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President George Bush
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RE: Debt-Reduction Checkoff Proposal (DRCP) + RollCall Info

President:

I am writing about two important but not directly related matters: the DRCP and Congressional RollCall Vote Information Dissemination

1) Debt-Reduction Checkoff Proposal Modification

Your DRCP adds: (1) "Debt Reduction" checkoff box and (2) a "Percentage Amount for Debt Reduction" write-in line, to the IRS Tax Return Form.

As you have made clear, we need a "Presidential Budget Line-Item Veto" to straighten out this country. Ideally we should also have a Tax-Payer Line-Item Veto - but apparently it's impractical in such a large country. However, your DRCP with a addition of one more write-in line to the Tax Form, would allow the individual tax payer significant control over the individual items in the Federal Budget.

If a "Budget-Item Targeted for Reduction" write-in line were also added to the Tax Form, the taxpayer would be able to specify WHICH budget item should receive the reduction specified in the "Percentage Amount for Reduction" write-in line of her tax return.

With this addition the Tax Form would contain the following checkbox and write-in lines:

Debt-Reduction (checkbox) []
Percentage-Amount for Debt-Reduction (write-in line) _____
Budget-Item Targeted for Spending-Reduction (write-in line) _____

This arrangement would allow the taxpayer a satisfying amount of control over the budget.

2) Dissemination of Congressional RollCall Results to General Public

Please tell both the Speaker and Majority Leader to shape up and display the Rollcall Votes of each of the INDIVIDUAL Congress-members (Senators and Representatives, respectively) on the Senate TV and House TV Signals - we the voters NEED this Member's-Vote information to distinguish the GOOD from the BAD in the Senate and House -- ACCOUNTABILITY, an idea whose time should have come!!

It's disgusting to watch House (or Senate) debate on a bill for hours on CSPAN-end and then when the Rollcall Vote is displayed by CSPAN we learn

IRS CHECKOFF + PRESIDENTIAL LINE-ITEM VETO + TAX-PAYER LINE-ITEM VETO

ONLY how many votes the Democratic Party cast for the bill INSTEAD of seeing how Rep. Gingrich, for example, and all the individual members, voted on the bill.

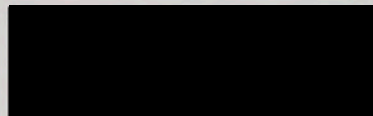
Please make immediate recommendations, privately and PUBLICLY, that Congress, both branches, CORRECT this INCOMPLETE, UNACCEPTABLE display of Rollcall Votes, immediately - we need MEMBER'S-VOTES (Gingrich/YEA, Dornan/Nay, etc) in addition to the presently provided PARTY'S VOTES [Democrats(100 YEA, 100 NAY), Republicans(100 YEA, 100 NAY)]

This dangereous situation should be brought to PUBLIC ATTENTION now !! With your "bully pulpit" you could educate the people of the country - tell them how Speaker Foley and Majority Leader Mitchell are subverting our democracy by HIDING the votes of the House and Senate from the American People, thus emasculating our ability to hold our elected representatives ACCOUNTABLE to our wishes and ideals.

Make this a 1992 PRESIDENTAL CAMPAIGN ISSUE - it'd get my vote!

I've done my part in bringing this deplorable matter to your attention - the responsibility for correcting this situation is now in your hands, Good Luck.

Solve: Budget-Mess and Rollcall-BLACKOUT,



copies: Quayle, Clinton, Gore, Perot, Brown, Buchanan

Mitchell, Dole, Hatch, E.Kennedy, Kerry, Kerrey, Harkin, Sarbanes, Sasser, Smith, Leahy, Moynihan, Bradley, Wellstone, Nunn, Robb, Mack, Hollins, Pryor

Foley, Michel, Gephardt, Gingrich, Gonzalez, J.Kennedy, R.Neil, Olver, Dellums, Hyde, Dornan, Waters, Washington, Walker, Mfume, Boxer, Traficant, Oakar

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