

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER
PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. LAHOOD). The Chair announces that there will be ten 1-minutes on each side.

TAX RELIEF

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

Mr. TIAHRT. Mr. Speaker, it has been 16 years since Americans have had tax relief. Since that time they have talked about and dreamed about keeping a little more of their hard-earned money. In those past 16 years, not once but twice has this Government raised their taxes, taking more of what they worked so hard to keep.

With the Federal taxes and the State taxes and the hidden taxes like the 28 cents and a dollar loaf of bread that goes back to our governments, we worked nearly half of a year just to pay the governments' taxes. So it is appropriate that today this body will vote to give tax relief to Americans like those working Americans in Wichita, KS, who work so hard and will now be able to keep more of their own money.

MOLLIFYING BOB DORNAN

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

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, how much will it cost the American taxpayers to mollify Bob Dornan? So far the Republican leadership has allowed the House Committee on House Oversight to waste hundreds of thousands of dollars on an investigation that has produced nothing.

The victory of the gentlewoman from California [Ms. SANCHEZ] over Bob Dornan was certified by the Republican secretary of State of California. It is valid. However, Bob Dornan cannot get over the fact that he lost to a Hispanic woman, and for some unknown reason he can command the Republican leadership to jump to attention and harass the gentlewoman from California [Ms. SANCHEZ] for over 9 months now.

Mr. Speaker, it is not in the public interest to spend hundreds of thousands of dollars to hold a kangaroo court aimed at nothing other than political payback. The people of the 46th District of California have chosen their Representative, and we should respect their choice.

105TH CONGRESS MAKES HISTORY
WITH TAX CUTS FOR WORKING
AMERICAN FAMILIES

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

Mr. CHABOT. Mr. Speaker, for the first time in 16 years, the American

people are finally going to get a tax cut. To my friends on this side of the aisle who voted no in 1993, when President Clinton and the then-liberal Democratic majority engineered the largest peacetime tax increase in American history, I commend you for your hard work and your perseverance. To my colleagues who came here with me in 1995, pledging to cut taxes, I share in your excitement. We have delivered on our promise.

Finally, to the liberals in this House, I offer my condolences. I know how difficult this must be for you. After years and years of taxing and spending, the tide has finally turned. The American people are going to get to keep more of the money that they earn, and Washington bureaucrats are going to have to learn to do with a little less. That is the way it ought to be.

Mr. Speaker, the liberal minority has ranted and raved for the last several weeks about tax cuts for the rich, totally bogus. Next year when tax time comes, millions of working class Americans are going to realize that what they heard from the liberals was not true. Let us cut taxes.

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U.S. HEALTH POLICY DENIES
EQUAL FUNDING FOR U.S. CITI-
ZENS OF PUERTO RICO

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

Mr. ROMERO-BARCELÓ. Mr. Speaker, I rise to speak to the \$24 billion children's health initiative contained in the budget reconciliation agreement. The President has stated that this is a victory for every child in a poor household who needs health care. Unfortunately, there is no victory celebration by the children in Puerto Rico and the other territories.

This initiative extends to the children living in the territories an egregious United States national policy which views the lives and health of United States citizens in Puerto Rico and the other territories as far less valuable than the lives and health of those residing in the States.

Puerto Rico's participation in the children's health care program is less than one-seventh of what it would receive under the standards established for the States. There is one and only one reason for this treatment: The United States citizens residing in the territories have no voting representation in Washington, DC, and, therefore, no viable means of defending themselves against such unjust treatment.

It is already unjust that U.S. national health policies deny equal funding for adult United States citizens of Puerto Rico and other territories. However, it is absolutely outrageous that the United States would endorse a discriminatory policy denying equal health care to the children of the Uni-

ed States citizens residing in Puerto Rico and the other territories.

STEP 21 FOUNDATION BASED ON
GREED, NOT FAIRNESS

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

Mr. WALSH. Mr. Speaker, in the debate over the future of transportation in this country, STEP 21's continuing refrain that ISTEAs are unfair because some States receive less Federal transportation money than they collect in Federal gasoline taxes is an invalid, misleading comparison.

If the STEP 21 States believe that fairness in these matters is best defined by the amount of money a State sends to Washington, then such logic should be used on all moneys that pass between the Federal Government and the States.

According to a study prepared by a major university, ISTEAs work States send over \$1,000 per person to Washington more than the STEP 21 States. The average amount of taxes STEP 21 States send to Washington is \$4,400 per capita, while the average ISTEAs State sends \$5,400 per capita. Where is the fairness in that?

The study done annually on the balance of payments to the States clearly shows that when all funds are considered, most STEP 21 States are receiver States while ISTEAs work States are the real donor States.

FBI LEAKS TO PRESS ARE NO
MISTAKE

(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, Louis Freeh said the FBI did not leak the name of Richard Jewell as the Atlanta bomber to the press. Who is kidding whom? Every policeman in America knows it is a common practice of the FBI to leak information to the press.

Let us tell it like it is. The FBI is once again lying through their teeth. They lied about Ruby Ridge, they lied about Waco, they are lying about Richard Jewell. Lies, lies, lies, and they say they are mistakes.

Let there be no mistake, Congress, these are not mistakes, these are crimes and it is time for FBI criminals to be prosecuted. Stand up, Congress.

A DAY FOR CELEBRATION

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

Mr. WHITFIELD. Mr. Speaker, today is a day of celebration. This House will take up an agreement reached between the Congress and the White House on a tax reduction package.