

sorts. I have not gone through all the history, but certainly this must be a record of inattention to the country's business and certainly by the number of bills enacted, this is one of the shabbiest of all records. We have only enacted 241 bills.

So getting back to the appropriations bills, I want to point out some of the real differences. The appropriations bill, as it came out of our House Committee on Appropriations, cut about \$2 billion from the administration's education budget initiatives. Goals 2000, for instance, the school reform bill, the appropriations bill cut funding for Goals 2000 by \$245 million or by 50 percent below fiscal year 1998 levels. It would have reduced the ability of 6,000 schools to serve 3 million students nationwide to implement the school reform efforts. Goals 2000 has been a primary target of the Republican majority. It was one of those programs that was included in the so-called Dollars to the Classroom effort which eliminated, consolidated 31 programs into one gigantic block grant authorizing the States to spend that money in any way they wished.

So here again Goals 2000 has been cut back. School to work cuts, the appropriations bill cuts funding for school to work by \$250 million, 63 percent below fiscal year 1998 levels, undermining the ability of over a million students in 3,000 high schools to experience this exemplary program. Here again, schools to work was one of the programs listed in the Dollars to the Classroom bill which consolidated 31 programs in a block grant. So again the appropriations bill kind of expresses the sentiment of the Republican majority that they want to wipe out this program.

#### CHANGE IN ORDER OF TAKING SPECIAL ORDER

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

Mr. SOUDER. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to substitute for the gentleman from Florida (Mr. STEARNS).

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Indiana?

There was no objection.

#### DEEP DISAGREEMENTS

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

Mr. SOUDER. Mr. Speaker, once again it is important to point out why we are here. We have a Democratic President and a Republican Congress with disagreements. We have disagreements that are deep and heartfelt. However, we have known these disagreements since at least January 1, probably for the last 4 years since. Every year at this time we come down

to the same disagreements. It is over protection of human life. It is over national testing, over the census. It is whether to and how to spend the budget surplus. It is over tax cuts, over IMF and U.N. funding. This list is no surprise. We have known it all year long. So where have the negotiators been? Why can we not sit down, or is there something else going on? Is there something that maybe perhaps the President of the United States would like to take attention away from and try to relive 1995, where we can try to say the Republicans are trying to do a shutdown.

It is pretty clear that we have surrendered almost everything in this appropriations bill and that there is an election going on and those of us who are in the House have to run this year. We are not the ones holding up the process right now. We have been trying to negotiate. We have been trying to work through. Later on today in a special order I want to point out something that I have been going through, this new book on the tapes of Richard Nixon, which were released for the first time. Thanks to the efforts of the author, Stanley Cutler, we can now read in actual words much of the abuse of power that goes through.

I am struck by the similarities that have occurred in this White House. I want to just kind of give you an overview of what I want to go into in more detail later.

One, limit the testimony. This is Haldeman talking to Nixon. So they have granted Sloan temporary immunity and he is going to cover what he knows about the Watergate stuff, which is nothing, and that gets him out of the thing. Two, limit the scope of the investigation, just as the FBI director and Mr. LaBella have alleged this Justice Department is doing. Peterson of the Justice Department is working with that knowledge directing the investigation along the channels that will not produce the kind of answers we don't want produced. Three, finish now, no fishing expedition. This is about a year and a half before the impeachment hearings. Nixon says it is over, otherwise it is a fishing expedition. We have had enough of this. Four, early on they were overstating the potential damage. They talk about trying to build up expectations of indictments and then pulling it back. Five, they complained about spending too much money on investigation. Dean tells the President the resources that have been put against this whole investigation to date are really incredible. It is larger than the JFK assassination. Six, build up expectations so the news is less damaging as it comes out. Seven, October 13, 1972 discussion, they complained about the press obsession. Eight, they took advantage of the public's belief that Presidents actually act logically.

I will go through the actual transcripts later. Nine, this is incredible, what is it, December 11, 1972, Nixon, Haldeman and Erlichman. Erlichman

says the Watergate thing, I don't think there is anything to add to what we have already said. Haldeman says, you might resay it. Erlichman, that nobody in the government did this thing. Haldeman says, do you White House. Nixon says, what do you mean Watergate White House. Nobody currently in the government. Haldeman says, currently employed in the government, say currently employed. Nixon says, ever involved in the government. Erlichman says, now you have Liddy and Hunt who were at one time employed.

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Nixon says, but while they were doing it even, while they were doing it. Erlichman, that's right. Then employed I could say. Nixon says, no one who is an employee of the White House, who is an employee of the White House. And Erlichman says, either at the time of the incident or since? And Nixon says, or since, that's what I mean. Erlichman says, yes. 10, the everybody does it defense. Our Democratic friends said a lot of these things, too, and never got caught, Nixon says. 11, this is just partisan politics. Haldeman tells Nixon, because for the first time in our history we have one of the political parties using the machinery of government to investigate the other political party. Boy, I've been hearing that a lot. 12, coordinate the witnesses. 13, conspiracy to commit perjury. They discuss that. 14, Hidden clues in their testimony and how Sam Erwin was able to pick it out. 15, unapologizing. Nixon says in a conversation with Ray Price, the President, the only problem is that if you get sackclothed too much then you know you no longer can be President. If you go too far in terms of saying, well, I take all the blame and I don't blame these poor fellows and all that, then you think, well, this poor dumb President, why didn't he resign? 16, whining about the special prosecutor and the grand jury. 17, the country is fed up with all this. Haig tells the President, the country is just fed up with all this. It just wants to get on. That is all through the book, by the way. 18, is that all they're doing back there? Dole tells the President, May 23, 1973, Dole, my farmers have criticized, you know, is that all they're doing back there, all they're talking about is Watergate, what about the farm bill, the REA bill, they're sick of it. 19, rally the party's Members of Congress. This is coming towards the end. They say, why don't we go down to the Hill and talk to all the, Dole and Bush are meeting with the President and Dole says to talk just frankly about how important this is that the Republicans, not for Richard Nixon but for the presidency and the party that we do something, and Bush says, I like that, it's a great idea. Then there is even the loyal scheduler, Nixon and Rosemary Woods. He says to take something home. And she says she has it already home, at his request.

I want to go into these quotes more later because I personally think this is Wag the Dog.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. BRADY of Texas). Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Maryland (Mr. CUMMINGS) is recognized for 5 minutes.

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

#### DEMOCRATS NEED TO GROW UP AND HELP REPUBLICANS SOLVE NATION'S PROBLEMS

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

Mr. SALMON. Mr. Speaker, I would like to say it is wonderful to be here today, but I like most of you on both sides of the aisle would much rather be home attending church with my family, but we cannot be there because we have got work to do. I am not going to stand here and say that this Congress has accomplished everything that I wanted it to accomplish. In fact there are a lot of things that it could have and should have done that it did not. But as far as the rhetoric is concerned, when I listened to some of the folks, especially those on the other side of the aisle flailing their arms around and squealing in high decibels much like Barney Fife on the Andy Griffith Show, I now know why people are disenfranchised, why they decide they do not want to go to the polls. They are sick and tired of these people back in Washington, D.C. acting like a bunch of juveniles. For the last 4 years since I have been in Congress, I think of all of the things that the Democrats have said about the Republicans. Number one, that the Republicans want to starve the children. Remember back with the school lunch program, that we just want to decimate all the programs for the kids because we do not love kids. We must be child haters. That we wanted to pollute the environment. Somehow that we who are Republicans have some different kind of biological system that is impervious to the pollutants and carcinogens in the atmosphere and in the water, that we somehow would like to pollute the water, that we get glee out of making people suffer, that we want people who are being covered by health care to die, to be sick, to be thrown out of the hospitals, that we do not want to educate the children. If you believe all of these things that the Democrats are saying, then you must believe that we are the worst kind of human beings, somewhat a combination of Jeffrey Dahmer and Charles Manson. You guys need to give it a rest. You get on the verge of being ridiculous. Nobody believes that there are people like that in this country that want to come back to Washington, D.C. and cause mayhem on the Amer-

ican public. It just sounds silly and you need to stop it. I came here as an American first, not as a Republican, as an American, to come here and get the job of the people done. I have four kids in the public schools. I am proud of the job that my public schools do for my children. But I juxtapose that with what I see the results of the American education system producing. Forty percent of our children are dropping out of school across America. Then I look at the TIMS report, and I see that we end up 20th in the math and sciences, scoring 20th, and we are beaten by war-torn Slovenia. Why is that? If you believe what the Democrats are saying, they want to just go ahead and give you more of what we have been getting. Keep dumping money into this bureaucracy back in Washington, D.C. Keep giving you more of what you are getting. Forty percent dropout rate, 20th on the international test scores in math and sciences. Enough is enough. What we are doing is not working. Let us give parents a little bit more say. Let us give the local school boards and the local teachers a little bit more say in how to handle the classrooms. I think it is a crime that teachers have to go to school worried for their lives. I think it is a crime that we have so tied their hands in the American political system that they cannot discipline children, that when children try to poison them or children try to hurt them, that they cannot really do anything for fear of lawsuit. We have a lot of work to do. I think it is a crime that a teacher can be a terrible teacher, can produce the most substandard of results and not be fired, that a teacher can be grossly incompetent and because of tenure, they are protected. I think there are a lot of things that are wrong with our system. I do agree, I think that we need to dedicate more resources when it comes to education. Again I am going to restate, I have four children in the public school system, two of them in high school, one in junior high and one in elementary school. I believe that we need to give our teachers more. But I want to give them 100 percent. I do not want to filter it through Washington, D.C. and send through a pittance of it back to the teachers and back to the classroom to help my children. We want to sit down at the table. We want to fix these problems. If the President were here in Washington, D.C. instead of off campaigning and raising money from special interest groups, if he were here, we could solve these problems. We would like to do that. Because there is so much at stake, so much more at stake than these elections that are going to happen in the next 3½ weeks. But you would think that Armageddon is about to happen, that we Republicans are back here like Simon Legree trying to figure out how to poison the water, how to fail the children, how to poison the senior citizens, kick them out of the hospitals, feed them dog food. Come on guys, you need to stop it,

grow up and let us go on and solve the problems of the American people.

#### CHANGE IN ORDER OF TAKING SPECIAL ORDER

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from the District of Columbia (Ms. NORTON) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. MCDERMOTT. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to take the time of the gentlewoman.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Washington?

There was no objection.

#### WHAT IS GOING ON IN CONGRESS?

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

Mr. MCDERMOTT. Mr. Speaker, it is interesting to be here on a Sunday afternoon after watching the talking heads on television this morning. I listened to the distinguished gentleman from Oklahoma who cannot understand the gentleman from Connecticut's outrage at what has happened in the medical system. I am a physician and you are a physician. I have spent time on telephones calling Omaha, Nebraska trying to get additional time for my patients in hospitals. I understand. It does take a persistent doctor. But it should not be necessary for you and I and all our colleagues in the medical profession to spend their time arguing with some bureaucrat who has never seen the patient making a decision about how long you can keep a patient in the hospital. I think the American people understand that. They understand that doctors have somebody between them and the patient. It is always an insurance company person. The failure of this Congress, even if you want to take your bill, your patient protection bill, you could not get it through the Senate. You guys did not come around here enough. The majority party cannot work with the majority party in the Senate to get something done. It is an absolute failure. There is an article here in the newspaper today. It is an analysis, it is on the editorial page of the New York Times. I will enter it in the RECORD. It is by Mr. Herbert. It is called the GOP Cover Story. He talks about the impeachment the other day. He says,

It was, frankly, chilling. To watch Newt Gingrich presiding over the possible impeachment of a Democratic President, even one as spectacularly vulnerable as Bill Clinton, is insane.

He said,

This is the same Newt Gingrich who several years ago told a group of young Republicans: "I think one of the great problems we have in the Republican Party is that we don't encourage you to be nasty. We encourage you to be neat, obedient, loyal, faithful