

Lippo Group, very large donors of the President's campaign, had a large financial stake in this monument, because clean Utah coal would have competed with the imported coal from Indonesia.

It is a sad day when the President would deny schoolchildren in Utah the tax revenues of \$1.5 billion in coal or the royalties, to protect foreign interests and promote his own self-serving ambition. Madam Speaker, the definition of greed has truly been revealed to the American people. They deserve the truth.

PUT PEOPLE FIRST: VOTE "NO"
ON FAST TRACK

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

Mr. LEVIN. Madam Speaker, the strategy of those of us opposing the present fast track proposal is not "America last," but putting people first. This is not mainly about the power of interest groups, but the power of issues.

In the last decade, more and more of U.S. trade has been with nations with low wages and tightly controlled labor and other markets, and with lax environmental conditions. Indeed, our imports from these nations like China, India, Brazil, Mexico rose by 25 percent in the last decade, and as an administration official said yesterday, 50 percent of all United States trade will be with these nations in the near future, increasingly changing from footwear to higher-tech ware.

Instead of moving forward towards new rules of competition to meet new patterns of expanding trade, the present fast track proposal goes backwards, limiting the President's authority in important areas of labor markets and the environment. There were no such limitations on Presidents Carter, Reagan, or Bush.

This fast-track proposal is wrong. Vote "no" and let us go back and do it right.

END IRS PRACTICE OF MEETING
QUOTAS

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

Mr. HERGER. Madam Speaker, I just cannot get over the shocking news about the IRS. It turns out that the IRS is not as bad as we thought. It is even worse. It turns out that when our friendly IRS agent appears at our door for an audit, he is not thinking about giving us a fair shake. He was not sent off from headquarters with instructions to do justice, no more, no less. No, of the things that is uppermost in his mind, the thing upon which his promotions will depend, is how much money he can extract from the poor taxpayer who is getting audited.

God help you if your friendly IRS agent is having a little trouble this month making his quota of fines. If you catch him a little behind in making his revenue quota, if his boss put a little pressure on his agents in the last weekly meeting, you may not want to expect to survive your audit without having to fork over money that you do not even have.

Madam Speaker, while the President and his friends at the Treasury Department are defending the evil ways of the IRS, this Congress is going to pass real change and put an end to this absolutely outrageous practice over at the IRS.

TRIBUTE TO HARRY M.
ROSENFELD

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

Mr. McNULTY. Madam Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Harry M. Rosenfeld, the editor-at-large of the Albany Times Union and one of this Nation's most highly respected journalists. Harry, who was one of my constituents, has enjoyed a long and illustrious career. He came to this country as an immigrant, was educated at Syracuse University, served his Nation proudly during the Korean war, and embarked on a career in newspaper work. He served as foreign editor of the New York Herald Tribune and then moved to the Washington Post, where he directed the coverage of the Watergate story that earned the Post a much-deserved Pulitzer Prize.

In 1979, Mr. Rosenfeld came to New York's capital district of serve as editor-in-chief of the Albany Times Union and Knickerbocker News. During his tenure as editor, the newspaper won countless awards for general excellence and community service.

Because of Harry Rosenfeld's commitment to honest courageous reporting as the foundation of responsible journalism, he leaves his community a better place.

Harry retired from journalism last week. For nearly half a century he has served as the living embodiment of the loftiest principles of his profession. In his community and in his industry, he enjoys a well-earned reputation for integrity and undying devotion to the highest standards of his craft. I am proud to salute my friend Harry for his distinguished journalistic service to the cause of democracy. Thanks, Harry.

SUPPORT RADIO FREE ASIA

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

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. Madam Speaker, today the House will debate H.R. 2232, which will increase funding for Radio Free Asia and the Voice of America broadcasting into China. By passing this bill, we will then have con-

tinuous broadcasting to China in multiple dialects and languages.

Currently, only a few hours are broadcast and in only two languages. The increased funds will allow millions of Chinese citizens to hear the truth about their own country and the world around them. Listening to the words of truth, of freedom, of respect for human rights, of democracy is fundamental to making correct decisions.

There is no free press in China. Voice of America and Radio Free Asia tell the truth of today's news without the bias, the distortion, the lies of the Chinese propaganda machine. Our broadcast will serve as a surrogate free press in the dictators' Republic of China.

I know these broadcasts can be successful. Radio Marti, which is listened to by millions in my native homeland of Cuba, has been promoting justice and freedom, the hallmarks of our great country. Castro has tried and tried to jam its signal, but he has failed. An informed citizenry is needed for true political and economic freedom. Support Radio Free Asia today.

VOTE NO ON THE UPCOMING FAST
TRACK BILL

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

Mr. BROWN of Ohio. Madam Speaker, we have heard numerous stories of dozens of deals between President Clinton and Speaker GINGRICH to ram fast-track legislation through this Congress. The killer deal was the very first deal the White House cut.

Instead of working with Democrats on positive legislation that looked to the future, the White House cozied up to the gentleman from Georgia [Mr. GINGRICH] and the gentleman from Texas [Mr. ARCHER] on a deal that betrays our values and our historic commitment to working American families and the environment.

The Archer-Gingrich bill not surprisingly would make the Republican hostility to labor and environment the U.S. agenda in international trade negotiations, a global race to the bottom. The Archer-Gingrich bill is a fast-track to the past, not to the future.

The vast majority of Democrats, 80 percent of them, oppose the Archer-Gingrich bill because we want sensible agreements that incorporate our values as Democrats, values such as clean air and clean water, values such as safe food, values such as worker rights and human rights.

As Democrats, we can do better. Vote no on the Gingrich-Archer fast-track bill.

THE LEGACY OF THIS
ADMINISTRATION

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

Mr. BARTLETT of Maryland. Madam Speaker, we have really got to hand it to this administration. This is the first administration in history that has combined distinguishing characteristics and no controlling legal authority into a legal defense that the media are actually taking seriously, and then spends half the day talking about their legacy. Somehow, I think the legacy that they are likely to leave is not going to be the same legacy they have in mind.

Let us face it, when key witnesses keep turning up either dead, unwilling to testify, or hiding out in foreign countries, I do not think this is simply a question of partisan politics, despite the view repeated endlessly on ABC, NBC, and CBS that investigations into the 1996 Presidential campaign are much ado about nothing.

If there is nothing to hide, then I ask my fair-minded friends at ABC, NBC, and CBS, why are over 50 witnesses with critical information, why have they either fled the country or taken the fifth? The only scandal bigger than the Clinton-Gore campaign is the way the media have covered it since all these outrageous campaign finance violations have come to light. This, too, will be part of the legacy.

CONGRESS MUST MAINTAIN ITS INTEGRITY UP TO THE END OF THE SESSION

(Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas. Madam Speaker, as we bring this session of our responsibilities to the American people during this time of legislative activity to an end, I would ask this Congress to maintain its integrity.

There is a great deal of debate about legislation that is to be voted on and discussed this day, but I think that our Republican friends and certainly Democrats should understand that there are certain issues that need to be maintained separately from these discussions.

There is no doubt that sampling in the taking of the census in the year 2000 has been documented as the most accurate way of counting every human being. The homeless, people who are unhouseed, poor people, rich people, black people, Hispanic people, Anglo people, Asian people, anyone in this country needs to be counted in this Nation. So let us not play with the census.

Let us not play with the basic rights of women across the world to family plan and preserve their families.

Let us not play with the Haitians, who are the only group who are not being allowed to stay in this country to apply for their citizenship.

Maintain the integrity of this Congress, and allow these issues to go forward on their own merits. The census must have sampling, family planning

must exist, and leave the Haitians alone so they, too, have the rights of everybody else.

EDUCATION WOULD CHANGE IF WE HAD SCHOOL CHOICE

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

Mr. PETERSON of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, there are schools in America that turn out more criminals than young people that will go out to attend college. Would Members like a choice if their child was attending that school? I believe they would.

Madam Speaker, wealthy Americans and many Congressmen and Senators make choices every day, and our President and Vice President, they send their child to the school of their choice. Many middle-class Americans choose where they live so their children can attend a school that they know is a good school. But what about poor Americans who are stuck in a bad neighborhood with a bad school?

Eighty percent of the schools in America are good and delivering a good product. Recently we had a bill that would allow choice for the poorest of Americans. What are the Democrats in the educational establishment afraid of, that it might work? We would have a chance to change education, and education would change, if we had choice. Bad schools would close, and the children would have a chance to go to a good school.

CALLING FOR BALANCED TRADE AGREEMENTS WHICH CONTAIN PROTECTIONS FOR WORKERS AND THE ENVIRONMENT

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

Mr. NADLER. Madam Speaker, since NAFTA we have converted a \$2 billion trade surplus with Mexico to a \$20 billion trade deficit. In 65 percent of union organizing elections, employers have threatened to move to Mexico or to another foreign country if workers have chosen the advantages of collective bargaining.

Working people have gotten almost none of the benefits of our expanding economy, as real wages for the middle class have remained static and, for lower-income workers, have actually declined. NAFTA and fast track quite properly protect American investors who invest abroad and protect intellectual property rights, but they do not protect labor and environmental rights. They are imbalanced.

We must have balanced trade agreements that protect not only investments and intellectual property, but also labor and environmental standards if trade is to serve all our people, and if our expanding trade is not to serve as a tool to be used to deny a fair share

of our economic gains from filtering down to working people and to the middle class. Reject the fast track agreement as imbalanced.

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INVESTIGATION OF 1996 PRESIDENTIAL CAMPAIGN

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

Mr. TIAHRT. Madam Speaker, investigations into crimes that may have been committed during the 1996 Presidential campaign are about a lot more than taking foreign money. They are a lot more than just the effort to secretly get around the rules that everyone else had to follow and then worry about explaining the misdeeds after the election.

No, Madam Speaker, the liberal media attempts to downplay this scandal. These investigations are also about compromising national security, about selling out American foreign policy to the highest bidder and acting in complicity with the Communist Government of China to subvert the democratic process in the United States.

I believe that I am correct, Madam Speaker, that both Democrats and Republicans would agree that these charges are truly alarming. In fact, all Americans who believe in democracy, who believe that America should decide who should rule over America and who believe that secret money laundering operations represent political corruption at its most disgraceful, all believe that we must find out the truth about these scandals. Democracy demands it.

IN TRIBUTE TO THE LATE CLARA BOSWELL

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

Mrs. CLAYTON. Madam Speaker, in less than an hour, legions of families and friends will gather in the historic town of Edenton, North Carolina, to mourn the death and celebrate the life of one of my staff members, Clara Boswell. This devoted mother and grandmother and former principal passed suddenly, without notice, on Thursday night.

Clara's life was personified by her two favorite symbols, the butterfly and the hat. While the grief of those who will gather is heavy, I know they will be comforted by acclaiming the life and celebrating the life of Clara.

I am confident she has left a lasting impression on those who came to know her, and the principles that guided her will now serve as guideposts for those she leaves behind. Like the butterfly, she brought a free spirit, bright colors, in every place she functioned. And like the hat, she brought peace and protection to everyone she encountered.

She has been called to rest and to reside in the place of total peace. God's