

Mr. SCHAFFER. Mr. Speaker, while the White House is busy working on a plausible explanation as to how atomic espionage at Energy Department labs was ignored over the last 3 years, Republicans have been busy putting together a budget that reflects responsible common sense conservative values.

For 40 years, the Democrats failed to take Social Security off the table, turning the Social Security Administration trust fund into a Washington slush fund. Well, those days are over. The Republican budget is going to do what should have been done a long time ago. It puts the Social Security surplus into a safe deposit box.

Long-time observers of Washington know that we need a safe deposit box to keep big spending liberals from running off with it. The Social Security trust fund should not be a slush fund. The Republican budget takes 100 percent of the retirement surplus and sets it aside for Social Security and Medicare.

We are going to hang a huge sign on the safe deposit box with a message, "no liberals allowed. Do not touch."

DEMOCRATIC ALTERNATIVE BUDGET

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

Ms. KILPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, first of all, I would like to offer prayers and hope for our situation that we face today in Kosova.

Mr. Speaker, I want to talk about the democratic alternative budget, a budget that extends Social Security until the year 2050 and saves Medicare, which will run out of money in 2008 unless we do save it.

I am happy that the Democrats are proposing 77 percent for Social Security and to save Medicare to the year 2020. We also fully fund the President's education request. The other budget resolution does not. We offer money for child care. The other budget resolution does not.

Mr. Speaker, we offer \$1.9 billion for our veterans and their families. Let us support the democratic budget alternative that saves Social Security and Medicare, helps our veterans, helps our children as we move to the 21st Century.

PRESIDENT'S BUDGET ACTUALLY EXPANDS ENTITLEMENT SPENDING

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

Mr. BALLENGER. Mr. Speaker, how soon we forget. President Clinton just 3 years ago proposed a five year budget

that would have added \$1.2 trillion to the national debt. That is \$200 billion deficits every year for as far as the eye could see.

The Republicans said no.

They said no to big government.

They said no to using phony numbers.

They said no to a national health care system that his own party admitted would have pushed the deficit into the stratosphere.

So Congress insisted on passing a bipartisan budget that balanced and kept the lid on spending.

Well, here we go again. It is back to budget-busting time.

Once again, it is going to be up to Congress to act like grownups and keep the lid on spending.

The President's budget actually expands entitlement spending, puts the Medicare program in jeopardy only one year after we acted to save it, and goes back to tax increases that hurt the economy.

Tax and spend, tax and spend. No matter how good the White House can spin it, and they are very good, this budget is a tax and spend budget that takes us in the wrong direction.

COUNTRIES ALL OVER THE WORLD ARE DUMPING IN AMERICA'S MARKETS

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

Mr. TRAFICANT. Mr. Speaker, the U.S. trade deficit is projected to exceed \$200 billion this year. Japan will once again exceed \$60 billion in surplus. If that is not enough to tax your exports, China is expected to take a \$70 billion chunk of money in trade surplus from Uncle Sam. Unbelievable.

Countries all over the world are dumping in our markets. Beam me up, Mr. Speaker. If our trade policy is so good, why does not Japan do it? Why does not China do it? Why does not Europe do it?

The truth is, our trade policy is about as effective as tits on a boar hog.

Mr. Speaker, I yield back our stupidity and I yield back our other cheeks.

HUMAN RIGHTS ABUSES IN INDIA

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

Mr. PITTS. Mr. Speaker, I rise to speak about human rights abuses in India today.

As we may know, Christians and other religious minorities have faced terrible persecution in India recently. In January, an extremist mob burned alive an Australian missionary and his two sons who were trapped in their car.

This is not the first instance of persecution. Over Christmas, churches throughout India were burned and destroyed. Christians' homes were looted and stoned, and Christian individuals were attacked and stoned.

In January, missionaries and seminary students were attacked and beaten with rods. Then just last week, an extremist Hindu group called Vishwa Hindu burned 150 Christian homes in Orissa's Gajapati District and terrorized the Christian community with homemade guns.

Mr. Speaker, I urge the Indian government to take decisive action to stop this continuing violence and bring to justice those who have committed the crimes, and protect the rights of all minority religious believers in India.

STOP THE KILLING IN KOSOVA NOW

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

Mr. ENGEL. Mr. Speaker, I apologize in advance to my colleagues and to the American people who may be offended by what I am about to show but I think it is very, very important in view of the events of today that we show this.

This is a poster. It shows a dead child who was killed with ethnic cleansing in Kosova, and it says his mother will never have to see him this way. They killed her, too.

My colleagues, this is what is going on today in Kosova, and I say Kosova because 92 percent of the population, the ethnic Albanians who live there, call it Kosova and they were being ethnically cleansed.

We need to stop it. We need to support the bombing. We need to support NATO troops on the ground. NATO is the North Atlantic Treaty Organization. It is concerned about genocide in Europe as it rightly should be.

Milosevic, the Serbian leader, has broken every agreement to which he has agreed. The U.S. vital interests are there. We have a vital interest to stop genocide. We have a vital interest to stop a wider war which will surely happen in the Balkans if we sit back and do nothing. It could suck in our allies, Greece and Turkey and Hungary and other countries.

We need to support U.S. troops. We need to support the bombing. Stop the killing in Kosova now. Stop the genocide and the ethnic cleansing.

THE REPUBLICAN BUDGET CONTRASTED WITH THE PRESIDENT'S BUDGET

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

Mr. BARTLETT of Maryland. Mr. Speaker, let us compare and contrast