

are receiving program benefits as a result of inadequate income documentation and verification; identifying those State practices that significantly enhance or diminish the effective and efficient operation of the program; assessing the extent to which program benefits are accessible to eligible working women and their children; assessing the effect of competitive bidding contracts for infant formula on non-WIC consumers of infant formula and the percentage market share of commodities to determine other possible products where cost savings could be realized through competitive bidding without cost shifting effect on non-WIC customers; and, last, assessing the effect of this requirement that WIC products be purchased in individual serving quantities on cost savings and program integrity.

The time to address these issues is when the GAO has had a chance to report back to Congress, will be looking at their findings and recommendations in the context of the reauthorization debate this fall.

Mr. Speaker, I support again full funding for the current year and, therefore, intend to support the motion to instruct.

Mr. LIVINGSTON. Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, just wanted to thank the gentleman from California [Mr. RIGGS] from the authorizing committee and say we will welcome the work of his committee later this fall.

In addition to that, I think WIC is one of the most audited and studied programs in the entire Government of the United States. There are currently four studies ongoing on the program which I know will enlighten the gentleman's work, including one that the Committee on the Budget is doing in conjunction with the GAO.

Mr. Speaker, I yield such time as he may consume to the gentleman from Wisconsin [Mr. OBEY].

Mr. OBEY. Mr. Speaker, I would just like to take 30 seconds to reiterate, this motion to instruct is a motion to instruct on the amendment as it passed the House last night, period, with no games played on the question of administrative costs which in any way could undercut the delivery of services to one deserving or eligible human being under the WIC Program.

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Chairman, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. LIVINGSTON. Mr. Speaker, does the gentleman have any additional speakers?

Ms. KAPTUR. I have no additional speakers.

Mr. LIVINGSTON. Then, Mr. Speaker, the gentleman from Louisiana yields himself such time as he may consume to simply point out that all of the speakers have made their points. It would be the position of this gentleman to press the case advanced by the gentleman from Georgia, but in view of all

of the statements here and the vote last night of, again, 338 to 89, we have no objection, the majority has no objection, to the motion to instruct advanced by the gentlewoman.

Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, I just want to thank the gentleman for his consideration. We very much want the House to instruct the conferees to be very vigilant in maintaining the language as passed here yesterday, and I would ask the membership to support the full funding level for all participants in WIC.

Ms. VELÁZQUEZ. Mr. Speaker, even though many Republicans finally realized the error of their ways and joined the Democrats to restore \$76 million for basic nutrition for America's poorest babies—we can't claim victory yet. The Senate has only set aside \$58 million for WIC. Right now, the fate of 85,000 women and children will be decided by a Republican-dominated conference.

When negotiation on the lives of infants and mothers begins next week, I would urge the conferees to maintain the full \$76 million for WIC. America will be watching. If you try to use smoke and mirrors to deny these children food, we will know.

My colleagues, the supplemental already hurts American families by freezing funding for education. After weeks of fighting, we have to stick to our guns. We must give all 180,000 women, children and infants the proper nutrition they need.

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the previous question is ordered.

There was no objection.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion to instruct offered by the gentlewoman from Ohio [Ms. KAPTUR].

The motion was agreed to.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the Chair appoints the following conferees:

Messrs. LIVINGSTON, MCDADE, YOUNG of Florida, REGULA, LEWIS of California, PORTER, ROGERS, SKEEN, WOLF, KOLBE, PACKARD, CALLAHAN, WALSH, TAYLOR of North Carolina, OBEY, YATES, STOKES, MURTHA, SABO, FAZIO of California, HOYER, MOLLOHAN, Ms. KAPTUR, and Ms. PELOSI.

There was no objection.

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ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. HASTINGS of Washington). The Chair will entertain 1-minute requests.

MIND OF A DEMOCRAT MILLIONAIRE

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

Mr. KINGSTON. Mr. Speaker, I say to my friends, have they ever wondered what it is like to be a Democrat millionaire? Well, if we look in Congressional Daily on page 4 today, we can get some insight into the mind of a Democrat millionaire.

We have a Senator, Senator KERRY on the other side, who was in danger of receiving a parking ticket for having the family car parked in front of a fire hydrant. I do not know if he got a parking ticket or not, but what did he do? He moved his family's millions to move the fire hydrant.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman will suspend. The gentleman will try to avoid making references to Members of the other body.

Mr. KINGSTON. Mr. Speaker, if one has millions and millions of dollars and if one parks in front of a fire hydrant, do not worry about a ticket, just pay to have the hydrant moved.

So in the exclusive Beacon Hill area of Boston, the civic association says, this has never, ever happened before. A guy named Peter Thompson said, this is a first even for Beacon Hill. Remember that. If you have lots of money and want to park in front of a hydrant, just pay to have the hydrant moved.

VOTING FOR LIBERTARIANISM IS VOTING FOR LIBERTY

(Mr. PAUL asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. PAUL. Mr. Speaker, we have just finished the debate on the jobs programs bill, and in the discussion I was referred to as a libertarian, but a very consistent one that voted the same way on each type of legislation.

I would like to remind my colleagues that voting for libertarianism is voting for liberty. Also it is a very consistent vote with the doctrine of enumerated powers. It is said in the Constitution that we can only do here in the Congress which is enumerated by the clauses within the document. So therefore, if it is said that I am very consistent and want to be labeled as libertarian, that is one thing, I do not deny that. But in the other sense, I am a strict constitutionalist that obeys and listens very carefully to my pledge to the Constitution as well as paying close attention to the ninth and tenth amendment.

ENVIRONMENTAL EXTREMISTS FAVOR BEETLES OVER PEOPLE

(Mr. SCARBOROUGH asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. SCARBOROUGH. Mr. Chairman, I have had a fairly good environmental rating over the past couple of years, but what happened last week shows us how far environmentalists will go; actually, not even environmentalists, but