

billion to expand the Pell Grant Program, and another \$9 billion for other educational programs such as title I and IDEA.

Instead, the House passed a budget resolution, over my objections, that provides tax cuts for the people who need them the least. Instead of letting the rich of this country get huge tax breaks, we should be helping local communities repair schools, build new ones, bring up the standards of our children's education, and help train the future workers of this Nation.

I am concerned that the plan passed in the budget resolution will cause great problems in the future, not next year or in the year 2002, but further out. The revenue losses expand greatly when these tax cuts are scored in the outlying years. With these losses in revenues, I believe that the programs which benefit the poor, the elderly, and the young will suffer far more than the programs that provide subsidies to the liquor industry, the mining industry, or the timber industry.

Mr. Speaker, the Federal Government has a very good track record when it comes to education. The GI bill provided tens of thousands of veterans with the opportunity to attend college which is, I believe, in part responsible for the great economic boom of the 1950's. The Federal Government has also helped ensure the educational opportunities of the disabled and provided worker retraining for displaced workers. All with great success.

Unfortunately, my colleagues on the other side of the aisle don't see it that way. Many of them believe the Federal Government should have no role in educating our citizens. I believe they are wrong.

The Democratic Party and the President have made it clear that we know the top priority of our people—ensuring that our children have access to the best quality education in the world.

I want to thank my colleague from North Carolina, Congressman BOB ETHERIDGE, for his work on the Task Force and my colleague from New Jersey, Congressman FRANK PALLONE, for organizing this special order.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks on subject of this special order.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from New Jersey?

There was no objection.

COMMUNICATION FROM JOAN CARLSON, EASTERN FIELD DIRECTOR FOR THE HONORABLE EARL POMEROY, MEMBER OF CONGRESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from Joan Carlson, Eastern Field Director for the Honorable EARL POMEROY Member of Congress:

EARL POMEROY,
CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES,
North Dakota, May 20, 1997.

Hon. NEWT GINGRICH,
*Speaker of the House, House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.*

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: This is to formally notify you pursuant to Rule L (50) of the Rules

of the House that I have been served with a subpoena issued by the District Court of Cass County, North Dakota.

After consultation with the General Counsel, I will make the determinations required by Rule L.

Sincerely,

JOAN CARLSON,
Eastern Field Director.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Mr. SNOWBARGER (at the request of Mr. ARMEY), for today after 1 p.m. and the balance of the week, on account of a death in the family.

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 Mr. CAPPS) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. FALCOMA, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. FURSE, for 5 minutes, today.

Mrs. TAUSCHER, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. LAFALCE, for 5 minutes, today.

Mrs. MINK of Hawaii, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. FILNER, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. MATSUI, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. UNDERWOOD, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois, for 5 minutes, today.

(The following Member (at his request) to revise and extend his remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. FOX of Pennsylvania, for 5 minutes, today.

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

Mr. CAMP, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. GUTKNECHT, for 5 minutes, on May 22.

Ms. GRANGER, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. FOLEY, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. JONES, for 5 minutes, on May 22.

Mr. FOX of Pennsylvania, for 5 minutes, on May 22.

Mr. NEUMANN, 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. CAPPS) and to include extraneous matter:)

Mr. STARK.

Ms. NORTON.

Mr. HAMILTON.

Mr. BLUMENAUER.

Mr. DOYLE.

Mr. TORRES.

Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts.

Mr. POSHARD.

Ms. BROWN of Florida.

Mr. CONDIT.

Mr. STOKES.
Mr. FILNER.
Mr. LAFALCE.
Mr. ANDREWS.
Mr. POMEROY.
Mr. ACKERMAN.
Mr. HINCHEY.
Mr. PAYNE.
Mr. MENENDEZ.
Mr. SANDERS.

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

Mr. HOUGHTON.

Mr. SOLOMON.

Mr. TALENT.

Mr. GEKAS.

Mr. THUNE.

Mr. CAMP.

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey.

Mrs. FOWLER.

Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN.

Mr. OXLEY.

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

Mr. DUNCAN in two instances.

Mr. BARCIA.

Mr. EHRLICH.

Mr. MENENDEZ.

Mr. SANDERS.

Mr. PAYNE.

Mr. SOLOMON.

Ms. ESHOO.

Mr. GILMAN.

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey.

Mr. FARR of California.

Mrs. LOWEY.

Mr. SERRANO.

SENATE BILL AND CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS REFERRED

A bill and concurrent resolutions of the Senate of the following titles were taken from the Speaker's table and, under the rule, referred as follows:

S. 342. An act to extend certain privileges, exemptions, and immunities to Hong Kong Economic and Trade Offices; to the Committee on International Relations.

S. Con. Res. 6. Concurrent resolution expressing concern for the continued deterioration of human rights in Afghanistan and emphasizing the need for a peaceful political settlement in that country; to the Committee on International Relations.

S. Con. Res. 21. Concurrent resolution congratulating the residents of Jerusalem and the people of Israel on the thirtieth anniversary of the reunification of that historic city, and for other purposes; to the Committee on International Relations.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 7 o'clock and 55 minutes p.m.), the House adjourned until tomorrow, Thursday, May 22, 1997, at 10 a.m.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES ON PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XIII, reports of committees were delivered to the Clerk