

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

Allard	Gallegly	Moorhead
Archer	Ganske	Morella
Armey	Gekas	Myers
Bachus	Gilchrest	Myrick
Baker (CA)	Gillmor	Nethercutt
Baker (LA)	Gilman	Neumann
Ballenger	Goodlatte	Ney
Barr	Goodling	Norwood
Barrett (NE)	Gordon	Nussle
Bartlett	Goss	Oxley
Barton	Graham	Packard
Bass	Greenwood	Parker
Bateman	Gunderson	Paxon
Beilenson	Gutknecht	Petri
Bereuter	Hancock	Pombo
Bilbray	Hansen	Portman
Bilirakis	Hastert	Pryce
Bliley	Hastings (WA)	Quillen
Blute	Hayes	Quinn
Boehlert	Hayworth	Radanovich
Boehner	Hefley	Ramstad
Bonilla	Heineman	Regula
Bono	Herger	Roberts
Brownback	Hilleary	Rogers
Bryant (TN)	Hobson	Rohrabacher
Bunn	Hoekstra	Ros-Lehtinen
Bunning	Hoke	Roth
Burr	Horn	Roukema
Burton	Hostettler	Royce
Buyer	Houghton	Salmon
Callahan	Hoyer	Sanford
Calvert	Hunter	Saxton
Camp	Hutchinson	Scarborough
Canady	Hyde	Schaefer
Castle	Inglis	Schiff
Chabot	Istook	Seastrand
Chambliss	Jacobs	Sensenbrenner
Chenoweth	Johnson (CT)	Shaw
Christensen	Johnson, Sam	Shays
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
Cremeans	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)
Frelinghuysen	Miller (FL)	Young (FL)
Frisa	Molinari	Zeliff
Funderburk	Montgomery	Zimmer

NAYS—173

Abercrombie	Geren	Oliver
Ackerman	Gibbons	Ortiz
Andrews	Gonzalez	Orton
Baesler	Green	Owens
Baldacci	Gutierrez	Pallone
Barcia	Hall (OH)	Pastor
Barrett (WI)	Hall (TX)	Payne (NJ)
Bentsen	Hamilton	Payne (VA)
Berman	Harman	Pelosi
Bevill	Hastings (FL)	Peterson (FL)
Bishop	Hefner	Peterson (MN)
Bonior	Hilliard	Pickett
Borski	Hinchey	Pomeroy
Boucher	Holden	Poshard
Brewster	Jackson-Lee	Rahall
Browder	Jefferson	Rangel
Brown (CA)	Johnson (SD)	Reed
Brown (FL)	Johnson, E. B.	Richardson
Brown (OH)	Johnston	Rivers
Bryant (TX)	Kanjorski	Roemer
Cardin	Kaptur	Rose
Chapman	Kennedy (RI)	Roybal-Allard
Clayton	Kennelly	Rush
Clement	Kildee	Sabo
Clyburn	Klink	Sanders
Coleman	LaFalce	Sawyer
Collins (IL)	Lantos	Schroeder
Conyers	Levin	Schumer
Costello	Lewis (GA)	Scott
Coyne	Lincoln	Serrano
Cramer	Lipinski	Skaggs
Danner	Lowe	Skelton
de la Garza	Luther	Slaughter
DeFazio	Maloney	Stark
DeLauro	Manton	Stenholm
Dellums	Markey	Stokes
Deutsch	Martinez	Studds
Dicks	Mascara	Stupak
Dingell	Matsui	Tanner
Doggett	McCarthy	Tejeda
Dooley	McDermott	Thompson
Doyle	McHale	Thurmon
Durbin	McKinney	Thurman
Edwards	McNulty	Torricelli
Engel	Meehan	Towns
Eshoo	Meek	Velazquez
Evans	Menendez	Vento
Farr	Mfume	Visclosky
Fazio	Miller (CA)	Ward
Filner	Minge	Watt (NC)
Flake	Mink	Waxman
Foglietta	Moakley	Williams
Ford	Mollohan	Woolsey
Frank (MA)	Moran	Wyden
Frost	Murtha	Wynn
Furse	Nadler	Yates
Gejdenson	Neal	
Gephardt	Oberstar	

NOT VOTING—28

Becerra	Fields (TX)	Spratt
Clay	Kennedy (MA)	Torres
Collins (MI)	Klecza	Tucker
Condit	Lofgren	Volkmer
Cox	McCrery	Waters
Crane	Porter	Weldon (PA)
Dixon	Riggs	Wilson
Dornan	Shadegg	Wise
Fattah	Sisisky	
Fields (LA)	Smith (NJ)	

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Mr. OBERSTAR and Mr. POSHARD changed their vote from "yea" to "nay".

So the motion to table the appeal of the ruling of the Chair was agreed to.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Miss COLLINS of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, during rollcall vote No. 803 on tabling the appeal of the Chair, I was unavoidably detained. Had I been present, I would have voted "no".

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER
PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Members will proceed at this point for four more 1-minute speeches on each side.

CUTE AND CLEVER SPEECHES

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

Mr. KINGSTON. Mr. Speaker, you know, the Democrats are being so clever today that it makes you think they borrowed some of that \$40,000 Hazel O'Leary spent on a PR firm to come up with some good 1-minutes, and I congratulate them only for being cute and clever today, \$133,000 a year, and they get their reading material from cartoons. They go to college, they graduate, they go to law school, and what do we get? We get tabloids and cartoons.

□ 1100

Mr. Speaker, I give my one-minute on this side of the aisle today, and although there are only a few yards difference between these lecterns, often there are miles and miles and huge canyons of philosophical distance.

I think it is important that we start talking bipartisanship. Last night, 48 of your Members joined 241 of our Members in saying we are going to put partisan sniping behind us. We are going to put the Federal employees who are out of work back to work. We are going to end the furloughs. We are going to reopen the Social Security services office, the Passport office. We are going to reopen the National Parks, and most of all, 48 of your Members in a bipartisan fashion said yes to balancing the budget in 7 years. In doing this, they did not sell out on welfare; they did not compromise on taxes.

Finally, Mr. Speaker, you all come over to our side; we will talk.

QUIT PLAYING GAMES

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

Ms. DELAURO. Mr. Speaker, yesterday, Speaker GINGRICH threw a tantrum and revealed the real reason he has shut down the Government—because the President did not pay enough attention to him on Air Force One. The Speaker's outburst at breakfast, gives new meaning to the phrase whine and dine.

Meanwhile, I got a call yesterday from a small businessman who told me that he will have to lay off employees because his business relies on contracts from the Department of Energy and Department of Defense that have not been paid.

Across the country, 56,000 seniors and workers have been denied Social Security benefits, 15,000 veterans have been

unable to file compensation, pension and education benefit claims—all because the Speaker did not get his ego stroked on Air Force One.

The Speaker's massive ego gets bruised, so he puts people out of work and denies seniors and veterans their benefits. Mr. Speaker, quit whining, quit playing games with people's lives, and do your job.

THE STRATEGY OF THE LIBERALS

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

Mr. TIAHRT. Mr. Speaker, the strategy of the liberals is very clear here. Let us distract the House. Let us focus on the real issues today. We want to get Government workers back to work. We want to see a balanced budget in 7 years. But I know it is going to be difficult with the Cabinet that the President has.

For example, Secretary O'Leary has been wasting money. According to the GAO, her agency has been ineffective. Then there was Vice President Gore's report that said she was inefficient. Then there was a first class travel, taking a large contingency. Then there was a private investigatory firm that was going to cost us \$46,500 of taxpayer dollars, this year.

Well, now we find out she has also hired a media consultant at \$277 a day, at taxpayers' expense, to improve her image. She spent \$200,000 on this.

Mr. Speaker, it is time for Secretary O'Leary to resign. We need for her to do that just to balance the budget and get these Government workers back to work.

GINGRICH GOP THEME CHANGE

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

Mr. VENTO. Mr. Speaker, what we are seeing today is a Gingrich Republican theme change. A new tune. First of all, the Gingrich Republicans were indifferent and noncaring about the fact that the Government was closing down and that 2.3 million workers were being sent home. But today, that tact that theme of attaching to the necessary funding resolutions because the Republican Congress did not do their work in the first place, now attached to that was the death penalty, environmental problems, Medicare cuts, and other policy changes.

The fact is that now, of course, they are saying they have a clean resolution, a different theme but the fact is, it is just a shell and a pea game. Under this guise of these funding resolutions the Gingrich GOP are attempting to force the same kind of Medicare cuts, the tax breaks for their wealthy friends and the injection of special interests in this process.