

Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to warn the working men and women of this country that the President has broken his word. He says he is going to veto a tax bill that contains exactly what he agreed to, badly needed tax relief for families and children.

Through his spokesman, the President says he will not sign a tax bill that contains a \$500-per-child tax credit, estate tax relief, and a capital gains reduction. I am outraged, first, that he would once again break his word, and second, that no one is holding him accountable. Every American who is faced with high taxes deserves an explanation. It is time for the President to quit playing games.

Mr. President, honor your commitment. America needs tax relief now.

#### INTRODUCING LEGISLATION TO GUARANTEE TAX FAIRNESS

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

Mr. HINCHEY. Mr. Speaker, the hallmark of any tax system has to be fairness and justice. No system of taxation, particularly in a republic like ours, can be supported if it is not fair and just. What the majority here in this House is trying to do is to perpetrate on the people of this country a system of taxation which is neither fair nor just.

The best example of that in the recent bill that they have proposed is a proposal to eliminate the alternative minimum tax. The alternative minimum tax was established back in 1986, when it was discovered that major American corporations with huge profits were paying absolutely no taxes to the Federal Government.

On one occasion, for example, a major American corporation, in spite of the fact that it had \$5.5 billion in profits, paid no taxes to the Federal Government whatsoever, while the average taxpayer in my State, for example, was paying \$34,000 of their hard-earned money in taxes that year. Obviously if we reduce the taxes for major corporations, others are going to have to make up the difference. That difference will have to be made up by the American working people.

I am going to introduce a resolution supporting the alternative minimum tax and an amendment to the bill when it comes on this floor to make sure that profitable corporations pay their share of taxes.

#### INTRODUCTION OF H.R. 1813, PER- SONAL INFORMATION PRIVACY ACT

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

Mr. KLECZKA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to point out how our children's

privacy is being violated. Last week the Wall Street Journal told how a jelly bean manufacturer uses its Web site to pump kids for personal information.

Lured by a free sample of jelly beans, children are asked to give this company their name, address, gender, age, and where they shop. The fine print disclaimer states that any information disclosed is the property of the candy maker to use any way it wants.

Jelly bean makers are not the only ones taking advantage of our children on the Net. Other on-line sites frequently require children to fill out questionnaires about themselves, their friends, and their family. This practice of prodding children for information on the Web is not only unethical, it is also dangerous. Not only can marketers use this information to further prey on our children, but it also leaves children vulnerable to wrongdoers who can victimize them.

The gentleman from New Jersey, Mr. BOB FRANKS, and I have introduced H.R. 1813, the Personal Information Privacy Act, that would keep critical information about children and their families from becoming fodder for marketers and potential wrongdoers. I urge my colleagues to become a sponsor of H.R. 1813.

#### PROBLEMS WITH THE CHILD CREDIT

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

Mrs. KENNELLY of Connecticut. Mr. Speaker, this summer during the Presidential election, everyone, Republicans, Democrats, promised the American people a child credit. We certainly should keep that promise. However, when we look at the bill that has passed out of the Committee on Ways and Means, the promise is not kept for many people. Working families can lose a child credit if they have day care expenses. What a message to send out to the 70 percent of working parents, two-parent families, with young children.

Average families can lose both the child credit and the educational credit because they are thrown into the alternative minimum tax, a great complication in the tax system, but one that was put in there to make sure very well-off families did not zero out, certainly not to get a complicated tax form for people with children.

Here we look at the bill. Poor families cannot get the child credit because they do not earn enough money. Hard-working families with children will see their credit disappear before their eyes because they are using the education credit or the child credit. Then we look at wealthy families, and they do not get it because they earn too much money. We agreed on a child credit. We should go back and do it right. Americans need that \$500. Americans need that tax credit.

#### MIDDLE-CLASS AMERICANS ARE ASKING: WHO IS ON MY SIDE?

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

Ms. DELAURO. Mr. Speaker, as this body begins to implement the balanced budget agreement, working middle-class Americans are asking themselves one simple question: Who is on my side?

The Republicans' tax proposal makes clear who their party is looking out for: big business and the wealthy; for under the Republican bill over half the tax benefits go to the top 5 percent of Americans, those making over \$250,000 a year.

In addition, they are giving \$22 million in new tax breaks to big business by phasing out the alternative minimum tax, which was supposed to ensure that even big corporations pay some taxes every year, the way hard-working middle Americans pay their taxes every year. But Mr. Speaker, this is wrong for these corporations to be able to limit their tax obligation. We need to provide tax relief to those families who really can use it, hard-working middle-class American families.

The Democrats have proposed a tax cut package whose benefits are targeted to these families, families struggling to make ends meet, to put food on the table, with enough left over to pay for health care for their kids. We are on your side.

#### CHINA'S SALE OF MISSILES TO IRAN

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

Ms. PELOSI. Mr. Speaker, as we prepare for the debate and the vote on most-favored-nation status for China, I wish to call to the attention of my colleagues a statement made by Secretary William Cohen yesterday in which he said that Iran this month successfully tested a new air-launched antiship cruise missile obtained from China.

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A Member should have serious concerns about China's proliferation behavior to Iran. We spend a great deal of time, money, and effort to promote the Middle East peace, and Iran is a menace to that peace.

I would like to also call to the attention of my colleagues the statement by the Office of Naval Intelligence: Discoveries after the Gulf war clearly indicate that Iraq maintained an aggressive weapons of mass destruction procurement program. A similar situation exists today in Iran with a steady flow of materials and technologies from China to Iran.

This exchange is one of the most active weapons of mass destruction programs in the Third World and is taking