

WHILE REPUBLICANS ARE TAKING CARE OF BILLIONAIRES, WHO IS TAKING CARE OF OUR CHILDREN?

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

Ms. WOOLSEY. Mr. Speaker, there are other ways to take care of our children as well as gun control. The Republicans have tried for the past month to sell their \$792 billion tax package to the American people, but American people are smarter than that. They know that the Republican tax plan is designed mainly to take care of billionaires. What American people want to know is: Who is taking care of our children?

They also know that our Republican colleagues are not taking care of our children. Our children do not need tax breaks for the wealthiest 1 percent of Americans, they do not need corporate tax breaks. Our children need the surplus invested in their future by protecting Medicare, Social Security, and paying down our national debt. They also need gun control for their safety.

So I ask my Republican colleagues, while they are taking care of billionaires, who is taking care of our children?

THEY TALK ABOUT GUN CONTROL BUT CONSISTENTLY REFUSE TO DO ANYTHING ABOUT CRIME CONTROL

(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, first I want to say to my friends on the other side of the aisle who have been reading a list of names: I think that is entirely appropriate that we remember the names of children who died by gun violence at the hands of criminals. But that tells part of the story. Perhaps it would be appropriate today if we also read the names of liberals in this Chamber who have consistently voted against building more prisons to house violent criminals; the names of liberals who consistently vote against tough-on-crime measures, the names of liberals who today support a President of the United States who grants clemency to terrorists.

We ought to read the names of innocent victims who have defended themselves against gun violence over the years. Let us read the names of women who have defended themselves against rape, or defended children in their home. Let us remember the names of the Founding Fathers who intended every law-abiding American to have that right of defense against gun violence. Let us hold people accountable for illegal actions, and let us hold politicians accountable that talk about

gun control out of one side of their mouth, then consistently refuse to do anything about crime control.

MOO DOO ECONOMICS

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

Mr. KIND. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to announce today the creation of a new Federal program that will subsidize aqua farmers that raise lobsters to sell to consumers, and the amount of the subsidy will depend on the distance these lobster farmers are from Boston and Maine. Sound silly and ridiculous? Well, it is of course, but welcome to the world of our Federal dairy policy. Milk is the only product produced in this country that faces price discrimination based on where it happens to be produced and what it is used for, and that distance is based on a city in the heart of my congressional district, Eau Claire, Wisconsin.

But today, Members of Congress have the ability to allow reform, much needed, long overdue reform, of that antiquated, depression-era policy to go forward by voting no on 1402 and saying good-bye finally to the "old moo-doo" economics that we have been operating under since the great depression.

AMERICANS WANT THEIR CHANGE BACK

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

Mr. TIAHRT. Mr. Speaker, recently I was in Wichita, Kansas, at a fast food restaurant, and the person in line ahead of me ordered \$4 worth of food. He handed over a \$5 bill to the cashier, and they expected their change back, as would every American. They overpaid their food order, and they expected their change.

Mr. Speaker, America has overpaid the cost of government, and they expect their change. What the Republicans have done is pay for the cost of the Federal Government, lock up all Social Security payments, protect Medicare payments, pay down the publicly-held debt, and after we have spent all that money and set aside all that money we still have overpaid the cost of government.

Mr. Speaker, America deserves their change back, and that is exactly what our tax relief package does. It gives America back their change.

Mr. Speaker, I hope the President will not veto Americans right to get their change back, from their overpaid bill.

MORE TAX RELIEF FOR THE RICH

(Mr. WYNN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1

minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. WYNN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to support the President's veto of the Republican tax proposal because it is a disgrace.

We hear the Republicans come up and say we want tax relief for Americans, but when we look at the facts and when we go behind the rhetoric, what we find is that this is more tax relief for the rich. Over 60 percent of the benefits in this tax package go not to the average American, not to the school teachers and the policemen, but they go to the very wealthy. They go to the people who are already doing very well in this society, the people who are making a killing on the stock market. The 20 percent of the wealthiest Americans in this country will get the lion's share of the benefits. That is not right.

We will hear my Republican colleagues talk about the marriage penalty, and we should not penalize married couples. Mr. Speaker, I agree with that, but what about the tax relief for the rich and the estate tax? Only 2 percent of Americans pay estate taxes, the wealthiest 2 percent in America. They have to have an estate over a million dollars in order to get estate tax relief, and that is who they want to give a tax break to.

Look further. What do we find? More special interest tax breaks throughout this \$800 billion monstrosity.

We can have reasonable tax relief, but we should pay down the debt, improve Medicare, provide prescription drugs, and invest in education not give more tax relief for the rich.

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ILLEGAL DRUGS SHOULD REMAIN ILLEGAL, EVEN IN OUR NATION'S CAPITAL

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

Mr. BARR of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, some are urging President Clinton to veto the fiscal year 2000 D.C. appropriations bill, not because it spends too little, not because it spends too much, but, get this, because it simply contains a provision that says the District of Columbia can take no steps to legalize mind-altering drugs.

Now we know that about 70 percent of D.C. voters want to legalize drugs, including the current and, of course, the former mayor. That comes as no surprise. What would come as a surprise is if President Clinton vetoes this bill because it simply says illegal drugs remain illegal in our Nation's capital. Hopefully, the President, rather than listen to these folks, will listen to America's parents, police officers and his own drug policy head, General Barry McCaffrey; sign this D.C. appropriations bill and remind the District