to cross the line into lobbying or working as a foreign agent. One possible reason is that if Mr. Dole were to cross that line, he would not be able to make his loan to bail out the gentleman from Georgia [Mr. GINGRICH]. If Dole were a lobbyist or a foreign agent, the loan to the gentleman from Georgia [Mr. GINGRICH] would be a violation of the gift ban.

Mr. Speaker, Senator Dole should explain his involvement with Chile to the American people.

EDUCATION IS MATTER OF RIGHT VERSUS WRONG

(Ms. GRANGER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. GRANGER. Mr. Speaker, Benjamin Disraeli once said, ''The fate of our Nation depends on the education of our children.'' I rise this morning because I believe we can do a much better job of planning for our Nation's future through education.

That is why I am so pleased that today Congress is considering important education proposals like the Charters School Amendments Act and the Help Scholarships Act. These proposals are part of a positive, profamily education agenda. All are aimed at improving schools. All are aimed at educating children.

As we begin this century, let us begin a renewed commitment. Let us commit ourselves to having schools that are safe and curriculum that is sound. Let us commit ourselves to having teachers who know the subject they are teaching and the name of the child they are teaching it to. And let us commit ourselves to having our children learn to read so they can read to learn for a lifetime.

Mr. Speaker, too often in Washington we talk about issues in terms of politics. But this issue is different. Education is not a matter of right versus left; it is a matter of right versus wrong. And it is always the right time to do the right thing. Let us support these initiatives. Let us support our schools. And let us support our children.

DORNAN-SANCHEZ ELECTION

(Ms. DELAURO asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. DELAURO. Mr. Speaker, the Republican leadership has spent 10 months and more than $500,000 investigating the election of our colleague, the gentlewoman from California [Ms. SANCHEZ]. This money could have been better spent providing immunizations for 3,000 children or providing prenatal care for 450 pregnant women.

What is most disturbing about this investigation is that the Republican leadership seems to be focusing on this race because it is a seat held by a Democratic Hispanic woman and Hispanic voters might have made the difference in this election. Other closer elections last year for Congress did not result, did not result, in similar investigations. This, unfortunately, is only the latest example of the Republican Party's attempts to suppress Hispanic voting and to intimidate Hispanic voters.

The latest move to turn this investigation back to the Republican Secretary of State in California is clearly another attempt to prolong this partisan witch hunt.

The gentlewoman from California [Ms. SANCHEZ] won this election fair and square. The people of the 46th deserve to have her undivided attention. Let us bring an end to this investigation.

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ANNOUNCEMENT OF INTENTION TO OFFER RESOLUTION RAISING QUESTION OF PRIVILEGES OF THE HOUSE

Ms. FURSE. Mr. Speaker, pursuant to clause 2 of rule IX, I hereby give notice of my intention to offer a resolution which raises a question of the privileges of the House.

The form of the resolution is as follows:

Whereas, Loretta Sanchez was issued a certificate of election as the duly elected Member of Congress from the 46th District of California by the Secretary of State of California and was seated by the U.S. House of Representatives on January 7, 1997; and

Whereas A Notice of Contest of Election was filed with the Clerk of the House by Mr. Robert Dornan on December 26, 1996; and

Whereas the Task Force on the Contested Election in the 46th District of California met on February 26, 1997 in Washington, D.C. on April 19, 1997 in Orange County, California and October 24, 1997 in Washington, D.C.; and

Whereas the allegations made by Mr. Robert Dornan have been largely found to be without merit: charges of improper voting from a business, rather than a resident address; underage voting; double voting; and charges of unusually large number of individuals voting from the same address. It was found that voting from the same address included a Marines barracks and the domicile of nuns, that business addresses were legal residences for the individuals, including the zoo keeper of the Santa Ana zoo, that duplicate voting was by different individuals and those accused of underage voting were of age; and

Whereas the Committee on House Oversight has issued unprecedented subpoenas to the Immigration and Naturalization Service to compare their records with Orange County voter registration records, the first time in any election in the history of the United States that the INS has been asked by Congress to verify the citizenship of voters; and

Whereas the INS has complied with the Committee's request and, at the Committee's request, has been doing a manual check of its paper files and providing worksheets containing supplemental information on that manual check to the Committee on House Oversight for over five months; and

Whereas the Committee on House Oversight, subpoenaed the records seized by the District Attorney of Orange County on February 13, 1997 and has received and reviewed all records pertaining to registration efforts of that group; and

Whereas the House Oversight Committee is now pursuing a duplicate and dilatory review of materials already in the Committees possession by the Secretary of State of California; and

Whereas the Task Force on the Contested Election in the 46th District of California and the Committee have been reviewing these materials and has all the information it needs regarding who voted in the 46th District and all the information it needs to make judgments concerning those votes; and

Whereas the Committee on House Oversight has after over nine months of review and investigation failed to present credible evidence to change the outcome of the election of Congresswoman Sanchez and is pursuing never ending and unsubstantiated areas of review; and

Whereas, Contestant Robert Dornan has not shown or provided credible evidence that the outcome of the election is other than Congresswoman Sanchez's election to the Congress; and

Whereas, as a member of Congress whose election in 1994 was won by far smaller a majority than that which Ms. Sanchez won the 46th District race in 1996; and

Whereas, as an immigrant myself who proudly became a U.S. citizen in 1972, I believe that this Republican campaign of intimidation sends a message to new citizens that their voting privilege may be subverted. We should encourage new voters not chill their enthusiasm; and

Whereas, the Committee on House Oversight should complete its review of this matter and bring this contest to an end and now therefore be it;

Resolved, that unless the Committee on House Oversight has sooner reported a recommendation for its final disposition, the contest in the 46th District of California is dismissed upon the expiration of November 7, 1997.

The SPEAKER pro tempore [Mr. SHIMKUS]. Under rule IX, a resolution offered from the floor by a Member other than the majority leader or the minority leader as a question of the privileges of the House has immediate precedence only at a time designated by the Chair within 2 legislative days after the resolution is properly noticed.

Pending that designation, the form of the resolution noticed by the gentlewoman from Oregon [Ms. FURSE] will appear in the RECORD at this point.

The Chair will not at this point determine whether the resolution constitutes a question of privilege. That determination will be made at the time designated for consideration of the resolution.

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