

should be the number one issue on our list.

A FOCUS ON CHILDREN

(Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, it is important that we focus on our children. I am delighted to congratulate the WIC program on its 25th anniversary, a program that has provided nourishment for women and children and infants, a program that has helped so many to be able to have the basic nourishment that allows them to go to schools and then be educated. Our children are our greatest asset.

Then I would like to note that this is Asthma Awareness Day and Month. I hope that we realize the importance of more research to help cure asthma. So many of our children and, yes, so many of our citizens are impacted by that.

Likewise, Mr. Speaker, I would like to invite and acknowledge that the Congressional Children's Caucus will be holding a hearing this afternoon at 2154 Rayburn on the crisis of school violence, how do we help our children. We want solutions and not accusations.

We hope to develop a mental health system for children, where children can be referred and helped and rehabilitated, because in fact they are our precious resource. We will be listening to children today, we will be listening to mental health experts on the crisis of school violence and how do we help our children. We hope the children will come and let us hear them today.

Mr. Speaker, today is a special day for several reasons. Today is the 25th Anniversary of the WIC Program and it is also Asthma Awareness Day. Also today, the Congressional Children's Caucus, which I am the chair, will have a hearing today on the psychology of school violence. I hope My Colleagues will join me for the hearing.

The WIC Program, or the Women, Infant and Children's Supplemental Nutrition Program, has been providing nutrition education and diet counseling since 1972. It is a federally funded program designed for low-income pregnant women, mothers and their children who face nutritional risk.

WIC helps mothers make infant feeding choices and provides breastfeeding support, children's growth checkups and referrals for other health services. WIC also gives mothers one-on-one instructions for making healthy meals for their families.

Families on WIC receive monthly supplies for food like milk, eggs, cereal and juice. This is an important program for mothers and children in need, and I am happy to salute them today on their 25th Anniversary.

Today is also Asthma Awareness Day. Asthma is a serious condition that causes difficulty in breathing and it affects children and adults. An estimated 4.8 million children under 18 have asthma and many more have undiagnosed asthma.

Asthma is the leading chronic illness in children and it is the leading cause of school absenteeism. Hospitalizations due to asthma are disproportionately high for inner-city children, particularly for children of color. Each year, 600 children die from asthma and 150,000 are hospitalized.

Today, there will be screenings for asthma and allergies and I urge everyone to get tested. As it is now allergy season, this is the time to find out how serious your allergies may be and also how to relieve your symptoms.

Finally, today there will be a hearing sponsored by the Congressional Children's Caucus on the issue of school violence. We have a panel of mental health experts who will discuss the need for mental health services in schools. We will also have a panel of students who will discuss their fears about violence in school. I look forward to seeing many of you there.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. MILLER of Florida). Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the pending business is the question of agreeing to the Speaker's approval of the Journal of the last day's proceedings.

The question is on the Speaker's approval of the Journal.

The question was taken; and the Speaker pro tempore announced that the ayes appeared to have it.

Mr. SCHAFFER. Mr. Speaker, I object to the vote on the ground that a quorum is not present and make the point of order that a quorum is not present.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Evidently a quorum is not present.

The Sergeant at Arms will notify absent Members.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 359, nays 41, not voting 33, as follows:

[Roll No. 108]

YEAS—359

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Ballenger  
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Barrett (NE)  
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Bartlett  
Bass  
Bateman  
Bentsen  
Bereuter  
Berkley  
Berry  
Biggart  
Bilbray  
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Blagojevich  
Biley  
Blumenauer  
Blunt  
Boehlert  
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Bonilla  
Bonior  
Bono  
Boswell  
Boucher  
Boyd  
Brady (PA)  
Brady (TX)  
Brown (FL)  
Brown (OH)  
Bryant  
Burr  
Burton  
Buyer  
Callahan  
Calvert  
Camp  
Campbell  
Canady  
Cannon  
Capps  
Capuano  
Cardin  
Castle  
Chabot  
Chambliss  
Chenoweth  
Clayton  
Clement  
Coble  
Coburn  
Collins

Combest  
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Conyers  
Cook  
Cooksey  
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Coyne  
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Crane  
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Cunningham  
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Deutsch  
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Dicks  
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Dixon  
Doggett  
Dooley  
Doolittle  
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Duncan  
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Everett  
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Fletcher  
Foley  
Forbes  
Fossella  
Fowler  
Frank (MA)  
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Frelinghuysen  
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Gordon  
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Green (TX)  
Hall (OH)  
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Hoyer  
Hulshof  
Hunter  
Inslee  
Isakson  
Jackson (IL)  
Jackson-Lee  
(TX)  
Jefferson  
Jenkins  
John  
Johnson (CT)  
Johnson, Sam  
Jones (NC)  
Jones (OH)  
Kanjorski  
Kaptur  
Kasich  
Kelly  
Kennedy  
Kildee  
Kilpatrick  
Kind (WI)  
King (NY)  
Kingston  
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Knollenberg  
Kolbe  
Kuykendall  
LaFalce  
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Lampson  
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Lewis (CA)  
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Lipinski  
Lofgren  
Lowe  
Lucas (KY)  
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Maloney (CT)  
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Martinez  
Mascara  
Matsui  
McCarthy (MO)  
McCarthy (NY)  
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McHugh  
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McKeon  
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McNulty  
Meehan  
Meek (FL)  
Meeks (NY)  
Menendez  
Metcalfe  
Mica  
Millender-  
McDonald  
Miller (FL)  
Miller, Gary  
Minge  
Mink  
Moakley  
Mollohan  
Moore  
Moran (VA)  
Morella  
Murtha  
Myrick  
Nadler  
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Olver  
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Owens  
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Packard  
Pallone  
Pascrell  
Pastor  
Paul  
Payne  
Pease  
Pelosi  
Peterson (MN)  
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Petri  
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Pickering  
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Pombo  
Pomeroy  
Porter  
Portman  
Price (NC)  
Pryce (OH)  
Quinn  
Radanovich  
Rahall  
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Reyes  
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Riley  
Rivers  
Rodriguez  
Roemer  
Rogan  
Rogers  
Rohrabacher  
Ros-Lehtinen  
Rothman  
Roukema  
Roybal-Allard  
Royce  
Ryan (WI)  
Ryun (KS)  
Salmon  
Sanchez  
Sandlin  
Sanford  
Sawyer  
Saxton  
Schakowsky  
Sensenbrenner  
Serrano  
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Sherman  
Sherwood  
Shimkus  
Shows  
Shuster  
Sisisky  
Skeen  
Skelton  
Smith (MI)  
Smith (TX)  
Smith (WA)  
Snyder  
Souder  
Spence  
Spratt  
Stabenow  
Stark  
Stearns  
Stenholm  
Strickland  
Stump  
Sununu  
Talent  
Tancredo  
Tanner  
Tauscher  
Tauzin  
Taylor (NC)  
Terry  
Thomas  
Thornberry  
Thune  
Thurman  
Toomey  
Towns  
Traficant  
Turner  
Udall (CO)  
Udall (NM)  
Upton  
Velázquez  
Vento  
Walden  
Walsh  
Wamp  
Watt (NC)  
Waxman  
Weiner  
Weldon (FL)  
Weldon (PA)  
Wexler  
Weygand  
Whitfield  
Wicker  
Wilson  
Wise  
Wolf  
Woolsey

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Aderholt  
Borski  
Clay  
Clyburn

Costello  
DeFazio  
English  
Filner

Ford  
Gephardt  
Gibbons  
Gutknecht