

fact that there will almost certainly be appointments to the Supreme Court in the next presidential term. As previously mentioned, the ultimate goal of the pro-life movement is to protect babies in their mothers' wombs. An intermediate goal would be, at the least, to return that option to each state to decide. Neither of these will happen until the Supreme Court has a majority of justices who will allow this to happen. The president appoints these Supreme Court justices.

6. There are some who believe that none of the present Republican contenders can beat Clinton. Logic, therefore, drove them to support Powell who they thought could. But is the power of the presidency the only consideration?

In his letter of October 9, Dr. James Dobson gave one answer. He denounced Christian Coalition's Ralph Reed and also Bill Bennett for suggesting that they might back Colin Powell in the general election. "Is power the motivator of the Great Crusade? If so, it will sour and turn to bile in your mouth."

But more pragmatically, let's remember why cross-over Democrats, "Reagan Democrats," have voted for Republican presidential candidates in recent years. Keep in mind the deepseated mind-set that, "my father and grandfather always voted Democrat." Never forget, also, their same rejection of country club Republicans. It takes a paramount issue to get traditional Democrats to cross over and vote for a Republican candidate. The catalyst that has done this in recent years has been abortion and other family value issues. Nothing much less than a deepseated conviction on family value issues can get your average Reagan Democrat to again vote Republican. If they have a choice between a solid pro-abortion Democrat incumbent and a basically pro-abortion Republican challenger, who they suspect will betray them on family value issues, they're either going to stay in the Democrat column or they're going to go to the shopping center instead of the polls that day.

In the coming months the Republican party will have to decide whether to keep or change the pro-life plank in its platform. Again in the election campaign next fall, all these arguments will be repeated by the liberal media and by pro-abortion and "moderate" candidates.

Pro-lifers should be prepared. Our nation must decide if it wants to nominate someone who will build on the gains made in the 1994 November election, or someone who will temporize, split, and perhaps end up destroying it.

□ 1700

Mr. DORNAN. Mr. Speaker, I would repeat my Christmas recital from last night, to end on a happy note. This is done in the spirit of the season. After all, the Oval Office had children in it the other day when the occupant talked about "It's a time for peace, not threats." And both of my California daughters called me, and my daughter here later and my sons, and said what is this, using the word threat in front of little children in the Oval Office? They think that means Lincoln and John F. Kennedy. They do not know it is a battle of words between Capital Hill and the other.

Let me give my Christmas recital. There are a lot of mistakes, since I gave them a bad copy last night. It is entitled, paraphrasing Clement Clark Moore's "The Night Before Christmas," it is entitled "A Visit From a Santa Imposter":

T'was the night before Christmas and all through this House,
the liberals were playing the cat and the mouse.

The budget was hung by threads of despair,
while we hoped and we prayed Bill Clinton would care.

The night before last, while snug in his bed,
visions of veto pens danced in Bill's head.
He dreamed of Webb Hubble all through the night

and vowed he would veto if only for spite.
While out in the land there arose such a clatter,
taxpayers demanding, just what is the matter?

Balance that budget, shut some Feds down.
Our poor Army's in Bosnia, they yelled with a frown.

The moon on the breast of last night's fallen ice
gave delusions of grandeur to Hillary; how nice.

When what to our wondering eyes should appear,
but Willie as Santa, his gang as reindeer,
passing out pork in Fed buckets and pails,
while frightening the old folks with MediScare tales.

More swooping than vultures his coursers they came,

Bill whistled and shouted and called them by name:

"Now Al Gore, Panetta, Moscow and Stephanie;
on Flowers, on Troopers, on Inhale and Betsy.

From the top of the heap to the top of the Hill,

now bash away, bash away, go for the kill!"
While back in the House the hurricane rages.
The freshmen are busy inspiring the pages
With sad words from ladies, and gentlemen too,

who would rather be home with an eggnog or two. . .

where children and grandchildren snuggle in bed,

waiting for Santa, the real one, in red.
But struggle we will until our promise is met,

a budget that's balanced; falling national debt.

A tax break for families with children to raise,

a gift to our Nation more conservative days.
And then in a twinkling we heard on this roof,
the stomping and pawing of each liberal hoof.

As the Speaker called order, we all turned around,

as he came through the cloakroom looking smug and quite round.

He was dressed all in glitter, Al says fur's not allowed.

He threw Big Macs and french fries all over our crowd.

"You have won now; it is over, I fear.

The budget is signed, my election draws near.

But if I should lose, I will still be around.

I'm goin' to Hollywood. It's my kind of town."

He plopped in his sleigh, to his libs gave a yell,

and then they were gone like spenders from hell.

But we heard him exclaim as they galloped 'cross heaven.

"Bob Dornan impeaching me? Film at eleven."

Have a merry Christmas down there in North Carolina.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. COLBE). Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Florida

[Mr. SCARBOROUGH] is recognized for 5 minutes.

[Mr. SCARBOROUGH addressed the House. His remarks will appear herein after in the Extensions of Remarks.]

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12, rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

Accordingly (at 5 o'clock and 4 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess subject to the call of the chair.

□ 2400

AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore [Mr. DAVIS] at 12 o'clock and 1 minute a.m.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Clerk of the House of Representatives:

OFFICE OF THE CLERK,
U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, December 22, 1995.
Hon. NEWT GINGRICH,
The Speaker, U.S. House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER, pursuant to the permission granted in Clause 5 of Rule III of the Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives, the Clerk received the following message from the Secretary of the Senate on Friday, December 22, 1995 at 6:15 p.m.: that the Senate passed without amendment H.J. Res. 136.

With warm regards,

ROBIN H. CARLE,
Clerk, U.S. House of Representatives.

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The Speaker pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Clerk of the House of Representative:

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DEAR MR. SPEAKER, pursuant to the permission granted in Clause 5 of Rule III of the Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives, the Clerk received the following message from the Secretary of the Senate on Friday, December 22, 1995 at 7:10 p.m.:

that the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 394

that the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 1878

that the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 2627

that the Senate passed without amendment H. Con. Res. 106

With warm regards,

ROBIN H. CARLE,
Clerk, U.S. House of Representatives.