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Washington, DC, August 24, 1999.

Hon. J. DENNIS HASTERT,
Speaker, U.S. House of Representatives, Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: This is to formally notify you pursuant to Rule VIII of the Rules of the House that I received a subpoena for documents issued by the United States District Court for the Northern District of Florida.

After consultation with the Office of General Counsel, I have determined to comply with the subpoena.

Sincerely,

JACK KATZ,
Office of Payroll.

EARTHQUAKES AND NUCLEAR WASTE REPOSITORIES, NOT A GOOD MIX

(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, the two major earthquakes that hit Nevada on the morning of August 1 are further examples of why nuclear waste repositories should not, should not, be built at Yucca Mountain, Nevada.

Nevada officials that oversee the DOE operations at Yucca Mountain stated, and I quote, "In our minds, it sort of speaks to the fact that DOE, or anyone else, cannot really predict with any confidence what is going to happen in the future," end quote.

The large earthquakes, registering between 5.6 and 5.2 in magnitude, occurred a relatively short distance from Yucca Mountain.

Mr. Speaker, there are 32 separate earthquake faults in the area and scientists have concluded that Yucca Mountain is capable of a magnitude 8.5 earthquake and poses too many risks and variables for adequate seismic design.

Clearly, common sense tells us one does not store nuclear waste in an area that ranks third in the country for seismic activity, an area that had more than 630 earthquakes in the last 20 years.

A recent editorial summed it up well when it stated, quote, "Anyone who believes that it is safe to dump nuclear waste into that type of environment needs a brain scan," end quote.

Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of any time I may have, and the brains of the DOE that may be left to scan.

THE AMERICAN PEOPLE WANT AND DESERVE A FAIR AND RESPONSIBLE TAX CUT

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

Mr. KNOLLENBERG. Madam Speaker, the American people want and deserve fair and responsible tax relief for

all taxpaying citizens. This balanced plan sets aside 75 cents of every dollar from the \$3.3 trillion surplus to the important task of strengthening Social Security, reforming Medicare and paying down the national debt.

Our tax relief proposal also rebuilds our military and pays for other vital programs. Despite the demagoguery, the Republican tax relief bill does not, I repeat, it does not cut existing programs to pay for itself. The fact is that 25 cents of each overpaid surplus tax dollar is returned back to the American people. It is their money, and they very much deserve to be refunded for a part of the surplus over the course of the next 10 years.

This is very important, too. I remind my colleagues that none of this tax relief will be realized if first the surplus does not materialize. With taxes at an all time high, with the Government in the black, I urge the administration to embrace this responsible approach and rethink their veto strategy on behalf of the American taxpayers. It is not too late for this administration to do the right thing.

THE BARBAROUS OPPRESSION OF THE PEOPLE OF EAST TIMOR IS INTOLERABLE

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

Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts. Madam Speaker, the government of Indonesia should be made to understand the terrible consequences it will pay if it continues the barbarous oppression of the people of East Timor. It is simply intolerable for the world to stand by and allow people to be slaughtered wantonly because they express their democratic right to claim their independence.

I have spent a great deal of my time as a Member here on matters involving the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank. I want to serve notice now, I know I speak for many of my colleagues who have similarly worked on those issues, that if the IMF and the World Bank do not immediately tell the Indonesian government that all aid will be suspended until order and peace are restored to East Timor, then they will have grave difficulty when they come here again for financial assistance. We will not be party to the funding of slaughter.

To those who say we must withhold, let us look at Serbia and Kosovo. The moral case for an international force intervening in East Timor is as great as the moral case was in Kosovo, and the legal case is greater. We ignored Serbia's claim of sovereignty over Kosovo and gave in to the moral imperative to save people.

In Indonesia, the government in power held a referendum. Overwhelm-

ingly, in the face of great intimidation, the brave people of East Timor voted for independence. That gives us an even stronger right to send a multinational force in there, so the Indonesian government must cease. The international funding agencies must cut off aid if they do not; and, if there is the need, an international force must go in, lest we show the world that we consider human rights to be a matter for Europeans only.

The people of East Timor have a strong moral claim on our assistance.

THE APPROPRIATION FOR THE SELECTIVE SERVICE SYSTEM SHOULD NOT BE REINSTATED

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

Mr. PAUL. Madam Speaker, later today we will be dealing with the VA HUD bill; and I want to compliment the Committee on Appropriations for deleting the \$24.5 million for the selective service system. There will be an attempt to put that money back into the bill. I think that is a serious mistake.

The military has not asked for the selective service to continue. We do not need it. It is a serious abuse of civil liberties of all 18- and 19-year-old to continue this registration. The registration is totally unnecessary. This \$24.5 million could be better spent on veterans' affairs or some other worthy cause, but to put the money back in is a serious mistake.

I would like to remind my conservative colleagues that Ronald Reagan had a very strong position on the draft and selective service. He agreed that it was a totalitarian notion to conscript young people and strongly spoke out against the draft whenever he had the opportunity.

I also would like to remind my conservative colleagues that if somebody came to the House floor and asked that we register all the guns of America, there would be a hue and cry about why this would be unconstitutional and unfair, and yet they are quite willing to register their 18- and 19-year-olds. I do not understand why there is less respect given for 18- and 19-year-olds than they give for their own guns.

I strongly urge that we not fund the selective service system today.

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

Mr. TRAFICANT. Madam Speaker, in 1993, 86 civilians were killed in Waco, Texas. Twenty-four of them were innocent children. Most of them burned to