

Amendments should be drafted to the text of the committee print ordered reported by the Committee on Appropriations on Tuesday March 24. Copies of this committee print of the bill are available in Room H-218 of the Capitol right now.

The Committee on Rules strongly suggests that Members wishing to offer, and Members ought to listen carefully to this, Members wishing to offer amendments which would add spending to the bill, provide offsets for this additional spending in their amendment. And I would suggest that they adopt the amendments that would offset further spending in the Defense Department. I for one, as chairman of the committee, would not look kindly on those amendments.

Members should also use the Office of Legislative Counsel to ensure that their amendments are properly drafted and should check with the Office of the Parliamentarian to be certain their amendments comply with the rules of the House.

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TRIBUTE TO THE HONORABLE STEVEN SCHIFF OF NEW MEXICO

(Mr. WALSH asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. WALSH. Mr. Speaker, I was a little bit late for the resolution regarding my classmate, colleague and very good friend, STEVE SCHIFF, and I wanted to have my remarks included with the other Members who spoke in that resolution.

STEVE was a remarkable man, someone who I got to know when I came to Washington. I served with him for 9 years, admired him, admired his honesty and his judgment, his dedication.

He is one of those many Members who comes here and who does not come here for the glory. He comes here for the service to the country, and he provided it in an exemplary way.

As I was coming into the Capitol and I looked up and I saw the flag at half-staff, and I thought what a tribute that is to him, how proud he would have been, how proud his family must be of him, how proud his State is of the service that he provided, how proud his friends must be of the service that he provided.

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(Ms. LOFGREN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. LOFGREN. Mr. Speaker, I also would like to note with great sadness the passing of our colleague, STEVE SCHIFF. I was part of the 1994 Democratic freshman class from west of the Rockies. When I arrived here in Washington, I found what I guess can best be

described as a tumultuous time. But Steve was there. He was like a beacon of light, someone who was willing to stretch his hand out across the aisle, someone who was always interested in moving for the good of the country, and not anyone who would let the tumultuousness of the time get to him.

I served with him on the Committee on the Judiciary and the Committee on Science. We also served together on the Subcommittee on Basic Research as well as the Subcommittee on Crime.

Steve was someone who had tremendous passion for science and what science could do for this country and for humankind.

As chairman of the Subcommittee on Basic Research, which I think he got to chair because of his district, his efforts went far beyond his district. They went into the future of humankind. He did a tremendous amount of good work for this Nation.

The country will miss him, and I will miss him personally. My prayers are with his wonderful family at this time of enormous loss for them, his district, and America.

SPECIAL ORDERS

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. SNOWBARGER). Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 7, 1997, and under a previous order of the House, the following Members will be recognized for 5 minutes each.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from California (Mr. RIGGS) is recognized for 5 minutes.

(Mr. RIGGS addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

TRIBUTE TO WHITNEY M. YOUNG HIGH SCHOOL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. DAVIS) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, a few years ago, then Secretary of Education William Bennett made the statement that the Chicago public schools were among the worst in the Nation. I am pleased to note today, Mr. Speaker, that the Chicago public schools are making significant progress, and they are making progress towards the level of excellence of which we can, indeed, be proud.

I picked up the Chicago Sun Times this past Tuesday, and on page three of the headlines read: "Whitney Young students Savor Triple Title Weekend."

Please note that Whitney M. Young is a public high school in the City of Chicago in the Seventh Congressional District. Therefore, I commend and congratulate Gary Chico, Chairman, and the Chicago Board of Education, Superintendent Paul Vallas and his staff, the chairperson and members of

the local school advisory council, Ms. Joyce Keller, principal, and her staff, and all of the outstanding students and their families.

Whitney M. Young High School was the first school to win the State of Illinois' academic decathlon, the State Class AA basketball championship, and the State sportsmanship award on the same day in the same year, Saturday, March 21, 1998.

Whitney M. Young is no stranger to winning the State academic decathlon. As a matter of fact, they have won it 13 years in a row. They have become the Michael Jordans, the Mozarts, the Marian Andersons, the John Hope Franklins, and the Bill Gates of education.

Whitney M. Young continues to produce a dynasty of superstars who excel year after year. Last November, Whitney Young played host to U.S. Services Academy Day for us at their school. There were 125 students in attendance from all over the Seventh district, Chicago and suburbs, asking questions about West Point, the Air Force Academy, Annapolis, all of the service academies.

I was, indeed, delighted to see so many students and their guidance counselors take hard looks at the superb educational opportunities offered by these outstanding institutions.

It is no surprise to me that public education can and does work. When people are committed and the resources are made available, Mr. Speaker, the sky is the limit. Ms. Joyce Kenner, principal of Whitney Young High School, understands this concept and practices it by allocating resources where they are needed the most and places people where they can do the most good. As a result of this, Whitney M. Young continues to excel.

We in the United States Congress must adopt these same principles and commitment to saving our public schools throughout America. We must commit to providing 100,000 new teachers, commit to rehabbing aging school buildings, commit to fostering learning in our classrooms. With our support, every public school in America is a potential Whitney M. Young High School.

Therefore, I again congratulate each of the outstanding Young men and women, their coaches and teachers, and again especially their principal, Ms. Joyce Kenner.

Public education can and does work when we provide adequate resources, have concerned parents interacting with well-prepared and committed professional teachers and staff, students who are seeking knowledge and opportunity. Mix it all together, and we get a Whitney M. Young High School, academic champions, athletic champions, and good sports, gentlemen and women. The pride of our State, we salute you Whitney M. Young High School.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from New Mexico (Mr. Redmond) is recognized for 5 minutes.