

Mr. LEWIS of California. Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. OBEY. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself 2 minutes.

Mr. Speaker, in closing, I just want to congratulate the gentleman from California for doing his dead-level best to fulfill his duties in getting all of these bills through, even though he received precious little cooperation from many other key players on Capitol Hill. I would simply point out that it is not his fault that the budget resolution which was adopted by the majority party was so highly unrealistic that, in the end, the majority party in this House could not convince their Senate brethren to vote for the same legislation that was required by that budget resolution. And I want to simply say that I think the Record demonstrates that both of us on both sides of the aisle did everything that we could procedurally to get these bills through the House. We reached time agreements on amendment after amendment, on bill after bill. Sometimes time agreements were so tight that Members were significantly angered by how little time they had to debate these bills. But even though we often opposed the content of the bills, we worked together to move them because we recognized that we had a responsibility to make decisions and to finish the job, whether we won or lost. Unfortunately, the gentleman did not have enough allies on his side of the aisle, and so we are stuck with this leftover mess. We will do our best in January and February to clean it up, but it is not going to be a very pleasant couple of months.

Mr. OBERSTAR. Mr. Speaker, when Congress passed SAFETEA-LU—the legislation that reauthorizes the Federal surface transportation programs—in 2005, it recognized the need to significantly increase Federal investment for highway, highway safety, and transit programs. In fact, the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users, SAFETEA-LU, increased the overall investment in surface transportation programs by more than 40 percent, with a significant part of that increase guaranteed to take effect in fiscal year 2007.

Earlier this year, the House passed H.R. 5576, the Transportation, Treasury, and Housing and Urban Development, TTHUD, appropriations bill, which meets SAFETEA-LU's funding guarantees. It provides an increase of \$3.4 billion for the Federal-aid highway programs and an additional \$474 million for the transit programs over the fiscal year 2006 SAFETEA-LU funding levels.

It is now more than 2 months since the start of fiscal year 2007, and the Republican-led Congress has not enacted the TTHUD appropriations bill. Instead, H.J. Res. 102 provides funding for the highway, highway safety, and transit programs through February 15, 2007. The resolution funds these programs at the fiscal year 2006 level. Thus, all of the highway and transit investment increases guaranteed by SAFETEA-LU are put on hold. If this approach is continued and the continuing resolution is extended through fiscal year 2007, SAFETEA-LU's guaranteed highway funding will be cut by \$3.4 billion and its transit investment slashed by \$474 million.

Under a long-term continuing resolution, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, NHTSA, and the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, FMCSA, safety programs will be funded at substantially lower levels than guaranteed in SAFETEA-LU. NHTSA stands to lose up to \$21.7 million. At a time when more than 43,000 people are dying in roadway crashes each year, we simply cannot afford to shortchange an agency tasked with making our roadways safer. Likewise, FMCSA could lose almost \$27 million that would be spent on motor carrier safety programs and grants. It is essential that we properly fund these critical programs.

The highway, highway safety, and transit programs differ from most other Federal programs in that they are supported by user fees. Motorists who drive on our highways pay the fees when they pump gas. They willingly pay the fees because they rely on a commitment by the Federal Government to use the money so collected to finance our highway and transit programs. In other words, users have already paid for the investments authorized in SAFETEA-LU and funded in the House-passed TTHUD appropriations bill. However, the Republican-led Congress's failure to enact this legislation in a timely manner will shortchange funding for critical transportation projects.

Transportation projects are usually high-cost undertakings that take several years to complete. Certainty in funding—especially Federal funding—is critical to their success. Relying on short-term, stopgap measures, such as continuing resolutions, does not provide the certainty that State departments of transportation need to plan for their construction projects in the upcoming season. And for northern-tier States, where construction seasons are short, delays in providing adequate Federal funding can severely disrupt their process for contract bidding, directly affecting next year's construction season.

Continuing resolutions also provide great uncertainty for transit programs. The Federal Transit Administration, FTA, has delayed the release of transit formula apportionments and other new grants until a final TTHUD appropriations act is enacted. The continuing resolution, coupled with FTA's policy, is resulting in many transit agencies being unable to advance badly needed transit projects.

According to the Federal Reserve, housing construction is currently very weak throughout the country. Congress should do everything within its power to ensure that transportation infrastructure investment is not disrupted through congressional inaction, placing an additional burden on this sector of the economy. Hundreds of our small businesses and thousands of our workers could be put at risk as a result. I urge Congress to fulfill its responsibilities in passing appropriations acts and to honor the funding guarantees established in SAFETEA-LU.

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

Mr. LEWIS of California. Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time. The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. HAYES). All time for debate has expired.

The joint resolution is considered read for amendment, and pursuant to House Resolution 1105, the previous question is ordered.

The question is on the engrossment and third reading of the joint resolution.

The joint resolution was ordered to be engrossed and read a third time, and was read the third time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the passage of the joint resolution.

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

Mr. LAHOOD. Mr. Speaker, on that I demand the yeas and nays.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

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

#### PROVIDING FOR PRINTING OF REVISED RULES AND MANUAL OF HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. GUTKNECHT. Mr. Speaker, I offer a resolution (H. Res. 1107) providing for the printing of a revised edition of the Rules and Manual of the House of Representatives for the One Hundred Tenth Congress, and ask unanimous consent for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 1107

*Resolved*, That a revised edition of the Rules and Manual of the House of Representatives for the One Hundred Tenth Congress be printed as a House document, and that three thousand additional copies shall be printed and bound for the use of the House of Representatives, of which nine hundred copies shall be bound in leather with thumb index and delivered as may be directed by the Parliamentarian of the House.

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

There was no objection.

The resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

#### PROVIDING FOR SINE DIE ADJOURNMENT OF THE TWO HOUSES

Mr. GUTKNECHT. Mr. Speaker, I offer a privileged concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 503) and ask for its immediate consideration.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Clerk will report the concurrent resolution.

The Clerk read as follows:

H. CON. RES. 503

*Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate concurring)*, That when the House adjourns on the legislative day of Friday, December 8, 2006, or Saturday, December 9, 2006, on a motion offered pursuant to this concurrent resolution by its Majority Leader or his designee, it stand adjourned sine die, or until the time of any reassembly pursuant to section 2 of this concurrent resolution; and that when the Senate adjourns on any day from Friday, December 8, 2006, through Wednesday, December 13, 2006, on a motion offered pursuant to this concurrent resolution by its

Majority Leader or his designee, it stand adjourned sine die, or until the time of any reassembly pursuant to section 2 of this concurrent resolution.

SEC. 2. The Speaker of the House and the Majority Leader of the Senate, or their respective designees, acting jointly after consultation with the Minority Leader of the House and the Minority Leader of the Senate, shall notify the Members of the House and the Senate, respectively, to reassemble at such place and time as they may designate if, in their opinion, the public interest shall warrant it.

The concurrent resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

**ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE**

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, proceedings will now resume on questions previously postponed.

Votes will be taken in the following order:

House Joint Resolution 102, by the yeas and nays.

Conference report on H.R. 5682, by the yeas and nays.

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

**FURTHER CONTINUING APPROPRIATIONS, FISCAL YEAR 2007**

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The pending business is the vote on passage of House Joint Resolution 102, on which the yeas and nays are ordered.

The Clerk read the title of the joint resolution.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the passage of the joint resolution.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 370, nays 20, not voting 43, as follows:

[Roll No. 540]  
YEAS—370

Abercrombie Boehlert Chabot  
Ackerman Boehner Chandler  
Aderholt Bonilla Chocola  
Akin Bonner Clay  
Alexander Bono Cleaver  
Allen Boozman Clyburn  
Andrews Boren Coble  
Baca Boswell Cole (OK)  
Bachus Boucher Conaway  
Baird Boustany Conyers  
Baldwin Boyd Cooper  
Barrett (SC) Bradley (NH) Costa  
Barrow Brady (PA) Costello  
Bartlett (MD) Brady (TX) Cramer  
Barton (TX) Brown (SC) Crenshaw  
Bass Brown, Corrine Crowley  
Bean Butterfield Cuellar  
Beauprez Buyer Culbertson  
Becerra Calvert Cummings  
Berkley Camp (MI) Davis (AL)  
Berman Campbell (CA) Davis (CA)  
Berry Cannon Davis (FL)  
Biggert Cantor Davis (IL)  
Bilbray Capito Davis (KY)  
Bilirakis Capps Davis (TN)  
Bishop (GA) Cardin Davis, Tom  
Bishop (NY) Cardoza DeFazio  
Bishop (UT) Carnahan DeGette  
Blackburn Carson Delahunt  
Blunt Carter DeLauro

Dent  
Diaz-Balart, L.  
Diaz-Balart, M.  
Dicks  
Dingell  
Doggett  
Doyle  
Drake  
Dreier  
Duncan  
Edwards  
Ehlers  
Emanuel  
Emerson  
Engel  
Eshoo  
Etheridge  
Everett  
Farr  
Feeney  
Ferguson  
Filner  
Fitzpatrick (PA)  
Flake  
Forbes  
Fortenberry  
Fossella  
Foxy  
Franks (AZ)  
Frelinghuysen  
Garrett (NJ)  
Gerlach  
Gilchrest  
Gingrey  
Gohmert  
Gonzalez  
Goode  
Goodlatte  
Gordon  
Granger  
Graves  
Green (WI)  
Green, Al  
Green, Gene  
Grijalva  
Gutknecht  
Hall  
Harris  
Harris  
Hart  
Hastert  
Hastings (FL)  
Hastings (WA)  
Hayes  
Hayworth  
Hefley  
Hensarling  
Herger  
Herseth  
Higgins  
Hinchey  
Hinojosa  
Hobson  
Hoekstra  
Holden  
Holt  
Honda  
Hooley  
Hostettler  
Hoyer  
Hulshof  
Hunter  
Hyde  
Inslée  
Israel  
Issa  
Istook  
Jackson (IL)  
Jackson-Lee  
(TX)  
Jenkins  
Jindal  
Johnson (CT)  
Johnson, E. B.  
Johnson, Sam  
Jones (OH)  
Kanjorski  
Kaptur  
Keller  
Kelly  
Kennedy (MN)  
Kennedy (RI)  
Kildee  
Kilpatrick (MI)  
Kind  
King (NY)

Rahall  
Ramstad  
Rangel  
Regula  
Rehberg  
Reichert  
Renzi  
Reyes  
Rogers (KY)  
Rogers (MI)  
Rohrabacher  
Ros-Lehtinen  
Ross  
Rothman  
Roybal-Allard  
Royce  
Ruppersberger  
Rush  
Ryan (WI)  
Ryun (KS)  
Salazar  
Sánchez, Linda  
T.  
Sanders  
Saxton  
Schiff  
Schmidt  
Schwartz (PA)  
Schwarz (MI)  
Scott (GA)  
Scott (VA)  
Sekula Gibbs  
Serrano  
Sessions  
Shadegg  
Shaw  
Shays  
Sherman  
Sherwood  
Shimkus  
Shuster  
Simmons  
Sires  
Skelton  
Slaughter  
Smith (NJ)  
Smith (WA)  
Snyder  
Sodrel  
Solis  
Souder  
Spratt  
Stark  
Stearns  
Stupak  
Sullivan  
Tandredo  
Tanner  
Tauscher  
Taylor (MS)  
Terry  
Thomas  
Thompson (MS)  
Thornberry  
Tiberi  
Tierney  
Towns  
Turner  
Udall (CO)  
Udall (NM)  
Obey  
Van Hollen  
Velázquez  
Visclosky  
Walden (OR)  
Walsh  
Wamp  
Wasserman  
Schultz  
Waters  
Weiner  
Weldon (FL)  
Weldon (PA)  
Weller  
Westmoreland  
Whitfield  
Wicker  
Wilson (NM)  
Wilson (SC)  
Wolf  
Woolsey  
Wu  
Wynn  
Young (AK)  
Young (FL)

NAYS—20

Burgess  
Capuano  
Castle  
Doolittle  
Frank (MA)  
Gutierrez  
King (IA)  
Kucinich  
LaHood  
LaTourette  
Lee  
McGovern  
Meehan  
Moran (KS)  
Rogers (AL)  
Sabo  
Schakowsky  
Tiahrt  
Upton  
Watt

NOT VOTING—43

Baker  
Blumenauer  
Brown (OH)  
Brown-Waite,  
Ginny  
Burton (IN)  
Case  
Cubin  
Davis, Jo Ann  
Deal (GA)  
English (PA)  
Evans  
Fattah  
Ford  
Gallegly  
Gibbons  
Gillmor  
Inglis (SC)  
Jefferson  
Johnson (IL)  
Jones (NC)  
Kolbe  
McCrery  
Meek (FL)  
Miller, Gary  
Norwood  
Nussle  
Otter  
Paul  
Peterson (PA)  
Putnam  
Reynolds  
Ryan (OH)  
Sanchez, Loretta  
Sensenbrenner  
Simpson  
Smith (TX)  
Strickland  
Sweeney  
Taylor (NC)  
Thompson (CA)  
Watson  
Waxman  
Wexler

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Ms. LEE, Mr. UPTON and Mr. MEEHAN changed their vote from “yea” to “nay.”

Mr. NEAL of Massachusetts, Ms. MCKINNEY, Ms. VELÁZQUEZ, and Ms. SLAUGHTER changed their vote from “nay” to “yea.”

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.

Stated for:  
Mr. PUTNAM. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 540, I was unavoidably detained. Had I been present, I would have voted “yea.”

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 540, I was speaking with Speaker-elect PELOSI. Had I been present, I would have voted “yea.”

**HENRY J. HYDE UNITED STATES-INDIA PEACEFUL ATOMIC ENERGY COOPERATION ACT OF 2006**

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. CAMP of Michigan). The pending business is the question of adoption of the conference report on the bill, H.R. 5682, on which the yeas and nays are ordered.

The Clerk read the title of the bill. The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the conference report.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 330, nays 59, not voting 44, as follows:

[Roll No. 541]  
YEAS—330

Ackerman  
Aderholt  
Akin  
Alexander  
Allen  
Andrews  
Baca  
Bachus  
Baird  
Barrett (SC)  
Barrow  
Bartlett (MD)  
Barton (TX)  
Bean  
Beauprez  
Berkley  
Berman  
Berry  
Biggert  
Bilbray  
Bilirakis  
Bishop (GA)  
Bishop (NY)  
Bishop (UT)  
Blackburn  
Blunt  
Boehlert  
Boehner  
Bonilla  
Bonner  
Bono  
Boozman  
Boren  
Boswell  
Boucher  
Boustany  
Boyd  
Bradley (NH)  
Brady (PA)  
Brady (TX)  
Brown (SC)  
Brown, Corrine  
Brown-Waite,  
Ginny  
Butterfield  
Buyer  
Calvert  
Camp (MI)  
Campbell (CA)  
Cannon  
Cantor  
Capito  
Capuano  
Cardin  
Cardoza  
Carnahan  
Carson  
Carter  
Castle  
Chabot