

Mr. HOEKSTRA. I thank the gentleman, and I think it is about time to wrap up this debate, although we have not had much of a debate. But we ought to also remember and say, you know, why did we do this discussion tonight?

We did this discussion tonight, number one, to prepare our colleagues for the debate that we are going to have tomorrow and also because we know it is going to be a vigorous debate because talking to the chairman of the full committee, Mr. GOODLING, and asking him, you know, do we have time to talk about all of the points that we want to talk about on Dollars to the Classroom tomorrow, and he said, boy. He said I already got 30 to 40 people who are asking to speak on this bill tomorrow, and you know there may not be enough time to get all of the points in, and so we have had an opportunity, I think tonight, to prepare our colleagues for this debate and to lay the framework about the alternative visions for education, the bureaucratic vision which says move accountability to Washington, move standards and testing to Washington, you know move dollars to Washington, move almost everything to Washington. And that is the debate. Or are we going to be in the debate on opportunity and freedom?

So we have had the opportunity tonight to lay the groundwork for that debate, to get that information on to the record and to prepare our colleagues for this debate which is going to be so critical tomorrow on a very important issue, a very important issue.

I will yield.

Mr. BOB SCHAFFER of Colorado. The interest groups that will be represented by some of our Democrat colleagues on the other side of the aisle is the National Teachers Union, the administrators associations. Those are the groups that will have real champions that they will find on the Democrat side of the aisle fighting very strenuously to prevent us from turning \$2.7 billion back to the States and back to the children.

The children have no lobbyists, they have no children's association, they do not pay dues to an organization that hires professional lobbyists to represent them here on the House floor. Those children are counting on you and I and others like us who will come to this floor tomorrow and will fight as passionately as we possibly can to make sure that that \$2.7 billion is pried from this quagmire of bureaucratic red tape here in Washington and is redirected to those children who are counting on us back home. That is what real freedom to teach entails, that is what real liberty to learn is all about, that is what Dollars to the Classroom bill is, what it represents, and that the real opportunity, the real opportunity that we have tomorrow, to place out for the American people real hope, real education reform and a program that is really going to make a difference for

the children of America and allow them an opportunity to thrive academically and professionally eventually.

Mr. HOEKSTRA. Reclaiming my time, we will be able to start moving towards the vision that many of their colleagues in 1979 had for the Department of Education. It is a vision Mr. Dodd had, it is a vision that Mr. Bayh had, it is the vision that Mr. Levin had.

This is an opportunity to focus on kids, not on bureaucracy and to get dollars to our children and to their classroom.

I thank the gentleman from Colorado for not only participating in this special order this evening but for the help that you have been in the last 18 months as we have gone around the country and as we have studied this issue, as we have had the 22 or 23 different hearings, and being there to go through a learning process with us to find out what is working and what is not working in education in America today.

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It has been a tremendous process. There has been tremendous learning, some great things and some frustrations, but we are making progress, and I think we can move this education bureaucracy in the right direction to really help kids.

I thank the gentleman for being here tonight.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Mr. UNDERWOOD (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT) for today and the balance of the week on account of official business.

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

Mr. LANTOS, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. BERRY, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. FALCOMA, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. MINGE, for 5 minutes, today.

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

Mr. COBURN, for 5 minutes, on September 18,

Mr. METCALF, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. REGULA, for 5 minutes, on September 18.

Mr. FOX of Pennsylvania, 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. BERRY) and to include extraneous material:)

Mr. KIND.

Mr. NEAL of Massachusetts.

Mr. VENTO.

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas.

Ms. DELAURO.

Mr. HAMILTON.

Mr. HOYER.

Ms. RIVERS.

Mr. NADLER.

Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD.

Mr. KUCINICH.

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas.

Mr. MILLER of California.

Mr. ANDREWS.

Mr. RAHALL.

Mr. SERRANO.

Mr. BARCIA.

Mr. MENENDEZ.

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

Mr. RADANOVICH.

Mr. LEWIS of California.

Mr. NEY.

Mr. GANSKE.

Mr. CRANE.

Mr. DOOLITTLE.

Mr. MCKEON.

Mr. CRAPO.

Mr. GILMAN.

Mr. ROGAN.

Mr. PACKARD.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. BOB SCHAFFER of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 11 o'clock p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until tomorrow, Friday, September 18, 1998, at 9 a.m.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 2 of rule XXIV, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

10988. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Propyzamide; Pesticide Tolerances for Emergency Exemptions [OPP-300699; FRL-6022-5] (RIN: 2070-AB78) received September 11, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

10989. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Myclobutanol; Pesticide Tolerances for Emergency Exemptions [OPP-300705; FRL-6025-1] (RIN: 2070-AB78) received September 11, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

10990. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Desmedipham; Extension of Tolerances for Emergency Exemption [OPP-300707; FRL-6026-4] (RIN: 2070-AB78) received September 11, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.