

my colleagues live in a home like I live in, a home that is also 50 to 60 years old, where I had to go back and redo the wiring, we need to make sure the wiring for the technology is there in our schools. We need to make sure that those youngsters have access to good quality care and a good education.

One of the realities is that as baby boomers, and we were the largest generation and these facilities were there for us to make sure that we had access to good education, now it is up to us to look and consider now the next largest generation, the baby echo, and make sure that those youngsters have access to good quality care and good quality education.

In terms of the needs, as we look, we want to make sure that this is one of the main priorities throughout the country. I know we recognize that that is important, but we have not put the resources where they should be. So I ask that my colleagues sign up on the discharge petition and force the Congress to come up on this major piece of legislation.

**SCHOOL MODERNIZATION
LEGISLATION**

(Ms. PELOSI asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. PELOSI. Mr. Speaker, I join my colleague, the gentleman from Texas (Mr. RODRIGUEZ), in urging our colleagues to sign the discharge petition for America's children. This is a school modernization bipartisan legislation that is so very, very important.

We were all very disappointed that the House did not have the opportunity to debate this issue in various tax bills that had come before us. Let us just think about the children for a moment. They are very, very smart. If we tell children that education is important to them, to their own self-fulfillment, to their competitiveness economically, to their international competitiveness, that we have a well-educated workforce, yet we send them to schools that are below par, where they are overcrowded, that are dilapidated, that are leaking, that are not wired for the future, children get a mixed message.

Children see the inconsistency, indeed even the hypocrisy of a message that says education is important, that they should value it; but we do not value it enough to put forth funds in the way that, very wisely, the gentleman from New York (Mr. RANGEL) and the gentlewoman from Connecticut (Mrs. JOHNSON) have put in their bill. This bipartisan legislation very wisely commits small resources for a big payoff: for many more classrooms; smaller classrooms for more children.

All the science tells us that children do better in smaller classrooms. School modernization will make that happen.

Let us be consistent with the children. Please sign the discharge petition.

**EDUCATION IS A FEDERAL
PROBLEM**

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

Mr. RANGEL. Mr. Speaker, this is one issue that lends itself to true bipartisanism. I think President Bush, when he was campaigning, emphasized why we should not leave any child behind. That is not merely a campaign slogan. If America is just to keep up, we are going to have to invest in our young people to make certain that we can keep up with foreign technology.

We hope that we will continue to grow and have economic growth in this country, and yet we find that our high-tech people are forced to import labor into this country. We hear pleas every day from the medical industry, from the State Department, how important it is for us to train people for these important jobs, and yet we find that if they are not ready to get a decent public school education, how in God's name are they going to be ready for higher education and high tech?

There are a lot of people that do not believe education is a Federal problem; but the President knows, as do most Americans.

THE JOURNAL

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

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

Ms. KILPATRICK. 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 374, nays 42, answered "present" 1, not voting 15, as follows:

[Roll No. 158]
YEAS—374

Ackerman	Barcia	Biggert	Boucher	Green (WI)	Meehan
Akin	Barr	Bilirakis	Boyd	Greenwood	Meek (FL)
Allen	Barrett	Bishop	Brady (TX)	Grucci	Meeks (NY)
Andrews	Bartlett	Blagojevich	Brown (FL)	Hall (OH)	Mica
Army	Barton	Blumenauer	Brown (OH)	Hall (TX)	Millender-
Baca	Bass	Blunt	Brown (SC)	Hansen	McDonald
Bachus	Becerra	Boehert	Bryant	Harman	Miller (FL)
Baird	Bentsen	Boehner	Burr	Hart	Miller, Gary
Baker	Bereuter	Bonilla	Burton	Hastings (WA)	Mink
Baldacci	Berkley	Bonior	Buyer	Hayes	Mollohan
Baldwin	Berman	Bono	Callahan	Hayworth	Moran (KS)
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			Cannon	Hilleary	Murtha
			Cantor	Hinchee	Myrick
			Capito	Hinojosa	Nadler
			Capps	Hobson	Napolitano
			Cardin	Hoeffel	Neal
			Carson (IN)	Hoekstra	Nethercutt
			Carson (OK)	Holden	Ney
			Castle	Holt	Northup
			Chabot	Honda	Norwood
			Chambliss	Hooley	Nussle
			Clay	Horn	Obey
			Clayton	Hostettler	Olver
			Clement	Houghton	Ortiz
			Clyburn	Hoyer	Ose
			Coble	Hunter	Otter
			Collins	Hyde	Owens
			Combest	Inslie	Oxley
			Condit	Isakson	Pascarell
			Conyers	Israel	Pastor
			Cooksey	Issa	Paul
			Cox	Istook	Payne
			Coyne	Jackson (IL)	Pelosi
			Cramer	Jackson-Lee	Pence
			Crenshaw	(TX)	Peterson (MN)
			Cubin	Jenkins	Peterson (PA)
			Culberson	John	Petri
			Cummings	Johnson (CT)	Phelps
			Cunningham	Johnson (IL)	Pickering
			Davis (CA)	Johnson, Sam	Pitts
			Davis (FL)	Jones (NC)	Platts
			Davis (IL)	Jones (OH)	Pombo
			Davis, Jo Ann	Kanjorski	Pomeroy
			Davis, Tom	Kaptur	Portman
			Deal	Keller	Price (NC)
			DeLaunt	Kelly	Pryce (OH)
			DeLauro	Kennedy (RI)	Putnam
			DeLay	Kerns	Quinn
			DeMint	Kildee	Radanovich
			Deutsch	Kilpatrick	Rahall
			Diaz-Balart	Kind (WI)	Rangel
			Dicks	King (NY)	Regula
			Doggett	Kingston	Rehberg
			Dooley	Kirk	Reyes
			Doolittle	Kleczka	Reynolds
			Doyle	Knollenberg	Riley
			Dreier	Kolbe	Rivers
			Duncan	LaFalce	Rodriguez
			Dunn	LaHood	Roemer
			Edwards	Lampson	Rogers (KY)
			Ehlers	Langevin	Rogers (MI)
			Ehrlich	Lantos	Rohrabacher
			Emerson	Larson (CT)	Ros-Lehtinen
			Engel	Latham	Ross
			Eshoo	LaTourette	Rothman
			Etheridge	Leach	Roukema
			Evans	Lee	Roybal-Allard
			Everett	Levin	Royce
			Farr	Lewis (CA)	Ryan (WI)
			Fattah	Lewis (KY)	Ryun (KS)
			Flake	Linder	Sanchez
			Fletcher	Lipinski	Sanders
			Foley	Lofgren	Sandlin
			Ford	Lowey	Sawyer
			Frank	Lucas (KY)	Saxton
			Frelinghuysen	Lucas (OK)	Scarborough
			Frost	Luther	Schakowsky
			Galleghy	Maloney (CT)	Schiff
			Ganske	Maloney (NY)	Schrock
			Gekas	Manzullo	Scott
			Gephardt	Markey	Sensenbrenner
			Gibbons	Mascara	Serrano
			Gilchrest	Matheson	Sessions
			Gillmor	Matsui	Shadegg
			Gilman	McCarthy (MO)	Shaw
			Gonzalez	McCarthy (NY)	Shays
			Goode	McCollum	Sherman
			Goodlatte	McCrery	Sherwood
			Gordon	McGovern	Shimkus
			Goss	McHugh	Shows
			Graham	McInnis	Shuster
			Granger	McIntyre	Simmmons
			Graves	McKeon	Simpson
			Green (TX)	McKinney	Skeen