

tornado 4 months ago and, boom, the Corps of Engineers revokes your dock permit for violating a shoreline management plan.

Buy a new house on Lake Thurmond Georgia and fail to replant trees on public property that you never cut down in the first place and, boom, no lake shore use permit for you.

Do as I say, not as I do. That ought to be the new motto for the Corps' Savannah office. For while they routinely violate the Clean Water Act without being penalized, they have no problem lowering the boom on individuals who are not in compliance with their mostly frivolous rules and regulations.

But, Mr. Speaker, that will change. Cosponsor H.R. 1194, a bill to require Federal agencies to abide by the same environmental laws that they enforce on private citizens. Maybe the bureaucrats then will be a little more understanding.

THE MARCH, COMING TOGETHER TO CONQUER CANCER

(Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, in just a few minutes I will leave this House to go down and join so many Americans to support the March of Coming Together to Conquer Cancer. Thousands of cancer survivors, researchers, leaders, doctors, patients, and families will gather on the National Mall on this Saturday, September 26, to demand that the cause, the care, and the cure of cancer be made top research and health care priorities in this country.

Sadly, we may have not focused as much as we should have, although we have many advocates in this body. But I hope that we will gather today to recommit ourselves to fight this devastating disease.

General Norman Schwarzkopf will be the Honorary Chair, and so many will join us. Because in 1971, this Nation declared a war on cancer, pledging to find a cure within 7 years. Mr. Speaker, it is now 27 years later.

To Katherine Bates, to Michelle Beck and Madgeleon Bush of my constituency. Katherine Bates, a cancer survivor. To my deceased father, Ezra Jackson, to my good friend who is now deceased, Michelle Robinson, I pledge that we will work to ensure that we have a cure for cancer.

I thank M.D. Anderson and Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation and the African-American Women's Clergy Association. Let us go down and march to cure cancer.

FEMINIST GROUPS SELL OUT REAL INTEREST OF WOMEN FOR PARTISAN POLITICS

(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, for 7 months, Americans have been wondering why there is a deafening silence from the feminist organizations in Washington. Despite their loud and organized opposition to the allegations against Justice Clarence Thomas, their outrage at Senator Packwood, nary a word was said about activity in the White House.

But look at the headlines. The feminists have finally found their tongues and they support the President. In fact, they are proud of him. Barbara Laden, of the Independent Women's Forum, charges that the left-wing feminist groups are, "willing to sell out the real interest of women to play partisan politics. It is an embarrassment. They're actually betraying feminism," she says.

Mr. Speaker, misbehavior, whether by the left or right, is wrong. I am sorry to see that so-called feminist leaders cannot find their moral outrage when the offense is on the left.

AMERICA IS NOT BIZARRO WORLD

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

Mr. BARR of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, recent events in Washington bring to mind nothing so much perhaps as the Bizarro World into which the comic book character Superman sometimes found himself, where everything is the opposite of reality, where "is" does not mean "is," perjury does not mean telling a lie, and obstruction may not mean impeding or interfering with justice.

Mr. Speaker, it is time we remind America that this is not the Bizarro World. This is the United States of America where "is" means "is," "truth" means "truth," perjury means telling a lie, and no man is above the law.

IT IS TIME FOR TAX CUTS

(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, George Bernard Shaw once stated that, "A government which robs from Peter to pay Paul can always depend upon the support of Paul."

The Democratic leadership and the liberal Democrats are absolutely supporting Paul. They are demagoguing the issue of tax cuts and are claiming that Social Security will be jeopardized by any such cuts.

These same Democrats, who spent billions and billions of dollars on failed and wasteful social programs, have had 40 years to fix Social Security. Now they are claiming that any such tax cut will threaten its future.

Well, the same Democrats who helped pass the bipartisan balanced budget last summer which included tax cuts now say that tax cuts are off the table.

They oppose tax cuts when we are in a budget deficit. Of course, they do not want to cut spending. They oppose tax cuts when there is a budget surplus because it will somehow threaten Social Security.

Any excuse to oppose tax cuts will do.

Mr. Speaker, it is time to stop robbing Peter and let him keep his hard-earned money. Who knows, maybe we will even create a job for Paul. It is time to pass a tax cut.

TRIBUTE TO MAJOR GENERAL GEORGE MARINE OF WHITE HALL, ILLINOIS

(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, I would like to take this time to remember a man who embodied the best of our community, Retired Army Major General George Marine of White Hall, Illinois, who died earlier this summer at the age of 68.

After his retirement, he began a career as a farmer, was a driving force behind the Greene County Rural Water District, the Greene County Economic Development Council, and served on the Boyd Memorial Hospital Board.

General Marine was also out in the community. One of his last projects was to repair and paint the picnic tables at the White Hall Park.

As his retirement was filled with success, so was his active duty. He served in a position in the Pentagon where he spoke with President Lyndon Johnson virtually every day during the Vietnam War. In Korea, where General Marine served with Colin Powell, he earned his first combat infantryman's badge.

Mr. Speaker, his family's loss is our loss as well. Greene County Treasurer, Kirby Ballard, summed it up well. "He was the way we all should retire."

DEMOCRATS' POSITION ON TAX CUT IS GOOFY

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

Mr. BLUNT. Mr. Speaker, did those who supported tax cuts last summer as part of the balanced budget agreement, and oppose them today, last year raid the Social Security fund when they voted for tax cuts? Why was it that last year the tax cuts that were passed while the budget was in a deficit were not a threat to Social Security, but tax cuts while the budget is in surplus are?

This is just goofy, Mr. Speaker.

The other side is counting yet again on their hopes that seniors will not know the facts, so they can scare them just like they did 2 years ago about cuts in Medicare. Those cuts turned out to be actually increases in Medicare.

Even goofier is their obvious bad faith in opposing tax cuts this year,

along with their argument that billions and billions of dollars of new spending they support does not raid Social Security.

Well, my friends on the other side of the aisle, which is it? Is spending on education, health care, welfare, and the environment a "raid" on the Social Security trust fund or not?

FAST TRACK IS NO LAUGHING MATTER

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

Mr. EWING. Mr. Speaker, I stand here today with a great deal of pride in what we have done as far as passing the tax package. But last night in this very Chamber when we considered something equally as important, the fast track authority, there were not the votes for it. Over 150 votes on the Republican side, less than 30 votes on the Democratic side, as I remember that tally.

Today, a leader on the Democratic side gets up and makes fun of that vote. Mr. Speaker, that is deadly serious to agriculture across this country. I am ashamed of that tongue-in-cheek remark being made in this House.

Where was the leader of this country? Raising money across the country in Illinois, in the West Coast, on the East Coast. Not here working to pass fast track. It is a disgrace for them to say this is a do-nothing Congress when it is they that are doing nothing.

A GOOD DAY'S WORK, INDEED

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

Mr. THUNE. Mr. Speaker, rural America is in a serious economic crisis. We have a price disaster and, for reasons beyond the producers' control, prices are at historically low levels today.

The House took historic action to bring relief to farmers and ranchers by reducing debt taxes, restoring income averaging, allowing deductions for health care, and refunds due to loss carryback provisions.

We have done it at the same time that we have made a commitment, an historic commitment, to save Social Security. Despite the opposition of our liberal friends on the other side, the group that keeps its promises has dedicated \$1.4 trillion of projected surplus to save Social Security and hard-working Americans will get a break.

Mr. Speaker, this is a good day's work, indeed.

BEACH CONTAMINATION

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

minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. BILBRAY. Mr. Speaker, all over America, children and families went to beaches to enjoy summer. But in San Diego County, the children showed up to their beaches to find big contamination signs all over their community.

In the City of Imperial Beach where I grew up, my children were greeted with this sign. The EPA was outraged. The environmental community was outraged.

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You would say, why? Because the pollution that was closing American beaches came from Mexico. The pollution from Mexico continues to flow across the border.

The Sierra Club and Greenpeace, Friends of the Earth, and the EPA refuse to be as outraged at American beaches being polluted by foreign people, foreign governments as they are if it would have been an American company.

I wish those who claim to want to protect the environment would be as much against pollution from other countries as they are from our own. I think that this desecration of the American community, the desecration of our beautiful beaches in Southern California has to stop.

I call on this administration and people who claim to care about the environment to stand up and be as outraged as those of us who showed up at the beaches to be greeted with this sign.

SPECIAL ORDERS

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. SNOWBARGER). Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 7, 1997, and under a previous order of the House, the following Members will be recognized for 5 minutes each.

AMERICA'S RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE RIGHTS OF PEOPLE

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

Mr. SCARBOROUGH. Mr. Speaker, I come to the floor of our Congress today to continue the discussion in our RECORD on America's responsibility for the rights of all people across the world.

On this day and in this year, such a discussion seems appropriate. Today we mark the 50th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, a document somewhat overdramatically labeled as the Magna Carta for all humanity. Still, despite the United Nations' own spotted record of tolerance for human rights abuses, this document should be marked and underlined.

The declaration echoes the cries of freedom that began in the west some

2700 years ago, among the ancient Greek ruling class. From the birth of Athenian democracy to the Magna Carta's promise of fairness through Thomas Jefferson's own Declaration of Independence, we in the west have separated ourselves from those civilizations who believed that the iron fist of oppressive order was preferable to a society based upon the premise that free men and women would create the strongest of all societies.

The West's experiment in freedom, which freed the ancient Greeks from the fear of Persian aggressors at the Battle of Marathon, sustained the "kids who saved the world" on the bloody beaches of Normandy in their battle over Hitler's Nazis, and who strengthened Nelson Mandela's resolve as he watched his life slowly pass away in prison protesting apartheid, must be defined today.

As Woodrow Wilson once said, I believe in democracy because it releases the energy of every human being.

As America leads this world into the 21st century, it must reaffirm the first principles that launched its winning ways at the battle of Lexington. The respect, the adoration and America's founders' near worship of man's freedom is not a weakness, it is our civilization's greatest strength. When we turn a blind eye to the Buddhists being oppressed in Tibet, we weaken ourselves. When we ignore Christian persecution in Sudan for the sake of a possible oil pipeline, we weaken ourselves. When we allow our allies, whether Salvadoran or Saudi, to torture political opponents, America becomes less than it once was. We must do better. We must see more, and we must say more.

Like our ancestors of freedom from ancient Athens, England, Normandy, and South Africa, that stepped out in faith for freedom, we must do what Frances Bacon once suggested. We must have the faith to pursue an unknown end. We must take the first step in China, Tibet, Sudan, the Middle East, Central America and all across the globe, as we reach into the 21st century, ensuring that the rights of all men and women are respected.

It is a daunting task. It is a marathon project, when we observe what has been happening in China, Sudan and across the globe. But an ancient Chinese saying goes like this: A journey of a thousand miles must begin with a single step.

Let us hope that this Congress, this community, this country, and this world is ready to take that first step for freedom into the next century.

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

(Mr. SCHUMER addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extension of Remarks.)