

Ms. HART. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 541 I was inadvertently detained. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea."

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. YOUNG of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material on the conference report accompanying H.R. 4818, and that I may include tabular material on the same.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. THORNBERRY). Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Florida? There was no objection.

CONFERENCE REPORT ON H.R. 4818,
CONSOLIDATED APPROPRIATIONS
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Mr. YOUNG of Florida. Pursuant to House Resolution 866, I call up the conference report on the bill (H.R. 4818) making appropriations for foreign operations, export financing, and related programs for the fiscal year ending

September 30, 2005, 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 866, the conference report is considered read.

(For conference report and statement, see Book II of proceedings of the House of Friday, November 19, 2004.)

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman from Florida (Mr. YOUNG) and the gentleman from Wisconsin (Mr. OBEY) each will control 30 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Florida (Mr. YOUNG).

Mr. YOUNG of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I might consume.

Mr. Speaker, the bill we bring to the floor today is a conference report on the omnibus appropriations bill which includes nine bills that were not concluded prior to the end of the fiscal year. The good news is that the House had passed every one of our bills but one. And the other good news is that this bill concludes the appropriations business for fiscal year 2005.

I compliment the Committee on Appropriations on both sides of the aisle. I compliment the Members of the House for having moved all of our bills expeditiously; but this will conclude our business, and now the 109th Congress can start fresh, with a new budget resolution, hopefully, and a new appropriations process.

The bill that we are discussing today has already been discussed in great detail during consideration of the rule. The bill itself has been available for more than 14 hours for Members to review, and there is a 10-page summary on all of the desks that is available so Members can look at the highlights of the bill.

Considering the fact that we had to include nine bills here, and some extraneous material, this is a pretty good bill. It is a clean bill. It is a lean bill. It is within the budget limitations set by the House and set by the President; and so I would just hope, Mr. Speaker, that we can conclude this work and move on to whatever is next.