

the States, just what the Dollars to the Classroom Act does.

I would like to share with my colleagues some interesting comments from teachers who support the Dollars to the Classroom approach.

"The Federal Government should quit dictating to local communities what should be taught to children, mainly because the Federal Government is totally out of touch with reality." Kansas City, Missouri.

"It's time we realize that no one program can meet the needs of every region." Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

"I'm all in favor of localizing control of school budgets. Local educators are professionals with the training and experience to make the best decisions for their schools." Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.

Those are thoughts of teachers.

The question we need to ask is who do we trust to educate our children, Washington bureaucrats or local teachers, parents, and school officials?

Let us pass the Dollars to the Classroom Act. Send \$2.7 billion to our classrooms.

#### NATION NEEDS AN ACCURATE CENSUS

(Mrs. MALONEY of New York asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mrs. MALONEY of New York. Mr. Speaker, the Nation needs an accurate census, one that includes everyone.

The 1990 census undercounted 8.4 million people. The count heavily disfavored minorities. Correcting the census undercount is the civil rights issue of the 1990s.

The Census Bureau, under the direction of the National Academy of Sciences, has come forward with the modern comprehensive plan for the Year 2000 Census, one that will include everyone. The Republican majority is trying to stop the plan from going forward.

The Republican majority should not fear counting blacks, Hispanics and Asians. What they should be afraid of is repeating the errors of 1990 while the Nation's minorities look on, knowing those mistakes could have been prevented, knowing they were intentionally left out.

Mr. Speaker, the Year 2000 census must be about policy, accurate policy, not politics.

#### EDUCATION SAVINGS ACCOUNTS

(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, I do not recall precisely what I was doing July 21, but I do recall that I was not celebrating the passage of the Education Savings Accounts, a middle-class and low-income initiative that would have given millions of parents hope, hope for their children's future that they do not now have.

I did not celebrate because President Clinton vetoed that legislation on July 21. And the only people who were celebrating that day were here in Washington D.C.

That is right, the Washington bureaucrats and the special interests who were responsible for the failed schools in the first place, who were responsible for the need for this legislation, they were celebrating already. They rejoiced in their ability to avoid real reform for one more year.

Schools which are laden with education malpractice will continue to avoid accountability. Children who graduate from these schools lacking even a basic competency in math and reading will continue to hold back any nation that is leading the world in science, technology, and innovation.

Yes, for the special interests and Washington bureaucrats, it was a time to celebrate. But for the children whose lives are clouded by the lack of hope, it is a sad day indeed.

#### HOME HEALTH CARE INDUSTRY

(Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, it is not many times we can come to the floor of the House and solve a problem by working with the administration and working legislatively to make good or make better what we have wronged.

I am speaking this morning about the home health care industry, millions and millions of servants around the Nation who have made life better for those who are home-bound or infirm. We have a problem that they are facing that is causing many of them to close their doors, and that is the Medicare Interim Payment Plan. It is a problem and a plan that does not work.

The home health care industry and those professionals who work every day go to the neighborhoods and homes of our respective constituents and provide them with the necessary health care at home that allows them to stay with their families, to stay in the homes that they paid for, to stay where they raised their children, to stay in their familiar surroundings.

This process that is being enacted by HCFA is causing great stress and distress. And so, I would ask this House and the Administration to collaborate to change the laws and save our home health care industry. It will save the people who want to be home with their family and friends.

#### RADIO AND TV MARTI

(Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. Mr. Speaker, one of the many projects in the Commerce bill which helped to further

American priorities and objectives is Radio and TV Marti.

Cuban patriot and poet Jose Marti said, "Only oppression should fear the full exercise of freedom."

Today, only Fidel Castro should fear the transmission of Radio and TV Marti. Only a brutal dictator like Castro should fear the dissemination of democratic principles throughout Cuba. Only those who want to keep the people of Cuba enslaved in an island prison should fear Radio and TV Marti.

One hundred years ago the U.S. joined forces with the Cuban opposition to help usher in a new era of independence and representative democracy for Cuba. Today, through Radio and TV Marti, the echoes of this commitment to bringing freedom to Cuba should be heard and seen by the Cuban people.

Daily transmissions from the U.S. to Cuba bring hope to an oppressed population and remind them of the more than 100 years of friendship and solidarity between the people of our two countries.

Let us do what is right. Let us recall the courage of those men and women who fought to defend the principles of liberty 100 years ago. Let us honor their memory by supporting Radio and TV Marti.

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#### CENSUS

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

Mr. GREEN. Mr. Speaker, it is important for every American to be counted. How can Congress determine what a community needs if we really do not know how many people are in that community? It is estimated that the 1990 census undercounted the population in my hometown of Houston, Texas by 67,000 people. It is estimated the State of Texas lost \$1 billion in title I school funding, road construction and senior citizen services because of the undercount in 1990.

Statisticians and scientists have determined that using scientific statistical methods will produce a census that is more accurate and less costly to taxpayers. We should stop playing politics with the census issue and say let us count every American. Today the Mollohan amendment will ensure that the Census Bureau be able to conduct an accurate and cost effective census in the year 2000. We need to support the Mollohan amendment.

Mr. Speaker, everyone deserves to be counted.

#### JOB CORPS

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

Mr. DUNCAN. Mr. Speaker, the House will soon approve more than \$1