

It is day 28 of the contract. We need to send a message to the American people that we are serious about child support enforcement. Ignoring child support enforcement sends the wrong message. It says that the noncustodial parent who is one-half responsible for the birth of a child does not have any responsibility for supporting that child. We cannot send this message.

We need tough new penalties for those who refuse to pay such as wage withholding, suspension of drivers' and professional licenses, and property seizures.

It is day 28 of the contract. Child support is finally starting to receive the recognition it deserves. Let us not stop now. We have to work together to close the \$34 billion gap.

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MORGAN COUNTY, WV, NEEDS ASSISTANCE FROM CONGRESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. GILLMOR). Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 4, 1995, the gentleman from West Virginia [Mr. WISE] is recognized during morning business for 3 minutes.

Mr. WISE. Mr. Speaker, I come before you today to ask this body to help make government make some common sense.

Let me announce something to you right here: Last week by order of the Morgan County Commission, and Morgan County is a rural county about 2 hours' drive from here, a beautiful county, and Berkeley Springs many of you know for its waters, by action of the Morgan County Commission, Federal overflights are now prohibited in Morgan County airspace. Everyone laughs and says, "How can Morgan County do that?"

You understand, of course, the Morgan County Commission understands it cannot deny airspace. Only the Federal Aviation Administration can do that. It is trying to send a message, and the message is this: "Why will not the U.S. Air Force, the Air National Guard, pay the \$10,886.20 that it owes to the Morgan County Commission when the Morgan County Commission and the emergency responders in Morgan County responded to the Air Force's need?"

Basically the story is this. In 1992 we suffered a real tragedy in the eastern panhandle of our State, when one of the C-130's from the 167th Air Wing based in Martinsburg crashed in Morgan County. Six crewmen were killed.

The county and, or course, the entire eastern panhandle responded immediately with emergency response and all the cleanup that needed to be done afterward as well as reaching out to the families and to the 167th Air Wing. The air wing and the members of the 167th Air Wing are not at issue here. What is at issue is what some bureaucrats in Washington is telling the Morgan County Commission, that despite the effort, despite the spontaneity, despite the outreach, despite the consid-

erable resources expended by the Morgan County Commission by the emergency providers in Morgan County, the Air Force will not now reimburse \$10,886.20 for containment and cleanup of hazardous materials at that crash site.

This is not a county that can easily afford this kind of expenditure.

Now, what is the cost here, the 10,886.20? For the Air Force it is going to be less than the litigation to litigate this issue. For the Air Force, it is going to be less than the public relations debacle that they are going to suffer. For the Air Force, I suspect it is probably less than five rivets on a B-2 bomber.

The problem with the Morgan County Commission is that when they submitted this voucher, they did not add enough zeroes. That is my opinion. If they had put two more zeroes, made it \$100,000, maybe made it \$10 million, probably somebody would have paid it without a blink of an eye. That sounds reasonable. They did not pad it, did not add zeroes, did not add to it. They just asked to be reimbursed for what they expended.

I am asking this body to help send a message to the Air Force. We think you owe Morgan County \$10,886.20. We think you ought to show the small and large communities across this country when they do respond you will be there to help them and to help reimburse them for their efforts. We think you ought to show Morgan County that, yes, they are entitled to this which they have waited 2 years for already and how many more years to go.

I ask this body's help in having the Air Force and the Air National Guard in Washington respond with some common sense.

I will keep you posted, Mr. Speaker, because I have a feeling this saga has not ended yet.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12, rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess until 11 a.m.

Accordingly (at 10 o'clock and 18 minutes a.m.) the House stood in recess until 11 a.m.

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AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore [Mr. BARRETT of Nebraska] at 11 a.m.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, Rev. James David Ford, D.D., offered the following prayer:

O gracious and loving God, You have created us in Your image and given to us the very breath of life, be with all people who call upon You for healing and strength and assurance. We know

that the maladies of life confront people of every age but we believe too that there can be healing and recovery and that we can be renewed by the power of Your hand. May we be receptive to Your presence, O God, and open to Your good spirit that in all things we may know Your peace that passes all human understanding. In Your name we pray. Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentleman from Minnesota [Mr. GUTKNECHT] come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. GUTKNECHT led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

REPUBLICAN CONTRACT WITH AMERICA

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

Mr. BOEHNER. Mr. Speaker, our Contract With America states; on the first day of our Congress, a Republican House will: Force Congress to live under the same laws as everyone else; cut one-third of committee staff; and cut the congressional budget; we have done that.

It goes on to state that in the first 100 days, we will vote on the following items: A balanced budget amendment—we have done this; unfunded mandates legislation, under consideration now, line-item veto; a new crime bill to stop violent criminals; welfare reform to encourage work, not dependence; family reinforcement to crack down on deadbeat dads and protect our children; tax cuts for families to lift Government's burden from middle-income Americans; national security restoration to protect our freedoms; Senior Citizens' Equity Act to allow our seniors to work without Government penalty; Government regulation and unfunded mandate reforms; commonsense legal reform to end frivolous lawsuits; and congressional term limits to make Congress a citizen legislature once again.

Mr. Speaker, this is our Contract With America.

THE PUNISHMENT IS NOT COMMENSURATE WITH THE CRIME

(Mr. JOHNSTON of Florida asked and was given permission to address the

House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. JOHNSTON of Florida. Mr. Speaker, in the Rubaiyat of Omar Khayyam, by Edward FitzGerald, he wrote:

The moving finger writes; and having writ,
Moves on: Nor all your piety nor wit
Shall lure it back to cancel half a line,
Nor all your tears wash out a word of it.

Mr. Speaker, on this floor, the spoken word is just as indelible as the written word.

A Member may defame anyone he chooses—the President of the United States, the Speaker of the House, the minority leader—with total impunity. The offending party may have his words stricken and be prohibited from speaking for 24 hours. But the punishment is not commensurate with the crime, particularly when the words are perpetuated on C-Span and the nightly three major networks.

Mr. Speaker, I strongly recommend the majority party seriously consider amending its rules to have a more severe expedited penalty for the sake of civility and also for the sake of this body, particularly when abusive language can be repeated in lieu of an apology.

A LEGISLATIVE FOUR CORNERS

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

Mr. HAYWORTH, Mr. Speaker, instead of coming out and going head to head on the issues, a lot of our Democratic colleagues have decided instead to take the air out of the ball and go into a sort of legislative four corners.

You remember the four corners, don't you, Mr. Speaker? It is a stall-and-delay tactic that inferior basketball teams would often employ against better teams. The idea being if the better team never had the ball they couldn't score. Of course, that was before college basketball instituted the time clock.

And that is what we are seeing on the other side of the aisle, as Democrats offer one frivolous amendment after another in an attempt to derail not only the unfunded mandates bill, but the entire Contract With America.

I am afraid I really do not understand the Democrats' tactics. Do they really think their legislative four corners will make the American people yearn for bigger government? Will it somehow make Americans wistful for higher taxes?

Mr. Speaker, to my friends on the other side I say come on, get in the game.

TRIBUTE TO THE CHAMPION SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS

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

Ms. PELOSI. Mr. Speaker, picking up on the sports theme from our colleague from Arizona, Mr. Speaker, I rise with great pride to praise the San Francisco 49ers organization, to Eddie DeBartolo, Carmen Policy, and Coach Seifert.

Mr. Speaker, on Sunday California had a great day, it sent two great teams to the Super Bowl, where they were received magnificently by Miami. And, with all the admiration in the world for the San Diego Chargers, I say we are so proud of the San Francisco victory. It was a joy to see a litany of records broken one after another; five for five, five times at Super Bowl, five victories as six touchdowns by Steve Young, most post-season receptions by Jerry Rice, three touchdowns—you know the story—Ricky Watters. The list goes on and on. We are so proud.

The coach of the San Diego Chargers probably said it best when he said, "I think San Francisco is a great football team, maybe one of the best of all times. I don't know what we were—maybe we were awestruck." Awestruck for San Diego, awesome for San Francisco, all-time great team. I am very, very proud to join my colleagues. I see Congressman GEORGE MILLER and my other colleagues from the Bay Area to help salute the all-time great San Francisco 49ers.

REAL OSHA REFORM

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

Mr. HEFLEY. Mr. Speaker, the main goal of the Contract With America is to make Government smaller, less costly and less intrusive. And there is probably no better way to do this than to address the question of OSHA. When OSHA first issued its safety regulations in the 1970's one provision required workers on bridges to wear orange life vests. As Dr. Kip Viscusi commented in 1983, "The ineptness of OSHA's enforcement is epitomized by the fact that one company fined for violating this standard maintained that this requirement was unrelated to worker safety because the channel under the bridge had been diverted." There was no water. It was dry. Yet the company was fined because these workers did not have life vests on. But they needed a trampoline, not a life vest. Some idiot at OSHA decided they should fine the company anyway.

Listen to the concerns of America's employers and workers, and it is obvious OSHA has not improved since Dr. Viscusi wrote those words.

In this Congress I introduced a measure in order to do this. It is time for real OSHA reform now.

A LOAN TO MEXICO: BAILING OUT EVERYONE BUT OUR CONSTITUENTS

(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, let us see if I understand this: Orange County, CA filed bankruptcy, the District of Columbia is technically bankrupt, and the President and Congress at the highest levels are talking about bailing out Mexico.

And Wall Street agrees and the banks agree. Would you not? Forty billion dollars for Mexico takes the banks off the hook, it takes Mexico off the hook, it takes Wall Street off the hook, and it puts your constituents and mine right on the platter, right in the frying pan.

That is good old American policy: "Take care of everybody overseas and forget our own."

I say, Members, let us not forget when Mexico nationalized the oil industry and screwed American investors. Man, and they did not even say "I am sorry."

Think about it, Congress. If we have got \$40 billion to bail out anybody, how about your city, my city, any city, U.S.A. How about good old America for a change.

IT'S TIME TO GIVE THE PRESIDENT THE LINE-ITEM VETO

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

Mr. GUTKNECHT. Mr. Speaker, the Chinese philosopher Lao Tsu said that, "the journey of a thousand leagues begins with a single step."

Last week this House took a giant step toward fiscal sanity by passing the balanced budget amendment.

Later this week, the House will begin debate on giving the President the line-item veto. This is, to be sure, a powerful tool in the hands of our Chief Executive. Some will argue the potential for abuse.

But, my colleagues, 43 Governors have similar authority.

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The real value of the line-item veto rests in the knowledge that the Executive has the power and will use it if he sees wasteful spending. Rather than see the line-item veto as a weapon, perhaps we should see it as a tourniquet, a tourniquet that will help us stop the hemorrhaging of red ink. With the national debt ballooning at over \$10,000 a second, it is time we attack this issue on every front. It is time to give the President the line-item veto.

WHAT A LIST

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

Mr. LEWIS of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, Terry and Mary Kohler: \$715,457.

Richard Gilder, Jr.: \$310,000.

Roger Milliken: \$255,000.