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REPUBLICAN CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE WILL FUND NO CANDIDATE WHO INITIATES PERSONAL ATTACKS ON OPPONENTS

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

Mr. LINDER. Mr. Speaker, I want to join with my colleague from Texas (Mr. FROST) in saying that the despicable act yesterday against the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. HENRY HYDE), one of the most decent men who has ever served in this body, has brought this entire discussion of public discourse to a new low.

Private lives, unrelated to policy or unrelated to public involvement in politics, is simply off limits, and the Republican Campaign Committee will not fund any candidate in America who engages in bringing personal aspects, unrelated to policy, of any opponent's life out in the open.

We both have agreed that responding is acceptable, but initiating a personal attack on anybody running for office is simply off limits. We are going to soon have no one of any stature willing to put themselves through this wringer, and it is sad for America.

SAVE SOCIAL SECURITY; SAVE THE SURPLUS

(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, today I rise in support of the most successful program this country has ever seen: our Social Security fund. Started in 1934 by President Franklin Delano Roosevelt, this has become the most successful program. It now stands to be threatened.

Over all these many years, the Social Security Trust Fund has had a surplus that has been used by our general fund to fund very vital services in our country. For the first time, September 30th, in a long time, in a decade, we will see a surplus in our budget. The Social Security Trust Fund is at risk.

The surplus is really the surplus that is needed for the Social Security Trust Fund, to make sure that it is available into the 21st century. Let us save the surplus, which is the surplus that must be used to secure the Social Security fund. Save the Social Security Trust Fund, save the surplus. Hold it and make our future promising.

TRIBUTE TO TIM FERNERIS

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

minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. SHIMKUS. Mr. Speaker, in these troubled times, many good things by good people are still being done. As a Cardinals' fan and an Illinoisan, I salute the exploits of Mark McGwire and Sammy Sosa. They have raced up the hill of baseball history with honor and dignity. They are to be commended.

My hometown hero, Tim Lincecum, retrieved Big Mac's 62nd home run. Giving up a \$1 million bonanza, he returned the ball to McGwire. For Tim and his older brother Tino, the game is a moment in their lives that they will never forget. Tim's mother Rita says she believes her son could one day be a millionaire, but not without earning it. I agree with her 100 percent, and want her to know that he is well on his way by earning our respect and admiration by simply doing the right thing. Thank you, Tim.

CONGRESS SHOULD HONOR SOCIAL SECURITY COMMITMENTS ALREADY MADE BEFORE MAKING NEW PROMISES

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

Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. Speaker, all year Democrats have been trying to save Social Security, and all year Republicans have been trying to raid it.

The proof is in our budgets. The Republican-passed budget did not include any provision to protect the surplus for Social Security. The Democratic budget provided a rock-solid guarantee. True to form, today Republicans are offering \$200 billion in tax cuts paid for out of the budget surplus.

Now, I support most of these tax cuts, but the money Republicans are using to pay for them belongs to our Nation's seniors and working families. They put it there. The surplus would not even exist if it were not for the Social Security Trust Fund.

The conservative action would be not to spend what we do not have in the bank. We should take care of the commitment and the contract we already made with our seniors in Social Security before we pay for new promises using their money.

It is easy to go out and tell seniors you are on their side. That vote will prove who really is and who really is not. And, believe me, the voters are watching.

GOVERNMENT SHOULD HELP FARMERS, NOT HELP DESTROY THEM

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

Mr. LATHAM. Mr. Speaker, I would like to speak this morning on a problem that is devastating to rural America, to Iowa: Our livestock producers

are suffering from extremely low prices.

And I would like to inform the Congress as to what the response from this administration has been. It is a typical liberal Democrat response. Secretary Glickman gets together with the President and decides the answer is to raise taxes on farmers.

All we have to do is look at the budget and there are \$573 million of new taxes on livestock farmers in the President's budget. This is the kind of response this administration has to a farm crisis, is to raise taxes on farmers? When will this Congress wake up and find out that we have got to help these people, not bring the normal answer from the liberal Democrats and tax and tax more.

The well is dry. Our farmers are broke. Let us try to help them, not destroy them.

MEMBERS OF CONGRESS ARE NOT ON TRIAL

(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, first there was the gentleman from Indiana (Mr. DAN BURTON), then the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. PAUL MCMALE), now our great chairman, the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. HENRY HYDE).

Let us tell it like it is. The same White House that destroyed Billy Dale, the same White House that called Monica Lewinsky a liar, the same White House that abandoned Lonnie Guinier is on the attack.

It is time to ask, Congress: How many files of American citizens were illegally transferred from the FBI to the White House and who ordered it? Are you on the list? Are you on the list? Am I on that list?

Enough is enough. The gentleman from Indiana, the gentleman from Pennsylvania, and the gentleman from Illinois are not on trial. It is time for the House of Representatives to tell the White House that their "spin to win" could provoke "the move to remove."

In America, the people govern. And America is a Nation of laws. I yield back the balance of my time in the soap opera in Washington, D.C.

CONGRESS WILL NOT BE INTIMIDATED

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

Mr. DOOLITTLE. Mr. Speaker, a former Clinton adviser, George Stephanopolous, was right. Mr. Stephanopolous predicted a whisper campaign waged by the White House against Members of Congress who would eventually be forced to consider the independent counsel's allegations

of possible impeachment offenses by the President.

Furthermore, President Clinton's own brother, Roger, issued warnings to Members of Congress when he told CNN's Larry King, "Some of the political people had best watch themselves because of the old glass house story. Be very careful."

As predicted by these individuals, in recent weeks, including this morning, several of our colleagues have been subjected to vicious partisan attacks, via the news media, by individuals who are clearly attempting to intimidate Members of Congress in the wake of the Starr report.

I take serious offense to what is obviously a scorched earth campaign. Mr. Speaker, we will never be intimidated by these scorched earth tactics. We will not back down from our constitutional responsibilities and we will not cower from the White House attacks. We will do what is right.

CONGRESS SHOULD ACT RESPECTFUL AND DIGNIFIED DURING WHITE HOUSE CRISIS AND CONTINUE TO CONDUCT THE PEOPLE'S BUSINESS

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

Mr. ROEMER. Mr. Speaker, when I was elected by the people of Indiana and sent to this distinguished body, my very first vote was on whether to send young people into harm's way, into the Persian Gulf, on war. And this body conducted itself with the utmost dignity, civility and respect towards one another and respected their differing viewpoints, clapping for Members even though they may have disagreed.

Now, when it comes to respect and hard work, I immediately think of our chairman of the Committee on the Judiciary, the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. HENRY HYDE). He has worked hard, worked with me through my 8 years that I have been here serving with him.

I hope that this body can continue to be together in a civil, distinguished, thoughtful, deliberative manner to get to the bottom of what happened in the White House, but also do the people's business and balance the budget, reform education and save Social Security.

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THE EMPEROR WITH NO CLOTHES

(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, this morning I want to share a children's story that has been on my mind for the last seven months which we have all read to our children but I think it is instructive today.

Once upon a time, there was an Emperor who loved his kingly clothes, in

which he paraded through the palace and through the land so that all could admire him. He was very vain. His closest aides and followers were always nearby to congratulate him on how dashing he looked, how popular he was with his loyal subjects and how good his leadership was for the land.

One day, however, the Emperor began parading through the land with his clothes off. He even assured himself and his followers that he was in fact wearing clothes. They just could not see them, because only stupid people could not see the clothes.

Because they did not want to be thought of as stupid, his lawyers and followers and supporters agreed, "Oh, yes, he must be wearing clothes."

And so they trumpeted throughout the land, "The Emperor really is technically dressed but the unenlightened among you just cannot see the fine threads from which his garments are made." They even attacked those who sought to expose the truth.

And so it continues today, Mr. Speaker.

MANAGED CARE REFORM

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

Mr. GREEN. Mr. Speaker, while we know there are lots of other issues swirling around the Capitol these days, I think it is important that we focus on other issues that really affect the American people. Last week, the Tuesday before we came back into session, four Members of Congress from the Houston area met with over 100 people to discuss an important issue that is facing the American public. That public meeting was about managed care reform and the Republican majority's misnamed bill that we passed earlier this year, the Patient Protection Act. This was the first public hearing held on the bill since our committee that I serve on did not have any hearings on the bill that passed this House. That hearing confirmed what we have been saying for months, that families in managed care want and need some reform this year. They do not want a sham bill like the Patient Protection Act that does more for insurance companies than patients and they do not want a bill that actually preempts Texas law that was passed by our legislature last year. They want a patients' bill of rights that is not right because it is a Democratic bill but because it contains meaningful reforms to complement the State laws that are passed.

Eliminate the gag rules, provide choice and also allow people to go to adequate emergency rooms without having to call their insurance company first.

TWO DIFFERENT VIEWS REGARDING CONSTITUTION

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

minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. GIBBONS. Mr. Speaker, today, yes, the anniversary of the signing of the Constitution of the United States in Philadelphia in 1787 should not be an occasion for partisanship. However, we are forced to confront the reality of how liberals and conservatives have two very different views of the Constitution and about the history of the United States.

Conservatives have a novel belief that the Constitution actually means what it says. Liberals, on the other hand, are fond of calling the Constitution a "living document" that, quote-unquote, evolves over time. The liberal view of the Constitution allows them to interpret the Constitution any way they choose.

Conservatives look at the Constitution and believe that its explicit prohibitions on what the Federal Government is allowed to do are a fundamental safeguard of our liberty and protection against too much government.

Liberals look at the Constitution and believe that the Federal Government can get involved in every aspect of your life, always, of course with the misguided belief and justification that it is "for your own good."

Two different views, views with profound and differing consequences for our liberty.

SOCIAL SECURITY

(Mr. ADAM SMITH of Washington asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. ADAM SMITH of Washington. Mr. Speaker, this September as always we face some very difficult budget decisions, but we will not even be able to get to those budget decisions if we do not first address the numbers honestly.

Right now we have all heard about the supposed surplus that we have over the next 10 years, \$1.6 trillion, and we have heard dozens of different ideas for how to spend that money. The trouble is that money does not exist, because all but \$31 billion of that \$1.6 trillion is really in the Social Security trust fund. It is money that we borrow and for some crazy reason consider as income. It is not income, it is money we have to pay back, plus interest.

We need to honestly assess those numbers. As we stand here today, there are a lot of different programs, a lot of different tax cuts being proposed, but if you ever hear someone say in answer to the question of how they are going to pay for it, "We're going to pay for it out of the surplus," do not let them do it.

There is no surplus. If we can address the numbers honestly, we can make wise budget decisions and we can do two very important things in this final