

who establish sites are able to put anything they want on them, and in any fashion. Typically, committees post background information and pictures of committee members, committee rules and procedures, press releases, speeches by the chairman—all sorts of things. If minority Web pages are inserted somewhere in the mix of all that, they are likely to receive much less attention than they would if they were presented on a separate Web site, where the format could be designed as the minority wishes.

We ask our Republican friends to consider whether this is the policy they would want to live under if they were in the minority, as they were during the last Congress and will be again, sooner or later, in the future. Our guess is that it is not.

On more point on this matter: the majority has argued that even if they believe the membership should consider this amendment, it would not be appropriate to allow it as part of the debate on this appropriations, bill, since the committee of jurisdiction—in this case, the House Oversight Committee—objects to making it in order. As a general rule, we agree with the policy, which was established when Democrats controlled the House, of not allowing amendments in such cases.

However, in this particular case, Mr. Speaker, there will not be an opportunity to address this issue, since the policy is one that exists as a directive from the House Oversight Committee, and does not require the approval of the full House. The legislative branch appropriations bill is thus the only vehicle we see for resolving this matter.

There is one further matter I would like to point out about the rule, if I may, Mr. Speaker, and that is that it waives two important provisions of the Budget Act: section 302, which prohibits consideration of legislation which exceeds a committee's allocation of new entitlement authority, and section 308, which requires a cost estimate in committee reports on new entitlement authority. These waivers cover the bill's provisions dealing with the pay of the director of the Congressional Budget Office.

While there are legitimate reasons for providing these waivers, we mention this matter because we have noticed that Budget Act waivers seem to be increasingly common in the rules that are being issued by the Rules Committee. We want to take this opportunity to urge committees to make every effort to comply with the provisions of the Budget Act and the Rules of the House, and to urge the majority members of the Rules Committee to avoid getting into the habit of waiving these important safeguards on a routine basis.

Finally, Mr. Speaker, with respect to the bill that this rule makes in order, we believe that it deserves the support of the House. In general, it provides an adequate, though not generous, amount of funding for Congress to ful-

fill its responsibilities. After 4 years of cutting positions to a point where we now have almost 20 percent fewer staff members in the legislative branch than we had in fiscal 1992, we believe that the Appropriations Committee has acted responsibly by not reducing funding for staff further, except with respect to the General Accounting Office, where a 2-year, 25-percent reduction in staffing is continued through this legislation.

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Mr. Speaker, I have no requests for time, and I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. DREIER. Mr. Speaker, I urge an "aye" vote on the rule, and an "aye" vote on the bill, which will be beautifully managed by my colleague, the gentleman from California [Mr. PACKARD].

Mr. Speaker, I have no further requests for time, and I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. EWING). Without objection, the previous question is ordered on the resolution.

There was no objection.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the resolution.

The resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. DREIER. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent all Members may have 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend their remarks and to include extraneous material on House Resolution 473.

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

There was no objection.

COST OF GOVERNMENT DAY

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The unfinished business is the question of suspending the rules and agreeing to the concurrent resolution, House Concurrent Resolution 193.

The Clerk read the title of the concurrent resolution.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Pennsylvania [Mr. CLINGER] that the House suspend the rules and agree to the concurrent resolution, House Concurrent Resolution 193, on which the yeas and nays are ordered.

Pursuant to clause 5 of rule I, the Chair will reduce to a minimum of 5 minutes the time for a recorded vote, if ordered, on the question of the Speaker's approval of the Journal.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 376, nays 23, not voting 34, as follows:

[Roll No. 293]

YEAS—376

Abercrombie	Duncan	King
Ackerman	Durbin	Kingston
Allard	Edwards	Klecza
Andrews	Ehlers	Klink
Archer	Ehrlich	Klug
Armey	Engel	Knollenberg
Bachus	English	Kolbe
Baesler	Ensign	LaFalce
Baker (CA)	Eshoo	LaHood
Baker (LA)	Evans	Lantos
Baldacci	Ewing	Largent
Ballenger	Farr	Latham
Barcia	Fattah	LaTourette
Barr	Fawell	Laughlin
Barrett (NE)	Fazio	Lazio
Barrett (WI)	Fields (LA)	Leach
Bartlett	Fields (TX)	Levin
Barton	Filner	Lewis (CA)
Bass	Flake	Lewis (GA)
Bateman	Flanagan	Lewis (KY)
Bentsen	Forbes	Lightfoot
Bereuter	Fowler	Linder
Berman	Fox	Lipinski
Bevill	Frank (MA)	Livingston
Bilbray	Franks (CT)	LoBiondo
Bilirakis	Franks (NJ)	Loftgren
Bliley	Frelinghuysen	Longley
Blumenauer	Frisa	Lowe
Blute	Frost	Lucas
Boehler	Funderburk	Luther
Boehner	Furse	Maloney
Bonilla	Galleghy	Manzullo
Bonior	Ganske	Markey
Bono	Gejdenson	Martinez
Borski	Gekas	Martini
Boucher	Gephardt	Mascara
Brewster	Geren	Matsui
Browder	Gilchrest	McCarthy
Brown (CA)	Gillmor	McCollum
Brown (OH)	Gilman	McCreery
Brownback	Gonzalez	McHale
Bryant (TN)	Goodlatte	McHugh
Bryant (TX)	Goodling	McInnis
Bunn	Gordon	McIntosh
Bunning	Goss	McKeon
Burr	Graham	McNulty
Burton	Green (TX)	Menendez
Buyer	Greene (UT)	Metcalf
Callahan	Greenwood	Meyers
Calvert	Gunderson	Mica
Camp	Gutierrez	Millender-
Campbell	Gutnecht	McDonald
Canady	Hall (TX)	Miller (FL)
Cardin	Hamilton	Minge
Castle	Hancock	Mink
Chabot	Hansen	Moakley
Chambliss	Harman	Molinari
Chapman	Hastert	Montgomery
Chenoweth	Hastings (FL)	Moorhead
Christensen	Hastings (WA)	Moran
Chrysler	Hayworth	Morella
Clement	Hefley	Murtha
Clinger	Hefner	Myers
Clyburn	Heineman	Myrick
Coble	Herger	Nadler
Coburn	Hilliard	Neal
Collins (GA)	Hinchev	Nettercutt
Combest	Hoekstra	Neumann
Condit	Hoke	Ney
Cooley	Holden	Nussle
Costello	Horn	Olver
Cox	Hostettler	Ortiz
Cramer	Houghton	Orton
Crane	Hoyer	Owens
Crapo	Hunter	Oxley
Creameans	Hutchinson	Packard
Cubin	Hyde	Pallone
Cummings	Inglis	Parker
Cunningham	Istook	Pastor
Danner	Jackson (IL)	Paxon
Davis	Jackson-Lee	Payne (NJ)
de la Garza	(TX)	Payne (VA)
Deal	Jacobs	Peterson (FL)
DeFazio	Jefferson	Peterson (MN)
DeLauro	Johnson (CT)	Pickett
DeLay	Johnson (SD)	Pombo
Deutsch	Johnson, Sam	Pomeroy
Diaz-Balart	Jones	Porter
Dicks	Kanjorski	Portman
Dixon	Kasich	Poshard
Doggett	Kelly	Pryce
Dooley	Kennedy (MA)	Quillen
Doolittle	Kennedy (RI)	Radanovich
Dornan	Kennelly	Rahall
Doyle	Kildee	Ramstad
Dreier	Kim	Rangel