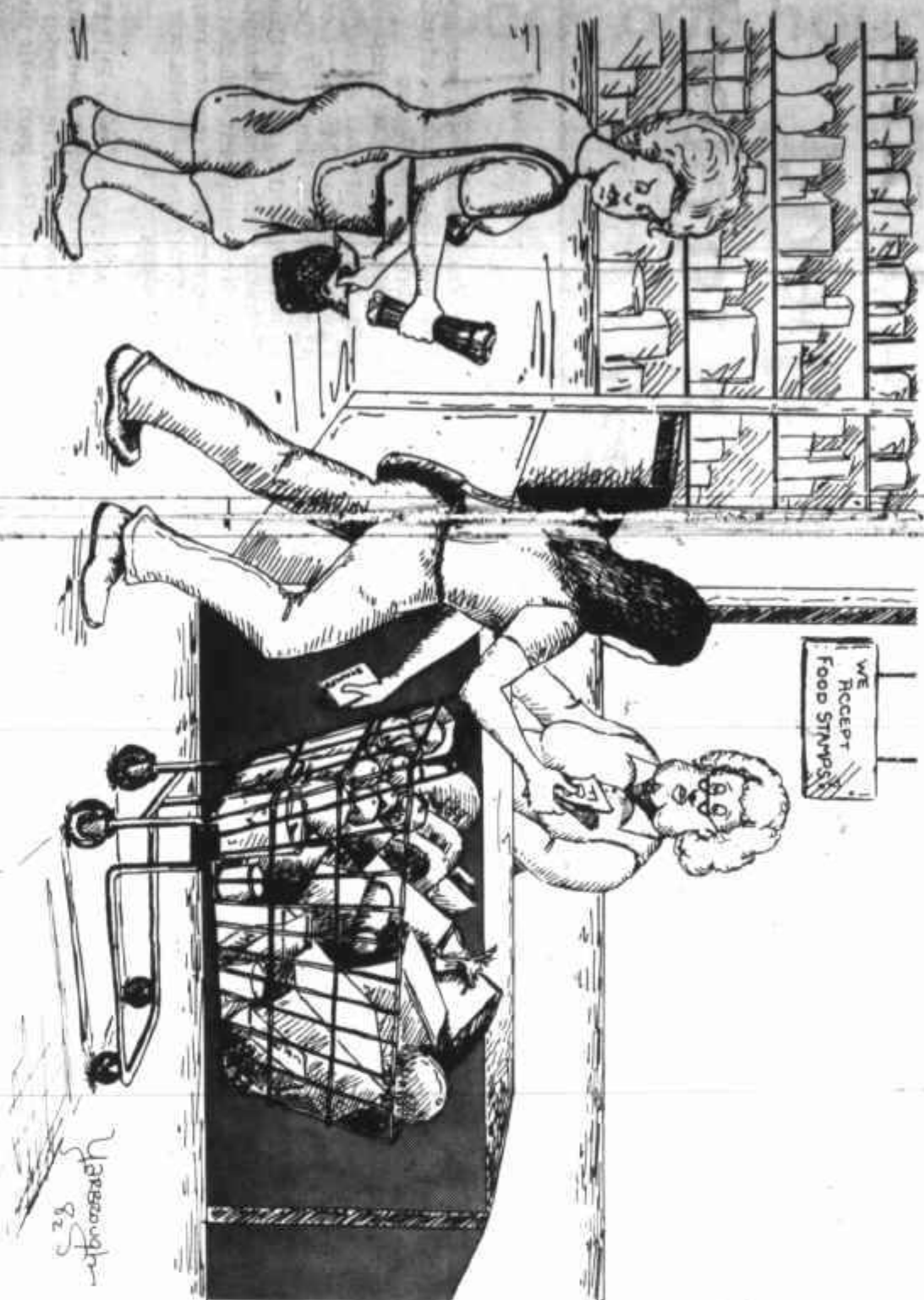




Maybe this has happened to you. Or maybe you're one of your friends.

You check the grocery ads to see what's on sale this week so you can plan meals for your family. And off you go to the store.

You take some pride in being a good shopper. You are going to get value for your hard-earned dollars.

You head for the check-out stand and ahead, if you are loaded with a cart loaded down with pretty red, packaged foods, frozen pies, steaks, and what all.

And you think that it would be nice to be able to shop that way. Not that you would, because it would be a waste of money.

Then you notice that the person ahead of you is making payment in food stamps. And you start to do a slow burn.

It just isn't fair.

There was a time when people who got food stamps paid something for them. And maybe treated their food stamps with a sense of responsibility.

But the liberals in Congress changed all this. They made food stamps absolutely free.

Bill Patman says that's a good idea.

When conservatives in Congress tried to change the law, so that people getting food stamps would pay

at least some token amount for them, Bill Patman fought the conservatives and voted Nay.

Bill Patman says that making food stamps free reduces fraud, abuse, and waste.

Do you believe that?

The truth is, it's that kind of thinking — Bill Patman's kind of thinking — that produced the huge growth of government, reckless federal spending, and made a mess of our nation's economy.

We can't afford it anymore.

HERE'S THE DIFFERENCE

"It's not a matter of being harsh to people who need help. But it seems to me that there's dignity in paying your own way. And if people need help, they shouldn't be deprived of the dignity and responsibility of at least paying part of their own way. That's just common sense. Food stamps shouldn't be free. That isn't fair to the taxpayers who are paying the bills. And it's not really fair to the people who need the help. I'll work with conservatives in Congress to restore responsibility to the food stamp program." JOE WYATT

was unfair, and Mr. Patman was defeated.

Now that he's fighting for re-election, Mr. Patman doesn't deny that he voted for that grossly unfair budget plan. He can't deny it, because it's a matter of record.

But he doesn't apologize for it, either. Which he should.

He simply won't talk honestly about that vote.

He talks about some other votes affecting senior citizens and denies that he ever voted to cut an **appropriation**. He's hoping you won't know that how he voted on appropriations has nothing to do with his support for the Rousset budget plan. Because that plan was defeated.

No other roll call vote in this Congress comes close to being as important to senior citizens as the roll call vote on the Rousset budget plan. And Mr. Patman voted for it.

If you're young, healthy, and have a good job, maybe you think that the unfair way Bill Patman wanted to balance the budget doesn't really matter to you.

Well, you're probably right. Just don't get old. And don't get sick.

HERE'S THE DIFFERENCE

"I believe people who've worked hard all their lives deserve a secure and fulfilling retirement, free from anxiety about the future."

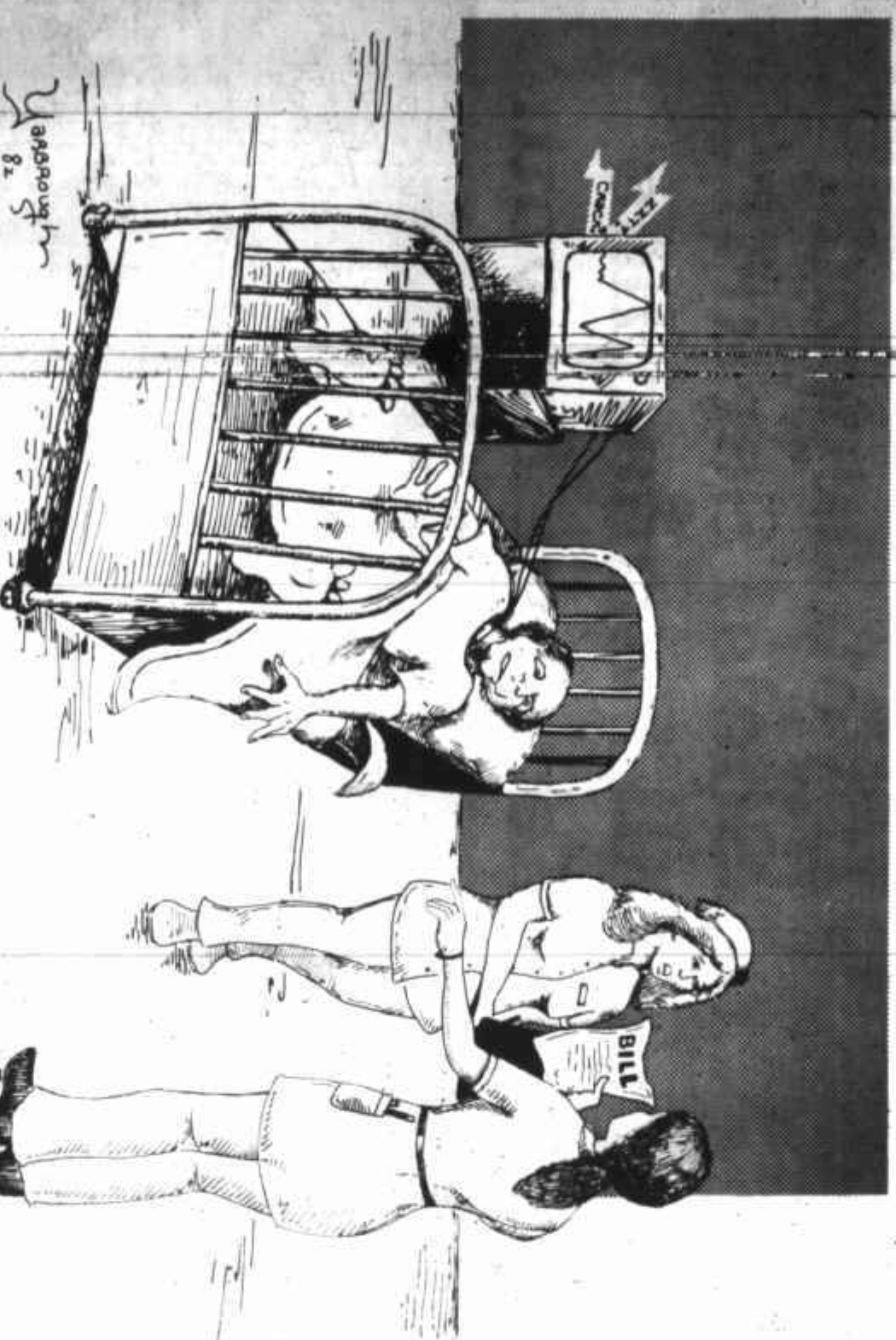
JOE WYATT

Joe Wyatt voted to protect Social Security. Not freeze it.

Joe Wyatt voted to protect Medicare. Not cut it.

Joe Wyatt will work for senior citizens. Not against them.

Because Joe Wyatt cares. And he's fair.



He was doing fine until he found out Bill Patman voted to cut Medicare!

If you depend on Social Security and Medicare, you had a close call on May 25, 1982.

That's the day Bill Patman used your vote in Congress to support a balanced budget plan proposed by Congressman Rousset of California.

Now, balancing the budget is a good idea.

But wait until you see how Mr. Patman wanted to balance the budget.

The budget plan Mr. Patman voted for would have frozen Social Security benefits. Starting next year, there wouldn't be any more cost of living adjustments for senior citizens. So Social Security checks would be worth less and less.

But things would get even worse.

The budget Mr. Patman voted for would have cut Medicare funding. So while

senior citizens would be getting Social Security checks worth less and less, they'd have to pay more and more for their health care needs. Or do without adequate medical care.

Now, maybe you're thinking that at least Medicaid would be there as a safety net for the low-income elderly. Not so.

The budget Mr. Patman voted for would cut Medicaid, too.

So when Mr. Patman says he voted for a balanced budget, remember that he tried to balance the budget on the backs of the elderly.

Lucky for you, enough other Congressmen realized that this budget plan

How liberal is Bill Patman with your money? Very.

Bill Patman likes to talk about how conservative he is, and how he's really concerned about government spending.

But that's just talk.

If you want to know how Bill Patman really feels about federal spending, take a look at the way he spends your hard-earned tax dollars on himself.

According to records on file with the Clerk of the House, in the last year he spent more of your money running his office than any other member of Congress.

Think about that. Bill Patman is a bigger spender than Tip O'Neill. That's quite an accomplishment.

Bill Patman spent \$800 on photographs for himself. How many weeks would that keep your family in groceries?

And you remember those Patman newsletters you got that you thought were so nice? They were nice, all right. A Patman newsletter costs you up to \$50,000 per edition.

Think about how many families it took, working and paying taxes, to produce the money Bill Patman spent on one newsletter promoting himself.

If you live in an average neighborhood, it probably took you and most of your neighbors working all year, paying taxes all year, to pay for Mr. Patman's newsletter.

With that kind of record, it's not surprising that the Bill Patman who voted to freeze Social Security and cut Medicare is the same Bill Patman who voted to give members of Congress an extra \$38,000,000.00 for administrative expenses.

So the next time you hear Bill Patman talking about government spending, ask yourself why he hasn't done something to limit the federal spending he personally controls. Right in his own office.

If he can't get the job done there — and he hasn't — it's no wonder he can't get the job done in Congress.

HERE'S THE DIFFERENCE

"We didn't have much time for newsletters because Joe kept the staff busy working on legislation and helping people in the district solve their individual problems with federal agencies. Under Joe's direction, I drafted amendments to the Marine Sanctuaries Act (gubernatorial veto of Marine Sanctuaries), Coastal Zone Management Act (county commissioner's court veto of estuarine sanctuaries), and Alaska Lands Bill (mandated timely leasing program on the "highly desirable" Navy Fed. 4 Reserve). All of these amendments were added and are now law. Let me tell you, we worked hard in Washington. But not on newsletters. We took care of the concerns of the people our boss was elected to represent."

Jon Fisher, Fort Lavena, Calhoun County
Former Legislative Assistant to
Congressman Joe Wyatt