

times Bill Clinton does not believe the words he is saying.

As President Clinton continues to refuse to open the Government, I urge the American people to focus on these facts. Republicans are going to keep their promises and offer a real balanced budget. Bill Clinton is going to break his promises and fight any balanced budget.

GOVERNMENT SHUTDOWN

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

Mr. DOGGETT. Mr. Speaker, NEWT GINGRICH and Medicare, the three words you need to understand this mess in Washington. He may really be a crybaby, but NEWT GINGRICH wants to demonstrate he is king of the mountain. And what better way to do that than to issue a royal decree cutting Medicare, even if it takes the taxpayers having to pay for 800,000 Federal employees to have a taxpayer paid vacation. And since the king expects lobbyists to come bearing tribute, it is only natural Speaker GINGRICH would be doing everything he can today to kill our ban on gifts from lobbyists to Members of this Congress just as he killed real lobby regulation last session. And before this week's shutdown and NEWT's paid vacation for 800,000 Federal employees, we already had shut down one institution of this body, shut down with lethargy, shut down with delay.

POINT OF ORDER

Mr. HOKE. Mr. Speaker, point of order. Is it parliamentary to call the Speaker of the House a crybaby?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Such remarks are not in order and Members should refrain from using such language.

The gentleman may proceed in order.

PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRY

Mr. DOGGETT. Mr. Speaker, parliamentary inquiry. Is it proper to refer to the front page of a newspaper that calls him a crybaby?

POINT OF ORDER

Mr. HOKE. Mr. Speaker, point of order. The chart is demeaning to the House.

Mr. VENTO. Regular order, Mr. Speaker. The gentleman should state his point of order, Mr. Speaker, if he has a point of order.

Mr. HOKE. My point of order is that we are not to have demeaning charts.

Mr. VENTO. Point of order, Mr. Speaker. That is not a point of order.

Mr. HOKE. That is a point of order.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentleman suspend?

The Chair rules it is a legitimate point of order. The Chair also rules that the Members must be respectful of other Members and must avoid such referencing of other Members on the floor.

Mr. HOKE. Would the Chair please instruct the Member to take the chart down?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman must proceed in order.

PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRY

Mr. DOGGETT. Mr. Speaker, parliamentary inquiry.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman will state his parliamentary inquiry.

Mr. DOGGETT. Mr. Speaker, so that I may comply with the rules of the House, I understand then that I am not to refer to the Speaker as a crybaby. May I use the term "NEWT's tantrum"?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. In answering the gentleman's question, the Chair would point out to the gentleman that the gentleman should be respectful of all Members of the House and the Speaker as well. The gentleman may not use demonstrations to be disrespectful to any Member or to the Speaker.

Mr. DOGGETT. But the Chair is not suggesting that this Daily News "crybaby" front page has to come down at this point?

Mr. HOKE. Regular order.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair is suggesting that it should be removed if it is intended to bring disrespect toward a Member of the House.

Mr. DOGGETT. It is not on the House, Mr. Speaker. How much time do I have remaining?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman's time has expired.

Mr. DOGGETT. With the parliamentary inquiries? Not with my 1 minute.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. No, with the gentleman's use of time.

Mr. DOGGETT. I thank the Speaker.

BALANCE THE BUDGET

(Mrs. SEASTRAND asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. SEASTRAND. Mr. Speaker, last night in an interview, President Clinton was asked this question by Dan Rather: "Are you saying, flat out, that you will veto a bill sent to you that contains only the insistence to balance the budget, you'll veto that?"

The President said, "Yes."

Mr. Speaker, the President has divulged what Republicans in Congress have been saying all along. That is, President Clinton is too closely aligned with the liberal Washington establishment to do what is right for the American people. He is more concerned about spending more money on Government than balancing the budget, and he is more concerned about bureaucracy than our children's future.

The responsibility for this Government rests squarely on the shoulders of President Clinton. He asked for a clean bill. He has one. Now he says he will veto it.

Folks back home have been calling me to hang in there, balance the budget. Well, now it is time for the folks back home to call President Clinton. The number is 202-456-1414.

A GRAVE ERROR

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

Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts. Mr. Acting Speaker, I have not myself been a great defender of the real Speaker. Indeed, I thought the American people were right when they found him to be the most unpopular elected official in America.

But yesterday I was ready to jump to his defense. I do not think people should be disrespectful of the Speaker. When I heard people suggest that Speaker GINGRICH had said that he was going to be tougher in negotiations and do more to shut down the Government because the President had been rude to him, I was ready to leap to his defense.

I said, how can you accuse Speaker GINGRICH, as much as I disagree with him on policy, of being so petty, of being so personal as to say that because the President did not distract himself from the Middle East peace process to come and talk to him and take his mind off having to sit with some other Republicans, how could you claim that this man would then use that as a reason to help shut down the Government?

Of course we have this problem because the Republicans have not passed the appropriations bills. It is their own lack of ability that has led the Health and Human Services Department and the Labor Department not to be there. To compound that with insensitivity is a very grave error.

CHARACTER OF MORNING'S DEBATE

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

Mr. HOKE. Mr. Speaker, what is incredible about this debate this morning, if we call it a debate, is that what we see finally is that the Democrat rhetoric has been reduced simply to petty, the pettiest of ad hominem attacks on the personality of the Speaker.

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And they are doing this because of two things: No. 1, they are embarrassed by the fact 48 of their own Members last night, quite correctly, cast their vote, including a couple that have been down here this morning, although they did not mention it.

And, second, because they are out of ideas, they know it has finally come to showing the liberal agenda against the commonsense agenda.

The only difference in the continuing resolution of last night was a 7-year balanced budget, a commitment to come to the same agreement that every one of these people, when they go back to their districts, talk about. This is the moment of truth, 7 years, scored honestly with honest numbers in an honest way, working together.

The Washington Post got it absolutely right when they said the Democrats, let by the president, chose instead to present themselves as the demagogues that they are.

WHY IS THE GOVERNMENT SHUT DOWN?

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

Mr. MILLER of California. Mr. Speaker, the country is asking today: Why is the Government shut down?

The President has made it clear the Government is shut down because he will not yield to the blackmail on Medicare, on Medicaid, on school lunch, on student loans.

What we did not understand is why is the Speaker, why is the Speaker going forward to shut down the Government?

POINT OF ORDER

Mr. KINGSTON. Point of order, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. INGLIS of South Carolina). The gentleman will suspend. The gentleman makes a point of order.

Mr. MILLER of California. Why is the Speaker going forward? Because he is angry about his treatment.

Mr. KINGSTON. Point of order, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman will suspend. The gentleman from California will suspend.

Mr. MILLER of California. I have 1 minute to speak.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman will suspend.

Mr. MILLER of California. He is upset.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman will suspend.

For what purpose does the gentleman from Georgia rise?

Mr. KINGSTON. Mr. Speaker, point of order. Was it not the opinion of the Chair that the chart in the gentleman's hand is out of order?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman is correct.

Mr. DOGGETT. Point of order, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. MILLER of California. May I be heard on the point of order?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman will suspend.

Mr. KINGSTON. Mr. Speaker, since it is obvious the Democrat Party does not want to play by the rules of the House, would it not be in order to remove the chart from the floor?

Mr. MILLER of California. If I may be heard on the point of order.

Mr. DOGGETT. Point of order, Mr. Speaker. I would like to state my point of order.

Mr. MILLER of California. The point of order—

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman will suspend. The gentleman from California may be heard on the point of order.

Mr. MILLER of California. The point of order, I believe, is to suggest what, that I am holding the cover of the front page of the New York Daily News?

Mr. KINGSTON. Point of order, Mr. Speaker. He is trying to debate. My point of order and question to the Chair was: Should not that chart be removed from the Chamber, since the Democrats obviously do not have the self-discipline to follow the rules of the House?

Mr. MILLER of California. On the point of order, Mr. Speaker, this chart is in order under the House rules because this chart provides and has provided to 800,000 New Yorkers the explanation of why the Speaker shut down the Government.

Mr. DOGGETT. Point of order, Mr. Speaker; point of order, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair is prepared to rule on the point of order.

All Members should not use charts that are demeaning to other Members, in order to preserve the decorum of the House.

Mr. DOGGETT. Point of order, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts. Mr. Speaker, parliamentary inquiry. When we had a previous objection—

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman will suspend. The gentleman from Texas was on his feet first.

Mr. DOGGETT. Mr. Speaker, under the rules of the House, if the gentleman or any of the other gentleman of the majority wish to object to this chart, instead of continuing to interrupt our speakers who use it, the proper approach under the rules is to state an objection. Then we can have a vote on it in the House, and I raise a point of order against these continued obstructions of the orderly debate and ask them to state their objection, if that is what they want, and get a ruling from the Chair.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman from Texas will suspend.

The Chair is prepared to rule. The Chair ruled in this case on the point of order that the chart was not in order because it was demeaning to another Member, the Speaker.

Mr. DOGGETT. You have ruled it is out of order? Are you directing us to remove it from the floor?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. That is correct.

Mr. DOGGETT. Then I ask for a vote on that.

Mr. Speaker, I appeal the ruling of the Chair. I appeal the ruling of the Chair that the chart of the front page of the Daily News is out of order.

Mr. KINGSTON. Mr. Speaker, I move to table the motion.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question, first, is, shall the decision of the Chair stand as the judgment of the House?

The gentleman from Georgia moves to lay the appeal on the table.

The question is on the motion to table offered by the gentleman from Georgia [Mr. KINGSTON].

The question was taken; and the Speaker pro tempore announced that the noes appeared to have it.

Mr. HOKE. Mr. Speaker, I object to the vote on the ground that a quorum is not present and make the point of order that a quorum is not present.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. On that, I demand the yeas and nays.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

The Sergeant at Arms will notify absent Members.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 231, nays 173, not voting 28, as follows:

[Roll No. 803]

YEAS—231

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| Baker (LA) | Gilman | Neumann |
| Ballenger | Goodlatte | Ney |
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| Barrett (NE) | Gordon | Nussle |
| Bartlett | Goss | Oxley |
| Barton | Graham | Packard |
| Bass | Greenwood | Parker |
| Bateman | Gunderson | Paxon |
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| Bereuter | Hancock | Pombo |
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| Bilirakis | Hastert | Pryce |
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| Boehner | Hefley | Ramstad |
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| Bono | Herger | Roberts |
| Brownback | Hilleary | Rogers |
| Bryant (TN) | Hobson | Rohrabacher |
| Bunn | Hoekstra | Ros-Lehtinen |
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| Burton | Hostettler | Royce |
| Buyer | Houghton | Salmon |
| Callahan | Hoyer | Sanford |
| Calvert | Hunter | Saxton |
| Camp | Hutchinson | Scarborough |
| Canady | Hyde | Schaefer |
| Castle | Inglis | Schiff |
| Chabot | Istook | Seastrand |
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| Chrysler | Jones | Shuster |
| Clinger | Kasich | Skeen |
| Coble | Kelly | Smith (MI) |
| Coburn | Kim | Smith (TX) |
| Collins (GA) | King | Smith (WA) |
| Combest | Kingston | Solomon |
| Cooley | Klug | Souder |
| Crapo | Knollenberg | Spence |
| Cremins | Kolbe | Stearns |
| Cubin | LaHood | Stockman |
| Cunningham | Largent | Stump |
| Davis | Latham | Talent |
| Deal | LaTourette | Tate |
| DeLay | Laughlin | Tauzin |
| Diaz-Balart | Lazio | Taylor (MS) |
| Dickey | Leach | Taylor (NC) |
| Doolittle | Lewis (CA) | Thomas |
| Dreier | Lewis (KY) | Thornberry |
| Duncan | Lightfoot | Tiahrt |
| Dunn | Linder | Torkildsen |
| Ehlers | Livingston | Trafficant |
| Ehrlich | LoBiondo | Upton |
| Emerson | Longley | Vucanovich |
| English | Lucas | Waldholtz |
| Ensign | Manzullo | Walker |
| Everett | Martini | Walsh |
| Ewing | McCollum | Wamp |
| Fawell | McDade | Watts (OK) |
| Flanagan | McHugh | Weldon (FL) |
| Foley | McInnis | Weller |
| Forbes | McIntosh | White |
| Fowler | McKeon | Whitfield |
| Fox | Metcalf | Wicker |
| Franks (CT) | Meyers | Wolf |
| Franks (NJ) | Mica | Young (AK) |
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