

Congress works on metaphors

WASHINGTON (AP) — In Congress, the oratory seldom gets better as the arguments drag on. Which is to say, there often is an inverse relationship between the quality of rhetoric and the length of debate.

And when a debate drones on — as happened last week when the House took up the tax bill — Democrats and Republicans quickly run out of fresh material. That's what produces fierce competition for The Perfect Metaphor.

"This is really the Dr. Kevorkian plan for our economy," said Rep. Christopher Cox, R-Calif. "It will kill jobs, kill businesses, and, yes, kill even the higher tax revenues that these suicidal tax increasers hope to gain."

Rep. Gary Franks, R-Conn., quoted a young constituent who calls the Democrats the Robin Hood Party. If Robin Hood isn't quite right, how about Bill Clinton the Pied Piper?

"Please don't follow this misled Pied Piper down the wrong road. It is going to ruin you," warned Rep. Dan Burton, R-Ind.

House Minority Leader Bob Michel, R-Ill., said the Democrats were "like lemmings headed over a cliff."

"I am not a lemming," protested Rep. James Traficant, D-Ohio, who voted against the Clinton plan.

Democrats supporting the bill retorted by thinking up creative ways to call Republicans cowards and hypocrites.

Rep. Barney Frank, D-Mass., said Republicans who didn't fuss about how the House handled tax bills when President Bush was in the White House only started hollering after Clinton was sworn in.

"They have a gag reflex they can turn on and off," he said.

Rep. James Inhofe, R-Okla., offered another view: It was the Democrats who created the tax bill to "cram down the throats

of America with little or no notice."

Rep. Charles Schumer, D-N.Y., told other Democrats if they didn't support the president they would "cut him off at the knees."

Rep. Mike Synar, D-Okla., covered all the bases in his speech of support for the president.

"The federal deficit, he said, was 'the cancer' that 'grows and festers and continues to eat away at the economic vitality of our nation.'"

He cited history. "Wellington at Waterloo could have delayed attacking Napoleon until all the options had been thoroughly reviewed."

He quoted Shakespeare: "There is a tide in the affairs of men which taken at the flood leads on to fortune; omitted, all the voyage of their life is bound in shallows and in miseries."

And he ended with a mixture of geography and disease.

Clinton imitator wins contest, stars on TV

LITTLETON, Colo. (AP) — Put Michael Newell in a suit and give him five minutes with a blow-dryer, and he's a dead ringer for Bill Clinton.

Newell, 43, won the *National Enquirer's* Clinton look-alike contest last year and starred as Clinton's spitting image in the Japanese made-for-TV comedy, *The Man with the Flaming Gun*.

"This is a fun thing to do," he said. "There are worse things than looking like the president of the United States."

When he's not perfecting the look and voice of the president, Newell spends his spare time speaking to children about the dangers of drugs.

His wife, Linda, encouraged him to enter the tabloid's look-alike contest after their two children noticed his resemblance to Clinton. "They'd see Bill on TV and they would say 'Mommy, Mommy, look! Daddy's on TV,'" Newell said.

The former Denver police officer now runs an industrial security firm.

His wife is a former television actress who helped him learn to imitate Clinton's voice and facial expressions. The couple watched videos of Clinton on the campaign trail and she critiqued his accent until he sounded like he grew up in the rural South.

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Dunes & Beaches.....	August 6-8
Lakes.....	August 13-15
Environmental Projects.....	August 18-22
Wilderness.....	August 27-29

Substance Abuse Prevention Program

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Research Adolescent.....	July 28-30
Substance Abuse	
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Alcohol College Student.....	August 4-5
Drugs & Sports.....	July 8-9
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