

it has done. In a region where one needs a college education to get any kind of decent job, we now have a 30 percent increase in young people going to college.

Most critical and what we have tried to do, the authorizers and the appropriators, is to put the District in the same position that any other city would be in. For us it means that taxpayers do not move out of the District when the children get to be 15, 16, and 17, because they can walk across the line into a region and get a low in-State tuition.

So this bill, besides its equity function, has been critical to keeping taxpayers in the District of Columbia. The large return to the Federal dollar is unspoken, but it cannot be denied.

I am grateful to the chairman. I am grateful to the ranking member, and I am grateful to the gentleman from Virginia (Mr. TOM DAVIS) that there were no riders on this bill. That is one of the reasons this bill was always last out, because we have to fight those riders, and that simply elongates, stretches out the time that this bill is on the floor.

I have seen this bill on the floor 8 and 10 hours. This is the smallest bill. This bill is irrelevant to every Member except me. With their eye focused on the prize, our appropriation, let us get it up and out; the appropriators have done their job to a fare-thee-well.

I regret that there are still riders on this bill that will not be on the bills in the Members' States, the rider that forbids us to pay using our local funds for abortions for poor women. That rider is perhaps always going to be controversial.

But the Senate removed two riders: the needle exchange rider, which would allow us to fund the exchange of dirty for clean needles and reduce the HIV/AIDS rate; and the rider, the shameless rider, that keeps us from lobbying for our own rights. Those, the Senate said, also should be eliminated from this bill. The House was not able to do so.

Finally, if I could once again thank the gentleman from New Jersey (Chairman FRELINGHUYSEN) and the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. FATTAH) for the extraordinary job that they have done on this bill. Let me say that in a real sense, what they have done on this bill forecasts, is a prologue of what would happen if the budget autonomy bill that the gentleman from Virginia (Mr. TOM DAVIS) and I have pending before this House passes.

We think that there is a very decent chance of its passing in the session when we come back. It would automatically release our Federal funds, as my colleagues have had to do by act of the Committee on Appropriations. So they have, I think, demonstrated, by the way in which they have run the District of Columbia Subcommittee, something far larger; and that is how the House should move, to generally smooth the operation of the D.C. budget out of this House and into the hands

of the people who raise the money, the people of the District of Columbia. They have my gratitude.

I know I expressed the gratitude of our elected officials in the District of Columbia and also of our residents, who have watched this bill this time pass through this House with what for us seems like lightning speed. It is the speed on the wings of the two leaders of our appropriation, and they have our thanks once again.

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

Let me thank the gentlewoman from the District of Columbia for her comments and her insight and assistance as we move through.

Let me conclude my remarks, and I will be prepared to yield back the balance of my time. But let me just state, there is a lot that I could talk about that is in this bill in terms of help and assistance and innovation and creativity, but I think that a lot has already been said about the advances in the District's fiscal health and a lot of work that has been done.

I want to highlight just the college assistance program, the resident tuition program, which I was one of the original cosponsors of with the gentleman from Virginia (Mr. TOM DAVIS) and the gentlewoman from the District of Columbia (Ms. NORTON) some 5 years ago. It is an amazing program. It has been very successful.

And I want to return to what I was saying about the chairman of this committee. He has visited schools and committees, been out in neighborhoods and at the waterfront in the District. He has been active and aggressive in terms of trying to have the insight necessary to make some of the decisions that have to be made in this process; and I want to publicly thank him for his leadership on the subcommittee. It has been a pleasure to work with him this year on this process.

And I want to thank, again, the staff. Mr. Speaker, I have no further requests for time, and I yield back the balance of my time.

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

Let me return the compliment to the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. FATTAH) for his dedication and knowledge of the District's needs and priorities. He has been a great coworker with me on behalf of all the members of the committee, a keen interest in bettering the lives of the citizens of this city. And both of us are so proud of the gentlewoman from the District of Columbia (Ms. NORTON). We appreciate her pats on the back to us.

This is a great city. We are trying to make it better. I thank her for her strong advocacy as we go about our work trying to get this bill out and the money to the city, their money as well as Federal money, because we know it will be well spent.

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

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. TERRY). Without objection, the previous question is ordered on the conference report.

There was no objection.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the conference report.

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

Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, further proceedings on this question will be postponed.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the Chair will now put each question on which further proceedings were postponed earlier today in the following order:

passage of H.R. 5107;

adoption of the conference report to accompany H.R. 4850.

The first electronic vote will be conducted as a 15-minute vote. The remaining electronic vote will be conducted as a 5-minute vote.

JUSTICE FOR ALL ACT OF 2004

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The pending business is the question of the passage of the bill, H.R. 5107, on which further proceedings were postponed earlier today.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the passage of the bill, on which the yeas and nays are ordered.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 393, nays 14, not voting 25, as follows:

[Roll No. 497]

YEAS—393

Abercrombie	Brown (SC)	Cunningham
Ackerman	Brown, Corrine	Davis (AL)
Aderholt	Brown-Waite,	Davis (CA)
Akin	Ginny	Davis (FL)
Alexander	Burns	Davis (IL)
Allen	Burr	Davis (TN)
Andrews	Burton (IN)	Davis, Jo Ann
Baca	Butterfield	Davis, Tom
Bachus	Buyer	Deal (GA)
Baird	Calvert	DeFazio
Baker	Camp	DeGette
Baldwin	Cannon	Delahunt
Ballenger	Cantor	DeLauro
Bartlett (MD)	Capito	DeLay
Beauprez	Capps	Deutsch
Bell	Capuano	Diaz-Balart, L.
Berkley	Cardin	Diaz-Balart, M.
Berman	Cardoza	Dicks
Berry	Carson (IN)	Dingell
Biggert	Carson (OK)	Doggett
Bilirakis	Case	Dooley (CA)
Bishop (GA)	Castle	Doolittle
Bishop (NY)	Chabot	Doyle
Bishop (UT)	Chocola	Dreier
Blackburn	Clay	Dunn
Blumenauer	Clyburn	Edwards
Blunt	Coble	Ehlers
Boehmer	Cole	Emanuel
Bonilla	Collins	Emerson
Bonner	Conyers	Engel
Bono	Cooper	English
Boozman	Costello	Eshoo
Boswell	Cox	Etheridge
Boucher	Cramer	Evans
Boyd	Crane	Everett
Bradley (NH)	Crenshaw	Farr
Brady (PA)	Crowley	Fattah
Brady (TX)	Cubin	Feeney
Brown (OH)	Cummings	Ferguson