

Mr. McNULTY. Mr. Speaker, pursuant to clause 1, rule I, I demand a vote on agreeing to the Speaker's approval of the Journal.

The SPEAKER. The question is on the Chair's approval of the Journal.

The question was taken; and the Speaker announced that the ayes appeared to have it.

Mr. McNULTY. Mr. Speaker, I object to the vote on the ground that a quorum is not present and make the point of order that a quorum is not present.

The SPEAKER. Pursuant to the provisions of clause 5, rule I, further proceedings on this question will be postponed.

The point of no quorum is considered withdrawn.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER. Will the gentleman from Puerto Rico [Mr. ROMERO-BARCELÓ] come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. ROMERO-BARCELÓ 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.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A message from the Senate by Mr. Lundregan, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate had passed a bill of the following title, in which the concurrence of the House is requested:

S. 459. An act to amend the Native American Programs Act of 1974 to extend certain authorizations, and for other purposes.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER

The SPEAKER. The Chair will entertain 15 1-minutes on each side.

YUCCA MOUNTAIN NUCLEAR WASTE REPOSITORY WILL MEAN LARGE GOVERNMENT PAYOFFS FOR DEVALUED PROPERTIES

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

Mr. GIBBONS. Madam Speaker, what will a temporary nuclear waste repository at Yucca Mountain, NV, mean to private property owners in some districts? It will mean large Government payoffs because the transportation of this radioactive waste will devalue their property. The New Mexico Supreme Court ruled that Mr. John Komis of Santa Fe be awarded more than \$884,000 resulting from devaluation damage to his land due to the transportation of radioactive waste past his property.

If H.R. 1270 passes, almost 80,000 tons of nuclear waste will be transported across this country, devaluing property along the way. And who will pay for

this devaluation in private property? Of course, the American taxpayer. They will foot the bill to support a radical and extremely costly policy mandated upon them by Congress.

It is time Members pay attention to this debate and represent the constituency that elected them to protect their property and their rights. Madam Speaker, this is a bill that America cannot afford.

SUPPORT FOR LORETTA SANCHEZ

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

Mr. ROMERO-BARCELÓ. Madam Speaker, I rise today to support our colleague, the gentlewoman from California, Ms. LORETTA SANCHEZ.

The Committee on House Oversight, in conducting its election probe, will not destroy her ability to represent the people of her district. This investigation has dragged out but will not drag down the gentlewoman from California.

Those of us who know the gentlewoman, know what the people of the 46th District knew when they voted her into Congress. She is going to stand up in Congress to the challenge. She is going to continue to stand up in Congress for the people of her district and the issues that matter most to them: education, crime prevention, and better jobs.

California's Secretary of State certified the gentlewoman was duly elected by the people of the 46th District. Yet the investigation continues.

The Committee on House Oversight is obviously stalling. The legal bills for the gentlewoman from California have exceeded \$400,000, and this probe continues to cost her \$10,000 a week. Is the committee protracting its investigation to keep her from raising funds for her reelection?

One way or another they want to bring her down, but we stand behind her, Madam Speaker, and we will not relent until this probe comes to an end. It is time to conclude this investigation, to terminate this extended fishing expedition, and for the attention of this Congress to be placed squarely on the people's business.

COMPULSORY CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS ARE WRONG

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

Mr. TIAHRT. Madam Speaker, the House has been drug through knotholes over campaign finance reform lately, and after numerous attempts to shut down the House and prevent us from doing the people's business, those few who are responsible have failed to address true campaign reform; and that is simply to follow the laws that are on the books today.

For campaign finance reform they have failed to address the injustice in

the current system. Senator LOTT was quoted in today's Washington Times as saying most Americans would be shocked to learn that some workers in our Nation are forced to contribute to candidates or campaigns they do not support or they do not know anything about. But it happens, Madam Speaker, in every national campaign, and it is wrong.

Thomas Jefferson said, "To compel a man to furnish contributions of money for the propagation of opinions which he disbelieves, is sinful and tyrannical."

Madam Speaker, let us free the American workers from compulsory campaign contributions for candidates they cannot support. It is bad policy and it is wrong.

WHITE HOUSE'S DEFENSE OF IRS IS INDEFENSIBLE

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

Mr. TRAFICANT. Madam Speaker, the IRS has a quota system. The IRS promotes workers who bully taxpayers. The IRS targets opponents. The IRS literally snoops through our files. The IRS has caused Bruce Barron and Alex Council to actually commit suicide. And after all this, a spokesman says the White House will champion the cause of the IRS because the criticism has been blown way out of proportion. Beam me up.

Let us tell it like it is. The White House is defending an agency that has become absolutely a Gestapo-type agency, un-American, out of control. I am totally convinced that at the White House they are out for soup with the group; they have gone for lunch with the bunch; and they must be smoking dope, so help me God.

I yield back the balance of the atrocities of the IRS.

DEMOCRATS CALLING FOR CAMPAIGN FINANCE REFORM GIVES HYPOCRISY A BAD NAME

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

Mr. HEFLEY. Madam Speaker, to hear the liberals call for campaign finance reform is like Marv Albert scolding Mike Tyson for using his biting skills in an inappropriate manner.

Democrats have had to return over \$2 million, \$2 million, Madam Speaker, because they raised illegal money from foreign sources. In a town awash in hypocrisy, Democrats, who ran roughshod over existing fundraising laws in the last election, are giving hypocrisy a bad name.

One would expect the always fair, unbiased media to laugh them out of town when they hear the very same people who broke the law call for reform of the law. But here is the real