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Underdogs Win In Washington, For Once

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In 1969, on the eve of Superbowl III, the brash quarterback of the underdog New York Jets said, "The taxpayer is always the underdog. When I voted "NO" on \$51.5 billion of wasteful spending last fall, I predicted the outcome of the national debate over the State Children's Health Insurance Program. Last October 18th, after all the posturing and theatrics [over the SCHIP debate], I predict we will go through a similar process. Three months later, the underdog taxpayers pulled off the upset and held the line at 200% of program cost. The SCHIP bill I co-sponsored last summer became law. It extends the current program for 18 months. Speaker Pelosi and Governor Culver tried to push SCHIP bills through Congress that reflected the same philosophy. When President Bush signed the 18 month extension into law, poor kids won because the new law saves American taxpayers \$35.6 billion off the Pelosi-Culver bill.

How much money is \$35.6 billion? Here are some examples:

- We could put a new \$30,000 car in the driveway of every one of Iowa's 1.2 million households.
- We could build 178 ethanol plants, each producing 100 million gallons of ethanol per year, providing enough ethanol to fuel every car in Iowa.
- We could construct 17,800 cutting edge wind turbines at \$2 million each, providing enough electricity to power every home in Iowa.

But Speaker Nancy Pelosi is forcing her liberal San Francisco politics on America once again.

There is no point in attempting a veto override vote except to attempt to score cynical political points.

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Over the course of the SCHIP debate, Governor Culver and other Iowa activists crossed their fi

The debate is over. A sensible SCHIP law has been signed. Poor children never lost their cov

The underdog taxpayers and kids across America remain the upset victors. They saved \$35.6