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Statement by Oregon Congressman Les AuCoin
on the defeat of a proposed constitutional amendment to ban busing

I'm delighted that this amendment was defeated. It was simply a disaster and richly deserved to be scrapped.

Today's action in the House of Representatives is a victory for those who seek a just and more equal society. Busing is not the only way to achieve that goal, but it is one tool.

There are good busing plans and bad busing plans, but the fact that there are bad plans shouldn't cause Congress to deny quality education to some children by adopting a Constitutional ban on busing.