

House elections. Mr. FOSSELLA was overwhelmingly elected by over 60 percent and we are fortunate to have him join this House this morning.

Mr. Speaker, selfishness is not an effort to keep more of what Americans earn, it is the right thing to do.

#### SAY "NO" TO FAST TRACK

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

Mr. DEFAZIO. Mr. Speaker, the full court corporate press for fast track legislation is on. The USA NAFTA captains are back. Remember these folks, colleagues? These are the same corporate CEO's that came here and promised NAFTA would be a boon for American workers. We would run trade surpluses with Mexico. Our people would be in full employment.

Guess what? These same folks are back. Their salaries are up dramatically, their profits are up, but 43 percent of them have laid off American workers. They have moved the jobs to Mexico. Twenty percent of them are documented for threatening their workers with moving their jobs to Mexico unless they accept lower wages, but for us, is it not wonderful? Twenty percent of them are also in the top givers of soft money to politicians.

They are here now in the back rooms and trying to get into your offices. Say no to the corporate money. Say yes to the American workers. Say no to fast track, no, no, no.

#### AMERICA NEEDS A NEW IRS

(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, we can control disease in America, but we cannot control the IRS. Here we go again, and as my mother used to say, same song, just a different verse. The IRS has found a new way to abuse the American taxpayer. This time they are renegeing on an agreement with the restaurant industry.

After complaining for years that they are not able to tax the tips earned by hard-working restaurant employees, the IRS proposed a new voluntary taxation plan. Restaurants could, but were by no means obligated to, use this method of recording this income. To nobody's surprise, the IRS has now resorted to intimidation, threatening audits on any business that does not follow their extortionary demands.

This type of harassment must end. Fortunately, the IRS Restructuring and Reform Act of 1997 will prohibit this abuse of power. Yes, Mr. Speaker, today is a new day, and we need a new IRS. The time has come to restore the common sense and accountability of this country's tax collection agency.

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#### CONGRATULATIONS, HOUSTON, FOR SUPPORTING AFFIRMATIVE ACTION

(Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I am very proud this morning to announce that the citizens of Houston, TX, are decent people. Resoundingly, yesterday they defeated a clone of proposition 209 out of California, and they proclaimed their commitment to affirmative action and equal opportunity for all. They rejected a referendum to deny the city of Houston the opportunity to implement affirmative action.

With congratulations to local elected officials and all of us who worked very hard, but most of all congratulations to the citizens of Houston, who understood what affirmative action is. It does not take away from someone else and give to another unfairly, it simply opens the door of opportunity for someone equally qualified.

To the Canady legislation to be marked up in the Committee on the Judiciary, be forewarned, the people of America are saying that equal opportunity is what we believe in and what this country stands for. We will fight all the way to maintain the opportunity for all citizens. Thank you, Houston, for standing for what America truly believes in, and that is equal opportunity and access for all of us, through an effort to defeat discriminatory practices by the use of affirmative action.

#### PRESIDENT WRONG TO LABEL TAXPAYERS SELFISH

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

Mr. ROGAN. Mr. Speaker, we Republicans believe that one of the greatest family values we can promote in Congress is to allow hard-working people to keep more of the money they have earned, and have the right to spend it on their families. How I wish the President would join us in that family value.

I was stunned to pick up the front page of the newspaper yesterday and to see the headline: "Clinton Labels Tax Cut Selfish." I read from the newspaper, lest anybody think I am exaggerating: "President Clinton yesterday called voters attracted to Republican tax cut promises selfish, saying they should be satisfied instead with a revived economy, and *happy* to pay for government services" (emphasis added).

Yesterday, in Virginia he scolded voters for backing the selfishly gratifying pledge to slash taxes. "This is going to be like one of those meals you order and you are hungry 30 minutes later," the President proclaimed.

Mr. President, I am gravely disappointed in these comments. For a leader who likes to remind us he "feels our pain," I wish you would recognize the pain caused by oppressively high taxes on working American families. You have a chance to join us in the fight to return more of their money from the IRS to their pocketbooks. I urge you to reconsider who is the truly selfish one in this debate.

#### VOUCHER PROPOSAL DEFEAT IS VICTORY FOR PUBLIC SCHOOLS

(Ms. DELAURO asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. DELAURO. Mr. Speaker, last night this body voted down the Gingrich voucher proposal. This was a great victory for America's public schools and a great victory, more important, for America's public school children. This Nation's commitment to public schools, to public education, is one of the cornerstones of our democratic society.

The notion, the notion that every child, regardless of race, gender, station in life, is entitled to public education, that is what we have been about in this great Nation.

Today our public schools do have a lot of problems. Vouchers is not the way to fix them. Vouchers simply provide an out for a lucky few, while draining precious resources that could be spent on replacing leaky roofs, buying new computers, or hiring new teachers. This is a way to take money from public education and put it to private education for the privileged and for the few.

Let me congratulate my colleagues who stood up on the floor last night. They stood up for public education, and they voted down the Gingrich voucher plan.

#### VOTES REFLECT SOLIDARITY WITH CHINESE IN STRUGGLE FOR DEMOCRACY

(Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. Mr. Speaker, the U.S. Congress has a unique opportunity today to stand in solidarity with the long-suffering Chinese people in their struggle for freedom, for democracy, for respect for human rights.

There is a series of bills before us today ranging from enforcing a ban on slave labor products to condemning the abhorrent practice of forced abortion.

The House will vote on sanctions on Chinese missile exports to Iran, as well as my bill, which will place human rights monitors in our Embassy and consulates in China.

We will send a message to the people of Tibet and Taiwan that we want them to have self-determination.

The House will vote on adopting a voluntary set of principles which promote good corporate citizenship by