

I have got some additional reading material for some of you. These are good. I think you may have heard of these papers, the Wall Street Journal yesterday, Reno Review, "That could lead to GORE independent counsel." Washington Post, September 4, "U.S. set to probe GORE calls." Washington Times, "Justice looking anew at probe of GORE." Even the New York Times, that great conservative publication that it is, front page, "Inquiry on GORE fundraising." Lots of good reading material in here. I am going to leave it in the House Chamber because I know some of you maybe do not read or have not had time to, but I am going to encourage you to do that because when it comes time to talk campaign finance reform, there is a lot of material right here, and I say let us start doing it on a bipartisan basis.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. MILLER of Florida). Members should avoid such references to the Vice President.

CAMPAIGN FINANCE REFORM

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

Mr. DOGGETT. Mr. Speaker, I have some additional reading material for the gentleman from Georgia and for all of his colleagues. This is it. You can read this page and you can get the full story of what the Republican Party has done in order to accomplish reform of our campaign finance system right here. It is one big blank. To get up and suggest that there can be a bipartisan discussion of this matter, as the gentleman just disclosed, is truly outrageous, because we have been denied any opportunity, either the Republicans, many of whom as individuals have come forward with constructive ideas on this, or the Democratic colleagues that I have, have been denied any opportunity to come to this floor and debate legislative proposals to try to improve this system in time for 1998.

We have as I count it 13 days left in this month to pass any reform to address the problems that the gentleman just referred to and all of the other corrupting influences on congressional elections in this Nation. Yet the Speaker of the House refuses to schedule an opportunity for full debate on legislative proposals so that they can go through the morning newspaper instead of providing real reform in time for the 1998 elections.

CALL FOR GENUINE CAMPAIGN REFORM

(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, I listened with great interest to my friend

from Texas and certainly I think we all share great concerns about campaign finance, especially great concerns about those who do not seem to be able to follow existing law. Mr. Speaker, as we talk about campaign finance, let us join together to acknowledge that one thing should be done at the outset, to have people of both parties obey existing law. But for some to come to this Chamber and call for campaign finance reform in the light of recent reports is akin to having John Dillinger back in his heyday call a press conference and say there ought to be tighter rules against bank robbery.

Mr. Speaker, the facts are clear. I ask my friends on the other side to join with me for genuine campaign reform, including the inclusion of the Paycheck Protection Act so that working people will not have their wages taken coercively to go to political causes with which they do not agree.

CAMPAIGN FINANCE REFORM

(Mrs. MALONEY of New York asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mrs. MALONEY of New York. Mr. Speaker, we know the answer to the question that my colleague raised. Existing law is not enough. We need to pass real reform. We need to pass campaign finance reform. Members of the other side of the aisle, they talk about reforming the system.

Yet the real reform, campaign finance reform, there has not been one single hearing on it in this Congress. How can the leadership of this House in good conscience talk about packing up and going home in October when they have not looked at, held a hearing, or done anything about the most crucial problem confronting this country? I am talking about campaign finance reform.

It is rather typical. We talk about actually doing something and they pack their bags and head for the hills. Some of my colleagues find it easier to strike the gavel of adjournment rather than hammer out the tough decisions here in Washington. There must be a vote on campaign finance reform in this Congress before we go home to our districts. We must vote on this issue before we ask our constituents to vote for us.

WHOLE MEMORY LEARNING

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

Mr. CHABOT. Mr. Speaker, just when I thought it could not get any worse, I now know that liberalism is possibly incapable of hitting rock bottom. First, they give us whole language learning, which means that you never actually have to spell anything correctly, any guess will do, just make sure that you feel good about yourself when you do. Then just to push the envelope a little further, they give us

whole math learning. You can imagine what that is. Just do not ask anyone who is educated in this manner, and I use the term loosely, to build a bridge for you or do your taxes for you. But now we have got the most incredible thing of all, I like to call it whole memory learning. Made fundraising calls from the White House, did not make the phone calls, DNC credit card, not really fundraisers, soft money, hard money, whatever. I think we ought to call it whole memory.

FUNDRAISING AND COMMUNITY OUTREACH

(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, the White House said, "We must stop campaign spending abuses. Our Government is not for sale." If that is not enough to cause you a hernia, check this out. Three Buddhist nuns who pledged a vow of poverty raised \$100,000 at a fundraiser held at a temple no less, now being called by the White House a community outreach program. I ask, reaching out for what?

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Souls? Or dollars?

The truth is, if it was not a fundraiser, why did the nuns shred all the evidence? The nun answered, "Look, I don't know what made me do it. Perhaps fear made me do it." I would like to add that is about as good a cover-up answer as anybody could give; after all, she could have said, the devil made me do it.

Beam me up, Mr. Speaker, beam me up.

I guarantee one thing. They did not shred any cash over there at that temple, and I yield back the balance of all this innocence.

SUPPORT SCHOOL CHOICE AND EDUCATION SAVINGS ACCOUNTS

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

Mr. JONES. Mr. Speaker, children in America are not getting the education they deserve. In my opinion, and in the opinion of many Americans throughout this country, the situation has only gotten worse since the creation of the Federal Department of Education.

Washington bureaucrats are a major part of the education problem. Washington keeps spending money on the schools, but the money spent, based on results, is not improving education. Taxpayer money is being wasted.

The best way to support education in America is to give control to parents, not to Federal bureaucrats. With solutions like school choice and education savings accounts, parents will play a more active role in their children's education. The system, in turn, will be better.