

Reed	Shaw	Thornberry
Regula	Shays	Thornton
Richardson	Shuster	Thurman
Riggs	Sisisky	Tiahrt
Rivers	Skaggs	Torkildsen
Roberts	Skeen	Torres
Roemer	Skelton	Towns
Rogers	Slaughter	Traficant
Rohrabacher	Smith (MI)	Upton
Ros-Lehtinen	Smith (NJ)	Velazquez
Rose	Smith (TX)	Vento
Roth	Smith (WA)	Visclosky
Roybal-Allard	Solomon	Vucanovich
Royce	Souder	Walker
Rush	Spence	Walsh
Salmon	Spratt	Wamp
Sanders	Stearns	Ward
Sanford	Stenholm	Watts (OK)
Sawyer	Stockman	Weldon (PA)
Saxton	Stokes	Weller
Scarborough	Studds	White
Schaefer	Stump	Whitfield
Schiff	Stupak	Wicker
Schroeder	Talent	Wilson
Schumer	Tanner	Wolf
Scott	Tate	Woolsey
Seastrand	Tauzin	Wynn
Sensenbrenner	Taylor (MS)	Yates
Serrano	Taylor (NC)	Young (AK)
Shadegg	Thomas	Zeliff

so that American families will be able to keep more of what they earn. Throughout my tenure in the House of Representatives, I have been committed to balancing the budget by eliminating wasteful Government spending. I therefore would like to express my strong support for this resolution which commemorates July 3, 1996, as Cost of Government Day.

It is an injustice that western New Yorkers and all Americans are forced to give up more than 50 percent of what they earn to the Government. Out of 366 days in 1996, the average American will work 184.6 days to support the total cost of Government, leaving 181 days of work to support their families.

Jefferson	Minge	Scarborough
Johnson (CT)	Mink	Schaefer
Johnson (SD)	Moakley	Schiff
Johnson, E. B.	Molinari	Schumer
Johnson, Sam	Mollohan	Scott
Jones	Montgomery	Seastrand
Kanjorski	Moorhead	Sensenbrenner
Kasich	Moran	Serrano
Kelly	Morella	Shadegg
Kennedy (MA)	Murtha	Shaw
Kennedy (RI)	Myers	Shays
Kennelly	Myrick	Shuster
Kildee	Nadler	Sisisky
Kim	Neal	Skaggs
King	Nethercutt	Skeen
Kingston	Neumann	Skelton
Kleczka	Ney	Smith (MI)
Klink	Nussle	Smith (NJ)
Klug	Olver	Smith (TX)
Knollenberg	Ortiz	Smith (WA)
Kolbe	Orton	Solomon
LaFalce	Owens	Souder
LaHood	Oxley	Spence
Lantos	Packard	Spratt
Largent	Parker	Stark
LaTourette	Pastor	Stearns
Laughlin	Paxon	Stenholm
Lazio	Payne (NJ)	Stokes
Leach	Payne (VA)	Studds
Lewis (CA)	Pelosi	Stump
Lewis (KY)	Peterson (FL)	Stupak
Lightfoot	Peterson (MN)	Talent
Linder	Pomeroy	Tanner
Lipinski	Porter	Tate
Livingston	Portman	Tauzin
LoBiondo	Poshard	Thomas
Lofgren	Pryce	Thornberry
Lowe	Quillen	Thornton
Lucas	Radanovich	Thurman
Luther	Rahall	Tiahrt
Maloney	Ramstad	Torres
Manton	Rangel	Towns
Manzullo	Reed	Traficant
Markey	Regula	Upton
Mascara	Richardson	Vucanovich
Matsui	Riggs	Walker
McCarthy	Rivers	Walsh
McCullum	Roberts	Wamp
McCrery	Roemer	Ward
McDermott	Rogers	Waxman
McHale	Rohrabacher	Weldon (PA)
McHugh	Ros-Lehtinen	White
McInnis	Rose	Whitfield
McKeon	Roth	Wicker
McNulty	Roukema	Wilson
Metcalf	Roybal-Allard	Woolsey
Meyers	Royce	Wynn
Mica	Salmon	Yates
Millender-	Sanders	Young (AK)
McDonald	Sanford	Zeliff
Miller (CA)	Sawyer	
Miller (FL)	Saxton	

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. EWING). Pursuant to clause 5 of rule 1, the pending business is the question of the Speaker's approval of the Journal.

The question was taken; and the Speaker pro tempore announced that the ayes appeared to have it.

RECORDED VOTE

Mr. KLUG. Mr. Speaker, I demand a recorded vote.

A recorded vote was ordered.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—ayes 342, noes 53, answered "present" 1, not voting 37, as follows:

[Roll No. 294]

AYES—342

Becerra	Dellums	Oberstar
Beilenson	Dingell	Pelosi
Brown (FL)	Foglietta	Stark
Coleman	Johnson, E. B.	Thompson
Collins (IL)	McDermott	Volkmer
Collins (MI)	Meek	Waters
Conyers	Miller (CA)	Waxman
Coyne	Mollohan	

NAYS—23

NOT VOTING—34

Bishop	Hobson	Roukema
Clay	Johnston	Sabo
Clayton	Kaptur	Tejeda
Dickey	Lincoln	Torricelli
Dunn	Manton	Watt (NC)
Everett	McDade	Weldon (FL)
Foley	McKinney	Williams
Ford	Meehan	Wise
Gibbons	Norwood	Young (FL)
Hall (OH)	Obey	Zimmer
Hayes	Petri	
Hilleary	Quinn	

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Mrs. COLLINS of Illinois, Ms. PELOSI, and Mr. BECERRA changed their vote from "yea" to "nay."

So (two-thirds having voted in favor thereof) the rules were suspended and the concurrent resolution was agreed to.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. DICKEY. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 293, I was absent because of the malfunction of my beeper. Had I been present, I would have voted "yes."

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. WELDON of Florida. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 293, I was unavoidably detained. Had I been present, I would have voted "yes."

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. EVERETT. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 293, I was inadvertently detained. Had I been present, I would have voted "yes."

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. QUINN. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably detained this afternoon and was therefore unable to cast my vote in support of House Concurrent Resolution 193, the Cost of Government Day Resolution.

House Concurrent Resolution 193 expresses the sense of Congress that the cost of Government spending should be reduced

Ackerman	Chambliss	Fields (LA)
Allard	Chapman	Fields (TX)
Andrews	Chenoweth	Flake
Archer	Christensen	Flanagan
Army	Chrysler	Foglietta
Bachus	Clement	Forbes
Baesler	Clinger	Fowler
Baker (CA)	Coble	Frank (MA)
Baker (LA)	Collins (GA)	Franks (CT)
Baldacci	Collins (IL)	Franks (NJ)
Ballenger	Combest	Frelinghuysen
Barcia	Condit	Frisa
Barr	Conyers	Frost
Barrett (NE)	Cooley	Furse
Barrett (WI)	Costello	Galleghy
Bartlett	Cox	Ganske
Barton	Coyne	Gejdenson
Bass	Cramer	Gekas
Bateman	Crane	Gilchrest
Becerra	Crapo	Gillmor
Beilenson	Creameans	Gilman
Bentsen	Cubin	Gonzalez
Bereuter	Cummings	Goodlatte
Berman	Cunningham	Goodling
Bevill	Danner	Gordon
Bilbray	Davis	Goss
Bilirakis	de la Garza	Graham
Biley	Deal	Green (TX)
Blumenauer	DeLauro	Greene (UT)
Blute	DeLay	Greenwood
Boehlert	Dellums	Gundersen
Boehner	Deutsch	Gutierrez
Bonilla	Diaz-Balart	Hall (TX)
Bonior	Dicks	Hamilton
Bono	Dixon	Hancock
Boucher	Doggett	Hansen
Browder	Dooley	Hastert
Brown (FL)	Doolittle	Hastings (WA)
Brownback	Dornan	Hayworth
Bryant (TN)	Doyle	Hefner
Bryant (TX)	Dreier	Herger
Bunning	Duncan	Hobson
Burr	Durbin	Hoekstra
Burton	Edwards	Holden
Buyer	Ehlers	Horn
Callahan	Ehrlich	Hossettler
Calvert	Engel	Houghton
Camp	Eshoo	Hoyer
Campbell	Evans	Hunter
Canady	Ewing	Hutchinson
Cardin	Farr	Hyde
Castle	Fattah	Inglis
Chabot	Fawell	Jackson (IL)

NOES—53

Abercrombie	Hastings (FL)	Pallone
Borski	Hefley	Pickett
Brown (CA)	Heineman	Pombo
Brown (OH)	Hilliard	Rush
Clyburn	Hinchee	Schroeder
Coleman	Hoke	Slaughter
Collins (MI)	Jackson-Lee	Stockman
DeFazio	(TX)	Taylor (MS)
Dingell	Jacobs	Thompson
English	Latham	Torkildsen
Ensign	Velazquez	Levin
Fazio	Lewis (GA)	Vento
Filner	Longley	Visclosky
Fox	Martinez	Volkmer
Funderburk	Martini	Waters
Gephardt	Meek	Watts (OK)
Geren	Menendez	Weller
Gutknecht	Oberstar	Wolf

ANSWERED "PRESENT"—1

Harman

NOT VOTING—37

Bishop	Gibbons	Meehan
Brewster	Hall (OH)	Norwood
Bunn	Hayes	Obey
Clay	Hilleary	Petri
Clayton	Istook	Quinn
Coburn	Johnston	Sabo
Dickey	Kaptur	Taylor (NC)
Dunn	Lincoln	Tejeda
Everett	McDade	Torricelli
Foley	McIntosh	
Ford	McKinney	

Watt (NC)
Weldon (FL)

Williams
Wise

Young (FL)
Zimmer

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So the Journal was approved.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

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PERMISSION FOR MEMBER TO OFFER AMENDMENT TO H.R. 3754, LEGISLATIVE BRANCH APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 1997, NOTWITHSTANDING HOUSE RESOLUTION 473

Mr. PACKARD. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that during consideration of H.R. 3754, pursuant to House Resolution 473, it may be in order at any time to consider the amendment offered by the gentleman from California [Mr. PACKARD] as though it were an amendment printed in House Report 104-663 and that the time for debate be limited to 10 minutes.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. EWING). The Clerk will report the amendment.

The Clerk read as follows:

Amendment offered by Mr. PACKARD: On page 32, at the end of line 17, add the following: (c) If it has been finally determined by a court or Federal agency that any person intentionally affixed a label bearing a "Made in America" inscription, or any inscription with the same meaning, to any product sold in or shipped to the United States that is not made in the United States, such person shall be ineligible to receive any contract or subcontract made with funds provided pursuant to this Act, pursuant to the debarment, suspension, and ineligibility procedures described in section 9.400 through 9.409 of title 48, Code of Federal Regulations.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from California?

Mr. THORNTON. Mr. Speaker, reserving the right to object, I rise to inquire of the chairman if this is the amendment which the gentleman from Ohio [Mr. TRAFICANT] discussed with me and with the gentleman before?

Mr. PACKARD. Mr. Speaker, will the gentleman yield?

Mr. THORNTON. I yield to the gentleman from California.

Mr. PACKARD. Mr. Speaker, the gentleman is correct. This is a buy American amendment offered by the gentleman from Ohio [Mr. TRAFICANT].

Mr. THORNTON. Mr. Speaker, I withdraw my reservation of objection.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from California?

There was no objection.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. PACKARD. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend their remarks on the bill, H.R. 3754, making appropriations for the legislative branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1997, and for other purposes, and that I may include tabular and extraneous material and charts.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from California?

There was no objection.

LEGISLATIVE BRANCH APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 1997

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to House Resolution 473 and rule XXIII, the Chair declares the House in the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union for consideration of the bill, H.R. 3754.

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IN THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Accordingly the House resolved itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union for the consideration of the bill (H.R. 3754) making appropriations for the legislative branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1997, and for other purposes, with Mr. LINDER in the chair.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The CHAIRMAN. Pursuant to the rule, the bill is considered as having been read the first time.

Under the rule, the gentleman from California [Mr. PACKARD] and the gentleman from Arkansas [Mr. THORNTON] each will control 30 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from California [Mr. PACKARD].

Mr. PACKARD. Mr. Chairman, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

This bill continues the program we began last year to right size the legislative branch of government. We are trying to become more efficient with a smaller work force and by using technology wherever possible as long as it helps to do our job better.

The bill cuts legislative spending for 1997 by \$37.4 million. That continues the tone set in the 1996 bill over the last 2-year period. The size of the legislative branch has been reduced by \$262 million over the last 2 years.

We have also reduced our work force by 1,753 jobs over the last 2-year period, 726 in this year's bill alone. That is a reduction of 6.8 percent of the entire legislative branch work force in a 2-year period.

The CBO has indicated through their calculations that, if the entire Federal budget were to be reduced in the same

proportion as this committee has reduced the legislative branch budget, we would have a \$100 billion surplus in our Federal budget and it would be balanced already. We would make a \$100 billion down payment on the national debt, if all other agencies and programs were cut the same level that we have cut ourselves. This is just based on a straightforward extrapolation, but it indicates, I think, the magnitude of the efforts that we have taken in reducing the size and the cost of the legislative branch of government.

In specifics, this bill will make permanent law the 90-day prohibition on mass mailing, unsolicited mass mailing before elections. The bill also will fund the CyberCongress, in other words, the computer and telecommunications and information services of Congress. We will be spending about \$211 million in this bill in that area. That is 12.5 percent of the entire legislative budget on this whole area of information and telecommunications and the CyberCongress.

Also, in this year's bill we are completing the downsizing of the General Accounting Office by 25 percent. That is a 2-year process, this being the final year of that process.

We have also converted the permanent edition of the bound CONGRESSIONAL RECORD, a 26-volume document, to CD ROM. That will expedite the research possibilities for Members of Congress and researchers in general, and it will also save about \$1 million a year. We are also converting the congressional serial set, a 60-volume document, to the CD ROM, the electronic information process. That, too, will save about \$1 million a year.

We are also outsourcing the custodial work at the Ford House Office Building. We are conducting studies to outsource our maintenance and operational work at the powerplant, the congressional powerplant. We are also looking to privatize the Government Printing Office plant more, and the Botanic Garden.

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We are also looking to further the public-private collaboration of the National Library Digital Program.

All in all we have made great strides in the right direction to bring about fiscal responsibility to the Congress of the United States and to those agencies that are here to support the Congress of the United States.

We also are funding the mandates in this bill; that is, the COLA's for staff, salary and the benefit packages for staff and Federal workers in the Congress. And that, I think, is a must.

We are also funding the 1997 inaugural ceremonies at the Capitol, the joint inaugural committee, which we must do every 4 years after the election of a new President.

All in all we are very proud of this bill; we think it moves in the right direction.

Laster on today we will be hearing amendments, one of which is to cut