

COMMUNICATION FROM THE HONORABLE ROBERT S. WALKER, MEMBER OF CONGRESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Honorable ROBERT S. WALKER, Member of Congress:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, August 11, 1995.

Hon. NEWT GINGRICH,
U.S. House of Representatives, Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: This is to notify you formally, pursuant to Rule L (50) of the Rules of the House that my office has been served with a subpoena for the production of documents by the Supreme Court of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania for Lancaster County in connection with a civil case.

After consultation with the office of the General Counsel, I will determine whether compliance with the subpoena is consistent with the privileges and precedents of the House.

Cordially,

ROBERT S. WALKER.

CAL RIPKEN AS ROLE MODEL FOR CONGRESS

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

Mr. HEFLEY. Mr. Speaker, tonight, in one of the greatest moments in baseball history, Cal Ripken of the Baltimore Orioles will break Lou Gehrig's record for playing in the most consecutive games.

I applaud his discipline, his dedication, his desire, and perhaps most importantly, his service as an outstanding role model for the youth of America.

But, Mr. Speaker, I believe that Cal Ripken serves as a role model not only for millions of kids across the United States but also for the Members of this Congress.

We too are on the verge of accomplishing great things. In the coming weeks we will have the opportunity to pass a budget that will finally begin to put America's fiscal house in order.

I urge my colleagues to have the discipline, have the dedication, have the desire. Be a leader in this country. Pass a balanced budget.

A DAY FOR THE HISTORY BOOKS

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

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, this is a day for the history books. Sometimes history sneaks up on us. Sometimes we have 2,130 baseball games to watch as a preface to history.

We in Maryland, of course, are incredibly proud, but that pride is shared with all Americans and, indeed, all peoples of the world who love responsibility, who love and admire courage, who love and admire people who have their priorities correct.

This morning, on this day of history, Cal Ripken, Jr., took the hand of his

little girl, Rachel, and took her to school. Today, a day of history, we honor two of the greatest Americans who have ever graced this Nation, Lou Gehrig and Cal Ripken, Jr.; two individuals, as the previous speaker indicated, who personify what we believe is good in people, not boastful, not self-interested, but dedicated to the values that all of us hold dear.

Mr. Speaker, I do not know what the House will be doing at 5:30 or 6:30 or 7:30 or 8:30 tonight, but I would hope that every American not privileged as I will be to be at Camden Yards, will be watching their televisions, listening to their radios as we celebrate one of the great accomplishments in sport, the 2,131st consecutive game to be played by Cal Ripken, Jr.

I know there will be tears in my eyes as I exult with all America on this historic accomplishment by a good and decent fellow citizen.

OUR PROMISE AND OUR CHOICE

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

Mr. BALLENGER. Mr. Speaker, this fall is about a promise and a choice. The promise is to balance the budget. The choice is whether or not we keep our word.

How many Members of this body, from both sides of the aisle, campaigned on a promise of fighting for a balanced budget? How many have stated, "Of course, I'm for the concept of a balanced budget."

On January 26th of this year, for the first time ever, this House passed a balanced budget amendment. Three hundred members voted for it. Of the 132 who voted against it, virtually all expressed their strong support for the idea of a balanced budget.

Well, in the coming weeks, push will come to shove. Members of this House will have a real choice. Will you keep your word? When given the opportunity, will you vote to balance the budget? I know I will.

LOBBY REFORM AND GIFT BAN

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

Mr. DOGGETT. Mr. Speaker, with the House resuming its work today, the time is now for action on lobby and gift reform.

There are Members, both Democrat and Republican, who are eager to obtain immediate reform on this subject. But unfortunately, we have been stymied by an indifferent and intransigent House Republican leadership.

It took a bipartisan effort in the Senate, both Republicans and Democrats working together, to approve real gift and lobby reform. Yet the only response to that action from the gentleman from Texas [Mr. ARMEY] and the gentleman from Georgia [Mr. GING-

RICH] has been, "Well, maybe next year."

Let us act now to plug the loopholes in the 50-year-old lobby registration law and do something about those who come to this House bearing gifts or perhaps merely bearing golf junkets for the Members to obtain influence. Before we act on all of the other business, let us have an up-and-down vote on lobby reform and gift ban.

FISCAL DISCIPLINE AND RESPONSIBILITY

(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 rise today to report back to my colleagues some refreshing news. Even while areas of my district remain under water due to excess flooding, the enthusiasm for the momentum for change in Washington has not subsided in Florida.

Americans in my district are taking it upon themselves to get through these rough times they are having with Mother Nature. They expect no less from us here who deal with meeting the many challenges with good governance in Washington. The constituents I spoke with over the recess remain committed to the message they sent last November: Fiscal responsibility, fiscal discipline.

They realize there are going to be tough choices in the coming months. Yes, there does exist a certain level of concern on some issues. However, they are asking, demanding that we make those tough choices inherent in saving and strengthening Medicare, reforming welfare, balancing the budget, ensuring a successful future for our kids and grandkids.

My constituents know those floodwaters are going to go down. They also know this Congress is committed to stopping the flood of red tape and overspending we have experienced in this Nation in the past years.

THE RANDY WEAVER CASE

(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, the Federal Bureau of Investigation says their hands are clean in the Randy Weaver case. The FBI said they never gave a shoot-to-kill order. The FBI said they never shred documents. The FBI said they did not mean to shoot Mrs. Weaver right between the eyes.

Mr. Speaker, I disagree. I say the FBI is lying. In fact, if the FBI is not lying, why did the FBI agree to give \$3.5 million to Randy Weaver to get this thing to go away?

Folks, the truth of the matter is in America the people are supposed to govern, and the sad fact is, ladies and