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MAKING IN ORDER ON FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 1997, OR ANY TIME THEREAFTER CONSIDERATION OF H.J. RES. 101, FURTHER CONTINUING APPROPRIATIONS, FISCAL YEAR 1998

Mr. LIVINGSTON. Madam Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Appropriations be discharged from further consideration of H.J. Res. 101 when called up; and that it be in order at any time on Friday, November 7, 1997, or any day thereafter to consider the joint resolution in the House; and that the joint resolution be considered as read for amendment; that the joint resolution be debatable for not to exceed 1 hour, to be equally divided and controlled by myself and the gentleman from Wisconsin [Mr. OBEY]; and that the previous question be considered as ordered on the joint resolution to final passage without intervening motion, except one motion to recommend with or without instructions.

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

Mr. OBEY. Madam Speaker, I have no objection. Free at last, free at last.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the request is agreed to.

There was no objection.

MAKING IN ORDER ON FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 1997, OR ANY DAY THEREAFTER CONSIDERATION OF CONFERENCE REPORT ON H.R. 2264, DEPARTMENTS OF LABOR, HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, AND EDUCATION, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 1998

Mr. LIVINGSTON. Madam Speaker, I share the sentiment of the gentleman from Wisconsin [Mr. OBEY].

Madam Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that it be in order at any time on Friday, November 7, 1997 or any day thereafter, to consider a conference report on the bill, H.R. 2264, that all points of order against the conference report and against its consideration be waived, and that the conference report be considered as read when called up.

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

There was no objection.

ENSURING THAT COMMERCIAL ACTIVITIES OF PEOPLE'S LIBERATION ARMY OF CHINA ARE MONITORED

Mr. HAMILTON. Madam Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

Mrs. FOWLER. Madam Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Madam Speaker, given the litany that we have heard this afternoon of recent PLA-driven misdeeds, the People's Liberation Army clearly should be placed on constant notice that this President have the flexibility to take immediate action against their enterprises and assets that are in this country, and this bill, I just want to remind my colleagues, would give the President the ability to target specific PLA-owned firms doing business in the United States when these kinds of activities occur.

Now, let me stress again, it does not require the President to do anything, it only gives him the flexibility to do so, because in the past it has taken extraordinary emergencies like the Iraqi invasion of Kuwait or the Iranian seizure of American diplomats to trigger the provisions of IEPA. I do not think the President should have to wait until a crisis of that magnitude develops to be able to signal in a clear way that we disapprove of PLA misdeeds in the case of Chinese military-owned firms which would be clearly identified beforehand. Under this legislation, he would have the flexibility to act immediately.

I think it is high time that we put the PLA on notice that their actions will be under close scrutiny by this government and that their enterprises and assets may be subject to increased regulation or seizure if the President so determines.

Madam Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. SNOWBARGER. Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong support of H.R. 2647, to monitor and restrict the commercial activities of the Chinese Peoples Liberation Army, or PLA.

China's Government imposes restrictions and barriers to companies that wish to enter its market—just as other countries do whose markets are beginning to develop. It is a fact of life that American and other foreign firms operating in China must pay for the privilege. We should do what we can to ensure that this payment is not going to the Peoples Liberation Army.

The PLA is heavily engaged in commercial activities. The PLA also maintains a vast in-

dustrial empire. These factories do more than make weapons. Up to 80 percent of its operation is engaged in civilian production—particularly for the export market. Each company is diversified as well. Norinco—North China Industries Group—makes both toys and rifles.

The hard currency earned by such enterprises is then used for buying high-technology weapons systems and financing Chinese espionage. PLA commercial enterprises have also been involved in smuggling fully automatic AK-47's into the United States to supply drug gangs.

I believe that free and voluntary commerce is an effective method of opening up a society. Furthermore, I see such commerce as the acts of individual Americans and foreigners, not as the actions of nations. However, the armed forces of a totalitarian regime is not your garden-variety customer or merchant. The American economy should not be a tool in China's efforts to build its military.

Finally, I would like to relay a more personal note regarding the importance of restricting the PLA's commercial activities in the United States. A constituent of mine is the attorney for a Missouri family. The family's son had been given an SKS carbine as an inexpensive, first hunting gun. The gun was so poorly made that it discharged, with the safety on, when the butt struck the ground. The young man was killed. The family obtained a judgment against Norinco for its gross negligence. Unfortunately, it has proven impossible to enforce that judgment against the Chinese military in China. This is not just an issue of guns. It is virtually impossible to enforce liability against a subsidiary of the PLA for any defective product it may produce.

Please join me in supporting this important legislation. The right of people to engage in free and voluntary commerce is very important to me. However, there is a difference between businesses and armies—especially armies that are aiming intercontinental ballistic missiles at our citizens. This measure is vital to our country's national security.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. All time for debate has expired.

The bill is considered read for amendment, and pursuant to House Resolution 302, the previous question is ordered.

The question is on the engrossment and third reading of the bill.

The bill was ordered to be engrossed and read a third time, and was read the third time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on passage of the bill.

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

Mrs. FOWLER. Mr. Speaker, on that I demand the yeas and nays.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were— yeas 408, nays 10, not voting 15, as follows:

[Roll No. 614]

YEAS—408

Abercrombie	Bachus	Barrett (NE)
Ackerman	Baesler	Barrett (WI)
Aderholt	Baker	Bartlett
Allen	Baldacci	Barton
Andrews	Ballenger	Bass
Archer	Barcia	Bateman
Armey	Barr	Becerra

Bentsen
Bereuter
Berman
Berry
Billbray
Bilirakis
Bishop
Blagojevich
Bliley
Blunt
Boehlert
Boehner
Bonilla
Bonior
Bono
Borski
Boswell
Boucher
Boyd
Brady
Brown (FL)
Brown (OH)
Bryant
Bunning
Burr
Buyer
Calvert
Camp
Campbell
Canady
Cannon
Cardin
Carson
Castle
Chabot
Chambliss
Chenoweth
Christensen
Clay
Clayton
Clement
Clyburn
Coble
Coburn
Collins
Combest
Condit
Conyers
Cook
Cooksey
Costello
Cox
Coyne
Cramer
Crane
Crapo
Cummings
Cunningham
Danner
Davis (FL)
Davis (IL)
Davis (VA)
Deal
DeFazio
DeGette
Delahunt
DeLauro
DeLay
Dellums
Deutsch
Diaz-Balart
Dickey
Dingell
Dixon
Doggett
Dooley
Doolittle
Doyle
Dreier
Duncan
Dunn
Edwards
Ehlers
Ehrlich
Emerson
Engel
English
Ensign
Eshoo
Etheridge
Evans
Everett
Ewing
Farr
Fawell
Fazio
Flake
Foglietta
Foley

Forbes
Ford
Fossella
Fowler
Fox
Frank (MA)
Franks (NJ)
Frelinghuysen
Frost
Furse
Gallegly
Ganske
Gejdenson
Gekas
Gephardt
Gibbons
Gilchrist
Gillmor
Gilman
Goode
Goodlatte
Goodling
Gordon
Goss
Graham
Granger
Green
Greenwood
Gutierrez
Gutknecht
Hall (OH)
Hall (TX)
Hansen
Harman
Hastert
Hastings (FL)
Hastings (WA)
Hayworth
Hefley
Hefner
Herger
Hill
Hilleary
Hilliard
Hinchey
Hinojosa
Hobson
Hoekstra
Holden
Hoolley
Horn
Hostettler
Hoyer
Hulshof
Hunter
Hutchinson
Hyde
Inglish
Istook
Jackson (IL)
Jackson-Lee
(TX)
Jefferson
Jenkins
John
Johnson (CT)
Johnson (WI)
Johnson, E. B.
Johnson, Sam
Jones
Kanjorski
Kaptur
Kasich
Kelly
Kennedy (MA)
Kennedy (RI)
Kennelly
Kildee
Kilpatrick
Kim
Kind (WI)
King (NY)
Kingston
Kleczka
Klink
Knollenberg
Kolbe
Kucinich
LaFalce
LaHood
Lampson
Lantos
Largent
Latham
LaTourette
Lazio
Leach
Levin
Lewis (CA)

Lewis (GA)
Lewis (KY)
Linder
Lipinski
Livingston
LoBiondo
Lowey
Lucas
Luther
Maloney (CT)
Maloney (NY)
Manton
Manzullo
Markey
Martinez
Mascara
Matsui
McCarthy (MO)
McCarthy (NY)
McCreery
McDade
McGovern
McHale
McHugh
McInnis
McIntosh
McIntyre
McKeon
McKinney
McNulty
Meehan
Meek
Menendez
Metcalf
Mica
Millender-
McDonald
Miller (CA)
Miller (FL)
Minge
Mink
Moakley
Mollohan
Moran (KS)
Morella
Murtha
Myrick
Neal
Nethercutt
Neumann
Ney
Northup
Norwood
Nussle
Oberstar
Obey
Olver
Ortiz
Owens
Oxley
Packard
Pallone
Pappas
Parker
Pascrell
Pastor
Paxon
Payne
Pease
Pelosi
Peterson (MN)
Peterson (PA)
Petri
Pickering
Pitts
Pombo
Pomeroy
Porter
Portman
Poshard
Price (NC)
Pryce (OH)
Radanovich
Rahall
Ramstad
Rangel
Redmond
Regula
Reyes
Riggs
Rivers
Rodriguez
Roemer
Rogan
Rogers
Rohrabacher
Ros-Lehtinen
Rothman
Roukema

Roybal-Allard
Royce
Rush
Ryun
Sabo
Salmon
Sanchez
Sanders
Sandlin
Sanford
Sawyer
Saxton
Scarborough
Schaefer, Dan
Schaffer, Bob
Schumer
Scott
Sensenbrenner
Serrano
Sessions
Shaw
Shays
Sherman
Shimkus
Shuster
Sisisky
Skeen
Skelton
Slaughter
Smith (MI)
Smith (NJ)

Brown (CA)
Dicks
Hamilton
Houghton

Blumenauer
Burton
Callahan
Cubin
Fattah

Smith (OR)
Smith (TX)
Smith, Adam
Smith, Linda
Snowbarger
Snyder
Solomon
Souder
Spence
Spratt
Stabenow
Stark
Stearns
Stenholm
Stokes
Strickland
Stump
Stupak
Sununu
Talent
Tanner
Tauscher
Tauzin
Taylor (MS)
Taylor (NC)
Thomas
Thompson
Thornberry
Thune
Thurman
Tiahrt

NAYS—10

Lofgren
Moran (VA)
Nadler
Paul

NOT VOTING—15

Filner
Gonzalez
Klug
McCollum
McDermott

Tierney
Torres
Towns
Traficant
Turner
Upton
Velazquez
Vento
Visclosky
Walsh
Wamp
Waters
Watkins
Watt (NC)
Watts (OK)
Waxman
Weldon (FL)
Weldon (PA)
Weller
Wexler
Weygand
White
Whitfield
Wicker
Wise
Wolf
Woolsey
Wynn
Young (AK)
Young (FL)

Pickett
Skaggs

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Ms. WATERS, Mr. ROEMER, and Mr. BERMAN changed their vote from "nay" to "yea."

So the bill was passed.
The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. FILNER. Mr. Speaker, due to an official meeting, I was unable to be present for the vote on rollcall No. 614. Had I been here, I would have voted "yes."

CONFERENCE REPORT ON H.R. 2264, DEPARTMENTS OF LABOR, HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, AND EDUCATION, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 1998

Mr. PORTER. Mr. Speaker, pursuant to the previous order of the House, I call up the conference report on the bill (H.R. 2264) making appropriations for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998, and for other purposes, and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. LATOURETTE). Pursuant to the previous order of the House, the conference report is considered as having been read.

(For conference report and statement, see prior proceedings of the House of today.)

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman from Illinois [Mr. PORTER] and the gentleman from Wisconsin [Mr. OBEY] each will control 30 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Illinois [Mr. PORTER].

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. PORTER. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend their remarks on the conference report to accompany H.R. 2264 and that they may include tabular and extraneous material.

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

There was no objection.

Mr. PORTER. I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to bring to the floor today the conference report on fiscal year 1998 appropriations bill for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and related agencies.

As is normally the case, in the recent past, this bill has been through a long, torturous process from inception to the completion. The bill was on the floor for over 40 hours, and we had an unprecedented number of amendments offered. We have been almost 2 months in conference.

I feel constrained to add, Mr. Speaker, that virtually all of the issues that have delayed the timely consideration of this bill are authorizing in nature and have nothing to do with the funding activities of the departments and agencies covered by this bill. Our work on dollar issues was completed long ago.

My experience over the last several years has given me a new appreciation for the rules of the House that prohibit legislating on appropriation bills, and the delay we faced speaks to the need to enforce it more stringently.

Mr. Speaker, with that said, I want to outline the remarkable policy initiatives we have achieved in this bill. The bill contains a revision of the Hyde amendment to ensure that no Federal funds are used to purchase health plans that pay for abortions except in the case of rape, incest, or endangerment of the life of the mother.

I am particularly proud that this signal achievement was accomplished by negotiation among the parties rather than the rancorous and divisive debates that have characterized this issue in the past and other issues during consideration of this bill.

I want to commend the gentleman from Illinois [Mr. HYDE], the distinguished chairman of the Committee on the Judiciary, and the gentlewoman from New York [Mrs. LOWEY] for their work on this issue, as well as their staff members Howard Wolfson, Brad Close, and my own staff member, Rob Bradner.

The conference report incorporates a revision of the Goodling amendment negotiated by the chairman, the gentleman from Pennsylvania [Mr. GOODLING]. I believe that he will be speaking