

They have tried to privatize Social Security, and they are trying to steal from it.

The Republican budget proposals before us this week and for the past few weeks would not add a single day to Social Security's solvency.

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We are already into the fourth week of fiscal year 2000 and the Republicans are covertly dipping into the Social Security program. The reality is that the Republican spending bills have already spent the Social Security trust fund surplus for fiscal year 2000. And according to the Congressional Budget Office, despite the majority's smoke and mirrors, they have borrowed more than \$13 billion of the Social Security surplus up to this date. And by the time we are finished with all of the spending bills, CBO estimates, if we go in the way that they are proposing, that \$13 billion will actually be \$24 billion. How does this extend the life of Social Security and the Social Security trust fund?

From past remarks, we know that the Republicans would be perfectly okay to let Social Security dry up and go away. Social Security, however, faces a shortfall over the long term and Congress must work, and we must work together, with real numbers, to secure the future of Social Security for Americans and for American families in the future.

I say to the Republicans, stop talking. Start working. Work with us. Work with the President. Work on a plan to extend the life of the program. Actually, the President has a plan to shore up Social Security over the long term. His plan would reduce the national debt by \$3.1 trillion over the next 15 years and eventually devote the savings to extend the life of Social Security. We have a responsibility to future generations, to ensure that Social Security remains the strong successful program it is and that our country's priorities are addressed at the same time.

I have a message for the Republican leaders. You are not fooling anybody. Stop talking. Start working. Work with us. Work with the President and work for the people of this country.

TRIBUTE TO RETIRING UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA PRESIDENT JOHN LOMBARDI

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. KUYKENDALL). Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Florida (Mr. MICA) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. MICA. Mr. Speaker, first I want to pay just a few moments of tribute to one of the most distinguished gentlemen I know in the State of Florida, a gentleman I have known for the past decade, who has headed the University

of Florida, Mr. John Lombardi. John Lombardi is retiring as the President of the University of Florida. I have had an opportunity since I first attended the University of Florida, it will be some 40 years ago, in 1960, as a freshman on that campus, to see the University of Florida, which gave me an incredible opportunity in life, an educational advantage. I have seen many Presidents, J. Wayne Reitz, Phil O'Connell, Bob Marston, Marshall Criser, the interim President Bryan and others who have done a superb job in leading our first and foremost university in Florida, the University of Florida in Gainesville. But I have never seen an individual who has done a more incredible job in bringing together success in academics, success in programs, success in contributions to the university, both financial contributions and incredible standing. There just is no one who has done a more incredible job than John Lombardi. As he departs this week after a decade of service to our university, to our State, I salute him along with other members of the Florida delegation for what he has done for my alma mater, in raising the academic standards and improving student performance and increasing graduation rates, and for increasing the number of degree programs and again the academic standing that he brought to the University of Florida through his efforts.

Just a word of praise, also, for his gracious, hardworking wife Carolyn who also with John Lombardi provided her leadership as really our first lady and spokesperson for the university and tremendous hostess for the university. Another tireless, devoted individual who gave so much to the University of Florida. We truly will miss them, but we are truly grateful for their tremendous contributions, Mr. Speaker.

The final tribute is not given by me but given by the graduates to John Lombardi of this fall's term. Even though there is an interim president coming, a very distinguished gentleman coming, they have signed a petition, the graduating seniors, to request that John Lombardi sign their diplomas, a final salute, not only from alumni and distinguished alumni from throughout the country and the State but even from those graduating this year. So, John Lombardi, we salute you, and you have done a tremendous job.

Mr. Speaker, I also wanted to speak in my remaining few moments to the comments of the last speakers who accuse the Republicans of stealing or robbing from Social Security. What could be more absurd? Every time the Democrats came to the floor and controlled the House of Representatives for 40 years, they in fact not only spent all the money in the Social Security trust fund, they went beyond that and spent

200 and \$300 billion more per year in funding beyond that. This Republican controlled Congress is the first time we have brought our financial house into order. We have never said to do away with Social Security. We said the other side bankrupted Social Security. We laid the facts and the information before the American public and we looked for alternatives to take pressure off of Social Security so that Social Security could be secure and not robbed.

So for the first time, and again I cannot believe they can come to the floor with a straight face and to the American people and say that the Republicans have not been good trustees of this fund. I urge my colleagues and the American people to look for the truth, not rhetoric.

TRIBUTE TO REVEREND WILBUR N. DANIEL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. DAVIS) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to a great theologian, a great community builder, a tremendous humanitarian and a great American, Reverend Wilbur N. Daniel, pastor of the Antioch Missionary Baptist Church of Chicago for 42 years. Reverend Daniel will be best remembered as a fast start Baptist preacher who had the ability to electrify and move crowds in a matter of 2 or 3 minutes. He was a tremendous organizer and social activist who served as president of the Southside Branch NAACP in Chicago. He was chairman of the board of the Antioch Foundation, moderator of the North Woodrider Baptist District Association for 40 years, treasurer of the National Baptist Convention of America and chairman of the board of directors of the Highland Community Bank.

Reverend Daniel was born in Louisville, Kentucky, where he attended school and entered the ministry at age 25. His first pastorate was at the Macedonia Baptist Church in Gary, Indiana. It was while there that he enrolled at the Fort Wayne Bible Institute and then on to becoming one of the most learned theologians in America.

While a great preacher and spiritual motivator, Dr. Daniel was also a master builder and his church was an early leader in the building of affordable housing through its Eden's Green Development. He will be seriously remembered for helping to rebuild the Englewood Community in Chicago. When you drive through it, you will see new homes, senior citizen buildings, nursing homes, rehabilitated apartment dwellings, all put together by Reverend Wilbur Daniel and his 4,000-member Antioch Missionary Baptist Church.

Please do not think that Dr. Daniel relied upon the spirit alone. He was an