earned money.

Basically, the taxpayer works hard, sends his money to Washington, DC, then some nameless bureaucrat writes a check to some group that turns around and lobbies for more of that hard earned taxpayers' money, which is what it really comes down to.

So I would challenge those across the aisle that oppose this to talk to the constituents in my district that work hard for their taxpayer dollars.

STANDING UP FOR THE AMERICAN TAXPAYER

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mrs. SEASTRAND). Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Indiana [Mr. SOUDER] is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. SOUDER. Madam Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Indiana [Mr. MCINTOSH].

Mr. MCINTOSH. Madam Speaker, let me come to a close here and say, no matter how much they attack us as individuals, I appreciate all of the efforts that each of you have put in in moving this bill forward and working with our leadership here, Speaker GINGRICH, Majority Leader ARMEY, Majority Whip DELAY, and the leadership in the Senate, from Senator DOLE to Senator LOTT to the Senators who have supported this, Senator SIMPSON and Sen-

ator CRAIG in making this bill a reality.

They can throw mud at us as individuals. They can run advertisements attacking us in our districts. They can impugn our motives and try to destroy our reputations in the press. But we were not sent here for any of those purposes. We were sent here to stand up for the American taxpayer and to do what is right.

We have now sent notice to this town that we will not rest until we have put an end to taxpayer subsidies for the bill lobbying groups here in Washington, DC. I think the American taxpayers will be relieved and heartened that we are willing to stand up and insist on this reform on their behalf.

I thank all of my colleagues for coming here tonight and working so hard to make this bill a possibility.

COMMUNICATION FROM HON. ANDREW JACOBS, JR., MEMBER OF CONGRESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from Hon. ANDREW JACOBS, Jr., Member of Congress:

U.S. CONGRESS,
WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE,
October 26, 1995.

Hon. NEWT GINGRICH,
Speaker, House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: This is to formally notify you pursuant to Rule L (50) of the Rules of the House that I have been served with a subpoena issued by the United States District Court for the District of Columbia.

After consultation with the General Counsel, I have determined that compliance with the subpoena is not consistent with the privileges and precedents of the House.

Sincerely,

ANDY JACOBS, Jr.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Mrs. JOHNSON of Connecticut (at the request of Mr. ARMEY) for today, on account of the birth of her first grandchildren, twin boys.

Mr. MCHUGH (at the request of Mr. ARMEY) for today, on account of a death in the family.

SPECIAL ORDERS GRANTED

By unanimous consent, permission to address the House, following the legislative program and any special orders heretofore entered, was granted to:

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. PALLONE) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. PALLONE, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. MCKINNEY, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. OWENS, for 5 minutes, today.

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. HAYWORTH) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN, for 5 minutes each day, on today and October 31.

Mr. KIM, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. RIGGS, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. DUNCAN, for 5 minutes, today.

(The following Member (at his own request) to revise and extend his remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. SOUDER, for 5 minutes, today.

EXTENSION OF REMARKS

By unanimous consent, permission to revise and extend remarks was granted to:

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. PALLONE) and to include extraneous matter:)

Mr. ACKERMAN.

Mr. COLEMAN.

Mrs. MEEK of Florida.

Mr. HAMILTON.

Miss COLLINS of Michigan.

Mr. POSHARD.

Mr. FRAZER.

Mr. RUSH.

Mr. ROEMER.

Mr. LIPINSKI.

Mr. BARCIA in two instances.

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. HAYWORTH) and to include extraneous matter:)

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey.

Mr. CUNNINGHAM.

Mr. EHLERS.

Mr. GALLEGLY.

Mr. CRAPO.

Mr. SHUSTER.

Mr. KING.

Mrs. JOHNSTON of Connecticut.

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. MCINTOSH) and to include extraneous matter:)

Mr. RICHARDSON.

Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas.

SENATE BILL REFERRED

A bill of the Senate of the following title was taken from the Speaker's table and, under the rule, referred as follows:

An act to provide for the disclosure of lobbying activities to influence the Federal Government, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committees on Government Reform and Oversight, Rules, and Ways and means, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

BILLS PRESENTED TO THE PRESIDENT

Mr. THOMAS, from the Committee on House Oversight, reported that that committee did on the following date present to the President, for his approval, bills of the House of the following title:

On October 26, 1995:

H.R. 716. An act to amend the Fishermen's Protective Act.

H.R. 1026. An act to designate the U.S. post office building located at 201 East Pikes Peak Avenue in Colorado Springs, CO, as the "Winfield Scott Stratton Post Office."