

BIG BROTHER IS BACK

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

Mr. CHABOT. Madam Speaker, they are at it again. We learned this morning from *The Washington Post* that those big government loving bureaucrats in the Clinton administration are up to their old tricks again. When we last heard from our friends in the Federal health care data collection business, they were attempting to carry out a little known provision in the law that would require every single American to have a special identification number so that their medical records could be tracked by the government.

Now we learn that the administration seeks to create a new database that would collect personal information about millions of Americans who receive in-home benefits under the Medicare program. Under the guise of improving service, the Clinton administration intends to conduct a 19-page assessment of each patient, including questions concerning the patient's sense of failure, or socially inappropriate behavior.

Enough already. Let us put a stop to this nonsense before it begins. Let us protect the privacy of millions of Americans. Let us once again say no to Big Brother.

MEDICARE

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

Ms. DELAURO. Madam Speaker, I hold in my hand a letter to the Speaker of the House imploring him to devote 15 percent of the budget surplus to strengthen Medicare. This letter has been signed by 201 Democrats. We speak with a unified message: Do not jeopardize Medicare for political tax breaks.

In the most recent Republican budget, not one penny of the surplus is used to shore up Medicare. Medicare is projected to be bankrupt in the year 2008. That is only 9 years away. The Democratic plan to use 15 percent of the surplus would extend the life of Medicare by a decade, giving us time to reform the program so that it endures the coming strain of the retiring baby boom generation and allows us to put a prescription drug benefit together.

The Republican plan is irresponsible. It puts short-term political gain ahead of long-term fiscal responsibility and, in the process, jeopardizes seniors' health and their retirement security.

Today 99 percent of America's seniors are covered by Medicare. Social Security and Medicare have combined to give our seniors independence, dignity and security in their retirement. Let us strengthen them and not dismantle them.

THE FOREST SERVICE MORATORIUM IS AN ATTACK ON ACCESS TO OUR PUBLIC FORESTS

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

Mr. HILL of Montana. Madam Speaker, the Forest Service roads moratorium now in effect, defies the good common sense required to maintain our Nation's force.

In essence, the administration is saying that we are going to take a time-out in managing our forests. In the meantime, of course, the problems will not wait. They only become more serious.

This moratorium is also an attack on access to our public forests. It is nothing more than a sweeping mandate from Washington. This mandate is not designed to study our forests roads but, rather, to keep the American citizen out of their forests.

A representative from the most respected sportsmen's group in Washington, the Safari Club, called this decision bad for sportsmen and other recreational users, so bad that it must have the dedicated professionals in the Forest Service shaking their heads.

The Forest Service reports that 93 percent of forest road use is for recreational purposes, and now they are trying to lock up the very roads where we recreate.

It makes no sense. I cannot understand how an agency that is directed to manage our forests is walking away and washing its hands of such a serious issue.

This is a bad policy, Madam Speaker. It is bad for America. It is bad for the economy. It is bad for the forests and it is bad for the citizens.

The question is, who is it good for?

RAIDING THE SOCIAL SECURITY TRUST FUND TO SPEND MONEY ON 120 NEW GOVERNMENT PROGRAMS

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

Mr. WELLER. Madam Speaker, back home, when I am back home in the south side of Chicago, in the south suburbs, I get asked some pretty basic questions by the folks back home. I had a really pretty good one asked to me just this past week.

They say, it is our understanding that there is this \$2.6 trillion surplus of extra tax revenue. If we have all this extra money in Washington, why does President Clinton, the Clinton-Gore Democrats, propose a \$176 billion tax increase, and why do the Clinton-Gore Democrats, why do they propose raiding the Social Security trust fund by \$250 billion to spend money on 120 new government programs?

That is an important question because on the Republican side, we say

we do not need \$176 billion in tax increases. We say we do not want to raid the Social Security trust fund. In fact, this year we want to stop something that has been going on for 30 years. We believe it is time to wall off the Social Security trust fund and stop the raids that President Clinton wants to have on Social Security.

Let us stop the raids on Social Security. Let us wall off the Social Security trust fund.

RESIGNATION AS MEMBER OF COMMITTEE ON VETERANS' AFFAIRS

The Speaker pro tempore (Mrs. EMERSON) laid before the House the following resignation as a member of the Committee on Veterans' Affairs:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, March 10, 1999.

Hon. J. DENNIS HASTERT,
Speaker of the House,
The Capitol, Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: Having accepted an appointment to the Committee on the Judiciary, I must hereby regretfully resign from the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

Sincerely,

SPENCER BACHUS,
Member of Congress.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the resignation is accepted.

There was no objection.

ELECTION OF MEMBERS TO CERTAIN STANDING COMMITTEES OF THE HOUSE

Mr. GOODLING. Madam Speaker, I offer a resolution (H. Res. 108) and I ask unanimous consent for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 108

Resolved, That the following named Members be, and they are hereby, elected to the following standing committees of the House of Representatives:

Committee on the Judiciary: Mr. SCARBOROUGH of Florida.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Mr. BAKER of Louisiana.

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

There was no objection.

The resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

EDUCATION FLEXIBILITY PARTNERSHIP ACT OF 1999

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to House Resolution 100 and rule XVIII, 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. 800.

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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. 800) to provide for education flexibility partnerships, with Mr. WELLER (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 Wednesday, March 10, 1999, the demand for a recorded vote on amendment No. 21 by the gentleman from Virginia (Mr. SCOTT) had been postponed and all time for consideration of the bill under the 5-minute rule had expired.

AMENDMENT NO. 21 OFFERED BY MR. SCOTT

The CHAIRMAN pro tempore. There being no further amendments in order under the rule, the unfinished business is the demand for a recorded vote on the amendment offered by the gentleman from Virginia (Mr. SCOTT) on which further proceedings were postponed and on which the noes prevailed by voice vote.

The Clerk will redesignate the amendment.

The text of the amendment is as follows:

Amendment No. 21 offered by Mr. SCOTT:

In section 4(c) (of H.R. 800, as reported), after "Secretary", insert "or a State educational agency".

At the end of section 4(c)(1)(G) (of H.R. 800, as reported), strike "and".

After subparagraph (H) of section 4(c) (of H.R. 800, as reported), insert the following:

(I) in the case of a school that participates in a schoolwide program under section 1114 of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965, the eligibility requirements of such section if such a school serves a school attendance area in which less than 35 percent of the children are from low-income families; and

RECORDED VOTE

The CHAIRMAN pro tempore. A recorded vote has been demanded.

A recorded vote was ordered.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—ayes 195, noes 223, not voting 15, as follows:

[Roll No. 40]

AYES—195

Abercrombie	Conyers	Green (TX)
Ackerman	Costello	Gutierrez
Allen	Coyne	Hall (OH)
Andrews	Cramer	Hastings (FL)
Baird	Crowley	Hill (IN)
Baldacci	Cummings	Hilliard
Baldwin	Danner	Hinchey
Barcia	Davis (FL)	Hinojosa
Barrett (WI)	Davis (IL)	Holden
Bentsen	DeFazio	Holt
Bereuter	DeGette	Hooley
Berkley	DeLauro	Hoyer
Berman	Deutscher	Inslee
Berry	Dicks	Jackson (IL)
Bishop	Dingell	Jackson-Lee
Blumenauer	Dixon	(TX)
Bonior	Doggett	Jefferson
Borski	Dooley	Johnson, E. B.
Boswell	Doyle	Jones (OH)
Boucher	Edwards	Kanjorski
Brady (PA)	Engel	Kennedy
Brown (CA)	Eshoo	Killdeer
Brown (FL)	Etheridge	Kilpatrick
Brown (OH)	Evans	Kind (WI)
Capuano	Farr	Kleczka
Cardin	Filner	Klink
Carson	Ford	Kucinich
Clay	Frank (MA)	LaFalce
Clayton	Gejdenson	Lampson
Clement	Gephardt	Lantos
Clyburn	Gonzalez	Larson
Condit	Gordon	Lee

Levin	Neal	Skelton
Lewis (GA)	Oberstar	Slaughter
Lofgren	Obey	Snyder
Lowe	Oliver	Spratt
Lucas (KY)	Ortiz	Stabenow
Luther	Owens	Stark
Maloney (CT)	Pallone	Stenholm
Maloney (NY)	Pascarella	Strickland
Markey	Pastor	Stupak
Mascara	Payne	Tanner
Matsui	Pelosi	Tauscher
McCarthy (MO)	Peterson (MN)	Thompson (CA)
McCarthy (NY)	Phelps	Thompson (MS)
McDermott	Pickett	Thurman
McGovern	Pomeroy	Tierney
McIntyre	Price (NC)	Towns
McKinney	Rahall	Traficant
McNulty	Rivers	Turner
Meehan	Rodriguez	Udall (CO)
Meek (FL)	Roemer	Udall (NM)
Meeks (NY)	Rothman	Velazquez
Menendez	Roybal-Allard	Vento
Millender	Rush	Visclosky
McDonald	Sabo	Waters
Miller, George	Sanchez	Watt (NC)
Minge	Sanders	Waxman
Mink	Sandlin	Weiner
Moakley	Sawyer	Wexler
Mollohan	Shakowsky	Weygand
Moore	Scott	Wise
Moran (VA)	Serrano	Woolsey
Murtha	Sherman	Wu
Nadler	Shows	Wynn
Napolitano	Sisisky	

NOES—223

Aderholt	Fossella	Lucas (OK)
Archer	Fowler	Manzullo
Armey	Franks (NJ)	McCollum
Bachus	Frelinghuysen	McHugh
Baker	Galleghy	McInnis
Ballenger	Ganske	McIntosh
Barr	Gekas	McKeon
Bartlett	Gibbons	Metcalfe
Barton	Gilchrest	Mica
Bass	Gillmor	Miller (FL)
Bateman	Gilman	Miller, Gary
Biggett	Goode	Moran (KS)
Bilirakis	Goodlatte	Morella
Bilely	Goodling	Myrick
Blunt	Goss	Nethercutt
Boehlert	Graham	Ney
Boehner	Granger	Northup
Bonilla	Green (WI)	Norwood
Bono	Greenwood	Nussle
Boyd	Gutknecht	Ose
Brady (TX)	Hall (TX)	Oxley
Bryant	Hansen	Packard
Burr	Hastings (WA)	Paul
Burton	Hayes	Pease
Buyer	Hayworth	Peterson (PA)
Callahan	Hefley	Petri
Calvert	Herger	Pickering
Camp	Hill (MT)	Pitts
Campbell	Hilleary	Pombo
Canady	Hobson	Porter
Cannon	Hoefel	Portman
Castle	Hoekstra	Pryce (OH)
Chabot	Horn	Quinn
Chambliss	Hostettler	Radanovich
Chenoweth	Houghton	Ramstad
Coble	Hulshof	Regula
Coburn	Hunter	Reynolds
Collins	Hutchinson	Riley
Combest	Hyde	Rogan
Cook	Isakson	Rogers
Cooksey	Istook	Rohrabacher
Crane	Jenkins	Ros-Lehtinen
Cubin	Johnson (CT)	Roukema
Cunningham	Johnson, Sam	Royce
Davis (VA)	Jones (NC)	Ryan (WI)
Deal	Kasich	Ryun (KS)
DeLay	Kelly	Salmon
DeMint	King (NY)	Sanford
Diaz-Balart	Kingston	Saxton
Dickey	Knollenberg	Scarborough
Doolittle	Kolbe	Schaffer
Dreier	Kuykendall	Sensenbrenner
Duncan	LaHood	Sessions
Dunn	Largent	Shadegg
Ehlers	Latham	Shaw
Ehrlich	LaTourette	Shays
Emerson	Lazio	Sherwood
English	Leach	Shimkus
Everett	Lewis (CA)	Shuster
Ewing	Lewis (KY)	Simpson
Fletcher	Linder	Skeen
Foley	Lipinski	Smith (MI)
Forbes	LoBiondo	Smith (NJ)

Smith (TX)	Taylor (NC)	Watts (OK)
Smith (WA)	Terry	Weldon (FL)
Souder	Thomas	Weldon (PA)
Spence	Thornberry	Weller
Stearns	Thune	Whitfield
Stump	Tiahrt	Wicker
Sununu	Toomey	Wilson
Sweeney	Upton	Wolf
Talent	Walden	Young (AK)
Tancredo	Walsh	Young (FL)
Tauzin	Wamp	
Taylor (MS)	Watkins	

NOT VOTING—15

Barrett (NE)	Cox	Kaptur
Becerra	Delahunt	Martinez
Bilbray	Fattah	McCrery
Blagojevich	Frost	Rangel
Capps	John	Reyes

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Mr. CAMPBELL, Mr. TERRY, and Mrs. CUBIN changed their vote from "aye" to "no."

Ms. STABENOW and Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts changed their vote from "no" to "aye."

So the amendment was rejected.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

Stated against:

Mr. BARRETT of Nebraska. Mr. Chairman, on rollcall No. 40, I was inadvertently detained. Had I been present, I would have voted "no."

The CHAIRMAN. The question is on the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute, as amended.

The committee amendment in the nature of a substitute, as amended, was agreed to.

The CHAIRMAN. Under the rule, the Committee rises.

Accordingly, the Committee rose; and the Speaker pro tempore (Mrs. EMERSON) having assumed the chair, Mr. WELLER, Chairman pro tempore of the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union, reported that that Committee, having had under consideration the bill (H.R. 800) to provide for education flexibility partnerships, pursuant to House Resolution 100, he reported the bill back to the House with an amendment adopted by the Committee of the Whole.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the rule, the previous question is ordered.

Is a separate vote demanded on any amendment to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute adopted by the Committee of the Whole? If not, the question is on the amendment.

The amendment was agreed to.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the engrossment and third reading of the bill.

The bill was ordered to be engrossed and read a third time, and was read the third time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the passage of the bill.

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

RECORDED VOTE

Mr. GOODLING. Madam Speaker, I demand a recorded vote.

A recorded vote was ordered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Postponed suspension votes after this vote will all be five-minute votes.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—ayes 330, noes 90, not voting 14, as follows:

[Roll No. 41]

AYES—330

Aderholt	Evans	Lucas (KY)
Allen	Everett	Lucas (OK)
Andrews	Ewing	Luther
Archer	Farr	Maloney (CT)
Armey	Fletcher	Maloney (NY)
Bachus	Foley	Manzullo
Baird	Forbes	Mascara
Baker	Ford	Matsui
Baldacci	Fossella	McCarthy (NY)
Baldwin	Fowler	McCollum
Ballenger	Franks (NJ)	McHugh
Barcia	Frelinghuysen	McInnis
Barr	Gallegly	McIntosh
Barrett (NE)	Ganske	McIntyre
Bartlett	Gejdenson	McKeon
Barton	Gekas	McNulty
Bass	Gephardt	Metcalfe
Bateman	Gibbons	Mica
Bentsen	Gilchrest	Miller, Gary
Bereuter	Gillmor	Mollohan
Berkley	Gilman	Moore
Berry	Gonzalez	Moran (KS)
Biggert	Goode	Moran (VA)
Bilirakis	Goodlatte	Morella
Bishop	Goodling	Murtha
Blagojevich	Gordon	Myrick
Bliley	Goss	Napolitano
Blumenauer	Graham	Nethercutt
Blunt	Granger	Ney
Boehlert	Green (TX)	Northup
Boehner	Green (WI)	Norwood
Bonilla	Greenwood	Nussle
Bono	Gutierrez	Ortiz
Boswell	Gutknecht	Ose
Boucher	Hall (OH)	Oxley
Boyd	Hall (TX)	Packard
Brady (TX)	Hansen	Pascarell
Brown (CA)	Hastert	Paul
Bryant	Hayes	Pease
Burr	Hayworth	Peterson (MN)
Burton	Hefley	Peterson (PA)
Buyer	Herger	Petri
Callahan	Hill (IN)	Phelps
Calvert	Hill (MT)	Pickering
Camp	Hilleary	Pickett
Campbell	Hinojosa	Pitts
Canady	Hobson	Pombo
Cannon	Hoeffel	Pomeroy
Cardin	Hoekstra	Porter
Castle	Holden	Portman
Chabot	Hooley	Price (NC)
Chambliss	Horn	Pryce (OH)
Chenoweth	Hostettler	Quinn
Clement	Houghton	Radanovich
Coble	Hoyer	Rahall
Coburn	Hulshof	Ramstad
Collins	Hunter	Regula
Combest	Hutchinson	Reynolds
Condit	Hyde	Riley
Cook	Inslee	Rodriguez
Cooksey	Isakson	Roemer
Cox	Istook	Rogan
Cramer	Jenkins	Rogers
Crane	Johnson (CT)	Rohrabacher
Cubin	Johnson, Sam	Ros-Lehtinen
Cunningham	Jones (NC)	Rothman
Danner	Kanjorski	Roukema
Davis (FL)	Kasich	Royce
Davis (VA)	Kelly	Ryan (WI)
Deal	Kind (WI)	Ryun (KS)
DeGette	King (NY)	Sabo
DeLauro	Kingston	Salmon
DeLay	Kleczka	Sanders
DeMint	Klink	Sandlin
Deutsch	Knollenberg	Sanford
Diaz-Balart	Kolbe	Saxton
Dickey	Kuykendall	Scarborough
Dicks	LaHood	Schaffer
Doggett	Lampson	Sensenbrenner
Dooley	Lantos	Sessions
Doolittle	Largent	Shadegg
Doyle	Larson	Shaw
Dreier	Latham	Shays
Duncan	LaTourette	Sherman
Dunn	Lazio	Sherwood
Edwards	Leach	Shimkus
Ehlers	Lewis (CA)	Shows
Ehrlich	Lewis (KY)	Shuster
Emerson	Linder	Simpson
English	Lipinski	Sisisky
Eshoo	LoBiondo	Skeen
Etheridge	Lofgren	Skelton

Slaughter	Tauscher
Smith (MI)	Tauzin
Smith (TX)	Taylor (MS)
Smith (WA)	Taylor (NC)
Snyder	Terry
Souder	Thomas
Spence	Thompson (CA)
Spratt	Thornberry
Stabenow	Thune
Stearns	Tiahrt
Stenholm	Toomey
Strickland	Trafficant
Stump	Turner
Sununu	Udall (CO)
Sweeney	Udall (NM)
Talent	Upton
Tancred	Walden
Tanner	Walsh

NOES—90

Abercrombie	Jackson-Lee	Oberstar
Ackerman	(TX)	Obey
Barrett (WI)	Jefferson	Oliver
Berman	Johnson, E. B.	Owens
Bonior	Jones (OH)	Pallone
Borski	Kaptur	Pastor
Brady (PA)	Kennedy	Payne
Brown (FL)	Kildee	Pelosi
Brown (OH)	Kilpatrick	Rangel
Capuano	Kucinich	Rivers
Carson	LaFalce	Roybal-Allard
Clay	Lee	Rush
Clayton	Levin	Sanchez
Clyburn	Lewis (GA)	Sawyer
Conyers	Lowe	Schakowsky
Costello	Markey	Scott
Coyne	McCarthy (MO)	Serrano
Crowley	McDermott	Stark
Cummings	McGovern	Stupak
Davis (IL)	McKinney	Thompson (MS)
DeFazio	Meehan	Thurman
Dingell	Meek (FL)	Tierney
Dixon	Meeks (NY)	Towns
Engel	Menendez	Velazquez
Filner	Millender	Vento
Frank (MA)	McDonald	Visclosky
Hastings (FL)	Miller, George	Waters
Hilliard	Mink	Watt (NC)
Hinchee	Moakley	Waxman
Holt	Nadler	Woolsey
Jackson (IL)	Neal	

NOT VOTING—14

Becerra	Frost	Miller (FL)
Blibray	Hastings (WA)	Minge
Capps	John	Reyes
Delahunt	Martinez	Smith (NJ)
Fattah	McCrery	

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Mrs. LOWEY and Mr. PALLONE changed their vote from "aye" to "no." So the bill was passed.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Stated for:

Mr. HASTINGS of Washington. Madam Speaker, on rollcall No. 41, I was inadvertently detained. Had I been present, I would have voted "yes."

Mr. MINGE. Madam Speaker, during rollcall vote No. 41, on passage of the Educational Partnership Flexibility Act, H.R. 800, I was unavoidably detained. Had I been present, I would have voted "aye."

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Madam Speaker, earlier today I was inadvertently detained away from the floor during the vote on final passage of H.R. 800. This was my only opportunity to question Attorney General Janet Reno about a heinous murder which occurred in my congressional district. The suspect fled to Mexico, and 15 months later we are still awaiting extradition of this suspect to the United States. Had I been present I would have voted "aye."

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. GOODLING. Madam Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks on H.R. 800, the Education Flexibility Partnership Act of 1999.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mrs. EMERSON). Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Pennsylvania?

There was no objection.

AUTHORIZING THE CLERK TO MAKE CORRECTIONS IN EN-GROSSMENT OF H.R. 800, EDUCATION FLEXIBILITY PARTNERSHIP ACT OF 1999

Mr. GOODLING. Madam Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that in the engrossment of the bill, H.R. 800, the Clerk be authorized to make technical corrections and conforming changes to the bill.

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

There was no objection.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the Chair will now put the question on the remaining motions to suspend the rules on which further proceedings were postponed on Tuesday, March 9, 1999, in the order in which that motion was entertained.

Votes will be taken in the following order:

H.R. 808, by the yeas and nays;
H. Res. 32, by the yeas and nays;
H. Con. Res. 28, by the yeas and nays.
These will all be 5-minute votes.

THREE-MONTH EXTENSION OF RE-ENACTMENT OF CHAPTER 12, TITLE 11, UNITED STATES CODE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The unfinished business is the question of suspending the rules and passing the bill, H.R. 808, as amended.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. GEKAS) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 808, as amended, on which the yeas and nays are ordered.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 418, nays 1, not voting 14, as follows:

[Roll No. 42]

YEAS—418

Abercrombie	Baker	Barton
Ackerman	Baldacci	Bass
Aderholt	Baldwin	Bateman
Allen	Ballenger	Bentsen
Andrews	Barcia	Bereuter
Archer	Barr	Berkley
Armey	Barrett (NE)	Berman
Bachus	Barrett (WI)	Berry
Baird	Bartlett	Biggert