

But the average person is losing ground. Economic insecurity I think is setting in. I think of single parents, single moms who are getting up in the morning and getting their kids ready, sending them off to day care, sending them off to school and going to work, humping it, working hard, trying to make ends meet, just to keep their head above water, not to get ahead, just to get by. I think of parents like myself with small children who are having a tough go of it, people in their thirties who are accumulating debt that frankly they do not know how they are going to pay. I think of people in their forties and fifties with strained family budgets right now, having a difficult time getting by.

Our senior citizens are worried right now that politicians are not going to do the right thing to preserve and protect Medicare. They are worried up here that they are not going to keep it intact, and we are trying to do that, and I think they are beginning to see through the smoke and mirrors of the people who are opposing the necessary changes to Medicare.

I look around the world, Mr. Speaker, and I see nationalism growing in other countries. We see Israel. In elections there, nationalism wins. We look at the Soviet Union, nationalism is on the rise. What about our country? Where is our nationalism? Where is our sense of country, our patriotism today? Mr. Speaker, I am for free trade, but by George, we need fair trade, not just free trade. We are losing our manufacturing base in the United States of America, and we are not willing to stop and say that we need to renegotiate NAFTA. We need to stop. It is not working. It is costing us farming jobs, it is costing us manufacturing jobs in appliance manufacturing. Our textile industry is moving overseas.

The gentlewoman talks about China. Most-favored-nation status should not be given to China. They are actually taking our intellectual property. They are pirating our goods. We have got to look at our country and look after what is best for America. I come from the Teddy Roosevelt-Abraham Lincoln school of Republicanism, where we have to preserve American jobs first. If this country is going to be the world leader that it has to be as the only superpower in the entire world, we have to rebuild America and put America first.

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The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. FOX of Pennsylvania). Under a previous order of the House, the gentlewoman from New York [Mrs. KELLY] is recognized for 5 minutes.

[Mrs. KELLY addressed the House. Her remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.]

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gen-

tleman from Texas [Mr. FIELDS] is recognized for 5 minutes.

[Mr. FIELDS of Texas addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.]

HOUSE URGED TO ISSUE CONTEMPT CITATIONS CONCERNING TRAVELGATE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Florida [Mr. MICA] is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. MICA. Mr. Speaker, I come before the House today to again call on the Speaker and House leadership to bring forward the contempt citation against Mr. Quinn, legal counsel to the President, and other White House officials who have been involved in keeping documents relating to "Filegate" from the Congress and also from the Special Counsel.

I serve on the committee charged with the jurisdiction of investigations and oversight. It is the House Committee on Government Reform and Oversight. We have been investigating this matter now for over 2 years. We have requested files for over 2 years. The pattern of evasiveness, the pattern of deceit by the White House in keeping these records both again from the Congress, the Special Counsel, and our committee is abhorrent.

Let me just cite from our report, the contempt proceedings that were offered to the House, some of the facts relating to this matter. This all deals with Travelgate which our subcommittee was investigating.

Weeks after the firings of 7 long-time White House Travel Office employees, President William J. Clinton staved off a congressional inquiry into the growing controversy by committing to House Judiciary Committee Chairman Jack Brooks on July 13, 1993, and this is what the President said: "You can be assured that the Attorney General will have the administration's full cooperation in investigating those matters which the Department wishes to review."

No mention then of executive privilege from the President on withholding documents from the investigators. In fact this is quite unprecedented. Even in Irangate, President Reagan offered all materials to congressional investigators. This is almost unprecedented, and again an issue that does not deal with foreign policy or national policy but is an investigation of the conduct within the White House, that this information is kept from us.

This is what the President said in January 1996, this year. He stated, "We've told everybody we're in the cooperation business. That's what we want to do. We want to get this over with."

Yet we still have not, as of this day, gotten one-third of the documents relating to this matter. Let me read really the essence of what this is about, and let me quote from notes from a

White House aide that we obtained just recently this year, dated May 27, 1993. This is the date of the document.

White House Management Review author Todd Stern wrote this. This is not the Republicans, this is a White House operative. He said: "Problem is that if we do any kind of report and fail to address those questions, the press jumps on you wanting to know answers; while if you give answers that aren't fully honest, e.g., nothing re: HRC"—Hillary Rodham Clinton, he uses the initials—"you risk hugely compounding the problem by getting caught in half-truths. You run the risk of turning this into a cover-up."

Now, I did not say this. Our committee did not say this. No Republican said this. This is a White House aide.

We see why they have kept these documents from us. The fact is that two-thirds of the documents we sought, were sought by a bipartisan subpoena, have been withheld from the Congress by the White House.

The fact is, we now know why the White House has stonewalled the Congress. The fact is, the White House in this case misused the IRS and the FBI, the chief law enforcement agency of this Nation, in an incredible abuse of power. The fact is, and this will come out, the civil rights, the privacy rights, the Hatch Act, all of these laws I believe we will find have been violated. These are the rights and the privacy of past and present Federal employees. One of the most egregious violations is that they obtained the files of three of our staff directors of our Investigations, and Oversight Committee, the one on which I serve.

The fact is that more than 2,000 pages of documents are still being kept from the Congress, from the media, from the Special Counsel relating to this matter.

I call on the Speaker, I call on Chairman CLINGER, I call on the House leadership to bring forward to the floor of the House of Representatives this contempt citation. We must vote on it, and we must find Mr. Quinn and officials at the White House in contempt of Congress for their actions in this matter.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Michigan [Mr. SMITH] is recognized for 5 minutes.

[Mr. SMITH of Michigan addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.]

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Florida [Mr. WELDON] is recognized for 5 minutes.

[Mr. WELDON of Florida addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.]