The chart I was just showing was in relation to elementary and secondary education. What we see with this chart is that the corresponding escalation in terms of the total number of children who are going to higher education. That is enormously important in terms of acquiring different kinds of skills so that we can be able to be important players in a modern economy. Everyone has understood that for the longest period of time.

We ought to have that debate—whether this budget that we should have next week is going to take, with consideration the long-range interests, not just the problem that we have $130 billion of needs currently in terms of bringing our elementary and secondary schools up to par, in terms of safety and security, and in terms of their ventilation and electronics so that they will be able to have the modern computers. That is $130 billion and is not even talking about current needs but about future needs.

Shouldn’t we have that out here alongside of what is going to be allocated and expended in terms of this tax cut? But, oh, no, we can’t have that. We can’t wait 2 weeks. We can’t wait 2 weeks, 3 weeks, 4 weeks, to be able to get that information out so we can have that informed debate. No, we are not going to do that.

So I join those who have expressed their concern about this process. I had a good opportunity of listening, with great interest, to my friend and colleague from West Virginia this afternoon back in my office. I hope other Members listened to his excellent presentation in outlining the challenges of this moment because he brings to this debate and discussion not only the sweep of history with his own extraordinary career in public service, but he brings to it, in addition, the most exhaustive understanding and awareness in that regard of this institution and its development, and even more than all of that—on top of that, his own experience and his understanding of the history—is his love of the institution and his deep commitment to it.

So, Mr. President, when he warns about the real implications for this institution as a servant of the people, it needs to be a warning that is well needed. And it is not being well heeded. If we are to move ahead the way it has been outlined that we will by the majority leader and the Republican leadership, at the end of next week this will be a lesser institution in terms of representing the people of this country, and that I hope to be able to avoid.

I yield the floor and suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Will the Senator from Massachusetts withhold his suggestion?

Mr. KENNEDY. I withhold, Mr. President.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair thanks the Senator.

CONGRESSIONAL RECORD—SENATE

RECESS UNTIL MONDAY, APRIL 2, 2001, AT 5 P.M.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the Senate will now stand in recess until 5 o’clock p.m. on Monday, April 2, in the year of our Lord, 2001.

Thereupon, the Senate, at 4:16 p.m., recessed until Monday, April 2, 2001, at 5 p.m.

CONFIRMATIONS

Executive nominations confirmed by the Senate March 30, 2001:

IN THE AIR FORCE

The following named officers for appointment in the reserve of the air force to the grade indicated under Title 10, U.S.C., section 12203:

To be rear admiral
- BRIG. GEN. WILLIAM W. FALKE, 0000
- COL. PHILIP J. WOLFF, 0000
- COL. PATRICIA E. LEE, 0000
- COL. ROBERT A. TAYLOR, 0000
- COL. MICHAEL M. BERGAN, 0000
- COL. ROGER L. HARDIN, 0000
- COL. DONALD C. GILBERT, 0000
- COL. THOMAS W. GIBSON, 0000
- COL. GREGORY S. PARKS, 0000
- COL. LEONARD J. JENKINS, 0000
- COL. CHARLES H. SMITH, 0000
- COL. RICHARD S. TAYLOR, 0000
- COL. CHAD W. TOLLER, 0000
- COL. ROBERT L. MILLER, 0000
- COL. STEVEN J. SULLIVAN, 0000
- COL. ROBERT J. WILLIAMSON, 0000
- COL. LEWIS S. ROACH, 0000
- COL. HARRY W. FEUCHT JR., 0000
- COL. CLARENCE J. HINDMAN, 0000
- COL. WAYNE A. GREEN, 0000
- COL. MARY A. EPPS, 0000
- COL. HOWARD M. EDWARDS, 0000
- COL. ROGER E. COMBS, 0000
- COL. JOHN W. CLARK, 0000
- COL. CHARLES E. CHINNOCK JR., 0000
- COL. BOBBY L. BRITTAIN, 0000

IN THE NAVY

The following named officers for appointment in the reserve of the navy to the grade indicated under Title 10, U.S.C., section 12203:

To be rear admiral
- BRIG. GEN. JOHN A. LOVE, 0000
- BRIG. GEN. PATRICK J. GALLAGHER, 0000
- BRIG. GEN. JOHN D. DORRIS, 0000
- BRIG. GEN. MARVIN J. BARRY, 0000
- BRIG. GEN. JAMES D. BANKERS, 0000
- COL. ROBERT M. CARROTHERS, 0000
- COL. FRANK D. TUTOR, 0000
- COL. STEVEN C. SPEER, 0000
- COL. CHARLES E. SAVAGE, 0000
- COL. MARK R. NESS, 0000
- COL. EDWARD A. MCILHENNY, 0000
- COL. JAMES R. MARSHALL, 0000
- COL. JEFFREY P. LYON, 0000
- COL. HERBERT H. HURST JR., 0000
- COL. CLARENCE J. LINDSAY, 0000
- COL. WAYNE A. GREEN, 0000
- COL. HARRY W. FEUCHT JR., 0000
- COL. MARY A. EPPS, 0000
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- COL. ROGER E. COMBS, 0000
- COL. JOHN W. CLARK, 0000
- COL. CHARLES E. CHINNOCK JR., 0000
- COL. BOBBY L. BRITTAIN, 0000

IN THE ARMY

The following named officers for appointment in the reserve of the army to the grade indicated under Title 10, U.S.C., section 12203:

To be brigadier general
- COL. ROBERT M. CARETHORS, 0000
- COL. ROBERT J. WILLIAMSON, 0000
- COL. DAVID T. ZABREKI, 0000

IN THE AIR FORCE

Air Force nominations beginning Lauren N. Johnson, Naumann, and Ending Ervin Locklear.


Air Force nominations beginning Philip M. Abshire, and Ending Robert P. Wright.


Air Force nominations beginning William D. Carpenter.

Air Force nominations beginning Robert C. Allen, and Ending Christina M.K. Zieno.

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