In Florida’s portion of this fiscal stimulus bill, the fiscal stimulation fund is going to school boards, not the State department of education so it can siphon it off, but to the school boards—Florida’s share is $2.2 billion. If the school systems want to preserve those teachers’ jobs with this money, they can do that. They have to be careful. This is not recurring money, so they have to plan for how they are going to keep those teachers after this 2 years of stimulus money.

But that gives them the chance to do that.

Hopefully, the whole idea is we are going to jump-start the economy back to life. In doing so, with more dollars out there, jobs will be created, the economy will start to recover, homes will not be vacated and foreclosed on and property values will rise, and then the ad valorem tax, which is the basic tax which supports education in Florida, will continue to rise as well to support the teachers, who otherwise, 3 and 4 years from now, might be laid off.

What I brought to them was welcome news. I am surprised, I must say, in over some 15 townhall meetings, that I did not have a lot of negative comments that have been hearing emanating out of Washington and out of the talking heads on the television. As a matter of fact, it is almost like two different worlds. You turn on the TV, turn on any of the cable shows, and you have these two different talking heads—sometimes talking over each other, which makes it very annoying, and it is as if this is the worst thing you have ever heard of, this stimulus bill. Of the votes up there, here we only got three Republican Senators, the two Senators from Maine—Senators SPECTER from Pennsylvania and Senator SPECTER from Pennsylvania. They are the only three. Down at the other end of the hall in the House of Representatives, they didn’t get any Republican Members of Congress to vote for this.

So what this bill is, this federal Government has given additional money to the local school districts in order to try to help them.

Yes, there is money for roads and bridges. If this Senator had had his druthers, there would have been more money. Because infrastructure, this Senator feels, is a place to turn over dollars and create jobs. In Florida, we think that from this stimulus bill, which is a combination of about two-thirds of spending and one-third of tax cuts, all to stimulate the economy, that over 200,000 jobs will be created in the next year and a half.

Well, since the recession started, we have lost more than that. In Florida, we have lost 255,000 jobs. Let’s hope and pray it works. If we have to tinker with it, so be it. Ultimately, we need to get it right. I think we have taken the first right step. I think the new President is trying hard. This Senator is going to try to help him. The American people expect no less. I yield the floor.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 10 A.M. TOMORROW

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the Senate stands adjourned until 10 a.m. tomorrow, February 24.

Thereupon, the Senate, at 5:48 p.m., adjourned until Tuesday, February 24, 2009, at 10 a.m.

NOMINATIONS

Executive nominations received by the Senate:

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

LANNY A. BRENNER, OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, TO BE AN ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL, VICE ALICE S. FISHER, RESIGNED.

CHRISTINE ANNE VARNEY, OF THE DISTRICT OF COLOMBIA, TO BE AN ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL, VICE JAMES S. BARTLEY, RESIGNED.

IN THE COAST GUARD


VICE ADM. DAVID P. PENSEK


VICE ADM. JOHN D. CURRICK

IN THE ARMY

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 342.

To be major general

BRIG. GEN VINCINT K. BROOKS

IN THE AIR FORCE

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR REGULAR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 342.

To be major

KATHY L. FULLERTON

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 342.

To be colonel

BRIAN D. ANDERSON

TAMARA A. AYRES/THAUER

JENNIFER D. BAER

MICHELLE L. BISHOP

LOLA R. CASEY

BARRBAR A. CATON

MARLA J. DEJONG

JOHN R. DENTON

EDWARD F. FARLEY

ELEANOR T. FERMIN

ROBIE V. HUGHES

ROBIN E. HUNT

SUSAN JANO

BEVERLY J. JOHNSON

JACK L. KENDRICK

BARBARA L. KUHN

SUSAN M. MONTT

ALTHEA B. MILLER

KELLY C. MOORE

NANCY A. OPHREM

PENNIE G. PAULUS

ALLISON W. PLUNK

MARINA C. RAY

RICHARD J. BRUSH, JR.

HILDEGARDRI P. STWART

JULIE M. STOLA

ANNITA R. SULLIVAN

SHERRON L. TAYLOR

MARGARET M. WALSH

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 342.

To be colonel

MARK T. ALLISON

AILEEN K. BEE

JOSEPH P. BIALEK

JAMES M. BIZEHE

JAMES B. BYRNE

JAMES R. DAPPER

KIER L. DAVIES

MIRANDA H. DAVIES

TOMAS P. DOYON

JAMES M. DURAMO

MARK C. GABRIEL

LESLEY D. LONG

MICHAEL J. OCONNOR

MICHAEL J. OSULLIVAN

FERAI OZEK

ROBERT A. RAMEY

ERIC E. ROTH

STEPHEN M. SHREWSBURY

ROBOLAS J. STEVENS

PHILIP T. WOLD

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 342.

To be lieutenant colonel

TIMA N. SACHERMATT

NEIL RP. MORDERMANN

BRIG. GEN. RYAN S. PHILLIPS

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 342.

To be colonel
To be lieutenant colonel

JAMES J. BALDICK IV
PAUL R. BREHINSKI
RICHARD D. CRESPO
Teresa T. Cunningham IV
Jack L. DAY
LeAnnH BNEDMAN
Michael D. Fighting
Marv J. GARIBOWSKY
Kyle W. GIBSON
Bashir I. GILBERTSTEELLE
Louis P. GOLER, Sr.
Angel A. Gonzalez
Kara A. GORMONT
Margaret W. M. GUILLORY
Joseph V. HALL
Jerry A. Harvey
BYN J. HAYS
Bruce R. HEGEMANN
Kevin R. HICKS
Bill J. HILLIS
DANIEL P. ZABLOTSKY
Sharon K. WILLIAMS
James C. WHITE
Calvin D. Webb, Jr.
ZOE M. WALEED
DAVID C. THOMPSON II
David E. Tatum
Keshi M. Surles
William E. Sorrells
Reginald L. Sennie
Silvia E. Robledo
James M. Robertson, Jr.
Jason P. Richter
Vicky V. Pratt
JASON F. RICKERT
James M. Robertsonson, Jr.
Silvia E. Rohleder
Justine M. Saxton
Reginald L. Binnie
William J. Schlussell
Keshi M. Ruhls
David E. Tatsum
Tom T. Thompson II
Zoe M. WAILED
CALVIN W. WRHIS, Jr.
Rhony M. WESTON
James C. Whitte
Sharon K. Williams
Scott A. Wheeler
Brian P. Affeldraugh
Allison L. Agar
Irsh M. Agosto
David K. Arrington
Roland AKINS III
Jeffrey D. Alexander
Hobart E. Alford
Charlie D. Allen
Jack E. Allen
Jayson L. Allen
Thomas W. AYER, Allen
AARON T. ALLGETT
Donald B. ALLISON
Eduardo R. Alonso
Richard P. Amsden, Jr.
Christopher A. Amherst
VICTOR A. ANAYA
HIATT J. ANDERSON
James G. ANDERSON
John M. ANDERSON
Randall H. Anderson
Jeremy A. Anfinson
William A. Angerman
Stanley W. Antant
TIMOTHY J. ARNOLD
Charles G. ASHMORE, Jr.
Irish L. Askew, Jr.
Anthony D. ABBOTT
JEFFREY L. Babinski
Brian K. Bailey
James F. Bailey, Jr.
RICHARD W. Bailey
Christopher H. Baird
JOY O. BARTY
Robert J. BANDSTRA
Dierick M. Banks
Patrick A. Barnett
STEVEN J. BANSKO
Allan D. Bartolome
Loyd E. Barton
Aaron C. BASS
GLEN R. Bass
DAVID J. BAWOM
Baker R. Beard
John T. Beattir
MICHAEL J. BEAVIN
Victor W. BEEZER
Jason H. Beers
Kenyon K. BELL
Launya J. Bellucci
CUNER J. BENDER
Travis B. Bennett
DANIEL W. BENNETT
Marcia L. Benoit
J. D. Binion
STEVEN A. BENTON, Jr.
David V. Berg
CHARLES W. BERGEON
STEPHEN E. BERGER
TODD D. BERGMAN
Raymond J. Bernier
PETER F. BERSUS
DAVID L. BIERGERS
James J. Biergers
Robert L. Billings
JAMES J. Blackwell
Mark W. Blackwood
John C. Blackwell
Cassandra S. BLACKWOOD
STEPHEN K. BLAKE
DANIEL L. BLAVINS
STEVE L. BLISNIE
Edward A. BLITT
Mark E. BLOOM
MARGARET I. BLOOM
GRAHAM P. BLOOM
Paul A. BLUE
JOHNSON A. BOHOBWIAN
Brian K. BOGUE
Donald A. BOHNER
David A. Bolles
James A. Booker
Leonard Bootle
Christopher L. Boring
MATTARTH A. BOSCHERT
John W. Bossone
RADMAYOND A. BOURLER
EKIR T. Bovasov
James R. BOWEN
Matthew A. Bowers
JASON M. Brancott
JASON M. Brancott, Jr.
MATTHEW J. BRECHER
JACQUELINE D. BREEKEN
Augustine F. Bregard
BERNARD C. Brining
Larry R. BRIDGWELL
BRITT G. BROCKTON
Scott W. BROOKAN
Daniel T. Brooks
Kareem C. Brooks
MATTARTH E. BROOKS
KENT W. BROOME
Michael D. Brothers
JASON M. BROWN
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THOMAS R. Brown, Jr.
Joseph W. Brown
Michael G. Brownworth
James A. BRUNER II
Paul L. Bruner
Cory R. BUCKSON
Louis D. Byran
David W. Beyntse
Richard T. BUCKMAN
Bradford E. BUCKMAN
RICHARD T. BUCKLEY
Louis D. Bryan
Michael G. Bryant
William F. BINDHUR
James R. BIXLE
JAYNE R. BLACKWELL
DEREK P. BURRILL
William C. BOOROUGH
John D. BUTLIR
Robert E. BUTTRUM
Donald C. CAYAGAN
ROD A. CAMERON
SHAWN W. CASTER
Winston M. CAMPBELL
David J. CASSEDA
ALAN E. CASEMA
THOMAS L. CANTRILL
Paul S. CASTIR
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ERIC A. CARNEY
MICHAEL K. CARNEY
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Richard C. Carnel
Christopher M. CARROLL
GREGORY T. CARTER
JENNIFER S. CARTER
TRUDY M. CASSON
JONATHAN CASTELLANO
ANTONIO CASTILLO
DAVID S. CRAW
RYAN C. CHANDLER
JAMES W. CLOVIS
KATHLEEN T. CLAYBONE
James W. CLARK
J. J. CLAYTON, III
KATHERINE R. CHAICKY
John W. CHASTAIN III
NICHOLAS S. CHEAVAX
CHRISTIAN C. CHERETH
JENNY C. CHIASSON
Timothy W. CHILDRESS
DAISIE C. CHIASSON
CHRISTOPHER A. CHOCOLAUD
BRYAN J. CINZ
JOHN C. CHONG
SABRINA J. CHOPRA
PHILLIP A. CHOSIFISTON
KEVIN K. CICERO
RICHARD D. CININO
Raymond S. CLAR
JEFFREY D. CLARK
CHRISTOPHER A. CLAUS
MICHAEL L. CLAVENIA
HILA C. CLYNE
MATTHEW J. CLIVER
David N. CLOUGH
JOHN G. CRICHER
JORDAN T. COCHRANE
CHRISTOPHER L. COLCORD
TIMOTHY C. COLE
Lisa E. CORBETT
MARC L. COLEMAN
MICHAEL L. COLEMAN
GORITHнич
ALEHLEN COLLADO
RICHARD D. CROWLEY
JASON S. CRILEY
ALLAN J. CONKEY
DAVID S. CONLEY
MICHAEL E. CONLEY
CULIN J. CONNON
CHAD W. COOK
MICHAEL J. COOK
TOMpson A. COREY
NOLAN R. CORPUS
JASON W. CORSTELLO
FEDERICO A. CORTEZ
CHRISTOPHER F. COURLIS
DONALD A. COWL
YANCEY S. COWIN
SAMUEL D. Cox
RyAN B. CRAIG
LUCY J. CROSBY
JEFFREY C. CROUSE
ADRIAN M. CROWLEY
KIRVIN S. CRENKIN
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John A. CURTIS III
MICHELLE M. DALR
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NATHANIEL DASH, Jr.
ROBERT A. DAVENPORT II
COURT C. DAVIS
DANY E. DAVIS
JAMES E. DAVIS
JUDY B. DAVIS
BOBBY D. DAVENPORT
LYLE M. DAWLEY
John E. DAVE
MICHAEL D. DEAL
KIRKNESS W. DEAN
KARL E. DEHLO
JEFFREY P. DEOANNIS
OSCAR DEDRO
MICHAEL T. DELLERT
MARK E. DLIGORY
WILLIAM F. DINNERHAN, Jr.
BRIAN R. DERLIN
JOHN D. DERESKI
JAMES A. DERUS
DARREN B. DICKERSON
SCOTT D. DIERHOF
DANIEL A. DEVOR
DIANNIS P. DICKERSON

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IN THE NAVY

THE FOLLOWING NAMED INDIVIDUALS FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE REGULAR NAVY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 331:

To be lieutenant commander

STEVIN A. KHALIL
DAVID B. ROSENBERG

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES NAVY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 324:

To be commander

MIGUEL GONZALEZ

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES NAVY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 324:

To be colonel

KELLY P. ALEXANDER

IN THE MARINE CORPS

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 326:

To be colonel

DAVID G. ANTONIK
DAVID A. BREGGIS
BRIDAF L. LARSON
MARTIN M. NELSON

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 324:

To be colonel

ERIC F. BUER
DAVE W. BURTON
MARK A. BUTLER
TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 326:

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 326: