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Mr. SMITH of Texas. Mr. Speaker, there is really only one question: Will the President's economic plan grow the economy and create jobs?

Never before in the history of this country has a major tax increase ever helped the economy. And it is not going to help now.

Instead, this economic plan will depress the economy.

The gas tax, which the President campaigned against, is going to fuel inflation.

The defense cuts, twice as deep as candidate Clinton proposed, will cost half a million dollars.

New taxes on 1 million small business owners will discourage them from adding jobs.

And retroactive taxes will cause Americans to stop spending and investing.

Maybe the President and his party thinks higher taxes and fewer jobs will help the economy, but most Americans don't. And they're right.

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WHAT ABOUT VICTIMS RIGHTS?

(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, I am all for individual rights. The Congress is debating a bill that will give new religious freedoms to prison inmates. Let us take a look at this.

Prisoners could order the prison to feed them only organically grown vegetables, or they could supply inmates with civilian clothing, if that could be a demand.

How about the right to pray outside the prison in a sweat lodge depicting some religious ceremony? Or how about to sacrifice the blood of a virgin to reach these religious goals?

Now, these are extreme for sure, but while we here in America have bent over backward on prisoners and criminals rights, I think what we have done is forgotten the victims.

We must remember that these people are in jail because they broke the law. This is not a country club.

THE CLINTON ADMINISTRATION POLICY ON BOSNIA

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

Mr. CANADY. Mr. Speaker, in this morning's Washington Post, Charles Krauthammer comments on the "U.S. Follies in Bosnia."

"Folly" is the right word. The Clinton administration's conduct of policy regarding Bosnia and the rest of the Balkans has been, to put it charitably, rather unsteady.

Now the administration is proceeding with plans to conduct bombing mis-

sions in Bosnia. The administration's plan to break the siege of Sarajevo, by bombing, is a policy that repeats the mistakes of the past.

As Krauthammer writes, we are turning to that "singular, disastrous conceit of the Vietnam war, the finely calibrated, perfectly tuned bombing campaign."

That policy was a disaster in Vietnam, and it could turn into a disaster in Bosnia. It simply does not work that way.

Before we take any military action, we should count the cost. What happens if the bombing does not work? The Clinton administration does not have an answer to that question.

Common sense demands that we should not start something that we are not prepared to finish adequately. Our creditability is on the line. We cannot continue with this policy. We must end the folly of the administration's policy in Bosnia.

A TRIBUTE TO "EL METZO"

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

Mr. MAZZOLI. Mr. Speaker, yesterday was, in this Chamber, a time of high drama and great emotion. And using the technique of writers and dramatists, maybe it is time to sort of reduce the tension by speaking of things that are not quite so emotional.

To that extent, I would like to reflect on the fact that before there was such a thing as shock radio and before there was such a thing as schlock radio, we, in Louisville, KY, had what we called real radio. That was "El Metzo," Mr. Milton Metz, who just recently ended 34 consecutive years as a talk show host on WHAS radio in Louisville. I have known Milton all the years of my life, basically. An outstanding human being, a great radio personality, a purveyor of information, a disseminator of doctrine, Milton is all of these. These past 34 years are the measure of a great person.

We are sorry to see Milton end his program. But he will remain with the station, so we look forward to having his words of wisdom for many years to come.

MORE THOUGHTS ON THE PRESIDENT'S BUDGET PLAN

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

Mr. GRAMS. Mr. Speaker, for months, the President's budget package has been debated, marketed and sold to not only Congress but the American people, all we've heard from the President and the Democratic leadership is how this record tax increase will be paid for by someone else, not you or I.

Only the wealthy will pay the bill. Only corporations will pay the bill.

Only those small businesses that are successful will pay the bill. You and I will pay little or nothing, in fact, we will actually get money back.

Clintonomics is magic.

But if you don't believe in magic, you and I realize that someone has to pay the bill. You don't impose record tax increases on America without someone paying for it. And that someone is consumers, middle America, in the form of higher tax rates or higher prices we'll pay for goods and services.

This is a record transfer of wealth. The President says from the rich to the poor, but that's not true. It's a transfer of wealth from average Americans into the hands of Government.

This bill does not solve the problem of record deficits, it does not balance the budget, and it will not strengthen the economy. But it will build a bigger and bigger Government that will take a bigger and bigger bite out of our paychecks.

This isn't capitalism; this is socialism. I urge the Senate to reject it.

IRS TREATMENT OF VETERANS

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

Mr. MCCLOSKEY. Mr. Speaker, for 16 years the IRS wrongfully collected taxes from needy veterans on disability lump-sum severance payments.

Even though a U.S. district court in 1992 decided that the IRS had no right to do this, and the IRS agreed, we are still leaving literally thousands of these veterans without redress.

Today I am introducing legislation to assist these veterans. A constituent of mine, Mr. David Winters, had received a disability lump-sum payment in 1988, and had to pay tax on it. So he was happy about the court decision and promptly filed his claim for refund in 1992.

The IRS refused his claim, arguing that the 3-year statute of limitations had run out, barring him from filing a valid claim for refund on his 1988 return.

My legislation would allow these veterans to file a claim for refund within a year of enactment, waiving the statute of limitations. It would also require the IRS to use maximum efforts to refund claims to these disabled veterans.

We should pass this bill promptly and I welcome and ask for the support of all the Members of this House for this bill.

PRESIDENT CLINTON'S NOMINATION FOR DIRECTOR OF THE NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH

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

Mr. GEKAS. Mr. Speaker, last week at a photo opportunity, I told Presi-