

the Republican budget with the President's budget.

The Republican's budget saves more for Social Security and Medicare. The President's budget cuts \$9 billion from Medicare.

The Republican budget enforces balanced budget discipline. The President's budget busts the budget caps by \$30 billion.

The Republican budget provides middle class tax relief. The President's budget, surprise, surprise, raises taxes by \$172 billion.

One budget reflects the common sense conservatism of responsible government that gives people more freedom and a higher standard of living. The other budget reflects the instinct to expand government at every turn, all the while shortchanging our seniors.

The Republican budget strengthens retirement security first. It protects seniors and sticks to the historic balanced budget agreement signed by the President only 2 short years ago.

This is a budget Americans can applaud.

HERSHEY, PENNSYLVANIA, A LOT OF TALK AND A LOT OF CHALK

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

Mr. DINGELL. Mr. Speaker, like a lot of my colleagues, I went up to Hershey, Pennsylvania, had a lot of talk and a lot of chalk. We went up to talk about how we are going to restore civility in this body. We talked about unfair allocation of staff and money. We talked about unfair committee ratios, the most unfair in 50 years.

We did not talk about the unfortunate thing that happened this morning, and that is the unavailability of rooms for Democratic members to meet in this body.

Now we can talk about the prerogatives of the Chair and the Republicans to run this place. I do not have any quarrel and I do not really expect to win, but I do expect to have fair treatment and a fair opportunity to talk.

The question is, are the Republicans going to mean what they said about restoring civility?

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Yesterday we came back and voted on staff and money, an unfair allocation of both. But to just say that they cannot make rooms available for the Democrats to meet, it looks like the preponderance of the growing evidence is the Republicans do not intend to be fair, and that the spirit of Hershey has gone.

THE REPUBLICAN PLAN SETS ASIDE 100 PERCENT OF BUDGET SURPLUS FOR SOCIAL SECURITY

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

Mr. HILL of Montana. Mr. Speaker, last fall the President said we should set aside 100 percent of social security for social security. I voted to support him in that. But in January he stood here at the State of the Union and said, no, we are going to put aside 62 percent for social security. Then in February he submitted a budget that said 57 percent for social security. And then if we look at his proposal, he really sets aside zero for social security. In five months we have gone from 100 percent to 62 percent to 57 percent to zero, and that has been the history of social security.

There are a lot of different opinions about how we ought to reform social security, but every single senior that I talked to in Montana says, let us start by stopping the raid on the social security trust fund.

There are three ways to do that. One, today, let us support a supplemental that is offset, so we do not raid social security for foreign aid. Let us support the budget, that sets aside 100 percent of social security for social security. Then let us support the social security and Medicare safe deposit box, where there be no more raids, not for tax cuts or spending increases. No more shell games. We are going to save every dollar, 100 percent for social security. We can start today.

THE SPIRIT OF HERSHEY: RESPECT FOR DIFFERENCES OF OPINION

(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 truly hope that the spirit of Hershey is not gone already. Last weekend we had the second congressional bipartisan civility retreat in Hershey, Pennsylvania. We tried, in short, to come together to find a way where we can still disagree on issues without being so disagreeable.

I believe we made some progress last weekend. But to be on the safe side, we were honored to have with us Sir John Hume, the Nobel Peace prize winner of last year, due to his role in negotiating the peace agreement in Northern Ireland. We were hoping to get some wise words from him. I believe he delivered.

He reminded us in attendance that, "Differences of opinion should not be viewed as a threat. The answer to difference is not to fight about it but to respect it, for the differences are the essence of humanity, because there are no two people in the world who are the same."

As we begin debates that seriously affect the Nation and our future, such as Kosovo, such as the budget, I would hope and pray that we remember these wise words from Sir John Hume.

THE REPUBLICAN BUDGET IS HONEST ABOUT OUR NATION'S RETIREMENT SECURITY

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

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. Speaker, this week we are going to debate two clearly different visions of America. As Members know, we are going to debate the budget that will be presented for the year 2000.

The President's budget would raise taxes on the middle class of America, it busts the budget caps, and it uses the social security surplus to fund over 120 new government programs. Worst of all, after leaving the Nation's retirement in shaky financial shape, this president is proposing taxes on the middle class' number one guarantee for retirement security, life insurance.

I believe, Mr. Speaker, that taxpayers that have been faithful and honest about preparing for their retirement should not see this being taxed. Conversely, this Republican Congress has a taxpayer-friendly budget that protects 100 percent of social security and Medicare surpluses. It practices budgetary constraints, and provides over \$800 billion for tax relief for all middle class taxpayers.

I intend to vote for that which is for Republicans and for the taxpayers of this country.

CALLING ON MR. MILOSEVIC TO SEEK A DIPLOMATIC SOLUTION

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

Mr. LANTOS. Mr. Speaker, few people have suffered as much during the Second World War as did the people of Serbia. I am calling on Mr. Milosevic, who has brought so much anguish and hardship and trouble to his own people, to take these last moments before NATO is unleashing horrendous power and bringing further destruction to his people.

All through the 1960s and 1970s, Yugoslavia was the freest and most prosperous country in Central and Eastern Europe and the Balkans. It is now a basket case. It is a police state.

There is still some time for Milosevic to come to his senses and call off his madness. He cannot stand up to NATO. He can still call for a diplomatic solution, and we are ready to deal if he is. But the Serbian people and the people of Yugoslavia have suffered too long under his dictatorship.