

when the various nutrition programs are so different that they will need to be administered separately?

Eleventh, the WIC Program has worked and worked well. Why are we trying to fix something that isn't broke?

Mr. Speaker, the Children's Defense Fund has prepared an excellent briefing book on welfare reform, which was published in January of this year. I want to especially draw my colleagues' attention to the section of the briefing book entitled, "Why Safety Net Entitlements Must Not Be Converted Into Block Grants." Let me share with you the findings of the Children's Defense Fund from that section:

WHY SAFETY NET ENTITLEMENTS MUST NOT BE CONVERTED INTO BLOCK GRANTS

A number of proposals are being circulated that would transform key means-tested "entitlement" programs (food stamps, school lunches and other child nutrition programs, Medicaid, AFDC, and Foster Care and Adoption Assistance, among others) into block grants. Such a transformation of these key safety net programs would do incalculable damage to America's children and families, states' finances, and the nation's future.

Mr. Speaker, we must reform our welfare system but we should improve the system for the people and the Nation. We should do more than slogans.

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Mr. Speaker, yes, we should reform our welfare system, because our welfare system is not working. But we should not reform the system just for change itself. We should reform the system to make it a better system.

We are called on to have a contract with our citizens that we represent. We were called to be faithful to our promise that we would obey the Constitution. I urge us to go beyond slogans, just slogans. Personal responsibility also takes in responsibility from this Congress. We have a responsibility to make sure these programs are administered efficiently as well as effectively.

Slogans will not feed the poor. Only our working to make sure these programs work will. And I urge my citizens, I urge my colleagues as well as citizens, to understand the nutrition programs have worked well for America.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. GOSS). Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 4, 1995, the gentleman from California [Mr. DORNAN] is recognized for 15 minutes.

[Mr. DORNAN addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.]

RECESS

Pursuant to clause 12, rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

Accordingly (at 4 o'clock and 48 minutes p.m.) the House stood in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

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AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore [Mr. GOSS] at 4 o'clock and 54 minutes p.m.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A message from the Senate by Mr. Hallen, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate had passed without amendment a concurrent resolution of the House of the following title:

H. Con. Res. 30. Concurrent resolution providing for an adjournment of the two Houses.

The message also announced that pursuant to Public Law 86-380, the Chair, on behalf of the Vice President, appoints Mr. KEMPTHORNE to the Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations, vice Mr. Durenberger.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Mr. MCHUGH (at the request of Mr. ARMEY), for after 12:30 p.m. today, on account of official business at Fort Drum, NY, with the Secretary of Defense and the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff;

Mrs. CHENOWETH (at the request of Mr. ARMEY), for today after 1:30 p.m., on account of family illness;

Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT), for today, on account of official business;

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT), for today, on account of personal business.

SPECIAL ORDERS GRANTED

By unanimous consent, permission to address the House, following the legislative program and any special orders heretofore entered, was granted to:

(The following Members (at the request of Mrs. CLAYTON and to include extraneous matter:)

Mr. HALL of Texas.
Mr. ROHRBACHER.
Mr. YOUNG of Florida.
Mr. WARD.
Mr. CALVERT.
Mrs. SCHROEDER.
Mr. HOKE.
Mr. LUCAS.
Mrs. COLLINS of Illinois.
Mr. WYDEN.
Mr. LARGENT.
Mr. BRYANT of Texas.
Mr. WILLIAMS.
Mr. YOUNG of Alaska.
Mr. SHUSTER.
Mr. BONILLA.
Mr. SAXTON.
Mr. HAYES.

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. TUCKER) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Ms. DELAURO, for 5 minutes, today.
Mr. WILLIAMS, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. RIVERS, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. KAPTUR, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. OWENS, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. TUCKER, for 5 minutes, today.

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. SALMON) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. KIM, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. SALMON, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. CHRISTENSEN, for 5 minutes, today.

EXTENSION OF REMARKS

By unanimous consent, permission to revise and extend remarks was granted to:

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. TUCKER) and to include extraneous matter:)

Mr. HAMILTON, in two instances.

Mr. MCDERMOTT.

Mr. DEUTSCH.

Mr. DINGELL.

Mr. JACOBS, in two instances.

Mr. GEPHARDT.

Mr. BARCIA.

Ms. ESHOO.

Mr. POSHARD.

Mr. CLAY.

Mr. BARRETT of Wisconsin.

Mr. OLVER.

Mr. NEAL of Massachusetts.

Mr. VISCLOSKY.

Mrs. THURMAN, in two instances.

Mr. OBERSTAR.

Mr. VENTO.

Mr. LIPINSKI.

Mr. KENNEDY of Massachusetts.

Mr. MFUME.

Mr. STOKES.

Ms. DELAURO.

Mr. MOAKLEY, in two instances.

Mr. MONTGOMERY.

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. SALMON) and to include extraneous matter:)

Mr. DAVIS.

Mr. GILMAN in four instances.

Mr. BALLENGER.

Mr. NEY.

Mr. CUNNINGHAM.

Mr. BEREUTER.

Mr. CLINGER.

Mrs. JOHNSON of Connecticut.

Mr. SHUSTER.

Mr. QUINN.

Mr. EMERSON.

Mr. RADANOVICH.

Mr. MOORHEAD.

Mr. HORN.

Mr. FORBES.

Mr. SAXTON.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. FOLEY. Mr. Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the provisions of House Concurrent Resolution 30 of the 104th Congress, the House stands adjourned until 12:30 p.m., Tuesday, February 21, 1995, for morning hour debates.