

Do we really want to devalue the votes cast by legally registered American citizens? I think not. Our opponents on the other side of the aisle should welcome this investigation if they truly believe that their candidate won fair and square. The truth must be allowed to come out.

GETTING BUREAUCRACY OUT OF THE CLASSROOM

(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, recently a teacher in Camden County, GA told me about going to a conference near the State capitol designed to tell teachers not to hug kids anymore and not to be in the room alone with them anymore, never to touch them. She says, "You know, it's too bad because in the school district that I'm in, a lot of these children are from broken homes and they need hugging more than they need A's."

Another teacher told me she cannot get parents to participate in the PTA programs anymore because when parents come up with good ideas, they just cannot get through the red tape. Then another teacher in Darien, Georgia told me that she has to spend 2 to 3 hours each week on paperwork just to keep up with the bureaucracy.

Mr. Speaker, I believe we need to have more local control of school systems. We are going to vote today on a charter school bill which will give local control and get the bureaucracy out of the classroom so that the teacher can develop the relationship that is needed to teach Johnny how to read without a bunch of busybody bureaucrats from the State capitol or Washington, DC, telling them what they have to do and what they do not have to do.

HOUSE TO VOTE ON EDUCATION INITIATIVES

(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, today and most of this week we are going to be voting on education initiatives. I want to call my colleagues' attention to what has been happening back in my home State of Minnesota. Our Governor, Arne Carlson, decided several years ago that ultimately what we need to do was empower parents and decentralize what is happening in education. The net result is in this year's legislature back in Minnesota, they passed some of the most wide-ranging tax reforms I think in any State in the Union. I am proud of that. Most parents in the State of Minnesota are proud of it as well.

What they included was tax credits and tax deductibility, making it easier for parents to send their kids to the school that they choose, not that is

chosen for them. They made it easier for them to buy equipment for their students, including computers, and so forth.

This is a giant step forward. It reinforces, I think, what we are trying to do here in Washington, what parents want and what ultimately most people know is best for children, and that is to decentralize the school system, empower parents and create school systems that serve students rather than serving bureaucracies.

INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE IN NEED OF REFORM

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

Mr. ROGAN. Mr. Speaker, Republicans in the House are committed to reforming the IRS. For weeks the White House was signaling that they were going to battle us on that issue, and they issued repeated pronouncements defending the IRS. When the White House decided this was an unsustainable political position, last week the White House decided to reverse course: The administration indicated it would join Republicans and work with us to reform the IRS. Today we see their rhetoric does not match reality. This weekend Treasury Secretary Robert Rubin said the administration disagrees with Republican calls to scrap 17,000 pages of IRS rules and regulations.

In proclaiming support for this 17,000 page monstrosity, the administration claimed it gives taxpayers "predictability." Ironically, they are right. The IRS Code is predictably too complex; it predictably favors its political friends; it predictably punishes its political enemies.

We will never have real tax reform in this country until we do away with those 17,000 pages of rules and regulations and give the taxpayers a fairer, flatter Tax Code. That is the "predictability" Americans are seeking, and it is the predictability they deserve.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mrs. McCARTHY of New York. Mr. Speaker, on Friday, October 24, I had the pleasure of attending the wedding of my son Kevin and daughter-in-law Leslie. Consequently, I was unable to vote on rollcall votes 526 through 531.

Had I been present, I would have voted "yes" on rollcall vote 526; "yes" on rollcall vote 527; "yes" on rollcall No. 528; "no" on rollcall 529; "no" on rollcall No. 530; "yes" on rollcall vote 531.

REMOVAL OF NAME OF MEMBER AS COSPONSOR OF H.R. 2527

Ms. DELAURO. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to have my name removed as cosponsor of H.R. 2527.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. LAHOOD). Is there objection to the request of the gentlewoman from Connecticut?

There was no objection.

PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 1270, NUCLEAR WASTE POLICY ACT OF 1997

Mr. HASTINGS of Washington. Mr. Speaker, by direction of the Committee on Rules, I call up House Resolution 283 and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 283

Resolved. That at any time after the adoption of this resolution the Speaker may, pursuant to clause 1(b) of rule XXIII, declare the House resolved into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union for consideration of the bill (H.R. 1270) to amend the Nuclear Waste Policy Act of 1982. The first reading of the bill shall be dispensed with. Points of order against consideration of the bill for failure to comply with section 306 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 are waived. General debate shall be confined to the bill and shall not exceed eighty minutes, with sixty minutes equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Commerce and twenty minutes equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Resources. After general debate the bill shall be considered for amendment under the five-minute rule. It shall be in order to consider as an original bill for the purpose of amendment under the five-minute rule the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Commerce now printed in the bill. The committee amendment in the nature of a substitute shall be considered as read. Points of order against the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute for failure to comply with clause 5(a) of rule XXI or section 306 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 are waived. Notwithstanding clause 5(c) of rule XXIII, no amendment to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute shall be in order except those printed in the report of the Committee on Rules accompanying this resolution. Each amendment may be offered only in the order printed in the report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question in the House or in the Committee of the Whole. Points of order against the last amendment printed in the report of the Committee on Rules for failure to comply with clause 5(a) of rule XXI or section 306 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 are waived. The Chairman of the Committee of the Whole may: (1) postpone until a time during further consideration in the Committee of the Whole a request for a recorded vote on any amendment; and (2) reduce to five minutes the minimum time for electronic voting on any postponed question that follows another electronic vote without intervening business, provided that the minimum time for electronic voting on the first in any series of questions shall be fifteen minutes. After a motion that the Committee rise has been rejected on a day, the Chairman may entertain another such motion on that day

only if offered by the majority leader or his designee. After a motion to strike out the enacting words of the bill (as described in clause 7 of rule XXIII) has been rejected, the Chairman may not entertain another such motion during further consideration of the bill. At the conclusion of consideration of the bill for amendment the Committee shall rise and report the bill to the House with such amendments as may have been adopted. Any Member may demand a separate vote in the House on any amendment adopted in the Committee of the Whole to the bill or to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute. The previous question shall be considered as ordered on the bill and amendments thereto to final passage without intervening motion except one motion to recommit with or without instructions.

SEC. 2. After passage of H.R. 1270, it shall be in order to take from the Speaker's table the bill, S. 104, and to consider the Senate bill in the House. Points of order against consideration of the Senate bill for failure to comply with section 306 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 are waived. It shall be in order to move to strike all after the enacting clause of the Senate bill and to insert in lieu thereof the provisions of H.R. 1270 as passed by the House. If the motion is adopted and the Senate bill, as amended, is passed, then it shall be in order to move that the House insist on its amendment to S. 104 and request a conference with the Senate thereon.

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MOTION TO ADJOURN

Mr. ENSIGN. Mr. Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. LAHOOD). The question is on the motion to adjourn offered by the gentleman from Nevada [Mr. ENSIGN].

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

Mr. ENSIGN. 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 29, nays 374, not voting 29, as follows:

[Roll No. 535]

YEAS—29

Ackerman	Foglietta	Lewis (GA)
Andrews	Ford	Markey
DeFazio	Gephhardt	McDermott
DeGette	Gibbons	McNulty
Delahunt	Gordon	Mink
Dellums	Hilleary	Obey
Ensign	Jackson (IL)	Olver
Eshoo	Jefferson	Stark
Fattah	LaFalce	Torres
Filner	Lewis (CA)	

NAYS—374

Abercrombie	Barrett (WI)	Blagojevich
Aderholt	Bartlett	Biley
Allen	Barton	Blumenauer
Archer	Bass	Blunt
Armen	Bateman	Boehlert
Bachus	Becerra	Boehner
Baesler	Bentsen	Bonilla
Baker	Bereuter	Bonior
Baldacci	Berman	Borski
Ballenger	Berry	Boswell
Barcia	Bilbray	Boucher
Barr	Bilirakis	Boyd
Barrett (NE)	Bishop	Brady

Brown (FL)	Hastings (FL)	Morella	Stupak	Towns
Brown (OH)	Hastings (WA)	Murtha	Sununu	Traficant
Bryant	Hayworth	Nadler	Tanner	Weller
Bunning	Hefley	Neal	Tauscher	Wexler
Burr	Hefner	Nethercutt	Tauzin	Weygand
Burton	Herger	Neumann	Taylor (MS)	White
Buyer	Hill	Ney	Taylor (NC)	Whitfield
Callahan	Hilliard	Northup	Thomas	Wicker
Calvert	Hinchey	Norwood	Thompson	Wise
Camp	Hinojosa	Nussle	Thornberry	Wolf
Campbell	Hobson	Oberstar	Thune	Woolsey
Canady	Hoekstra	Ortiz	Thurman	Wynn
Cannon	Holden	Owens	Watt (NC)	Young (FL)
Cardin	Hooley	Oxley	Watts (OK)	
Carson	Horn	Packard	Tiabah	
Castle	Hostettler	Pallone	Tierney	
Chabot	Hoyer	Pappas		
Chambliss	Hulshof	Parker		
Chenoweth	Hunter	Pastor		
Christensen	Hutchinson	Paul		
Clay	Hyde	Paxton		
Clayton	Inglis	Pease		
Clement	Istook	Peterson (MN)		
Clyburn	Jackson-Lee	Peterson (PA)		
Coble	(TX)	Petri		
Coburn	Jenkins	Pickering		
Collins	John	Pickett		
Combest	Johnson (CT)	Pitts		
Condit	Johnson (WI)	Pombo		
Cook	Johnson, E.B.	Pomeroy		
Cooksey	Jones	Porter		
Costello	Kanjorski	Portman		
Cox	Kaptur	Poshard		
Coyne	Kasich	Price (NC)		
Cramer	Kennedy (MA)	Pryce (OH)		
Crane	Kennedy (RI)	Quinn		
Crapo	Kennelly	Radanovich		
Cummings	Kildee	Rahall		
Cunningham	Kilpatrick	Ramstad		
Danner	Kim	Rangel		
Davis (FL)	Kind (WI)	Redmond		
Davis (IL)	King (NY)	Regula		
Davis (VA)	Kingston	Reyes		
Deal	Kleckza	Riggs		
DeLauro	Klink	Riley		
DeLay	Klug	Rivers		
Deutsch	Knollenberg	Roemer		
Diaz-Balart	Kolbe	Rogers		
Dicks	Kucinich	Rohrabacher		
Dingell	LaFahood	Ros-Lehtinen		
Dixon	Lampson	Rothman		
Doggett	Lantos	Roukema		
Dooley	Largent	Royal-Allard		
Doolittle	Latham	Royce		
Doyle	LaTourete	Rush		
Dreier	Lazio	Ryun		
Duncan	Leach	Sabo		
Dunn	Levin	Salmon		
Edwards	Lewis (KY)	Sanchez		
Ehlers	Linder	Sanders		
Ehrlich	Lipinski	Sandlin		
Emerson	Livingston	Sanford		
Engel	LoBiondo	Sawyer		
Etheridge	LoFGren	Saxton		
Evans	Lowey	Schaefer, Dan		
Everett	Lucas	Schaffer, Bob		
Ewing	Luther	Schumer		
Farr	Maloney (CT)	Scott		
Fawell	Maloney (NY)	Sensenbrenner		
Fazio	Manton	Serrano		
Foley	Manizullo	Sessions		
Forbes	Mascara	Shadegg		
Fowler	Matsui	Shaw		
Fox	McCarthy (MO)	Shays		
	McCarthy (NY)	Sherman		
	McCollum	Shimkus		
	McCrary	Shuster		
	McDade	Sisisky		
	McGovern	Skaggs		
	Furse	McHale		
		Skeen		
		McHugh		
		Skelton		
		McInnis		
		Slaughter		
		McIntyre		
		McKeon		
		McKinney		
		McMahan		
		Meek		
		Menendez		
		Metcalf		
		Mica		
		Millender		
		McDonald		
		Miller (CA)		
		Miller (FL)		
		Spence		
		Spratt		
		Stabenow		
		Moakley		
		Stearns		
		Mollohan		
		Stenholm		
		Strickland		
		Stump		

Stupak

Tauscher

Tauzin

Taylor (MS)

Vento

Whitfield

Wicks

Walsh

Wamp

Waters

Watkins

Watt (NC)

Watts (OK)

Waxman

NOT VOTING—29

Bono

Brown (CA)

Conyers

Cubin

Dickey

English

Flake

Gekas

Gonzalez

Granger

Hansen

Houghton

Johnson, Sam

Kelly

Martinez

McIntosh

Talent

Myrick

Pascarel

Payne

Pelosi

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Ms. SLAUGHTER, Mrs. NORTHUP, and Messrs. KENNEDY of Rhode Island, SAWYER, PACKARD, and HERGER changed their vote from "yea" to "nay."

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

So the motion to adjourn was rejected.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 1270, NUCLEAR WASTE POLICY ACT OF 1997

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. LAHOOD). The gentleman from Washington [Mr. HASTINGS] is recognized for 1 hour.

Mr. HASTINGS of Washington. Mr. Speaker, for purposes of debate only, I yield the customary 30 minutes to the distinguished gentleman from Ohio [Mr. HALL], pending which I yield myself such time as I may consume. During consideration of the resolution, all time yielded is for purposes of debate only.

(Mr. HASTINGS of Washington asked and was given permission to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. HASTINGS of Washington. Mr. Speaker, House Resolution 283 is a structured rule providing for the consideration of H.R. 1270, the Nuclear Waste Policy Act of 1997. The rule provides for 1 hour of general debate equally divided between the chairman and ranking member of the Committee on Commerce, as well as 20 minutes of debate equally divided between the chairman and ranking member of the Committee on Resources.

The rule makes in order a committee amendment in the nature of a substitute as the base text, and waives Congressional Budget Act requirements that the Committee on the Budget report provisions within its jurisdiction. The rule also waives House rules prohibiting appropriations in an authorization measure.

Mr. Speaker, this rule makes in order 10 amendments, debatable in the order listed and for the amount of time specified in the Committee on Rules report.