

WASHINGTON-Congressman Spencer Bachus of Alabama yesterday called a tax refund to those who pay no Federal Income Tax a new welfare program. In remarks on the House floor Congressman Bachus said:

"Mr. Speaker, the first time I got up, I talked about the subject at hand, and that was Check-21. But I do want to address what the Democratic Members have talked about, and that is the recently passed tax cut.

One would not think there would be such an uproar from the other side because, in fact, the bill we passed exempts 3 million-plus low-income workers from any Federal tax liability. But there is still an uproar. It increases the child tax credit from \$600 to \$1,000. But there is still an uproar. It actually gives back, and only in Washington could you give back a tax refund above what people pay in, but it actually gives back \$2,000 more to low-income families with children than they paid in; yet there is still an uproar.

Why the uproar? Because the other side wants to take tax money, tax payers' money that was paid in, and pay it back to people who did not pay taxes. In other words, an individual paying in \$1,500 ought to get back \$3,500. Well, let me tell my colleagues that there is only one problem with that, and that is who pays the \$2,000? The answer is the middle class.

In Alabama, if my colleagues talk to my constituents and say to them that they are going to pay back \$2,000 to people who did not pay taxes, with their tax dollars, because they have children, they are going to call that welfare. And that is exactly what it is. When we pay folks because they have children, and we pay them back \$4,000 just because they have children, not in money they paid in but with someone else's money, that is welfare.

The other side is still upset that we cut welfare several years ago, and they want to use this as an opportunity to start a new welfare program and to fund it out of middle-class taxpayers' pockets.