

employee education, and involved in the community. That does not mean that we need to rip down the corporations, but we need to be able to create a job and people need to be able to have a job. Corporate America has got to help with that take-home power. Corporate America has got to be a player in this system, Mr. Speaker. It has got to be sensitive to the working people, as Congress needs to be sensitive to the working people of this country.

We also need legal reform. The country has come into a sense of lawsuit madness and that in itself also has to end.

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With all due respect, the trial lawyers are totally out of control in this country. We need to make fundamental changes in Washington, DC, to have a better, brighter, cleaner, safer future for our children.

It is about the wallet, Mr. Speaker, the money that the working people of this country put into the wallet and the money this Government takes out. And under our plan, and we want to join together with the other side of the aisle, working Americans are going to have more of their own hard earned money to spend for their futures.

WASHINGTON'S SPENDING HAS UNDERMINED OUR FUTURE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. TAYLOR of North Carolina). Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Pennsylvania [Mr. FOX] is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. FOX of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, the answer for too many people lies in Washington as a solution for all problems. For decades Washington has told America that everything is OK, while it spent our children's and grandchildren's inheritance and undermined their future. For too long Washington has spent more than it takes in, spent your hard earned tax dollars unwisely just to pay for a growing bureaucracy, a bureaucracy that includes 160 different job training programs, 240 educational programs, 300 economic development programs, and 500 urban aid programs.

How has Washington afforded these programs? By raising your taxes through the roof. Just ask Bill Clinton. He was not in office 100 days before attempting to take even more of your hard earned dollars. By comparison, Republicans spent our first 100 days trying to cut taxes.

The fact is virtually every year you send more of your hard earned dollars to Washington and that leaves less for you and your family. Do you ever wonder why the President and the Democrats are asking you to sacrifice a little more so Washington could spend a little more? Should not we demand Washington spend less so that you can keep more? After all, it is your money.

It should not surprise anyone that more and more American families find

it difficult to make ends meet; that more and more Americans are forced to live from paycheck to paycheck; that too many Americans want to put something away for the future but cannot; that almost everybody feels the squeeze from rising prices and higher taxes.

The Republican majority is making a difference by making sure we have a line item veto, which passed; a balanced budget. We have regulatory reform and unfunded mandate reform. All of these have led to a stronger economy and less of your tax dollars going out the window.

Against unanimous Republican opposition, the President imposed the largest tax hike in American history in 1993. The cost of the President's policies for a typical family in higher taxes and lower earnings is \$2,600, and all of us have felt the crunch. The tax trap costs a lot of money, and higher taxes means less savings and a more uncertain future. The Republican policies that we have put forward and have been adopted by this House, will put our course and our financial security back on track and are making a difference every day.

What we are trying to do here is part of the revolution of change that is positive and good for all Americans. Stay tuned further.

THE TAX TRAP

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Arizona [Mr. HAYWORTH] is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. HAYWORTH. Mr. Speaker, this evening we have heard my colleagues talk about the tax trap, the tax trap which has enmeshed so many Americans who fall victim to this simple observation which history and simple mathematics would bear out: The harder you work and the more you succeed, the more Washington and the Washington bureaucracy takes from you.

I realize this is deadly serious business, Mr. Speaker, because we are talking about real people with real concerns and the genuine future of this Nation at stake. And not to make light of this, but to bear it out in one of its forms, I am reminded of the Walt Disney production, "The Parent Trap," because the tax trap for our citizens is all too often a parent trap. This is what I mean.

So often now, across the width and breadth of this country parents, both parents, in a household are working oft-times not because of choice but because of trying to move their family beyond this tax trap. Quite often a spouse goes to work simply to try and satisfy the tax bite; simply to try to lift the family out of this hole created by more and more taxation, and the incessant need of this bureaucracy to ask for more and more money from average Americans.

My colleague from Pennsylvania articulated it, talked about the largest

tax increase in American history given to this Nation by people who used to sit in the majority in this very room along with a President who said on the campaign trail that middle-class America needed tax relief, and yet turned around not 100 days into his term and gave us the largest tax increase in American history.

Now, Mr. Speaker, we have heard a lot of playground taunts, we have heard a lot of name calling. The word extreme has been bandied about, and dare I say in extreme fashion. Well, Mr. Speaker, it is fair to ask this question. For those who would throw out the word extreme with such ease, what is so wrong about asking Washington to live within its means? What is so wrong about demanding that Washington not spend so extravagantly as to sacrifice our children's future? And is it fair, Mr. Speaker, to punish working families who are playing by the rules and trying to provide for their family's future?

The good news is that this new majority in Congress, working with a lot of folks, quite candidly, on the other side of the aisle who are willing to own up to these problems, trying to move past partisan bickering, together we have fashioned a constructive way to deal with these problems, to balance our Federal budget, to roll back the tax bite and try to eliminate the tax trap; to try to save health care and Medicare for future generations without bankrupting the generations who must pay for it.

That is the mission we face, and, again, we would ask the President of the United States to join with us in a constructive program for the future.

It is a tragedy, Mr. Speaker, that our President and his term of office thus far has been defined not by accomplishments. Indeed, now, Mr. Speaker, the question is not what can the President accomplish, but, said, Mr. Speaker, the question has become, especially in the wake of recent revelations, how can this President explain it away this time? What rhetorical device, what language can he use, what verbal contortions can be brought to bear to avoid the problem and escape the responsibility?

Mr. Speaker, the American people deserve us to act responsibly, to save this Nation for today's seniors and for our children.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Ohio [Mr. HOKE] is recognized for 5 minutes.

[Mr. HOKE addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.]

REFORM OF THE FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of May