

Bateman	Gibbons	McIntyre
Becerra	Gilchrest	McKeon
Bentsen	Gillmor	McKinney
Bereuter	Gilman	Meehan
Berman	Gingrich	Meek
Bilbray	Goode	Menendez
Bilirakis	Goodlatte	Metcalf
Bishop	Gordon	Mica
Blagojevich	Goss	Miller (FL)
Bliley	Graham	Minge
Blumenauer	Granger	Moakley
Blunt	Green	Mollohan
Boehlert	Greenwood	Moran (KS)
Boehner	Gutierrez	Morella
Bonilla	Gutknecht	Murtha
Bono	Hall (OH)	Myrick
Borski	Hall (TX)	Neal
Boswell	Hamilton	Nethercutt
Boyd	Hansen	Neumann
Brady	Harman	Ney
Brown (CA)	Hastert	Northup
Brown (FL)	Hastings (WA)	Norwood
Brown (OH)	Hayworth	Nussle
Bryant	Hefley	Obey
Bunning	Heger	Ortiz
Burr	Hill	Oxley
Burton	Hilleary	Packard
Buyer	Hinojosa	Pappas
Callahan	Hobson	Pascrell
Calvert	Hoekstra	Pastor
Camp	Holden	Paul
Campbell	Hooley	Paxon
Canady	Horn	Payne
Cannon	Hostettler	Pease
Capps	Houghton	Peterson (MN)
Cardin	Hulshof	Peterson (PA)
Castle	Hunter	Petri
Chabot	Hutchinson	Pickering
Chambliss	Hyde	Pickett
Christensen	Inglis	Pitts
Clay	Istook	Pombo
Clayton	Jackson-Lee	Porter
Clement	(TX)	Portman
Clyburn	Jefferson	Poshard
Coble	Jenkins	Price (NC)
Coburn	John	Pryce (OH)
Collins	Johnson (CT)	Rahall
Combest	Johnson (WI)	Ramstad
Condit	Johnson, E. B.	Redmond
Cook	Johnson, Sam	Regula
Cooksey	Jones	Riley
Costello	Kanjorski	Rivers
Cramer	Kaptur	Rodriguez
Crapo	Kasich	Roemer
Cubin	Kelly	Rogan
Cummings	Kennedy (MA)	Rogers
Cunningham	Kennedy (RI)	Rohrabacher
Danner	Kennelly	Ros-Lehtinen
Davis (IL)	Kildee	Rothman
Davis (VA)	Kilpatrick	Roukema
Deal	Kim	Roybal-Allard
Delahunt	Kind (WI)	Royce
DeLay	King (NY)	Rush
Deutsch	Kingston	Ryun
Diaz-Balart	Klecza	Sabo
Dickey	Klink	Salmon
Dicks	Klug	Sanchez
Dixon	Knollenberg	Sanchez
Dooley	Kolbe	Sanford
Doolittle	Kucinich	Sawyer
Doyle	LaHood	Saxton
Dreier	Lampson	Scarborough
Duncan	Lantos	Schaefer, Dan
Dunn	Largent	Schaffer, Bob
Edwards	Latham	Scott
Ehlers	LaTourette	Sensenbrenner
Ehrlich	Lazio	Sessions
Emerson	Levin	Shadegg
English	Lewis (CA)	Shaw
Ensign	Lewis (KY)	Shays
Etheridge	Linder	Sherman
Evans	Lipinski	Shimkus
Everett	Livingston	Shuster
Ewing	LoBiondo	Sisisky
Fattah	Lofgren	Skeen
Fawell	Lucas	Skelton
Fazio	Luther	Smith (MI)
Flake	Maloney (CT)	Smith (NJ)
Foley	Manzullo	Smith (OR)
Forbes	Markey	Smith (TX)
Fowler	Martinez	Smith, Adam
Fox	Mascara	Smith, Linda
Frank (MA)	McCarthy (MO)	Snowbarger
Franks (NJ)	McCarthy (NY)	Snyder
Frelinghuysen	McCrery	Solomon
Frost	McGovern	Souder
Galleghy	McHale	Spence
Ganske	McInnis	Spratt
Gekas	McIntosh	Stabenow

Stearns	Thornberry	Watt (NC)
Stokes	Thune	Watts (OK)
Strickland	Tiahrt	Waxman
Stupak	Tierney	Weldon (FL)
Talent	Trafficant	Weller
Tanner	Turner	Wexler
Tauscher	Upton	White
Tauzin	Vento	Whitfield
Taylor (MS)	Visclosky	Wise
Taylor (NC)	Walsh	Wolf
Thomas	Wamp	Wynn
Thompson	Watkins	Young (FL)

## NOT VOTING—44

Baker	Hinchey	Riggs
Barcia	Hoyer	Sanders
Boucher	Leach	Schiff
Carson	McCollum	Schumer
Chenoweth	McDade	Serrano
Conyers	McHugh	Skaggs
Cox	Moran (VA)	Stenholm
Crane	Nadler	Sununu
Dellums	Oberstar	Towns
Engel	Owens	Velazquez
Foglietta	Parker	Weldon (PA)
Gonzalez	Pomeroy	Weygand
Goodling	Quinn	Wicker
Hefner	Rangel	Young (AK)
Hilliard	Reyes	

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Mrs. SMITH of Washington and Messrs. KINGSTON, RUSH, COOKSEY, CHRISTENSEN, EHLERS, REDMOND, DOYLE, and TAYLOR of North Carolina changed their vote from "yea" to "nay."

So the motion to adjourn was rejected.

The results of the vote were announced as above recorded.

## PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mrs. CHENOWETH. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 371, I was inadvertently detained. Had I been present, I would have voted "nay."

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER  
PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. NEY). The Chair will entertain fifteen 1-minute speeches on each side.

TIME TO CLEAN UP DEPARTMENT  
OF JUSTICE

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

Mr. BARR of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, when I served under President Reagan as U.S. attorney, one of my colleagues told me of a defendant, a public official who had just been convicted of corruption, who said, "Mr. U.S. Attorney, we knew what we were doing was wrong, but nobody ever told us it was jail wrong."

Well, Mr. Speaker, America was fortunate back then that we had U.S. attorneys and a Department of Justice that were concerned with people who were doing "jail wrong" things and prosecuted them. Now we have an Attorney General who is not only not concerned with prosecuting those who do wrong, but the best this Attorney General will do is to decide whether to decide whether to decide if we will have an independent counsel to investigate clear evidence of wrongdoing by the Vice President.

Mr. Speaker, America yearns for the days when wrongdoers faced a Federal justice system that actually went after the bad guys. The time has come to clean up the Department of Justice.

TRIBUTE TO WILLIAM PASCARELL,  
SR.

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

Ms. HOOLEY of Oregon. Mr. Speaker, I have the sad obligation today to join this House in mourning the death of the father of the gentleman from New Jersey [Mr. PASCARELL], my friend and colleague.

Mr. Speaker, I did not have the pleasure of meeting William Pascrell, Sr., but I understand that he embodied many of the personal qualities that we admire in this country.

William Pascrell, Sr., was the son of immigrants, a self-made man, a life-long railroad worker. After retirement, he gave of his time freely to charity. We all know how difficult it is to lose a loved one, so I think I can speak for every Member of this House in saying that we are deeply saddened by this loss.

CONGRESS SHOULD CONSIDER  
"RENO DIVORCE"

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

Mr. HAYWORTH. Mr. Speaker, those of us in the majority join with those in the minority mourning the death of William Pascrell, Sr. We pass along best wishes to the gentleman from New Jersey [Mr. PASCARELL] and to the gentleman's family.

Mr. Speaker, I listened with great interest to the comments of the gentleman from Georgia [Mr. BARR], a former United States attorney, and the gentleman from Georgia is absolutely right.

Mr. Speaker, there is a difference between deliberation and dilatory tactics. Sadly, this Justice Department, in deciding to decide to perhaps one day to decide if there should be independent counsel to check into the alleged wrongdoing of the Vice President, is delaying and stonewalling.

Mr. Speaker, with all due apologies to the gentleman from Nevada [Mr. GIBBONS], perhaps this body should examine its own form of Reno divorce to see what we can do under the Constitution to examine the actions or the inaction of this Attorney General because, Mr. Speaker, it is important that those elected to high office obey existing law.

DEMOCRATS COMMITTED TO  
CAMPAIGN FINANCE REFORM

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

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I want to join with the gentlewoman from Oregon [Ms. HOOLEY] in expressing sympathy for the gentleman from New Jersey [Mr. PASCRELL] on the death of the gentleman's father.

Mr. Speaker, Democrats are determined to bring campaign finance reform to the floor, despite the Republican leadership's reluctance to do so. The problem with congressional elections is that they cost too much, and increasingly the average American cannot run for Congress. The public feels that their vote does not count because of the influence wealthy people have through their ability to contribute large sums of money to a campaign.

My home State of New Jersey sets a very good example of a public financing system that we use for our Governor's race that is going on now. Contributions to the Governor's race, I should mention, are limited. But more important, the amount of private money is capped and then matched with public funds, so that the overall expenditures of the race remain basically even for Democrat and Republican candidates.

□ 1030

I would like to see the same type of system for congressional raises. I believe the public would support this as an alternative to the current race for dollars. Democrats, Mr. Speaker, will continue to press for campaign finance reform.

#### NATIONAL EDUCATION STANDARDS

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

Mr. TIAHRT. Mr. Speaker, I was saddened several months ago when I heard the President abandon the teachers in America. He called for 1 million volunteers to teach our children to read.

In Kansas, the teachers have not abandoned our children. They are teaching reading and writing and math and history and science and other important things. They have not turned from their job responsibility, even if the President has turned his back on them.

Now the President wants to create more government and establish national education standards. Sounds good. I am from the government and I am here to help. But we have done that before. We have national standards. It is for Pentagon procurement. We call them MILSPECS. They are very complicated. Because of those MILSPECS, we bought a \$750 pair of pliers.

Now they want to transfer that technology to education. Let us not go there. The States have that responsibility and States like Kansas have established quality performance accreditation educational standards. Kansas has not abandoned educational stand-

ards. Let us not complicate education standards and get the equivalent of a \$750 pair of pliers. Let the States do their job.

#### FAST TRACK TRADE AUTHORITY

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

Mr. TRAFICANT. Mr. Speaker, stating that exports to Mexico have increased, the President now wants fast track for all of Latin America. In a way that is true.

Check this out. Last month, Fruit of the Loom cut 2,400 jobs in Louisiana, citing no regulations and cheaper labor. As a result, Fruit of the Loom is exporting factories and machinery overseas. This is out of control, Mr. Speaker.

First, the President donates his boxer shorts to charity, then literally takes the tax deduction for it. Now the President wants to donate our BVDs, Mr. Speaker, and give us a training voucher for a job in Latin America.

Beam me up. This is not fast tracking. This is backtracking. I yield back the Constitution that mandates a two-thirds ratification vote of the U.S. Senate to enact a treaty, if anybody abides by the Constitution around here.

#### SCHOOL CHOICE

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

Mr. BOB SCHAFFER of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, for America's poorest children education is their most direct path out of poverty. In fact, even children in truly horrible schools manage to escape destitution by dint of relentless determination and honest hard work. But children should not have to pass through metal detectors on the way through the schoolhouse door. If kids are more consumed by the fear of violence than the hope of earning an A on the next exam, the great challenges they face become even greater.

Confronted by school violence and disorderly classrooms, to whom can these children turn? I believe they ought to turn to their parents, of course. But what if their parents lack the freedom to pull their children out of harmful schools? While the status quo interests join together to say "too bad" or join together in offering more hollow promises, Republicans offer America's children hope in the form of school choice and education savings accounts.

Hope is too scarce a commodity to most of our Nation's poorest communities. School choice and education savings accounts level the playing field and offer hope by treating families like real customers and children like real Americans.

#### CAMPAIGN FINANCE REFORM

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

Mr. SNYDER. Mr. Speaker, on June 11, 1995, in a very famous photo, the Speaker of the House and the President of the United States shook hands and committed themselves to campaign finance reform. Over 2 years later, we have had over 85 bills introduced and none passed. Why is that? Because it is a tough issue. It is a very difficult issue that not only divides parties but divides us among our own parties.

I encourage the membership to take a look at H.R. 2183, the freshman bill. It is bipartisan. It does the doable. It stops the large donations from unions, corporations, and wealthy individuals, those huge soft money donations that threaten our system.

H.R. 2183, I believe, takes a step in the right direction, not a bill for all time but it is a good, important first step.

#### NUCLEAR WASTE POLICY ACT

(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 rhetoric surrounding H.R. 1270, the Nuclear Waste Policy Act of 1997, is often technical and rarely illustrative in a personal manner, where the impact will be the greatest. Many American cities around this country are going to be affected by this act. Typical American cities such as St. Louis, MO, will become nuclear refuse hubs as radioactive waste is transported and funneled from subsidized nuclear powerplants through St. Louis to the proposed nuclear storage site in Nevada. Residents of St. Louis should know that this waste will travel along Interstate 70, next to North Memorial Drive and the Mississippi River, meaning that if an accident were to occur and a small fraction of the shipping cask's contents were released, it would be sufficient to contaminate a 42-mile square area that would take 460 days to clean up. This would devastate downtown St. Louis, endanger the people living there, contaminate the Mississippi River, threaten every city and person downstream.

Mr. Speaker, my colleagues were sent to Congress to serve and protect their constituents, not mandate a physical, environmental, and economic disaster upon them.

#### BIPARTISAN CAMPAIGN FINANCE REFORM

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

Mr. ALLEN. Mr. Speaker, campaign finance reform does not have to be a partisan affair. It can be a bipartisan