

REPUBLICANS STAND WITH THE AMERICAN PEOPLE FOR A BALANCED BUDGET AND LIMITED GOVERNMENT

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

Mr. PAXON. Mr. Speaker, the Democrats have tried to make an election in California a referendum on our Republican agenda of a balanced budget and limited government.

Their tactic was simple.

Offer a campaign of obstruction—devoid of ideas.

Mr. Speaker, I'm proud to report they failed miserably.

And they failed in a district that's been held by their party for 20 years.

There were two winners in yesterday's election:

Obviously Tom Campbell, but equally important, the American people. They won because we proved that you cannot win an election by screaming about what you are against—you must proclaim what you are for.

The truth is, Mr. Speaker, we won yesterday and we've been winning all year.

We started the 104th Congress with 230 Republicans. We now have 236.

We have five new Republicans—who like millions of Americans, left the Democrats because they have no ideas and no hope for the future.

We are going to continue to win Mr. Speaker, adding 20 to 30 seats to our majority because we stand with the American people for a balanced budget and limited Government while Democrats have no ideas and stand for nothing.

ANOTHER CLINTON FOREIGN POLICY MISTAKE AND TRAGEDY

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

Mr. FUNDERBURK. Mr. Speaker, last night I heard our Ambassador to the United Nations tell Americans that there is a "moral imperative" to send our soldiers into Bosnia. All I can say to the Ambassador is, your administration displays mighty selective morality.

The same officials who are now beating the war drums in Bosnia saw no such moral imperative in Kuwait, Panama, Cambodia, and Vietnam. In the last two cases millions died in wars which make Bosnia's troubles look like a picnic. Mrs. Albright, Bill Clinton, and Strobe Talbot were silent in seven languages when Vietnamese Communists forced their entire ethnic Chinese population into the sea. You heard not one word from them when Moscow and Beijing locked tens of millions away in the gulag. So their words today are hollow.

Mark it down, Christmastime 1995: the beginning of another Clinton for-

eign policy mistake and tragedy. I stand with the people in opposition to ground troops being in Bosnia.

EPA SECRETARY O'LEARY, A "MATERIAL GIRL"

(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 President has a "Material Girl" in his Cabinet. Secretary O'Leary has leased the very same plane that Madonna used for a trip to South Africa. She took 51 of her staff and she took 68 guests, and they all got in first class and flew down to South Africa at a cost to the taxpayers of \$560,000.

Vice President GORE tried to defend this terrible waste of taxpayers' money by saying she is creating all these jobs in America and that there are lots of contracts being written. The truth is there are only signed letters of intent; no jobs, no contracts. This is just the tip of the iceberg.

The Department of Energy has terrible mismanagement. Vice President GORE himself, in the National Performance Review, says the environmental management is 40 percent inefficient and it is going to cost taxpayers \$70 billion over the next 30 years. We need to do something about this. It is time to turn the lights out at the Department of Energy and it is time for Secretary O'Leary to resign.

CONGRATULATIONS TO TOM CAMPBELL AND THE NEW MAJORITY

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

Mr. BAKER of California. Mr. Speaker, what a beautiful day it is, because in California last night, despite 9 inches of rain, we had another Republican victory. I just want to congratulate Tom Campbell for his tremendous victory by over 23 points in an election that was supposed to be a Democrat victory, but was, instead, a victory for the new order here in the House.

Mr. Speaker, the victory was the American people saying, "We want to go back to the basics. We don't want," in Ben Franklin's words, in George Washington's words, "any more foreign entanglements." That means, Mr. President, get out of Bosnia. We do not want a government that continues to spend beyond its means. The American people in the 15th Congressional District in California said, "Balance the Federal budget."

Mr. Speaker, the elderly are not stingy in California. They want the Medicare system to be preserved and protected, not only for themselves but for future generations. Pass the Medicare reform, pass the free market reforms, not more government control and constraint. The American people in

California are well ahead of us. Congratulations, Mr. Tom Campbell. Congratulations, new majority.

UPCOMING DEMOCRAT RETIREMENTS?

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

Mr. KINGSTON. Mr. Speaker, today, I anticipate a number of Democrat retirements because of Haley Barbour's offer. The offer, as Members of the House know, is for \$1 million for any member of the public, including Members of the Democrat Party, who can prove that Republicans, in fact, do cut Medicare.

What is so interesting about this, Mr. Speaker, is that just about every Democrat we have heard this year says Republicans are going to cut Medicare. Since they have an outside income limitation, they will all have to retire to get their \$1 million check. I do not think that is what Mr. Barbour intended, but it could be a very nice consequence of this generous offer.

I am confident that Democrat Members will be just flocking over to the NRCC today to meet with Mr. Barbour and collect their \$1 million, because time after time from this well right here, Mr. Speaker they have told the American people, including their own mothers and fathers, that Republicans are cutting Medicare. Well, now it is time to put their money where their mouth is and go get their \$1 million, Democrats. In case they cannot get it, we will continue to try to get them to help us on Medicare reform, because we need to preserve and protect it, instead of demagoguing it.

THE OUTCOME OF CALIFORNIA'S 15TH DISTRICT SPECIAL ELECTION

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

Mr. HERGER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend the voters of California for looking behind the outrageous smear campaign run by the Democrats for California's 15th District special election. My colleagues across the aisle are in desperate straits these days and they, unfortunately, have resorted to desperate tactics. Nevertheless, California voters yesterday cast a strong vote for fiscal responsibility, for straight talk on the problems our country faces, and for a new vision.

Make no mistake, Tom Campbell won on the issues. His impressive victory reaffirms my belief that the big truth beats the big lie any day of the week, especially on election day. I would like to welcome Tom as the 236th member of the Republican Conference. I look forward to working with him to truly address the concerns of all Americans.