

are taking away would have provided 67,000 more families with housing certificates and vouchers. For the first time in the more than 20 years of this program, there will be no incremental funding of tenant-based rental assistance—a program which is widely acknowledged by conservative analysts to be HUD's most cost-effective one.

Mr. Chairman, the list of important and innovative housing programs to be cut by this legislation goes on and on and time prevents me from listing all of them. I wish to note for the record, however, my opposition to Republican cuts of \$90 million in the lead-based paint program; \$350 million in pension fund rental assistance; and \$38 million in the Youthbuild Program, which not only increases affordable housing, but also provides job training and skills for lower income Americans.

I am also opposed to the \$350 million cut in the Community Development Block Grant [CDBG] Program. CDBG funds allow community-based organizations to provide a wide range of services in their communities. Why, at a time when we are trying to promote community control are we tying the hands of communities trying to meet community needs?

What is the response of my Republican colleagues to our concerns about the impact of these draconian cuts? They say we simply cannot afford to provide housing for needy Americans. I say we simply cannot afford not to provide this housing.

This bill cuts funding which has already been voted on by Congress and signed into law by President Clinton. In many cases, communities and housing providers across the country struggling with trying to meet ever-growing needs with limited funds, will lose money for community development and for housing which is part of a community plan and which is already underway. Where progress is being made, it will be stopped. Would that halting progress is the only consequence under the Republican plan. Unfortunately, the bill before us today takes giant steps backwards in the fight against homelessness.

If we have learned anything about homelessness over the course of the past decade, it is that it costs less to keep people in affordable housing than it does to help homeless people with the transition back to being fully-functioning members of our society. The Republican cuts in our national housing programs are not only inhumane and cruel, but they are also inefficient and costly. While the Republican leadership trumpets the saving they propose today, they are covering up the costs their cuts will create tomorrow. I urge my colleagues to oppose this misguided and cruel bill.

EMERGENCY SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR ADDITIONAL DISASTER ASSISTANCE AND RESCISSIONS FOR FISCAL YEAR 1995

SPEECH OF

HON. BOB BARR

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 15, 1995

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consideration the bill (H.R. 1158) making emergency supplemental appropriations for additional disaster assistance and making rescissions for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1995, and for other purposes:

Mr. BARR. Mr. Chairman, I rise to engage the gentleman from California [Mr. LEWIS], who chairs the subcommittee dealing with HUD, in a colloquy if he is willing.

Mr. LEWIS of California. Mr. Chairman, will the gentleman yield?

Mr. BARR. I yield to the gentleman from California.

Mr. LEWIS of California. Mr. Chairman, I would be very pleased to do so.

Mr. BARR. Mr. Chairman, many communities throughout the State of Georgia, including those within my own district, have raised a concern regarding the proposed reduction of \$349 million in community development block grants. I am informed that the cut amounts to as much as an 8 percent reduction from what has already been publicly announced and communicated to them.

Mr. LEWIS of California. The gentleman is correct. Many local communities have been notified of their fiscal year 1995 allocations and have initiated community meetings to plan for the release of CDBG money for the wide variety of eligible purposes.

Mr. BARR. So can we expect the committee to help us make a determination of how to assure these communities that they will receive what they were previously promised?

Mr. LEWIS of California. The report accompanying this bill directs OMB to cause the affected agencies, including HUD, to stop obligating funds proposed for rescission. I am very concerned that HUD in particular has attempted to move funds out the door as soon as they suspected they were rescission candidates. If we can get OMB to put the brakes on, I am sure that we can make a factual determination of how much of the proposed cut should be restored in order to keep faith with the local planning that has naturally progressed prior to the full committee's action late last week. And I am more than willing to do so in conference if HUD and OMB step up to the plate on this.

Mr. BARR. I appreciate knowing that you have the same understanding I do regarding the dilemma faced by my communities in Georgia. They will be very pleased to know that we are working on a solution.

Mr. LEWIS of California. Mr. Chairman, I commend the gentleman from Georgia [Mr. BARR] for his efforts.

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SPEECH OF

HON. LYNN C. WOOLSEY

OF CALIFORNIA

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Ms. WOOLSEY. Mr. Chairman, I rise in strong opposition to the Crane amendment which would increase the cuts in funding for the corporation for public broadcasting.

Mr. Chairman, I have received hundreds of letters from my constituents, in the sixth Congressional District of California, opposing the republican leadership's attacks on the CPB. These attacks will hurt our local PBS stations, KRCB and KQED, which are an important source of educational and cultural programming for adults and children in my district.

KCRB and KQED have helped thousands of adults get their high school degree and pass college level courses. Workers on farms in isolated areas; welfare mothers striving to become self-sufficient; and individuals seeking to improve their job skills have benefitted from the educational programming offered by KRCB and KQED.

Mr. Chairman, no commercial stations are offering these much-needed educational services!

In addition, KRCB, KQED and other PBS stations are home to valuable programming for our children. As a mother of four, I remember how difficult it was to find entertaining and educational programs for my children. I often relied on my local PBS station as do many parents who do not want their children watching the increasingly violent adult programs which are prevalent on commercial television stations.

For the price of one dollar per person, the corporation for public broadcasting ensures that every American household, rich or poor, urban or rural, has access to a wide range of educational and cultural programming.

Mr. Chairman, this is a small price to pay for the valuable services provided by PBS stations throughout the Nation.

I urge my colleagues to vote "no" on the Crane amendment.

THE SYMBOL OF OUR NATION

HON. TOM BEVILL

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 21, 1995

Mr. BEVILL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the introduction of historic legislation that will finally give the American flag the recognition it deserves as a symbol of our Nation.

As many as 235 Members of the House have co-sponsored this bill to amend the U.S.