

pleased that we are going to allow them to keep some of their own money.

Mr. Speaker, we are going to do what we said and balance this budget over 7 years, for our children.

#### LET US STOP BUSINESS AS USUAL

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

Mr. LUTHER. Mr. Speaker, I came here to change the way Washington operates, to balance the budget and to do so in a common sense way that invests in America's values and future.

My biggest disappointment is how business as usual seems to continue in Washington, pork barrel spending, partisan speech making, and now the actual shutdown of Government itself. Only in Washington could Congress exempt itself from this situation, with staff staying on and typing more speeches and more press releases.

Fellow Members, I closed my offices and furloughed my entire staff, because that is how the real world operates. In the real world, when you do not do your job, tomorrow is not business as usual. When there is no money in your account, you do not keep your door open and your employees on.

As a new Democrat here, I ask both new Democrats and new Republicans to join me in stopping business as usual in Washington. Let us set down and work together for the good of our country.

#### AMERICANS SEEING HOPE FOR THE FUTURE

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

Mr. TIAHRT. Mr. Speaker, the Senate joined with the House and 80 percent of Americans and said, let us balance the budget in 7 years; let us get the show on the road.

This balanced budget increases Medicare, goes from \$4,800 to \$6,700, it increases student loans, it does not repeal one environmental law, and it includes tax breaks for families, for middle-income workers. That allows the President to overcome the mistake he made in 1993 by raising our taxes.

Now the stock market is up; the bond market is up. Why? Because finally Americans are seeing hope for the future in the form of a balanced budget. To quote someone quite important, "If not now, when? If not us, who?"

Mr. President, let us do it.

#### TIJUANA HOOTERS?

(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, since 1991 4.5 million Americans have lost their livable-wage jobs; 4.5 million. It

has gotten so bad that men have filed a complaint with the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission so that they can wear tank tops and panty hose and work at Hooters Restaurant.

Mr. Speaker, do you want to hear what is really crazy? The Government said they are right. I say to my colleagues, something is wrong when men are willing to wear brassieres and panty hose around here to get a job in America. What is next? Tijuana Hooters?

While we are talking about this type of garbage around here, both parties had a 7-year budget plan, and to tell you the truth, neither one of them is going to work. And the Democrats even want a line-item veto. Beam me up, Mr. Speaker. I do not want to be employed by Tijuana Hooters.

#### BUSYBODY BUREAUCRATS

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

Mr. KINGSTON. Mr. Speaker, I want to follow up on my friend from Ohio's comments. Talk about nonessential employees. The EEOC has come in and told Hooters, as the gentleman said, to hire men who look like that to work in their restaurants and then, among other things, from the crowd who brought you the \$435 hammer, they are saying that Hooters needs to teach employees to be more sensitive to men's needs.

They are sensitive to men's needs. That is why they are making millions of dollars. There is nothing that men like more than an abundance of Buffalo wings and breasts. Think about it. That is what Jay Leno said last night.

The Federal Government is \$4.9 trillion in debt, Hooters is making millions of dollars, and they are coming in and telling Hooters how to run their business. These busybody bureaucrats are defining what it is to be a non-essential employee, and they are making the case for shutting down the Government.

Let us balance the budget and get rid of the busybody bureaucrats, so that if you go in to have a good meal, you will not have to look at that, Mr. Speaker.

#### MORE TAX CUTS FOR THE WEALTHY

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

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, after several weeks now of secret negotiations with the Republicans in the House and Senate, we finally get the Gingrich budget today, and it is the same thing as what we expected, it hurts seniors to provide tax breaks for the wealthy.

Essentially, seniors are going to be asked to pay more to get less; their part B Medicare premiums are going to double, hospitals and health care providers are squeezed so much that we

will see hospitals close and the quality of care they provide reduced, and seniors will lose their choice of doctors because they will be pushed into HMO's where they do not have a choice of doctors.

It is not fair to America; it is not fair to the average American. It means that the quality of health care goes down, all to pay for more tax breaks for the wealthy and for the corporations.

Mr. Speaker, I would urge my colleagues, we have to defeat this budget. The President has to veto it so we can get back to do something that balances the budget and at the same time protects Americans and does not hurt American seniors.

#### TRIANGULATION BECOMING BIANGULATION

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

Mr. GANSKE. Mr. Speaker, everyone is now familiar with the infamous White House strategy of triangulation.

This describes President Clinton's strategy of distancing himself from the Republicans in Congress and the Democrats in Congress. It was devised by his political guru Dick Morris, the same man who yesterday said, "I run the government."

Well, both the Senate and the House have passed a continuing resolution that would keep the Government open and stipulates only one additional thing—that President Clinton agree to negotiate a 7-year balanced budget with honest numbers.

And, I am pleased to say, 49 Democrats voted with the Republicans in the House and 7 Democrats voted with the Republicans in the Senate for the proposal.

It seems that this triangulation strategy is fast becoming a biangulation strategy—those who support a balanced budget against those who do not.

Mr. Speaker, I urge President Clinton to stop with the political games and get down to serious governing. I urge President Clinton to sign the continuing resolution, open up the Government and commit himself to a 7-year balanced budget.

#### TAX CUTS FOR THE RICH

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

Mr. RANGEL. Mr. Speaker, the whole Nation is waiting for us to settle this dispute. The difficulty is that in order to negotiate, you have to make certain that both sides have an open mind.

The major problem that our Republican friends have is that they decided a long time ago that they had to have this crown jewel of a \$245 billion tax cut. Where did the figure come from? Why is it so important? Only God and

NEWT GINGRICH know how they got that.

Another problem they have is that they said, let us talk about it, but they have decided it is 7 years. Well, at least the Speaker is honest enough to say he just made it up; it just sounded good to him.

Mr. Speaker, the third and the most vicious thing I think one of the leading candidates for President from the other body said, and that is that they have been voting against Medicare ever since it has been enacted. The record is abundantly clear that they want to get rid of Medicare and they want to give tax cuts to the rich.

#### POLITICAL SHOW TRIAL

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

Mr. CHABOT. Mr. Speaker, it read like a bad movie, except it's true. This is the story of a career government employee, Billy Dale, a man now 58 years old who had worked for the last seven Presidents helping with travel reservations. But in 1993, the new President and his wife decided to fire the veterans in that office and replace them with relatives and cronies. Billy Dale was fired and the cronies were hired and the Travelgate scandal was born. It became so serious that it was at the center of the note found after Vince Foster's death.

But that was not the end of it for Billy Dale. Apparently, to justify the firing the White House had him investigated by the FBI for more than 2 years. They poured over every aspect of his life and then prosecuted him for supposed embezzlement. From all appearances, Billy Dale and his family were caught up in a political show trial. Yesterday, it took a jury only 2 hours to find him not guilty. This is not supposed to happen in America. But it did.

#### NO BALANCE IN BUDGET BILL

(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, today, the Gingrich budget comes to the floor. The Republicans like to call it the balanced budget plan but there is nothing balanced about Speaker GINGRICH'S bill.

There is nothing balanced about raiding Medicare to pay for a tax cut to the wealthy.

There is nothing balanced about slashing education while eliminating the corporate minimum tax.

There is nothing balanced about gutting environmental protection in order to placate corporate polluters.

There is nothing balanced about raising taxes on people making under \$30,000 a year while cutting taxes for people making \$500,000.

There is nothing balanced about the Gingrich budget, it takes from our

most vulnerable citizens to lavish gifts upon the most well to do. to quote an old song, if the Republicans want the President to sign their budget: Try a little tenderness.

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#### WORKING TOGETHER TO PASS A BALANCED BUDGET

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

Mr. BALLENGER. Mr. Speaker, options, options, options. That is all the President is left with these days. We all know he does not have any solutions of his own.

He chose one of those options. He shut down the Government. He chose poorly.

He did not want to talk about it, but let me outline what his other option was. He could have agreed, in principle, to the idea that we should balance the budget in 7 years. He could have sat down and worked with Republicans to pass a balanced budget.

But the President chose a different option. He chose to shut down the Government, because it made him look decisive—something that has not happened during his entire tenure as President.

Mr. Speaker, Republicans are simply trying to do what the American people have asked us to do—balance the budget. I wish the President would join us and end the Democrat legacy of passing the buck on to future generations.

#### GINGRICH PLAN CUTS SOCIAL PROGRAMS TO GIVE TAX BREAKS TO WEALTHY

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

Mr. BROWN of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, the Speaker says one thing and does another. He said he wants to save Medicare, yet Speaker GINGRICH speaking to a group of insurance executives said he wants to let Medicare wither on the vine. He says he wants a balanced budget yet the Gingrich plan cuts \$270 billion from Medicare to give tax breaks to the wealthiest people in this country. The Speaker said he wants opportunity for future generations. Yet the Gingrich plan cuts billions in student loans for working families. He said he wants to give a tax break to the middle class. Yet the Gingrich plan raises taxes on 13 million working families.

Sure, Mr. Speaker, listen to what the Speaker says, but more important pay attention to the Gingrich plan. It cuts Medicare, it cuts student loans to middle-class families, it raises taxes on working families, all to give a tax break to the richest people in this country.

#### REPUBLICANS COMMITTED TO BALANCED BUDGET

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

Mr. HEFLEY. Day four of the Clinton shutdown of the Government. Why? Because he cannot even agree in principle that we should balance the budget in 7 years. Let me say that again. The President will not even agree in principle that we should balance the budget in 7 years. We are not talking about specifics here. All we want the President to agree to is the concept that we should pass a plan based on independent, honest Congressional Budget Office numbers that balances the budget in 7 years. Period. But the President will not agree to a 7-year plan to balance the budget. Why? Because right now his pollsters and campaign advisers have told him that he needs to appear decisive. So the President is willing to keep the Government shut down.

Mr. Speaker, no more excuses, no more Washington gimmicks. Republicans are committed to a balanced budget. It is time for the President, not Dick Morris who evidently is running the country, to join in that commitment.

#### DEMOCRATS ASK FOR FAIRNESS

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

Mr. BRYANT of Texas. The last speech, Mr. Speaker, has got to top all of them this morning for turning the facts on their head. The fact of the matter is it is the obligation of the Congress to pass a budget. We are 45 days late. It was supposed to be passed by October 1, and no budget has been sent to the President. That is why the Government is shut down. The President himself of course has not done it.

The fact of the matter is that the Republicans want to send him a budget, although they have not done it yet, that relies upon drastic cuts in the Medicare insurance program for elderly people and big tax breaks for the wealthy to get to what they call a balanced budget.

Everybody wants a balanced budget, but the top 1 percent have an average income of \$600,000 a year. They get a tax cut under this Republican plan of \$15,000 while the bottom 20 percent with an average income of \$6,000 a year either get no tax cut or many of them get a tax increase of \$173 a year. That is not fair, and until it is fair, Democrats will continue to vote "no."

#### THE BUDGET SHOWDOWN

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

Ms. DUNN of Washington. Mr. Speaker, 5 years ago candidate Clinton promised that he would present and support