

to bring to the Houses's attention an exceptional individual who has changed the lives of thousands of kids across this Nation.

Mr. Speaker, Joe White has taken upon himself the responsibility to minister today's generation of young people. He founded Kids Across America as part of his larger family of Christian athletic camps in an effort to reach out to inner city kids and to give all of them a chance to go to summer camp. Today, Kids Across America is able to reach approximately 4000 urban youth each summer.

Here kids can escape the troubles of the inner city and find refuge in the Ozark Mountains of Missouri for eight days. Kids get a chance to play over 25 sports, meet new friends, build relationships with a staff of 400 counselors and hear a message of hope.

Look at these young men here. You can see the smiles on their faces, that their lives will be forever changed.

Imagine a place where it is the in thing to read your bible daily, to pray for your friends, to encourage your opponents, to serve others before yourself. Imagine a place where role models and heroes are everywhere one looks. Imagine a place where peer pressure is a good thing, and violence and profanity and everything dark is left at the gate. There is no need to imagine. It can all be found at Kids Across America.

America is a great Nation, and if we are going to be able to continue to be a great Nation in the future, it will be because of dedicated men like Joe White who has voluntarily taken upon himself the responsibility to make this world a better place.

Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Missouri (Mr. BLUNT).

Mr. BLUNT. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to be here today as the Majority Leader recognizes Joe White, Joe White from my district in southwest Missouri, Joe White with a doctors degree from Southwest Baptist University, Joe White who has devoted his life to kids.

Mr. Speaker, Joe founded a foundation, the I Am Third Foundation, and I think the three principles of that foundation talk about what Joe's life is about and what these camps that the Majority Leader has talked about focus on. The I Am Third Foundation is God first, family second, and I am third. The individual is third. A life based on faith is part of these camps.

Mr. Speaker, I have heard Joe White from memory quote entire books of the bible, quote the Book of First Timothy and in Paul's letter to Timothy in First Timothy Paul says:

"You are my true child in the faith."

Joe White becomes a father to children who need a male role model. Joe White becomes an example to kids who often do not have an example. Joe White has scholarshiped thousands of urban youth into a life and a life style for that eight days in southwest Missouri that changes their life from the

time they come one year until the time so many of these want to come back and get to come back the second year.

The picture that the Majority Leader has, the smile on his face, I think says it all. Joe White makes a difference in the lives of kids.

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, again with your continued indulgence and the graceful generosity of my colleagues on both sides of the aisle, I yield to the gentleman from Kansas (Mr. RYUN).

Mr. RYUN. Mr. Speaker, let me first of all add my congratulations to what Joe White has been able to do with the program in Missouri.

As my colleagues know, I have had the opportunity to see hands on exactly what he does with the urban teenagers, and for them to be in an environment, a Christian environment in which they can have not only their character encouraged, but also feel safe and to be with people that love them, gives them a great opportunity to experience part of what life is all about, and Joe White certainly done a great job and is worthy of this award.

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, let me finish with this point. So many times we have said around here that the idea is bigger than the man. Joe White once again has shown us the idea is never bigger than the child.

POINT OF ORDER

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, point of order.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman will state his point of order.

Mr. PALLONE. No offense to the Majority Leader, Mr. Speaker, but the procedure the way I understand it is that these are 1 minute speeches that alternate with each side, and I would ask that the Speaker follow that procedure.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman is correct. The Chair will follow that procedure.

IT IS TIME FOR A NEW DIRECTION

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

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, as the time runs out on the Congress, it is important to keep in mind that the Republican Congress has been a failed Congress.

The Democrats are putting out a report today called A Failed Republican Congress, Partisanship Instead of Progress, and it details how Republicans have spent a lot of time driving their partisan agenda, but very little to help the American people.

Mr. Speaker, Republicans have failed to act on the critical kitchen table issues that Americans really care about. We have had no managed care reform, no bill to reduce class size and modernize schools, no action to safeguard the surplus for Social Security, no bill to reduce teen smoking, no bill to reform our campaign finance system

and no bill to increase the minimum wage for working families.

Republicans have let down the American people. It is time for a new direction. Congress needs to put the public interest ahead of partisan politics. There is still a few days left here. I think we should see some action on HMO reform, on education initiatives and on safeguarding Social Security. So far we are seeing nothing.

IS THE PRESIDENT REALLY LIKE A CEO OF A CORPORATION?

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

Mr. PAPPAS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask a question that has been bothering me for a few weeks now.

In response to the ongoing situation over at the White House, many of his apologists say we should treat the President of the United States as the CEO of the world's largest business. My question is, if he is the CEO, when is our next dividend? When will the CEO allow the shareholders to reap the benefits of excess revenues?

The gentleman from Texas (Mr. ARCHER) outlines the Republican agenda of lower taxes while saving Social Security. Republicans are proud to see the fruits of their insistence on sane fiscally conservative spending policies. The Republican tax relief plan addresses the marriage tax penalty, provides for tax simplification, increases access to health care for small businesses and provides tax relief for farmers. By opposing the Republican plan for tax relief, the President would prove he is still the leading proponent of big government.

Mr. Speaker, I urge this Congress to move tax reform now.

VOTE AGAINST THE LABOR-HHS-EDUCATION APPROPRIATIONS BILL

(Ms. SANCHEZ asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. SANCHEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in opposition to the Labor-HHS-Education appropriations bill. With a veto threat hovering over this measure, I cannot understand why a bipartisan compromise has still not been reached. There are too many provisions that are just unacceptable, not just for Democrats, but for our kids, for our schools and for our families. Rather than hiring more teachers, building more schools, reducing class size, this bill instead shortchanges our schools. It provides \$2 billion less, less than the administration requested for education programs. It cuts Goals 2000 in half. It eliminates the Summer Jobs Program. It cuts school to work opportunities.

Mr. Speaker, I could go on and on. Eliminating the Summers Jobs Program will deny the world of work for half a million youth.

My colleagues talked earlier about a camp. Do not send them to camp. Teach them how to be a productive citizen. Does the majority party really want our youth out on the streets instead of learning good work habits?

This bill is just not fair. Until changes are made, I urge my colleagues to vote against the Labor-HHS-Education appropriations bill.

TRUST, TRUTH AND ACCOUNTABILITY

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

Mr. BALLENGER. Mr. Speaker, let me give a few quotes from our President.

October 1992, and I quote:

I think trust and trustworthiness is an issue in this campaign, and I think I have demonstrated it in my life.

In December of 1992 concerning the Iran-Contra pardons the President-elect said:

I am concerned about any action which sends a signal that if you work for the government you're above the law or not telling the truth to Congress under oath is somehow less serious than not telling the truth to some other body under oath.

October 1995:

The road to tyranny, we must never forget, begins with the destruction of truth.

And June of 1996:

The other thing we have to do is to take seriously the role of this problem, older men who prey on under age women. There are consequences to decisions. One way or another people always wind up being held accountable.

SOMETHING IS WRONG WITH THIS POLICY

(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, in America we have record trade deficits, record bankruptcies, record debt, consolidations, downsizing, more American jobs keep going overseas, a schizophrenia stock market, all symptoms of a major economic problem in America.

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After all this, the experts say American taxpayers must keep sending more money to the International Monetary Fund to prop up foreign countries to avert disaster. Beam me up, Mr. Speaker.

When American dollars end up in the pockets of foreign politicians who then vote against America at the United Nations, something is wrong with this policy, very wrong. I say these foreign countries do not need American taxpayer dollars. They need reform. Think about it.

Mr. Speaker, I yield back what economy we have left.

PRESIDENT THREATENS TO VETO SPENDING BILLS

(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, I am very and deeply disappointed by reports that the President intends to veto several spending bills over so-called environmental riders. Further reports indicate that this is part of the President's politically motivated effort to force a government shutdown.

This country cannot afford another government shutdown, particularly in these trying economic times.

A decision to simply veto spending bills without good-faith efforts to negotiate policy differences will jeopardize billions of dollars of increases for wildlife, recreation, parks, forests, endangered species, public health, and other important priorities.

Mr. Speaker, the President's rhetoric is unhelpful in resolving honest policy differences and unnecessarily erodes the public trust in the legislative process. Hard working men and women cannot afford another government shutdown, but it appears the President has played partisan politics above people, above the environment, and above the best interest of this Nation.

The President has an open invitation to negotiate, in good faith, areas of legitimate policy disagreement. For the sake of the American people, let us hope he accepts this invitation.

VOTE NO ON THE OMNIBUS PARKS PORK BILL

(Ms. MCKINNEY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. MCKINNEY. Mr. Speaker, today's Washington Post Editorial calls the Republican Omnibus Parks Bill "pork." The Washington Post did not get it quite right. It is not just a pork bill, it is the pork bill straight from the environmental butchers. People in Georgia are very concerned about the bill's provision for Cumberland Island. This bill will carve up Cumberland Island, so that it can be served on a silver platter to one of America's wealthiest families.

The butchery of Cumberland Island is not just pork, it is old fashioned Republican service with a smile. What else can we expect from the Republican Party. They failed their polluting friends when they wanted to dirty our water and air. Now they are trying to let their other friends buy our national treasures. In contrast to the TV commercial, this work is not the other white meat. This pork bill is Republican green.

Republicans have always believed that America should reward the wealthiest and most privileged among us. And what better way to keep giving to the rich than by robbing the American people of a national treasurer of Cumberland Island.

If this bill makes it out of Congress, I will urge the President to veto it. I ask my colleagues to vote "no" on this pork bill.

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, I am glad to hear my colleagues trying to define the Democrats, and sometimes they would not know one if they saw one.

But the problem we have this year is that this is a historic Congress. We are getting ready to vote tomorrow on an historic vote on opening an inquiry of impeachment of the President. But this, more than any Congress, has done nothing at all for the American people on the bread and butter issues.

But what I want to talk about this morning is the HMO reform that should have been passed, should have been passed by the Senate, and the quality bill should have been passed by the House.

It is clear that this do-nothing Congress has been by design this year, because they don't want to make the changes that the American people want. The polls show the American people want HMO reform. They want their doctors to be able to help them make medical decisions instead of a gag rule. They want to be able to appeal decisions made by a bureaucrat with an insurance company.

They want some choices in their medical care. They want access to specialty care, and they want emergency care when they need it, not based on somebody deciding, no, you cannot go to your closest emergency room.

That is why this is a do-nothing Congress, and that is why tomorrow, even with this historic vote, we are going to go home without providing any help to the American people for their health care.

PINOCCHIO

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

Mr. PITTS. Mr. Speaker, there is a children's story that is instructive in these critical days. It goes something like this: There was once a little boy who lived in a little white house. His name was Pinocchio. Pinocchio was a wooden puppet who came to life and had many unhappy adventures because he was very selfish. Pinocchio had trouble with telling the truth.

Whenever Pinocchio told a lie, his nose grew longer. Once, when he told several lies, his nose became so long he could not even get out of his little white house. I wonder, Mr. Speaker, how long his nose could get with 7 months of not telling the truth.

Like Pinocchio, some people today have a problem with telling the truth.