

PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT AND
COMPETITION FOR EDUCATION

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

Mr. GUTKNECHT. Mr. Speaker, I find it fascinating to listen to some of the discussion over the last several weeks about education, and I think those who have been watching on C-SPAN see the real differences between Republicans and Democrats. The Democrats invariably talk about more money for education; principally, more Federal money for local education. But Mr. Speaker, if more money alone were the answer, Washington, DC, would have the best schools in America. We are spending about \$9,000 per student on the schools here in Washington, DC.

Now, we obviously need to make certain that our schools have adequate resources. What we really need, however, is to encourage parental involvement and use the miracle of the marketplace. Competition works. The best way to improve poor schools is to give poor parents the same choices that the wealthy have.

NATIONAL REHABILITATION
AWARENESS WEEK

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

Mr. CAPPS. Mr. Speaker, I rise to call attention to the fact that this is National Rehabilitation Awareness Week throughout the country. Across the country, we are taking time this week to thank the many therapists in the rehabilitation institutes for the good work that they do, for lives that have been brought back together because of that good work.

I am a personal testimony to this. I want to call special attention to the work of the Santa Barbara Rehabilitation Institute that put my life back together; not just my body, but heart, mind, and soul. I want to thank all of the therapists there, the drivers of the vans, and I brought my football today, because when I started that therapy, I could not throw the football, now I can. As a tribute to them and a tribute to National Rehabilitation Awareness Week, I want to show what kind of work we can do.

CONSTITUTION DAY

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

Mr. DREIER. Mr. Speaker, "We the people of the United States, in order to form a more perfect union, establish justice, ensure domestic tranquility, provide for the common defense, promote the general welfare, and secure the blessings of liberty to ourselves and our posterity, do ordain in this Constitution for the United States of America."

It was 210 years ago today that 39 courageous individuals signed that document and began the ratification process.

It has been fascinating for me to sit here, Mr. Speaker, listening to these speeches and watching the greatest deliberative body known to man proceed with its work, and it is important that we note this very, very important Constitution Day, and it is also Peggy Sampson's birthday back in the Cloakroom.

IMPORTANT DEPARTMENT OF
EDUCATION INITIATIVES ARE
BEING THREATENED

(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, the last Congress my colleagues on the other side of the aisle tried to close down the Department of Education. The American people said no. Democrats in this House said no.

But having failed to shut down the department in one fell swoop, my Republican colleagues are now trying to shut down the Department of Education office by office. Today, we will vote on an amendment that would take billions of dollars away from the Department of Education.

Let me tell my colleagues what this amendment would eliminate, initiatives that have proven to work: Safe and drug-free schools. The school-to-work program. Educational technology challenge grants. Goals 2000. These are programs that are working in our schools today. Instead of targeting funds to where they are needed most, this amendment would spread them around to schools whether they are needed or not.

Democrats in this House are standing up for America's children, fighting the Republican assault on this Nation's commitment to education. Reject the Hoekstra amendment.

TRIBUTE TO JIM PACE

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

Mr. METCALF. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Jim Pace, a constituent of mine from Whatcom County who is retiring today. Jim Pace worked as a veteran service officer for the American Legion in Whatcom and Skagit Counties. Through Jimmy's efforts, innumerable veterans, ready to give up on the system, found help and the benefits they deserve.

His first action was to organize a parade in Whatcom County that served as a homecoming for Vietnam's veterans. "I had a purpose in life," Jim said. "I could not bring back any of the 158,000 soldiers who were killed in Vietnam, but I could help those who came home."

Among Jim's many accomplishments is Operation We Remember which

brought disabled veterans to the Vietnam Memorial here in Washington. The veterans of the Second District and I personally will miss Jimmy's energy and compassion, and wish him the best of luck in his retirement.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Ms. DELAURO. Mr. Speaker, I have a privileged motion at the desk.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. CALVERT). The Clerk will report the privileged motion.

The Clerk read as follows:

Ms. DELAURO moves that the House do now adjourn.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion to adjourn offered by the gentlewoman from Connecticut [Ms. DELAURO].

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

Ms. DELAURO. 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 39, nays 364, not voting 30, as follows:

[Roll No. 401]

YEAS—39

Allen	Doggett	Ney
Andrews	Eshoo	Olver
Berry	Filner	Owens
Bonior	Frank (MA)	Pallone
Brown (OH)	Gejdenson	Pelosi
Conyers	Gephardt	Slaughter
Coyne	Gutierrez	Stupak
Davis (FL)	Kaptur	Tierney
DeFazio	Lowey	Torres
Delahunt	McDermott	Towns
DeLauro	McNulty	Vento
Deutsch	Miller (CA)	Waters
Dingell	Mink	Woolsey

NAYS—364

Abercrombie	Brady	Crane
Ackerman	Brown (FL)	Crapo
Aderholt	Bryant	Cubin
Archer	Bunning	Cummings
Bachus	Burr	Cunningham
Baesler	Burton	Danner
Baker	Buyer	Davis (IL)
Baldacci	Callahan	Davis (VA)
Ballenger	Calvert	Deal
Barcia	Camp	DeGette
Barr	Campbell	DeLay
Barrett (NE)	Canady	Dellums
Barrett (WI)	Cannon	Dickey
Bartlett	Capps	Dicks
Barton	Cardin	Dixon
Bass	Carson	Dooley
Bateman	Chabot	Doolittle
Bentsen	Chambliss	Doyle
Bereuter	Chenoweth	Dreier
Berman	Christensen	Duncan
Bilbray	Clay	Dunn
Bilirakis	Clayton	Edwards
Bishop	Clement	Ehlers
Blagojevich	Clyburn	Ehrlich
Bliley	Coble	Emerson
Blumenauer	Coburn	Engel
Blunt	Collins	English
Boehlert	Combest	Ensign
Bonilla	Condit	Etheridge
Bono	Cook	Evans
Borski	Cooksey	Everett
Boswell	Costello	Ewing
Boucher	Cox	Farr
Boyd	Cramer	Fattah

Fazio	Latham	Roemer
Flake	LaTourette	Rogan
Foley	Lazio	Rogers
Forbes	Levin	Ros-Lehtinen
Ford	Lewis (CA)	Rothman
Fowler	Lewis (GA)	Roukema
Fox	Lewis (KY)	Roybal-Allard
Franks (NJ)	Linder	Royce
Frelinghuysen	Lipinski	Rush
Frost	Livingston	Ryun
Gallely	LoBiondo	Sabo
Ganske	Lofgren	Salmon
Gekas	Lucas	Sanchez
Gibbons	Luther	Sanders
Gilchrest	Maloney (CT)	Sandlin
Gillmor	Maloney (NY)	Sanford
Gilman	Manion	Sawyer
Goode	Manzullo	Saxton
Goodlatte	Markey	Scarborough
Goodling	Mascara	Schaefer, Dan
Gordon	Matsui	Schaffer, Bob
Goss	McCarthy (MO)	Schumer
Graham	McCarthy (NY)	Scott
Granger	McCollum	Sensenbrenner
Green	McCrery	Serrano
Greenwood	McDade	Sessions
Gutknecht	McGovern	Shadegg
Hall (OH)	McHale	Shaw
Hall (TX)	McHugh	Shays
Hamilton	McInnis	Sherman
Hansen	McIntosh	Shinkus
Harman	McIntyre	Shuster
Hastert	McKeon	Sisisky
Hastings (FL)	McKinney	Skaggs
Hastings (WA)	Meek	Skeen
Hayworth	Menendez	Skelton
Hefley	Mica	Smith (MI)
Hefner	Millender-	Smith (NJ)
Henger	McDonald	Smith (OR)
Hill	Miller (FL)	Smith (TX)
Hilleary	Minge	Smith, Adam
Hilliard	Moakley	Smith, Linda
Hinchey	Mollohan	Snowbarger
Hinojosa	Moran (KS)	Snyder
Hobson	Morella	Solomon
Hoekstra	Murtha	Spence
Holden	Myrick	Spratt
Hooley	Nadler	Stabenow
Horn	Neal	Stark
Hostettler	Nethercutt	Stearns
Houghton	Neumann	Stenholm
Hoyer	Northup	Stokes
Hulshof	Norwood	Strickland
Hunter	Oberstar	Stump
Hutchinson	Obey	Sununu
Hyde	Ortiz	Tanner
Inglis	Packard	Tauscher
Istook	Pappas	Tauzin
Jackson (IL)	Parker	Taylor (MS)
Jackson-Lee	Pascarella	Taylor (NC)
(TX)	Pastor	Thomas
Jenkins	Paul	Thompson
John	Paxon	Thornberry
Johnson (CT)	Payne	Thune
Johnson (WI)	Pease	Thurman
Johnson, E. B.	Peterson (MN)	Tiahrt
Jones	Peterson (PA)	Trafficant
Kanjorski	Petri	Turner
Kasich	Pickering	Upton
Kelly	Pickett	Velazquez
Kennedy (MA)	Pitts	Visclosky
Kennedy (RI)	Pombo	Walsh
Kennelly	Pomeroy	Wamp
Kildee	Porter	Watkins
Kilpatrick	Portman	Watt (NC)
Kim	Poshard	Watts (OK)
Kind (WI)	Price (NC)	Weldon (FL)
King (NY)	Pryce (OH)	Weldon (PA)
Kingston	Quinn	Weller
Klecza	Radanovich	Wexler
Klink	Rahall	Weygand
Klug	Ramstad	White
Knollenberg	Redmond	Whitfield
Kucinich	Regula	Wicker
LaFalce	Riggs	Wolf
LaHood	Riley	Wynn
Lampson	Rivers	Young (AK)
Lantos	Rodriguez	Young (FL)

NOT VOTING—30

Armey	Gonzalez	Moran (VA)
Becerra	Jefferson	Nussle
Boehner	Johnson, Sam	Oxley
Brown (CA)	Kolbe	Rangel
Castle	Largent	Reyes
Diaz-Balart	Leach	Rohrabacher
Fawell	Martinez	
Foglietta	Meehan	
Furse	Metcalf	

Schiff	Talent	Wise
Souder	Waxman	Yates

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Mr. KILDEE and Mr. NADLER changed their vote from "yea" to "nay."

Mr. OLVER changed his vote from "nay" to "yea."

So the motion to adjourn was rejected.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRY

Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. Speaker, parliamentary inquiry.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. CALVERT). The gentleman will state his inquiry.

Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. Speaker, I have a parliamentary inquiry that goes to the integrity of the House.

My question is, Could the Speaker advise the House of that provision of the rules which prohibits former Members of the House from coming onto the House floor and lobbying when they have a direct personal or pecuniary interest in a matter pending before the House?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 1 of rule XXXII, former Members have the privileges of the floor or rooms leading thereto subject to the provisions of clause 3 of that rule.

Mr. MENENDEZ. And that is the controlling provision as it relates to former Members not lobbying in the House in that respect, Mr. Speaker?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman is correct.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. PORTER. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks on 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, 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. BARRETT of Nebraska, Chairman pro tempore, in the chair.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The CHAIRMAN pro tempore. When the Committee of the Whole rose on Tuesday, September 16, 1997, amendment No. 41 by the gentleman from Michigan [Mr. HOEKSTRA] had been disposed of and section 515 was open for amendment.

Are there further amendments to this section of the bill?

PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRY

Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. Chairman, parliamentary inquiry.

The CHAIRMAN pro tempore. The gentleman will state his inquiry.

Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. Chairman, what rules of the House permit a former Member of the House to accost verbally another Member of the House on a matter that affects that Member?

The CHAIRMAN pro tempore. The Chair is not aware of any such rule that permits that.

Mr. MENENDEZ. Well, Mr. Chairman, what procedure does a Member of the House have when they are accosted by a former Member of the House to have that Member removed?

The CHAIRMAN pro tempore. The Chair will consult with the gentleman on that question.

Mr. MENENDEZ. Well, I would like an answer, because I have just had Mr. Dornan, a former Member of this House, come up and verbally accost me. And I do not expect in the greatest democratic institution in the world to have to take what my foreparents did not do, in a country in which they left to avoid, is that to have to come to this body and listen to a former Member of the House proceed in that way and to use words that were both profane and at the same time to use words that were demeaning.

So I want to know, in public, what procedure do we have to not have that type of action happen on the House floor?

The CHAIRMAN pro tempore. The Chair will consult with the gentleman and the Sergeant at Arms on that question.

Mr. MENENDEZ. Further parliamentary inquiry, Mr. Chairman.

If in fact a Member of the House, a present Member of the House, were to make comments that were inappropriate, their words could be taken down. They would not be allowed to speak. I want to know whether or not there is a procedure existing that in fact will create the opportunity to not have this type of occurrence that happened on the House floor.