

Mr. BOB SCHAFFER of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, as America's schoolchildren go back to the schoolhouse, I wonder what they must think of their obligation to obey the rules, and when the occupants of the White House feel no obligation to obey the rules themselves. Let us consider the Presidential campaign of 1996. It, of course, would not be fair if some candidates had to obey it while others did not.

For example, it is very important that everybody play by the same campaign finance rules. Those who broke the rules would be considered to have cheated by those who honored the rules. Examples of cheating would be taking foreign money, which besides being illegal would compromise the foreign policy decisions of the American government.

Cheating would also include making fundraising phone calls from the White House. Cheating would also include making deals that require campaign contributions in exchange for a meeting or in exchange for inclusion in the trade mission or for sleeping in the Lincoln bedroom.

Now of course other people use a different word to describe this kind of cheating, it is called corruption, but every child in schools today understands cheating.

BAN SOFT MONEY

(Ms. WOOLSEY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. WOOLSEY. Mr. Speaker, the American people are tired. They are tired of special interests and big money wreaking havoc on our political system. And Mr. Speaker, they are tired of the Republican leadership's continued refusal to bring up campaign finance reform on our floor. We want to debate it, not stand here and complain about it. There are many proposals, Mr. Speaker, to clean up our political system, but at the very least we should agree on one small step and that is to ban soft money.

Mr. Speaker, when we ban soft money we will tell the American people that in our political system the almighty dollar is not all mighty any more, and at the same time, Mr. Speaker, we will tell the people of this country that the bucks have stopped coming here.

STRENGTHENING EXISTING CAMPAIGN FINANCE LAWS

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

Mr. BARR of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, as part of the latest effort by the Democrats to defend apparent illegal campaign activities by the President and Vice President, the gentlewoman from New York a few moments ago said existing law is not enough. Well, I think she is right, existing laws are not enough, and I would be glad to join her

in cosponsoring legislation that strengthens our existing laws.

For example, what she might want to join me in doing is amending section 607(a), of title XVIII to read that no person including but not limited to the President and Vice President shall raise or solicit funds from any Federal facility including but not limited to the Old Executive Office Building or the White House.

Or maybe the gentlewoman from New York would like to join the legislation that strengthens our internal revenue codes, those provisions that relate to improper campaign activities by charitable institutions, to make explicit that among the prohibitions for 501(c)3 and (c)4 organizations from engaging in politics are included but not limited to Buddhist temples.

So, Mr. Speaker, I appreciate the thoughts of the gentlewoman from New York and her interest in joining with us in strengthening existing laws.

DEMOCRATS FIGHTING FOR AMERICA'S CHILDREN

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

Ms. DELAURO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to remind my colleagues what we can accomplish when we stand up and fight for what we believe in.

In the last Congress, our Republican colleagues attempted to slash the school lunch program. They advocated the single biggest cuts in education in the history of the United States; they wanted to abolish the Department of Education. Democrats stood up, fought for these issues, fought for America's children and won.

Now our colleagues on the other side of the aisle are attempting a new assault, fighting against Democratic initiatives to improve America's schools to set national standards for our schools.

Democrats are fighting to rebuild our crumbling schools, to reduce overcrowding in our classrooms, and to establish those national standards in reading and mathematics. Let us make sure that students in Boston are held to the same high standards as students in Birmingham.

A word of warning to our friends on the other side of the aisle: Once again, Democrats are going to stand up and make the fight for America's kids, and I predict that we will win.

REJECT THE LIBERAL SOLUTION FOR OUR FAILING PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM

(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, the more things change, the more they seem to stay the same.

Our liberal colleagues, we just heard, have come up with a solution for a fail-

ing public school system. Well, they are going to pass a law that tells students what they must learn. It is that easy.

From Washington, DC, the liberals want to set the academic agenda for every school in the Nation. They believe that if Congress and not our schools or teachers tell our students what they must learn, the problem will disappear. The same one-size-fits-all, Washington knows best approach that did not work for welfare is the liberal savior for our public school system. And should this system fail, they have a back-up plan. They will spend billions of taxpayer dollars to create yet another bloated bureaucracy to find yet another way to tell us the system is not working.

I urge my colleagues to reject the liberal solution and to end this nonsense and support the Goodling amendment. Let us send the money to the school and the teachers and students where it will do some good and not to the Washington bureaucrats.

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A SEASON FOR NONVIOLENCE

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

Mr. CLEMENT. Mr. Speaker, at a celebration of India's independence, I had the pleasure of meeting Mr. Arun Gandhi, the grandson of Mahatma Gandhi. In a conversation which followed, Mr. Gandhi and I discussed the planned Season for Nonviolence, which will create greater awareness of the principle of nonviolence for which we honor the lives of Mahatma Gandhi and Martin Luther King, Jr.

Coinciding with the 50th and 30th memorial anniversaries of Gandhi's and King's deaths, a Season for Nonviolence will begin on January 30, 1998, with activities planned through April 4, 1998. It is, of course, hoped that the seeds of nonviolence planted during this time will be nurtured and fruitful long after the official ending of a season.

A Season for Nonviolence is committed to such changes as truth, respect, acceptance of others, negotiation, appreciation of differences, and reconciliation.

I encourage all of my colleagues to participate in this great movement. It is my sincere hope that this will be one season without end.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Mr. MILLER of California. Mr. Speaker, I offer a motion.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Clerk will report the motion.

The Clerk read as follows:

Mr. MILLER of California moves that the House do now adjourn.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion to adjourn

offered by the gentleman from California [Mr. MILLER].

The question was taken; and the Speaker pro tempore announced that the noes appeared to have it.

Mr. MILLER of California. Mr. Speaker, I object to the vote on the ground that a quorum is not present and make the point of order that a quorum is not present.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Evidently a quorum is not present.

The Sergeant at Arms will notify absent Members.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 44, nays 339, not voting 50, as follows:

[Roll No. 366]

YEAS—44

Andrews	Farr	Markey
Berry	Filner	McDermott
Bishop	Ford	McNulty
Boswell	Furse	Meek
Boyd	Gejdenson	Millender-
Clay	Gephardt	McDonald
Clement	Gutierrez	Miller (CA)
Conyers	Hastings (FL)	Mink
Coyne	Jefferson	Rangel
Davis (FL)	Johnson, E. B.	Reyes
DeFazio	Kennedy (MA)	Stark
DeLauro	Klink	Towns
Deutsch	LaFalce	Walsh
Dingell	Lewis (GA)	Waters
Eshoo	Lowe	Woolsey

NAYS—339

Ackerman	Cramer	Hall (OH)
Aderholt	Crapo	Hall (TX)
Allen	Cummings	Hamilton
Armey	Cunningham	Hansen
Baesler	Danner	Harman
Baker	Davis (IL)	Hastert
Baldacci	Davis (VA)	Hastings (WA)
Ballenger	DeGette	Hayworth
Barcia	DeLay	Hefley
Barr	Diaz-Balart	Hill
Barrett (NE)	Dickey	Hilleary
Barrett (WI)	Dicks	Hilliard
Bartlett	Doggett	Hinche
Bass	Dooley	Hinojosa
Becerra	Doolittle	Hobson
Bentsen	Doyle	Hoekstra
Berman	Dreier	Holden
Bilbray	Duncan	Hooley
Bilirakis	Dunn	Horn
Blagojevich	Edwards	Hostettler
Bliley	Ehlers	Hoyer
Blumenauer	Ehrlich	Hulshof
Blunt	Emerson	Hunter
Boehlert	English	Hutchinson
Boehner	Ensign	Hyde
Bonilla	Etheridge	Inglis
Bonior	Evans	Istook
Borski	Everett	Jackson (IL)
Brady	Ewing	Jackson-Lee
Brown (OH)	Fattah	(TX)
Bryant	Fawell	Jenkins
Bunning	Fazio	John
Burr	Flake	Johnson (CT)
Burton	Foley	Johnson (WI)
Buyer	Forbes	Johnson, Sam
Callahan	Fowler	Jones
Calvert	Fox	Kanjorski
Camp	Frank (MA)	Kaptur
Campbell	Franks (NJ)	Kasich
Canady	Frelinghuysen	Kelly
Cannon	Frost	Kennelly
Capps	Gallegly	Kildee
Cardin	Ganske	Kilpatrick
Carson	Gekas	Kim
Castle	Gibbons	Kind (WI)
Chabot	Gilchrest	King (NY)
Chambliss	Gillmor	Kingston
Chenoweth	Gilman	Klug
Christensen	Goode	Knollenberg
Clayton	Goodlatte	Kolbe
Clyburn	Goodling	Kucinich
Coble	Gordon	LaHood
Coburn	Goss	Lampson
Collins	Graham	Lantos
Combest	Granger	Largent
Condit	Green	Latham
Cook	Greenwood	Lazio
Costello	Gutknecht	Leach

Levin	Pease	Smith (NJ)
Lewis (CA)	Peterson (MN)	Smith (OR)
Lewis (KY)	Peterson (PA)	Smith (TX)
Linder	Petri	Smith, Adam
Lipinski	Pickering	Smith, Linda
Livingston	Pickett	Snowbarger
LoBiondo	Pitts	Snyder
Lofgren	Pomeroy	Solomon
Lucas	Porter	Souder
Luther	Portman	Spence
Maloney (CT)	Poshard	Spratt
Maloney (NY)	Price (NC)	Stabenow
Manton	Quinn	Stearns
Manzullo	Rahall	Stenholm
Mascara	Ramstad	Stokes
Matsui	Redmond	Strickland
McCarthy (MO)	Regula	Stump
McCarthy (NY)	Riggs	Stupak
McCollum	Riley	Sununu
McHale	Rivers	Talent
McHugh	Rodriguez	Tanner
McInnis	Roemer	Tauscher
McIntosh	Rogan	Tauzin
McIntyre	Rogers	Taylor (MS)
McKeon	Rohrabacher	Taylor (NC)
McKinney	Ros-Lehtinen	Thomas
Meehan	Rothman	Thompson
Menendez	Roukema	Thornberry
Metcalf	Roybal-Allard	Thune
Mica	Royce	Thurman
Miller (FL)	Rush	Tiaht
Minge	Ryun	Tierney
Mollohan	Sabo	Trafcant
Moran (KS)	Salmon	Turner
Morella	Sanchez	Upton
Murtha	Sandlin	Velazquez
Myrick	Sanford	Vento
Nadler	Sawyer	Visclosky
Neal	Saxton	Wamp
Nethercutt	Scarborough	Watkins
Neumann	Schaefer, Dan	Watt (NC)
Ney	Schaffer, Bob	Watts (OK)
Northup	Schumer	Waxman
Norwood	Scott	Weldon (FL)
Nussle	Sensenbrenner	Wexler
Obey	Serrano	Weygand
Olver	Shadegg	White
Ortiz	Shays	Whitfield
Packard	Sherman	Wicker
Pallone	Shimkus	Wise
Pappas	Shuster	Wolf
Pascrell	Sisisky	Wynn
Pastor	Skaggs	Yates
Paul	Skeen	Young (FL)
Paxon	Skelton	
Payne	Smith (MI)	

NOT VOTING—50

Abercrombie	Dixon	Owens
Archer	Engel	Oxley
Bachus	Foglietta	Parker
Barton	Gonzalez	Pelosi
Bateman	Hefner	Pombo
Bereuter	Herger	Pryce (OH)
Bono	Houghton	Radanovich
Boucher	Kennedy (RI)	Sanders
Brown (CA)	Klecza	Schiff
Brown (FL)	LaTourette	Sessions
Cooksey	Martinez	Shaw
Cox	McCrary	Slaughter
Crane	McDade	Torres
Cubin	McGovern	Weldon (PA)
Deal	Moakley	Weller
Delahunt	Moran (VA)	Young (AK)
Dellums	Oberstar	

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Mr. HORN and Mr. PACKARD changed their vote from "yea" to "nay."

So the motion to adjourn was rejected.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

REMOVAL OF NAME OF MEMBER AS COSPONSOR OF H.R. 674

Mr. CAMP. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to have my name removed as a cosponsor of H.R. 674.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. MILLER of Florida). Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Michigan?

There was no objection.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. PORTER. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend their remarks on the further consideration of H.R. 2264, and that I may include tabular and extraneous material.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Illinois?

There was no objection.

DEPARTMENTS OF LABOR, HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, AND EDUCATION, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 1998

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the order of the House of Thursday, July 31, 1997, and rule XXIII, the Chair declares the House in the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union for the further consideration of the bill, H.R. 2264.

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IN THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Accordingly the House resolved itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union for the further consideration of the bill (H.R. 2264) making appropriations for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998, and for other purposes, with Mr. GOODLATTE in the Chair.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The CHAIRMAN. When the Committee of the Whole rose on Thursday, September 4, 1997, the bill was open for amendment from page 11, line 1, through page 25, line 8.

Are there any amendments to this portion of the bill?

AMENDMENT OFFERED BY MR. MCINTOSH

Mr. MCINTOSH. Mr. Chairman, I offer an amendment.

The Clerk read as follows:

Amendment offered by Mr. MCINTOSH:

Page 13, line 8, after the first dollar amount, insert the following "(reduced by \$4,309,000)".

Page 68, line 17, after the first dollar amount, insert the following: "(increased by \$4,309,000)".

PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRY

Mr. RIGGS. Mr. Chairman, parliamentary inquiry.

The CHAIRMAN. The gentleman will state it.

Mr. RIGGS. Mr. Chairman, I am simply trying to ascertain where we are now with respect to deliberations on the Labor-HHS-Education appropriations bill. It is my understanding that when the Committee rose last night, we were at the end of title I, and that title I could be reopened for the purposes of an amendment.

I have an amendment pending to title I, but want to give preference to the amendment of the gentleman from Indiana [Mr. MCINTOSH]. I would like to confirm my understanding.