

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