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AMENDMENT NO. _____ Calendar No. _____

Purpose: To express the sense of the Senate regarding comprehensive public education reform.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES—106th Cong., 2d Sess.

S. CON. RES. _____

(title) _____

Referred to the Committee on _____
and ordered to be printed

Ordered to lie on the table and to be printed

AMENDMENT intended to be proposed by Mr. SMITH of Oregon (for himself and Mrs. MURRAY)

Viz:

- 1 At the end of title III, insert the following:
- 2 **SEC. ____ SENSE OF THE SENATE REGARDING COM-**
- 3 **PREHENSIVE PUBLIC EDUCATION REFORM.**
- 4 (a) FINDINGS.—The Senate finds the following:
- 5 (1) Recent scientific evidence demonstrates that
- 6 enhancing children’s physical, social, emotional, and
- 7 intellectual development before the age of 6 results
- 8 in tremendous benefits throughout life.

1 (2) Successful schools are led by well-trained,
2 highly qualified principals, but many principals do
3 not get the training in management skills that the
4 principals need to ensure their school provides an ex-
5 cellent education for every child.

6 (3) Good teachers are a crucial catalyst to qual-
7 ity education, but 1 in 4 new teachers do not meet
8 State certification requirements; each year more
9 than 50,000 underprepared teachers enter the class-
10 room; and 12 percent of new teachers have had no
11 teacher training at all.

12 (b) SENSE OF THE SENATE.—It is the sense of the
13 Senate that the Federal Government should support State
14 and local educational agencies engaged in comprehensive
15 reform of their public education system and that any pub-
16 lic education reform should include at least the following
17 principles:

18 (1) Every child should begin school ready to
19 learn.

20 (2) Training and development for principals
21 and teachers should be a priority.

VOTE ON: _____

DATE: _____

YEA

NAY

by voice vote

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