Sandy Berger, National Security Adviser, was told in April 1996. The President was informed July 1997. The President informed Congress again in November 1998, and then in January this year. And yet, as late as March, he was denying it and saying nothing happened on his watch.

There are two big issues here: Number one, what happened? Which should scare the death out of any American. And number two is, why did the administration deny this? This is not a partisan debate. This is a scary debate. And I was glad when Democrat liberal Senator TORRICELLI called for the resignation of Janet Reno.

It is time for bipartisan support, and I hope the Democrats will join us on this one because America and America's children depend on it.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. SUNunu). Pursuant to the provisions of clause 6, rule XX, the Chair announces that he will postpone further proceedings today on each motion to suspend the rules on which a recorded vote or the yeas and nays are ordered, or on clause 8, rule XX, the Chair announces that he will postpone further proceedings today on each motion to suspend the rules on which a recorded vote or the yeas and nays are ordered, or on which the vote is objected to under clause 6 of rule XX.

Such rollcall votes, if postponed, will be taken later today.

MISSING, EXPLOITED, AND RUNAWAY CHILDREN PROTECTION ACT

Mr. CASTLE. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the Senate bill (S. 249) to provide funding for the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children, to reauthorize the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children, to provide Department of Justice, and has received grants from that Office to conduct the crucial purposes of the Center.

(b) DEFINITIONS.—Section 403 of the Missing Children's Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5772) is amended—

(1) in paragraph (1), by striking "and" at the end;

(2) in paragraph (2), by striking the period at the end and inserting the following:

(1) IN GENERAL.—The Administrator shall annually make a grant to the Center, which shall be used to—

(A) operate a national 24-hour toll-free telephone line by which individuals may report information regarding the location of a missing, abducted, or exploited child, or the whereabouts of a minor or older person whose whereabouts are unknown to such child's legal custodian, and request information pertaining to procedures necessary to reunite a child with such child's legal custodian; and

(ii) coordinate the operation of such telephone line with the operation of the national communications system referred to in part C of the Runaway and Homeless Youth Act (42 U.S.C. 5714-11);

(B) provide the official national resource center and information clearinghouse for missing and exploited children;

(C) provide to State and local governments, public and private nonprofit agencies, and individuals, information regarding—

(b) FUNDING.—Section 402 of the Missing Children's Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5771) is amended—

(2) by striking subsection (b) and inserting the following:

SEC. 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "Missing, Exploited, and Runaway Children Protection Act".

SEC. 2. NATIONAL CENTER FOR MISSING AND EXPLOITED CHILDREN.

(a) FINDINGS.—Section 402 of the Missing Children's Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5771) is amended—

(1) in paragraph (1), by redesignating subsection (c) as subsection (d); and

(2) by adding at the end the following:

"(1) the term 'Center' means the National Center to transmit images and information regarding missing children to law enforcement across the United States and around the world instantly;"

"(2) from its inception in 1984 through March 31, 1998, the Center has—

(A) handled 1,265,374 calls through its 24-hour toll-free hotline (1-800-THE-LOST) and currently averages 700 calls per day;

(B) trained 146,284 law enforcement, criminal and juvenile justice, and healthcare professionals in child sexual exploitation and missing child case detection, identification, investigation, and prevention;

(C) disseminated 15,491,344 free publications to the public and law enforcement agencies;

(D) coordinated public and private programs that locate, recover, or reunite missing children with their families; and

(ii) coordinate the operation of such telephone line with the operation of the national communications system referred to in part C of the Runaway and Homeless Youth Act (42 U.S.C. 5714-11);

"(3) the term 'Center' means the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children; and

(ii) the existence and nature of programs to which such a grant is made;

"(b) the programs of the Center have had a remarkable impact, such as in the fight against infant abductions in partnership with the healthcare industry, during which the Center has performed 668 onsite hospital walk-throughs and inspections, and trained 45,065 hospital administrators, nurses, and security personnel. The Center helped to reduce infant abductions in the United States by 82 percent;

"(c) the Center is operating a significant role in international child abduction cases, serving as a representative of the Department of State at cases under the Hague Convention, and successfully resolving the cases of international child abductions, and providing greater support to parents in the United States;"

"(c) provide technical assistance and training to law enforcement agencies, State and local governments, elements of the"