

table. These are the neediest of American citizens. Except for the last action we just took, they would have been denied the assistance they need to live on. There is no question they did not have any money saved up, particularly right before Christmas.

Then we added on the District of Columbia. Imagine, we have gone now for October, November, and December, holding up the District of Columbia's money. Not just Federal money, and this is what I do not think people fully understand, but we held up all their local property tax money.

Imagine if you were the mayor or on the county council or a citizen of a locality, you had paid in your own property tax money, and then the Federal Government told you you cannot even spend it? You cannot even spend it to educate your own children, to pick up your own trash, to place your police on your own streets? But that is what we did to the District of Columbia. So that is why we added that to the bill we just passed, and hopefully will be enacted.

We did not take care of Medicaid. It is going to be \$11 billion that the States need that will not be sent out to the States for medical assistance for the most needy; 52 percent of it is for nursing home patients.

We did not deal with Israel. Israel gets \$3 billion at the beginning of the year. They have not gotten it, and, because they have not, we are told by bond credit rating agencies that Israel is losing its credit rating. That has not only repercussions in Israel, but international repercussions. I do not think that is going to get through. That is a very serious situation. But we will be home for the holidays.

Meanwhile, 500,000 Federal employees will currently be getting half a paycheck. On January 5 they will get zero. Hundreds of thousands of these employees have been working at their jobs and doing the work of all the other colleagues, 260,000 of whom have been locked out of their jobs and told it is illegal to even volunteer to perform work for the American Government.

This is outrageous. We all ought to be ashamed. I cannot believe we are going home for the holidays, letting it stand.

GOVERNMENT SHUTDOWN UNFAIR

The Speaker pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Virginia [Mr. DAVIS] is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. DAVIS. Mr. Speaker, I come here today as a Member representing a district in Northern Virginia across the river with many Federal employees and Federal contractors. As my colleague in the neighboring Eighth District just noted, these are really the unintended victims of this shut down.

We literally are going to have hundreds of thousand of people not receiving their paychecks on time. Even those out there who have been working, who have been declared essential

over the past week, will not receive their paychecks on time come the first of the year, unless some action is forthcoming from this body.

We are having literally thousands of employees of Federal contractors at this point being furloughed, or in other cases the companies are having to eat their time because they are not getting paid in a timely manner from the Federal Government for doing work that they have won contractually. They are performing services for the Federal Government, but at this point their paychecks will not be forthcoming either.

The ripple effect that has had out in my district is in the retail stores, it is among the merchants, and it is hurting the economy locally. This can be spread across the country in other districts around the country. Not just with Federal employees, but people looking forward to getting their mortgages at the end of the year and cannot get Federal approval for it, veterans benefits which because of our dillydallying here over the last couple of weeks, some of those benefit checks for the first time I believe since the Second World War will not come out on time. And this is going to be multiplied and multiplied.

Then I was more dismayed to hear the next talks between our leadership, the congressional leadership and the White House, will not take place until next Friday, I believe at this point. With no prospect of anything happening next week, I have got to tell you, I am most discouraged at this point.

But let me just share some thoughts and observations. I was one of three Members on this side of the aisle today who voted for the motion to recommit which would have in fact offered a clean continuing resolution, that would have said during the Christmas holiday season, workers who have been doing their jobs will continue to get paid, other Federal workers who we have assured will eventually get paid will be paid in a timely manner, and contractors could continue to work and support their families.

There are other ways to bring pressure on the appropriate levels of government and branches of government to bring this about. A continuing resolution could be passed at a lower spending scale than even currently has been suggested, which would force the administration to make choices over who was the most essential, where the money was going to be spent, but it does not shut down government entirely and allows different parts and sections and functions of government to then be prioritized. That helps keep the pressure on the administration and congressional leadership to move forward and reach an agreement.

I have got to tell you, I am frustrated at this end of Pennsylvania Avenue, too, with the actions of the White House. The President said during the 1992 campaign that he favored a balanced budget. He appeared right up

here in this House in 1993, in the State of the Union, and said he was for the Congressional Budget Office certifying the numbers. To date, he has sent four budgets up here. The last one voted on in this body did not receive 1 vote, defeated 412 to nothing, and none of them balanced as scored by the Congressional Budget Office. None of them comes actually close to balancing in the year 2002.

He signed an agreement last month saying he would work with us to try to balance the Federal budget by the year 2002, scored by CBO, and have that agreement by the end of the year. It is clear that is not going to happen now.

But, in the meantime, he has not even submitted his own plan, the document that would balance over a 7-year period, scored by the Congressional Budget Office. I think he has an obligation to the American people to say "I don't like the priorities that have come from Congress, that have been given to me. Here are my priorities. Here is how I would balance the budget."

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Then, we can at least look and compare and trade back and forth, which is, I think, the essence of democracy. I do not think either side to this can say it is going to be my way or no way. We have 435 Members in this body. We are all going to have to compromise and come together to reach a majority vote and send something down to Pennsylvania Avenue. We have done that on a couple of occasions this year pertaining to the budget. We are going to now have to compromise once again with the White House.

It is important for our children's future and for this country's future that we balance the Federal budget; and, frankly, there is no end in sight at this point and it is very discouraging to me, as one Member of this body.

I will tell my colleagues that I like local government, where I served for 15 years prior to coming to this body, because we would have differences, we had strong philosophies, but we would come together; and at the end of the day recognized it was in the public interest to work out our differences, to work out our disagreements and come to some resolution of them. At this point, it is a dark day in this body and a dark day on both sides of Pennsylvania Avenue because we have not been able to come together.

So I took the opportunity today to join with only a couple other Members from this side of the aisle to vote for a motion to recommit that would have, in fact, allowed us to come up with a clean continuing resolution, put the workers back to work, pay the current workers not being paid for the work they are performing, and get a cooling off period for all of us.

How is it fair for Members of Congress to be paid to go home for a week and back in their districts with the Government shut down? It just makes it easier for us to do that in this body

when we are not trying to go through the same anguish and anxiety of the many hundreds of thousands of Federal employees that are being adversely affected by our actions here.

So that is my discouragement with this process. I look forward to working with my colleagues on the other side of the aisle, with my fellow freshmen on this side of the aisle, and others to try to come together as the new year approaches, to try to work a new resolution where we can work with the administration and balance the budget together.

DUTY, HONOR, AND COUNTRY—
GREATER LOVE THAN THIS NO
MAN HAS THAN HE GIVE UP HIS
LIFE FOR HIS FRIENDS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of May 12, 1995, the gentleman from California [Mr. DORNAN] is recognized for 60 minutes as the designee of the majority leader.

Mr. DORNAN. Mr. Speaker, in that beautiful State of yours, North Carolina, may you have a wonderful holiday season. And as one fellow Christian to another, a very merry Christmas on this the birth of our Savior.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to title my special order, which I believe will be the last speech of this holy week, and probably the last speech of the first session of the 104th Congress. I would like the title to be "Duty, Honor, and Country," the motto of West Point, a school that my dad dearly desired my two brothers and I would attend, but he moved us to California and diverted that path.

"Duty, Honor, and Country," followed in my title, Mr. Speaker, by the beautiful words of St. John, chapter 15, verse 13, "Greater Love Than This No Man Has Than He Give Up His Life For His Friends."

Mr. Speaker, I am going to do 30 minutes in this Christmas season on what we owe to our young men and women in uniform, particularly past. They bought for us our freedom of speech in this great legislative Chamber, and some of them with wounds that they carry to the end of their life's course in this mortal existence.

Also, I am going to, as I mentioned earlier today, think about the feast day of the Holy Innocents, the children slaughtered from newborns up to 2 years of age by the cruel despotic Roman-appointed leader of the Holy Land when Christ was born, Herod the Great, Herod the Evil, Herod the Great Builder, Herod the Destroyer of Children.

That feast day is December 28. And although we will come back in on that day, there will probably, as the majority leader said, be no votes. So on December 28 I hope some Americans, at least those who respect their Judeo-Christian or Islamic heritage, will reflect on what we are doing to children in this world. So the second 30 minutes

of my special order is going to be on whether or not our country will ever again attain greatness as long as we kill a million and a half babies in their mother's wombs and kill more than a quarter of all children conceived in this great country. More than a quarter of our pregnancies end in death.

Now, to duty, honor, country, and what one of the world's great political leaders calls us to. I watched Billy Graham on television for an hour last week and I know the great respect this great Protestant leader has for the current vicar of Christ in Rome, Pope John Paul II. Here, Mr. Speaker, from Vatican City, 2 days ago, is the Pope's message to the world.

It is in honor of all the children throughout the world who are forced to fight wars or forced to prostitute themselves, who must beg for money to eat or even beg for their parents' affections. Pope John Paul II dedicates the entire year of 1996, due to start in 9 days, to these sad and suffering children.

Here are the Pope's words and what he will formally release New Year's Day, which the Catholic Church marks as World Peace Day. The Pope says:

Let us give children a future of peace. This is the competent appeal which I make to men and women of good will, and I will invite everyone to help children to grow up in an environment of authentic peace. This is their right and it is our duty.

French Cardinal Roger Etchegaray, head of the Vatican's Commission on Peace and Justice, said the Holy Father wants, "To gather in his arms all the children who suffer, and all the healthy and happy children also." The cardinal noted that all envoys, papal envoys, including the one in Washington, DC, around the world, would deliver this message to all world leaders. So it is on its way to the White House, I trust, this week.

Pope John Paul noted the increase in regional and ethnic conflicts and he lamented:

Children have become even the targets of snipers. Their schools have been deliberately destroyed, and the hospitals where they are cared for, once wounded, have been bombed. In the face of such horrendous misdeeds, how can we fail to speak out with one voice in condemnation?

The Pope also decried that young people are, "systematically hunted down, raped, or killed during so-called ethnic cleansing." He also condemned sex tourism, which is very prevalent throughout all of the successful free market economies of the Pacific rim. In this sex tourism, children are forced to become prostitutes. And then the use of children in the drug trade, he also condemned.

Children suffering, and again this is a direct papal quote, "even in wealthy and affluent homes," also came under the Pope's scrutiny. He decried the trauma children suffer seeing marriages break up and the loneliness and lack of moral guidance of others who find their main contact with reality in television programs which often present unreal and immoral situations.

Now, at Disneyland, in my district, I went earlier this month to the beautiful Christmas carol day that the people at Disney put on in both Disney World and Disneyland. I do not know if they do it in Japan or in Europe, but they sang beautiful hymns. All of the standard Christmas hymns, everyone rising and singing together "Silent Night." They sang in one of the hymns about rejecting the evil of Satan.

I sat there and thought, Disney, like all of America, is torn between decadence and triviality and inspiration and a family future for this country. Disney's beautiful gift to everybody who was at Disneyland on that Sunday, December 10, of this month, they gave America a very strange Christmas present. Tore up the survivors of the family of Richard Nixon, one of them a grandson of both Eisenhower and the son-in-law of Richard Nixon, Dwight David Eisenhower. Tore them up with this evil characterization of Richard Nixon as a foulmouthed alcoholic, who somehow or other was feeling some fantasy guilt over the assassination of a predecessor President, John F. Kennedy, with whom he had a warm friendship when they served in the Senate together.

This strange Christmas season film, "Nixon," follows a film earlier in 1995, that I have not heard a proper apology from Disney on, the film "Priest," where although the title is singular, "Priest," it was about five Roman Catholic priests; one an adulterer, another a homosexual, another an embezzler and a thief, another one a drunk, and I have forgotten what the fifth one was. I would not give it the decency of seeing it. It was made in England but released by the Miramac division of Disney.

The Catholic League for Human and Civil Rights said if this film had been called mullah, about the Islamic faith, five loathsome people betraying the Koran; or if it had been called Rabbi, about five Rabbis betraying the commandments of Moses, who is looking down at me here, the great leader from the 1100's, Maimonides, over in the northeast corner of the House; if it had been about five Rabbis betraying their covenant with God, wouldn't this have brought the wrath of every politician in this House and the other down on the head of Disney, calling them a foul anti-Semitic organization that was the very embryonic cause of the rise of Hitler in Europe? Of course, they would have.

Disney, with a CEO of Jewish, wonderful Hebrew heritage, would not have dared release a film made in Great Britain called Rabbi or one tearing apart any other group. Suppose the film had been called King, and it was about Martin Luther King, and treated him with disrespect. They would have had every park around the world properly picketed. But no proper apology this year from Disney.

Then we find all these little sexual innuendoes stuck in there by smart