

These are but a few of the heavy hitters who have contributed to Speaker GINGRICH's personal political machine, GOPAC. Is it any wonder the Speaker wants to keep this list a secret?

The Los Angeles Times succeeded yesterday in doing what the Federal Election Commission is attempting to do in the courts, revealing the contributors to GOPAC and what their interests are in legislation before this Congress.

What does the contributor get for \$715,000? Only an outside independent counsel can tell us for sure.

The lists of questions about the Speaker's financial dealings get longer and longer. I ask, "Isn't it time we get an answer?"

We need an outside counsel. We need one now.

REPUBLICANS ARE KEEPING THEIR PROMISES

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

Mr. FOX of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, what a difference 3 weeks can make. Since January 4, the new Republican-led Congress, under the leadership of NEWT GINGRICH, has cut the number of committees and subcommittees, cut the number of committee staffs by one-third, limited the terms of committee chairmen, ended the dishonest practice of baseline budgeting, opened committee meetings to the public, banned the practice of ghost voting, and have voted to audit the books of this Chamber. But, Mr. Speaker, that was not enough. In addition to those reforms, we passed the Congressional Accountability Act which forces Congress to live under the same laws we make the rest of the country live under, and as an encore we passed the balanced budget amendment last week which will force this body to live within our means just like every American family must do everyday.

Mr. Speaker, the bottom line here is that the Republicans, the people elected to take care of this Congress, are keeping our promises.

THE REPUBLICANS ARE NOT KEEPING THEIR PROMISES

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

Mr. BARRETT of Wisconsin. Mr. Speaker, they are not keeping their promises, and they are breaking their contract.

Prior to the election, Mr. Speaker, the Republicans said that they would support a true line-item veto which would give the President the authority to get rid of pork barrel projects and special tax breaks. In the bills before us now, Mr. Speaker, they want to give the President the power to take away the pork barrel spending, but they do

not want to give the President the power to take away those special tax breaks.

I ask, "Why don't they want to do it?" Because the Republicans like those special tax breaks. They like to give those to their wealthy contributors. They came up with that idea through the leadership of their former leader, Mr. Michel, who said quite frankly, "If you're for special interests, then vote against my amendment. If you are for a more complex Tax Code, then vote against my amendment."

The Republicans today and tomorrow are going to vote against Mr. Michel's amendment because they like special tax breaks for the wealthy. Mr. Speaker, give me a break. Let us do what is right for the people of this country and give the President the power to take away both pork barrel spending and special tax breaks for big contributors.

ALL THE DEMOCRATS WANT TO DO IS CHANGE THE SUBJECT

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

Mr. TATE. Mr. Speaker, I am a little worried that my friends across the aisle just do not get it. While the Republican majority is working hard to revolutionize Congress, the Democrats keep trying to change the subject. It seems to be an epidemic across the aisle. We talk about the balanced budget. They change the subject. We talk about welfare reform. They change the subject. We talk about unfunded mandates. They throw up every blockade known to man. It is as if, gee, if they throw up enough roadblocks and change the subject enough, people might want big government again. I do not think so.

Mr. Speaker, it is time for the Democrats to begin to work for a change in Congress and simply quit changing the subject.

MISGUIDED POLICIES OF THE FEDERAL RESERVE ARE THREATENING NATIONAL SECURITY

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

Mr. DEFAZIO. Mr. Speaker, at this very moment the President of the United States is announcing yet another plan to bail out the Government of Mexico. He says it is an issue of national security. The President is wrong.

Meanwhile on the other side of town, Mr. Speaker, a secret meeting of the Federal Reserve Board to consider a policy change that will affect the security of every American family is going on with little notice. They may propose the seventh increase in 1 year to fight imaginary inflation. This act could raise the deficit by \$2.5 billion, drive up the costs of a hundred-thousand-dollar house by \$1600 a year, close

down home building, close small businesses, and it is designed to increase unemployment to 6 percent.

The misguided policies of the Federal Reserve are a real national security issue, and I would advise the President to drop the Mexican bailout and go after the no-growth policies of the Federal Reserve Board.

MEMBER OF CONGRESS ELECTED TO PRO FOOTBALL HALL OF FAME

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

Mr. LAHOOD. Mr. Speaker and Members, I come here today to pay special honor to one of our Members, the gentleman from Oklahoma [Mr. LARGENT].

Over the weekend the gentleman from Oklahoma [Mr. LARGENT] was elected to the Pro Football Hall of Fame, and it is a particular honor for me as STEVE is a Member of the new freshman class, as I am.

In 14 years with the Seattle Sea Hawks, Mr. Speaker, the gentleman from Oklahoma [Mr. LARGENT] set six different career records and participated in seven pro bowls. On the gridiron he led the Nation in touchdown receptions in 1974 and 1975. In 1988, Mr. Speaker, the gentleman from Oklahoma [Mr. LARGENT] was honored as NFL Man of the Year for his accomplishments on the field and off.

Mr. Speaker, he brings great honor and distinction to this body, and in particular I am proud to say he is a Member of our class and a Member of the House of Representatives. I say to the gentleman, "Congratulations, STEVE LARGENT, for being elected to the Pro Football Hall of Fame, a great honor for you and a great honor for all of us."

WE NEED TO BALANCE THE TRADE DEFICIT

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

Mrs. CLAYTON. Mr. Speaker, we should remind ourselves as we deliberate and pass policy:

Who do we help and who do we hurt? How do we improve the quality of life?

This week we are considering legislation to curb unfunded mandates. Last week we passed the balanced budget amendment. How do we encourage and support economic development in our communities across the country?

Instead of fighting over whether the Federal Government or States for admittedly needed programs and services, instead of making knees buckle under the weight of cuts necessary to balance the budget, we should be looking for ways to balance the trade deficit with many of our foreign partners.

According to economists, Mr. Speaker, last year the ever-widening trade deficit resulted in a reduction of nearly

one full percentage point. In America we imported 27 percent of the goods we consumed. That is up from 20 percent in the last 5 years. Led by the Department of Commerce, U.S. Export-Import Bank, U.S. Trade & Development Agency, and the Small Business Administration, all are encouraging opportunities for our small businesses and our communities.

We should be about this, Mr. Speaker, instead of saying that we are taking away from growth and quality of life. We should be expanding jobs and economic development.

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FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY SEEN AS CONTRACT WITH AMERICA MOVES AHEAD

(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, what a great week last week was. The House took a major and crucial step toward fiscal responsibility by passing the balanced budget amendment. If the Senate does the same, then fiscal restraint will be the law of the land.

But also important last week was the fact that the Republican Party delivered on a campaign promise. This is a lesson that all politicians need to learn in today's society. But a second thing that was very important about it was that it was done with a bipartisan vote. We had about 70 to 80 Democrats voting for this, and as we look at the other elements of the Contract With America that we will be considering this month, finalizing the unfunded mandates bill, passing the line item veto, criminal justice reform, review of our national security situation, and regulatory reform, let us hope that that same bipartisan spirit still prevails, because as the speaker before me said, we have a major trade deficit problem. We need to work on that.

Mr. Speaker, we need to work in a bipartisan fashion. We always do so much better when the Democrats and the Republicans work together.

INTRODUCTION OF LEGISLATION TO ELIMINATE THE CIVILIAN MARKSMANSHIP PROGRAM

(Mrs. MALONEY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mrs. MALONEY. Mr. Speaker, the President called for a smaller, leaner, smarter government. I think we all agree. So today I am introducing a bill to eliminate the dumbest program in the entire Federal Government, the Civilian Marksmanship Program.

This piece of petrified pork was put in the budget in 1903 during the Spanish-American War, Mr. Speaker, to teach Americans how to shoot straight. Ninety years later high-tech weapons have replaced rifles. It is time to de-

clare victory and delete this wasteful program.

While we are fighting very hard to get guns off the street, Mr. Speaker, this program hands out 40 million rounds of free ammunition, sells surplus guns, and conducts an annual shooting match. We have too much debt and too many needs to subsidize recreational shooting.

This program is nothing more than a special interest boondoggle. Any Member who has ever campaigned against special interest politics should be embarrassed to vote for it.

TIME FOR THE HOUSE TO STOP BICKERING AND LEGISLATE

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

Mr. HOKE. Mr. Speaker, how silly we must look to the people beyond the beltway. They sent us here to govern and to make changes, but what do we do? We bicker, we quarrel, we argue. And over what? The things that the American people really want? No. We argue over pointless points of order, we offer a multitude of meaningless amendments. We bicker over supposed insults to each other's honor and integrity in ways that make many people wonder whether we have either.

To the folks back home this place must seem more like the children's playground than the people's House.

Mr. Speaker, it is time for the minority to get over it and get on with the business of the people, because if we continue to make this august body look more like a playground than a legislature, the American people who have already lost their patience will also lose their hope. The time for play is over.

Let us get down to real work.

INTRODUCTION OF LEGISLATION TO ALLOW HOUSE MEMBERS TO RETURN SURPLUS FUNDS TO THE TREASURY

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

Mr. ROEMER. Mr. Speaker, yesterday Speaker GINGRICH said that he wanted to start a new idea in the House of Representatives and call it "Correction Day." He said to the American Hospital Association that he wants to start 1 day a month where Congress can act on a list of "the dumbest things the Federal Government is doing and just abolish them."

I would give the Speaker a recommendation that starts right here in this body. I have introduced a bill, H.R. 26, that has 52 Democrats and Republicans as cosponsors on it which would say that when we as Members of Congress save money in our office accounts and return money to the U.S. Government, we can have that money go directly to the U.S. Treasury to reduce

the deficit rather than back into a slush fund that is spent on other Members of Congress who exceed their mail accounts.

Mr. Speaker, let us look in a bipartisan way to pass H.R. 26 and continue our efforts as we started last week to balance this budget.

THE UNITED NATIONS TAKES OVER IN HAITI

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

Mr. GOSS. Mr. Speaker, I read in the paper this morning that the United Nations is going to take over the Haiti mission because things are stable and secure in that country now. Of course, they are still going to rely mainly on U.S. troops down there, but there will be new rules of engagement. We are only going to use weapons in self-defense.

But then we read on a little further, and our Ambassador to the United Nations, Ambassador Albright, says, "But if this U.N. force is pushed, it has the leaders, the mandate, the firepower, and the will to push back."

Now, I call that doublespeak. That is the kind of thing that confuses our troops, it confuses us, it confuses our allies, but it probably does not confuse our enemies.

It raises the specter of our troops under foreign command in another country, under U.N. command, under Boutros Boutros-Ghali, and it causes us problems because we do not know what their mission is.

Ambassador Albright also said that Aristide has wide popular support, and that is true. But she failed to say that apparently the United Nations is unaware that there is intense brutal opposition to Aristide as well. So all is not well, and we should keep our eyes on foreign policy in Haiti.

WHAT IS TRULY BEHIND THE \$40 BILLION?

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

Mr. CLEMENT. Mr. Speaker, what is truly behind the \$40 billion in loan guarantees to Mexico? Some have called it a bailout for Mexico, but I might call it a bailout for the banks and wealthy financiers and investors in the Mexican markets.

Mr. Speaker, there is risk involved in every investment. These institutions and individuals knew full well what was in front of them. They made the investments; we did not. And now that the investments have soured some, it should not be the responsibility of the United States to make up their losses.

Now the President is going to act on his own. He is going to bypass Congress because he knows it is not going to pass the U.S. Congress.