

thought about the fact there are so many babies that die, Mr. Speaker, after they are born, because their parents do not have proper prenatal care. And I was looking at little Jonathan, and it made me think what shameful condition in this country when we take money away from mothers who want to have productive children, who want to bring birth to kids who can live and who can survive.

Then I thought about educational cuts, \$1.7 billion in educational programs, and I could not help but think about the \$500 million that we cut in the program called Drug Free Schools and Communities. And how can we, Mr. Speaker, cut \$500 million, totally eliminate drug free schools in communities, when drugs in our schools and communities are going up and not coming down?

What are we saying to our children? Just say no to drugs? Or just say no to drugs is the moron's answer to the drug problems? And it was that simple, we would not even need schools. We would simply tell kids, just say yes to math, just say yes to science. But that is not the answer to the drug problem. We must teach kids drug education.

Then I could not help but think about the fact we are cutting \$100 million from elementary and secondary infrastructure, school infrastructure. We have jails and prisons in this country, Mr. Speaker, that are in better condition than our schools. You take a school in my own Parish, Red River Parish, where the ceilings are leaking everyday. Every time it rains, students cannot stay in the classroom because the ceilings are leaking, not to mention the fact that the air conditioner does not work during the summertime and the heat does not work during the wintertime.

This same Congress, just when we took away \$100 million of money for infrastructure for schools, we just appropriated \$10.5 billion for jails. So if you are a prisoner in this country you have great air condition, the ceilings do not leak, and you have an opportunity to be in a building that is built well and well maintained.

Then I thought about the \$28 million from the Dropout Program that was cut. Realizing that 86 percent of the people in this country who are in jail are high school dropouts, there is a serious correlation between education and incarceration. But yet we find the need in this Congress to cut \$28 million from the Dropout Program.

Then I thought about the summer jobs program. I guess that irked me almost the most, because I thought the Contract With America was to take people off of the welfare roles, but not to take kids off of the payrolls; to take innocent kids in the summertime who finished school, and all they have to do and look forward to is a summer job, to totally eliminate that program. Now we are going to have kids on the streets, more crime indeed. Kids who go and work during the summer will

not be able to do it this summer if this rescission package stays as it is today. These kids take that money and buy their school clothes. Many of them help their parents.

Then I thought about, lastly, but certainly not least, the school lunch program. And I take a moment of personal privilege on the school lunch program because I am indeed a person who went through school and who benefitted from the school lunch program. And to think that this Congress would have the audacity and unmitigated gall to take school lunches away from innocent children, when in jails, when prisoners in jail today get three square meals a day. It is popular to feed a prisoner in this country, but it is not popular and is not correct to feed a child.

Then what really irks me, Mr. Speaker, at the time we take food out of the innocent kids' mouths, we give \$1.2 billion in food aid to foreign countries. At the time we take away summer jobs, we give \$2.3 billion to economically support other countries.

So I hope that my colleagues defend these children and defend what is right and take this opportunity to defeat this rescission package when it comes to the floor.

PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRY

Mr. KINGSTON. Mr. Speaker, I have a parliamentary inquiry.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman will state it.

Mr. KINGSTON. Mr. Speaker, since the other side has obviously a coordinated effort here to really have not just a series of 5-minute special orders, but a number of them, could we please be tight on the time? Because there are folks on this side of the aisle who want to keep in the spirit of the 1 hour here and 1 hour there. I would ask perhaps without a ruling from the Chair that, and I suppose Mrs. CLAYTON is in charge, that you could be a little tighter on your time so we could have the chance to talk, unless you want to yield some time to us?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. In response to the gentleman's parliamentary inquiry, the Chair would state for Members who have spoken this evening on both sides of the aisle, the Chair has attempted to remind them of that 5-minute limit, and will continue to do so.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Pennsylvania [Mr. MASCARA] is recognized for 5 minutes.

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

EFFECT OF CONTRACT WITH AMERICA ON CHILDREN

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from New York [Mrs. MALONEY] is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mrs. MALONEY. Mr. Speaker, if passed, the Republican contract's war on children will have a devastating impact on New York City.

The Republican contract would cut assistance for children across the board including large reductions in: school lunches and breakfasts, nutrition programs, food stamps, medical care, education, and housing programs.

In the contract's plan to cap the food Stamp Program, New Yorkers would lose \$300 million in the first year alone. A food stamp reduction of that magnitude could prevent as many as 190,000 children from receiving assistance.

In the contract's plan to lower child nutrition costs, New York State stands to lose \$70 million in assistance by 1996, and \$600 million by the year 2000.

This contradicts the overwhelming evidence that child nutrition programs lower the possibility of low birthweight and anemia in children.

In the contract's plan to eliminate the school lunch and school breakfast programs, over 800,000 children in New York City will be forced to pay more for breakfast and lunch.

I would really like to know where are they going to get that money to eat.

Schools will have to choose either to cut back on the quality of food or simply not provide lunches for children who need to eat.

There is even talk that the Summer Meals Program might be eliminated altogether.

Mr. Speaker, even President Richard Nixon supported school nutrition programs when he stated, "A child ill fed is dulled in curiosity, lower in stamina, distracted from learning."

These cuts are callous and mean-spirited. They not only affect child nutrition programs, but they also affect many other well deserving programs.

The contract would cut Medicaid and Medicare by \$33 billion over the next 7 years.

In an effort to dismantle Federal nutrition programs, the Republicans voted to expand the profits of four U.S. drug corporations of up to \$1 billion by eliminating a competitive bidding process for infant formula. As a result, these four companies can raise their prices and pad their profits.

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The Republicans voted to cut \$1.3 billion in heating assistance to needy families while at the same time voting for a \$6.5 million pork-barrel visitor center with a complete heating system for a Republican's district in Oregon.

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The Republicans voted to eliminate 185,000 meals a day for children in family day care homes while at the same time voted to continue spending tens of billions of dollars on the F-22 fighter.

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It has become very clear that the Republicans are forcing children to pay