

On the other hand, Hippocrates recognized some 400 B.C. that "Idleness and lack of occupation tend toward evil."

Unemployment rates among our youth is at 17.5 percent. That is three times as large as is in our general population. The unemployment rate for African-American teenagers is almost at 40 percent, and without the summer program, it would be almost 50 percent. If some in Congress have their way, Mr. Speaker, for every employed African-American youth, there would be one unemployed African-American teenager. Surely in 1996 Congress could recognize the wisdom of Hippocrates, which has survived throughout the years.

Also, Mr. Speaker, it costs so little to give a youth a chance, but it costs society so much when we do not give the youth a chance. Last year, the summer program cost less than \$1,500, less than \$1,500. In contrast, conservative estimates are that it costs \$70,000 in prison construction and welfare spending when you have a student dropping out of high school from the ages of 18 to 54. Contrast that, \$70,000 with \$1,500. It cannot be disputed that there is a link between poverty and joblessness, and there is a link between joblessness and those who wind up in prison and those who wind up on our welfare rolls.

If we really want to move from welfare to work, let us give our young people a chance. Let them work. If you really want to fight criminal behavior, let us give our young people an alternative. Let them work. They want to work.

Last year there were two applications for every job available, and there were not enough jobs to go around. The summer employment program is broad-based, both in urban and rural communities. Indeed, there are more youth in rural communities than in urban communities. These young people use this money for critical needs, for going back to school, for clothing and special school items.

Mr. Speaker, we can spend more money to build more jails, open more courts, incarcerate more youth, or we can spend less money, less money, build fewer jails, and employ our young people and give them opportunities. We can get less for more by ignoring the problem, or we can get more for less by giving young people a chance.

Charity is getting something for nothing. A chance is an opportunity to become something rather than nothing. Most American youth I know want to have that chance. When we decide the spending for the rest of the year, I hope we do not disregard our Nation's youth.

Mr. Speaker, remember, idleness breeds evil.

#### RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. There being no further requests for morning

business, pursuant to clause 12, rule I, the House will stand in recess until 2 p.m.

Accordingly (at 1 o'clock and 21 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess until 2 p.m.

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#### AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. HUTCHINSON) at 2 p.m.

#### PRAYER

The Chaplain, Rev. James David Ford, D.D., offered the following prayer:

We pray with the psalmist of old when we ask that You would teach us, O God, to number our days so that we gain hearts of wisdom. As the time goes by and the days become years and we add so many experiences to our life's work, may we learn discernment and sagacity in the ways of the world and may we foster patience and comprehension in our own hearts, and so make judgments of justice and mercy. Bless us, O God, this day and every day, we pray. Amen.

#### THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

#### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentleman from New York [Mr. FORBES] come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance

Mr. FORBES 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.

#### THREAT OF A GOVERNMENT SHUTDOWN

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

Mr. LINDER. Mr. Speaker, President Clinton is fighting, threatening a Government shutdown, for \$7 million more to send to foreign countries to educate their students on the environment and rainfall measurement techniques. He wants to give \$10 million more to the National Endowment for the Arts. He wants more money to establish a new Federal program to help guide people through the 160 Federal job training programs. Only the Clinton administration would want to create a new program to make the maze of 160 overlapping programs understandable. Fur-

ther, Clinton wants \$2 million for the Ounce of Prevention Council which in a year and a half has produced one glossy magazine and administered zero grants. White House Chief of Staff Leon Panetta's wife works for this program and is paid \$300 per day.

It is simply hypocritical to say you are for a balanced budget and then demand \$8 billion for more spending. In January, the President said, "The era of Big Government is over." He also vowed to never shut down the Government again. Unfortunately, he has abandoned these pledges already to return to the traditional liberal tax and spend philosophy. That the President would support paying Mrs. Leon Panetta \$300-a-day to produce one magazine but is not willing to give Americans families a \$500-tax cut is the height of arrogance.

#### THE COURTS IN AMERICA

(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, 10 years ago Terry Clark was sentenced to death for killing a 9-year-old girl. Clark admitted he did it. He said, I grabbed her from her bike. I raped her. Then I shot her in the head three times.

The death sentence was overturned on a technicality. But now, once again, a New Mexico jury has sentenced Clark to death. This time Clark says, "Do not kill me. It will serve no purpose and you will destroy the health of my aged mother."

Mr. Speaker, did Clark ever consider the health of the victim's family or the victim? Unbelievable here, Mr. Speaker.

The father now says, lethal injection is too good for this bum. And I agree. When a bum like Clark, after 10 years killing a 9-year-old helpless victim, is still drawing breath in America, there is something wrong with the courts of America.

It is time for Congress to say, good night sweet prince, Clark. It is time for you to meet your maker, Jack. You do not go around killing people in America.

#### LAST STAND FOR BIG GOVERNMENT

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

Mrs. SEASTRAND. Mr. Speaker, call it Big Government's \$8 billion last stand. It comes right on time, less than 3 months after President Clinton declared the era of Big Government is over. Well, of course, the President's policies have not exactly helped end Big Government's reign. We cannot forget the President's \$16 billion pork barrel stimulus package, raising taxes to pay for more social spending. And even