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Now, for the Republican vision:

Earlier this month Bob Dole said, "It's time to end the IRS as we know it." He is calling for putting the word "service" back in the Internal Revenue Service by requiring IRS employees to help taxpayers understand the law rather than simply punish Americans for misapplying it.

I like the second vision, and I bet America will too. We need a solution to our IRS problem that empowers the hard-working American taxpayer. We need to reform the IRS.

ETHICS COMMITTEE PROCESS IS DEGENERATING

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

Mr. FAZIO of California. Mr. Speaker, I want to talk today about a process that lies at the heart of this House's reputation, the Ethics Committee process.

Its strength historically has been the ability of Democrats and Republicans to separate nuisance complaints from substantive charges important to the reputation of this House and to pursue such matters with diligence no matter where that takes it.

As a former member of the Ethics Committee, 8 years as a matter of fact, I cast some of the toughest votes of my congressional career, just as many others who have served on the Ethics Committee have done on a bipartisan basis. We cast them because we believe the reputation of this House is more important than any Member. I underline any Member.

I believe this Republican-controlled House has done tremendous damage to an already fragile process. The evidence: A year-long delay in appointing a special counsel in a case involving the leadership; the GOP leadership's initial refusal last December to even grant the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct floor time for a bipartisan recommendation on book royalties; now unreasonable delays in making an important report public.

We are watching the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct process completely degenerate.

FORTY REASONS TO SAY "NO" TO CLINTON REELECTION

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

Mr. BALLENGER. Mr. Speaker, late last week the Boston Globe ran the following article—"Four more years? Here are 40 reasons to say "no." I'd like to share their more amusing reasons to vote against Clinton.

His "Cabinet that looks like America" contained 14 lawyers and 10 millionaires; "100,000 more police on the street." Seen them yet?

"A tax cut for the middle class." Seen it yet?

George Bush was right: Clinton did want to turn the White House into the waffle house.

Shut down two of the four runways at Los Angeles International Airport so he could have his hair cut aboard Air Force one by Christophe of Beverly Hills; Christophe's going rate: \$200 per haircut; Jocelyn Elders; Craig Livingstone.

Clinton went on national television and answered questions about his underwear.

Mr. Speaker, haven't we had enough?

SUPPORT MOTION TO RELEASE REPORT OF SPECIAL COUNSEL

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

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I just wanted to follow up on the comments of my colleague of California about the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct.

The complaints that have been filed against the leader now are approximately 2 years old, having been originally filed in September 1994.

POINT OF ORDER

Mr. LINDER. Point of order, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman will state his point of order.

Mr. LINDER. Mr. Speaker, the gentleman is referring to matters before the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct, which is against the rules of the House.

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, my point is simply—

Mr. LINDER. Point of order, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman from New Jersey will suspend for a moment.

The Chair sustains the gentleman's point of order just raised. The gentleman from New Jersey may proceed in order.

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I am simply trying to point out that myself and the members of the public, including many of the editorials around the country, the New York Times, feel very strongly that the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct needs to proceed with the investigation in this matter.

We have actually made a motion, which I hope will come up today, asking that the report of the outside counsel be released to the public. I feel very strongly that that report should be released. The time has come to do so.

POINT OF ORDER

Mr. LINDER. Mr. Speaker, point of order.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman will state his point of order.

Mr. LINDER. Mr. Speaker, in spite of the admonition of the Chair, the gentleman continues to refer to matters

before the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Does the gentleman from New Jersey care to be heard on the point of order?

Mr. PALLONE. My only point, Mr. Speaker, is that a motion has been filed that this report should be released.

Mr. LINDER. Point of order, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. PALLONE. I understand it is coming up today.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman will suspend.

The Chair sustains the point of order raised by the gentleman from Georgia, and the gentleman from New Jersey must suspend any reference to that matter, since the resolution is not under consideration in the House at this time.

Mr. PALLONE. I understand it will be coming up later today, and I would simply say I will be supporting that motion.

DRUG USE UP UNDER BILL CLINTON

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

Mr. DOOLITTLE. Mr. Speaker, in 1992, before Bill Clinton took over as President, the overall chances that an adolescent used drugs was 1 in 20. In 1995, after 3 years of Bill Clinton, the chances an adolescent was using drugs had skyrocketed to 1 in 9.

Mr. Speaker, our children are being lied to. They are being sold on messages from popular culture, the music industry, and Hollywood that drug use is acceptable; that it is glamorous; and that it is cool. Nothing could be further from the truth. Drugs destroy lives, they destroy families, indeed they destroy freedom.

Under Bill Clinton, the war on drugs has become a small skirmish; a rear guard action. Enforcement is down, interdiction is down, and prison time for drug dealers is down. And this is all compounded by Bill Clinton's own flip-pant remarks on MTV about his own drug use.

Mr. Speaker, we cannot surrender; we cannot give up; we must fight for our children and fight for their future.

WISHING MY COLLEAGUES WELL

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

Mr. JACOBS. Mr. Speaker, for me it is swansong time. I have two suggestions as I take my leave. The first is to my colleagues. Get to know each other and you will like each other. There is a lot to like in every Member of this body. In the words of Edward Wallis Hoch, "There is so much good in the worst of us and so much bad in the best of us that it hardly becomes any of us to say very much about the rest of us."