

can lead to a better future for our children and our grandchildren, because that is what it is all about, giving those kids hope for opportunities to live the American dream in this great Nation.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER
PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore [Ms. GRANGER]. The Chair will remind all Members to refrain from urging Senate action or inaction.

REPORT ON RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE CONSIDERATION OF HOUSE RESOLUTION 244, SUBPOENA ENFORCEMENT IN THE CASE OF DORNAN V. SANCHEZ

Mr. MCINNIS (during the special order of Mr. SOUDER), from the Committee on Rules, submitted a privileged report (Rept. No. 105-280) on the resolution (H. Res. 253) providing for consideration of the resolution (H. Res. 244) demanding that the Office of the United States Attorney for the Central District of California file criminal charges against Hermandad Mexicana Nacional for failure to comply with a valid subpoena under the Federal Contested Elections Act, which was referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed.

REPORT ON RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 1127, NATIONAL MONUMENT FAIRNESS ACT

Mr. MCINNIS (during the special order of Mr. SOUDER), from the Committee on Rules, submitted a privileged report (Rept. No. 105-283) on the resolution (H. Res. 256) providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 1127) to amend the Antiquities Act to require an Act of Congress and the concurrence of the Governor and State legislature for the establishment by the President of national monuments in excess of 5,000 acres, which was referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed.

REPORT ON RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 1370, REAUTHORIZATION OF THE EXPORT-IMPORT BANK

Mr. MCINNIS (during the special order of Mr. SOUDER), from the Committee on Rules, submitted a privileged report (Rept. No. 105-282) providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 1370) to reauthorize the Export-Import Bank of the United States, which was referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed.

REPORT ON RESOLUTION WAIVING POINTS OF ORDER AGAINST CONFERENCE REPORT ON H.R. 2203, ENERGY AND WATER DEVELOPMENT APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 1998

Mr. MCINNIS (during the special order of Mr. SOUDER), from the Committee on Rules, submitted a privileged report (Rept. No. 105-281) on the resolution (H. Res. 254) waiving points of order against the conference report to accompany the bill (H.R. 2203) making appropriations for energy and water development for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998, and for other purposes, which was referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed.

A RIDICULOUS THREAT FROM THE PRESIDENT TO CONGRESS REGARDING CAMPAIGN FINANCE REFORM

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 7, 1997, the gentleman from Indiana [Mr. SOUDER] is recognized for 60 minutes.

Mr. SOUDER. Madam Speaker, I have found few things as ridiculous since I have been elected to Congress in 1994 as the headline that I saw last week in the Washington Times, repeated in various publications around the country in different ways. That headline says "Clinton Threatens to Recall Lawmakers to Hill. Campaign Finance Vote Demanded During Session."

Madam Speaker, I was trying to sort this through. My basic understanding of this was that the President of the United States, Mr. Campaign Finance himself, is threatening to call us into session for campaign finance reform; this, the President who has made more from Air Force One, the plane, than Harrison Ford made from the movie? He wants us to have a session on campaign finance reform?

Tonight, Madam Speaker, we are going to talk a little bit about this President and some of his friends. Additional Members will be joining me as we go through this. But I have been soliciting some information about different people's opinion on this, and what their reaction was to this headline.

Madam Speaker, I have a couple of comments that I want to share with the Members. We will be going through a number of these tonight.

I think that principle No. 1, and if I can, I am going to move down to the other microphone here so I can use these posters, rule No. 1, before we pass a bunch of new laws, is, how about we start in this campaign finance reform with follow the current law. Because it does not do a lot of good if in this country we pass a bunch of laws but then we ignore those laws.

As I suggested the other day, if the President wants to have a special ses-

sion, maybe we could have the first day with his friends who are in jail; the second day with his friends who have already been released from jail; maybe the third day would be his friends who have been indicted and are headed to jail. Then we could have a couple of days for his friends who have pleaded immunity, 1 day for those who pleaded partial immunity, 1 day for those who pleaded full immunity. Then we could have a couple days for his friends who pleaded the fifth amendment. There are I think 56 of those right now. Then we could have 3 days for his friends who have fled the country, possibly 1 day for each continent.

Madam Speaker, it is ridiculous. They are not following the current law. Why does he want us to come in and pass a bunch of new laws if we cannot get people to follow the current law?

We have the Vice President of the United States, and we will get into this more later, but who said that he was not following the existing law because he was not clear on the controlling legal authority. Madam Speaker, that is quite the explanation, that he was not sure of the controlling legal authority.

The sale of access by this administration is unprecedented. To be fair, the President does not discriminate where they are going to take the money from. If the money is green, they will take it. They have taken it from drug dealers, international fugitives, from arms dealers. Hey, it is an equal opportunity administration.

There are some things that you can buy, for example, if you tune into the Clinton Shopping Network. For \$100,000 you can become a managing trustee of the Democratic Party, which entitles you to two meals with the President, two with the Vice President, issue retreats, private impromptu meetings with administration officials, and your very own DNC staffer to assist with your personal requests.

For \$300,000, you can bypass the national security aides and get directly to the President, even if you are an international fugitive like Roger Tamraz. In his case, it was \$250,000 or \$300,000 to be able to talk to the President about a pipeline, and he did not even get it. I do not know what it would have cost if he was going to get the pipeline.

We cannot even make up a cast of characters like the contributors who wound up at the White House coffees, overnight in the Lincoln bedroom, or posing for photographs with the President. It is something like out of the bar scene from "Star Wars." It is such an odd conglomeration of different types of people.

The key, driving thing was, how can we raise more money so we can put more ads up. Do not worry about the details. Drop the background checks, in spite of the advice they were getting from different people regarding individuals that were coming. The key thing was, can they bring in money, will they give the party money.