

family planning programs give to communities around the world.

I hope they will support our bill H.R. 3634, the Saving Women's Lives Through International Family Planning Act.

FEED THE POOR AND HUNGRY CHILDREN IN AMERICA WITHOUT FRAUD AND ABUSE

(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, I support giving all the help we can to poor, hungry children in America, but when the programs that are supposed to help children are wasting money instead, that is a problem.

A recent review by the House Committee on the Budget found that the food stamp program made an estimated \$1.4 billion in improper payments in 1998, because food stamps are like currency, they can be easily used for fraudulent purposes.

For example, 14 members of an Indiana gang stole \$728,000 worth of food stamps from four county welfare offices and proceeded to trade them for cocaine and explosives.

In 1995 and 1996, a total of \$8.5 million in food stamps were paid out to 26,000 dead people in four States. No one knows who cashed in the benefits.

These are types of blatant fraud and abuse that hurt the children's food stamps that were designed to help and we need to do something about it.

INVESTIGATE CHINESE THREATS TO NATIONAL SECURITY

(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 Justice Department has attacked Bill Gates and Microsoft with a passion, literally trying to destroy the company. Meanwhile, the Justice Department refuses to investigate serious allegations of crimes involving Communist Chinese nationals and top White House officials. Something is wrong here, very wrong. Microsoft may be a threat to software, but China is an absolute threat to hardware and the national security of the United States of America.

Now we may never see the day, but I predict unless Congress intervenes, our children and their children may some day meet a massive Chinese military threat armed to their dragon teeth with arms and weapons bought by the American taxpayers no less. Beam me up.

I yield back the fact that we need an investigation into these allegations.

PORKER OF THE WEEK AWARD

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

Mr. HEFLEY. Mr. Speaker, not too long ago I gave Bill Clinton my porker award for his \$72 million trip to the African continent. Well, it looks like he is at it again. Clinton just returned from India, Pakistan, Bangladesh, and Switzerland with not one foreign policy success. He did nothing to ease the poverty in Bangladesh, was scoffed at by the Indian parliament, dismissed by Pakistani leaders, and rebuffed by the President of Syria.

Instead, he showered the America public with photos of himself playing with elephants, dancing with, quote, empowered women and touring the Taj Mahal with daughter Chelsea.

The 10-day trip included a virtual aerial armada of 26 military cargo planes and more than 50 other support aircraft. The Air Force, which had to do 177 strategic lift missions and 460 mission launches, has estimated that the price tag for the Asian tour could top \$75 million.

Now I know the President needs to be protected but give me a break. ABC pegged this junket correctly when it said it was a protected sight-seeing tour. Bill Clinton gets my porker of the week award.

THE INTERNATIONAL ABDUCTION OF GLENN GEBHARD'S CHILDREN

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

Mr. LAMPSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to continue in my mission to help bring our children home. Glenn Gebhard and his twin children Glenn and Shannon are just one example of the 10,000 American children who have been abducted to foreign countries. Shortly after he was married, Glenn's ex-wife moved back to Germany and took their children with her. For 2 years, he had contact with his children; but in 1994, she decided she would have no future contact.

Glenn has gone through the German court system numerous times and has actually been told by German judges that they do not believe in the laws that provide for unquestionable rights to access.

Glenn Gebhard has done nothing wrong. He has played by the rules. He has continued paying child support, yet he has not seen his children in almost 6 years, an eternity to a 7-year-old. Physical and psychological bonds have been severed between two children and their father who loves them. American children who are being held abroad must be returned to their parents. Countries who are not abiding by The Hague convention must be entreated to do so, and I ask my colleagues not to think as Members of Congress but as

parents and grandparents and work with me to solve this pervasive problem.

American children and their parents are asking for your help. Please listen.

SPENDING KEEPS GOING HIGHER WHILE SAT SCORES KEEP GETTING LOWER

(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, is there a relationship between how much money is spent on education and how well students do? If I look at a graph showing SAT scores since 1960 and spending on education since 1960, I note that spending just keeps going higher and higher while SAT scores keep going lower and lower. Or if I look at how much money is spent in cities like Washington, New York, Chicago, or Kansas City, I note that school districts that spend the most money often have the lowest SAT scores, presumably meaning the worst schools.

What am I to conclude? Mr. Speaker, when I talk to teachers, and I don't mean education establishment bureaucrats in Washington, D.C., when I talk to teachers in the classroom they all agree that it is important that schools are adequately funded. But no one, virtually no one, says that money is the most important thing. So what makes for better school achievement? Most important are loving parents who teach their children that education is important. No government program can do that. That is something that money cannot buy.

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WORLD HEALTH DAY

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

Mr. CROWLEY. Mr. Speaker, tomorrow we celebrate World Health Day. Unfortunately, though, too many of the world's women have no cause for celebration. Nearly 600,000 women die each year from pregnancy and child-birth-related complications. That is one woman every minute.

For every maternal death that occurs worldwide, an estimated 30 additional women suffer pregnancy-related health problems.

More than 150 million married women in developing nations still want to space or limit childbearing, but do not have access to modern contraceptives.

Yet, despite these startling statistics, the U.S. commitment to women's health remains woefully inadequate.