

life. I ask America to have a day of prayer this coming Sunday to join for peace and freedom and the end of racial hostilities and this tragedy and blight on the Constitution of the United States of America.

BART SIMPSON AND THE WHITE HOUSE: "I DIDN'T DO IT"

(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, Bart Simpson said, "I didn't do it, nobody saw me, you can't prove anything."

Mr. Speaker, that is what we are hearing out of the White House when it comes to the files that were requested from the FBI: I did not do it. Bernard Nussbaum says, and he was White House counsel, he says he did not request these FBI files; yet 341 of them were sent to the White House on a letter with his name on it: Nobody saw me. The President says he did not read the files.

But that is kind of what the gentleman from Texas, DICK ARMEY, said: "That is like the President saying he did not inhale."

You can't prove anything. That is because the White House is withholding 2,000 pages of information related to Travelgate documents, which is what spurred the request for the FBI files to begin with.

Mr. Speaker, it is time for the White House to come clean about Travelgate and about Filegate because the American people deserve to know the truth about what is going on within those walls.

TIME FOR THE WHITE HOUSE TO COME CLEAN ON THE FBI FILE SEARCH

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

Mr. GUTKNECHT. Mr. Speaker, it is interesting that the gentlewoman from Colorado [Mrs. SCHROEDER] talks about the Nixon White House, because as far as the latest White House blunder the President's silence has been almost deafening. The unanswered questions keep piling up, and the President still has not taken responsibility. What was the White House doing with over 340 private citizens' FBI files? How did these files just happen to be of members of the former Bush and Reagan administration? And why is the President not taking responsibility for these actions?

Mr. Speaker, once again we have a case of feigned innocence by higher-ups at the White House, but this is one time too many that lower level staffers have had to take the blame for major mixups. The excuses are running thin, the coverup game has gone on a little too long. It is time for the White House and the President to come clean about

the FBI search. The American people demand no less.

CONCERN ABOUT REPUBLICAN BUDGET PRIORITIES

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

Mrs. SCHROEDER. Mr. Speaker, will the gentleman yield?

Mr. WARD. I yield to the gentleman from Colorado.

Mrs. SCHROEDER. Mr. Speaker, I just wanted to state that the President of the United States did apologize yesterday, and I think it is very important to have that on the record.

Mr. WARD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to express my concern over the majority's priorities. Last night the budget resolution was passed by a slim margin, changing Medicare in ways that will hurt our working families, raising tax on our working families and limiting direct student loans.

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Today I hear that Medicaid is on the chopping block in the Committee on Commerce. I have one question to ask my colleague on the other side of the aisle: How far will you go, attacking the elderly, the poor, our children, and the disabled?

Completely repealing the Medicaid Program will mean that 18 million children will lose their health coverage if we turn what is now a responsibility and commitment on the part of the Federal Government into a State block-granted program. Four million seniors and disabled will lose their guaranteed coverage needed for doctor and hospital care. I ask, when will this stop?

AN APOLOGY BY THE PRESIDENT IS NOT ENOUGH

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

Mr. WALKER. Mr. Speaker, the gentlewoman from Colorado suggested an apology from the President of the United States is enough; enough, when 340 people have had their lives stripped bare for purely political reasons, their FBI files open for purely political reasons, and an apology is enough.

Mr. Speaker, that is not enough, particularly when we have an FBI official today who tells us about the situation as it may relate to the Nixon administration. He says, "Some Presidents have made good use of FBI background investigations and some, to their regret, have not. But never before has any administration used background investigations of another President's political staff. FBI employees knew it would be wrong to give raw FBI files on political opponents to the other party. In fact, they knew it would be illegal, each disclosure a violation of the Federal Privacy Act."

We are talking about a very serious matter, Mr. Speaker. It deserves full investigation. I am shocked to hear Democrats who came to this floor, time and time again, telling us how Reagan administration officials should be investigated, Bush administration officials should be investigated, how telling us that an apology by the President is enough.

STUPID IS AS STUPID DOES

(Ms. MCKINNEY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. MCKINNEY. Mr. Speaker, in 1981, President Reagan convinced Congress to increase military spending and cut taxes for the wealthy, claiming this would balance the budget by 1983. Well, 1983 came along and our deficit exploded to \$207 billion in just the first 2 years of the Reagan administration.

Yesterday, Mr. Speaker, Republican leaders did the exact same thing. The Republican budget resolution passed last night actually increases the deficit by \$40 billion over the next 2 years, just to pay for—you guessed it—tax breaks and star wars.

In summary, Mr. Speaker, Republican leaders shut down the Government twice just so they could increase the deficit by \$40 billion, leaving real deficit reduction to future congresses.

As Forrest Gump said, Mr. Speaker, "stupid is, as stupid does."

THE LIBERAL DEMOCRATS IN THIS HOUSE WERE RESPONSIBLE FOR OUR HUGE DEFICITS, NOT THE REAGAN ADMINISTRATION

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

Mr. WELDON of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I want to address the comments of the gentlewoman who just spoke. The Reagan administration was not responsible for those huge deficits. It was this House, the liberal Democrats in this House, who repeatedly served up to that President increasing levels of spending, the creation of new programs and new departments, which President Reagan repeatedly vetoed those appropriations bills, and it resulted in the Government being closed down. Yes; the Government was closed down 17 times during the Reagan and Bush administrations. Why? Because the liberal Democrats in the House wanted to spend more money.

Mr. Speaker, for the first time, we have a House of Representatives that wants to spend less and a liberal Democrat President in the White House who is closing down the Government with his vetoes because he wants to spend more money. We need to set the record straight for the American people. Those deficits that were created in the 1980's were created while Federal revenues to the Treasury increased \$600 billion. It is because this House of Representatives spent \$800 billion more

over that time period, creating the hugest deficits this Nation has ever known.

WE MUST INVEST IN EDUCATION,
NOT STEAL FROM IT

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

Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker, I rise this morning to comment on more than one thing. First, Mr. Speaker, make no mistake about it, I say to the American people, the deficit was increased last night with the vote that was taken.

Something extraordinary happened in the 14th Congressional District, just as something extraordinary happened last night in this Chamber, but it is far more positive. It happened a week ago this last Tuesday, June 2, where the voters of the 14th Congressional District, in community after community, voted and passed four school bond measures.

Mr. Speaker, this is extraordinary, not only for what I said, but in California there is a requirement that there be a two-thirds vote, a two-thirds vote in order to make that happen. So the people of my congressional district, Mr. Speaker, understand that we will end up with many deficits in this country if we do not, in fact, invest in education.

On Sunday, Tomorrow's Leaders Today, in Sunnyvale, CA, graduated 36 young people by investing in their education. Mr. Speaker, take notice from the people of the 14th Congressional District: Education, education, education. Invest in it, do not steal from it.

IT IS TIME TO FIX THE PROBLEMS
WITH MEDICAID AND MEDICARE

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

Mr. HASTERT. Mr. Speaker, it is interesting to hear our friends on the other side of the aisle talk about an increase in the deficit, where we all know the deficits have been increased, driven by entitlements, Medicaid and Medicare.

Mr. Speaker, sometimes we can stick our heads in the sand or put our hands over our eyes and not see the problems, but I think it also pairs up with a philosophy on this other side of the aisle that big government does better, big government knows more; that we should not let people at home in our States, our elected representatives, our Governors, happen to fashion those Medicare plans or Medicaid plans that fit best in their own States.

Also, Mr. Speaker, somebody putting their hands over their eyes and saying there is not really a problem with Medicare, it is only going to go broke a year or two earlier than we thought it

was going to go broke; it is only \$100 billion more in debt than we thought it was going to be last year. That is what the President's own board of trustees said. It is time that somebody fixes it. We should not have this class warfare or geriatric warfare that tries to come from the other side of the aisle.

CLASS WARFARE CREATED BY RE-
PUBLICAN PRIORITIES AND LEG-
ISLATION

(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, class warfare began when the Republicans took control of this House, when they decided it was a higher priority to cut taxes for the wealthiest 1 percent in America and leave seniors and children behind. They want to take seniors and leave them in a position where Medicare will no longer cover their health bills. They will walk in and the Government may pay half, \$10,000 for a hip replacement, and then the senior will be billed the remainder of \$5,000 or \$10,000. They want kids not to be able to get a college education unless they are part of that 1 percent.

Where was the assault on welfare on the other side when corporate welfare was on the table, when subsidies to billionaire corporations and multimillionaire farmers were on the floor? The other side refused to look at their welfare. When it comes to senior citizens and the health care they paid for and the health care they have a right to expect, that is what they want to cut. They have declared war on the classes in this society.

THE BEGINNING OF FILEGATE,
AND REQUESTING THE HOUSE
OF REPRESENTATIVES TO ACT
TO OBTAIN ADDITIONAL FILES

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

Mr. MICA. Mr. Speaker, I serve on the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight. Members have heard speeches today about filegate. I just wanted to tell my colleagues how this started. This started as a result of our inquiry into travelgate, which was an examination of misuse of the FBI, and also of the IRS, by the White House.

As Members will recall, we asked for the release of documents that we found out about by accident, and we got 1,000 pages. That is how we found out about this. We stopped a contempt proceeding without receiving the other 2,000 pages. I think it is time that we bring that contempt citation back before the House of Representatives and get the rest of the information about this disaster.

Mr. Speaker, I read this matter and I thought I was reading about the KGB, the way this operation took place. I

ask the House to immediately take action, and if necessary, enact a contempt citation and obtain this information.

THE HOUSE-PASSED BUDGET RES-
OLUTION IS INHUMAN TO CHIL-
DREN

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

Mr. MCDERMOTT. Mr. Speaker, last night we passed a budget resolution in this House which is predicated on the passage of welfare reform. I sat in the Committee on Ways and Means as we took away the economic security for children and women in this country.

I want to use just the example of the State of Washington. If today every one of the 100,000 people on welfare said, "I am going to quit being shiftless and not caring, and I am going to go down and get a job," they would meet the 173,000 people who are on unemployment in our State. If we count all those people, it is about 200,000 people in the State of Washington today that do not have a job.

Last year we created people 44,000 jobs. Those 44,000 jobs clearly are not going to take care of the 200,000 people who would be standing in line asking for a job. Their children would have no guarantee of food and no guarantee of health care. That budget resolution was inhuman to kids in this country.

PERMISSION FOR SUNDRY COM-
MITTEES AND THEIR SUB-
COMMITTEES TO SIT TODAY
DURING 5-MINUTE RULE

Mr. GUTKNECHT. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the following committees and their subcommittees be permitted to sit today while the House is meeting in the Committee of the Whole House under the 5-minute rule: The Committee on Agriculture; the Committee on Commerce; the Committee on Economic and Educational Opportunities; the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight; the Committee on International Relations; the Committee on National Security; the Committee on Resources; the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

It is my understanding that the minority has been consulted and there are no objections to these requests.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. HASTINGS of Washington). Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Minnesota?

There was no objection.

SHIPBUILDING TRADE
AGREEMENT ACT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to House Resolution 448 and rule XXIII, the Chair declares the House in the Committee of the Whole House on