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So the joint resolution was passed.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

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COMMUNICATION FROM THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Clerk of the House of Representatives:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
OFFICE OF THE CLERK,
Washington, DC, October 31, 2000.

Hon. J. DENNIS HASTERT,

The Speaker, House of Representatives, Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: Pursuant to the permission granted in Clause 2(h) of Rule II of the Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives, I have the honor to transmit a sealed envelope received from the White House on Monday, October 30, 2000 at 11:20 p.m., and said to contain a message from the President whereby he returns without his approval, H.R. 4516, The Legislative Branch and The Treasury and General Government Appropriations Act, 2001.

Sincerely yours,

JEFF TRANDAHL,
Clerk of the House.

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MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A message from the Senate by Mr. Lundregan, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate has passed without amendment a bill and a joint resolution of the House of the following titles:

H.R. 5410. An act to establish revolving funds for the operation of certain programs and activities of the Library of Congress, and for other purposes.

H.J. Res. 121. Joint Resolution making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2001, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the Senate has passed with amendment in which the concurrence of the House is requested, a bill of the House of the following title:

H.R. 2346. An act to authorize the enforcement by State and local governments of certain Federal Communications Commission regulations regarding use of citizens band radio equipment.

The message also announced that the Senate agrees to the amendments of

the House to the amendments of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 1550) "An Act to authorize appropriations for the United States Fire Administration for fiscal years 2000 and 2001, and for other purposes."

The message also announced that the Senate has passed a bill and a concurrent resolution of the following titles in which the concurrence of the House is requested:

S. 2924. An act to strengthen the enforcement of Federal statutes relating to false identification, and for other purposes.

S. Con. Res. 158. Concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress regarding appropriate actions of the United States Government to facilitate the settlement of claims of former members of the Armed Forces against Japanese companies that profited from the slave labor that those personnel were forced to perform for those companies as prisoners of war of Japan during World War II.

The message also announced that the Senate agrees to the report of the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendment of the House to the bill (S. 2796) "An Act to provide for the conservation and development of water and related resources, to authorize the Secretary of the Army to construct various projects for improvements to rivers and harbors of the United States, and for other purposes."

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LEGISLATIVE BRANCH APPRO- PRIATIONS ACT, 2001—VETO MES- SAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES—(H. DOC. NO. 106-306)

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following veto message from the President of the United States.

To the House of Representatives:

I am returning herewith without my approval, H.R. 4516, the Legislative Branch and the Treasury and General Government Appropriations Act, 2001. This bill provides funds for the legislative branch and the White House at a time when the business of the American people remains unfinished.

The Congress' continued refusal to focus on the priorities of the American people leaves me no alternative but to veto this bill. I cannot in good conscience sign a bill that funds the operations of the Congress and the White House before funding our classrooms, fixing our schools, and protecting our workers.

With the largest student enrollment in history, we need a budget that will allow us to repair and modernize crumbling schools, reduce class size, hire more and better trained teachers, expand after-school programs, and strengthen accountability to turn around failing schools.

I would sign this legislation in the context of a budget that puts the interests of the American people before self interest or special interests. I urge the Congress to get its priorities in order

and send me, without further delay, balanced legislation I can sign.

WILLIAM J. CLINTON.

THE WHITE HOUSE, October 30, 2000.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. SUNUNU). The objections of the President will be spread at large upon the Journal, and the message and the bill will be printed as a House document.

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 on the veto message of the President to the bill H.R. 4516, and that I may include tabular and extraneous material.

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

There was no objection.

MOTION OFFERED BY MR. YOUNG OF FLORIDA

Mr. YOUNG of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I move that the message together with the accompanying bill, be referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman from Florida (Mr. YOUNG) is recognized for 1 hour.

Mr. YOUNG of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I yield the customary 30 minutes to the gentleman from Wisconsin (Mr. OBEY) for the purpose of debate only on the consideration of this motion, pending which I yield myself 1 minute.

Mr. Speaker, I yield myself 1 minute just to suggest that if we want to expedite the consideration and if we want to conclude the negotiations on all of these final appropriations bills, and there was only one left, but now there are two because the President sent us this veto, we would like to expedite it and we do so by referring this veto message and the bill back to the Committee on Appropriations. I think it is as simple as that. I do not think we need to take a lot of time on this issue.

Mr. Speaker, in the event that we do require additional time, I ask unanimous consent that the gentleman from Arizona (Mr. KOLBE), who is chairman of the Subcommittee on Treasury, Postal Service and General Government Appropriations, that he be permitted to control the time on our side.

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

There was no objection.

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

Mr. Speaker, I would agree with the gentleman from Florida that we do not need to use too much time. However, I do think we need to use some time to talk a little bit about this veto, which comes as a stunning surprise to some of us. And also so that the American public and the Members of this body understand what is in this bill that has been vetoed, so that, as we consider this again, we will be able to consider those provisions very carefully.

Mr. Speaker, last night, when the President vetoed the Legislative and Treasury-Postal and General Government Appropriations bill, he did more,