

saving a bundle of money. We are making it easier for students to go to college. Beyond that, we have to do whatever we can, I believe, to point out the hidden taxes in the GOP proposal: The taxes on students, the taxes on their parents, and the taxes on the schools. This is a direct hit at education in this country. All for what reason? To reduce the deficit? No. To pay for a big tax break that might amount to about a dollar a day, about a dollar a day for people in upper-income brackets. What a foolish waste of money.

If we want to use our money wisely, put it into education. I thank the Senator from Illinois for yielding me this time.

Mr. SIMON. Mr. President, in the 2 minutes that are remaining, let me just thank my colleague and underscore what he is saying. We face, really, the same choice we faced right after World War II. The Presiding Officer was not here when it was mentioned. The GI bill, which we look to now with so much pride, was a matter of great controversy. The American Legion wanted the GI bill. The other veterans groups wanted a cash bonus. And now we face the same question: A cash bonus in a tax reduction or investing money in education?

I am pleased the Senator from Iowa, along with the Senator from Washington, are among those who voted for a balanced budget constitutional amendment. Our experience with legislative efforts is they last about 2 years and then there is too much political drag.

The particular difficulty of this approach right now, with the tax cut, is to find a constitutional amendment, basically the budget amendment that we adopted—and in the Budget Committee, I voted along with the Senator from Washington for that goal of balancing in 7 years—but it is like a New Year's resolution on a diet. Only we are going to start the diet with a great big dessert called the tax cut.

What we are saying here is, let us see if we cannot get bipartisan agreement to reduce that dessert just a little bit. Let us take \$10 billion of that dessert and put it into education. And we are going to have a much better country if we do it. That should not be a partisan thing. We ought to be able to agree on that across the aisle and I hope we can work something out on that line.

Mr. HARKIN. If I might just ask the Senator from Illinois, all this talk about these tax cuts—what the heck, I will be honest about it, I have friends who make over \$100,000 a year, because the Senator from Illinois is a friend of mine. We are paid more than that every year, the Senators. But I have friends who make more than \$100,000 a year. I will be frank about it. I have not had one person come to me and say they need a tax break; not one.

I would ask the Senator from Illinois, has he had anyone coming to him begging for tax breaks?

Mr. SIMON. I share that experience, including people who make many times

what the Senator and I make, who tell us this really does not make sense.

Mr. HARKIN. It does not make sense. Mr. SIMON. I commend our colleague, Senator FEINGOLD from Wisconsin, for leading a fight on this. We are going to have an amendment on this on the floor. I hope sounder heads will prevail.

We all love to hand goodies out. But this is a time for restraint and not handing goodies out, and certainly not taking back from educational opportunity.

Mr. President, I see I am getting a signal up there our time is expired. I thank my colleague from Iowa again.

RECESS

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. GORTON). Under the previous order, the Senate stands in recess until 2:15 p.m.

Thereupon, at 12:45 p.m., the Senate recessed until 2:15 p.m.; whereupon, the Senate reassembled when called to order by the Presiding Officer (Mr. COATS).

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Missouri.

APPOINTMENT OF CONFEREES— H.R. 4

Mr. ASHCROFT. Mr. President, I understand the Chair is prepared to appoint conferees on behalf of the Senate for H.R. 4, the welfare reform bill.

The PRESIDING OFFICER appointed Mr. ROTH, Mr. DOLE, Mr. CHAFEE, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. HATCH, Mr. MOYNIHAN, Mr. BRADLEY, Mr. PRYOR, and Mr. BREAUX; and from the Committee on Labor and Human Resources for the consideration of title VI and any additional items within their jurisdiction including the Child Abuse and Protection Act title: Mrs. KASSEBAUM, Mr. JEFFORDS, Mr. COATS, Mr. GREGG, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. DODD, and Ms. MIKULSKI; and from the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition and Forestry for the consideration of items under their jurisdiction: Mr. LUGAR, Mr. DOLE, Mr. HELMS, Mr. LEAHY, and Mr. PRYOR conferees on the part of the Senate.

CORRECTING THE ENROLLMENT OF H.R. 402—MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

Mr. ASHCROFT. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of a message from the House to accompany Senate Concurrent Resolution 27.

There being no objection, the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate the following message from the House of Representatives:

Resolved, That the resolution from the Senate (S. Con. Res. 27) entitled "Concurrent resolution correcting the enrollment of H.R. 402", do pass with the following amendment:

Page 1, line 2, strike all that follows after "That" to the end of the resolution and insert the following:

the action of the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President pro tempore of the Senate in signing the bill (H.R. 402) is rescinded, and the Clerk of the House of Representatives shall, in the reenrollment of the bill, make the following correction:

Strike section 109.

Mr. ASHCROFT. I ask unanimous consent that the Senate concur with the House amendment and that any statements relating to the resolution be placed at the appropriate place in the RECORD.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. ASHCROFT. Mr. President, I observe the absence of a quorum.

Mr. SARBANES addressed the Chair.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Will the Senator withhold that request?

Mr. ASHCROFT. Yes.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair recognizes the Senator from Maryland.

ABSENCE OF SENATOR MIKULSKI

Mr. SARBANES. Mr. President, as many of my colleagues know, our colleague, Senator BARBARA MIKULSKI, was robbed Sunday evening in front of her home in Fells Point in Baltimore. She was knocked to the ground in the course of this robbery and injured her hand. We expect she will be back tomorrow, and she asked that I share with our colleagues this statement of hers:

I regret that I will be necessarily absent today, as I recuperate from Sunday's unfortunate experience. While I share the pain and anger of other victims of this type of crime, I have been heartened by the many good wishes I received from my friends and colleagues. I look forward to returning to duty tomorrow.

I know my colleagues look forward to having her return to duty tomorrow, and I know they join me in wishing Senator MIKULSKI a very speedy recovery.

I thank the Chair and yield the floor.

CUBAN LIBERTY AND DEMOCRATIC SOLIDARITY [LIBERTAD] ACT OF 1995

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the Senate will now resume consideration of H.R. 927, which the clerk will report.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (H.R. 927) to seek international sanctions against the Castro government in Cuba, to plan for support of a transition Government leading to a democratically elected Government in Cuba, and for other purposes.

The Senate resumed consideration of the bill.

Pending:

Dole amendment No. 2898, in the nature of a substitute.

Ashcroft amendment No. 2915 (to amendment No. 2898), to express the sense of the Senate regarding consideration of a constitutional amendment to limit congressional terms.

Ashcroft amendment No. 2916 (to amendment No. 2915), to express the sense of the Senate regarding consideration of a constitutional amendment to limit congressional terms.