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Flip-flop Ron Does it Again

Rep. Kind Bashes Special Education Funding He Helped Approve

U.S. Rep. Ron Kind took political game-playing to a new level when he joined Rep. Tammy Baldwin and Gov. Jim Doyle in a Madison public-bashing the proposed 2004 federal budget. Kind used words such as "morally irresponsible" and "failing to meet its obligation" when describing the amount of funding to be spent on special education.

"Wait a minute," said Dennis Shaw, Chairman of the Third District Republican Party, "Kind is a member of the U.S. House Committee on Education and the Workforce. It is one of the committees he brags he gave up the Agriculture Committee to stay on."

On April 10, the U.S. House Education & the Workforce Committee issued a press release talking about the special education bill passed in committee. It described the approved plan as "landmark legislation," and said that school administrators are calling it "the best special education policy revisions we've seen in decades." The Committee Chairman, Rep. Mike Castle noted, "Since 1995, Congress has nearly tripled federal spending for special education. This is a significant achievement, yet we continue to build on this impressive record."

"This committee, with Ron Kind's support, just a week before he appeared as part of this Democrat trio, approved the funding for special education," Shaw continued. "Kind must have been quite pleased with it at that time as he joined the bi-partisan supporters and voted for the bill in committee. If he was not happy with it, why vote for it? And now he flip-flops once again just to join the political grandstanding session of Jim and Tammy? Is this what he calls leadership?"

"Ron Kind can't make up his mind," said 3rd District GOP Vice Chairman Gary Arneson. "He starts out for the war in Iraq, then when the French have problems with it he is against it. He claims to be in favor of free trade, but half the time votes against free trade policy. He issues a press release saying he favors elimination of the marriage penalty tax to describe why he voted against the bill. He vote for elimination of partial-birth abortion when Clinton is President, he votes against it when Bush is President. Now he says he is against the budget because of the special education funding who he voted for in committee? Are there any issues out there in which he does not blow in the political wind?"