

minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. THUNE. Mr. Speaker, the Republican Congress differs with Democrats on the policy aspect of who should control our children's education, Washington, or parents and teachers. The education debate is not about money; it is about Federal versus local control of our schools and our children's future.

Two schools in South Dakota almost did not get their critical funds because of the bloated bureaucracy in Washington. Instead, \$2 million in funding was diverted from the Federal Department of Education to bank accounts in Maryland and used to purchase two luxury SUVs, a house and property in upper Maryland. I know the students, parents, teachers and administrators that make up the school districts of Wagner and Bennett County schools would not squander \$2 million.

Mr. Speaker, the writing is on the chalkboard. We need to put the dollars in local hands, not keep it here in greedy hands where it can be stolen, wasted or abused, and not used how it was intended. We do not need more Federal control of education dollars, we need more local control.

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#### UNITED STATES STEEL INDUSTRY BLEEDING TO DEATH

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

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Speaker, as we meet today, the United States steel industry continues to bleed to death. Let me give you but one example. LTV stock has plummeted 75 percent since January, and its year-end losses are likely to approach \$2 per share.

On October 5, they essentially gave away two tin mills, one in Gary, Indiana, the other in Aliquippa, Pennsylvania. Most importantly, today they are going to announce that one out of every ten people who yesterday were working in East Chicago, Indiana, are not going to continue to work there. There will be 30 people today, one out of every ten employees, who will not have a job at day's end.

That is why, under the leadership of the gentleman from New York (Mr. QUINN) and the gentleman from West Virginia (Mr. MOLLOHAN), 236 of us have asked the President to initiate a 201 trade action on those countries and those companies that are dumping steel and violating our law.

It is time that the administration initiate that 201 trade action, and it is also time that the administration should immediately take action against non-WTO member nations who import steel in order to stem the tide of illegally imported steel from some of the worst violators of our trade laws.

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#### TRIBUTE TO SAM WALKER

(Mr. BILBRAY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1

minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. BILBRAY. Mr. Speaker, this week, there is a man named Sam Walker who passed a way in Picayune, Mississippi, GENE TAYLOR'S district.

This man had moved from Nebraska down into the deep South and found his bride in New Orleans. He served in the United States Navy; and, as he didn't always remind his family, he had a destroyer shot out from under him during World War II. He settled down in Mississippi, and was called back into service as a reservist during the missile crisis in Cuba.

This man had served his community in many ways, but he was truly the salt of the Earth. He was a man who worked with his hands, a member of the Plumber's Union, and somebody who had served his country as a civilian and active duty military.

It is sad for me to ask that this body forgive that I will not be here tomorrow or Saturday, because I feel it is my obligation to be there for his wake and funeral.

Sam Walker was a great American, a great father, and a great father-in-law. I think we should all remember the Sam Walkers all over this country that have served, that have been there.

Sadly, the time has come for us to say good-bye and let him pass.

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#### DO NOT BREAK CONFIDENTIALITY OF CENSUS

(Mrs. MEEK of Florida asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. MEEK of Florida. Mr. Speaker, there are some in this Congress who want to take time out and break the confidentiality of the census. This is really a terrible thing to do. We promised the people of this country when we were taking the surveys in the census that we would not break their confidentiality. We gave them a solid promise that we would not. Now there is an attempt to do it.

I think everyone in this Congress should fight back this attempt to reveal confidential information. Remember, we have a trust with the American people and that is to tell them the truth. When we went out to get these surveys, we told them the truth. I, for one, would never turn back on what I told the people, that the things that they were revealing to the census operators and to the census takers would be held in strict confidentiality.

Wake up, Congress. Speak the truth, so that the people of this country will respect us more than they do now. We need this respect, and the only way we can do it is to speak the truth.

Mr. Speaker, it is time for every Member of this Congress to say "no" to revealing confidential information, and "yes" to truthfulness and honesty in government.

#### RESPONDING TO NEEDS IN EDUCATION

(Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I am here this morning just to address education. I hear the rhetoric about one size fits all and what have you. Let me just say that we are here because we are trying to get the body to address the educational needs.

Yes, one size does fit all when we are talking about more teachers, where there is such a shortage. One size does fit all when we are talking about smaller classes so students can get more attention, about after-school programs, and then the bonds that they need. How do we know? Because the people have told us so.

Mr. Speaker, we represent the real people who stand for these goals. We are listening to the people. We are responding to their stated needs.

This is not just one size fits all, this is addressing needs that most of them have, because we have got to do this for the children of this Nation. We have got to preserve our future, and the only way to do it is to address these needs with the surplus that we have, instead of giving it all in tax breaks to the rich.

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#### QUESTIONING GEORGE W. BUSH'S TRUTHFULNESS

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

Mr. NADLER. Mr. Speaker, I heard George W. Bush the other day say that he led the effort on a bipartisan basis in Texas to pass a strong patients' bill of rights. I wonder why he did not tell the truth.

The truth is that the Texas legislature, on a bipartisan basis, passed a strong patients' bill of rights. George Bush vetoed that bill. Two years later when the legislature was again in session they passed it again, this time with more than two-thirds of the votes in each House, so he knew his veto would be overridden. Now, he did not sign the bill, he let it go into law without his signature, expressing, by refusing to sign the bill, his lack of support for it. Now he comes before the American people and tells us untruthfully that he supported it.

Vice President GORE, his truthfulness is questioned because he exaggerates. I wonder why George Bush's truthfulness is not questioned when on a very important public policy matter, he lies outright.

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#### ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. QUINN). The Member is admonished to

avoid personal references to candidates for the Presidency.

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**KEEP CENSUS INFORMATION CONFIDENTIAL**

(Mrs. MALONEY of New York asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. MALONEY of New York. Mr. Speaker, in the closing days of this session, indeed, closing hours, the Republican majority has attached language to the BBA agreement that would allow CBO to have access to confidential census material. This is just plain wrong. This is greater than a census issue, this is a confidentiality issue, a privacy issue.

Secretary Minetta has written the President and called for a veto of any legislation that has language that violates the privacy of the census. He recalls that his own family was interned during World War II based on confidential census material.

We cannot violate the confidentiality of the Census Department. During the census surveys, this poster was up across America, assuring the American people that their information was private. They should have added "No Republican Congress."

Say "no" to any vehicle that violates the confidentiality of the Census Department and the privacy information of the American people.

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**WE HAVE NOT DONE OUR WORK**

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

Mr. LEWIS of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, we have not done our work. The Republican-controlled Congress has not finished its work.

Where is the Patients' Bill of Rights? Where is the prescription drug benefit?

Where is the minimum wage legislation?

Where are the 100,000 new teachers?

Where is the new school construction?

Where is the juvenile justice bill?

The majority party has not done its work. We have not been fair to the American people. They deserve better. They need our help and Congress has done nothing. We are nearing the end of another do-nothing Congress that has not done anything for the American people.

We should be ashamed to leave this place, ashamed to end this Congress until we finish the people's agenda.

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**ASKING HOUSE TO REJECT COMMERCE, STATE, JUSTICE BILL**

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

Mr. MARKEY. Mr. Speaker, Amy Boyer, a 21-year-old young woman was killed by a stalker, a stalker who paid \$45 in order to purchase her Social Security number so that she could be tracked down and killed.

Her murderer actually on his Web site in graphic detail outlined how the Social Security number was the key to finding out where she was. The House was passing on a bipartisan bill, a protection against the misuse of Social Security numbers; instead, in the Commerce State Justice bill, we are going to recede to the Senate language, which The Washington Post yesterday called a trojan horse, which the Boyer family says they do not want as protections.

They do not want their name identified with the bill, even though it is named after their daughter. I ask the House to reject the Commerce, State, Justice bill that would include a Social Security bill that would allow just about complete trafficking in Social Security numbers without any real protections for ordinary Americans.

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**THANKS TO FLOOR STAFF**

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

Mr. LAHOOD. Mr. Speaker, let me see if I can end the 1 minutes on a positive note and ask all Members who are watching and sitting in the Chamber as we conclude the session to say thanks to all the people who really make this House work; the clerks who are sitting behind me, the Sergeant at Arms people who are around us all day really helping us, the people from the Parliamentarian's office, the people who work in the cloakrooms, the people who take down every word that we say.

These are the people who really make us look good and really are the people who continue day in and day out to keep the House of Representatives running so smoothly. We take it for granted, but they work hard. They work long hours. They are here long, long after we are gone out to dinner and have gone home.

They are here while some people still want to speak on the House floor. They do such great work and really keep the House of Representatives going, and we owe them a big debt of gratitude as we conclude our session. I hope that every Member will say thank you as they pass through the doors, as they pass their statement to the Clerks, as they see the Parliamentarians. These are the people, the people in the cloakroom who are here; they are all the people who really make us look good and continue to make the House of Representatives the great institution that it is.

I want to say thank you to all of you, and I hope every Member will do the same sometime before you leave here.

**THE JOURNAL**

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

Mr. MCNULTY. Mr. Speaker, pursuant to clause 1, rule I, I demand a vote on agreeing to the Speaker's approval of the Journal.

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

Mr. MCNULTY. 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 300, nays 67, answered "present" 1, not voting 64, as follows:

[Roll No. 554]  
YEAS—300

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