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economic growth. Their tax scheme
would make it impossible to continue
to pay down and eventually eliminate
the debt we have by 2015 as proposed by
our President.
My colleagues across the aisle would
have us believe that their efforts are to
support Social Security, but this is not
so. Their tax cut does not cut it.

REPUBLICANS PUT PRIORITY ON
SAVING SOCIAL SECURITY AND
MEDICARE

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

Mr. ROGAN. Mr. Speaker, I would
begin by reminding my friend from
California that the Democrats con-
trolled this Chamber for 40 years, and
in that 40-year period, they put not one
penny into the Social Security trust
fund. They used the Social Security
trust fund for government spending
programs.
Now, for the first time in 40 years,
Republicans are in control of the
Chamber. We campaigned on a tax cut
for working families after we protected
Social Security, after we protected
Medicare. Because of Republican
spending priorities, we now have for
the first time since Neil Armstrong
walked on the Moon a surplus econ-
omy. That did not come from liberal
profligate spending. That came from
Republican proposals that put a pri-
ority on Social Security, put a priority
on Medicare, put a priority on jobs and
put a priority on protecting the pay-
checks of working families in this
country.
That is what Americans voted for in
1994, in 1996 and 1998. As we approach
the year 2000, Mr. Speaker, we are going
to give them that opportunity
again.

CHINA

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

Mr. BROWN of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, 2
days ago, the Communist Chinese gov-
ernment once again had its way with
this Congress when this body voted
to accede to working, middle-class fami-
lies again had their way with Congress
even though we have a trade deficit
with China of $65 billion and growing
annually.
Beijing and its Communist Party
leaders again had their way with this
Congress this week even though this
Communist Chinese government sup-
ports forced abortions, persecution of
Christians and Muslims, sale of nuclear
technology to Pakistan, child labor and
slave labor.
But there was good news, Mr. Speak-
er, in the vote this week. The vote was
closer than it had been in many, many
years. Members of this body are begin-
ning to understand and beginning to
show that they care about human
rights, care about nuclear prolifera-
tion, and care about democracy in
China.
All of us need to demand that China
enter the family of nations before they
enter the World Trade Organization.

WICHITA NAMED ALL-AMERICAN
CITY

(Mr. TIAHRT asked and was given
permission to address the House for 1
minute and to revise and extend his re-
marks.)

Mr. TIAHRT. Mr. Speaker, some peo-
ple think all the wise and good people
are inside the Washington Beltway, but,
of course, that is not right as each
every day ordinary people in com-
nunities all across this great Nation
join together to do extraordinary
things.
The City of Wichita, Kansas, led by
its outstanding mayor and my friend,
Bob Knight, was recently named an
All-American City by the National
Civic League. This is a great honor and
one worthy of mention here on the
floor of the People’s House.
The three programs the city of Wich-
ita submitted in its winning All-
American City application are Wichita’s
Promise: The Alliance for Youth; Wich-
ita Independent Neighborhoods; and
the Cessna 21st Street Learning and
Work Campus.
These programs are volunteer driven
and do the hard work and sometimes
thankless work of making our Nation
better by making our communities bet-
ter, one at a time. I want to publicly
thank everyone associated with each of
these organizations because, thanks to
you, Wichita is an All-American City
and America is a better place to live.

SALUTE TO LANCE ARMSTRONG,
WINNER OF TOUR DE FRANCE

(Mr. HOYER asked and was given
permission to address the House for 1
minute and to revise and extend his re-
marks.)

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, we have
again seen the face of courage. It is
Lance Armstrong’s.
Lying in his hospital bed just 3 years
ago, Mr. Armstrong was fired by his
French bicycle racing team. He suf-
f ered from testicular cancer and was
given less than a 40 percent chance of
survival.
He underwent two operations and 12
weeks of chemotherapy, but he refused
to succumb and now has prevailed by
winning the Tour de France last Sun-
day.
Lance Armstrong was not alone on
this long journey back. The one team
willing to take a chance on Mr. Arm-
strong was sponsored by the United
States Postal Service. The Postal Serv-
ic e deserves great credit.
This wonderful story reminds me of a
poem by another American trailblazer,
Amelia Earhart. She wrote:
Courage is the price that life extracts
for granting peace.
The soul that knows it not knows no release
from little things; knows not the livid loneliness of fear,
nor mountain heights where bitter joy can hear
the sounds of wings.
Lance Armstrong knows both and in-
spires us all.

AGRICULTURE CRISIS

(Mr. EWING asked and was given per-
mission to address the House for 1
minute and to revise and extend his re-
marks.)

Mr. EWING. Mr. Speaker, there is an
ag crisis. The cause is excessive world
production and lost markets that we
counted on. The result has been re-
duced exports and disastrously low
commodity prices.
Can the great economic engine of
America continue to move on and up
with the enormous agricultural engine
pulling the other way? I doubt it.
On this issue, Congress has acted and
must act again. We have done things
to open new markets: The NTR vote
this week, anti-embargo legislation
which we passed in this House, unilateral
sanction reform, tax reform, capital
 gains, estate tax, which are good for
our farmers.
But when we come back from the re-
cess, we are going to have to take up,
if we have not already passed, the crop
insurance reform bill, and we are going
to have to deal with emergency lost
market payments and adequate financ-
ing for our American farmers. Let us
not forget this enormous part of our
agricultural economy.

REPUBLICAN TAX BILL OUT OF
STEP WITH AMERICAN PEOPLE

(Ms. DELAURRO asked and was given
permission to address the House for 1
minute and to revise and extend her re-
marks.)

Ms. DELAURRO. Mr. Speaker, we have
a projected Federal surplus, the first in
deck decades. We must be responsible.
We must use that surplus so that it re-
fects our values as a people and as a
Nation. Sadly, the Republican leader-
ship would rather give whopping tax
breaks to the wealthiest Americans.
Instead of reasonable tax relief tar-
geted to working, middle-class fami-
lies, the House Republican leadership
passed a scheme that gives 65 percent
of the benefit to the top 10 percent of
Americans. Their plan does nothing to
extend Social Security by a single day.
It dedicat under one penny to strength-
ening Medicare. It forces deep cuts in
education, crime fighting and national