What are we doing? We are doing just the opposite. We are not addressing the needs that we need to address. As we look at the existing piece of legislation, especially Title I, there is some specific language in Title I. It is only addressed to limited English proficiency youngsters. Every other child, if you are an Anglo, if you are black, you do not have to jump through that hoop. The cost incurred is that if you are limited English proficiency, you are required to have to get parental approval. If you are Anglo, you do not have to. If you are black, you do not have to. That is discriminatory.

I would ask that Members seriously consider that we treat everyone in the same fashion and the same form. I would ask that we vote ''no'' on Title I.

REPUBLICANS PROTECT SOCIAL SECURITY

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

Mr. TANCREDO. Mr. Speaker, what is a great day this is, in fact. I am incredibly happy to hear the discussion on the floor. I mean, this is amazing, and I hope the American people are paying strict attention here.

After 40 years of control by the Democrats in this House and in the Congress of the United States, after 40 years of spending every single dime of Social Security surplus and, by the way, a lot of money that did not even come into the government of the United States, after 40 years, they traipse to the floor today to say, ''We must protect Social Security.''

What a great battle we have won for the minds of the American public when even they are now saying they need to protect Social Security. As for the President's opinion on this, as to whether or not he wants to protect Social Security, I ask you all to think carefully of the last time you heard the President of the United States say he was going to veto a bill because it spent too much money. Never, not one, zero, nada. All the bills that the President is going to veto is because he says they do not spend enough.

PLEA FOR BIKE PARTISANSHIP

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

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Mr. Speaker, the most important act that we can do to promote livable communities on behalf of the Federal Government is simply to lead by example. There are 65 million Americans who cycle. A simple four-mile round trip on a bicycle saves 15 pounds of air pollution.

Members of this assembly have the opportunity to help lead by example by joining the Bicycle Caucus Tuesday morning with Secretary of Transportation Rodney Slater and the Washington Area Bicycle Association for a ribbon cutting for the new metropolitan branch trail.

If you do not have a bike, Member of Congress, let us know and we will loan you one for the event. You will have fun. Join the bicycle caucus, do right for America.

As we hear the battling here on the floor, this is an activity that is ''bike'' partisan. I think it will be good for us all to get on two wheels and inaugurate that trail.

CONGRESS MUST SUCCEED IN BUDGET BATTLE

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

Mr. METCALF. Mr. Speaker, we are in the last crucial days until Congress adjourns, and we must be really alert. This is a time of last-minute desperate midnight decisions. Now we must be most vigilant. The President may try to apply pressure in support of his tax increase by shutting down the government again. That is a real concern, and we cannot let that happen.

Do not let the President raid the Social Security trust fund in these last crucial hours for his spending programs. There must be real trust in the trust fund, and there must be real money there. People are depending on that money. I am one of them. It is my generation that is depending on that money. We must stop the raid on Social Security. It is our job and this Congress must succeed.

MOSELEY-BRAUN FOR NEW ZEALAND AMBASSADOR

(Ms. MCKINNEY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. MCKINNEY. Mr. Speaker, the last time I checked, a flag is made of cloth, not carved in stone. But it appears, Mr. Speaker, that the heart of at least one Senator is carved in stone and it is stone cold.

I have long known that some of my brothers and sisters in the South are still fighting the Civil War. But guess what, Mr. Speaker, the United States won. The Confederacy lost.

The South shall rise again. But this time under the leadership of a New South coalition that unites us rather than tears us apart. But some folks particularly in North Carolina did not get the message.

Like the slaves who did not get the word until years later that they were free, it appears that JESSE HELMS still has his heart in Confederate bondage. From fighting the Confederate flag on the Senate floor to singing ''Dixie'' in Senate elevators, Senator HELMS has ricocheted the Senate back to the Tara Plantation of ''Gone With the Wind.'' Thank goodness those days really are gone with the wind.

Carol Moseley-Braun could be our next ambassador to New Zealand if President Clinton stands by her.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. THORNBERRY). The Chair will once again admonish the Member not to refer to Members of the other body.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the pending business is the question of agreeing to the Speaker's approval of the Journal of the last day's proceedings.

The question is on the Speaker's approval of the Journal.

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

Mr. TANCREDO. 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 352, nays 62, not voting 19, as follows:

[Roll No. 520]

YEAS—352

Abercrombie	Chenoweth-Hage	Frost
Ackerman	Clayton	Gallegly
Allen	Clement	Ganske
Andrews	Coble	Gejdenson
Archer	Coburn	Gekas
Armey	Collins	Gilchrest
Baker	Condit	Gilman
Baldacci	Conyers	Gonzalez
Baldwin	Cook	Goode
Ballenger	Cooksey	Goodlatte
Barcia	Cox	Goodling
Barr	Coyne	Gordon
Barrett (NE)	Cramer	Goss
Barrett (WI)	Crowley	Graham
Bartlett	Cubin	Granger
Barton	Cunningham	Green (WI)
Bass	Danner	Greenwood
Bateman	Davis (FL)	Hall (OH)
Bentsen	Davis (IL)	Hall (TX)
Bereuter	Davis (VA)	Hansen
Berkley	Deal	Hastings (FL)
Berman	DeGette	Hastings (WA)
Berry	Delahunt	Hayes
Biggert	DeLauro	Hayworth
Bilirakis	DeLay	Herger
Bishop	DeMint	Hill (IN)
Blagojevich	Deutsch	Hinchey
Bliley	Diaz-Balart	Hinojosa
Blumenauer	Dicks	Hobson
Blunt	Dingell	Hoeffel
Boehlert	Dixon	Holden
Boehner	Doggett	Holt
Bonilla	Dooley	Horn
Bonior	Doolittle	Hostettler
Bono	Doyle	Houghton
Boswell	Dreier	Hoyer
Boucher	Duncan	Hulshof
Boyd	Dunn	Hunter
Brady (TX)	Edwards	Hutchinson
Brown (FL)	Ehlers	Hyde
Brown (OH)	Ehrlich	Inslee
Bryant	Emerson	Istook
Burr	Engel	Jackson (IL)
Buyer	Eshoo	Jackson-Lee (TX)
Callahan	Everett	Jenkins
Calvert	Ewing	John
Campbell	Farr	Johnson (CT)
Canady	Fletcher	Johnson, Sam
Cannon	Foley	Jones (NC)
Capps	Ford	Jones (OH)
Cardin	Fossella	Kanjorski
Carson	Fowler	Kaptur
Castle	Frank (MA)	Kasich
Chabot	Franks (NJ)	Kelly
Chambliss	Frelinghuysen	