

Serrano	Strickland	Upton
Sessions	Stump	Visclosky
Shaw	Sununu	Vitter
Sherman	Sweeney	Walden
Sherwood	Talent	Walsh
Shimkus	Tancredo	Wamp
Shows	Tanner	Watkins
Shuster	Tauscher	Watts (OK)
Simpson	Tauzin	Weldon (FL)
Sisisky	Taylor (MS)	Weldon (PA)
Skeen	Taylor (NC)	Weller
Skelton	Terry	Wexler
Smith (MI)	Thomas	Weygand
Smith (NJ)	Thompson (CA)	Whitfield
Smith (TX)	Thompson (MS)	Wicker
Smith (WA)	Thornberry	Wilson
Snyder	Thune	Wise
Souder	Thurman	Wolf
Spence	Tiahrt	Wynn
Spratt	Toomey	Young (AK)
Stabenow	Trafficant	Young (FL)
Stearns	Turner	
Stenholm	Udall (CO)	

to the request of the gentleman from South Carolina?  
There was no objection.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. SPENCE. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks on H.R. 4205.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from South Carolina?  
There was no objection.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. CROWLEY. Mr. Speaker, on May 17, 2000, I was unavoidably detained in New York. Therefore, I missed roll call votes 190, 191, 192 and 193. I would like the RECORD to reflect that had I been here, I would have voted "nay" on rollcall Vote 190, "aye" on rollcall votes 191 and 192, and "nay" on rollcall vote 193.

AMERICAN INSTITUTE IN TAIWAN FACILITIES ENHANCEMENT ACT

Mr. BEREUTER. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to take from the Speaker's table the bill (H.R. 3707) to authorize funds for the construction of a facility in Taipei, Taiwan suitable for the mission of the American Institute in Taiwan, with a Senate amendment thereto, and concur in the Senate amendment.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.  
The Clerk read the Senate amendment, as follows:

*Senate Amendment:*  
Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert:

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

*This Act may be cited as the "American Institute in Taiwan Facilities Enhancement Act".*

SEC. 2. FINDINGS.

*The Congress finds that—*  
(1) *in the Taiwan Relations Act of 1979 (22 U.S.C. 3301 et seq.), the Congress established the American Institute in Taiwan (hereafter in this Act referred to as "AIT"), a nonprofit corporation incorporated in the District of Columbia, to carry out on behalf of the United States Government any and all programs, transactions, and other relations with Taiwan;*  
(2) *the Congress has recognized AIT for the successful role it has played in sustaining and enhancing United States relations with Taiwan;*  
(3) *the Taipei office of AIT is housed in buildings which were not originally designed for the important functions that AIT performs, whose location does not provide adequate security for its employees, and which, because they are almost 50 years old, have become increasingly expensive to maintain;*  
(4) *the aging state of the AIT office building in Taipei is neither conducive to the safety and welfare of AIT's American and local employees nor commensurate with the level of contact that exists between the United States and Taiwan;*  
(5) *AIT has made a good faith effort to set aside funds for the construction of a new office building, but these funds will be insufficient to construct a building that is large and secure enough to meet AIT's current and future needs; and*  
(6) *because the Congress established AIT and has a strong interest in United States relations*

*with Taiwan, the Congress has a special responsibility to ensure that AIT's requirements for safe and appropriate office quarters are met.*

SEC. 3. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.

(a) *AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is authorized to be appropriated the sum of \$75,000,000 to AIT—*

*(1) for plans for a new facility and, if necessary, residences or other structures located in close physical proximity to such facility, in Taipei, Taiwan, for AIT to carry out its purposes under the Taiwan Relations Act; and*

*(2) for acquisition by purchase or construction of such facility, residences, or other structures.*

(b) *LIMITATIONS.—Funds appropriated pursuant to subsection (a) may only be used if the new facility described in that subsection meets all requirements applicable to the security of United States diplomatic facilities, including the requirements in the Omnibus Diplomatic Security and Anti-Terrorism Act of 1986 (22 U.S.C. 4801 et seq.) and the Secure Embassy Construction and Counterterrorism Act of 1999 (as enacted by section 1000(a)(7) of Public Law 106-113; 113 Stat 1501A-451), except for those requirements which the Director of AIT certifies to the Committee on International Relations of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Foreign Relations of the Senate are not applicable on account of the special status of AIT. In making such certification, the Director shall also certify that security considerations permit the exercise of the waiver of such requirements.*

(c) *AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS.—Amounts appropriated pursuant to subsection (a) are authorized to remain available until expended.*

Mr. BEREUTER (during the reading). Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate amendment be considered as read and printed in the RECORD.

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

There was no objection.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman from Nebraska (Mr. BEREUTER) is recognized for 1 hour.

Mr. BEREUTER. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, H.R. 3707, which this Member introduced, is an important measure that enjoys wide bipartisan support. It was considered and approved without objection by this body on March 28 of this year. The other body subsequently approved the legislation on May 2, with two modifications.

The amendments to H.R. 3707 approved by the other body are minor in nature. One unnecessary introductory paragraph that refers to the "unofficial" nature of U.S. relations with Taiwan is deleted. In addition, the other body added a sentence to Section 3(b) noting that if the Director of AIT certifies that certain security requirements related to construction of a new facility are not applicable on account of the special status of AIT, that he shall also certify that security considerations permit the exercise of the waiver of such requirements.

Mr. Speaker, as a newly-elected freshman Member of this body, one of the first votes this Member cast was on passage of the Taiwan Relations Acts of 1979 (TRA). For over 20 years, the TRA has guided U.S. foreign policy and demonstrated our commitment to the security and well-being of Taiwan. And, after 20 years, our unofficial relations with the people of Taiwan are

NOES—63

Baldwin	Hooley	Owens
Barrett (WI)	Jackson (IL)	Paul
Blumenauer	Kind (WI)	Payne
Brown (OH)	Kucinich	Pelosi
Capuano	Lee	Rivers
Carson	Lofgren	Rush
Conyers	Lowey	Sabo
Coyne	Luther	Sanders
Davis (IL)	Markey	Sanford
DeFazio	McDermott	Schakowsky
DeGette	McGovern	Sensenbrenner
Delahunt	McKinney	Shays
Doggett	Meeks (NY)	Slaughter
Ehlers	Miller, George	Stark
Engel	Minge	Tierney
Eshoo	Moakley	Velazquez
Fattah	Nadler	Waters
Filner	Neal	Watt (NC)
Frank (MA)	Oberstar	Waxman
Gibbons	Obey	Weiner
Holt	Olver	Wu

NOT VOTING—19

Ackerman	Lewis (GA)	Stupak
Campbell	Lipinski	Towns
Cannon	Murtha	Udall (NM)
Ford	Quinn	Vento
Franks (NJ)	Rangel	Woolsey
Kasich	Salmon	
Knollenberg	Shadegg	

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So the bill was passed.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

The title of the bill was amended so as to read:

"A bill to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2001 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe personnel strengths for such fiscal year for the Armed Forces, and for other purposes."

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

AUTHORIZING THE CLERK TO MAKE CORRECTIONS IN THE ENGROSSMENT OF H.R. 4205, FLOYD D. SPENCE NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2001

Mr. SPENCE. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that in the engrossment of the bill, H.R. 4205, the Clerk be authorized to correct section numbers, punctuation, cross-references, and the table of contents, and to make such other technical and conforming changes as may be necessary to reflect the actions of the House in amending the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. WALDEN of Oregon). Is there objection

stronger, more robust, and more important than ever.

The Taiwan Relations Act established the American Institute in Taiwan, AIT, as a nonprofit corporation to conduct any and all U.S. Government programs, transactions, and other relations with Taiwan; in other words, to function as America's unofficial embassy.

The current AIT facilities, which consist largely of aging quonset huts, are grossly inadequate and were not designed for the important functions of AIT. They were built as temporary facilities almost 50 years ago and are increasingly difficult and expensive to maintain.

From the perspective of security, AIT fails miserably in its structure. AIT is surrounded by taller buildings and lacking adequate setback. Major cost-ineffective enhancements would be required to bring it into compliance with security requirements.

Because of the unique status of Taiwan, the State Department is not able under routine authority to proceed with the planning and the construction of a new facility for AIT. The legislative branch, this Congress, must specifically authorize and appropriate the necessary funds.

AIT has made a good-faith effort to set aside funds for the construction of a new office building or complex. However, this effort, while significant, will never be sufficient to meet AIT's needs. Therefore, H.R. 3707 authorizes the appropriation of \$75 million for planning, acquisition and construction of a new facility for the American Institute in Taiwan (AIT).

Mr. Speaker, this body has been seized with issues involving our relations with Taiwan and the People's Republic of China. Taiwan is a shining example of political and economic development in Asia. It has made the transition to a fully functioning democracy.

Recently, Taiwan celebrated the successful conclusion of elections that, for the first time in its history, in fact the first time in Chinese history, saw the Democratic transfer of power to the opposition party. This weekend Taiwan's newly-elected president and vice president will be inaugurated.

In view of these developments, now is the appropriate time to send the message of our unshakeable, long-term commitment to America's critically important relations with Taiwan. With a new AIT facility, the United States is delivering the message that its presence will remain as long as it takes to assure that any reunification with the mainland is voluntary and as a result of peaceful means.

In the next few days, this body is likely to approve permanent normal trade relations with the People's Republic of China as part of our support for its accession into the World Trade Organization (WTO).

Similarly, this Member is confident that this body will support simultaneous accession of Taiwan to the WTO,

an action that has been too long delayed. We will support the accession of the PRC to the WTO because it is in our clear national interest to do so. But, at the same time, we will be making it clear that Taiwan merits similar consideration in the WTO and must have membership in it. I would hope it will come at the same session of the WTO.

This Member wishes to express his sincere appreciation to the gentleman from Illinois (Speaker HASTERT); the gentleman from Texas (Mr. ARMEY), the majority leader; and the gentleman from Missouri (Mr. GEPHARDT), the Democratic leader; the gentleman from New York (Mr. GILMAN), the committee chairman; the gentleman from Connecticut (Mr. GEJDENSON), the ranking Democratic member, and all of those in the House and the Senate who have contributed to moving this important bill forward under unanimous consent.

Mr. Speaker, this Member supports these changes to H.R. 3707 and urges all of his colleagues to join in supporting this important legislation.

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

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

There was no objection.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

#### GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. BEREUTER. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks on H.R. 3707.

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

There was no objection.

#### PERIODIC REPORT ON NATIONAL EMERGENCY WITH RESPECT TO BURMA—MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES (H. DOC. NO. 106-241)

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following message from the President of the United States; which was read and, together with the accompanying papers, without objection, referred to the Committee on International Relations and ordered to be printed:

*To the Congress of the United States:*

As required by section 401(c) of the National Emergencies Act, 50 U.S.C. 1641(c) and section 204(c) of the International Emergency Economic Powers Act (IEEPA), 50 U.S.C. 1703(c), I transmit herewith a 6-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to Burma that was declared in Executive Order 13047 of May 20, 1997.

WILLIAM J. CLINTON.  
THE WHITE HOUSE, May 18, 2000.

#### CONTINUATION OF EMERGENCY WITH RESPECT TO BURMA—MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES (H. DOC. NO. 106-242)

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following message from the President of the United States; which was read and, together with the accompanying papers, without objection, referred to the Committee on International Relations and ordered to be printed:

*To the Congress of the United States:*

Section 202(d) of the National Emergencies Act (50 U.S.C. 1622 (d)) provides for the automatic termination of a national emergency unless, prior to the anniversary date of its declaration, the President publishes in the Federal Register and transmits to the Congress a notice stating that the emergency is to continue in effect beyond the anniversary date. In accordance with this provision, I have sent the enclosed notice to the Federal Register for publication, stating that the emergency declared with respect to Burma is to continue in effect beyond May 20, 2000.

As long as the Government of Burma continues its policies of committing large-scale repression of the democratic opposition in Burma, this situation continues to pose an unusual and extraordinary threat to the national security and foreign policy of the United States. For this reason, I have determined that it is necessary to maintain in force these emergency authorities beyond May 20, 2000.

WILLIAM J. CLINTON.  
THE WHITE HOUSE, May 18, 2000.

#### REMOVAL OF NAME OF MEMBER AS COSPONSOR OF H.R. 632

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that my name be removed as a cosponsor of H.R. 632, the Safe Seniors Assurance Study Act of 1999.

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

There was no objection.

#### VOTE AGAINST PNTR

(Mr. WOLF asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks and include extraneous material.)

Mr. WOLF. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to share with my colleagues William Safire's editorial from today's New York Times. Today, Mr. Safire writes that before Richard Nixon died, Mr. Safire had a conversation with Nixon about China. Safire asked Nixon if he had gone a bit overboard on selling the American public on the political benefits of the China deal. Nixon replied that he was not as hopeful as he had once been, saying, "We may have created a Frankenstein."