CONGRESSIONAL RECORD—HOUSE

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Gas prices could be much, much lower if the President had not vetoed that 1995 legislation and if he would allow more oil drilling and exploration in the outer continental shelf.

SPENDING CUTS TO EDUCATION IN LABOR-HHS-EDUCATION APPROPRIATIONS BILL

(Mr. UDALL of New Mexico asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. UDALL. Mr. Speaker, as we move from budget and taxes to appropriations, we learn the true priorities of our colleagues on the other side of the aisle.

We have seen a trillion dollar tax cut, and we have seen this trillion dol-
Mr. NADLER changed his vote from "yea" to "nay." So (two-thirds having voted in favor thereof) the rules were suspended and the bill, as amended, was passed.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Stated for:

Mr. MANZULLO, Mr. Speaker, I want the record to reflect that had I been present for the vote on H.R. 4079, requiring an Audit for the Department of Education, I would have voted "yea."

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. BALDACCI, Mr. Speaker, this morning, I was unavoidably absent on a matter of critical importance and missed the following votes:

On passage of the Journal, I would have voted "yea."

On the bill, H.R. 4079, to require the Comptroller General of the United States to conduct a comprehensive fraud audit of the Department of Education, introduced by the gentleman from Michigan, Mr. HOEKSTRA, I would have voted "yea."

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. PORTER, Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks on H.R. 477, and that I may include tabular and extraneous material.

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