

"You're not doing well"? They have been told that time and time again after every standardized test they have ever taken.

If this comes to the floor of the House in this manner, I would hope that all 295 would vote against the appropriation bill.

COMMITTEE HAS TRIED TO DRAFT HONEST COMPROMISE

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

Mr. OBEY. In response to the comments of the previous speaker, the gentleman from Pennsylvania [Mr. GOODLING], Mr. Speaker, I would like to take note of two facts. I notice a fax from the Office of Congressman SHADEGG which says, "Urgent, Republican leadership is pushing the David Obey proposed compromise, which sells us out on testing." That is what I hear from one side. Then I hear from Mr. Ralm Emanuel at the White House that the White House intends to veto this bill "because DAVE OBEY has sold the White House out on testing."

I would suggest that if Mr. Clinton, or the gentleman from Pennsylvania [Mr. GOODLING] or Mr. Emanuel or the gentleman from Arizona [Mr. SHADEGG] or anyone else thinks that it is so easy to put together a compromise, they sit down and talk to each other. It seems to me that that is what we need, rather than having both sides cry "sell-out" because this committee has tried to draft an honest compromise.

I have great respect for the President, and I have great respect for the gentleman from Pennsylvania [Mr. GOODLING], but I would suggest that one of them is spectacularly wrong.

LETTER FROM JULIE GORLIK

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

Mr. NEUMANN. Mr. Speaker, first in response to my colleague from Wisconsin [Mr. OBEY], we do not need a compromise, we need Washington out of our lives and we need Washington to leave education in the hands of the parents, the communities, and the school boards.

But that is not why I rose this morning. I rose because last night, as I was reading constituent mail, I got this letter from Julie Gorlik, who called our office. And here is what it says. It says that she is upset that there is assistance for unmarried, unwed mothers, for the lazy, for criminals, and for homosexuals, but there is never any help for married people who are doing their best to make ends meet and support a family and they cannot get any help from anyone. They are hard-working, honest, good people and they get discriminated against.

I rise this morning to invite Julie to tune in this evening when I will be tak-

ing the time to go through some of the things in the tax cut package that are specifically designed because we have heard this message from our constituents over and over and over again: \$500 per child for under the age of 17; the college tuition tax credit; the education savings credit to help parents save for their kids's education; the Roth IRA; and on and on we go. There will be more on this when I have 1 hour on the floor this evening.

VOUCHERS ARE FIRST STEP TO DISMANTLE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I have listened to the last two speeches by my Republican colleagues. I have to say I am truly amazed at the pace of the Republican leadership's antipublic education drive. The Republicans are determined this fall to make every effort to drain resources from public schools and funnel Federal dollars into private schools.

A few weeks ago the Republicans narrowly passed a bill to force vouchers on the D.C. schools. Today, amazingly, they will try to bring their voucher experiment into schools throughout the country, and they are paying for it with Federal dollars that should be used to improve the public schools.

Mr. Speaker, vouchers are just the first step in a Republican effort to dismantle the public schools. Since taking control of Congress, the Republican leadership has repeatedly tried to shut down the Education Department and slash funding for public schools.

Democrats want to improve the public schools rather than tear them down. We put forward an agenda for first-class public schools that included money for school construction, purchases for computers. Let's improve the public schools. Do not let the Republicans tear them down.

VOTE "NO" ON NUCLEAR WASTE POLICY ACT OF 1997

(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, over the past several months, I have taken the same opportunity to speak to the Members of this House on numerous times regarding a very important issue to this great Nation. Today, Members of this honorable body will have the opportunity to send a clear message. By voting "no" on H.R. 1270, the Nuclear Waste Policy Act, my colleagues will send a clear message that they do not support transporting the world's deadliest material, high-level nuclear waste, through the neighborhoods of their homes or their districts.

A no vote will also send a strong message that we do support the environmental measures, such as clean air,

clean water, safe drinking water, and the National Environmental Protection Act. A no vote on H.R. 1270 will send a message that we do support States' rights.

Mr. Speaker, the facts are very clear. Transporting nuclear waste across this country will have devastating environmental consequences. Transporting nuclear waste across this country will cost the hard-working taxpayers of America billions of dollars. Let us rely on sound science, not bad politics. I strongly urge my colleagues to vote "no" on 1270.

PRESIDENT JIANG SLEEPS IN LINCOLN BEDROOM

(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, let us see if this makes sense. China helps Iran. Iran threatens Israel and all the Middle East. Iran is a known major terrorist threat to America. But Uncle Sam gives China \$60 billion a year in sweetheart trade deals.

Now, if that is not enough to massage your arthritis, after all this, President Jiang is literally sleeping in the Lincoln bedroom, being wined and dined, at taxpayers' expense, by the White House.

Beam me up. This madness has gone too far. When American foreign policy goes from honest aid to the butcher at Tiananmen Square, something is wrong, Congress, very wrong. Think about it. I yield back what national security we still have left.

WHITE HOUSE AGREES TO TRANSFER OF NUCLEAR TECHNOLOGY TO COMMUNIST CHINA

(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, to follow the comments of my colleague from Ohio [Mr. TRAFICANT], the revelations are as real as the headlines in today's Washington Times: "China Aided Iran Chemical Arms." And below that, a bolder headline: "Clinton-Jiang Reach Nuclear Accord."

Mr. Speaker, let me see if I have this straight. The White House agrees to a transfer of nuclear technology to the Communist Chinese in exchange for a written promise that the Chinese will not share that technology with Iran.

We are not talking neckties or neckties or notebooks. We are not talking conventional trade here. We are talking nuclear technology. We are going to give that to Communist China? Monte Hall would not even make a deal like that on his old game show.

There must be a sweetener here, Mr. Speaker. I wonder if the Chinese Government is not going to try to find Ya Lin Charlie Trie.