

Wolf	Wu	Young (AK)
Woolsey	Wynn	Young (FL)

NAYS—14

Armye	Johnson, Sam	Schaffer
Chenoweth-Hage	Paul	Sensenbrenner
Cubin	Pombo	Stearns
DeLay	Royce	Tiahrt
Emerson	Sanford	

NOT VOTING—14

Archer	Greenwood	Sisisky
Clay	Houghton	Smith (MI)
Danner	Istook	Vento
Ehrlich	Jefferson	Wise
Gephardt	Markey	

□ 2008

Mr. ROYCE changed his vote from “yea” to “nay.”

So (two-thirds having voted in favor thereof), the rules were suspended and the bill was passed.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

COMMUNICATION FROM CHIEF OF STAFF OF HON. JAMES A. TRAFICANT, JR., MEMBER OF CONGRESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. GARY MILLER of California) laid before the House the following communication from Mr. Paul Marcone, Chief of Staff of the Honorable James A. Traficant, Jr., Member of Congress:

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES,  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
Washington, DC, June 7, 2000.

Hon. DENNIS J. HASTERT,  
Speaker, House of Representatives, Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: This is to notify you formally, pursuant to rule VIII of the rules of the House of Representatives, that the Custodian of Records, Office of the Honorable James A. Traficant, Jr., has been served with a subpoena for documents issued by the United States District Court for the Northern District of Ohio.

After consultation with the Office of General Counsel, the determinations required by Rule VIII will be made.

Sincerely,

PAUL MARCONE,  
Chief of Staff.

SPECIAL ORDERS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker’s announced policy of January 6, 1999, and under a previous order of the House, the following Members will be recognized for 5 minutes each.

OPPOSING H.R. 4577, DEPARTMENTS OF LABOR, HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, AND EDUCATION, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2001

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

Mr. BACA. Mr. Speaker, I rise to speak in opposition to H.R. 4577, the

Labor-HHS-Education appropriation bill.

Once again, the Republicans are cutting taxes for the wealthy. The Republicans have lost sight of what the American people want: to improve our schools, preserve Medicare and social security, enact a Patients’ Bill of Rights, provide for prescription drug benefits, and eliminate the debt.

H.R. 4577 is bad for America and it is bad for my district. The bill cuts \$400 million from after-school programs, 100,000 school counselors, 100,000 teachers, programs to recruit teachers, math and science programs for 650,000 children, school safety programs for 40 school districts, programs for 1.6 million elderly, and programs for the disabled.

Education, because education is my top priority, I am concerned that the bill cuts \$3.8 billion from the President’s educational programs, such as class size reduction and school construction. I state that California will lose at least \$369 million for the education under this bill. I state that California will lose \$369 million for education under this bill.

Just as we invest in the future of space programs, we need to make sure that we invest in our future, because children are our future. We need additional programs for math and science. We should not be cutting programs. We need to plant the seeds so that our children can guide us for tomorrow. If we do not plant the seed, it will never flourish.

Education is the foundation that provides us with a change. All kids should have an opportunity.

Cuts in after-school programs. The Republican plan cuts after-school programs by over \$400 million, or 40 percent of the President’s proposal. It will throw children out into our streets instead of having them safely in schools. They will be placed as a burden on our churches to care for our young people.

School counselors. It eliminates funding for over 100,000 school counselors, so the kids will not know which classes to take. I was a counselor, and I know the importance of having counselors that can direct our children and tell them what classes they need to take to make sure that they are prepared academically not only to graduate from high school, but at the same time to go on to a community college, a State college, or to a university.

□ 2015

Class size reduction: The Republican plan will result in larger class sizes. It rejects the President’s plan to hire additional 100,000 new teachers. In California alone, we have implemented the class reductions that have been very effective in the State of California where the grades have begun to increase for a lot of our children.

We had small classes; we owe the same opportunity to our children. We

can remember that when most of us were baby boomers or going to school, our classes were small and we were able to learn in that kind of environment. This presents a very difficult environment for a lot of our children that will have 35 students in a classroom to 45 students in the classrooms. We need further reduction in classes.

Teacher quality: It will cut incentives for hiring good teachers by \$1 billion. There are over 30,000 teachers needed in California alone this year. Our schools need to succeed, not to fail. We need to increase teachers’ salaries from \$32,000 to approximately \$36,000, and provide incentives for our teachers.

Programs: The Republican plan will cut reading and math for up to 650,000 children. It cuts reading tutorial programs for our children. It will cut \$68 million from programs for education technology centers, yet the President just recently said that we are going to provide additional money in science and technology.

Especially, it affects a lot of our institutions across the United States. And we need to make sure that our children advance and are meeting the future in that area.

School safety: The Republican plan will result in unsafe schools. One-third of our schools need extensive repairs or replacement of buildings. Republicans rejected \$1.3 billion for urgent safety and health repairs at 5,000 schools.

Our children will be in classes with unsafe wiring, roofs could fall or leak. It is important that we provide an atmosphere and an environment that is conducive to learning. When our children feel that they are safe in schools, that do not have leaky roofs, that we provide that kind of environment, their attitude and self-esteem will change and it will be a lot better.

Republicans cut \$51 million from the President’s request to fight drugs in schools. We need to keep programs like DARE programs, “Say No to Drugs,” Red Ribbon Week, the Police Athletic League, the Friday Night Live, the Boys and Girls Club, Los Padrinos program, the City of Fontana Drug Court program, the drug treatment/recovery programs for adolescents established in legislation that I carried, AB 1784.

The Republicans have eliminated funding to make our schools safe.

The Republicans eliminated funding for a program to make our schools safe from violence in over 40 school districts. We need to avoid more tragedies. That is why I am carrying H.R. 4428 which would create school safety programs!

The elderly.—The Republican bill cuts funding to protect elderly Americans. It eliminates 95% of the funding to improve quality of care in nursing homes.

It will cut pension and health care plan protections!

It rejects a Medicare prescription drug benefit.