

the federal government from funding sex education curricula that contain medically inaccurate information.

Currently, the federal government is spending millions on abstinence-only education that includes medically inaccurate and misleading information. In 2004, the House Government Reform Minority Staff prepared a report that found more than two-thirds of federally funded abstinence-only programs use curricula that contain false, misleading, or distorted information about reproductive health.

The federal government should not be in the business of funding sex education that is rife with errors and examples of medically inaccurate information. Specific examples in current sex education courses include:

The first player spins the cylinder, points the gun to his/her head, and pulls the trigger. He/she has only one in six chances of being killed. But if one continues to perform this act, the chamber with the bullet will ultimately fall into position under the hammer, and the game ends as one of the players dies. Relying on condoms is like playing Russian roulette." From *Me, My World, My Future*, Revised HIV material, p. 258.

AIDS can be transmitted by skin-to-skin contact. From *Reasonable Reasons to Wait*, Teacher's guide, Unit 5, pg. 19.

Couples who use condoms for birth control experience a first-year failure rate of about 15 percent in preventing pregnancies. This means that over a period of 5 years, there could be a 50 percent chance or higher of getting pregnant with condoms used as the birth control method. From *Choosing the Best PATH*, Leader Guide, pg. 18.

Since 1998, the federal government has spent nearly \$1 billion on abstinence-only education. These programs that contain inaccurate information regarding contraception and STD/HIV prevention can make sex education both dangerous and counterproductive. Responsible sex education, by contrast, is an important component of a strategy to reduce unintended pregnancies, reduce the number of abortions and lessen the spread of STDs. The American Medical Association, the Institute of Medicine and the National Institutes of Health support the use of sex education that is medically accurate.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to support this legislation and join me in ensuring that sex education curricula contain accurate medical information that can help young people develop a healthy understanding of their sexuality, so they can make responsible and educated decisions throughout their lives.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JIM GIBBONS

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 13, 2006

Mr. GIBBONS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to explain how I would have voted on several votes during the weeks of June 5th and June 12th during the second session of the 109th Congress. I was not able to be in Washington to cast these votes, as I remained in my district to attend my son's high school graduation.

On rollcall vote No. 223, on agreeing to the King of Iowa amendment, I would have voted "yes."

On rollcall vote No. 224, on agreeing to the Kingston amendment, I would have voted "yes."

On rollcall vote No. 225, on the motion to Table the Appeal of the Ruling of the Chair, I would have voted "yes."

On rollcall vote No. 226, on passage of H.R. 5441, the Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act for FY 2007, I would have voted "yes."

On rollcall vote No. 227, on Ordering the Previous Question, I would have voted "yes."

On rollcall vote No. 228, on agreeing to H. Res. 842, I would have voted "yes."

On rollcall vote No. 229, on passage of H.R. 5521, I would have voted "yes."

On rollcall vote No. 230, on motion to Suspend the Rules and Agree to S. 193, I would have voted "yes."

On rollcall vote No. 231, on motion to Re-commit with Instructions H.R. 5254, I would have voted "no."

On rollcall vote No. 232, on passage of H.R. 5254, I would have voted "yes."

On rollcall vote No. 233, on motion to Suspend the Rules and Agree to H.R. 5449, I would have voted "yes."

On rollcall vote No. 234, on motion to Suspend the Rules and Agree to S. 2803, I would have voted "yes."

On rollcall vote No. 235, on consideration of H. Res. 850, I would have voted "yes."

On rollcall vote No. 236, on agreeing to the Obey amendment, I would have voted "no."

On rollcall vote No. 237, on agreeing to H. Res. 850, I would have voted "yes."

On rollcall vote No. 238, on agreeing to the Smith of Texas amendment, I would have voted "yes."

On rollcall vote No. 239, on agreeing to the Markey amendment, I would have voted "no."

On rollcall vote No. 240, on motion to Re-commit with Instructions, I would have voted "no."

On rollcall vote No. 241, on passage of H.R. 5252, I would have voted "yes."

On rollcall vote No. 242, on agreeing to the McGovern No. 7 amendment, I would have voted "no."

On rollcall vote No. 243, on agreeing to the McGovern No. 8 amendment, I would have voted "no."

On rollcall vote No. 244, on agreeing to the Weiner amendment, I would have voted "yes."

On rollcall vote No. 245, on agreeing to the King of Iowa amendment, I would have voted "no."

On rollcall vote No. 246, on agreeing to the Kucinich amendment, I would have voted "no."

On rollcall vote No. 247, on agreeing to the Sanders amendment, I would have voted "no."

On rollcall vote No. 248, on agreeing to the Hefley of Colorado amendment, I would have voted "yes."

On rollcall vote No. 249, on agreeing to the Blumenauer of Oregon amendment, I would have voted "no."

On rollcall vote No. 250, on passage of H.R. 5522, I would have voted "no."

On rollcall vote No. 251, on Motion to Suspend the Rules and Agree to H. Res. 794, I would have voted "yes."

On rollcall vote No. 252, on Motion to Suspend the Rules and Agree to H. Res. 804, I would have voted "yes."

On rollcall vote No. 253, on Motion to Suspend the Rules and Agree to H. Res. 608, I would have voted "yes."

On rollcall vote No. 254, on Motion to Suspend the Rules and Agree to H. Con. Res. 338, I would have voted "yes."

On rollcall vote No. 255, on ordering the previous question on H. Res. 857, I would have voted "yes."

IN RECOGNITION OF THE SKANEATELES HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS LACROSSE CLASS-C NEW YORK STATE TITLE

HON. JAMES T. WALSH

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 13, 2006

Mr. WALSH, Mr. Speaker, I rise today to praise the Skaneateles High School Girls Lacrosse program on their New York State Class-C State Title. The Lakers of Skaneateles fought hard to defeat Penn Yan Academy by a margin of 6-5.

Down 4-1 in the first half, Skaneateles battled through a tough defense to come up big and ultimately defeat Penn Yan. Late in the game, the Lakers managed to tie the game and ultimately, with a last minute goal, solidify their Class-C title. This classic hard earned victory marks the second straight state crown for Skaneateles.

I commend these young women on all their hard work and countless hours of devotion each of them have put into earning this success. On behalf of the people of the 25th District of New York, I congratulate the team, coaches, faculty, administration, and families who played an important role in this victory.

Head Coach Bridget Marquardt, Assistant Coach Steve Rice, Whitney Johnson, Kelsey Nangle, Jessica Haswell, Stephanie Rice, Shannon Tierney, Maggie Tierney, Amy Riehlman, Libby Jolmson, Katie Schoener, Claire Hennigan, Emily Murphy, Jenna Lotkowitz, Alex Sherman, Emma Heuber, Karen Vitkus, Meg Dwyer, Abby Duggan, Laura Trenti, Emily Gaffney, Jessica Chalupnicki, Kaitlin Clark, Gigi Vaughn, Margaret Shanley, and Heather Mullen.

ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE COUPLED WITH ATHLETIC CHAMPIONSHIP

HON. HOWARD COBLE

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 13, 2006

Mr. COBLE. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to report that the women of Ragsdale High School in the Sixth District of North Carolina have proven their amazing athletic ability with state championship titles in both tennis and track and field.

The outstanding athletes who run, jump, relay, throw, and ultimately put their entire heart into the sport, better known as the track and field team, have been battling in a tremendously competitive district. The past two seasons they achieved second place and were fearful that this year would produce similar results. The old cliché, however, proved true: "The third time's the charm!" This year the Tigers' hard work paid off and Ragsdale finished first in the state.

We are pleased to recognize all the members of the Ragsdale track and field team who

contributed to this impressive victory. Members include: Rachael Acquaye, Courtney Brandenburg, Laura Brentnell, Chloe Christian, Courtney Cole, Kierra Crutchfield, Naadia Crutchfield, Julia Gomez, Asha Gray, Dionne Harp, Tyera Herbin, Shea Jackson, Tay Jackson, Portia Jordan, Emily Kimmel, Savannah Lloyd, Jessica McCray, Raven McKiver, Albiana Mustafa, Charlse Nelson, Lakeya O'Neal, Briana Overdiep, Cary Quillian, Mercia Perry, Nikkita Rowlings, Paisley Robinson, Mollie Rogers, Eunique Singleton, Rachel Smith, Caitlin Thornley, Cecilia Woke, Antoinette Walker, Katherine Webb, Amy Wenner, and LaNisha Woods.

After 25 years of coaching, Head Coach Sam Bays capped a tremendous career by bringing in a state title. The players recognize him as the reason for much of their success, and he is obviously proud of them in turn. Neither the coach nor the track and field team could have jumped this hurdle without the help of Assistant Coaches Ronnie Smith, Tommy Norwood and Zachary Crutchfield.

We are late in congratulating the Ragsdale women's tennis team for capturing the state tennis title last year. Congratulations to: Tianna Carter, Cameron Chatman, Chelsea Chatman, Sruthi Cherkur, Kiera Crutchfield, Naadia Crutchfield, Jeanette Edwards, Ashley Johnson, Grace Kennerly, Hanae Matsui, Sirena Pickett, Paris Sims, Jessica Wise and Catherine Wood. Congratulations also to Head Coach Zachary Crutchfield for leading this group of extremely talented women to victory.

On behalf of the citizens of the Sixth District of North Carolina, we congratulate the Ragsdale Tigers on the amazing achievements of both teams. Congratulations to Principal Dr. Kathryn Rogers, Athletic Director Mike Raybon, the teachers, staff, students, parents, and fans of Ragsdale High school for bringing academic as well as athletic excellence.

50TH ANNIVERSARY OF ANOKA CITY HALL

HON. MARK R. KENNEDY

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 13, 2006

Mr. KENNEDY of Minnesota. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the rededication of the City Hall building in Anoka, Minnesota on its 50th anniversary.

This building, with its unique construction in the shape of a revolver, was furnished to the city as a gift from its largest employer, Federal Cartridge. Anoka has had a long and proud history of dedication and sacrifice to our country.

Anoka rightly takes pride in its status as the first city to provide volunteers to the Union Army during the Civil War. These brave men exemplified Minnesotans' enduring commitment to freedom, and proved their courage during the First Minnesota Regiment's famous charge at the battle of Gettysburg.

I am delighted, today, to join the city of Anoka in celebrating its proud history. I know this is only the beginning of what's to come.

CONGRATULATING THE CITY OF DESOTO FOR BEING NAMED AN ALL-AMERICAN CITY

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 13, 2006

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend DeSoto on being named an All-American City by the National Civic League. Each year, the All-American City Award is given to ten communities that exemplify the true American spirit, and show outstanding abilities to identify problems and collectively conquer community-wide issues.

It takes collaboration from the whole community to be an All-American City, and DeSoto serves as a shining example of what can be accomplished when community members, government, businesses and non-profit organizations work together to address critical local issues.

I would like to congratulate my outstanding constituents in DeSoto; especially Mayor Michael Hurtt and the DeSoto City Council. Through their leadership, DeSoto has produced several exceptional grassroots initiatives including: DeSoto Dining and Dialogue, the Empowered Homeowners Associations Program, and the Youth Initiatives including the Hip Hop Summit.

DeSoto might be a small suburb of Dallas but has done a huge job in bettering the lives of average Texans through cooperation and grassroots initiatives. The accolades DeSoto is receiving are imminently well deserved, and I am confident of continued success for years to come.

WAIVING POINTS OF ORDER AGAINST CONFERENCE REPORT ON H.R. 4939, EMERGENCY SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT FOR DEFENSE, THE GLOBAL WAR ON TERROR, AND HURRICANE RECOVERY, 2006

SPEECH OF

HON. RUSH D. HOLT

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 12, 2006

Mr. HOLT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to oppose the Emergency Supplemental Appropriations Act for Defense, the Global War on Terror, and Hurricane Recovery Conference Report, H.R. 4939. This supplemental bill, totaling \$94.5 billion, is the largest that the House of Representatives has ever considered. This is almost \$3 billion more than the bill the House considered earlier this year.

As I have said repeatedly on the House floor, I strongly oppose using so-called "emergency supplementals" to fund nonemergency, clearly foreseeable expenditures. This bill provides \$72 billion for continued military operations in Iraq and Afghanistan. The fact that our troops are on the ground in these dangerous places is not a surprise. They have been in Iraq for almost 3 years. Their needs are well known to everyone, except, it seems, the President and his budget staff. Every year, the President fails to budget for the cost of

military operations, and every year he pretends that the war is an unforeseen "emergency."

Funding our soldiers this way is dangerous because it leaves them ill-equipped and subject to last minute actions like this by Congress. If, by contrast, we funded military operations through the normal budget process, funding decisions would be made in the open and with the appropriate scrutiny they deserve. It would also allow for long-term planning and more thoughtful budgeting. We have all read about the contracting waste and fraud that has occurred in Iraq. A number of no-bid and open-ended contracts have wasted billions of taxpayers' dollars. This waste probably has made a few crooked businessmen wealthy and done nothing to protect our troops or help build a more stable democracy in Iraq.

Lastly, and perhaps most importantly, I refuse to continue to fund a failed policy. I opposed this war because I did not think the President had made a convincing case for the existence of weapons of mass destruction in Iraq and I opposed his illegal doctrine of preemption. Since then I have only been heartbroken by the utter incompetence of the planning and execution. Our service members are doing outstanding work, and I salute their sacrifice. But the policymakers in Washington have let them down and put them in an impossible situation. As I said in a letter to Secretary Rice last September, it is time to begin bringing our soldiers home. Spending good money after bad on a failed policy puts our troops and our national security in even greater risk.

Let me talk for a moment about the other good portions of this bill which were attached by the majority in a cynical attempt to buy votes for the overall bill.

There is true emergency funding in this bill. But it is money for Sudan and the gulf coast, and the preparation for the avian flu, not Iraq. This bill contains \$1.9 billion to meet the pressing border security needs that exist because the President has not made funding for border security a priority. Unfortunately, the bill contains \$708 million to pay for the deployment of National Guard troops to the border. This is a bad idea that will further burden National Guard units across America at a time when they are stretched historically thin.

This bill also contains \$19.8 billion to help ensure that we meet our commitments to rebuild and restore the gulf coast. As we begin another hurricane season, my prayers are for the safety of all Americans who live near the coast. Yet prayers alone will not prevent flooding and help towns recover from hurricane related destruction. A strong federal commitment is needed to ensure that we remain at the highest state of readiness possible and that we can respond to all hurricane related natural disasters.

Finally, this bill includes desperately needed funds for the Sudan. I am glad that this bill will provide \$350 million in emergency humanitarian food assistance. There is additional funding for international disaster assistance and famine assistance, and \$126 million to sustain the African Union Mission in Sudan peacekeeping forces.

I am sorry that these true emergency funds were attached to the foreseeable spending for the ongoing operations in Iraq. I have voted in the past for rebuilding the gulf coast and ending the genocide in Darfur, and I will continue to do so. But I will not fund a failed policy in