

PUBLIC SCHOOLS EMERGENCY RECOVERY PROGRAM—CONGRESSIONAL BLACK CAUCUS EDUCATION BUDGET TASK FORCE—Continued

Item	President's 2001 request	CBC Public Schools Emergency Recovery Program	Increase requested	Comments and recommendations
Louis Stokes Alliances for Minority Participation (LSAMP).	\$26.5 Million	\$126.5 Million	\$100 Million	Cross coordination will produce additional funding.
The HBCU Research University Science and Technology Program (T.H.R.U.S.T.).	New Program	\$20 Million	\$100 Million	Address areas where the greatest number of teachers must be educated.
Title Hispanic Serving Institutions	\$20 Million	\$100 Million	\$80 Million	Vital role in recruitment and training of Hispanic teachers.
Research Extension for 1890 HBCU Land-Grant Colleges and Universities.	New Program	0 Million	\$20 Million	For Biotechnology, Environmental and Agriculture teacher training.
III. PROGRAMS AUTHORIZED OR PROPOSED IN OTHER JURISDICTIONS				
Rangel-Johnson School Modernization	\$25 Million (Interest payments only)	Same as President (For all other schools outside Disaster Areas).	0	This slower process requiring starting credit or legislative action is not suitable for "emergencies".

We sent a letter to the President discussing these two items. The letter reads as follows:

We respectfully request a meeting with you as soon as possible. With the end of the 106th session only a few days away, this is an emergency. The members of the Congressional Black Caucus are convinced that we are at a pivotal point in the life of public education, and we are at a critical point in the history of our Nation. For the first time in many decades we have a Federal budget surplus, and we anticipate a significant surplus every year for the next 10 years. We have a window of opportunity to make positive budget decisions this year. These budget decisions will set a pattern for the next 10 years. In the context of the present era of abundance, the abandonment of failing public schools would be a shameful tragedy.

We asked the President to examine our proposal, and most of all we wanted the President to make certain that in the process of the end game negotiations, he must keep on the table the school construction proposals.

Finally, we have made a statement which says what I have said before, that all of these proposals that have been developed by Democrats are exemplary and we endorse them. Our proposal for a public schools recovery program that was attached in the letter to the President takes into consideration all those proposals.

For example, Vice President AL GORE proposes to allocate \$115 billion for education reform over the next 10 years. The CBC proposal that we sent to the President proposes that this process be started by committing the first \$10 billion this year and to direct that to the worst schools.

Democratic Leader GEPHARDT proposes the hiring of a million teachers and the initiation of a universal preschool program over the years.

The CBC proposes to utilize minority colleges and universities to begin a large-scale teacher recruitment and staff development program now. The pilot programs for universal preschool also should begin immediately and the first universal preschool program should be in the education disaster areas that we talked about.

President Clinton's initiatives on school construction of course are absolutely necessities, and we contend that the first initiative should go toward

the poorest areas. The CBC contends that the first Federal construction repair funds should go to areas where new preschool programs cannot be opened and class sizes cannot be reduced due to a lack of physical facilities.

In order for the class size reduction program to work, you need more and better physical facilities.

Mr. Speaker, I also add the letter to the President of October 11, 2000, and the appeal to President Clinton, the statement issued in a press conference on October 18, 2000.

Finally, I commend to you the fact that there are four very good pieces of legislation on the table right now which relate to school construction. I would like to introduce for the RECORD School Construction Bills Introduced During the 106th Congress, these four particular bills.

SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION BILLS INTRODUCED DURING THE 106TH CONGRESS

Amends Title XII of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to provide grants to improve the infrastructure of Elementary and Secondary Schools (H.R. 3071). Provides \$110 billion over ten years for elementary and secondary school construction, reconstruction, renovation, or modernization for information technology of such schools. Federal grants go to schools with a demonstrated need based on the condition of the facility the age of the facility and the needs related to preparation for modern technology. The Secretary can allocate to each state an amount that bears the same ratio to such appropriated amount as the number of school-age children in such state bears to the total number of school-age children in all the states. (Sponsor: Congressman Owens, Referred to the House Committee on Education and the Workforce).

Public School Modernization Act of 1999 (H.R. 1660). Amends the Internal Revenue Code to provide; a limited credit for qualified public school modernization bonds; for qualified school construction bonds and qualified zone academy bonds and establish limits and allocation formulas for such bonds; and corporations, a limited specialized training center credit (Sponsor: Congressman Rangel, Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means, and the Committee on Education and Workforce).

Public School Repair and Renovation Act of 2000 (H.R. 3705). Amends the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (ESEA) to establish a new title XII, Public School Repair and Renovation, which authorizes Federal financial assistance for the urgent repair and renovation of public elementary and secondary schools in high-need areas. Provides \$1.3 billion for fiscal year 2001 and such sums as may be necessary for each of the 4 succeeding fiscal years (Sponsor: Con-

gressman Clay, Referred to the House Committee on Education and the Workforce).

Classroom Modernization Act of 2000 (H.R. 4766). Amends the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to authorize the appropriation of funds to assist states and local educational agencies with the expenses of Federal education statutory requirements and priorities relating to infrastructure, technology, and equipment. Provides \$1.5 billion over five years for Charter Schools (Sponsor: Congressman Goodling, Referred to the House Committee on Education and the Workforce).

In conclusion, we are about to end the 106th Congress. We have a golden opportunity. We have on the table a proposal now that could make a breakthrough in the critical area of school construction. We would like to see hard hats all across America building schools. The time has come to build schools. That is the first step. We want to improve education. Let us make certain that the facilities are there, the equipment is there, let us go forward to meet the challenge of a new cyber-civilization and keep America in the leadership of the digital economy.

Education comes first. Brain power is the most important force in the world today.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Mr. GREEN of Texas (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT) for today after 1:50 p.m. on account of official business.

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT) for today on account of personal business.

Mr. MASCARA (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT) for today after 11:00 a.m. on account of business in the district.

Mr. OSE (at the request of Mr. ARMEY) for today after 1:00 p.m. and for the balance of the week on account of personal reasons.

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. SHOWS) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. SHERMAN, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. BACA, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. SHOWS, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. WU, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. MCGOVERN, for 5 minutes, today.

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

Mr. SMITH of Michigan, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. GEKAS, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. HANSEN, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. GOSS, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. BURTON of Indiana, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. TANCREDO, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. WALDEN of Oregon, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. THUNE, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. SOUDER, for 5 minutes, October 31.

Mr. EHLERS, for 5 minutes, October 31.

Mr. DELAY, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. LEACH, for 5 minutes, October 31.

ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

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:

H.R. 2498. An act to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for recommendations of the Secretary of Health and Human Services regarding the placement of automatic external defibrillators in Federal buildings in order to improve survival rates of individuals who experience cardiac arrest in such buildings, and to establish protections from civil liability arising from the emergency use of the devices.

H.R. 4788. An act to amend the United States Grain Standards Act to extend the authority of the Secretary of Agriculture to collect fees to cover the cost of services performed under that Act, extend the authorization of appropriations for that Act, and improve the administration of that Act, to reenact the United States Warehouse Act to require the licensing and inspection of warehouses used to store agricultural products and provide for the issuance of receipts, including electronic receipts, for agricultural products stored or handled in licensed warehouses, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4868. An act to amend the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States to modify temporarily certain rates of duty, to make other technical amendments to the trade laws, and for other purposes.

SENATE ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

The SPEAKER announced his signature to enrolled bills of the Senate of the following titles:

S. 501. An act to address resource management issues in Glacier Bay National Park, Alaska.

S. 503. An act designating certain land in the San Isabel National Forest in the State of Colorado as the "Spanish Peaks Wilderness."

S. 610. An act to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain land under the jurisdiction of the Bureau of Land Management in Washakie County and Big Horn County, Wyoming, to the Westside Irrigation District, Wyoming, and for other purposes.

S. 710. An act to authorize a feasibility study on the preservation of certain Civil

War battlefields along the Vicksburg Campaign Trail.

S. 748. An act to improve Native hiring and contracting by the Federal Government within the State of Alaska, and for other purposes.

S. 1030. An act to provide that the conveyance by the Bureau of Land Management of the surface estate to certain land in the State of Wyoming in exchange for certain private land will not result in the removal of the land from operation of the mining laws.

S. 1088. An act to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to convey certain administrative sites in national forests in the State of Arizona, to convey certain land to the City of Sedona, Arizona for a wastewater treatment facility, and for other purposes.

S. 1211. An act to amend the Colorado River Basin Salinity Control Act to authorize additional measures to carry out the control of salinity upstream of Imperial Dam in a cost-effective manner.

S. 1218. An act to direct the Secretary of the Interior to issue to the Landusky School District, without consideration, a patent for the surface and mineral estates of certain lots, and for other purposes.

S. 1275. An act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to produce and sell products and to sell publications relating to the Hoover Dam, and to deposit revenues generated from the sales into the Colorado River Dam fund.

S. 1367. An act to amend the Act which established the Saint-Gaudens National Historic Site, in the State of New Hampshire by modifying the boundary and for other purposes.

S. 1778. An act to provide for equal exchanges of land around the Cascade Reservoir.

S. 1894. An act to provide for the conveyance of certain land to Park County, Wyoming.

S. 2069. An act to permit the conveyance of certain land in Powell, Wyoming.

S. 2300. An act to amend the Mineral Leasing Act to increase the maximum acreage of Federal leases for coal that may be held by an entity in any 1 State.

S. 2425. An act to authorize the Bureau of Reclamation to participate in the planning, design, and construction of the Bend Feed Canal Pipeline Project, Oregon, and for other purposes.

S. 2872. An act to improve the cause of action for misrepresentation of Indian arts and crafts.

S. 2882. An act to authorize the Bureau of Reclamation to conduct certain feasibility studies to augment water supplies for the Klamath Project, Oregon and California, and for other purposes.

S. 2951. An act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study to investigate opportunities to better manage the water resources in the Salmon Creek watershed of the upper Columbia River.

S. 2977. An act to assist in the establishment of an interpretive center and museum in the vicinity of the diamond Valley Lake in southern California to ensure the protection and interpretation of the paleontology discoveries made at the lake and to develop a trail system for the lake for use by pedestrians and nonmotorized vehicles.

S. 3022. An act to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain irrigation facilities to the Nampa and the Meridian Irrigation District.

BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS 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 and joint resolutions of the House of the following titles:

On October 27, 2000:

H.R. 1651. To amend the Fishermen's Protective Act of 1967 to extend the period during which reimbursement may be provided to owners of the United States fishing vessels for costs incurred when such a vessel is seized and detained by a foreign country, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3218. To amend title 31, United States Code, to prohibit the appearance of Social Security account numbers on or through unopened mailings of checks or other drafts issued on public money in the Treasury.

H.R. 5178. To require changes in the bloodborne pathogens standard in effect under the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970.

H.J. Res. 117. Making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2001, and for other purposes.

On October 28, 2000:

H.R. 2780. To authorize the Attorney General to provide grants for organizations to find missing adults.

H.R. 2884. To extend energy conservation programs under the Energy Policy and Conservation Act through fiscal year 2003.

H.R. 4404. To permit the payment of medical expenses incurred by the United States Park Police in the performance of duty to be made directly by the National Park Service, to allow for waiver and indemnification in mutual law enforcement agreements between the National Park Service and a State or political subdivision when required by State law, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4957. To amend the Omnibus Parks and Public Lands Management Act of 1996 to extend the legislative authority for the Black Patriots Foundation to establish a commemorative work.

H.R. 5083. To extend the authority of the Los Angeles Unified School District to use certain lands in the city of South Gate, California, which were acquired with amounts provided from the land and water conservation fund, for elementary school purposes.

H.R. 5157. To amend title 44, United States Code, to ensure preservation of the records of the Freedman's Bureau.

H.R. 5314. To amend title 10, United States Code, to facilitate the adoption of retired military working dogs by law enforcement agencies, former handlers of these dogs, and other persons capable of caring for these dogs.

H.R. 5331. To authorize the Frederick Douglass Gardens, Inc., to establish a memorial and gardens on Department of the Interior lands in the District of Columbia or its environs in honor and commemoration of Frederick Douglass.

H.J. Res. 118. Making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2001, and for other purposes.

On October 29, 2000:

H.J. Res. 119. Making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2001, and for other purposes.

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ADJOURNMENT

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

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 7 o'clock and 35 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until tomorrow, Tuesday, October 31, 2000, at 6 p.m.