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The House met at 9 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. THORNBERRY).

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

THE SPEAKER'S ROOMS,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, November 30, 2001.

I hereby appoint the Honorable MAC THORNBERRY to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

J. DENNIS HASTERT,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Daniel P. Coughlin, offered the following prayer: Eternal God, always the refuge for the homeless, the refugee and immigrant, be with us as we pray today.

The sound of Abraham's call to leave his home and live by faith echoes through the halls of this Nation's history. Since the founding of these United States of America, people have come to this land as if out of the desert into a place of promise and hope. The experience of immigrants has built up this Nation as a response to Your invitation, Lord. "Go . . . I will show you a place."

We bless You and praise You for all those of this Nation who continue to

build upon the past, and by their prayers and their noble deeds still grace this Nation and its future.

Even in this time, sometimes called "the age of worldwide refugees," You still call people to faith and freedom.

Bless the Members of Congress and grant them wisdom as they secure homeland borders and enact lawful immigration. The world will be shown a land where Your promise will be realized, faith can be expressed, and all will be free.

We still answer Your call, Lord, now and forever. Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentleman from New York (Mr. McNULTY) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. McNULTY led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will entertain 1-minute requests at the end of the day.

WAIVING POINTS OF ORDER AGAINST CONFERENCE REPORT ON H.R. 2299, DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2002

Mr. REYNOLDS. Mr. Speaker, by direction of the Committee on Rules, I call up House Resolution 299 and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 299

Resolved, That upon adoption of this resolution it shall be in order to consider the conference report to accompany the bill (H.R. 2299) making appropriations for the Department of Transportation and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2002, and for other purposes. All points of order against the conference report and against its consideration are waived. The conference report shall be considered as read.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman from New York (Mr. REYNOLDS) is recognized for 1 hour.

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Mr. REYNOLDS. Mr. Speaker, for purposes of debate only, I yield the customary 30 minutes to the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. HALL), pending which I yield myself such time as I may consume. During consideration of the resolution, all time is yielded for the purpose of debate only.

Mr. Speaker, House Resolution 299 is a standard rule providing for consideration of the conference report to accompany H.R. 2299, the Department of Transportation and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2002.

The rule waives all points of order against the conference report and against its consideration.

Additionally, the rule provides that the conference report shall be considered as read.

Mr. Speaker, the Committee on Appropriations has once again produced bipartisan legislation that meets the Nation's transportation priorities. Ensuring the safety and efficiency of our transportation networks is one of the Federal Government's highest responsibilities.

This conference report represents a sound commitment to our Nation's transportation infrastructure by devoting funds to critical programs such as air traffic control modernization, airport improvement grants, motor carrier safety, and increasing the investments in highway safety research.

The bill enhances the safety and capacity of the aviation system and the highway and rail networks.

The bill provides a total of nearly \$59.6 billion, a 2.5 percent increase, in total budgetary resources for our Nation's infrastructure and transportation safety, including the Federal Aviation Administration, transit program spending, the United States Coast Guard, and the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

The Federal Aviation Administration will receive a 4.5 percent increase in funds, \$292 million of which is for aviation security, including bomb detection systems and compliance test activities. It makes available \$3.3 billion for the airport improvement program, an increase of \$100 million over the current fiscal year. This money includes \$20 million to support the expansion of service at smaller airports.

This bill, much like last year's, continues to improve and enhance motor carrier safety and operations by providing \$335 million. Of this total, about \$140 million is devoted to facilities and operations necessary to open the U.S.-Mexican border for commercial motor vehicle traffic. Not only will this allow for the free flow of trade between the United States and Mexico, but it instills a modest system of safety checks to maintain the integrity of our American borders.

Another significant piece of the transportation appropriations funding is for the drug interdiction activities carried out by the United States Coast Guard. The bill includes \$636 million for the Coast Guard's capital needs and

\$320 million that is available to initiate the Deepwater program, which will fight the scourge of illicit drugs, provide support for offshore research and rescue, and work to protect Americans and American shores.

Moreover, the bill meets the funding obligation limitations in the transportation legislation known as TEA-21, the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st century. These programs are critical to improvements and modernization of our roadways and our airways, providing desperately-needed funds across the Nation.

In addition, the bill provides \$521 million for Amtrak's capital needs. This funding will cover capital expenses and preventative maintenance. The bill sustains the Federal commitment to continue its partnership with Amtrak to help it reach its goal of self-sufficiency by December of 2002.

Mr. Speaker, this is a responsible conference report that tackles our Nation's most pressing transportation needs. In the midst of the holiday travel season and in light of the recent attacks on our Nation, this Congress can take pride in the fact that the underlying legislation represents an increase in the safety measures and resources in every area of our transportation system.

With airline security stabilization legislation already signed into law, this conference report expands on the new measures and provides the necessary resources to carry out much-needed safety initiatives.

Now more than ever, safety should remain the Federal Government's highest responsibility in the transportation area. Clearly, whether by land, by sea or by air, this bill addresses those needs and concerns, while maintaining the fiscal discipline that has been the hallmark of this Congress.

Mr. Speaker, as I conclude I would like to commend the chairman of the Committee on Appropriations, the gentleman from Florida (Mr. YOUNG), and the ranking member, the gentleman from Wisconsin (Mr. OBEY), for their tenacious work on this measure.

I would also like to extend praise to the gentleman from Kentucky (Mr. ROGERS), the chairman of the Subcommittee on Transportation of the Committee on Appropriations, and the ranking member, the gentleman from Minnesota (Mr. SABO).

I also urge my colleagues to support this straightforward, noncontroversial rule, as well as the underlying legislation.

Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. HALL of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, this rule allows for the consideration of the conference report on H.R. 2299. This is a bill that funds the Department of Transportation, the National Transportation Safety Board, and related agencies. The rule waives all points of order against the conference report.

Since the terrorist attacks against the United States on September 11, our Nation's transportation systems have been under great scrutiny. In particular, Federal oversight of aviation has been in the spotlight. However, the transportation agencies which monitor our railroads, highways, and waterways have also been challenged to find solutions to the terrorist threat.

The bill funds the newly created Transportation Security Administration, which will be responsible for security operations involving all modes of transportation. This is the Federal agency that will oversee the hiring and training and supervising of the airport passenger and baggage screeners.

The bill also funds aviation security in the Federal Aviation Administration, which includes bomb detection systems. The conference report contains compromise language intended to ensure the safety of Mexican trucks traveling on U.S. highways.

I am also pleased that the conference report provides \$1 million towards the construction of the Interstate 70-75 interchange in Montgomery County, Ohio. This will help cover unforeseen increased costs of the project, which is an important priority for the community and the State.

This will be the ninth of the regular appropriation bills to complete the conference process. We are now 2 months into the fiscal year and we still have 4 more to go.

I would urge my colleagues to approve the rule and the underlying bill and let us get this bill to the President to sign.

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

Mr. REYNOLDS. Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time, and I move the previous question on the resolution.

The previous question was ordered.

The resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. ROGERS of Kentucky. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks on the conference report accompanying H.R. 2299 and that I may include tabular and extraneous material.

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

There was no objection.

CONFERENCE REPORT ON H.R. 2299, DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2002

Mr. ROGERS of Kentucky. Pursuant to House Resolution 299, Mr. Speaker, I call up the conference report on the bill (H.R. 2299) making appropriations

for the Department of Transportation and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2002, and for other purposes, and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to House Resolution 299, the conference report is considered as read.

(For conference report and statement, see proceedings of the House of Thursday, November 29, 2001.)

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman from Kentucky (Mr. ROGERS) and the gentleman from Minnesota (Mr. SABO) each will control 30 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Kentucky (Mr. ROGERS).

Mr. ROGERS of Kentucky. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, we are very pleased to present to the body an excellent conference agreement on H.R. 2299, the Department of Transportation and related agencies appropriations bill for fiscal year 2002.

First, let me say that we worked long, hard hours to hammer out the agreements contained in the bill.

□ 0915

I want to especially thank this morning the staff of the subcommittee, both on the majority and minority side, for staying up now two consecutive nights all night long, last night reading out the bill, and the previous night trying to put the bill together for consideration by this body. And they are not in a stupor, Mr. Speaker, but they are very tired. And I think we owe them an especially big debt of gratitude, Rich Efford and the other on the staff of the subcommittee. On both sides of the aisle, we want to say a special thank you to the staff for a tremendous job under extreme conditions because of the hurry up of this process.

We had some daunting challenges, Mr. Speaker. We started the process on this bill with veto threats hanging over both the House bill and the other body's bill because of a controversy over the best way to ensure the safety of trucking, the trucking industry, that we enjoy today without violating the NAFTA treaty.

Also, because of a Type 302-B conference allocation, we had to cut many of the funding items in the conference far below the Senate level. However, with the continued fine cooperation of my colleague and friends from across the aisle, the gentleman from Minnesota (Mr. SABO), the help especially of Senators MURRAY and SHELBY, and the willingness of senior administration officials to meet us half way on the trucking issue, we have, I believe, solved these problems in a fair manner that we can all be proud of.

This bill forges a consensus that, frankly, some thought was impossible a few months ago. And I had to be one of those who thought we could not find a middle ground on the Mexican truck-

ing issue. But through a long process we have. This bill puts in place a much stronger truck safety and enforcement regime at the Mexican border, requiring on-site inspections and compliance reviews of Mexican trucking firms, weigh-in-motion scales at some of the busier border crossings, and a comprehensive Inspector General audit of the whole system.

After the I.G. audit is completed, the Secretary then will have to certify that opening the border can be accomplished without causing unacceptable safety problems on our Nation's highways. Only then will Mexican trucks be able to drive beyond the border zone further into the U.S.

I should also point out that we owe the gentleman from Minnesota (Mr. SABO) a big debt of gratitude for his hard work in making sure that the bill includes tough new provisions regulating hazardous materials coming over the border. Specifically, due to his work, the bill requires that a new agreement be placed between the U.S. and the Mexican Governments tightening up hazardous materials transportation and ensuring the safety of our roads before Mexican trucking firms are permitted to bring hazardous materials beyond the border zones. That is a great addition to this bill, and I think we all owe the gentleman from Minnesota (Mr. SABO) a big debt for that particular provision.

At the same time, in all of this we were responsive to the President's firm commitment to honor the NAFTA treaty and open the border in 2002. The provisions of this bill will, I believe, allow the President to open the border sometime in fiscal year 2002 and will not violate the NAFTA treaty. The administration also believes that. It is critical that we honor our international commitments, and this bill does that. The administration has indicated their full support for the compromise worked out on the Mexican trucking issue.

In its funding aspects, let me first point out that the bill is within our allocation for budget authority and outlays. Although our allocation was extremely tight, we were able to fund all of the major DOT operating agencies at or near the President's budget request, while honoring the funding guarantees in TEA-21 and AIR-21. This was not easy to accomplish because it required us to cut out many worthy items, especially in the transit area.

In general, the bill before you provides increases for major infrastructure programs around the country. Let me provide just a couple of examples. The bill includes \$320 million to kick off the Coast Guard's new deepwater program, the largest acquisition ever attempted by the Department of Transportation. That is about \$280 million above last year's level. It includes funding for Federal-aid highways, \$100 million above the level guaranteed in the authorization bill. And it fully funds the authorization for much-needed

airport funding. These resources will go a long way to help jump-start the transportation construction sector of our economy.

Finally, Mr. Speaker, the Members should know that this bill responds to the September 11 terrorist attacks. The bill includes an appropriation of \$1.25 billion for screening activities at the Nation's airports. I know some have questioned the aggressive timetable for aviation security improvements we just recently established in this body. Well, we are saying in this bill that funding will not be a problem. This bill provides the necessary funds to take whatever steps are necessary in the near term to accelerate this transition as much as possible. The bill also provides \$100 million for the procurement and installation of additional bomb detection systems at the Nation's airports, so that installation of these vital systems at our Nation's airports can be accelerated, Mr. Speaker.

So without further elaboration, I believe that this is a great bill. It deserves Members' support. I recommend it to every single Member.

I want to say again the appreciation we have for the hard work of our colleagues on the subcommittee from both sides of the aisle. We have a wonderful group of Members of this body accumulated in this subcommittee. All of them participate. All of them have contributed to this bill and all have contributed their dedication to the success of the transportation bills of the country. And I want to thank each member of the subcommittee for the great contributions they have made, and especially, again, the staff who have devoted themselves beyond the call of duty to this particular bill.

Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

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

Mr. Speaker, first let me compliment and congratulate the distinguished gentleman from Kentucky (Chairman ROGERS) for his outstanding work for bringing to the House a conference report on the fiscal year 2002 transportation appropriations bill that we should all be proud of and that we should pass. But I would like in particular to compliment the gentleman from Kentucky (Chairman ROGERS) for the role he played in making sure that we reached an agreement on the Mexican truck issue that I think satisfied the concerns of all of us who raised the issue and still found a solution that the President would sign.

He played an absolutely key and essential role in making that happen. It has been a long journey, and we wondered how it would end at times.

When the House acted because of procedural limitations, we adopted an amendment that we knew would have to later be modified. I thought the Senate did some outstanding work in making modifications and expanding on what should be done as it relates to motor carrier safety as we begin to

have Mexican trucks come beyond the 20 mile commercial zone. The discussions that went on for an extended period of time finally resulted in a solution that will be signed by the President. At the same time it represents a giant leap forward in assuring the American public that those trucks and those drivers will be safely on our roads. We know we can have no absolute guarantee for any of us when it comes to our highways, but there is a process in place that, properly administered, should assure that the quality of vehicles and the quality of drivers on our highways are the same for those trucks and those drivers as those that exist in our country.

So I think that was a major step forward, and the gentleman from Kentucky (Chairman ROGERS) played an essential role in making that happen.

The bill itself makes necessary investments in our Nation's infrastructure and the safety of all of our modes of transportation. It is a good bill, and let me join the chairman in thanking the staff that has worked so hard and all the Members of the committee that worked so hard to bring this bill to us. But let me in particular thank Bev Feeto of our majority staff, Marge Duske of my personal staff, Rich Efford, Stephanie Gupta, Cheryl Tucker, Linda Muir, and Theresa Kohler of the majority staff. All of them do excellent work. This is a good bill and it deserves a big vote.

Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. ROGERS of Kentucky. Mr. Speaker, I yield such time as he may consume to the gentleman from Florida (Mr. YOUNG), the chairman of the full committee who has been such a big help in the construction of this bill and helping to shepherd us through the maze we have had to go through. I want to thank the chairman as I yield him time.

Mr. YOUNG of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I thank the chairman for yielding me time, and I am not going to take a lot of time on the bill because it has been very well explained and the subcommittee has done such a good job.

The bill does not really need a lot of speeches in its behalf. But I rise to thank the gentleman from Kentucky (Chairman ROGERS) and the ranking member, the gentleman from Minnesota (Mr. SABO) for having done a really good job in an extremely difficult situation. They have done yeoman's service. The gentleman from Minnesota (Mr. ROGERS) mentioned the staff, and I want to adjust a little bit more time to his comments about the staff.

The conferees finished, we finished our work on this conference last evening considerably later than after the House had left for the day. We finally got the paperwork done by midnight and then the staff, after having completed the paperwork, and we are very meticulous in making sure that our bills are exactly the way we intend

them to be; we seldom ever have to come in and ask for a correction because of good staff work. But they were finally able to start reading the bill, that is a term we use, read the bill, at about 12:40 a.m. this morning. And by 5:00 this morning they had completed reading the bill. And we went to the Committee on Rules and the gentleman from Kentucky (Mr. ROGERS) came in and filed the bill then, and we went to the Committee on Rules and got the rule which has already passed.

They have done a really good job, and I wanted to take another minute and explain why this has been such a difficult task for them and what a good product they have produced.

The House of Representatives passed this bill on June 26. That seems like it was almost last year. The Senate passed it on August 1, considerably later. But we did not get the paperwork and a request to go to conferences for 85 days after the Senate passed the bill. For 85 days this stayed out there, and it festered a little bit here and there. The issues were brought up that had to be settled. But this subcommittee worked through all of those issues. And so finally on October 29 we received the papers and we went to conference on the 31. And so today we have produced a bill that I think would enjoy tremendous support in the House. But I took this time to not only compliment the leadership of the subcommittee, but to say that as chairman of the full committee, it makes my job a lot easier, and the gentleman from Wisconsin (Mr. OBEY) and I, as the chairman and ranking member, it makes our jobs easier when we have a subcommittee that produces as good a product as this. It makes our job a lot easier so we appreciate that.

Let me take a few more seconds to say that next week we intend to have the District of Columbia appropriations conference ready for the House to consider and, additionally, we are planning to do the foreign operations appropriations subcommittee also for next week. There are several issues that are a little bit above our pay grid that still have to be resolved, but we think we can do that and have those two on the floor.

□ 0930

The only two appropriations bills remaining are the Labor, Health and Human Services and the Defense. The slowdown on the Defense, I will not take the time to explain that, but September 11 was part of the slowdown because we were in this building ready to markup the Defense bill on September 11 when everybody was evacuated after the terrorist attacks.

The subcommittee has done a good job. And I compliment them as strongly as I can and the staff and hope that we will get a very nice vote for this good conference report today.

Mr. SABO. Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the gentleman from Arizona (Mr. PASTOR), a distinguished member of our subcommittee.

(Mr. PASTOR asked and was given permission to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. PASTOR. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman from Minnesota (Mr. SABO) for yielding me the time.

I rise in support of this conference bill and ask my colleagues to support it. I also rise to congratulate the gentleman from Kentucky (Mr. ROGERS) and the gentleman from Minnesota (Mr. SABO) for the excellent job they have done on this conference bill.

I represent the border communities of Arizona, and we tried to balance the safety issues as well as the commerce issues, and this compromise that has been achieved in this bill allows us to protect the safety of our American citizens, especially those that live on the border. At the same time, we allow the implementation of the NAFTA agreement and will allow that commerce to continue and probably increase.

I also want to thank both gentlemen for recognizing the needs of Arizona in terms of transportation infrastructure and public transportation needs. I have to tell you that they recognized and they funded important projects, and I want to thank them both for doing that.

In Phoenix, which is the United States fifth largest community, they are assisting us in continuing the development of a light transit system, as well as a public transportation system. They funded the infrastructure for our growing and enlarging airports and helped other community transportation systems.

Commerce is very important to Arizona, and one of the issues is the bridge over Hoover Dam, and that would allow the CANAMEX transportation corridor to be developed, and they recognize that, and they also fund it.

I also want to thank the staff for working on this bill and bringing forth to us an excellent bill, and I ask for its support.

Mr. SABO. Mr. Speaker, I yield 3 minutes to the gentlewoman from Michigan (Ms. KILPATRICK), another distinguished member of our subcommittee.

(Ms. KILPATRICK asked and was given permission to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. KILPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, I, too, was a member of the subcommittee and want to thank our chairman, the gentleman from Kentucky (Mr. ROGERS), for his excellent leadership, coming in as a new subcommittee chair for this bill, being fair, thorough. I also want to thank the gentleman from Minnesota (Mr. SABO), our ranking member, who has always been effective in his quiet intelligence for allowing all of us to participate and to represent the constituents who send us here.

I represent Michigan, the border city of Detroit, one of the busiest border crossings in our country in northern America, and it is very important that we do what we need to do to secure

those borders, and I want to thank both the gentleman from Kentucky (Mr. ROGERS) and the gentleman from Minnesota (Mr. SABO) for the work that they have put in this bill to begin that process.

Since September 11 I have had an opportunity to meet on two occasions with our Coast Guard, our INS, our Customs and our Border Patrol to talk about the needs that they must have over the next several months and years to actually secure those borders, and I know that I have the support of the gentleman from Florida (Mr. YOUNG), as well as our chairman of our subcommittee and our ranking member to see that that is done.

Quite a bit of commerce comes across that Canadian border, as well as other things, both negative and positive. This bill begins to address much of it, and I want to thank the leadership of this committee for allowing that.

We still have work to do on those borders. The Coast Guard, INS, Customs and Border Patrol are still short of people. The supplemental that is going through will help some of that, too. The world has changed since September 11, and this transportation bill begins to address that.

I thank the committee very much for all that it has done for the State of Michigan and for this country to address those needs in this bill, and, as we move forward in our next appropriation and beyond, consider those agencies who risks their lives every day to secure our borders and bring more attention to our northern borders here in our country.

I would urge all my colleagues to support this bill. It is wonderful, it is fair, it is good transportation policy.

I rise in support of the conference report, and I appreciate the efforts of our Chairman, the gentleman from Kentucky, Mr. ROGERS, and the gentleman from Minnesota, Mr. SABO for putting together a bill that we can pretty much all agree on.

This bill makes some significant funding advances for providing additional inspectors at airports and for improving airport security. I think this must be viewed as a first step toward ensuring the safety and security of our commercial transportation infrastructure, and I am very pleased with our efforts in this area.

Another area of concern to all of us is funding for a key agency in the protection of our homeland security, the Coast Guard. The Coast Guard personnel resources assigned to protecting our nation's ports were stretched before September 11th and are stretched even thinner now. This bill will give the resources necessary to bring some relief to the demands being made of our Coast Guard personnel.

I am also pleased that we have reached a compromise on the NAFTA trucking issue. The compromise reached will go along way to ensuring highway safety and still comply with the NAFTA accord this Congress supported almost a decade ago. Let me say to my colleagues that this year's bill focused much attention on the southern border. Next year, I look forward to working with my colleagues in strengthening the security of our transportation infrastructure along the northern border.

I urge my colleagues to support this bill. It is one that we can be proud of and I thank the Speaker for granting me this time.

Mr. SABO. Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. BORSKI), one of the distinguished members of the authorizing committee and a good friend.

(Mr. BORSKI asked and was given permission to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. BORSKI. Mr. Speaker, let me first commend the gentleman from Kentucky (Mr. ROGERS) and the gentleman from Minnesota (Mr. SABO) for the exceptional job they did on this bill. I also want to commend Senators Murray and Shelby and particularly on the issue of Mexican trucks. This was an extremely contentious issue and one that has been worked out to my personal great satisfaction. It was a job well done.

Mr. Speaker, earlier this year the gentleman from Wisconsin (Mr. PETRI) and myself and the gentleman from California (Mr. FILNER) and the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. HOLDEN) traveled to the Mexican border to see what was happening firsthand with the Mexican truck issue.

At Otay Mesa, California, we saw a system that I think worked very well. We saw a system where trucks were given inspection stickers that were good for 90 days. Any vehicle that tried to get through without that inspection was not allowed and was inspected. We then went to Texas where we saw a much lesser successful situation, if you will.

At Otay Mesa, the experience was similar to ours in the United States of America where about 24 percent of the trucks were taken out of service that were inspected, a rate both much too high here and there, at least consistent with our experience in the United States.

In Texas, we were met by Coy Clanton, who was the director of public safety in Texas, and he told us that a truck that is not inspected will be neglected, and what we saw in Texas were trucks that were not inspected and were neglected, where the cars or trucks were taken out of service, were somewhere in the neighborhood of 60 percent totally unacceptable.

This is a good agreement in the conference report. Every truck that wants to enter the United States of America must be inspected. If it does not have a valid inspection sticker it will be pulled off, have a complete level one inspection. If it does not pass, it will not get into this country. This is a great victory for public safety, and, again, I commend all the conferees.

Mr. ROGERS of Kentucky. Mr. Speaker, I yield such time as he may consume to the gentleman from Virginia (Mr. WOLF), immediate past chairman of this subcommittee and now the chairman of the Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State and Judiciary, my old subcommittee. I have gained even more respect for this gen-

tleman after having seen what he had to go through on this bill for the last 6 years.

Mr. WOLF. Mr. Speaker, I want to congratulate the gentleman from Kentucky (Mr. ROGERS) and the gentleman from Minnesota (Mr. SABO) and the staff for a really, really great job. This is a very difficult bill, a lot of contentious issues, that really tie a lot of people up. They really have done an amazing job. I have been watching and I just want to congratulate the gentleman for it.

On the issue of truck safety, speaking of the Mexican trucks, I appreciate that they literally by their actions here have saved a lot of lives. There will be a lot of people that will never get the telephone call saying that a loved one was killed because of a truck coming out of Mexico because of the actions that they have done. They will not know that they did not get that telephone call because of the gentleman from Kentucky (Mr. ROGERS) and the gentleman from Minnesota (Mr. SABO), but I want to kind of put it in the record that, because of their efforts, they will not get that call.

I think it is now incumbent upon the administration to take the good work that they have done and enforce it appropriately, and I know they will hold their feet to the fire.

Again, to the gentleman from Kentucky (Mr. ROGERS), congratulations and to the gentleman from Minnesota (Mr. SABO), congratulations. Also, they have an outstanding staff, having worked with them for a number of years. So I want to also congratulate the staff, and there really ought not be any negative votes against this bill. I cannot see why a Member of Congress would vote against the bill and hope everyone votes for it.

Mr. SABO. Mr. Speaker, I yield 3 minutes to the gentleman from Minnesota (Mr. OBERSTAR), my distinguished colleague.

(Mr. OBERSTAR asked and was given permission to revise and extend his remarks and include extraneous material.)

Mr. OBERSTAR. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman from Minnesota (Mr. SABO) for yielding me the time and compliment my colleague and dear friend for his leadership on all of the issues in this appropriation bill on transportation and to the gentleman from Kentucky (Mr. ROGERS) for whom I have worked with for many years on Appalachia and economic development matters and the chairman of the full committee, the gentleman from Florida (Mr. YOUNG), for the excellent product that they have brought back to the House.

I do want to observe, though, that the manager's report contains a listing of over 100 airport projects that managers want to see funded out of FAA discretionary funds. In the past, there have been listings of projects for specific airports but without specific dollar amounts and with less prescriptive

language than is included in this manager's report.

The law governing aviation discretionary funds requires the FAA to establish a priority system under which decisions are made about those projects that will receive these very limited dollars. Highest priority goes to projects that will bring airports into compliance with safety and with security standards, and next are projects that are subject to letters of intent. Others are for phased projects and for preservation of existing infrastructure.

Many of the projects listed here may be of fine quality in and of themselves to qualify for funding under FAA established standards. But the aviation system is not like highways. An improvement to a highway project in Boston does not necessarily or in any direct way benefit highway travel in California, but improvement to an airport in Boston makes a great difference to the entire U.S. aviation system.

I want to make it clear that the language in a conference report cannot override a priority system established under existing governing law. A decision of the Comptroller General found that Congress cannot require the Navy to select a particular aircraft the language in the committee report wanted the Navy to require.

When I chaired the Subcommittee on Aviation over numerous years there were innumerable requests for Members to include designation of their particular airport projects, and I steadfastly refused to do that in our authorization. We should not impose the will of the Congress in specific ways in the aviation system, and as ranking member of the full committee, I continued to resist such designation in the last two FAA authorization bills.

Again, I regret that this language has been included.

Mr. SABO. Mr. Speaker, I yield 2½ minutes to the gentleman from Massachusetts (Mr. OLVER), a distinguished member of our subcommittee.

Mr. OLVER. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman from Minnesota (Mr. SABO) for yielding me the time.

I rise today in support of the bill and to congratulate our chairman, the gentleman from Kentucky (Mr. ROGERS), and our ranking member, the gentleman from Minnesota (Mr. SABO), for the leadership they have shown in addressing the Nation's critical transportation needs.

I particularly want to express thanks to the staff for this subcommittee which has worked so very hard and put in so many long hours over the last couple of weeks but culminating in a fierce collection of hours over the last 48, and that would be the majority staff: Richard Efford, Stephanie Gupta and Cheryl Tucker and, also, of course, our clearly overworked and undoubtedly underpaid staff member on the minority side, Bey Pheto. They have put an enormous amount of effort into

this, and I appreciate it very much, as I know all the members of the subcommittee do.

Despite our constrained allocation, the bill successfully makes critical investments in highway transit, aviation and the Coast Guard.

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And I want to commend the chairman and the ranking member for the excellent provisions related to Mexican trucks. This will ensure the safety of our highways, or help to ensure the safety at least of our highways, as was so very important.

I am also pleased we were able to delete an anti-environmental rider on global warming that was included in the original House bill. There is now overwhelming, peer-reviewed, sound, scientific evidence that global warming is occurring and substantially due to human influence. The National Academy of Science has very recently reaffirmed that fact. But one does not have to look at anecdotal evidence, just look at the exceedingly unusual weather here in November.

I would like to thank the chairman and the ranking member for their work in removing this rider. It is a good bill, Mr. Speaker, and I urge all Members to support it.

Mr. Speaker, a major hallmark of the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century (TEA 21), which was passed by the Congress in 1998 by overwhelming margins, was that for the first time receipts into the Highway Trust Fund were guaranteed to be spent for transportation purposes. This is accomplished through the annual calculation of Revenue Aligned Budget Authority (RABA), which makes adjustments in obligations to compensate for actual receipts into the Trust Fund versus the estimated authorization included in TEA 21 for the fiscal year.

While I am pleased that the Appropriations Committee has for the most part upheld the firewalls in this Conference Report, I find the redistribution of RABA funds to be outrageous. Under TEA 21, RABA funds are to be distributed proportionately to the states through formula apportionments and also to allocated programs. This Conference Report is a radical departure from that and is a cause for great concern. It is something I cannot support.

The Conference Report was available for only a couple hours before the House voted on it. However, a quick review indicates that nearly \$1 billion of the \$4.5 billion of 2002 RABA funds has been redistributed contrary to TEA 21. Specific TEA 21 programs, which normally are discretionary programs, have been increased well beyond what their proportionate share of RABA funds would have been if TEA 21 had been followed in this conference report. Of course, all these funds have been earmarked by the appropriators.

According to the Federal Highway Administration, to pay for these earmarks, about \$500 million will be lost for allocated programs and \$500 million will be lost from state apportionments. That means states lose more than 11 percent of RABA funds from the regular formula program.

Every Member who worked to get a high priority project in TEA 21 should take note.

Under TEA 21, high priority projects under section 1602 should be included in RABA distributions. But, the appropriators have chosen to zero out RABA funding for TEA 21 high priority projects. This means that every Member with a TEA 21 project will experience a 13% cut in funds. If RABA funds had been distributed according to TEA 21, Members' high priority projects would have been increased by \$236.7 million in FY 2002. Instead, they will receive no RABA funds.

A look at what the committee has done to particular programs illustrates dramatically what has happened. The Transportation and Community and System Preservation Pilot Program, which is authorized at \$25 million for FY 2002 in TEA 21, should have received \$3.3 million in RABA Funds. But, incredibly, the appropriators have given it an amazing \$250.8 million in RABA funds. Could it be because this program does not require a State or local match and can be used for practically anything? A perfect pot of money to earmark. Again, a \$25 million program has been increased to \$275.8 million for FY2002.

Under TEA 21, the Borders and Corridors program is authorized at \$140 million for the fiscal year. It should have received \$18.6 million in RABA funds, but instead it will receive more than \$352 million in RABA funds.

Under TEA 21, the Interstate Maintenance Discretionary program is authorized at \$100 million for FY2002 and should have received \$13.3 million in RABA. But under the conference report, the program will receive \$76 million in RABA funds. The Bridge Discretionary program, authorized at \$100 million per year, should receive \$13.3 million in RABA funds. But, it will receive more than \$62 million in RABA funds. Of course, at this point the term "discretionary program" is a complete misnomer as the Secretary has absolutely no discretion since all the funds (both the base amount and RABA) are earmarked.

Again, all of these funds, which should be distributed to the states and allocated programs, have been earmarked for winners and losers.

I have included two charts prepared by the Federal Highway Administration at the U.S. Department of Transportation which illustrate the impact of this misuse of RABA funds. One chart indicates the amount of RABA funds each allocated program would have received in FY 2002 under TEA 21 and what they will actually receive under this conference report. The other indicates what the impact will be on individual states and the amount of formula funds lost.

Mr. Speaker, this is just wrong. RABA was not created to be a slush fund for the appropriators. For the committee to take nearly \$1 billion of these funds to earmark for projects they deem desirable—on top of the fact that they had already earmarked all pre-RABA discretionary funds—should not happen. This should not be a precedent for future years. And we will continue to review the Conference Report for other offensive provisions.

With conference reports, our options admittedly are limited. However, I cannot stand by and let these egregious acts go by without at least commenting and acknowledging just what has gone on in this report.

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION—RABA DISTRIBUTION

Federal-aid Highway Programs	TEA-21	Conference	Difference
Apportioned Programs	3,968,764,800	3,519,429,770	(449,335,030)
Allocated Programs:			
Federal Lands Highways Program:			
Indian Reservation Roads	36,050,486	35,565,651	(484,835)
Public Lands Highways	32,249,049	31,815,091	(433,958)
Park Roads and Parkways	21,631,440	21,339,391	(292,049)
Refuge Roads	2,624,255	2,586,593	(37,662)
National Corridor Planning & Devel. & Coord. Border Infrastructure Pgm	18,633,932	352,556,000	333,922,068
Construction of Ferry Boats and Ferry Terminal Facilities	5,059,012	25,579,000	20,519,988
National Scenic Byways Program	3,393,730	0	(3,393,730)
Value Pricing Pilot Program	1,464,300	0	(1,464,300)
High Priority Projects Program	236,671,037	0	(236,671,037)
Highway Use Tax Evasion Projects	666,113	0	(666,113)
Commonwealth of Puerto Rico Highway Program	14,642,998	0	(14,642,998)
Woodrow Wilson Memorial Bridge	29,946,366	29,542,304	(404,062)
Miscellaneous Studies, Reports, & Projects	2,503,665	0	(2,503,665)
Magnetic Levitation Transp. Tech. Deployment Program	0	0	(0)
Transportation and Community and System Preservation Pilot Program	3,324,822	250,792,600	247,467,778
Safety Incentive Grants for Use of Seat Belts	14,907,146	0	(14,907,146)
Transportation Infrastructure Finance and Innovation	15,969,481	0	(15,969,481)
Surface Transportation Research	13,442,846	0	(13,442,846)
Technology Deployment Program	5,989,273	0	(5,989,273)
Training and Education	2,526,635	0	(2,526,635)
Bureau of Transportation Statistics	4,128,751	0	(4,128,751)
ITS Standards, Research, Operational Tests, and Development	13,976,885	0	(13,976,885)
ITS Deployment	15,969,481	0	(15,969,481)
University Transportation Research	3,525,804	0	(3,525,804)
Emergency Relief Program	13,310,772	0	(13,310,772)
Interstate Maintenance Discretionary	13,310,772	76,025,000	62,714,228
Territorial Highways	4,846,545	0	(4,846,545)
Alaska Highway	2,503,665	0	(2,503,665)
Operation Lifesaver	68,908	0	(68,908)
High Speed Rail	700,567	0	(700,567)
DBE & Supportive Services	2,664,451	0	(2,664,451)
Bridge Discretionary	13,310,772	62,450,000	49,139,228
Study of CMAQ Program Effectiveness	0	0	0
Long-term Pavement	0	10,000,000	10,000,000
New Freedom Initiative	0	0	0
State Border Infrastructure	0	56,300,000	56,300,000
Motor Carrier Safety Grants	24,221,241	23,896,000	(325,241)
Public Lands Discretionary	0	45,122,600	45,122,600
Subtotal, Allocated Programs	574,235,200	1,023,570,230	449,335,030
Total	4,543,000,000	4,543,000,000	0

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION—DISTRIBUTION OF REVENUE ALIGNED BUDGET AUTHORITY

States	TEA-21	Conference	Difference
Alabama	78,660,918	69,755,098	(8,905,820)
Alaska	47,506,115	42,127,574	(5,378,541)
Arizona	71,794,955	63,666,485	(8,128,470)
Arkansas	50,998,628	45,224,673	(5,773,955)
California	357,228,521	316,748,679	(40,479,842)
Colorado	51,633,630	45,787,781	(5,845,849)
Connecticut	59,372,721	52,650,669	(6,722,052)
Delaware	18,097,567	16,048,600	(2,048,967)
Dist. of Col.	15,517,870	13,760,970	(1,756,900)
Florida	187,841,638	166,574,611	(21,267,027)
Georgia	141,803,966	125,749,226	(16,054,740)
Hawaii	20,042,262	17,773,120	(2,269,142)
Idaho	28,813,232	25,551,060	(3,262,172)
Illinois	129,699,234	115,014,965	(14,684,269)
Indiana	91,837,217	81,439,605	(10,397,612)
Iowa	46,752,049	41,458,883	(5,293,166)
Kansas	45,442,357	40,297,471	(5,144,886)
Kentucky	68,342,130	60,604,581	(7,737,549)
Louisiana	61,436,479	54,480,773	(6,955,706)
Maine	20,796,328	18,441,812	(2,354,516)
Maryland	64,532,116	57,225,928	(7,306,188)
Massachusetts	71,715,580	63,596,096	(8,119,484)
Michigan	126,563,909	112,234,615	(14,329,294)
Minnesota	57,110,525	50,644,594	(6,465,931)
Mississippi	50,720,814	44,978,312	(5,742,502)
Missouri	90,924,402	80,630,136	(10,294,266)
Montana	40,640,152	36,038,961	(4,601,191)
Nebraska	31,472,305	27,944,272	(3,528,033)
Nevada	28,932,295	25,656,643	(3,275,652)
New Hampshire	19,605,698	17,385,983	(2,219,715)
New Jersey	100,687,563	89,287,933	(11,399,630)
New Mexico	38,735,144	34,349,635	(4,385,509)
New York	197,128,548	174,810,077	(22,318,471)
North Carolina	111,046,039	98,473,642	(12,572,394)
North Dakota	26,630,412	23,615,374	(3,015,038)
Ohio	136,327,071	120,892,413	(15,434,658)
Oklahoma	66,722,101	53,847,275	(12,874,826)
Oregon	46,434,548	41,177,328	(5,257,220)
Pennsylvania	186,849,447	165,694,754	(21,154,693)
Rhode Island	24,050,715	21,327,744	(2,722,971)
South Carolina	67,429,314	59,795,112	(7,634,202)
South Dakota	27,979,792	24,811,980	(3,167,812)
Tennessee	89,614,709	79,468,724	(10,145,985)
Texas	310,674,910	275,500,962	(35,173,948)
Utah	30,202,300	26,782,861	(3,419,439)
Vermont	18,375,381	16,294,960	(2,080,421)
Virginia	108,703,824	91,962,700	(16,741,124)
Washington	68,461,193	60,710,164	(7,751,029)
West Virginia	41,711,718	36,989,207	(4,722,511)
Wisconsin	77,986,228	69,156,795	(8,829,433)
Wyoming	28,178,230	24,987,951	(3,190,279)
Subtotal	3,968,764,800	3,519,429,770	(449,335,030)
Allocated Programs	574,235,200	1,023,570,230	449,335,030

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION—DISTRIBUTION OF REVENUE ALIGNED BUDGET AUTHORITY—Continued

States	TEA-21	Conference	Difference
Total	4,543,000,000	4,543,000,000	0

¹ Represent — 11.38 percent.

Mr. OBERSTAR. Mr. Speaker, I greatly appreciate the work of the Appropriations Committee in ensuring the safety of our highways, particularly the Conference Report's provisions to ensure that we have adequate safety standards with regard to Mexican carriers operating in the United States beyond the border commercial zones.

The requirements are quite simple—we require that Mexican carriers operating in the United States, including both their drivers and trucks, meet U.S. safety standards before they are given authority to operate throughout the country.

All carriers and vehicles are inspected and, until a carrier has been operating in the U.S. for three consecutive years, we require the California system of mandated CVSA inspections every 90 days. We ensure that the Mexican carrier has proof of insurance. We confirm that the drivers have valid Commercial Driver's Licenses.

We ensure that Federal and State inspectors are actually in place at the border crossings to inspect trucks. We ensure that the border facilities have the capacity to actually inspect trucks and have scales to actually weigh vehicles and enforce U.S. truck size and weight laws.

We require the Department of Transportation Inspector General to do a comprehensive review of each of these requirements and that the Secretary of Transportation certify, in a manner addressing the IG's findings, that the opening of the border does not pose an

unacceptable safety risk to the American public.

Although all of this would seem common sense, it has been extremely difficult to achieve. The Administration proposed asking the Mexican carriers to fill out a paper application, letting the trucks in, and possibly inspecting them later. Congress, with the leadership of members of both the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee and the Appropriations Committees, particularly Ranking Member SABO and Chairman ROGERS, and Senators MURRAY and SHELBY, have stood firm in the face of constant assaults from the highest levels in this Administration that these common sense requirements were "anti-Hispanic" and "discriminatory".

Today, the Administration embraces and welcomes the Conference Report with its very strong provisions requiring substantially improved safety for Mexican trucks operating in the United States. In what I would modestly call an abrupt reversal of the Administration's ad hominem attacks of our colleagues, the Administration has abandoned its unfounded and misguided position on this important truck safety issue. The Conference Report adopts the necessary public policy to ensure that safety is the highest priority for Mexican trucks operating on American roadways.

Given that highway fatalities are the leading cause of death for persons in the United States of every age from 6 to 33 years old, the American people thank the Gentleman from Minnesota, Mr. SABO, the Gentleman from Kentucky, Mr. ROGERS, and other House and Senate colleagues who stood firm in conference to save more of the Nation's children from unneeded deaths on our highways.

Mr. KOLBE. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of this conference report and would like to congratulate the Chairman on resolving some difficult issues. One issue in particular is extremely important to me and the nation—the matter of allowing Mexican trucks into the United States as required by law.

Again, this year, there was an attempt to prohibit Mexican trucks from operating beyond the border commercial zone. I have said all along that this is really an issue about certain protectionist interests trying to block Mexican trucks from the United States highways under the guise of truck safety.

We all want to ensure that trucks traveling within the United States are safe. I believe, however, the most important aspect of truck safety is the observation of the driver and the inspection of the truck at the border and along the highway. This can be done while ensuring the security of our border and without establishing unattainable requirements with the sole purpose of denying the entry of Mexican trucks.

Mexican trucks that can operate in the United States, in compliance with U.S. laws and safety regulations, should be allowed in—just like Canadian trucks. We must treat our neighbors to the south, Mexico, the same as we treat our neighbors to the north, Canada.

Whether you agree with NAFTA or not, it is the law of the land and it is an international agreement that we must uphold. For too long the protectionist interests have thwarted efforts to implement the law of the land and to comply with our international agreements. How can we be a global leader by renegeing on our agreements? We can't and we won't.

The intent of the opponents of Mexican trucks entering the U.S. has been very clear all along. Let's face it, there are interest groups in the United States that do not want those trucks here. They are joined by interest groups in Mexico.

It is time to build bridges to Mexico—bridges that allow trucks from the U.S. and Mexico to pass each other, not barriers that block the movement of ideas and goods.

Although I do not think that this final compromise is perfect, I am a realist and am pleased that this conference report will allow Mexican trucks to enter all areas in the United States. We have made a step forward today toward treating our Mexican friends with the respect they deserve.

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

Mr. ROGERS of Kentucky. Mr. Speaker, I have no further requests for time, I yield back the balance of my time, and I move the previous question on the conference report.

The previous question was ordered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. THORNBERRY). The question is on the conference report.

Pursuant to clause 10 of rule XX, the yeas and nays are ordered.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 371, nays 11, not voting 51, as follows:

[Roll No. 465]

YEAS—371

Abercrombie	Akin	Armey
Ackerman	Allen	Baca
Aderholt	Andrews	Baird

Baker	Gekas	Maloney (CT)	Sherman	Sweeney	Visclosky
Baldacci	Gibbons	Maloney (NY)	Sherwood	Tanner	Walden
Baldwin	Gilchrest	Manzullo	Shimkus	Tauscher	Walsh
Ballenger	Gillmor	Markey	Shows	Tauzin	Wamp
Barr	Gluman	Mascara	Shuster	Taylor (MS)	Watkins (OK)
Barrett	Gonzalez	Matheson	Simmons	Terry	Watson (CA)
Bartlett	Goode	Matsui	Simpson	Thomas	Watt (NC)
Barton	Goodlatte	McCarthy (MO)	Skeen	Thompson (CA)	Watts (OK)
Bass	Gordon	McCarthy (NY)	Skelton	Thompson (MS)	Weiner
Bentsen	Goss	McCollum	Slaughter	Thornberry	Weldon (FL)
Bereuter	Graham	McCrery	Smith (MI)	Thune	Weldon (PA)
Berkley	Granger	McGovern	Smith (NJ)	Thurman	Weller
Berry	Graves	McHugh	Smith (WA)	Tiahrt	Wexler
Biggart	Green (TX)	McIntyre	Snyder	Tiberi	Whitfield
Bilirakis	Green (WI)	McKeon	Solis	Tierney	Wicker
Bishop	Greenwood	McKinney	Souder	Toomey	Wolf
Blagojevich	Grucci	McNulty	Spratt	Towns	Woolsey
Blunt	Gutierrez	Meek (FL)	Stark	Trafigant	Wu
Boehlert	Gutknecht	Meeks (NY)	Stearns	Turner	Wynn
Boehner	Hall (OH)	Menendez	Stenholm	Udall (CO)	Young (AK)
Bonilla	Hall (TX)	Mica	Strickland	Udall (NM)	Young (FL)
Bono	Hansen	Millender-McDonald	Stump	Upton	
Boozman	Harman	Miller, Dan	Stupak	Velazquez	
Borski	Hart	Miller, George			
Boswell	Hastings (FL)	Miller, Jeff			
Brady (PA)	Hastings (WA)	Mink	Barcia	McInnis	Schaffer
Brady (TX)	Hayes	Mollohan	Filner	Paul	Sensenbrenner
Brown (FL)	Hayworth	Moore	Flake	Petri	Tancredo
Brown (OH)	Herger	Moran (KS)	Hefley	Royce	
Brown (SC)	Hill	Moran (VA)			
Bryant	Hilleary	Morella	Bachus	Dreier	Miller, Gary
Burr	Hilliard	Murtha	Becerra	Fattah	Myrick
Burton	Hinchey	Nadler	Berman	Ford	Neal
Buyer	Hinojosa	Napolitano	Blumenauer	Frost	Owens
Callahan	Hoeffel	Nethercutt	Bonior	Gallegly	Portman
Camp	Hoekstra	Ney	Boucher	Ganske	Quinn
Cannon	Holt	Northup	Boyd	Gephardt	Rangel
Cantor	Honda	Norwood	Calvert	Holden	Ros-Lehtinen
Capito	Hooley	Nussle	Carson (IN)	Jones (NC)	Rothman
Capps	Horn	Oberstar	Conyers	LaFalce	Sanchez
Capuano	Hostettler	Obey	Cooksey	LaHood	Smith (TX)
Cardin	Houghton	Oliver	Cubin	Largent	Sununu
Carson (OK)	Hoyer	Ortiz	Cummings	LaTourette	Taylor (NC)
Castle	Hulshof	Osborne	DeFazio	Lipinski	Vitter
Chabot	Hunter	Ose	Diaz-Balart	Lowey	Waters
Chambliss	Hyde	Otter	Dicks	McDermott	Waxman
Clay	Inslee	Oxley	Dooley	Meehan	Wilson
Clayton	Isakson	Pallone			
Clement	Israel	Pascarell			
Clyburn	Issa	Pastor			
Coble	Istook	Payne			
Collins	Jackson (IL)	Pelosi			
Combest	Jackson-Lee	Pence			
Condit	(TX)	Peterson (MN)			
Costello	Jefferson	Peterson (PA)			
Cox	Jenkins	Phelps			
Coyne	John	Pickering			
Cramer	Johnson (CT)	Pitts			
Crane	Johnson (IL)	Platts			
Crenshaw	Johnson, E. B.	Pombo			
Crowley	Johnson, Sam	Pomeroy			
Culberson	Jones (OH)	Price (NC)			
Cunningham	Kanjorski	Pryce (OH)			
Davis (CA)	Kaptur	Putnam			
Davis (FL)	Keller	Radanovich			
Davis (IL)	Kelly	Rahall			
Davis, Jo Ann	Kennedy (MN)	Ramstad			
Davis, Tom	Kennedy (RI)	Regula			
Deal	Kerns	Rehberg			
DeGette	Kildee	Reyes			
Delahunt	Kilpatrick	Reynolds			
DeLauro	Kind (WI)	Riley			
DeLay	King (NY)	Rivers			
DeMint	Kingston	Rodriguez			
Deutsch	Kirk	Roemer			
Dingell	Kleczka	Rogers (KY)			
Doggett	Knollenberg	Rogers (MI)			
Doolittle	Kolbe	Rohrabacher			
Doyle	Kucinich	Ross			
Duncan	Lampson	Roukema			
Dunn	Langevin	Roybal-Allard			
Edwards	Lantos	Rush			
Ehlers	Larsen (WA)	Ryan (WI)			
Ehrlich	Larson (CT)	Ryun (KS)			
Emerson	Latham	Sabo			
Engel	Leach	Sanders			
English	Lee	Sandlin			
Eshoo	Levin	Sawyer			
Etheridge	Lewis (CA)	Saxton			
Evans	Lewis (GA)	Schakowsky			
Everett	Lewis (KY)	Schiff			
Farr	Linder	Schrock			
Ferguson	LoBiondo	Scott			
Fletcher	Lofgren	Serrano			
Foley	Lucas (KY)	Sessions			
Forbes	Lucas (OK)	Shadegg			
Fossella	Luther	Shaw			
Frank	Lynch	Shays			
Frelinghuysen					

Sullivan	Tauzin	Watt (NC)
Sunder	Taylor (MS)	Watts (OK)
Suzuki	Terry	Weiner
Swain	Thomas	Weldon (FL)
Sweeney	Thompson (CA)	Weldon (PA)
Tanner	Thompson (MS)	Weller
Tauscher	Thornberry	Wexler
Tauzin	Thune	Whitfield
Taylor (MS)	Thurman	Wicker
Terry	Tiahrt	Wolf
Thomas	Tiberi	Woolsey
Thompson (CA)	Tierney	Wu
Thompson (MS)	Toomey	Wynn
Thornberry	Towns	Young (AK)
Thune	Trafigant	Young (FL)
Thurman	Turner	
Tiahrt	Udall (CO)	
Tiberi	Udall (NM)	
Tierney	Upton	
Toomey	Velazquez	
Towns		
Trafigant		
Turner		
Udall (CO)		
Udall (NM)		
Upton		
Velazquez		

NAYS—11

Barcia	McInnis	Schaffer
Filner	Paul	Sensenbrenner
Flake	Petri	Tancredo
Hefley	Royce	

NOT VOTING—51

Bachus	Dreier	Miller, Gary
Becerra	Fattah	Myrick
Berman	Ford	Neal
Blumenauer	Frost	Owens
Bonior	Gallegly	Portman
Boucher	Ganske	Quinn
Boyd	Gephardt	Rangel
Calvert	Holden	Ros-Lehtinen
Carson (IN)	Jones (NC)	Rothman
Conyers	LaFalce	Sanchez
Cooksey	LaHood	Smith (TX)
Cubin	Largent	Sununu
Cummings	LaTourette	Taylor (NC)
DeFazio	Lipinski	Vitter
Diaz-Balart	Lowey	Waters
Dicks	McDermott	Waxman
Dooley	Meehan	Wilson

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So the conference report was agreed to.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Stated for:

Mr. McDERMOTT. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 460, had I been present, I would have voted "yea."

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A message from the Senate by Mr. Monahan, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate has passed without amendment a bill of the House of the following title:

H.R. 2291. An act to extend the authorization of the Drug-Free Communities Support Program for an additional 5 years, to authorize a National Community Anti-drug Coalition Institute, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the Senate has passed a joint resolution of the following title in which the concurrence of the House is requested:

S.J. Res. 26. Joint resolution providing for the appointment of Patricia Q. Stonesifer as a citizen regent of the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution.

LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM

(Ms. PELOSI asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. PELOSI. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Texas to inquire about next week's schedule.

Mr. ARMEY. I thank the gentlewoman for yielding.

If I might observe, Mr. Speaker, what a pleasant surprise and congratulations to the gentlewoman from California.

Ms. PELOSI. I thank the distinguished gentleman.

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to announce that the House has completed its legislative business for the week.

The House will next meet for legislative business on Tuesday, December 4, at 12:30 p.m. for morning hour and at 2 p.m. for legislative business. The House will consider a number of measures under suspension of the rules, a list of which will be distributed to Members' offices later today. On Tuesday, no recorded votes are expected before 7 p.m. due to the National Day of Reconciliation ceremony that will be held between 5 and 7 p.m. in the Rotunda. Mr. Speaker, if I may repeat that: on Tuesday, there will be no recorded votes before 7 p.m.

On Wednesday, Mr. Speaker, I expect to be able to schedule appropriations conference reports that are available. Chairman YOUNG reports that the District of Columbia and Foreign Operations conference reports will hopefully be ready to be considered by Wednesday.

As previously announced, on Thursday, December 6, I have scheduled H.R. 3005, the Bipartisan Trade Promotion Authority Act of 2001.

Throughout the balance of the week, the House will consider any additional conference reports as they become available.

Ms. PELOSI. I thank the gentleman. Mr. Speaker, are we to understand from what the gentleman has said that Fast Track legislation is definitely going to be on the schedule on Thursday?

Mr. ARMEY. Yes. Again, I want to be very clear on that. We will vote on Thursday, the 6th, on the trade promotion legislation. That is it. It will be there.

Ms. PELOSI. If I may question the distinguished leader further. What are the chances of having votes on next Friday?

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, obviously we want to hold the floor available for votes, but that would be pending conference reports that would be made available. At this time we have to be prepared for votes on Friday. But, if I may just give my sort of candid personal advice, I would also entertain other Friday options as well.

Ms. PELOSI. Is it possible we could work Friday through the weekend and end for the year next weekend?

Mr. ARMEY. I would have to say, Mr. Speaker, that I would not anticipate working through the weekend. I would not anticipate us completing our year's work by the end of next week.

Ms. PELOSI. If the distinguished leader would answer one more question, can we expect election reform legislation on the floor next week?

Mr. ARMEY. If the gentlewoman will yield further, Mr. Speaker, we have no plans at this moment to put that on the floor for next week. This is, of course, a subject with respect to which a great many Members feel a good sense of urgency. Should things develop in the process of working this through the committee process, I will obviously inform the minority as immediately as possible. But I have no plans at this time.

Ms. PELOSI. I thank the distinguished leader.

ADJOURNMENT TO TUESDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2001

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 12:30 p.m. on Tuesday, December 4, 2001, for morning hour debates.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. THORBERRY). Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Texas?

There was no objection.

DISPENSING WITH CALENDAR WEDNESDAY BUSINESS ON WEDNESDAY NEXT

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the business in order under the Calendar Wednesday rule be dispensed with on Wednesday next.

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

There was no objection.

HUMAN CLONING

(Mrs. JO ANN DAVIS of Virginia asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. JO ANN DAVIS of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to join my colleagues in calling upon the other body to take up and pass the Weldon-Stupak Human Cloning Prohibition Act which was approved by this House with 265 votes. This is a necessary and important bill to protect in law the uniqueness of human life and to acknowledge that everything that science and scientists are capable of accomplishing cannot necessarily be labeled as "progress." Human life should be nurtured in families by a father and mother, not created in a laboratory to ensure certain predetermined genetic traits.

From experiments with animals, we know that 95 to 99 percent of cloned embryos die. Those that survive are often stillborn or die shortly after birth. Those that survive beyond birth face unpredictable and terrible health problems. The prospect of similar results in the cloning of human beings is chilling, and the other body needs to move quickly and decisively to prevent scientists from proceeding with such unethical and shameless experiments.

Now is the time to act. We urge the other body to take a stand on this issue.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Members are reminded not to urge action or inaction by the other body in their comments.

INTRODUCTION OF LEGISLATION CONVEYING PROPERTY TO GAITHERSBURG TO CREATE A CITY PARK

(Mrs. MORELLA asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. MORELLA. Mr. Speaker, I rise to explain legislation that I introduced, H.R. 3355. It is going to transfer Federal property to the city of Gaithersburg. This property is controlled by the National Institute of Standards and Technology. The transfer will help strengthen their existing partnership and enable the city of Gaithersburg to use the property as a city park and provide the community a safe area for children to play and enjoy nature.

It would allow the Department of Commerce to transfer 13.71 acres of Federal property to the city of Gaithersburg to make this planned park a reality. Officials at NIST, such as the acting director, Dr. Karen Brown, and director of administration and CFO, Jorge Urrutia, have expressed their support of the property transfer as have the Mayor of Gaithersburg, Sidney Katz, and the city council of Gaithersburg.

The plans for creating the city park are already under way. The goal of city officials is to build a park that will complement the neighborhood that is adjacent to the land. It is my hope that we can grant this transfer and enable the city of Gaithersburg to provide a safe location for people of all ages.

Mr. Speaker, this is an example of the Federal Government reaching out to a community that is home to many of its employees.

THE QUIET BEATLE IS GONE

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

Mr. INSLEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the humanitarian workers in Afghanistan like the Mercy Corps group who when the Afghani people said, "I need you," they did not respond, "Don't bother me."

I want to tell you, it is a long, long, long and hard road that they are walking.

And their efforts are their own, not paid for by the taxman.

Their work is really something.

And because of their work, someday the Afghani people will be able to say,

“Here comes the sun,” and I say, “It’s all right.”

BRINGING TECHNOLOGY TO THE CLASSROOM

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

Mr. FERGUSON. Mr. Speaker, preparing and educating our students for the global economy of the 21st century must be one of America’s top priorities.

As a father and a former teacher, I am increasingly concerned about the shortage of technology in our Nation’s schools. While there are some 8.2 million instructional computers in our elementary and secondary schools, the additional resources that are needed are startling. At least 5 million new computers are needed at this time, and the number will be higher tomorrow and next month and next year.

There is widespread concern about the academic performance of students in the United States relative to their counterparts in other nations. It is time that we have a clear and focused vision to bring educational technology to the classroom for the sake of our most precious resource, our children.

This week I introduced legislation, House Resolution 295, calling for a commission on technology and education that is comprised of educators, parents and tech industry leaders to help bring technology into the classroom. If we can do this effectively, students will learn the skills they need to prepare for a successful future in our high-tech world.

Let us pass this resolution and give our kids another chance for a brighter future tomorrow in our increasingly competitive world.

URGING ACTION ON ECONOMIC STIMULUS PACKAGE

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

Mr. FOLEY. Mr. Speaker, another Friday has passed, another week is finished in Congress, and we still have no economic stimulus package. We need to urge the other Chamber to work with us to try and get something that will stimulate this economy.

Unemployment numbers are rising. GDP numbers released this morning were weak. We continue to see problems in the economy. Shopping and holiday shopping has dropped dramatically. Tourism in Florida is off 16 percent.

How much more information do you need in the other Chamber? I urge all parties, Democrats, Republicans and independents, on both sides of this Capitol to work together over this weekend and have an economic stimulus bill that will actually cause the economy to move forward. We hope on our side

that at least includes tax relief for hardworking families so they will have more money in their pockets to spend in their community. But there is no excuse for failing to act. I urge this body to move the legislation to the President’s desk so we can get the next quarter of the economy moving in a positive direction.

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SPECIAL ORDERS

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. THORNBERRY). Under the Speaker’s announced policy of January 3, 2001, and under a previous order of the House, the following Members will be recognized for 5 minutes each.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentlewoman from the District of Columbia (Ms. NORTON) is recognized for 5 minutes.

(Ms. NORTON addressed the House. Her remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

AMERICA’S RECESSION

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Indiana (Mr. PENCE) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. PENCE. Mr. Speaker, on September 11 our Nation was mercilessly attacked in New York and in the Pentagon, and we may well have been made subject to biological attacks through the mail since, even some of which arrived at my own congressional office.

The impact of these attacks on our country is incalculable. It has been emotional. It has resulted in spiritual renewal in our country. It has resulted in military activity overseas and activity by the Justice Department in criminal investigations of a historic scope here in America. And, yes, the consequences of September 11 have been economic as well.

The reality is that what we found out this week, Mr. Speaker, is that beginning in March of this year and manifested in newspapers around America on Tuesday, we are in fact in a recession. All people around America know is recession is defined as when there are two consecutive quarters of net negative growth in the GDP, and that sad news arrived on the door steps of Americans this week.

Well, the reality is that the events of September 11, Mr. Speaker, contributed to a weak economy spiraling even further into recession, the recession in which we find ourselves today. Now, these facts may seem obvious. They may not even seem worthy of taking the time of this august Chamber today; but they are not apparently obvious to our colleagues on the other side of the aisle, who we are told in newspapers around America today including the front page of USA Today that political

attack ads will be launched beginning this weekend in markets all across America deriding the George Bush recession.

Let me say again, labeling the economic downturn as the George Bush recession, a key Democrat announced plans Thursday for her party’s first political ad campaign since the attacks on America on September 11.

So I rise today to simply ask the question, Mr. Speaker, whose recession is this? Is it in fact the George Bush recession? Well, let us begin with the facts. As I mentioned earlier a recession is two consecutive quarters of net negative growth in the GDP. That means that the recession in which we find ourselves began on March 1.

I seem to remember that the Presidential campaign was quite divisive. That in fact George W. Bush was not able to form his government until into January and, therefore, he had been President of the United States for approximately 5 weeks, Mr. Speaker, when this recession arrived. Now that to me is an extraordinary judo throw for any human being or any administration. In 5 weeks we are to believe that George W. Bush was such a repellent on the American economy that he drove us into a recession. That is obviously absurd.

But some might be quick on my side of the aisle to say this is not a George Bush recession we are in. It is a Bill Clinton recession we are in and there is certainly evidence to suggest that.

Manufacturers in the automotive industry and the diesel industry in the east central Indiana district that I serve have said that their orders were off beginning in the fourth quarter of the year 2000. The National Association of Manufacturers estimated that without an energy policy in America, fuel prices soared in 1999 and 2000, costing the economy more than \$115 billion, dragging down manufacturers and sending us into a recession.

But I am not here today, Mr. Speaker, to exploit national tragedy for political gain. So I do not stand in this Chamber even to say this is a Bill Clinton recession.

So whose recession is it, Mr. Speaker? Is it George W. Bush’s? Is it Bill Clinton’s? Is it the terrorists’ who attacked our country on September 11? The truth of the matter is, Mr. Speaker, it is none of the above. It is simply America’s recession.

The people of the United States of America learned a powerful lesson on September 11, and that is we are all in this together, that united we stand. The American people have rightly had much less patience for small-minded partisan bickering and finger pointing since September 11, and I suspect that my colleagues on the other side of the aisle who would seize this moment for political advantage, to lay this multi-year recession driven even farther down by the terrorist attacks may well pay a penalty at the ballot box for their exploitation.

Let us work together to pass an economic stimulus package in a bipartisan way. Let us get this economy moving together.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from California (Ms. MILLENDER-McDONALD) is recognized for 5 minutes.

(Ms. MILLENDER-McDONALD addressed the House. Her remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

WORLD AIDS DAY

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Florida (Mr. FOLEY) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. FOLEY. Mr. Speaker, since 1988 December 1 has been known as World AIDS Day. World AIDS Day emerged from the call by the World Summit of the Ministers of Health on Programmes for AIDS prevention in January of 1988 to open channels of communication, strengthen the exchange of information and experience, and forge a spirit of social tolerance. Since then World AIDS Day has received the support of the World Health Assembly, the United Nations system and governments, communities and individuals around the world. Each year, it is the only international day of coordinated action against AIDS.

Today in the Washington Post I have read Kofi Annan, who is the Secretary General of the United Nations, entered this editorial comment: "Every day more than 8,000 people die of AIDS. Every hour almost 600 people become infected. Every minute a child dies of the virus. Just as life and death goes on after September 11, so must we continue our fight against the HIV and AIDS epidemic. Before the terrorist attack two months ago, tremendous momentum had been achieved in that fight. To lose it now would be to compound one tragedy with another.

"New figures released in advance of World AIDS Day, December 1, show that more than 40 million people are now living with the virus. The vast majority of them are in sub-Saharan Africa, where the devastation is so acute that it has become one of the major obstacles to development. But parts of the Caribbean and Asia are not far behind and the pandemic is spreading at an alarming rate in Eastern Europe. For too long global progress and facing up to AIDS was painfully slow, and nowhere near commensurate with the challenge. But in the past year for much of the international community, the magnitude of this crisis has finally begun to sink in. Never in the 2 long decades that the world has faced this growing catastrophe have there been such a sense of common resolve and collective possibility.

"Public opinion has been mobilized by the media and nongovernmental or-

ganizations and activists, by doctors and economists and by people living with the disease. Pharmaceutical companies have made their AIDS drugs more affordable in poor countries, and a growing number of corporations have created programs to provide both prevention and treatment for employees in the wider community. Foundations are making increasingly imaginative and generous contributions, both financial and intellectual in prevention, in reducing mother-to-child transmission and the search for the vaccine.

"In a growing number of countries, an effective prevention campaign has been launched. There has been an increased recognition about donors in the most affected countries of the link between prevention and treatment."

This is General Kofi Annan's statement today in the Washington Post. Let me underscore how tragic it is: 7,000 people in sub-Saharan Africa die each day. Seven thousand people, almost double those killed in the World Trade Center. Seven thousand a day in sub-Saharan Africa.

It is an international issue that we must grapple with. I am proud to say President Bush has committed \$200 million to the global fund to fight HIV and AIDS. The global fund has right now pledges totalling \$1.5 billion and I am proud to see our President, George Bush, committed to this goal and providing financial response and support.

I am asking Congress for an additional \$1 billion for the fund, and I hope we are able to do that.

Today we should reflect on those lost and use their memories to fuel our efforts to eradicate this pandemic. This is one of the most serious health challenges we have faced and will face in my lifetime. I pledge as a Member of this body to continue to work with our leaders, the Speaker of the House and others, in order to effectuate a solid policy that helps care for those suffering from this dreaded disease. We can find a way to not only, we pray, create a vaccine, but eradicate this scourge among mankind. But we must particularly set our sights on sub-Saharan Africa and other places because of the poverty and because of the lack of knowledge and because a lack of medical care and treatment is ravaging and destroying the humanity that lives there.

I pledge my support and I know Congress joins us today as we salute World AIDS Day tomorrow morning in our global fight against this disease.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Texas (Ms. JACKSON-LEE) is recognized for 5 minutes.

(Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas addressed the House. Her remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

FOR THE LONG HAUL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gen-

tleman from Minnesota (Mr. GUTKNECHT) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. GUTKNECHT. Mr. Speaker, in the pre-dawn hours of April 12, 1861, Confederate General P.G.T. Beauregard gave the order to fire on Fort Sumter. After 34 hours of bombardment, a white flag ended the first battle of the Civil War.

The only casualty was a Confederate horse. Later a Northern Congressman predicted that we could, "wipe up with one handkerchief the blood that would be spilled in putting down the rebellion." He was wrong.

As the Northern Alliance supported by our bombers and Special Forces roll across Afghanistan, I fear the same overconfidence taking root here in Congress.

In the words of the poet, "We have miles to go before we sleep." So it is with the war on terrorism.

Many ask me what will come next. The answer is embedded in the question. We all know that there will be a next. It is important that those who advance terrorism not know when.

It is important that we understand that the coming phase probably will not be as painless in defeating the Taliban. Other countries do not offer ready-made freedom fighters like the Northern Alliance. We must also brace ourselves for potential news blackouts. I pray that any future deployments of our Special Forces into other countries will not be announced on CNBC. SEAL teams do their best work away from the glare of Klieg lights.

Our commander in chief has made it clear from the very beginning, this will be a long war involving many countries that harbor terrorism.

It began at a time of their choosing. It will end at a time and under the terms that we decide. We must not become overconfident. It will take many handkerchiefs. There will be casualties, both American and innocent civilians. But I have no doubt that we will prevail. And in the end, we will leave to future generations a much safer planet. To victory.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from New York (Mr. ENGEL) is recognized for 5 minutes.

(Mr. ENGEL addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from North Carolina (Mrs. CLAYTON) is recognized for 5 minutes.

(Mrs. CLAYTON addressed the House. Her remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Mr. BECERRA (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT) for today on account of personal business.

SPECIAL ORDERS GRANTED

By unanimous consent, permission to address the House, following the legislative program and any special orders heretofore entered, was granted to:

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. UDALL of New Mexico) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Ms. NORTON, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. MILLENDER-McDONALD, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. ENGEL, for 5 minutes, today.

Mrs. CLAYTON, for 5 minutes, today.

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. FOLEY) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. PENCE, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. FOLEY, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. GUTKNECHT, for 5 minutes, today.

SENATE BILL REFERRED

A joint resolution of the Senate of the following title was taken from the Speaker's table and, under the rule, referred as follows:

S.J. Res. 26. Joint resolution providing for the appointment of Patricia Q. Stonesifer as a citizen regent of the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution; to the Committee on House Administration.

SENATE ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

The SPEAKER announced his signature to enrolled bills of the Senate of the following titles:

S. 1459. An act to designate the Federal building and United States courthouse located at 550 West Fort Street in Boise, Idaho, as the "James A. McClure Federal Building and United States Courthouse".

S. 1573. An act to authorize the provision of educational and health care assistance to the women and children of Afghanistan.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. GUTKNECHT. Mr. Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 10 o'clock and 45 minutes a.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until Tuesday, December 4, 2001, at 12:30 p.m., for morning hour debates.

OATH OF OFFICE

The oath of office required by the sixth article of the Constitution of the United States, and as provided by section 2 of the act of May 13, 1884 (23 Stat. 22), to be administered to Members, Resident Commissioner, and Delegates of the House of Representatives, the text of which is carried in 5 U.S.C. 3331:

I, AB, do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same;

that I take this obligation freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion; and that I will well and faithfully discharge the duties of the office on which I am about to enter. So help me God.

has been subscribed to in person and filed in duplicate with the Clerk of the House of Representatives by the following Member of the 107th Congress, pursuant to the provisions of 2 U.S.C. 25:

Honorable JOHN BOOZMAN 3rd Arkansas.

OATH FOR ACCESS TO CLASSIFIED INFORMATION

Under clause 13 of rule XXIII, the following Members executed the oath for access to classified information:

Neil Abercrombie, Aníbal Acevedo-Vilá, Gary L. Ackerman, Robert B. Aderholt, W. Todd Akin, Thomas H. Allen, Robert E. Andrews, Richard K. Armey, Joe Baca, Spencer Bachus, Brian Baird, Richard H. Baker, John Elias E. Baldacci, Tammy Baldwin, Cass Ballenger, James A. Barcia, Bob Barr, Thomas M. Barrett, Roscoe G. Bartlett, Joe Barton, Charles F. Bass, Xavier Becerra, Ken Bentsen, Doug Bereuter, Shelley Berkley, Howard L. Berman, Marion Berry, Judy Biggert, Michael Bilirakis, Sanford D. Bishop, Jr., Rod R. Blagojevich, Earl Blumenauer, Roy Blunt, Sherwood L. Boehlert, John A. Boehner, Henry Bonilla, David E. Bonior, Mary Bono, John Boozman, Robert A. Borski, Leonard L. Boswell, Rick Boucher, Allen Boyd, Kevin Brady, Robert A. Brady, Corrine Brown, Sherrod Brown, Henry E. Brown, Jr., Ed Bryant, Richard Burr, Dan Burton, Steve Buyer, Sonny Callahan, Ken Calvert, Dave Camp, Chris Cannon, Eric Cantor, Shelley More Capito, Lois Capps, Michael E. Capuano, Benjamin L. Cardin, Brad Carson, Julia Carson, Michael N. Castle, Steve Chabot, Saxby Chambliss, Donna M. Christensen, Wm. Lacy Clay, Eva M. Clayton, Bob Clement, James E. Clyburn, Howard Coble, Mac Collins, Larry Combest, Gary A. Condit, John Cooksey, Jerry F. Costello, Christopher Cox, William J. Coyne, Robert E. (Bud) Cramer, Jr., Philip P. Crane, Ander Crenshaw, Joseph Crowley, Barbara Cubin, John Abney Culberson, Elijah E. Cummings, Randy "Duke" Cunningham, Danny K. Davis, Jim Davis, Jo Ann Davis, Susan A. Davis, Thomas M. Davis, Nathan Deal, Peter A. DeFazio, Diana DeGette, William D. Delahunt, Rosa L. DeLauro, Tom DeLay, Jim DeMint, Peter Deutsch, Lincoln Diaz-Balart, Norman D. Dicks, John D. Dingell, Lloyd Doggett, Calvin M. Dooley, John T. Doolittle, Michael F. Doyle, David Dreier, John J. Duncan, Jr., Jennifer Dunn, Chet Edwards, Vernon J. Ehlers, Robert L. Ehrlich, Jr., Jo Ann Emerson, Eliot L. Engel, Phil English, Anna G. Eshoo, Bob Etheridge, Lane Evans, Terry Everett, Eni F. H. Faleomavaega, Sam Farr, Chaka Fattah, Mike Ferguson, Bob Fil-

ner, Jeff Flake, Ernie Fletcher, Mark Foley, J. Randy Forbes, Harold E. Ford, Jr., Vito Fossella, Barney Frank, Rodney P. Frelinghuysen, Martin Frost, Elton Gallegly, Greg Ganske, George W. Gekas, Richard A. Gephardt, Jim Gibbons, Wayne T. Gilchrest, Paul E. Gillmor, Benjamin A. Gilman, Charles A. Gonzalez, Virgil H. Goode, Jr., Bob Goodlatte, Bart Gordon, Porter J. Gross, Lindsey O. Graham, Kay Granger, Sam Graves, Gene Green, Mark Green, James C. Greenwood, Felix J. Grucci, Jr., Luis Gutierrez, Gil Gutknecht, Ralph M. Hall, Tony P. Hall, James V. Hansen, Jane Harman, Melissa A. Hart, J. Dennis Hastert, Alcee L. Hastings, Doc Hastings, Robert Hayes, J. D. Hayworth, Joel Hefley, Wally Herger, Baron P. Hill, Van Hilleary, Earl F. Hilliard, Maurice D. Hinchey, Rubén Hinojosa, David L. Hobson, Joseph M. Hoeffel, Peter Hoekstra, Tim Holden, Rush D. Holt, Michael M. Honda, Darlene Hooley, Stephen Horn, John N. Hostettler, Amo Houghton, Steny H. Hoyer, Kenny C. Holshof, Duncan Hunter, Henry J. Hyde, Jay Inslee, Johnny Isakson, Steve Israel, Darrell E. Issa, Ernest J. Istook, Jr., Jesse L. Jackson, Jr., Sheila Jackson-Lee, William J. Jefferson, William L. Jenkins, Christopher John, Eddie Bernice Johnson, Nancy L. Johnson, Sam Houston, Timothy V. Johnson, Stephanie Tubbs Jones, Walter B. Jones, Paul E. Kanjorski, Marcy Kaptur, Ric Keller, Sue W. Kelly, Mark R. Kennedy, Patrick J. Kennedy, Brian D. Kerns, Dale E. Kildee, Carolyn C. Kilpatrick, Ron Kind, Peter T. King, Jack Kingston, Mark Steven Kirk, Gerald D. Kleczka, Joe Knollenberg, Jim Kolbe, Dennis J. Kucinich, John J. LaFalce, Ray LaHood, Nick Lampson, James R. Langevin, Tom Lantos, Steve Largent, Rick Larsen, John B. Larson, Tom Latham, Steven C. LaTourette, James A. Leach, Barbara Lee, Sander M. Levin, Jerry Lewis, John Lewis, Ron Lewis, John Linder, William O. Lipinski, Frank A. LoBiondo, Zoe Lofgren, Nita M. Lowey, Frank D. Lucas, Ken Lucas, Bill Luther, Stephen F. Lynch, Carolyn B. Maloney, James H. Maloney, Donald A. Manzullo, Edward J. Markey, Frank Mascara, Jim Matheson, Robert T. Matsui, Carolyn McCarthy, Karen McCarthy, Betty McCollum, Jim McCreery, James P. McGovern, John McHugh, Scott McInnis, Mike McIntyre, Howard P. McKeon, Cynthia A. McKinney, Michael R. McNulty, Martin T. Meehan, Carrie P. Meek, Gregory W. Meeks, Robert Menendez, John L. Mica, Juanita Millender-McDonald, Dan Miller, Gary G. Miller, George Miller, Jeff Miller, Pasty T. Mink, Alan B. Mollohan, Dennis Moore, James P. Moran, Jerry Moran, Constance A. Morella, John P. Murtha, Sue Wilkins Myrick, Jerrold Nadler, Grace F. Napolitano, Richard E. Neal, George R. Nethercutt, Jr., Robert W. Ney, Anne M. Northup, Eleanor Holmes Norton, Charlie Norwood, Jim Nussle, James L. Oberstar, David R. Obey, John W. Olver, Solomon P. Ortiz, Tom

Osborne, Doug Ose, C. L. Otter, Major R. Owens, Michael G. Oxley, Frank Pallone, Jr., Bill Pascrell, Jr., Ed Pastor, Ron Paul, Donald M. Payne, Nancy Pelosi, Mike Pence, Collin C. Peterson, John E. Peterson, Thomas E. Petri, David D. Phelps, Charles W. Pickering, Joseph R. Pitts, Todd Russell Platts, Richard W. Pombo, Earl Pomeroy, Rob Portman, David E. Price, Deborah Pryce, Adam H. Putnam, Jack Quinn, George Radanovich, Nick J. Rahall, II, Jim Ramstad, Charles B. Rangel, Ralph Regula, Dennis R. Rehberg, Silvestre Reyes, Thomas M. Reynolds, Bob Riley, Lynn N. Rivers, Ciro D. Rodriguez, Tim Roemer, Harold Rogers, Mike Rogers, Dana Rohrabacher, Ileana Ros-Lehtinen, Mike Ross, Steven R. Rothman, Marge Roukema, Lucille Roybal-Allard, Edward R. Royce, Bobby L. Rush, Paul Ryan, Jim Ryun, Martin Olav Sabo, Loretta Sanchez, Bernard Sanders, Max Sandlin, Tom Sawyer, Jim Saxton, Bob Schaffer, Janice D. Schakowsky, Adam B. Schiff, Edward L. Schrock, Robert C. Scott, F. James Sensenbrenner, Jr., José E. Serrano, Pete Sessions, John B. Shadegg, E. Clay Shaw, Jr., Christopher Shays, Brad Sherman, Don Sherwood, John Shimkus, Ronnie Shows, Bill Shuster, Rob Simmons, Michael K. Simpson, Joe Skeen, Ike Skelton, Louise McIntosh Slaughter, Adam Smith, Christopher H. Smith, Lamar S. Smith, Nick Smith, Vic Snyder, Hilda L. Solis, Mark E. Souder, Floyd Spence, John N. Spratt, Jr., Fortney Pete Stark, Cliff Stearns, Charles W. Stenholm, Ted Strickland, Bob Stump, Bart Stupak, John E. Sununu, John E. Sweeney, Thomas G. Tancredo, John S. Tanner, Ellen O. Tauscher, W.J. (Billy) Tauzin, Charles H. Taylor, Gene Taylor, Lee Terry, William M. Thomas, Bennie G. Thompson, Mike Thompson, Mac Thornberry, John R. Thune, Karen L. Thurman, Todd Tiahrt, Patrick J. Tiberi, John F. Tierney, Patrick J. Toomey, Edolphus Towns, James A. Traficant, Jr., Jim Turner, Mark Udall, Tom Udall, Robert A. Underwood, Fred Upton, Nydia M. Velázquez, Peter J. Visclosky, David Vitter, Greg Walden, James T. Walsh, Zach Wamp, Maxine Waters, Wes Watkins, Diane E. Watson, Melvin L. Watt, J.C. Watts, Jr., Henry A. Waxman, Anthony D. Weiner, Curt Weldon, Dave Weldon, Jerry Weller, Robert Wexler, Ed Whitfield, Roger F. Wicker, Heather Wilson, Frank R. Wolf, Lynn C. Woolsey, David Wu, Albert Russell Wynn, C.W. Bill Young, Don Young,

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 8 of rule XII, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

4670. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting certification of a proposed license for the export of defense articles or defense services sold under a contract to France (Transmittal No. DTC 134-01), pursu-

ant to 22 U.S.C. 2776(c); to the Committee on International Relations.

4671. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting certification of a proposed license for the export of defense articles or defense services sold under a contract to the United Kingdom (Transmittal No. DTC 133-01), pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2776(c); to the Committee on International Relations.

4672. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting certification of a proposed license for the export of defense articles or defense services sold under a contract to India (Transmittal No. DTC 160-01), pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2776(c); to the Committee on International Relations.

4673. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting certification of a proposed license for the export of defense articles or defense services sold under a contract to Japan (Transmittal No. DTC 131-01), pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2776(c); to the Committee on International Relations.

4674. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting certification of a proposed Manufacturing License Agreement with Japan [Transmittal No. DTC 130-01], pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2776(d); to the Committee on International Relations.

4675. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting certification of a proposed Manufacturing License Agreement with the United Kingdom [Transmittal No. DTC 139-01], pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2776(d); to the Committee on International Relations.

4676. A letter from the Assistant Attorney General, Department of Justice, transmitting a report entitled, "Review of the Restrictions on Persons of Italian Ancestry During World War II," in accordance with Section 3 of the Wartime Violation of Italian American Civil Liberties Act, Public Law 106-451; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

4677. A letter from the Chief, Regulations and Administrative Law, USCG, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Security Zone; Lake Erie, Monroe, Michigan [CGD09-01-135] (RIN: 2115-AA97) received November 16, 2001, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

4678. A letter from the Chief, Regulations and Administrative Law, USCG, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Security Zone; Lake Erie, Toledo, Ohio [CGD09-01-136] (RIN: 2115-AA97) received November 16, 2001, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

4679. A letter from the Chief, Regulations and Administrative Law, USCG, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Security Zone; San Francisco Bay, San Francisco, CA [COTP San Francisco Bay 01-008] (RIN: 2115-AA97) received November 16, 2001, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

4680. A letter from the Chief, Regulations and Administrative Law, USCG, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Safety and Security Zones; New York Marine Inspection Zone and Captain of the Port Zone [CGD01-01-170] (RIN: 2115-AA97) received November 16, 2001, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

4681. A letter from the Chief, Regulations and Administrative Law, USCG, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Safety Zone; Lake St. Clair, Grosse Pointe Yacht Club, Grosse

Point Shores, MI [CGD09-01-132] (RIN: 2115-AA97) November 16, 2001, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

4682. A letter from the Chief, Regulations and Administrative Law, USCG, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Safety and Security Zones; Newport Naval Station, Newport, RI [CGD01-01-148] (RIN: 2115-AA97) November 16, 2001, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

4683. A letter from the Chief, Regulations and Administrative Law, USCG, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Safety and Security Zones; Port of New York/New Jersey [CGD01-01-102] (RIN: 2115-AA97) November 16, 2001, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

4684. A letter from the Chief, Regulations and Administrative Law, USCG, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Drawbridge Operation Regulations; Dorchester Bay, MA [CGD01-01-142] (RIN: 2115-AE47) received November 16, 2001, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

4685. A letter from the Chief, Regulations and Administrative Law, USCG, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Drawbridge Operation Regulations; Harlem River, NY [CGD01-01-157] received November 16, 2001, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

4686. A letter from the Chief, Regulations and Administrative Law, USCG, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Drawbridge Operation Regulations; Harlem River, Newtown Creek, NY [CGD01-01-180] (RIN: 2115-AE47) received November 19, 2001, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

4687. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulations Management, Department of Veterans' Affairs, transmitting the Department's "Major" final rule—Copayments for Medications (RIN: 2900-AK85) received November 30, 2001, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

4688. A letter from the Regulations Officer, Social Security Administration, transmitting the Administration's "Major" final rule—Revised Medical Criteria for Determination of Disability, Musculoskeletal System and Related Criteria [Regulations Nos. 4 and 16] (RIN: 0960-AB01) received November 30, 2001, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES ON PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XIII, reports of committees were delivered to the Clerk for printing and reference to the proper calendar, as follows:

Mr. SENSENBRENNER: Committee on the Judiciary. H.R. 3030. A bill to extend the "Basic Pilot" employment verification system, and for other purposes; with amendments (Rept. 107-310 Pt. 1).

Mr. BOEHLERT: Committee on Science. H.R. 64. A bill to provide for the establishment of the position of Deputy Administrator for Science and Technology of the Environmental Protection Agency, and for other purposes; with an amendment (Rept. 107-311). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

DISCHARGE OF COMMITTEE

Pursuant to clause 2 of rule XII the Committee on Education and the Workforce discharged from further consideration. H.R. 3030 referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union and ordered to be printed.

DISCHARGE FROM UNION
CALENDAR

Under clause 5 of rule X, the following action was taken by the Speaker:

H.R. 2481. The Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union discharged, and referred to the Committee on Armed Services for a period ending not later than February 15, 2002, for consideration of such provisions of the bill and amendment as fall within the jurisdiction of the Committee on Armed Services pursuant to clause 1(c), rule X.

TIME LIMITATION OF REFERRED
BILL

Pursuant to clause 2 of rule XII the following action was taken by the Speaker:

H.R. 3030. Referral to the Committee on Education and the Workforce extended for a period ending not later than November 30, 2001.

PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XII, public bills and resolutions were introduced and severally referred, as follows:

By Mr. TERRY:

H.R. 3387. A bill to amend the Fair Credit Reporting Act to extend the limitation on actions, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Financial Services, and in addi-

tion to the Committee on the Judiciary, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. ENGLISH (for himself and Mr. DEUTSCH):

H.R. 3388. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to adjust the fee for collecting specimens for clinical diagnostic laboratory tests under the Medicare Program; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Ways and Means, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. GILCREST:

H.R. 3389. A bill to reauthorize the National Sea Grant College Program Act, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Resources.

By Mr. SHOWS (for himself and Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi):

H.R. 3390. A bill to provide consistent treatment of overtime, night, and holiday inspection and quarantine services performed by employees of the Department of Agriculture; to the Committee on Government Reform, and in addition to the Committee on Agriculture, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

ADDITIONAL SPONSORS

Under clause 7 of rule XII, sponsors were added to public bills and resolutions as follows:

H.R. 13: Ms. CARSON of Indiana.
H.R. 280: Mr. ISTOOK.
H.R. 303: Mr. TOOMEY.
H.R. 488: Mr. STARK and Mr. GREENWOOD.
H.R. 656: Mr. WATKINS.
H.R. 1220: Mr. RUSH.
H.R. 1331: Mr. FLAKE.
H.R. 1405: Mrs. LOWEY.

H.R. 1543: Mr. FORD.
H.R. 1779: Mr. WAMP.
H.R. 1782: Mr. PLATTS.
H.R. 2623: Mr. UDALL of Colorado.
H.R. 2723: Mr. CLEMENT and Mrs. BONO.
H.R. 2935: Mr. GUTIERREZ.
H.R. 2949: Mr. THOMPSON of California, Mr. PRICE of North Carolina, Mr. MCGOVERN, Mr. MATSUI, Ms. LEE, Mr. FALCOMA, and Mr. FROST.
H.R. 3006: Mr. SOUDER.
H.R. 3046: Mr. HONDA.
H.R. 3054: Mr. HINCHEY and Mr. KINGSTON.
H.R. 3101: Mr. HOYER.
H.R. 3143: Mr. KING, Ms. BROWN of Florida, Mr. CANTOR, Mr. BOEHLERT, Mr. BOUCHER, Mr. MCGOVERN, Ms. MCKINNEY, and Mr. RANGEL.
H.R. 3185: Mr. KING, Mr. BROWN of Ohio, Mr. SHIMKUS, and Mr. LAHOOD.
H.R. 3223: Mr. CAMP, Mr. MCINNIS, and Mr. EHRlich.
H.R. 3230: Mr. REYNOLDS.
H.R. 3278: Mr. PAYNE.
H.R. 3352: Mr. MOLLOHAN.
H.J. Res. 6: Mr. TIERNEY.
H. Con. Res. 250: Mr. STUPAK, Mr. KILDEE, Mr. HOYER, and Mr. PLATTS.
H. Con. Res. 279: Mr. ORTIZ, Mr. BARTLETT of Maryland, Mr. WHITFIELD, Mr. CAPUANO, Ms. MCKINNEY, Mr. LANGEVIN, Mr. MORAN of Virginia, Mr. KIRK, Mr. BURTON of Indiana, Mr. ISAKSON, and Mr. BAKER.
H. Res. 298: Mr. PLATTS and Mrs. ROUNKEMA.
H. Res. 300: Mr. ALLEN, Mr. GRUCCI, Mr. MASCARA, Mrs. MINK of Hawaii, Mr. TIERNEY, and Mr. MARKEY.

DISCHARGE PETITIONS—
ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS

The following Members added their names to the following discharge petitions:

Petition 4, by Mr. CUNNINGHAM on House Resolution 271: Carolyn McCarthy, Charlie Norwood, Gene Green, and Patrick J. Kennedy.