

President's direct lending program, I wish we could totally cut it out and do it privately. Why? Because to administer the direct lending Government program cost \$1 billion more to administer just capped at 10 percent. GAO did a study and said it would take \$3 billion to \$5 billion just to collect those dollars.

We took those savings and capped the administrative fees and we increased, I would say to the gentleman from California [Mr. FILNER], we increased Pell grants. We increased student loans by \$3 billion. We increased access to student loans by 50 percent. We did not cut. We added it.

We took Federal programs which my colleagues on the other side would rather spend money on the Federal level, and we are returning that money to the States and getting a bigger bang for the dollar. The vision.

If my colleagues want to work on something in education, we have less than 12 percent of our classrooms that have a single phone jack. Before Republicans and Democrats, the testimony has been that over 50 percent of the jobs in the near future are going to require high-technology skills and we do not have the tools.

Mr. Chairman, one thing I disagree with in the bill, we ought to have more money for Eisenhower grants, not less. Why? Because if we are going to expect our teachers to learn how to turn on a computer and teach the children in the future, these high-technology skills to meet their efforts in the 21st century, then we have got to train our teachers to do that. It is a disagreement I have with the bill, but overall we have added dollars for education. We have taken the Federal Government out of it and turned it back to the American people, and we have given it to the people that need it: students, not the bureaucracy.

Mr. PORTER. Mr. Chairman, I move that the Committee do now rise.

The motion was agreed to.

Accordingly, the Committee rose; and the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. FORBES) having assumed the chair, Mr. WALKER, Chairman of the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union, reported that that Committee, having had under consideration the bill (H.R. 3755) making appropriations for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and related agencies, for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1997, and for other purposes, had come to no resolution thereon.

PROVIDING FOR FURTHER CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 3755, DEPARTMENTS OF LABOR, HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 1997

Mr. PORTER. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that further consideration of H.R. 3755 for amendment in the Committee of the Whole pursuant to House Resolution 472 conclude

at 11 p.m. this evening and; the bill be considered as having been read; and, no amendment shall be in order except for the following amendments, which shall be considered as read, shall not be subject to amendment, except as specified, or to a demand for a division of the question in the House or in the Committee of the Whole, and shall be debatable for the time specified, equally divided and controlled by the proponent and a Member opposed:

Amendment numbered 3, by Mr. HEFLEY, for 5 minutes;

Amendment numbered 5, by Mrs. LOWEY, for 30 minutes;

Amendment numbered 23, by Mr. GUTKNECHT, for 10 minutes;

Unnumbered amendment by Mr. CAMPBELL, for 10 minutes;

Unnumbered amendment by either Mr. THOMAS or Mr. BUNNING, and a substitute if offered by Mr. HOYER, for 20 minutes;

Amendment numbered 1, by Mr. ISTOOK, and a substitute if offered by Mr. OBEY, for 30 minutes;

Either amendment numbered 12 or 13, by Mr. SANDERS, for 10 minutes;

Amendment numbered 14, by Mr. SANDERS, for 10 minutes;

Amendment numbered 15, by Mr. SOLOMON, for 5 minutes.

Amendment numbered 16, by Mr. SOLOMON, for 5 minutes;

Amendment numbered 18, by Mr. CAMPBELL, for 20 minutes;

Unnumbered amendment by Mr. ROEMER, for 10 minutes;

Unnumbered amendment by Mr. TRAFICANT, for 5 minutes;

Amendment numbered 28, by Mr. MCINTOSH, for 10 minutes; and

Either amendment numbered 7 or 29, by Mr. MICA, for 5 minutes.

Mr. FORBES. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Illinois?

There was no objection.

REPORT ON RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 3756 TREASURY, POSTAL SERVICE, AND GENERAL GOVERNMENT APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 1997

Mr. SOLOMON, from the Committee on Rules, submitted a privileged report (Rept. No. 104-671) on the resolution (H. Res. 475) providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 3756) making appropriations for the Treasury Department, the United States Postal Service, the Executive Office of the President, and certain Independent Agencies, for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1997, and for other purposes, which was referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed.

DEPARTMENTS OF LABOR, HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, AND EDUCATION, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 1997

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. FORBES). Pursuant to House Resolution

472 and rule XXIII, the Chair declares the House in the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union for the further consideration of the bill, H.R. 3755.

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IN THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Accordingly the House resolved itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union for the further consideration the bill (H.R. 3755) making appropriations for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and related agencies, for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1997, and for other purposes, with Mr. WALKER in the chair.

The Clerk read the title of the bill. The CHAIRMAN. When the Committee of the Whole rose earlier today, the bill had been read through page 69, line 25. Pursuant to the order of the House of today, further consideration of H.R. 3755 for amendment in the Committee of the Whole pursuant to House Resolution 472 will conclude at 11 o'clock this evening and the bill will be considered as having been read.

The text of the remainder of the bill is as follows:

TITLE IV—RELATED AGENCIES
ARMED FORCES RETIREMENT HOME

For expenses necessary for the Armed Forces Retirement Home to operate and maintain the United States Soldiers' and Airmen's Home and the United States Naval Home, to be paid from funds available in the Armed Forces Retirement Home Trust Fund, \$53,184,000, of which \$432,000 shall remain available until expended for construction and renovation of the physical plants at the United States Soldiers' and Airmen's Home and the United States Naval Home: *Provided*, That this appropriation shall not be available for the payment of hospitalization of members of the Soldiers' and Airmen's Home in United States Army hospitals at rates in excess of those prescribed by the Secretary of the Army upon recommendation of the Board of Commissioners and the Surgeon General of the Army.

CORPORATION FOR NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE
DOMESTIC VOLUNTEER SERVICE PROGRAMS,
OPERATING EXPENSES

For expenses necessary for the Corporation for National and Community Service to carry out the provisions of the Domestic Volunteer Service Act of 1973, as amended, \$202,046,000.

CORPORATION FOR PUBLIC BROADCASTING

For payment to the Corporation for Public Broadcasting, as authorized by the Communications Act of 1934, an amount which shall be available within limitations specified by that Act, for the fiscal year 1999, \$250,000,000: *Provided*, That no funds made available to the Corporation for Public Broadcasting by this Act shall be used to pay for receptions, parties, or similar forms of entertainment for Government officials or employees: *Provided further*, That none of the funds contained in this paragraph shall be available or used to aid or support any program or activity from which any person is excluded, or is denied benefits, or is discriminated against, on the basis of race, color, national origin, religion, or sex.

FEDERAL MEDIATION AND CONCILIATION SERVICE

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

For expenses necessary for the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service to carry out