

years later and 20 years later do much better in their careers. In just about every other measurable way, the 3- and 4-year-olds who had Head Start 10 years ago and 20 years ago or 15 years ago are doing much better than those who did not. Yet only about half of our children who are 3 and 4 years old who are eligible for Head Start get Head Start because of the lack of funding.

So what did this bill do? It cut Head Start, a program which I think, if not universally applauded, is about as supported a program as any I know of. This is not a case where we are cutting programs which are not working. This is a case where we are cutting programs which are working and which are essential to this country.

I know some of these cuts were used as threats, particularly by some people over in the House who are determined to get their way on bigger budget issues. These Members of the House who take the position, "It is my way or else; it is my way or else the Government is coming to a halt; it is my way or else we are going to have major cuts in education; it is my way or else our debts are not going to be paid, we're not going to pay interest on the national debt or on the obligations of this country," those "my way or else" Members of the House got their way in this continuing resolution. They should not have.

We should not let them have their way again. I think there are enough people in the Senate on a bipartisan basis who object deeply to these cuts in education that, if we will pull together, we can let the House know, particularly those 60 or so Republicans in the House who have taken this position that unless they get their way the Government is to shut down, it has to be their way or else the full faith and credit of the United States is going to be damaged—they had their way in this continuing resolution.

These cuts are a reflection of a tactic, an extreme tactic, an irresponsible tactic of closing the Government down unless they get their way. That tactic had, I think, negative and damaging results in this continuing resolution which we tried to repair. Fifty-one of us voted to repair it. Then ultimately the resolution passed because, I think, as the chairman of the Appropriations Committee felt, there was no choice. The gun was at our head.

We have to take that gun away, not just on keeping the Government going and restoring these education cuts, but also on the full faith and credit of the United States. This is a pattern which should not be repeated.

I hope that the Senate, on a bipartisan basis, sends a strong signal to Speaker GINGRICH that we are not going to tolerate this again and that we are going to seek to restore the cuts which have so damaged education programs and so left educators in a quandary as to what the funding is going to be for next fall. They do not know. There is no way for them to plan either in the K through 12 level or in college.

They do not know what the funding is going to be for college loans, for Pell grants, for student incentive grants. They do not know what the funding is going to be for Head Start for 3- and 4-year-olds. They do not know what the School-to-Work funding is going to be. And here we are approaching spring now, when the planning is done, with all of this up in the air.

So, Mr. President, I hope we will take a strong stand to restore these cuts, to repair the damage and to remove the gun which has been placed at the head of the economy and at Members of the Senate.

I thank the Chair and I yield the floor. I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. HATCH). The clerk will call the roll.

The assistant legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. COATS). Without objection, it is so ordered.

#### TRIBUTE TO AMBASSADOR RAY OF INDIA

Mr. PRESSLER. Mr. President, I want to take a moment today to pay tribute and bid a fond farewell to a very distinguished statesman, a good friend to the United States and a dear friend of mine—Siddhartha Shankar Ray, India's Ambassador to the United States. Ambassador Ray has decided to return to his home country, and more specifically to West Bengal, to run for a seat in the Indian Parliament. I wish him great success in this and in his future endeavors.

As all my colleagues know Ambassador Ray has worked tirelessly during his more than 3 years here to strengthen Indo-United States relations. It is safe to say he has performed his duties with great distinction and even greater success. His service to his country here in Washington came at a vital period in Indo-United States relations. With the end of the cold war, past barriers to better relations with India have gone with it, and vast new opportunities have emerged. We have seen increased investment, trade, and cultural exchanges between our two countries. We also are laying the groundwork for discussions on security issues. Ambassador Ray has played a vital role in this exciting new era. I am certain he will continue to do so.

Ambassador Ray is an industrious and articulate diplomat, and a tenacious advocate for his country. The secret of Ambassador Ray's success is simple. As Sister Mary Lauretta once stated: "To be successful, the first thing to do is fall in love with your work." Ambassador Ray loves India. He believes in India's future. His love of country and faith in his fellow citizens were evident throughout his service here.

I had the opportunity to spend time with Ambassador Ray and his wife, Maya, last week at his farewell dinner. Both have been positive forces for their country. Now, they intend to continue their already distinguished service at home. No matter what path Ambassador Ray may take, I am certain that all of India will stand to benefit.

Ambassador and Mrs. Ray will be sorely missed by all of us in the Washington community. But it is safe to say we can always look to Ambassador Ray to be an essential element in our strengthening ties with India. Again, I wish my friend Ambassador Ray and his family the very best.

#### HONORING THE MOORE'S FOR CELEBRATING THEIR 50TH WED- DING ANNIVERSARY

Mr. ASHCROFT. Mr. President, these are trying times for the family in America. Unfortunately, too many broken homes have become part of our national culture. It is tragic that nearly half of all couples married today will see their union dissolve into divorce. The effects of divorce on families and particularly the children of broken families are devastating. In such an era, I believe it is both instructive and important to honor those who have taken the commitment of "til death us do part" seriously and have successfully demonstrated the timeless principles of love, honor, and fidelity, to build a strong family. These qualities make our country strong.

For these important reasons, I rise today to honor Mr. and Mrs. Albert Moore who on February 24 celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. My wife, Janet, and I look forward to the day we can celebrate a similar milestone. The Moore's commitment to the principles and values of their marriage deserves to be saluted and recognized. I wish them and their family all the best as they celebrate this substantial marker on their journey together.

#### MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Mr. Thomas, one of his secretaries.

#### EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations and a treaty which were referred to the appropriate committees.

(The nominations received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)