

week after that point before we could possibly have this bill close to coming back to the House and probably a significant number of additional days.

I would add to that that, obviously, the Senate is not going to be in a position, based on what has been happening over there, to conclude this bill today.

So I have asked these questions, Mr. Speaker, in order to indicate my judgment that the date of December 15 for the expiration of this continuing resolution is incredibly optimistic. I do not think it, in fact, recognizes reality, and that it seems to me that if we are trying to extend this CR to the point where we think that the Congress will actually finish its work for this year that the date would have to be significantly later, I regret to say.

I would also say, continuing under my reservation, that with respect to the homeland security issue which the gentleman has mentioned, as I think has been obvious around this town for years, Congress often loses the off button at the end of the session. I do not know who has it, but, obviously, it is a whole lot easier to hit the start-up button for a congressional session than it is to find the off button at the end of the year, and whoever has that off button, I wish they would come forward, or we are going to be sitting here Christmas Eve still not having our work done.

I would also say that I think one of the keys to finding that off button is a willingness to compromise. I wish I thought I could see that on the part of the White House, especially on the part of OMB, with respect to the homeland security package. What is at stake in that package is, very simply, the security of every American citizen on the home front. With something that is that important, in order for Congress to finish its business on that item, for instance, we need a spirit of cooperation on both sides.

I must say I do not find that kind of spirit of cooperation coming from the White House on this item when we are called down to the White House for a meeting and, before we can get a word out of our mouths to explain what it is that our concerns are about home-based security, we are told immediately, "Fellows, no matter what you are about to say, we are going to veto anything that you are thinking before we have even heard what it is you are thinking of." I do not think that is a way to promote compromise, and I do not think that creates the right atmosphere for resolving differences.

So I would simply say that I believe that, while I am not going to object to this, Mr. Speaker, I think December 15 is unreasonably optimistic, unless we have a major attitude adjustment on the part of OMB, and I have not detected a spectacular capacity of that agency to provide that.

Mr. OBEY. Mr. Speaker, I withdraw my reservation of objection.

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

There was no objection.

The Clerk read the joint resolution, as follows:

H.J. RES. 76

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That Public Law 107-44 is further amended by striking the date specified in section 107(c) and inserting in lieu thereof "December 15, 2001".

The joint resolution was ordered to be engrossed and read a third time, was read the third time, and passed, and a motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the Chair will now put the question on three motions to suspend the rules on which further proceedings were postponed yesterday.

Votes will be taken in the following order:

H. Con. Res. 242, by the yeas and nays;

H.R. 3348, by the yeas and nays;

H. Con. Res. 102, by the yeas and nays.

H. Res. 298 will be postponed until later today.

The Chair will reduce to 5 minutes the time for any electronic vote after the first such vote in this series.

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The SPEAKER pro tempore. The unfinished business is the question of suspending the rules and agreeing to the concurrent resolution, H. Con. Res. 242.

The Clerk read the title of the concurrent resolution.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Iowa (Mr. LEACH) that the House suspend the rules and agree to the concurrent resolution, H. Con. Res. 242, on which the yeas and nays are ordered.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 404, nays 1, not voting 28, as follows:

[Roll No. 469]

YEAS—404

Abercrombie	Bereuter	Brown (OH)	Clayton	Hobson	Moran (VA)
Ackerman	Berkley	Brown (SC)	Clement	Hoeffel	Morella
Aderholt	Berry	Bryant	Clyburn	Hoekstra	Murtha
Akin	Biggert	Burr	Coble	Holden	Myrick
Allen	Bilirakis	Burton	Collins	Holt	Nadler
Armey	Bishop	Buyer	Combest	Honda	Napolitano
Baca	Blagojevich	Callahan	Condit	Hooley	Neal
Bachus	Blumenauer	Calvert	Conyers	Horn	Nethercutt
Baird	Blunt	Camp	Cooksey	Houghton	Northup
Baker	Boehler	Cannon	Costello	Hoyer	Norwood
Baldacci	Boehner	Cantor	Cox	Hulshof	Nussle
Baldwin	Bonilla	Capito	Coyne	Hunter	Oberstar
Ballenger	Bonior	Capps	Cramer	Hyde	Obey
Barcia	Bono	Capuano	Crane	Inslee	Olver
Barr	Borski	Cardin	Crenshaw	Isakson	Ortiz
Barrett	Boswell	Carson (IN)	Crowley	Israel	Osborne
Bartlett	Boucher	Carson (OK)	Culberson	Issa	Ose
Barton	Boyd	Castle	Cunningham	Istook	Otter
Bass	Brady (PA)	Chabot	Davis (CA)	Jackson (IL)	Owens
Becerra	Brady (TX)	Chambliss	Davis (FL)	Jackson-Lee	Oxley
Bentsen	Brown (FL)	Clay	Davis (IL)	(TX)	Pallone
			Davis, Jo Ann	Jefferson	Pascarell
			Davis, Tom	Jenkins	Pastor
			Deal	John	Payne
			DeGette	Johnson (IL)	Pence
			Delahunt	Johnson, E. B.	Peterson (MN)
			DeLauro	Jones (NC)	Peterson (PA)
			DeLay	Jones (OH)	Petri
			DeMint	Kanjorski	Phelps
			Deutsch	Kaptur	Pickering
			Diaz-Balart	Keller	Pitts
			Dicks	Kelly	Platts
			Dingell	Kennedy (MN)	Pombo
			Doggett	Kennedy (RI)	Pomeroy
			Dooley	Kerns	Portman
			Doolittle	Kildee	Price (NC)
			Doyle	Kilpatrick	Pryce (OH)
			Dreier	Kind (WI)	Putnam
			Duncan	King (NY)	Radanovich
			Dunn	Kirk	Rahall
			Edwards	Kleccka	Ramstad
			Ehlers	Knollenberg	Rangel
			Ehrlich	Kolbe	Regula
			Emerson	LaFalce	Rehberg
			Engel	LaHood	Reynolds
			English	Lampson	Riley
			Eshoo	Langevin	Rivers
			Etheridge	Lantos	Rodriguez
			Evans	Largent	Roemer
			Everett	Larsen (WA)	Rogers (KY)
			Farr	Larson (CT)	Rogers (MI)
			Fattah	Latham	Rohrabacher
			Ferguson	Leach	Ros-Lehtinen
			Filner	Lee	Ross
			Flake	Levin	Rothman
			Fletcher	Lewis (CA)	Royal-Allard
			Foley	Lewis (GA)	Royce
			Forbes	Lewis (KY)	Rush
			Ford	Linder	Ryan (WI)
			Fossella	Lipinski	Ryun (KS)
			Frank	LoBiondo	Sabo
			Frelinghuysen	Lofgren	Sanders
			Frost	Lowey	Sandlin
			Gallely	Lucas (KY)	Sawyer
			Ganske	Lucas (OK)	Saxton
			Gekas	Luther	Schaffer
			Gephardt	Lynch	Schakowsky
			Gibbons	Maloney (CT)	Schiff
			Gilchrest	Maloney (NY)	Schrock
			Gillmor	Manzullo	Scott
			Gilman	Markey	Sensenbrenner
			Gonzalez	Mascara	Serrano
			Goode	Matheson	Sessions
			Goodlatte	Matsui	Shadegg
			Gordon	McCarthy (MO)	Shaw
			Goss	McCarthy (NY)	Shays
			Graham	McCollum	Sherman
			Granger	McCrery	Sherwood
			Graves	McDermott	Shimkus
			Green (TX)	McGovern	Shows
			Green (WI)	McHugh	Shuster
			Greenwood	McInnis	Simmons
			Grucci	McIntyre	Simpson
			Gutknecht	McKeon	Skeen
			Hall (OH)	McKinney	Skelton
			Hall (TX)	McNulty	Slaughter
			Hansen	Meeks (NY)	Smith (MI)
			Harman	Menendez	Smith (NJ)
			Hart	Mica	Smith (TX)
			Hastings (FL)	Millender-	Smith (WA)
			Hastings (WA)	McDonald	Snyder
			Hayes	Miller, Dan	Solis
			Hayworth	Miller, Gary	Spratt
			Herger	Miller, George	Stark
			Hill	Miller, Jeff	Stearns
			Hilleary	Mink	Stenholm
			Hilliard	Mollohan	Strickland
			Hinches	Moore	Stump
			Hinojosa	Moran (KS)	Stupak