

A lot of marvelous things happen, and the New York State Department of Education announced that day that \$23 million is going to be provided to the School Board of Education of New York. It is not State or city money, it is money that we voted on here in Congress. The Telecommunications Literacy Act provided money to States, and New York State is just releasing the money to the local school districts and New York City Board of Education will get \$23 million. Most of that will be devoted to training teachers and school personnel in how to utilize the information technology.

A lot of good things took place, but the point I am making is that we have a hunger for people out there in the low-income community. Most of them came from the low-income area of my district to join the 21st century and be knowledgeable and be able to survive there and prosper there. We have a group called the Hussein Institute of Technology, as I mentioned before, and they helped me to wire these 23 schools, most of them with assistance of Hussein Institute of Technology and the Bell Atlantic group that provides telephone service to the Brooklyn area. We have wired using volunteers these 22 out of 70 schools in my district.

Our goal is to get everyone in 70 schools wired by December 31 of this year. We are going to do it with volunteers, if we have to, but we like to have the process speeded up by having some funds from the universal fund rate, by having the knowledge out there among the schools that once you get hooked up to the Internet, you do not have a cost that is going to be burdensome. Many schools are reluctant to get wired because, if they are wired to the Internet, they have to pay an ongoing cost. What the E-rate does is pays a big percentage of that cost for schools in my district. None of them would get less than an 80 percent discount because they have so many poor youngsters attending.

You are talking about 80 percent discount to practically all the schools in my district for ongoing telecommunication services. That is what is at stake here. They will lose it, and if that is lost, the budgets of the school districts will not be able to bear this. They will back up and say, look, equipment needs are greatest, we need chalk, we need paper, we need so many other things. We are not going to make a commitment of \$1, of ten cents. We would be willing to make a commitment of ten cents out of every dollar to telecommunication, but we are not going to pay the whole cost, we cannot afford it. And you have a complete choking of the process of bringing opportunity to the school districts.

I said we need leadership. At a time like this we have a window of opportunity. We are not at war in America, we need leadership. The kids of America are to understand that our leadership is not preoccupied with defending the country militarily. We have un-

precedented prosperity in the country. Why can we not open our eyes and understand that investments in education at a time like this is most important?

The Roman empire, which was just a village compared with the American colossus, the American colossus is something beyond an empire, and Rome, as great as it was and as dominant as it was in this time was a small thing. But the Roman empire, they invented a lot of technological devices that we still have. The Romans invented concrete, and the Romans were great masters of technology. They built huge cities. They built the coliseum which still stands, the ruins still stand on solid foundation after thousands of years. The Romans had achieved prosperity in that time comparable to the kind of prosperity we have now.

But the Roman leadership failed, and Rome declined because the leadership was not up to it consistently. At a time when the Roman leadership was at its height technologically and they built the great coliseum, what did they use the coliseum for? Their sport, their favorite sports, were blood sports. They like to see gladiators killing each other. You know, they were unevenly developed. They had great technological development. They were masters of warfare. Nobody could match them militarily. Nobody could match them technologically. But there was something wrong with their compassion and their vision, and they enjoyed watching people kill each other as a sport: Gladiators.

When they were not watching gladiators, they enjoyed watching wild animals tear human beings apart. It is not a fable that the Romans threw the Christians to the lions. They did that. They did that to more than just the Christians. They enjoy watching people being devoured by beasts. The coliseum with all of its intricate engineering has places underneath they engineered for beasts to be put in cages and beasts to be guided out where the people, the technologically-advanced Romans, could enjoy watching the animals rip people apart.

Let us not in America fall into that deep trench of having our technological development outpace our compassion. Let us not steal Internet from the children. Let us stop AT&T. Let us stop all of those who want to steal Internet from the kids in America.

#### LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Mr. LEWIS of California (at the request of Mr. ARMEY) for today until 7 p.m. Wednesday, June 17, on account of attending a funeral.

Mr. McNULTY (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT) for today through Tuesday, June 23, on account of family reasons.

Mr. UNDERWOOD (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT) for today and the balance of the week, on account of official business.

#### SPECIAL ORDERS GRANTED

By unanimous consent, permission to address the House, following the legislative program and any special orders heretofore entered, was granted to:

(The following Members (at the request of Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. CONYERS, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. PALLONE, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. MILLENDER-MCDONALD, for 5 minutes, today.

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. MCHUGH) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. SCARBOROUGH, for 5 minutes, today.

Mrs. LINDA SMITH of Washington, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. HORN, for 5 minutes, on June 23.

#### EXTENSION OF REMARKS

By unanimous consent, permission to revise and extend remarks was granted to:

(The following Members (at the request of Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas) and to include extraneous material:)

Mr. MURTHA.

Mr. BONIOR.

Mrs. MALONEY of New York.

Mr. VISCLOSKEY.

Mr. SHERMAN.

Mr. KIND.

Mr. SERRANO.

Ms. SANCHEZ.

Mr. HAMILTON.

Mr. SCHUMER.

Mr. TURNER.

Mr. SABO.

Mr. FAZIO of California.

Mr. KILDEE.

Mr. KLECZKA.

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. OWENS) and to include extraneous material:)

Mr. PACKARD.

Mr. ACKERMAN.

Mr. PAYNE.

Mr. FORD.

Mrs. MORELLA.

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. MCHUGH) and to include extraneous material:)

Mr. SMITH of Oregon.

Mr. RADANOVICH.

Mr. LEWIS of California.

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey.

Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN.

Mr. GILMAN, in two instances.

Mr. DELAY.

Mr. LEACH.

#### ADJOURNMENT

Mr. OWENS. Mr. Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 8 o'clock and 11 minutes p.m.), the House adjourned until tomorrow, June 17, 1998, at 10 a.m.

HOUSE BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTION APPROVED BY THE PRESIDENT

The President notified the Clerk of the House that on the following dates he had approved and signed bills and a joint resolution of the House of the following titles:

On February 11, 1998:

H.R. 1271, An act to authorize the Federal Aviation Administration's research, engineering, and development programs for fiscal years 1998 and 1999, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3042, An act to amend the Morris K. Udall Scholarship and Excellence in National Environmental and Native American Public Policy Act of 1992 to establish the United States Institute for Environmental Conflict Resolution to conduct environmental conflict resolution and training, and for other purposes.

On March 20, 1998:

H.R. 595, An act to designate the Federal building and United States courthouse located at 475 Mulberry Street in Macon, Georgia, as the "William Augustus Bootle Federal building and United States Courthouse".

H.R. 3116, An act to address the Year 2000 computer problems with regard to financial institutions, to extend examination parity to the Director of the Office of Thrift Supervision and the National Credit Union Administration, and for other purposes:

On April 24, 1998:

H.R. 1116, An act to provide for the conveyance of the reversionary interest of the United States in certain lands to the Clint Independent School District and the Fabens Independent School District.

H.R. 2843, An act to direct the Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration to reevaluate the equipment in medical kits carried on, and to make a decision regarding automatic external defibrillators to be carried on, aircraft operated by air carriers, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3226, An act to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to convey certain lands and improvements in the State of Virginia, and for other purposes.

On May 1, 1998:

H.R. 3579, An act making emergency supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998, and for other purposes.

On May 11, 1998:

H.J. Res. 102, Joint Resolution expressing the sense of the Congress on the occasion of the 50th anniversary of the founding to the modern State of Israel and reaffirming the bonds of friendship and cooperation between the United States and Israel.

H.R. 3301, An act to amend chapter 51 of title 31, United States Code, to allow the Secretary of the Treasury greater discretion with regard to the placement of the required inscriptions on quarter dollars issued under the 50 States Commemorative Coin Program.

On June 1, 1998:

H.R. 2472, An act to extend certain programs under the Energy Policy and Conservation Act.

On June 9, 1998:

H.R. 2400, An act to authorize funds for Federal-aid highways, highway safety programs, and transit programs, and for other purposes.

SENATE BILLS APPROVED BY THE PRESIDENT

The President notified the Clerk of the House that on the following dates he had approved and signed bills of the Senate of the following titles:

On February 6, 1998:

S. 1575, An act to rename the Washington National Airport located in the District of Columbia and Virginia as the "Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport".

On February 11, 1998:

S. 1349, An act to authorize the Secretary of Transportation to issue a certificate of documentation with appropriate endorsement for employment in the coastwise trade for the vessel PRINCE NOVA, and for other purposes.

On February 13, 1998:

S. 1564, An act to provide redress for inadequate restitution of assets seized by the United States Government during World War II which belonged to victims of the Holocaust, and for other purposes.

On March 6, 1998:

S. 927, An act to reauthorize the Sea Grant Program.

On March 9, 1998:

S. 916, An act to designate the United States Post Office building located at 750 Highway 28 East in Taylorsville, Mississippi, as the "Blaine H. Eaton Post Office Building".

S. 985, An act to designate the post office located at 194 Ward Street in Paterson, New Jersey, as the "Larry Doby Post Office".

On March 20, 1998:

S. 347, An act to designate the Federal building located at 61 Forsyth Street SW., in Atlanta, Georgia, as the "Sam Nunn Atlanta Federal Center".

On April 6, 1998:

S. 758, An act to make certain technical corrections to the Lobbying Disclosure Act of 1995.

On April 13, 1998:

S. 750, An act to consolidate certain mineral interests in the National Grasslands in Billings County, North Dakota, through the exchange of Federal and private mineral interests to enhance land management capabilities and environmental and wildlife protection, and for other purposes.

On April 21, 1998:

S. 419, An act to provide surveillance, research, and services aimed at prevention of birth defects, and for other purposes.

On April 24, 1998:

S. 493, An act to amend title 18, United States Code, with respect to scanning receivers and similar devices.

On April 27, 1998:

S. 1178, An act to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to modify and extend the visa waiver pilot program, and to provide for the collection of data with respect to the number of nonimmigrants who remain in the United States after the expiration of the period of stay authorized by the Attorney General.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS,  
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Under clause 2 of rule XXIV, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

9642. A letter from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Mediterranean Fruit Fly; Addition To Quarantined Areas [Docket No. 97-056-13] received June 15, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

9643. A letter from the Manager, Federal Crop Insurance Corporation, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Popcorn Crop Insurance Regulations, and Common Crop Insurance Regula-

tions, Popcorn Crop Insurance Provisions (RIN: 0563-AB48) received June 15, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

9644. A letter from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Tobacco Inspection; Growers' Refereendum Results [Docket No. TB-97-16] received June 15, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

9645. A letter from the Assistant Secretary of State for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting on behalf of the Secretary of State, the Annual Report on the Panama Canal Treaty for Fiscal Year 1997, pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 3871; to the Committee on National Security.

9646. A letter from the Director, Defense Procurement, Department of Defense, transmitting the Department's final rule—Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement; Antiterrorism Training [DFARS Case 96-D016] received June 9, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on National Security.

9647. A letter from the Director, Defense Procurement, Department of Defense, transmitting the Department's final rule—Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement; Contract Distribution to Defense Finance and Accounting Service Offices [DFARS Case 97-D039] received June 8, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on National Security.

9648. A letter from the Director, Defense Procurement, Department of Defense, transmitting the Department's final rule—Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement; Contractor Use of Nonimmigrant Aliens-Guam [DFARS Case 97-D318] received June 8, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on National Security.

9649. A letter from the Director, Administration and Management, Department of Defense, transmitting the Department's final rule—Private Organizations on DoD Installations [DoD Instruction 1000.15] (RIN: 0790-AG53) received June 15, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on National Security.

9650. A letter from the Under Secretary for Personnel and Readiness, Secretary of Defense, transmitting the report on sexual harassment complaints filed pursuant to Section 591(a), along with the results and timeliness of investigations concerning those complaints; to the Committee on National Security.

9651. A letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting the annual report on the operations of the Exchange Stabilization Fund (ESF) for fiscal year 1997, pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 5302(c)(2); to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services.

9652. A letter from the Deputy Under Secretary of Defense, International and Commercial Programs, Department of Defense, transmitting describing the activities of the Defense Production Act (DPA) Title III fund for Fiscal Year 1997; to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services.

9653. A letter from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services, Department of Education, transmitting notice of the Final Funding Priorities for Fiscal Years 1998-1999 for three Rehabilitation Research and Training Centers and four Rehabilitation Engineering Research Centers, pursuant to 20 U.S.C. 1232(f); to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

9654. A letter from the Acting Assistant General Counsel for Regulations, Department of Education, transmitting the Department's final rule—Notice of Final Funding