

So the motion to recommit was rejected.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. SIMPSON). The question is on the passage of the bill.

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

RECORDED VOTE

Mr. CONYERS. Mr. Speaker, I demand a recorded vote.

A recorded vote was ordered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. This will be a 5-minute vote.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—ayes 229, noes 196, answered “present” 1, not voting 8, as follows:

[Roll No. 64]

AYES—229

Aderholt	Ferguson	McHugh
Akin	Fletcher	McInnis
Baker	Foley	McKeon
Ballenger	Forbes	Mica
Barrett (SC)	Fossella	Miller (FL)
Bartlett (MD)	Franks (AZ)	Miller (MI)
Barton (TX)	Frelinghuysen	Miller, Gary
Bass	Gallegly	Moran (KS)
Beauprez	Garrett (NJ)	Murphy
Bereuter	Gerlach	Murtha
Biggett	Gibbons	Musgrave
Bilirakis	Gillmor	Myrick
Bishop (UT)	Gingrey	Nethercutt
Blackburn	Goode	Ney
Blunt	Goodlatte	Northup
Boehlert	Gordon	Norwood
Boehner	Goss	Nunes
Bonilla	Granger	Nussle
Bonner	Graves	Osborne
Bono	Green (WI)	Ose
Boozman	Greenwood	Otter
Boyd	Gutknecht	Oxley
Bradley (NH)	Hall	Pearce
Brady (TX)	Harris	Pence
Brown (SC)	Hart	Peterson (MN)
Brown-Waite,	Hastings (WA)	Peterson (PA)
Ginny	Hayes	Petri
Burgess	Hayworth	Pickering
Burns	Hefley	Pitts
Burr	Hensarling	Platts
Burton (IN)	Herger	Pombo
Buyer	Hobson	Pomeroy
Calvert	Hoekstra	Porter
Camp	Holden	Portman
Cannon	Hostettler	Pryce (OH)
Cantor	Houghton	Putnam
Capito	Hulshof	Quinn
Cardoza	Hunter	Radanovich
Carter	Isakson	Ramstad
Castle	Issa	Regula
Chabot	Janklow	Rehberg
Chocola	Johnson (CT)	Renzi
Cole	Johnson, Sam	Reynolds
Collins	Jones (NC)	Rogers (AL)
Cox	Keller	Rogers (KY)
Cramer	Kelly	Rogers (MI)
Crane	Kennedy (MN)	Rohrabacher
Crenshaw	King (IA)	Ros-Lehtinen
Cubin	Kingston	Royce
Culberson	Kirk	Ryan (WI)
Cunningham	Kline	Ryun (KS)
Davis (TN)	Knollenberg	Saxton
Davis, Jo Ann	Kolbe	Schrock
Davis, Tom	LaHood	Scott (GA)
Deal (GA)	Latham	Sensenbrenner
DeLay	LaTourette	Sessions
DeMint	Leach	Shadegg
Diaz-Balart, M.	Lewis (CA)	Shaw
Dooley (CA)	Lewis (KY)	Shays
Dreier	Linder	Sherwood
Duncan	LoBiondo	Shimkus
Dunn	Lucas (KY)	Simmons
Ehlers	Lucas (OK)	Simpson
Emerson	Manzullo	Smith (MI)
English	Matheson	Smith (NJ)
Everett	McCotter	Smith (TX)
Feeney	McCrery	Souder

Stearns
Stenholm
Sullivan
Sweeney
Tancredo
Tauzin
Taylor (MS)
Taylor (NC)
Thomas
Thornberry

Tiahrt
Tiberi
Toomey
Turner (OH)
Upton
Vitter
Walden (OR)
Walsh
Wamp
Weldon (FL)

Weldon (PA)
Weller
Whitfield
Wicker
Wilson (NM)
Wilson (SC)
Wolf
Young (AK)
Young (FL)

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MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A message from the Senate by Mr. Monahan, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate has passed a bill of the following title in which the concurrence of the House is requested:

S. 3. An act to prohibit the procedure commonly known as partial-birth abortion.

The message also announced that pursuant to section 276d-276g of title 22, United States Code, as amended, the Chair, on behalf of the Vice President, appoints the Senator from Idaho (Mr. CRAPO) as Chairman of the Senate Delegation to the Canada-United States Interparliamentary Group conference during the One Hundred Eighth Congress.

The message also announced that in accordance with section 1928a-1928d of title 22, United States Code, as amended, the Chair, on behalf of the Vice President, appoints the Senator from Delaware (Mr. BIDEN) as Vice Chairman of the Senate Delegation to the North Atlantic Treaty Organization Parliamentary Assembly during the One Hundred Eighth Congress.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY COMMITTEE ON RULES REGARDING H.R. 975, BANKRUPTCY ABUSE PREVENTION AND CONSUMER PROTECTION ACT OF 2003

Mr. DREIER. Mr. Speaker, the Committee on Rules may meet the week of March 17 to grant a rule which could limit the amendment process for floor consideration of H.R. 975, the Bankruptcy Abuse Prevention and Consumer Protection Act of 2003. Any Member wishing to offer an amendment should submit 55 copies of the amendment and one copy of a brief explanation to the Committee on Rules up in room H-312 of the Capitol by noon on Tuesday, March 18. Members should draft their amendments to the bill as reported by the Committee on the Judiciary on March 12, 2003. Members are advised that the text should be available for their review on the Web sites of the Committee on the Judiciary and the Committee on Rules by Friday, March 14.

Members should use the Office of Legislative Counsel to ensure that their amendments are properly drafted and should check with the Office of the Parliamentarian to be sure their amendments comply with the rules of the House.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY COMMITTEE ON RULES REGARDING CONCURRENT RESOLUTION ON THE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2004

Mr. DREIER. Mr. Speaker, the Committee on Rules may meet the week of March 17 to grant a rule which could limit the amendment process for the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2004. Any Member who wishes to offer an amendment should submit 55 copies of the amendment and one copy of a brief explanation of the

NOES—196

Abercrombie
Ackerman
Alexander
Allen
Andrews
Baca
Baird
Baldwin
Ballance
Becerra
Bell
Berkley
Berman
Berry
Bishop (GA)
Bishop (NY)
Blumenauer
Boswell
Boucher
Brady (PA)
Brown (OH)
Brown, Corrine
Capps
Capuano
Cardin
Carson (IN)
Carson (OK)
Case
Clay
Clyburn
Coble
Conyers
Cooper
Costello
Crowley
Cummings
Davis (AL)
Davis (CA)
Davis (FL)
Davis (IL)
DeFazio
Delahunt
DeLauro
Deutsch
Diaz-Balart, L.
Dicks
Dingell
Doggett
Doolittle
Edwards
Emanuel
Engel
Eshoo
Etheridge
Evans
Farr
Fattah
Filner
Flake
Ford
Frank (MA)
Frost
Gephardt
Gonzalez
Green (TX)
Grijalva
Gutierrez

Napolitano
Neal (MA)
Oberstar
Obey
Olver
Ortiz
Owens
Pallone
Pascrell
Pastor
Paul
Payne
Pelosi
Price (NC)
Rahall
Rangel
Reyes
Rodriguez
Ross
Rothman
Roybal-Allard
Ruppersberger
Rush
Ryan (OH)
Sabo
Sanchez, Linda
 T.
Sanchez, Loretta
Sanders
Sandlin
Schakowsky
Schiff
Scott (VA)
Serrano
Sherman
Skelton
Slaughter
Smith (WA)
Solis
Spratt
Stark
Strickland
Stupak
Tanner
Tauscher
Terry
Thompson (CA)
Thompson (MS)
Tierney
Towns
Turner (TX)
Udall (CO)
Udall (NM)
Van Hollen
Velazquez
Visclosky
Waters
Watson
Watt
Waxman
Weiner
Wexler
Woolsey
Wu
Wynn

ANSWERED “PRESENT”—1

Bachus

NOT VOTING—8

Combest
DeGette
Doyle
Gilcrest
Hyde
Johnson (IL)
Shuster
Snyder

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (during the vote). Members are advised that 2 minutes remain in this vote.

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So the bill was passed.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

amendment to the Committee on Rules in room H-312 of the Capitol no later than 6 p.m. on Tuesday, March 18.

As in past years, Mr. Speaker, the Committee on Rules intends to give priority to amendments offered as complete substitutes. Members are advised that the text of the concurrent resolution, as ordered reported by the Committee on the Budget, should be available on the Web sites of both the Committee on the Budget and the Committee on Rules no later than Friday, March 14. Members should use the Office of Legislative Counsel to ensure their amendments are properly drafted and should check with the Office of the Parliamentarian to be certain their amendments comply with the rules of the House.

LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM

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

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, I wish to inquire of the distinguished majority leader the schedule for the coming week.

Mr. DELAY. Mr. Speaker, will the gentleman yield?

Mr. HOYER. I yield to the gentleman from Texas.

Mr. DELAY. Mr. Speaker, I thank the distinguished whip for yielding to me.

Mr. Speaker, the House will convene on Tuesday at 12:30 p.m. for morning hour and 2 p.m. for legislative business. We will consider several measures under suspension of the rules, and a final list of the bills will be sent to the Members' offices early next week.

I might alert the Members, Mr. Speaker, that in a change from our traditional schedule, I would like to put the Members on notice that we plan to vote one-half hour earlier than usual on Tuesday, at 6 p.m. Members from both sides of the aisle have asked for flexibility this Tuesday because a number of them and their spouses are involved in the annual March of Dimes Dinner Gala, which begins at 6:30. So Members should be aware that we are still trying to work it out with the minority, but be aware that they could be notified that votes will start at 6 p.m. Tuesday rather than the normal 6:30.

Next week we expect to consider H.R. 975, the Bankruptcy Abuse Prevention and Consumer Protection Act of 2003, as well as the 2004 Budget Resolution.

Earlier this week, the Subcommittee on Crime of the Committee on the Judiciary marked up H.R. 1104, the Child Abduction Prevention Act. Nearly identical legislation passed the House last Congress with close to 400 "yea" votes. Chairman SENSENBRENNER has announced that the Committee on the Judiciary will report the bill out from a markup on Tuesday.

This important legislation would codify a current judicial program to implement a nationwide Amber Alert System. In addition, this bill elimi-

nates the statute of limitations for child abduction and sex crimes, prohibits pretrial release in cases of rape or child kidnapping, provides for mandatory minimum sentencing for child kidnapping, and establishes a "two strikes and you're out" for child sex offenders.

We hope to work with the minority to find a way to bring this important legislation to the floor next Wednesday, realizing that the House rules require a 2-day layover, after committee markup, to allow the minority to express their dissenting and minority views on legislation. But I hope we can work together in expediting this very important legislation to the floor.

Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for yielding to me, and I am happy to answer any questions.

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, reclaiming my time, I thank the gentleman for the information he has provided us, and I will have a number of questions.

Mr. MATHESON. Mr. Speaker, will the gentleman yield?

Mr. HOYER. I yield to the gentleman from Utah who would like to address the Amber Alert System and events that have occurred in his district.

Mr. MATHESON. Mr. Speaker, I thank the minority whip.

Mr. Speaker, I would suggest that we saw the benefits of an Amber Alert-like program yesterday in the State of Utah. We had a wonderful event occur, and it occurred because information got out to the public.

What concerns me, Mr. Speaker, is that the Senate has already passed national Amber Alert legislation unanimously. It has been in the House for 2 months now, about; and I would submit that the legislation referred to that is going to be in the Committee on the Judiciary contains a number of other provisions which are worthy of consideration, but I would suggest it might be worthwhile for us to take a look at the Frost-Dunn bill, the straight Amber Alert bill passed through the United States Senate. We could take it up on a unanimous consent request right now and get it on the President's desk right away.

Every day we delay is a day when another abducted child may have less access to an Amber Alert System that gets the information out to people. We learned a lesson in Salt Lake City. We are very proud of the miracle that occurred yesterday. Mr. Smart, in his time of triumph, still is emphasizing the need for Congress to move forward on this, and I would suggest that that is something this body ought to consider.

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, reclaiming my time, I thank the gentleman for his comments.

Mr. FROST. Mr. Speaker, will the gentleman yield?

Mr. HOYER. I yield to the gentleman from Texas, the ranking member of the Committee on Rules.

Mr. FROST. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for yielding. As the gen-

tleman knows, the Amber bill, the Amber Alert plan, was named after a little girl, Amber Hagerman, who was abducted and murdered in my district in Texas, in Arlington, Texas; and the Senate, as previously mentioned, has passed this as a stand-alone bill, unani- mously, and has sent it to the House.

I would ask my friend, the distinguished majority leader, what is the objection to bringing the Amber bill as a stand-alone matter, that has already been passed by the Senate, to the House either under unanimous consent or under suspension of the rules?

Mr. DELAY. Mr. Speaker, will the gentleman yield?

Mr. HOYER. I will be glad to yield to the majority leader.

Mr. DELAY. Mr. Speaker, I appreciate the gentleman's question, and I might point out that the gentleman, as well as many other Members around here, are always calling for regular order and we are expediting regular order.

The bill that the gentleman refers to is a bill that has just been marked up this week, even before, thank goodness, Mr. Smart's daughter was returned to him, and was on its way to full committee to be marked up later on next week. Because of the situation, the chairman of the Committee on the Judiciary feels very strongly that they can expedite the matter, actually hold an unusual markup before Members return, and hopefully have this bill on the floor on Wednesday.

There are a lot of provisions in this bill that help. And I might also point out to the gentleman that the Justice Department is running an Amber Alert System in 38 States. They are up and going. There are over 80 systems, Amber Alerts, operating as we speak. So it is not a situation where there will not be coverage of Amber Alerts out there. But I think this legislation is important to get at these criminals that are kidnapping these children, to help the police departments find them quicker and easier and be able to put them away, away from our children, along with codifying what the Justice Department is already doing.

Mr. FROST. If the gentleman from Maryland will continue to yield, my friend, the gentleman from Texas (Mr. DELAY), understands that by putting the Amber Alert legislation into a larger omnibus bill, this delays for a very substantial period of time the passage of the Amber Alert bill. There are a number of controversial provisions that have been added to it by the Committee on the Judiciary, provisions that were passed last year and were found unacceptable by the Senate.

I would repeat my question: What is the objection simply to bringing the Amber Alert bill itself as a stand-alone matter that has already been passed by the Senate? What is the objection to bringing that to the floor of the House?

Mr. HOYER. Reclaiming my time, Mr. Speaker, and before the majority leader answers that question, I would