

"It's a wonderful program," said Patricia Auferheide, a professor of communications at American University here and the author of a book on the 1996 telecommunications law. "But it's certainly making education policy in a backward way."

Mr. Speaker, I think people ought to know that the phone fee for school Internet service seems to be too popular to overturn.

Mr. Speaker, I will also enter into the RECORD another entry that I made on July 17, 1998, in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD already. I think it is time to look at it again. It is called "The Massacre of the E-Rate Continues." At that time I thought some humor would help wake children up to what was really going on. It is called "The E-Rate KILLER."

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Wants E-Rate to die
Children cry
Big shots lie
Pigs kidnap the sky
MCI
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Deadbeat dinosaur
Monster Corporate Idiots
MCI
Never shy
Greedy grinch
Stealing all the pie
MCI
With justice no civil tie
MCI
Filthy sty
In the star spangled eye
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THE MASSACRE OF THE E-RATE CONTINUES

Mr. OWENS. Mr. Speaker, the massacre of the infant E-Rate continues. Certain greedy corporations have chose to persecute and betray the children of America by denying them vital access to education technology in their schools and libraries. After the Telecommunications Act of 1996 enriched these giant corporations by removing certain regulations and allowing an unprecedented increase in their profits, MCI and others have chose to renege on the deal. The telecommunications corporations gave their word that they would support an earmarking of a portion of the Universal Access Fund just for Schools and libraries. Now corporations and misguided political leaders have forced the Federal Communications Commission to cut the original funding goal by fifty per cent. On behalf of the 30,000 schools and libraries that applied for funding, and all of the children of America we demand that full funding for the E-Rate be restored immediately. The children of America have a message for corporations like MCI:

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I think we ought to be reminded that that kind of appeal was necessary to bring common sense back to the policymakers who were rallying against MCI, as well as the big corporate powers.

So we can win some of these battles. My point is we can win. Let us remember these battles that we have won. There was a point where they wanted to cut the Public Broadcasting funds. I think we came and talked about Big Bird and Sesame Street, and they backed down on that. We have won battles. We have forced retreats.

In this situation it may not be a situation of forcing a retreat or winning a battle. It is a matter of getting it on the table, construction for schools, school construction, school modernization, funds to facilitate greater school security, funds to eliminate unhealthy and unsafe conditions. If that gets on the table when the discussion takes place about the \$1 trillion surplus, then we will have won the battle.

I propose \$110 billion over a 10-year period to keep pace with and be comparable to the Republican tax cut proposal, but if you get less, we still have won the battle. But let us go forward and understand that we cannot give up. The force is with us; the education president is with us. This education president can be persuaded, as he has in the past, he can be persuaded to expand his horizons, and we hope we can help persuade him to expand the school construction proposal.

The working families and unions are with us. I have here, the hard hats are with us, so we want the hard hats and all the forces combined to fight harder and understand this is a battle we can win, this is a war we can win. The force is with us. Education is an investment that America needs. It will be a great blunder not to have all possible effort to improve education taking place.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Mr. MCHUGH (at the request of Mr. ARMEY) for today on account of family matters.

SPECIAL ORDERS GRANTED

By unanimous consent, permission to address the House, following the legislative program and any special orders heretofore entered, was granted to:

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. McNULTY) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. SCOTT, for 5 minutes, today.
Mr. BROWN of Ohio, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. HOYER, for 5 minutes, today.
Mr. PALLONE, for 5 minutes, today.
Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas, for 5 minutes, today.
Mr. CUMMINGS, for 5 minutes, today.
Mr. BLUMENAUER, for 5 minutes, today.
Mr. RUSH, for 5 minutes, today.
Ms. LEE, for 5 minutes, today.
Mr. DEFAZIO, for 5 minutes, today.
(The following Members (at the request of Mr. KINGSTON) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)
Mr. MORAN of Kansas, for 5 minutes, today.
Mr. DIAZ-BALART, for 5 minutes, September 9.
Mr. NETHERCUTT, for 5 minutes, September 9.
Mr. SHAW, for 5 minutes, today.
Mr. WALDEN of Oregon, for 5 minutes, today.
Mr. JONES of North Carolina, for 5 minutes, September 9.
Mr. KASICH, for 5 minutes, today.
Mr. DUNCAN, for 5 minutes, today.
Mr. KINGSTON, for 5 minutes, today.
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SENATE BILLS REFERRED

Bills of the Senate of the following titles were taken from the Speaker's table and, under the rule, referred as follows:

S. 199. An act for the relief of Alexandre Malofienko, Olga Matsko, and their son, Vladimir Malofienko; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

S. 452. An act for the relief of Belinda McGregor; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

S. 620. An act to grant a Federal charter to Korean War Veterans Association, Incorporated, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

S. 632. An act to provide assistance for poison prevention and to stabilize the funding of regional poison control centers; to the Committee on Commerce.

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

Mr. THOMAS, from the Committee on House Administration, reported that that committee had examined and found truly enrolled a bill of the House of the following title, which was thereupon signed by the Speaker:

On August 5, 1999:

H.R. 1664. An act providing emergency authority for guarantees of loans to qualified steel and iron ore companies and to qualified oil and gas companies, and for other purposes.

Mr. THOMAS, from the Committee on House Administration, reported that that committee had examined and found truly enrolled bills of the House of the following titles, which were thereupon signed by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. WOLF):

On August 10, 1999:

H.R. 211. An act to designate the Federal building and United States courthouse located at 920 West Riverdale Avenue in Spokane, Washington as the "Thomas S. Foley United States Courthouse", and the plaza at

the south entrance of such building and courthouse as the "Walter F. Horan Plaza".

H.R. 1219. An act to amend the Miller Act, relating to payment protections for persons providing labor and materials for Federal construction projects.

H.R. 1568. An act to provide technical, financial, and procurement assistance to veteran owned small businesses, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1905. An act making appropriations for the Legislative Branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2565. An act to clarify the quorum requirement for the Board of Directors of the Export-Import Bank of the United States.

SENATE ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

The SPEAKER announced his signature to an enrolled bill of the Senate of the following title:

On August 6, 1999:

S. 606. An act for the relief of Global Exploration and Development Corporation, Kerr-McGee Corporation, and Kerr-McGee Chemical, LLC (successor to Kerr-McGee Chemical Corporation), and for other purposes.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. WOLF) announced his signature to enrolled bills of the Senate of the following titles:

On August 10, 1999:

S. 507. An act to provide for the conservation and development of water and related resources, to authorize the United States Army Corps of Engineers to construct various projects for improvements to rivers and harbors of the United States, and for other purposes.

S. 1543. An act to amend the Agricultural Adjustment Act of 1938 to release and protect the release of tobacco production and marketing information.

S. 1546. An act to amend the International Religious Freedom Act of 1998 to provide additional administrative authorities to the United States Commission on International Religious Freedom, and to make technical corrections to that Act, and for other purposes.

BILLS PRESENTED TO THE PRESIDENT

Mr. THOMAS, from the Committee on House Administration, reported that that committee did on the following dates present to the President, for his approval, bills of the House of the following titles.

On August 5, 1999:

H.R. 2465. Making appropriations for military construction, family housing, and base realignment and closure for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000, and for other purposes.

On August 11, 1999:

H.R. 1568. To provide technical, financial, and procurement assistance to veteran owned small businesses, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1219. To amend the Miller Act, relating to payment protections for persons providing labor and materials for Federal construction projects.

H.R. 2565. To clarify the quorum requirement for the Board of Directors of the Export-Import Bank of the United States.

H.R. 211. To designate the Federal building and United States courthouse located at 920 West Riverside Avenue in Spokane, Washington, as the "Thomas S. Foley United

States Courthouse", and the plaza at the south entrance of such building and courthouse as the "Walter F. Horan Plaza".

On August 12, 1999:

H.R. 1664. Providing emergency authority for guarantees of loans to qualified steel and iron ore companies and to qualified oil and gas companies, and for other purposes.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 10 o'clock and 52 minutes p.m.), the House adjourned until tomorrow, Thursday, September 9, 1999, at 10 a.m.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 8 of rule XII, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

3861. A letter from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Mediterranean Fruit Fly: Removal of Quarantined Area [Docket No. 98-083-5] received August 24, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

3862. A letter from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Raisins Produced From Grapes Grown in California; Use of Estimated Trade Demand to Compute Volume Regulation Percentages [Docket No. FV99-989-4 FR] received August 24, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

3863. A letter from the Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Tomatoes Grown in Florida; Partial Exemption From the Handling Regulation for Producer Field-Packed Tomatoes [Docket No. FV98-966-2 IFR] received August 24, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

3864. A letter from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Oranges and Grapefruit Grown In Lower Rio Grande Valley in Texas; Increased Assessment Rate [Docket No. FV99-906-2 FR] received August 24, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

3865. A letter from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Soybean Promotion and Research Program: Procedures to Request a Referendum [No. LS-98-001] received August 24, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

3866. A letter from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Viruses, Serums, Toxins, and Analogous Products; Update of Incorporation by Reference for Rabies Vaccine [Docket No. 97-103-2] received August 24, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

3867. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Propiconazole; Extension of Tolerances for Emergency Ex-

emptions [OPP-300899; FRL-6093-3] (RIN: 2070-AB78) received July 27, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

3868. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Glufosinate Ammonium; Pesticide Tolerances for Emergency Exemptions [OPP-300900; FRL-6092-8] (RIN: 2070-AB78) received August 6, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

3869. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Pyriproxyfen; Re-establishment of Tolerances for Emergency Exemptions [OPP-300909; FRL-6098-1] (RIN: 2070-AB78) received August 16, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

3870. A letter from the General Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP); Insurance Coverage and Rates (RIN: 3067-AD00) received August 11, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services.

3871. A letter from the General Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Changes in Flood Elevation Determinations [Docket No. FEMA-7292] received August 11, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services.

3872. A letter from the General Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Changes in Flood Elevation Determinations—received August 11, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services.

3873. A letter from the General Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP); Group Flood Insurance Policy (RIN: 3067-AC35) received August 11, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services.

3874. A letter from the General Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Final Flood Elevation Determinations—received August 11, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services.

3875. A letter from the General Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Final Flood Elevation Determinations—received August 11, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services.

3876. A letter from the General Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—List of Communities Eligible for the Sale of Flood Insurance [Docket No. FEMA-7718] received August 16, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services.

3877. A letter from the Director, Corporate Policy and Research Department, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, transmitting the Corporation's final rule—Allocation of Assets in Single-Employer Plans; Interest Assumptions for Valuing Benefits—received August 10, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

3878. A letter from the Director, Regulations Policy and Management Staff, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting