

Congress will introduce H.R. 2, Dollars to the Classroom, a bill that is aimed at improving the quality of our public schools.

This bill, we admit, is a threat to those who believe fervently that Washington knows best, no matter how many times it has demonstrated that it does not. This bill will not please those who wish to expand the Federal education bureaucracy. This bill will alarm those professional administrators who hope to increase Federal involvement and intrusion into the decisions made by local school boards, parents and teachers.

Instead, this bill will give local schools the flexibility to spend Federal education dollars as they see fit: higher teacher salaries in some districts, new libraries or classroom construction in others, perhaps a new computer system in another. Those who bear the consequences of the decisions will be the ones making those decisions.

This is an approach which will enrage the liberals, who have done things the old way, the bureaucratic way, so many times in the past. This bill represents common sense. It puts dollars in our classrooms and not more bureaucrats in Washington.

CLOSE THE SCHOOL OF THE AMERICAS ONCE AND FOR ALL

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

Mr. MOAKLEY. Madam Speaker, we have a school in the United States which teaches Latin American students torture techniques and commando skills and costs the citizens of the United States \$18 million each and every year. The graduates go on to commit some of the worst murders and some of the most horrible atrocities in Latin America.

When I led the team that investigated the Jesuit murders in El Salvador, I was horrified to learn that our School of the Americas had actually trained the killers. Nineteen out of the 26 killers were graduates of the School of the Americas.

That is not an isolated incident, Madam Speaker. Each time we hear of another brutal massacre in Latin America, the School of the Americas graduates are involved. In nearly every instance they planned the killings, covered up the truth, or even pulled the trigger.

Today, Madam Speaker, I will file legislation to close the School of the Americas once and for all.

IS THE ERA OF BIG GOVERNMENT REALLY OVER?

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

Mr. SCHAFFER. Madam Speaker, the President in his 1996 State of the

Union performance said that "The era of big government is over." Now, I suppose it is possible that he meant it, but one would never know it from looking at his record. The President and his liberal allies in Congress are threatening to shut down the government if Congress does not spend more money to create more bureaucracy in Washington, D.C.

Let us take for example the issue of education spending. Now, Republicans want to spend the money but send it to the classroom. Democrats want to grow the Federal bureaucracy and give the bureaucracy a greater role in managing our local schools.

Republicans think the Federal bureaucrats have done enough damage in education. Democrats want to spend money without setting priorities. Republicans want to send more money to the classroom while also keeping within budget agreement caps, which means there must be spending offsets.

If the era of big government is truly over, then it is time for the President's actions to match his words.

SMALL BUSINESS PAPERWORK REDUCTION ACT AMENDMENTS OF 1999

Mr. REYNOLDS. Madam Speaker, by direction of the Committee on Rules, I call up House Resolution 42, and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 42

Resolved, That at any time after the adoption of this resolution the Speaker may, pursuant to clause 2(b) of rule XVIII, declare the House resolved into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union for consideration of the bill (H.R. 391) to amend chapter 35 of title 44, United States Code, for the purpose of facilitating compliance by small businesses with certain Federal paperwork requirements, to establish a task force to examine the feasibility of streamlining paperwork requirements applicable to small businesses, and for other purposes. The first reading of the bill shall be dispensed with. Points of order against consideration of the bill for failure to comply with section 303 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 are waived. General debate shall be confined to the bill and shall not exceed one hour equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Government Reform. After general debate the bill shall be considered for amendment under the five-minute rule. The bill shall be considered as read. During consideration of the bill for amendment, the chairman of the Committee of the Whole may accord priority in recognition on the basis of whether the Member offering an amendment has caused it to be printed in the portion of the Congressional Record designated for that purpose in clause 8 of rule XVIII. Amendments so printed shall be considered as read. The chairman of the Committee of the Whole may: (1) postpone until a time during further consideration in the Committee of the Whole a request for a recorded vote on any amendment; and (2) reduce to five minutes the minimum time for electronic voting on any postponed question that follows another electronic vote without intervening business, provided that the min-

imum time for electronic voting on the first in any series of questions shall be 15 minutes. At the conclusion of consideration of the bill for amendment the Committee shall rise and report the bill to the House with such amendments as may have been adopted. The previous question shall be considered as ordered on the bill and amendments thereto to final passage without intervening motion except one motion to recommit with or without instructions.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mrs. EMERSON). The gentleman from New York (Mr. REYNOLDS) is recognized for one hour.

Mr. REYNOLDS. Madam Speaker, for the purpose of debate only, I yield the customary 30 minutes to the gentleman from New York (Ms. SLAUGHTER), pending which I yield myself such time as I may consume. During consideration of the resolution, all time yielded is for the purpose of debate only.

Madam Speaker, House Resolution 42 is an open rule, providing for the consideration of H.R. 391, the Small Business Paperwork Reduction Act Amendments of 1999. The purpose of this legislation is to reduce the burden of Federal paperwork on small businesses.

The rule waives section 303 of the Congressional Budget Act, prohibiting consideration of legislation providing new budget authority or contract authority for a fiscal year until the budget resolution for that fiscal year has been agreed to, against consideration of the bill.

The rule provides for one hour of general debate, equally divided and controlled by the chairman and the ranking minority member of the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

The rule further provides that the bill shall be considered as read.

The Chair is authorized by the rule to grant priority in recognition to Members who have preprinted their amendments in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD prior to their consideration.

The rule allows for the chairman of the Committee of the Whole to postpone votes during consideration of the bill and to reduce votes to 5 minutes on a postponed question if the vote follows a 15-minute vote.

Finally, the rule provides for one motion to recommit, with or without instructions.

Madam Speaker, I believe House Resolution 42 is a fair rule. It is an open rule for the consideration of H.R. 391, the Small Business Paperwork Reduction Act Amendments of 1999.

It is my understanding that some Members may wish to offer germane amendments to this bill and, under this open rule, they will have every opportunity to do so.

H.R. 391 is a step in the right direction in relieving our Nation's small businesses from an overwhelming paperwork burden that threatens to bury them.

Time and money required to keep up with government paperwork prevents small businesses from growing and creating new jobs. H.R. 391 gives small