

what did happen yesterday, and in the events surrounding the further repression of democracy and the apparent actions that the Aristide Government is claiming that it now must take from yesterday's events in order to stamp out the last few remnants of decency and democracy and civilization of that wonderful country. It is time for accountability, and I think the world needs to know that.

#### BILLIONS OF DOLLARS IN TAX CUTS GO TO LARGEST CORPORATIONS

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. CULBERSON). Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 3, 2001, the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. BROWN) is recognized during morning hour debates for 5 minutes.

Mr. BROWN of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, we remember following the horrific events of September 11, several gas stations around the country raised their prices to \$4, \$5 and \$6 a gallon. Most called that war profiteering, but the overwhelming majority of Americans came together. They gave blood and put out their flags. Many went to New York and the Pentagon to help. Thousands volunteered in their communities. School children collected pennies, nickels and dimes to send to the victims and families.

Something else happened in Washington, D.C., not war profiteering in the simple sense of raising gas prices, but a more sophisticated kind of political profiteering. This Congress, lobbied hard by the President and the Republican leadership, first of all gave a huge multi-billion dollar bailout to the airlines, requiring nothing from the airline executives, providing nothing for airline security, doing nothing for airline safety. When many tried to include help in this bill for the 100,000 airline workers who had lost their jobs, Republican majority leader, the gentleman from Texas (Mr. ARMEY) told us now is not the time, that extending government assistance to laid off workers "was not commensurate with the American spirit."

Then President Bush and this Congress gave billions of dollars in tax cuts and subsidies and rebates to the largest corporations in the United States. A tax refund to IBM, for example, literally in the form of a check from the Federal Government for \$1.4 billion, \$1 billion to Ford, \$900 million to General Motors, hundreds of millions of dollars to American and United Airlines, as if the bailout was not enough, and the list goes on and on and on.

More recently, with unemployment creeping up to the highest 2-month increase we have seen in 21 years, with the anxiety that people have about their jobs, with LTV and Republic Technologies steelworkers and other steel industry workers facing company bankruptcies, with hundreds of thousands of people losing their jobs, this

Congress, at the behest of the Republican leadership, the President and America's largest corporations, this Congress passed something called Trade Promotion Authority, which simply will send more of our jobs to Latin America and more of our jobs to developing countries around the world.

My dad used to talk about World War II and shared sacrifice, about war bonds and WAVES and WACs, about victory gardens and scrap metal drives. But this Republican Congress and this President do not know much about shared sacrifice. Instead, they demand tax cuts for IBM, General Electric and American Airlines, while doing absolutely nothing for 100,000 laid-off airline workers. Instead of shared sacrifice, this Republican Congress and this President demand of Congress that we pass Trade Promotion Authority while doing little to provide public investments for broken-down schools, while doing little to help starved public health infrastructure, while doing little to help our woefully inadequate rail system.

Imagine, Mr. Speaker, if the President and the Republican Congress called on us, like FDR did in World War II, called on the Congress and the American people for shared sacrifice. Imagine if the President called on young, patriotic Americans to enlist in the Army or the Peace Corps, to enlist in the Navy or AmeriCorps, to enlist in the Air Force, or teach for America. That is what waving the American flag is all about.

Imagine if the President said to his friends in the drug industry, no more special favors. We are not going to allow drug companies to charge American consumers and America's elderly more for prescription drugs than anywhere else in the world. Imagine. That is what waving the American flag is all about.

Imagine if the President called on America to volunteer for Meals on Wheels or clean up their neighborhoods or to tutor children who are having difficulty keeping up. Imagine. That is what waving the American flag is all about.

Imagine if the President would say to his friends in the oil business, we are going to wean ourselves off Middle Eastern oil. We are going to find a way to help Americans conserve and get better gas mileage. Imagine. That is what waving the American flag is all about.

Instead of this Republican President and Republican leadership in this House bestowing tax cuts on the wealthiest Americans, imagine if we helped those who needed it the most, laid-off workers, people without health insurance, children sentenced to inferior schools. Instead of the Republican President and the leadership in this Congress bestowing tax cuts on the largest corporations in the world in this country, imagine instead if they appealed to the best in America. Imagine.

#### PASS ECONOMIC STIMULUS PACKAGE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 3, 2001, the gentleman from Indiana (Mr. PENCE) is recognized during morning hour debates for 5 minutes.

Mr. PENCE. Mr. Speaker, while Congress fiddles with the details of an economic stimulus package, the dreams of many American families burn. I rise today to urge my colleagues to move an economic stimulus package through the Congress this week.

I believe serving an agricultural and industrial district of eastern Indiana, that Americans and Hoosiers are hurting at this especially poignant time of the year. Since arriving in Congress in March, I have maintained that for my district and citizens we have been in a recession since the first of the year. Before summer of this year, nearly 3,000 Hoosiers lost their jobs in my district alone, and the events of September 11 have only exacerbated the problem.

I submit today, as someone who has in fact lost a job over the Christmas holidays myself, that it is especially burdensome on families to do so, and it is an especially grievous state of affairs. Jim and Eileen Decker of Goehring's Mens Shop in Anderson, Indiana, are closing the door of their Main Street store after 55 years of business due to downturns in the local Anderson economy. Delco Remy America, which is located in Anderson, has announced over 200 layoffs. J.J. and Jodi Leever and their sons, Noah and Hunter, are part of the many families who will be gathered around the tree one week from today, not just filled with the joy of the moment, but filled with the uncertainty these economic times bring.

Yet we in Congress today continue to languish, continue to debate one with another, sometimes in demagogic tones and sometimes in legitimate ways, about whether or not we can pass an economic stimulus package this week. On behalf of J.J. and Jodi Leever, and the many families of eastern Indiana, I urge my colleagues to act, but not as the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. BROWN) just spoke moments ago, not simply in a way that is focused on the wage earner who finds themselves in dire circumstances.

Mr. Speaker, we must have, if it is to be an economic stimulus package, it must benefit not just the wage earner but the wage payer; and we must no longer tolerate the anti-capitalistic rhetoric that says that it is appropriate for leaders in this institution only to assist the wage earner once he finds himself out of gainful employment, and never to come alongside the wage payer, never to provide assistance to businesses small and large, and permit them to bring those families back to work.

Mr. Speaker, it is accurate to say the best welfare program in the world is a good job. The Republican leadership