

strict party-line vote, our Republican colleagues voted to cut funding for the No Child Left Behind Act by \$200 million. We have raised standards and raised expectations on schoolchildren. We intend to hold schools accountable for better performance. Yet now the Republican majority wants to cut funding for school reform.

President Bush promised that we would "leave no child behind," and that became the title of the landmark school reform bill he signed into law a year and a half ago. But yesterday, behind closed doors, our Republican colleagues approved a budget that leaves 6 million children behind. It underfunds the title I program for needy children by over \$6 billion. Under the Republican education budget, needy children will not get smaller classes, will not get supplemental services, and will not get special attention in reading and mathematics.

In March last year, President Bush promised to support teachers, making sure they "get the training they need to raise educational standards." But yesterday, Republicans on the Appropriations Committees proposed to cut 20,000 teachers from professional development programs. They proposed to eliminate training for teachers in technology.

We need to upgrade teacher quality, not downgrade teacher training. The No Child Left Behind Act requires schools to give every classroom a high quality teacher. They need more resources, not fewer resources, to reach that goal.

President Bush promised that his administration "will promote policies that expand educational opportunities for Americans from all racial, ethnic, and economic backgrounds." But yesterday, our Republican colleagues approved a budget that cuts 32,000 children from education programs in English as a Second Language. They want to eliminate the Thurgood Marshall Scholarship program. They want a zero increase in Pell grants, a zero increase in campus-based financial aid, and a zero increase in College Work Study.

President Bush promised to increase AmeriCorps by 25,000 volunteers. Two weeks ago, the Administration told us that AmeriCorps programs would be cut by 25,000 volunteers.

Clearly, Federal resources are being limited unfairly because of the massive tax breaks already enacted that benefit the wealthy. If we freeze future tax breaks for the wealthy, we can obtain the resources we need for education.

In the Senate and the House, Senator BYRD and Congressman OBEY have shown impressive leadership on this issue. Instead of providing millionaires with an average tax cut of \$88,000 each as the President proposes, they would use the savings to fund the No Child Left Behind Act, invest in teachers, and help students pay for college.

But the Republican majority rejected those amendments. The Republican

majority voted to give \$88,000 to each millionaire and to cut funds for education. These are the wrong priorities for America, and we are going to oppose them on the Senate floor.

Next week on the Fourth of July, we will all celebrate our Nation's founding values, values whose preservation depends heavily on the quality of education of each generation. As Senators go home to their States for the recess, they should ask constituents whether they give higher priority to tax breaks for millionaires or to education. They should ask their constituents if they value investing in school reform and improvement. They should ask teachers what they think of a cut in the No Child Left Behind budget.

If we intend to hold schools and students accountable, Congress has to be accountable, too.

On this Fourth of July, let's reflect on our history, on the need to keep our promises, and on the importance of building a better future.

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#### LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT ACT OF 2003

Mr. SMITH. Madam President, I rise today to speak about the need for hate crimes legislation. On May 1, 2003, Senator KENNEDY and I introduced the Local Law Enforcement Act, a bill that would add new categories to current hate crimes law, sending a signal that violence of any kind is unacceptable in our society.

I would like to describe a terrible crime that occurred in New York, NY. On September 12, 2001, a 66-year-old Sikh was savagely attacked by three white teenagers. The man was shot with a pellet gun and chased down by the teens who battered him with a baseball bat. The victim was hospitalized with head, back and wrist injuries.

I believe that Government's first duty is to defend its citizens, to defend them against the harms that come out of hate. The Local Law Enforcement Enhancement Act is a symbol that can become substance. I believe that by passing this legislation and changing current law, we can change hearts and minds as well.

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#### HILARY B. ROSEN, PRESIDENT AND CEO OF THE RECORDING INDUSTRY ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA

Mr. LEAHY. Madam President, I come to the floor today to offer congratulations and heartfelt appreciation for the exceptional work of Hilary Rosen, Chair and CEO of the Recording Industry Association of America. Hilary will step down at the end of this year, after 17 years with the RIAA. She leaves a legacy of remarkable efforts to ensure that innovations are protected while finding legitimate new venues in the Digital Age. She has accomplished a great deal while at the same time ushering the organization, and the music industry, through extremely trying years.

After matriculating at George Washington University and earning a Bachelor of Arts in International Business, Hilary devoted her energies to working for a former Governor of New Jersey in addition to two senatorial transition teams, those of my distinguished colleague and former colleague, DIANNE FEINSTEIN and Bill Bradley. She was an accomplished advocate and began her own consulting firm in 1987. Hilary's hard work and talent were rewarded in 1998 when she assumed the position of Chair and CEO at the RIAA.

She has represented the music industry with both tenacity and good humor. While the Internet has ushered in a new era of information and communication capabilities, we are now well aware of the dangers posed by this innovation. These dangers take many forms: the security issues that result when we have achieved so much interconnectedness, the proliferation of child pornography that seeks to exploit society's most vulnerable, and of course the threat posed to copyright holders by those who distribute, for free, the work products of artists. Hilary has made genuine headway, sometimes single-handedly, in harnessing the power of the Internet to further the goals of the music industry while helping in the fight against the worst abuses of technology.

But her political activities extend well beyond the boundaries of the organization she leads. She was a founding member of Rock the Vote, a group which has successfully sought to reach out to younger Americans, imbuing those coming of age with the belief that they can have a positive impact on our political processes. And she sits on numerous not-for-profit boards including the Human Rights Campaign Foundation, Y.E.S. to Jobs, and the National Cancer Foundation. Looking at the list of groups she is involved with, the variety of causes she champions rivals the diversity of artists and labels she represents.

We know that her partner, Elizabeth Birch, and their twins, Jacob and Anna, will enjoy having more time with Hilary. If past experience is a predictor of future performance, she will shine in whatever endeavor she next chooses.

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#### SUPREME COURT NOMINATIONS

Mr. KENNEDY. Madam President, in considering potential nominees for a possible vacancy on the Supreme Court, I hope President Bush will consider the example of earlier Presidents who followed both the letter and the spirit of the Constitution, and fully respected the role the Framers gave the Senate to share with the President.

The Framers originally rejected a proposal that the President alone appoint judges, and they seriously considered allowing the Senate to exercise that responsibility alone. In the end,