

Chandler Jackson-Lee
Clarke (TX)
Clay Jefferson
Cleaver Johnson (GA)
Clyburn Johnson, E. B.
Cohen Jones (OH)
Conyers Kagen
Cooper Kanjorski
Costa Kaptur
Costello Kennedy
Courtney Kildee
Cramer Kilpatrick
Crowley Klein (FL)
Cuellar Kucinich
Cummings Langevin
Davis (AL) Lantos
Davis (CA) Sarbanes
Davis (IL) Larson (CT)
Davis, Lincoln Lee
DeFazio Levin
DeGette Lewis (GA)
Delahunt Lipinski
DeLauro Loeb sack
Dicks Lofgren, Zoe
Dingell Lowey
Doggett Lynch
Donnelly Mahoney (FL)
Doyle Maloney (NY)
Edwards Markey
Ellison Marshall
Ellsworth Matsui
Emanuel McCarthy (NY)
Engel McCollum (MN)
Eshoo McDermott
Etheridge McGovern
Farr McIntyre
Fattah McNerney
Filner McNulty
Frank (MA) Meek (FL)
Giffords Meeks (NY)
Gillibrand Melancon
Gonzalez Michaud
Gordon Miller (NC)
Green, Al Miller, George
Green, Gene Mitchell
Grijalva Mollohan
Gutierrez Moore (KS)
Hall (NY) Moore (WI)
Hare Moran (VA)
Harman Murphy (CT)
Hastings (FL) Murphy, Patrick
Hersteth Sandlin Murtha
Higgins Nadler
Hill Napolitano
Hinchey Neal (MA)
Hinojosa Oberstar
Hirono Obey
Hodes Olver
Holden Ortiz
Holt Pallone
Honda Pascrell
Hoyer Pastor
Inlee Payne
Israel Perlmutter
Jackson (IL) Peterson (MN)

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Aderholt Cannon
Akin Cantor
Alexander Capito
Bachmann Carter
Bachus Castle
Baker Chabot
Barrett (SC) Coble
Bartlett (MD) Cole (OK)
Barton (TX) Conaway
Biggert Crenshaw
Bilbray Davis (KY)
Bilirakis Davis, David
Bishop (UT) Davis, Tom
Blackburn Deal (GA)
Blunt Dent
Boehner Diaz-Balart, L.
Bonner Diaz-Balart, M.
Bono Doolittle
Boozman Drake
Boustany Dreier
Brady (TX) Duncan
Broun (GA) Ehlers
Brown (SC) Emerson
Brown-Waite, English (PA)
Ginny Everett
Buchanan Fallin
Burgess Feeney
Burton (IN) Ferguson
Buyer Flake
Calvert Forbes
Camp (MD) Fortenberry
Campbell (CA) Fossella

Pomeroy Kirk
Price (NC) Kline (MN)
Rahall Knollenberg
Rangel Kuhl (NY)
Reyes LaHood
Richardson Lamborn
Rodriguez Lampson
Ross Latham
Rothman LaTourette
Roybal-Allard Lewis (CA)
Ruppersberger Lewis (KY)
Rush Linder
Ryan (OH) LoBiondo
Sánchez, Linda Lucas
T. Lungren, Daniel
E.
Sanchez, Loretta Mack
Sarbanes Manzullo
Schakowsky Marchant
Schiff McCarthy (CA)
Schwartz Renzi
Scott (GA) McCaul (TX)
Serrano McCotter
Sestak McCrery
Shea-Porter McHenry
Sherman McHugh
Shuler McKeon
Mahomris McMorris
Rodgers Royce
Mica Ryan (WI)
Miller (FL) Sali
Miller (MI) Saxton
Moran (KS) Schmidt
Murphy, Tim Sensenbrenner

Carson Jindal
Cubin Kind
Culberson Matheson
Hooley Miller, Gary
Hunter Neugebauer

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Sessions Shadegg
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Shimkus Shuster
Simpson Smith (NE)
Smith (NJ)
Smith (TX)
Souder Stearns
Sullivan Terry
Thornberry Tiahrt
Tiberi Turner
Upton Walberg
Walden (OR)
Walsh (NY)
Wamp Weldon (FL)
Weller Westmoreland
Whitfield Wicker
Wilson (NM)
Wilson (SC)
Wolf Young (AK)
Young (FL)

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

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So the resolution was agreed to.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

RESIGNATION AS MEMBER OF PERMANENT SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following resignation as a member of the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence:

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, December 12, 2007.

HON. NANCY PELOSI,
Speaker, House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MADAM SPEAKER: I hereby tender my resignation from the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence effective at the close of business today.

Sincerely,

ALCEE L. HASTINGS,
Member of Congress.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the resignation is accepted.
There was no objection.

CONFERENCE REPORT ON H.R. 1585, NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2008

Mr. SKELTON. Mr. Speaker, pursuant to House Resolution 860, I call up the conference report on the bill (H.R. 1585) to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2008 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for mili-

tary construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes, and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to rule XXII, the conference report is considered read.

(For conference report and statement, see proceedings of the House of December 6, 2007, Book II at page H14495.)

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman from Missouri (Mr. SKELTON) and the gentleman from New Jersey (Mr. SAXTON) each will control 30 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Missouri.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. SKELTON. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend their remarks on this conference report.

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

There was no objection.

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

I rise today in strong support of the conference report on H.R. 1585, the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2008.

I must tell you, Mr. Speaker, that I'm so extremely proud of the members of the Armed Services Committee, of all of those who worked hard in and out of the Armed Services Committee to make this happen. And a special thanks to the fantastic staff that we have supporting us, Erin Conaton, Bob Simmons, who is the leader of those on the other side of the aisle regarding the staff, and everyone just pitched in so very, very well.

Mr. Speaker, this is a good bill. As a matter of fact, I think it's the best bill in decades that this Congress has put forward. It's good for our troops, good for our families, it will help improve readiness of our Armed Forces, and it will bring new significant oversight to the Department of Defense in areas where oversight was sorely needed in the past.

Let me begin by saying that the Armed Services Committee has remained committed to a tradition of bipartisanship, and we appreciate that, and we have all throughout the year.

Special thanks to our ranking member, the gentleman from California (Mr. HUNTER) and today to the gentleman from New Jersey (Mr. SAXTON) who's been such a great help through the years.

When the 110th Congress began, we laid out, from the Armed Services Committee, six strategic priorities, and we have met them in this legislation. The bill before us is the culmination of our efforts. It addresses strategic priorities in important ways. It includes a 3.5 percent across-the-board