

As a longstanding member of the House Science Committee, I have worked hard to improve science education in this country.

The competition is just one great example of a successful business-education partnership that encourages students to pursue careers in science. I have been supporting this outstanding program since its launch in 1992.

The ExploraVision Awards give students the opportunity to identify future technological needs and develop the kind of technological thinking our society needs in order to meet the challenges of the future.

I am proud to recognize the achievements of this year's winners and proud to be the honorary cochairperson of the 1996 ExploraVision Awards weekend.

CLINTONOMICS

(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 submit the latest "Say what, Mr. President?" and the credit goes to Clinton appointee Richard Rominger who last night proclaimed to the Georgia Farm Bureau that, and I quote, "During this administration, the national debt has fallen \$15,000 per family of four."

"How so?" asks our numbers-crunching colleague, MAC COLLINS, because the national debt has risen steadily during this administration.

"Well," answered a shameless Rominger, "the annual deficit had been rising and since it is not rising as much, the \$15,000 represents the additional amount saved had it kept rising."

Let me put that in English. I weigh 170 pounds. I have never weighed 190 pounds. But according to Clintonomics, I lost 20 pounds if I add up all the sundae and desserts that I have said "no" to.

Ladies and gentlemen, that is Clintonomics. It is like an Oliver Stone movie—it is exciting, it is entertaining, but it is not based on reality.

HIGH-TECHNOLOGY JOBS BEING TRANSFERRED TO CHINA

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

Ms. PELOSI. Mr. Speaker, soon we will be voting on the President's special request for a waiver for most-favored-nation status for China. I am here today to talk about one of the myths that has been circulated, and that is that most of the jobs that we are losing to China are low-technology jobs. Indeed, one of the greatest assaults on the American worker is being made right now with the transfer of technology to China. For example, Boeing used to make all of its tail sections for the 737 in Wichita, KS. Now, in the last couple of years, they have trans-

ferred the production of half of those tail sections to Xi'an, China, where workers make \$50 a month on these high-technology jobs, thereby taking jobs from the American worker that are high-technology.

In addition to that, if you wish to sell into the Chinese market, you must build a factory there and then turn over your technology plans to some institute there which then passes it around among the Chinese where you have now created your competitors.

This is a very important issue, Mr. Speaker. If intellectual property is a \$2 to \$3 billion loss, this is over a \$100 billion loss. It does harm to the American worker and steals America's economic future.

ROBBING OUR UNION EMPLOYEES

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

Mr. KNOLLENBERG. Mr. Speaker, employees have a right to know why their hard-earned money is being taken out of their pockets and being used by union leaders. They also deserve the right to stop it if they choose.

Why would anyone oppose legislation which gives workers the right to know where their money is going? Because it is a cash cow.

AFL-CIO President John Sweeney publicly vowed his union's intention to spend \$35 million to fund campaign and political activities—\$35 million right out of the pockets of rank and file union members.

More than 62 percent of these hard-working men and women said in a poll that they do not approve. They do not want their dues going to campaign and political purposes.

And most did not even know about President Sweeney's political attack with their hard-earned money.

We need to stop this ripoff and give our hard-working families a break. There is a way. Support the Worker Right-To-Know Act.

MEDICARE OVERBILLING

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

Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas. Mr. Speaker, the House Republican plan on Medicare calls for \$168 billion in cuts in the growth, as they say. They say they need to cut this much in order to save Medicare, but the President's budget saves Medicare for \$44 billion less in the cuts in growth.

Perhaps this is the Republican majority way of paying for financially irresponsible tax cuts. These are the same tax cuts that increase the deficit for the next 2 years. We will not hear that from that microphone over there.

But there is more. In the Speaker Gingrich House Republican Medicare plan there is a provision that would

allow health care providers to bill seniors more now than they are for current services paid for by Medicare. So, in other words, not only are we going to cut Medicare but seniors are going to have to pay more for services that have been provided by Medicare. The Gingrich plan would weaken the provision, thereby opening the door for higher out-of-pocket expenses for our seniors.

The Republican majority's first priority is tax cuts, even though they increase the deficit. Then they want to cut Medicare, education, and all the rest in order to pay for it. These are not the priorities of the American people.

THE RIGHT CHOICE TO SAVE MEDICARE

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

Mr. HAYWORTH. Mr. Speaker, hearing my dear friend from Texas reminds me of that great country and western song entitled "That's my story and I'm sticking to it." The same tired old bromides based on fear and not on facts still exist within the liberal minority.

I daresay what we fail to hear from that microphone is the stunning reality that the bipartisan trustees of the Medicare trust fund told us not 2 weeks ago that if we fail to act, Medicare, as we know it, goes broke in 5 years, quite possibly in 4.

The key difference is this, Mr. Speaker: When we get past the name calling and the playground taunts, those of us in the new majority are willing to work to govern, to save, preserve, protect, and improve a program for the next generation, while our dear liberal friends are so willing to abandon reality they are thinking only of the next election. The American people will make the right choice.

HEALTH CARE REFORM

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

Mr. WYNN. Mr. Speaker, this morning I would like to talk about health care, because Americans want health care and they want health care reform.

Interestingly enough, there is bipartisan support for health care reform, reforms which would provide portability, which is the right of a person to transfer their health insurance when they change jobs, and also a provision that would ban prohibitions against preexisting conditions, so if their child has asthma, they can still get health care. There is bipartisan support in both houses.

We ought to pass it because the American people want it. But why do we not pass it? Because the Republican majority wants to overreach again. They want medical savings accounts.