

Say a prayer and do what you can for those unfortunate children of God who are addicted to tobacco and other deadly drugs. They will die before their time or wish they could.

As I prepare to yield back the sacred office in which I have been privileged to serve for nearly a third of a century, I wish you all Godspeed. You will remain in my heart and in my prayers forever.

CLINTON NAMES CASTRO APOLOGIST AS CHAIRMAN OF THE CORPORATION FOR PUBLIC BROADCASTING

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

Mr. DIAZ-BALART. Mr. Speaker, the real President Clinton showed himself by his appointment of Alan Sagner to head the Corporation for Public Broadcasting.

Mr. Sagner is proud of having been a founder of the so-called "Fair Play for Cuba Committee," the most active U.S. pro-Castro group in the history of the Castro regime. In fact, Sagner formed this group during the worst moments of Castro's mass murders and confiscations.

It would have been expected that by this time Sagner would at least admit his mistake, recognize that he failed to see Castro at the beginning of his dictatorship for what he was, a murderer, which he still is. But no, to this day Sagner proudly defends the Fair Play for Cuba Committee. Here is a fellow who still refuses to acknowledge the gulags, the mass executions, the political prisons, the totalitarian oppression, as the essence of the Castro regime; and he is now the head of the Corporation for Public Broadcasting.

Shameful appointment, Mr. President. Find someone else.

THE IRS BUREAUCRACY

(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 IRS told Joan Kilburn of Nevada she owed \$92,000 that she said she did not. The IRS says, look, pay the \$92,000, and we will leave you alone. Joan Kilburn said, you are wrong. And they said, prove it.

After 18 months, thousands of dollars, Joan Kilburn proved a very simple fact. Her ex-husband owed the money and owed the money before they were married. They finally agreed.

Ladies and gentlemen, tell me what has happened in our country when a Government bureaucrat can look at a citizen and say prove it. Prove it, and we will leave you alone.

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God Almighty, if we want to reform the IRS, then change the burden-of-

proof law. In America, a person is innocent until proven guilty. Where did we allow the IRS to go off half-cocked, accusing our citizens of wrongs without proving it? Joan Kilburn, bravo.

I yield back the balance of all those penalties.

AMERICANS LIKE TAX REFORM

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

Mr. HEFLEY. Mr. Speaker, throughout the 104th Congress no issue has struck a chord with the American people like tax reform: Fundamental radical tax reform to make paying taxes simpler and fair, tax reform that will get rid of the IRS.

This does not come from tax cheaters. It comes from hard-working Americans who are tired of being intimidated by their own Government in the form of the IRS.

During one of my meetings in August, I was given this very beautiful piece of modern art that I am wearing today, this T-shirt, to show how strongly people feel about the IRS. They said, take this back to Washington and tell them that we want the IRS gone, and to do that, we want a different tax system; and this particular group preferred the sales tax system. This should be a top priority of the 105th Congress.

They also gave me an additional shirt, a little lady come up to me and said, would you please take this shirt to the gentleman from Ohio [Mr. TRAFICANT] for his hard work to get rid of the IRS? So I have to put up with the gentleman's popularity even in my own district.

ETHICS COMMITTEE SHOULD RELEASE INDEPENDENT COUNSEL'S REPORT

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

Mr. VOLKMER. Mr. Speaker, as I said yesterday, over a year ago, I pointed out that this House has a severe dark cloud hanging over it, all because of the inaction of the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct on complaints that have been filed against our Speaker, NEWT GINGRICH. They have been stalled and stalled and stalled. Now we have a report that has been filed by the independent counsel, and they are not releasing the report.

POINTS OF ORDER

Mr. LINDER. Mr. Speaker, I have a point of order.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. INGLIS of South Carolina). The gentleman will state it.

Mr. LINDER. Mr. Speaker, the gentleman has been here long enough to know the rules of the House. He shows it on the floor of the House all the

time. He is abusing the rules of the House by referring to matters before the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair sustains the point of order, and would permit the gentleman from Missouri [Mr. VOLKMER] to proceed in order.

Mr. VOLKMER. Mr. Speaker, one newspaper in Connecticut appropriately describes the chairperson of the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct as "Stonewall Johnson." That is a perfect, appropriate description of the gentlewoman from Connecticut, and she has handled well the delay so that none of the ethics violations by the Speaker will ever be seen in the light of day.

POINT OF ORDER

Mr. LINDER. Mr. Speaker, I have a point of order.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman will state it.

Mr. LINDER. The gentleman is continuing to refer to matters before the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair would sustain the point of order of the gentleman from Georgia [Mr. LINDER] and would remind Members that it is inappropriate to refer to the Members of the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct and their work.

TAX CUTS SHOULD REDUCE TAXES

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

Mr. BAKER of California. Mr. Speaker, if a politician says that he wants to cut taxes, it would really help his case if the tax cuts would actually reduce the tax burden. President Clinton says he wants to cut taxes, but if you seriously look at his proposals, you will see not a tax cut, but voila, a tax increase.

A report released this week by the Joint Committee on Taxation shows that Bill Clinton's tax proposals will increase taxes \$64 billion. Bill Clinton's bridge to the 21st century is evidently paved with the hard-earned tax dollars of the American family. Bill Clinton and the liberal Democrats have absolutely no intention of cutting taxes on any American family. Despite all the fancy terminology and all the sweet sounding words, Democrats remain the tax-and-spend liberals they have always been. Nothing has changed; they love big government. And the liberals claim that they want to cut your taxes in order to continue robbing the people of America to feather their nests here in Washington. This report proves it. Shame on you liberal Democrats.

OUTSIDE COUNSEL'S REPORT PRIVILEGED RESOLUTION

(Mr. LEWIS of Georgia asked and was given permission to address the House