

WOMEN AND CHILDREN'S
RESOURCES ACT

(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, according to the Alan Guttmacher Institute, the Planned Parenthood research arm, over 10,000 women in the United States begin to deal with an unplanned pregnancy every day.

Mr. Speaker, thousands of small crisis pregnancy centers, maternity homes and adoption services are available to these women in crisis, but often women do not know that they have such choices. That is why the Women and Children's Resources Act, a bill that the gentlewoman from California (Mrs. Bono) and I introduced last week, is so important.

The Women and Children's Resources Act would provide a fee-for-service program for providing services to women like pregnancy tests, maternity home stays, baby clothes, prenatal and postpartum health care, even adoption services and referrals for vocational training and health care.

This solution-based bill builds a bridge between pro-life and pro-choice to offer compassionate solutions to women on common ground. If today's women need choices, we must offer them real choices. Many women would choose not to have an abortion if only they knew that other options were available to them. I urge my colleagues to make this a reality. Support and co-sponsor the Women and Children's Resources Act.

IT IS TIME TO GROW UP, SIT
DOWN, AND COME UP WITH A
BUDGET

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

Mr. GREEN of Texas. Mr. Speaker, for days I have stood here on the floor also sitting and watching on C-SPAN my Republican colleagues attack the President's budget and attack Democrats for spending Social Security dollars, and I knew they were playing fast and loose with their own spending plans.

First, they declare the census to be an emergency so it does not come under the budget. Then they pass a tax cut bill that they promised but they cannot deliver on over the next 10 years. Then they float the idea that, well, we cannot do it so let us add a 13th month; some of the most ludicrous things we have ever heard. Now they finally are finding out that what they have been saying and the height of cynicism for our government is that they are spending the Social Security surplus, \$18 billion. It is reported in today's Washington Post and we can see it here but I am sure it will be in all of our local newspapers. It is just in the

national media and our local media, \$18 billion in Social Security trust funds they are going to use. Yet they have been accusing the President and the Democrats of doing it.

Why do my colleagues not grow up, and we will sit down and work this out between us instead of trying to make hype out of it? Why do we not just pass a bill that will take the trust funds out of the unified Federal budget?

THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:
TOBACCO BAD, MARIJUANA GOOD

(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, Washington is nothing if not a city of contradictions. Within one week, we have seen the Department of Justice launch a multibillion dollar lawsuit against tobacco, and then 2 days ago we saw the President veto the D.C. appropriations spending bill because it contained a provision which would stop the District of Columbia from legalizing marijuana.

What is the President's message? Tobacco bad, marijuana good.

Mr. Speaker, recently this House passed a provision in the D.C. appropriations bill that reminded the District of Columbia that it remains part of the Union, part of America, subject to our laws and subject to our Constitution, prohibiting them from taking steps to legalize mind-altering controlled substances.

While the President will not hold the line on this and encourages the use of marijuana in the District of Columbia, we must in this body hold the line and prohibit D.C. from legalizing controlled substances.

IMPLEMENTATION OF THE
EARNED INCOME TAX CREDIT
SHOULD NOT BE DELAYED

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

Mr. NEAL of Massachusetts. Mr. Speaker, I was stunned by this headline in the New York Times today. It said that the Republicans plan to delay the earned income tax credit for the working poor. This program, Ronald Reagan said, was absolutely the best one ever devised to help the working poor, and the answer here today is that we are going to delay its implementation.

Mr. Speaker, in this institution we would never dream of delaying an income tax refund to the wealthiest Americans. We would never dream of delaying oil incentives or mining incentives; or, heaven forbid, we would never dream of cutting back on the ethanol subsidy. But the answer today is that we should delay granting the working poor the earned income tax credit to get past this budget impasse that we currently see.

It makes no sense to harm the working poor with this issue. We should be coming to their assistance. If one works, one should not be poor. This idea makes no sense whatsoever, and it is being used as a gimmick to get around this budget impasse. We should proceed with granting the working poor this opportunity.

UNBORN VICTIMS OF VIOLENCE
ACT

(Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. Mr. Speaker, today this House will consider a bill that will be critical to families and particularly to the women of our country. H.R. 2436, the Unborn Victims of Violence Act, will recognize an unborn child who is injured or killed while in the mother's womb as a victim of a Federal crime.

Already, 24 States in our Nation have implemented laws that explicitly recognize injured, unborn children as victims of criminal acts.

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Under this bill, the penalty for the harm committed against an unborn baby would be the same as the penalty for the harm committed against the mother.

As responsible legislators, we must ensure that criminals be held accountable for their violent crimes that result in death or injury. This should apply regardless of who the victim is, whether it be the mother or the unborn child.

I hope that today our colleagues will honor the many women who have lost babies due to a crime. I hope that they will acknowledge the suffering that these women have endured because of senseless crimes and remember that they will never receive justice unless this legislation is not enacted.

This afternoon, I hope that our colleagues vote "yes" on the Unborn Victims of Violence Act.

REPUBLICANS WANT TO ELIMI-
NATE THE EARNED INCOME TAX
REFUND

(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, during the August work recess, when I visited with constituents in my district in Houston, Texas, a city that I might say is doing considerably well and individuals are quite pleased with the state of the economy, but when I discuss with them the \$792 billion tax cut, they were in complete horror at the thought that we would misuse the people's money for a tax cut for golf courses and various other extracurricular-type programs.

But what is more horrific is the fact that I also met with working families

with young children, many of whom receive the earned income tax credit, something that has been vital to thousands of families in my district, and to realize that, when I came back after this work recess, that I would be facing the Republicans slowing down or eliminating the earned income tax refund to working families. In fact, one of their very own said, "I have a real problem with delaying payments to poor people."

Mr. Speaker, this is an outrage. This is something that should not happen.

CBO SAYS SPENDING PLAN WILL NOT USE SOCIAL SECURITY SURPLUS

(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, I am going to depart from my prepared remarks to try and set the record straight. We had a number of representatives from the other side of the aisle who have gotten up to say that our Republican spending plan would spend Social Security money. They have even shown newspaper articles to bolster their contention. The newspaper articles are wrong. They are wrong.

Let me read again from a letter from the Congressional Budget Office dated September 30, that is today, to the Speaker.

"Dear Mr. Speaker: You requested that we estimate the impact on the fiscal year 2000 Social Security surplus using CBO's economic and technical assumptions based on a plan whereby net discretionary outlays for fiscal year 2000 will equal \$592.1 billion." That is the Republican spending plan. "CBO estimates that this spending plan will not use any of the projected Social Security surplus in the year 2000."

Being a teacher, I know that repetition is the soul of learning, so let me say it again to my colleagues on the other side of the aisle: "CBO estimates that this spending plan will not use any of the projected Social Security surplus in the fiscal year 2000." Do my colleagues get it?

MEANING OF MINIMUM WAGE STATE FLEXIBILITY

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

Mr. DEMINT. Mr. Speaker, let us talk about the meaning of minimum wage State flexibility.

State flexibility means admitting that we in Washington do not always know what is best. It means trusting our local leaders to govern their own citizens and protect their own workers.

State flexibility means giving our local leaders the freedom to make wage policies that are specifically tailored to help those individuals find jobs who are still struggling on welfare.

State flexibility means giving our State officials the tools they need to meet their welfare-to-work goals so they can continue to receive Federal funds that help them train the most disadvantaged citizens in our community.

State flexibility means creating laws that protect the wages of a waiter in Hollywood, California, and also create new employment opportunities for a cashier in Union, South Carolina.

I urge my colleagues to support State flexibility so that we can continue to secure the future for all Americans by returning dollars, decisions, and freedoms back home.

REMEMBER THE FACTS

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

Mr. HAYWORTH. Mr. Speaker, it was with great interest that I listened to the wailing and gnashing of teeth from my friends on the left this morning.

I thought it might be important to offer a few historical notes to put this House in perspective and to help the American people in the process.

Mr. Speaker, one of the reasons I left private life to run for public office is because a previous liberal majority in this House, with the complicity of the President of the United States, raided 100 percent of the Social Security surplus for the upcoming fiscal year, even as they gave us the largest tax increase in American history and drove us still further into debt.

Now, Mr. Speaker, I welcome this new-found accountability for fiscal responsibility; and to that extent, I welcome my friends from the left.

But when it comes to false letters based on false assumptions sent to produce false newspaper articles, there I must draw the line, Mr. Speaker, because the left has told us what? Medicare was going to go away. School lunches were going to go away. None of that happened. Remember the facts.

STOP THE RAID ON SOCIAL SECURITY

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

Mr. WELDON of Florida. Mr. Speaker, stop the raid. Stop the raid on Social Security. That is our simple message, and that is what Republicans are now fighting with Democrats over as we finalize our work on the national budget.

Since 1967, Democrats have been using the Social Security Trust Fund as a slush fund, but now Republicans want to put an end to this bizarre practice. Many seniors I talk to in my congressional district tell me that the Federal Government has been doing this for all these years, and it is wrong.

Why has it been done? It has been done simply because liberal Demo-

cratic politicians in Washington were able to get away with it. For 40 years, Democrats controlled this body, and they never put one thin dime of the Social Security Trust Fund aside.

Republicans now, with a slim majority, have been able to convince the President of the United States of the virtue and the goodness of the Social Security lockbox provisions which will put an end to this raid on the Social Security Trust Fund. Let us stop the raid. Let us pass our Republican budget.

END SLAVERY IN SUDAN

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

Mr. ROYCE. Mr. Speaker, the reprehensible practice of slavery in Sudan entered American homes on Sunday evening. Touched By An Angel, a television series, performed an important service by broadcasting the ugly reality of slavery in that country to millions of Americans.

Slavery is just one ugly aspect of the rule of Sudan's National Islamic Front Regime, which overthrew a democratically elected government. This regime has given support to international terrorists like Osama Bin Laden, who masterminded the cowardly bombing of our embassies in Tanzania and Kenya. The countries bordering Sudan are also under attack from Sudan-supported terrorists.

Many of my colleagues have committed themselves to spotlighting slavery and religious persecution in Sudan. This Congress has passed a resolution condemning the genocide in Sudan. We need to do more. It is important that the U.S. and its allies keep up the pressure on this repressive and dangerous regime.

REAPPOINTMENT AS MEMBER TO SOCIAL SECURITY ADVISORY BOARD

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. BARRETT of Nebraska). Without objection, and pursuant to section 703 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 903) as amended by section 103 of Public Law 103-296, and upon the recommendation of the Minority Leader, the Chair announces the Speaker's reappointment on the following Member on the part of the House to the Social Security Advisory Board for a 6-year term:

Ms. Martha Keys of Virginia.

There was no objection.

PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 2910, NATIONAL TRANSPORTATION SAFETY BOARD AMENDMENTS ACT OF 1999

Mr. DIAZ-BALART. Mr. Speaker, by direction of the Committee on Rules, I call up House Resolution 312 and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows: