

grant by \$30 million in fiscal year 1998 and by an additional \$10 million annually through the year 2002.

I am appalled by the fact that this agreement between the White House and the Republican leadership has not been honored in the budget act that we will consider today. I would hope that the commitment made by the congressional leadership with the White House is honored, as all commitments should be.

IMPUTED INCOME

(Mr. HUTCHINSON asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. HUTCHINSON. Mr. Speaker, listening to the other side characterize our tax bill as "tax cuts for the wealthy" has led me to come up with a perfect letter for my constituents. It would go like this:

Dear Middle Class Taxpayer: For tax purposes only, you are hereby declared rich. I know this must come as quite a shock to you, but that is not even the good part.

Although you and your wife live quite modestly and think that when you add your \$25,000 salary to her \$20,000 salary you make \$45,000. Well, think again. This includes all of your overtime. But whenever you earn \$45,000 per year, the liberals in Congress have decided that you actually make over \$75,000 a year. It is called imputed income.

I am not sure exactly how they do that. But the bottom line is, you are hereby declared rich. This means, among other things, that you are now evil and that you are no longer paying your fair share.

Oh, yes, the tax cut you thought you were going to get, well forget it. Being rich has never been so fun, has it?

A FULL COURT PRESS AGAINST DRUGS

(Mr. BLAGOJEVICH asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. BLAGOJEVICH. Mr. Speaker, let me begin by quoting a sports hero from my hometown of Chicago:

I've missed more than 9,000 shots in my career. I've lost almost 300 games. Twenty-six times I've been entrusted to take the game-winning shot and missed. I've failed over and over and over again in my life. And that is why I succeed.

Mr. Speaker, the other day in the Committee on Rules, I, like Michael Jordan, took a shot and I missed. I filed an amendment that would have given additional money to our military for our fight to interdict drugs before they cross our borders and reach our neighborhoods.

Mr. Speaker, we met the challenge of the cold war by providing the necessary resources to win that war. Now it is time we invested some of those same resources to fight and win the war on drugs, a war being waged in every neighborhood and every community in our country. Because, Mr. Speaker, in the final analysis, it is only with a full court press that we can ultimately turn failure into success.

TAX CUTS WILL KEEP THE ECONOMY GROWING

(Mr. HEFLEY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. HEFLEY. Mr. Speaker, do you find it amusing that liberals in this House, people who have never created a job in their lives, spend all of their time attacking the very policies that help create jobs?

Do you find it downright hilarious that liberals spend their entire lives attacking corporate America, the very same corporate America that is responsible for creating 30 million jobs in the U.S. economy over the last 15 years?

Do you find it positively insane, yes, Mr. Speaker, insane that liberals dismiss out of hand the relevance of the very same factors in the economy that are the single most relevant factors that job creators take into account when thinking about starting up or expanding a business?

Just why is it, Mr. Speaker, that the liberals simply refuse to learn any lessons from fast-growing economies and refuse to avoid the mistakes of no-growth European economies?

Keep the American economic system growing, Mr. Speaker. Let us pass the tax cuts in the balanced budget agreement so that there are more jobs for everyone.

IRS EMPLOYEE CRIMES

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

Mr. TRAFICANT. Mr. Speaker, there is a new management board to clean up the IRS. The GAO said the IRS cannot even handle their own money, and that IRS employees have illegally snooped into unsuspecting taxpayers' accounts.

Now, if that is not enough to seize your tooth fairy money, check this out. An IRS bankruptcy specialist, Reva Vanzijl, stole social security numbers, then ripped off \$10,000 from the credit cards of unsuspecting taxpayers.

"But don't worry," the IRS said, "we got Reva and we convicted her and we threw the book of justice at her." Check this out: Reva got 6 months of home arrest and a \$3,000 fine.

Beam me up, Mr. Speaker. I say the IRS does not need a management board. The IRS needs a parole board. As for this proverbial book of justice, I say the IRS should shove that book of justice up their audit. I yield back all their crimes.

MORE TAX RELIEF, LESS GOVERNMENT WASTE

(Mr. TIAHRT asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. TIAHRT. Mr. Speaker, one way to think about our tax policy is to consider two opposite cases. Under a tax

regime that took every penny of what you earned, that would certainly be considered tyranny. Under a tax regime that allowed you freedom to do whatever you wished to do with that money that you earned, that would be considered maximum freedom.

Well, today we can move our tax regime toward the direction of more freedom and away from the direction of more tyranny. "Tyranny" means absence of freedom.

It means that a truck driver who earns \$100 after driving 100 miles finds that he is not free to do what he wishes with that money because the Government takes a quarter to a half of it. He is taxed on the coffee he drinks. He is taxed on the fuel that he burns in his truck. He pays taxes on the truck. He pays income taxes. No wonder he feels ripped off.

It is time to move to more freedom and less Government tyranny. It is time for more tax relief and less Government waste.

REPUBLICAN TAX PLAN

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

Ms. VELÁZQUEZ. Mr. Speaker, today we will vote on the first of two Republican budget bills. The Republicans will say that they are giving tax relief to working families. Do not believe it for one minute. What the Republicans are doing is waging war on working families.

The Republican tax plan will give \$27,000 in tax breaks to the wealthiest 1 percent. Is this fairness? I will say it again. They want to give \$27,000 in tax breaks to the wealthiest 1 percent.

For families trying to move from welfare to work, they want to deny worker protections, they want to deny family and medical leave, and they refuse to guarantee protections for 10 million uninsured children.

Do not be fooled. The Republican budget is a big gift to wealthy campaign contributors, and the Republican budget is an attack on working families.

TAX RELIEF BILL

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

Mr. GIBBONS. Mr. Speaker, in the preamble to the Constitution, the people of the United States declared that one of the purposes of having a constitution was to "promote the general welfare, and to secure the blessings and liberty to ourselves and our posterity."

Mr. Speaker, one of the best ways to promote the general welfare and secure the blessings of liberty to ourselves and our children would be to pass the Republican tax relief plan. Letting people who earn between \$20,000 and \$75,000 a year keep more of what they earn means that their standard of living