

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
Biggert	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. THORNBERRY). 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,