

are receiving program benefits as a result of inadequate income documentation and verification; identifying those State practices that significantly enhance or diminish the effective and efficient operation of the program; assessing the extent to which program benefits are accessible to eligible working women and their children; assessing the effect of competitive bidding contracts for infant formula on non-WIC consumers of infant formula and the percentage market share of commodities to determine other possible products where cost savings could be realized through competitive bidding without cost shifting effect on non-WIC customers; and, last, assessing the effect of this requirement that WIC products be purchased in individual serving quantities on cost savings and program integrity.

The time to address these issues is when the GAO has had a chance to report back to Congress, will be looking at their findings and recommendations in the context of the reauthorization debate this fall.

Mr. Speaker, I support again full funding for the current year and, therefore, intend to support the motion to instruct.

Mr. LIVINGSTON. Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, just wanted to thank the gentleman from California [Mr. RIGGS] from the authorizing committee and say we will welcome the work of his committee later this fall.

In addition to that, I think WIC is one of the most audited and studied programs in the entire Government of the United States. There are currently four studies ongoing on the program which I know will enlighten the gentleman's work, including one that the Committee on the Budget is doing in conjunction with the GAO.

Mr. Speaker, I yield such time as he may consume to the gentleman from Wisconsin [Mr. OBEY].

Mr. OBEY. Mr. Speaker, I would just like to take 30 seconds to reiterate, this motion to instruct is a motion to instruct on the amendment as it passed the House last night, period, with no games played on the question of administrative costs which in any way could undercut the delivery of services to one deserving or eligible human being under the WIC Program.

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Chairman, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. LIVINGSTON. Mr. Speaker, does the gentleman have any additional speakers?

Ms. KAPTUR. I have no additional speakers.

Mr. LIVINGSTON. Then, Mr. Speaker, the gentleman from Louisiana yields himself such time as he may consume to simply point out that all of the speakers have made their points. It would be the position of this gentleman to press the case advanced by the gentleman from Georgia, but in view of all

of the statements here and the vote last night of, again, 338 to 89, we have no objection, the majority has no objection, to the motion to instruct advanced by the gentlewoman.

Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, I just want to thank the gentleman for his consideration. We very much want the House to instruct the conferees to be very vigilant in maintaining the language as passed here yesterday, and I would ask the membership to support the full funding level for all participants in WIC.

Ms. VELÁZQUEZ. Mr. Speaker, even though many Republicans finally realized the error of their ways and joined the Democrats to restore \$76 million for basic nutrition for America's poorest babies—we can't claim victory yet. The Senate has only set aside \$58 million for WIC. Right now, the fate of 85,000 women and children will be decided by a Republican-dominated conference.

When negotiation on the lives of infants and mothers begins next week, I would urge the conferees to maintain the full \$76 million for WIC. America will be watching. If you try to use smoke and mirrors to deny these children food, we will know.

My colleagues, the supplemental already hurts American families by freezing funding for education. After weeks of fighting, we have to stick to our guns. We must give all 180,000 women, children and infants the proper nutrition they need.

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the previous question is ordered.

There was no objection.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion to instruct offered by the gentlewoman from Ohio [Ms. KAPTUR].

The motion was agreed to.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the Chair appoints the following conferees:

Messrs. LIVINGSTON, MCDADE, YOUNG of Florida, REGULA, LEWIS of California, PORTER, ROGERS, SKEEN, WOLF, KOLBE, PACKARD, CALLAHAN, WALSH, TAYLOR of North Carolina, OBEY, YATES, STOKES, MURTHA, SABO, FAZIO of California, HOYER, MOLLOHAN, Ms. KAPTUR, and Ms. PELOSI.

There was no objection.

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ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. HASTINGS of Washington). The Chair will entertain 1-minute requests.

MIND OF A DEMOCRAT MILLIONAIRE

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

Mr. KINGSTON. Mr. Speaker, I say to my friends, have they ever wondered what it is like to be a Democrat millionaire? Well, if we look in Congressional Daily on page 4 today, we can get some insight into the mind of a Democrat millionaire.

We have a Senator, Senator KERRY on the other side, who was in danger of receiving a parking ticket for having the family car parked in front of a fire hydrant. I do not know if he got a parking ticket or not, but what did he do? He moved his family's millions to move the fire hydrant.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman will suspend. The gentleman will try to avoid making references to Members of the other body.

Mr. KINGSTON. Mr. Speaker, if one has millions and millions of dollars and if one parks in front of a fire hydrant, do not worry about a ticket, just pay to have the hydrant moved.

So in the exclusive Beacon Hill area of Boston, the civic association says, this has never, ever happened before. A guy named Peter Thompson said, this is a first even for Beacon Hill. Remember that. If you have lots of money and want to park in front of a hydrant, just pay to have the hydrant moved.

VOTING FOR LIBERTARIANISM IS VOTING FOR LIBERTY

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

Mr. PAUL. Mr. Speaker, we have just finished the debate on the jobs programs bill, and in the discussion I was referred to as a libertarian, but a very consistent one that voted the same way on each type of legislation.

I would like to remind my colleagues that voting for libertarianism is voting for liberty. Also it is a very consistent vote with the doctrine of enumerated powers. It is said in the Constitution that we can only do here in the Congress which is enumerated by the clauses within the document. So therefore, if it is said that I am very consistent and want to be labeled as libertarian, that is one thing, I do not deny that. But in the other sense, I am a strict constitutionalist that obeys and listens very carefully to my pledge to the Constitution as well as paying close attention to the ninth and tenth amendment.

ENVIRONMENTAL EXTREMISTS FAVOR BEETLES OVER PEOPLE

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

Mr. SCARBOROUGH. Mr. Chairman, I have had a fairly good environmental rating over the past couple of years, but what happened last week shows us how far environmentalists will go; actually, not even environmentalists, but

environmental extremists, how far they will go to pursue their agenda.

We had an opportunity last week to allow people in California to make repairs on a levee that had already broken several times and it actually killed Americans after the levee broke. Yet, when we had an opportunity to allow people to go in and make repairs on that levee, the environmentalists went absolutely crazy and said that they would not allow anybody to fix the levee that had already killed people without waivers.

They said that there was a beetle inside of shrubbery that was so precious that they could not allow these life-saving measures to be taken. So the shrubbery caucus decided that the life of beetles and the life of shrubbery was obviously more important than the life of human beings.

Mr. Chairman, as the gentleman from Ohio [Mr. TRAFICANT] says, beam me up. That just does not make sense.

AMERICORPS' WASTEFUL SPENDING OF TAXPAYER DOLLARS

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

Mr. TIAHRT. Mr. Chairman, I would like to talk a little bit about AmeriCorps. We found out recently that in Colorado, AmeriCorps has built some hornos, H-O-R-N-O, and hornos are mud stoves that were used by the Indians some 4,000 years ago. And we have spent our American tax dollars at a park in Colorado to build these hornos, so that if we happen to be traveling through Colorado and we have the urge to stop and cook some tortillas or cook some food on these hornos, well, our tax dollars have provided that opportunity to us.

Now, AmeriCorps had a good intent of trying to bring nonprofit organizations together, but these paid volunteers now have taken our tax dollars and they are starting to expend it in funny ways. We have now an opportunity in the very near future to eliminate this tremendous waste, so I just wanted to bring to the country's attention how their tax dollars have been wasted through this organization called AmeriCorps, which is a code word for paid volunteers.

HORNOS FOR COLORADANS

(Mr. BOB SCHAFFER of Colorado asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. BOB SCHAFFER of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, the previous speaker, the gentleman from Kansas, mentioned a project that takes place in my district in Colorado, these hornos ovens that we will find built in the Fort Collins area. It is a pile of mud. It is about that high, and some people believe they are attractive, but the AmeriCorps Program built this pile of mud in Fort Collins as a gift to the people of my community, as a gift.

I just want to point out that when Members think of the AmeriCorps Program and the volunteers out working hard to deliver important projects to the community, I do invite my colleagues, as the gentleman said, to come through Fort Collins and look at the mud pile that the AmeriCorps Program has left in my community in Fort Collins and think about how vigorously we should support continuation of the program.

SPECIAL ORDERS

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. HASTINGS of Washington). Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 7, 1997, and under a previous order of the House, the following Members will be recognized for 5 minutes each.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from New Jersey [Mr. PALLONE] is recognized for 5 minutes.

[Mr. PALLONE addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.]

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from California [Mr. DREIER] is recognized for 5 minutes.

[Mr. DREIER addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.]

THE SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from the District of Columbia [Ms. NORTON] is recognized for 5 minutes.

[Ms. NORTON addressed the House. Her remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.]

TRIBUTE TO REGINALD MAY

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Kansas [Mr. SNOWBARGER] is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. SNOWBARGER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize an outstanding teacher.

Reginald May directs the instrumental music program at F.L. Schlagle High School in Kansas City, KS, home of the Mighty Marching Stallions.

Mr. May has been a music instructor in the Kansas City area for nearly 20 years. He is credited with forming the first middle school marching band in the Kansas City, MO, school district and since 1993 has been in charge of the music and auxiliary marching programs at Schlagle.

Mr. May leads his students in performing all over the community, at churches, day care centers, charitable fund-raising activities, and corporate events. I first met Mr. May 3 weeks ago when I was speaking at a memorial service on the anniversary of the Oklahoma City bombing. He conducted the

Schlagle band at the service and we were all very appreciative for their contribution that day.

The marching band has been nationally recognized, including a second place finish in the national parade division at the Circle City Classic parade in Indianapolis. Likewise, many of his individual students have received academic honors and recognition for personal achievements.

One of Mr. May's special challenges has been to keep his students in school. He bonds with his students, not only as their teacher, but as their mentor and their friend. He believes in their potential and helps them believe in themselves. He is a great influence on the determination of many of his students to not only stay in high school, but to go on to college.

But make no mistake. Mr. May is not an easy touch. His music classes are as tough and challenging as they are fun and rewarding. To quote Mr. May, "High standards and no-nonsense policies are set by the Schlagle High School Band program. If you believe in young people and give 110 percent, they will give you the same in return." The marching band program's stated goals are to strive to be the best and to demonstrate pride, perfection in musicianship and precision in marching.

But the mark of a great teacher can often be his or her ability to help guide students toward a fulfilling career. Thanks to Mr. May's skill, devotion and enthusiasm, many of his students have chosen a music career. One way he encourages this is by bringing in first rate professional musicians like blues guitarist Michael "Hawkeye" Herman to play with his students. According to a news account, that session with Schlagle students in 1995, which lasted for hours, included an impromptu performance of the classic "Kansas City" by "Hawkeye" Herman.

Obviously, Mr. May knows how to make music fun for his students. As the acting principal of Schlagle High School, Mary Stewart wrote to me that Mr. May's students are proud to say they go to Schlagle, the school with the great band.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud that this great teacher, Reginald May, is leading a great band at a great school in my district. I thank the House for allowing me to recognize today the contribution he makes to our community.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Connecticut [Mrs. JOHNSON] is recognized for 5 minutes.

[Mrs. JOHNSON of Connecticut addressed the House. Her remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.]

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from California [Mr. HORN] is recognized for 5 minutes.