

If you believe that Federal education tax dollars should be made available to kids in classrooms instead of providing access to programs on prostitution, racism and polygamy, then I urge the Members to support the Dollars to the Classroom Act. This bill block grants 30 Federal education programs requiring 95 cents of every dollar go to classroom use.

REFORM THE IRS

(Mr. TRAFICANT asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. TRAFICANT. Mr. Speaker, the IRS is trying to kill reform. They are bringing out the big guns, Congress. The Treasury Department says, and I quote, whistle blowers are lying. The IRS is really doing a good job.

Unbelievable. Tell that to the families of Alex Consul and Bruce Baron, both of whom committed suicide. Tell me, how many more Americans must commit suicide? How many more American families must be destroyed? Who is kidding whom? The tail is wagging the dog in America, and Uncle Sam is now barking the praises of the IRS. Beam me up, Mr. Speaker.

No American should fear our government. The most important thing the Congress of the United States can do this year is reform the IRS. With that, I yield back any guts left in this great, august deliberative body.

SUPPORT RESOLUTION TO HELP STATES COMPLY WITH MEGAN'S LAW

(Mr. GUTKNECHT asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. GUTKNECHT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to talk about a very important issue I think to every American, especially American families who have children.

Two years ago, Congress passed Megan's law, which requires States to develop programs to notify communities when sexual predators have been released into their neighborhoods. To date, 45 States have done that.

But I must report that not every State is doing the kind of job that I think needs to be done. In fact, recently, NBC News did a special, and they found in one precinct 222 released sex offenders were living in that one ZIP code. The bad news is that none of the neighbors, none of the families, none of the parents knew who they are or where they were living.

Mr. Speaker, the time has come for Congress to provide some additional leadership to the States. As a result, I have introduced a resolution in the House, and soon it will be introduced in the Senate as well, a resolution which will help States to comply with the requirements under Megan's law, to make it easier for States to comply

and notify communities, to notify neighborhoods, and to notify families when sex offenders are moving into their neighborhoods. I encourage my colleagues to join me in this effort by cosponsoring this important resolution.

TRIBUTE TO SHARON AINSLIE

(Mr. BALLENGER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. BALLENGER. Mr. Speaker, after many years of being a father figure to a couple hundred teenagers, Sandy Ainslie is retiring as the Headmaster at Episcopal High School in Alexandria, Virginia.

Much credit should and will be given to Sandy Ainslie for his many years of service, but I am here to honor his hard-working, always smiling, wife Sharon. Sharon has worked alongside Sandy through many years of trials and tribulations. She has raised money for the school and helped upgrade the school's facilities and made it a reality that all students attending Episcopal have their own computer. She has helped to instill in these young minds integrity, honesty, and values that will help enable them to prosper in today's ever-changing world.

While always keeping a loving and warm personality, Sharon has supported her husband and the many students of Episcopal High School for many years. So today it is Sharon we honor for her many years of dedication for our youth of tomorrow. Both Sharon and Sandy will be missed by the students, faculty, and alumni all.

SUPPORT SCHOOL CHOICE FOR AMERICA'S FUTURE

(Mr. JONES asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. JONES. Mr. Speaker, it is sad to say, but America's children are not receiving the education they need and deserve. I believe that we are facing this grim situation because parents, unfortunately, have been edged out of the system.

For years and years, the Federal Government has tried to solve educational problems. In fact, the Federal Department of Education has spent over \$444 billion since its establishment in 1980, but it has failed our children. Adding more bureaucrats and ignoring parents and teachers is not the solution.

The Federal Government has had its turn. The solution is to put education decisions back in the hands of parents and teachers where education belongs. It is time to truly repair our damaged education system and to empower parents to choose the school that is best for their children. Support school choice for America's future.

INTERIOR DEPARTMENT NOT MAKING GREAT STRIDES IN IMPLEMENTING RESULTS ACT

(Mr. GIBBONS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. GIBBONS. Mr. Speaker, the Interior Department says that it has been making great strides in implementing the Results Act. That is a 1993 law which requires Federal agencies to define their missions, set goals, and plan how to meet those goals, and specifically measure agency progress.

Great strides? In a recent audit by the GAO, the Interior Department received a 29 out of a possible 100. That is right, 29. It has been a while since I have been in school, but I cannot imagine the kind of bell curve that would make 29 a passing grade. Even the Interior Department's own independent acting IG says their plans do not provide a clear picture of the intended performance.

With approximately 87 percent of Nevada being managed by the Federal Government, this news only bolsters and solidifies the fact that the Department is in desperate need of a tutor. A 29 is not great strides. It is not a giant step. A 29 is a huge step backwards.

The only bright side to this is that they have plenty of room for improvement. The school bell has rung, recess time is over, and the Interior Department needs to return to class.

NATIONAL CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH

(Mr. LAMPSON asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. LAMPSON. Mr. Speaker, April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month. Communities that care about their children and families can and do work together to find solutions to tough problems. It is because of the partnership of a community in my district and a community in another county that I come before you today.

The Talmud says that he who saves one life saves the world entire. On April 13, nine-year-old Amber from Webster, Texas, was abducted and sexually assaulted. Within 24 hours after her abduction, Amber was found, and the assailant was placed into custody by the Harrison County Deputy Sheriff, Claire Martinez. Today, I would like to commend the Friendswood Police Department and Deputy Martinez for their great work in apprehending the suspect.

Within minutes after Amber's mother reported the abduction, the Webster and Friendswood Police Departments quickly organized themselves and responded to the situation. The result is that nine-year-old Amber is still alive. If the Friendswood Police Department had not developed a procedure for dealing with abductions, the result may have been quite different. The response

by these agencies is commendable, needs to be a model throughout the Nation.

I would ask that Members wear these little blue ribbons today.

WHITE HOUSE NOT COOPERATING WITH INVESTIGATIONS

(Mr. BRADY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. BRADY. Mr. Speaker, I sometimes wonder why investigations take so long around here. Maybe you do as well. I know that the White House has insisted that they are cooperating fully with the various investigations and investigators charged with finding out the truth about the illegal campaign contributions in the last elections. But I think I now know why we are having so much trouble getting there.

There are 92 witnesses, that is 92 witnesses have either fled the country or taken the fifth amendment, refused to testify. When you are not afraid to tell the truth, if there is nothing to hide, why would 92 American citizens flee this country or hide behind the fifth amendment?

When the FBI director, Louis Freeh, was asked last year if he had ever seen this before, the only similarity he could draw was during the 16 years he spent investigating organized crime cases. I do not know if this is organized crime, but I know the White House is saying it is cooperating fully, but no one is cooperating.

CAMPAIGN FINANCE REFORM INVESTIGATION STYMIED AT EVERY TURN

(Mr. SESSIONS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. Speaker, during the past few days, we have heard a lot about the ability to hear from witnesses in an objective investigation of the facts surrounding campaign financing. All I hear from the Democrats is that Congress must vote on campaign finance reform.

Well, my committee, the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight, is trying to find out what is wrong with campaign financing. But our investigation had been stymied at every single turn. There are witnesses who have been unavailable to the committee, 46 witnesses who have refused to testify, asserting protections against self-incrimination, and 12 witnesses who have fled the country.

Incredibly, the Democrats on the committee have refused to allow immunity for witnesses that Janet Reno, the Attorney General, says should have immunity. Mr. Speaker, this will prevent us from hearing from those witnesses. My question to the Democrats is this: What are you attempting to hide?

NATIONAL SECURITY DEMONSTRATION SET FOR WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY

(Mr. WELDON of Pennsylvania asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. WELDON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, to begin the markup of the National Defense Authorization bill this week, I want to call to the attention of our colleagues two significant events that will take place tomorrow and Thursday involving national security and threats from weapons of mass destruction.

All day tomorrow in the Rayburn courtyard, we will have a full demonstration of one of our leading new technologies, the Theater High Altitude Area Defense system as well as a Scud missile, the type of missile that killed our 28 troops in Saudi Arabia just 7 years ago. I would encourage our colleagues to visit that exhibit.

On Thursday, we will have 2,000 fire and EMS leaders from across the country assemble in Washington. At noon, we will have a major rally outside the doors of this Chamber to focus on the need for first responders to get full attention and focus as we plus-up money to respond to terrorist acts involving weapons of mass destruction nationwide.

I would encourage our colleagues to visit both events and to become active participants in the rally and the event from our fire and EMS leaders from all of our 50 States.

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ELIMINATE THE MARRIAGE TAX PENALTY NOW

(Mr. WELLER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. WELLER. Mr. Speaker, the question today is, why pass the Marriage Tax Elimination Act? I believe this series of questions best illustrates why.

Do Americans feel that it is fair that working married couples with two incomes pay higher taxes just because they are married? Do Americans feel that it is fair that 21 million married working couples pay, on the average, \$1,400 more just because they are married than an identical couple with an identical income living together outside of marriage? Do Americans feel that it is fair that our Tax Code actually provides an incentive to get divorced?

Of course not. That is wrong, and that is why elimination of the marriage tax penalty is so important.

If we think about it, 21 million married working couples, 42 million Americans, pay on the average of \$1,400 more just because they are married. That is one year's tuition at Joliet Junior College in the south suburbs of Chicago; three months in a local day care center. It is real money for real people.

Mr. Speaker, let us eliminate the marriage penalty. Let us eliminate it now.

CONGRESS SHOULD MOVE AGGRESSIVELY TO PUT SOCIAL SECURITY FIRST

(Mr. SMITH of Michigan asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. SMITH of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, a word on Social Security. Today the Social Security trustees released the annual report on their new projections when Social Security runs short of money to pay benefits. Because of the economic growth, because of the good economy with more jobs and higher incomes, they are now projecting that we are going to have an extra year or so before Social Security has less tax revenue coming in than is required to pay benefits. We still have a very, very serious problem.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues in the House and the Senate, I urge the President not to use this as an excuse to delay and put off and not deal with the serious problems of Social Security. The current good economy is an opportunity to move ahead with long term solutions giving more flexibility for transition.

Mr. Speaker, Social Security is one of the important problems that is facing us right now with an unfunded liability of over \$3 trillion. Let us move ahead aggressively with a solution and really put Social Security first.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. BARRETT of Nebraska). Pursuant to the provisions of clause 5, rule I, the Chair announces that he will postpone further proceedings today on each motion to suspend the rules on which a recorded vote or the yeas and the nays are ordered, or on which the vote is objected to under clause 4 of rule XV.

Such rollcall votes, if postponed, will be taken after debate has concluded on all motions to suspend the rules, but not before 5 p.m. today.

RHINO AND TIGER PRODUCT LABELING ACT

Mr. SAXTON. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 2807) to amend the Rhinoceros and Tiger Conservation Act of 1994 to prohibit the sale, importation, and exportation of products labeled as containing substances derived from rhinoceros or tiger, as amended.

The Clerk read as follows:

H.R. 2807

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "Rhino and Tiger Product Labeling Act".