

Combest	Inglis	Pryce
Condit	Istook	Quillen
Conyers	Jackson (IL)	Radanovich
Cooley	Jackson-Lee	Rahall
Costello	(TX)	Regula
Cox	Jefferson	Richardson
Coyne	Johnson, E. B.	Rivers
Crane	Johnson, Sam	Roberts
Crapo	Jones	Roemer
Creameans	Kanjorski	Rohrabacher
Cubin	Kaptur	Roth
Danner	Kasich	Roybal-Allard
de la Garza	Kennedy (MA)	Royce
Dellums	Kildee	Rush
Dickey	Kingston	Salmon
Dicks	Klink	Sanders
Dingell	Knollenberg	Sanford
Dixon	Kolbe	Scarborough
Doggett	LaFalce	Schiff
Dooley	LaHood	Schroeder
Dornan	Lantos	Scott
Doyle	Largent	Seastrand
Dreier	Latham	Sensenbrenner
Duncan	LaTourette	Serrano
Durbin	Laughlin	Shadegg
Ehrlich	Leach	Shuster
Emerson	Levin	Sisisky
English	Lewis (CA)	Skaggs
Ensign	Lewis (GA)	Skeen
Eshoo	Lincoln	Skelton
Evans	Lofgren	Slaughter
Everett	Lucas	Smith (TX)
Ewing	Maloney	Smith (WA)
Farr	Manzullo	Souder
Fattah	Markey	Spence
Fawell	Martinez	Spratt
Fazio	Mascara	Stark
Fields (LA)	Matsui	Stenholm
Flanagan	McDermott	Stokes
Foglietta	McHale	Studds
Ford	McInnis	Stump
Frank (MA)	McIntosh	Stupak
Frost	McKinney	Talent
Funderburk	Meehan	Tanner
Gekas	Meek	Tate
Gephardt	Meyers	Taylor (MS)
Gibbons	Mfume	Tejeda
Gonzalez	Miller (CA)	Thompson
Goodlatte	Mink	Thornberry
Gordon	Moakley	Thornton
Graham	Mollohan	Tiaht
Green	Montgomery	Torkildsen
Greenwood	Moorhead	Torres
Gutierrez	Murtha	Towns
Hall (OH)	Myers	Trafficant
Hall (TX)	Nadler	Velazquez
Hamilton	Neal	Visclosky
Hancock	Neumann	Volkmer
Harman	Ney	Vucanovich
Hastert	Nussle	Wamp
Hastings (WA)	Obey	Ward
Hayworth	Olver	Waters
Hefley	Ortiz	Watt (NC)
Hefner	Orton	Watts (OK)
Heineman	Parker	Waxman
Hilleary	Payne (VA)	Weller
Hilliard	Pelosi	White
Hinchee	Petri	Whitfield
Hoke	Pickett	Wicker
Holden	Pombo	Williams
Horn	Pomeroy	Wise
Hostettler	Porter	Woolsey
Hoyer	Portman	Yates
Hutchinson	Poshard	Young (FL)
		Zeliff

NOT VOTING—12

Bryant (TX)	Flake	Owens
Chapman	Geren	Rose
DeLay	Johnson (SD)	Stockman
Filner	Morella	Wyden

□ 1806

Ms. PRYCE of Ohio, Mrs. VUCANOVICH, and Messrs. GEKAS, ROTH, DICKY, MOAKLEY, MCDERMOTT, PARKER, WATTS of Oklahoma, COMBEST, ISTOOK, DORNAN, CRANE, BATEMAN, and PAYNE of Virginia changed their vote from "yea" to "nay."

Mrs. LOWEY and Messrs. BEVILL, BAKER of Louisiana, HASTINGS of Florida, ENGLE, HOBSON, YOUNG of Alaska, and WALSH changed their vote from "nay" to "yea."

So (two-thirds not having voted in favor thereof) the motion was rejected. The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

LAND DISPOSAL PROGRAM FLEXIBILITY

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. HASTINGS of Washington). The unfinished business is the question de novo of suspending the rules and passing the bill, H.R. 2036, as amended.

The Clerk read the title of the bill. The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Virginia [Mr. BLYLE] that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 2036, as amended.

The question was taken.

RECORDED VOTE

Mr. MARKEY. Mr. Speaker, I demand a recorded vote.

A recorded vote was ordered.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—ayes 402, noes 19, not voting 12, as follows:

[Roll No. 21]

AYES—402

Abercrombie	Clayton	Ford
Ackerman	Clement	Fowler
Allard	Clinger	Fox
Archer	Clyburn	Frank (MA)
Armey	Coble	Franks (CT)
Bachus	Coburn	Franks (NJ)
Baesler	Coleman	Frelinghuysen
Baker (CA)	Collins (GA)	Frisa
Baker (LA)	Collins (IL)	Frost
Baldacci	Combest	Funderburk
Ballenger	Condit	Furse
Barcia	Cooley	Galleghy
Barr	Costello	Ganske
Barrett (NE)	Cox	Gekas
Barrett (WI)	Coyne	Gephardt
Bartlett	Cramer	Gibbons
Barton	Crane	Gilchrest
Bass	Crapo	Gillmor
Bateman	Creameans	Gilman
Becerra	Cubin	Gonzalez
Benenson	Cunningham	Goodlatte
Bentsen	Danner	Goodling
Bereuter	Davis	Gordon
Berman	de la Garza	Goss
Bevill	Deal	Graham
Bilbray	DeLauro	Green
Bilirakis	Deutsch	Greenwood
Bishop	Diaz-Balart	Gunderson
Bliley	Dickey	Gutierrez
Blute	Dicks	Gutknecht
Boehlert	Dingell	Hall (OH)
Boehner	Dixon	Hall (TX)
Bonilla	Doggett	Hamilton
Bonior	Dooley	Hancock
Bono	Doolittle	Hansen
Borski	Dornan	Harman
Boucher	Doyle	Hastert
Brewster	Dreier	Hastings (FL)
Browder	Duncan	Hastings (WA)
Brown (CA)	Dunn	Hayes
Brown (FL)	Durbin	Hayworth
Brown (OH)	Edwards	Hefley
Brownback	Ehlers	Hefner
Bryant (TN)	Ehrlich	Heineman
Bunn	Emerson	Hergert
Burr	Engel	Hilleary
Burton	English	Hilliard
Buyer	Ensign	Hobson
Callahan	Eshoo	Hoekstra
Calvert	Everett	Hoke
Camp	Ewing	Holden
Campbell	Farr	Horn
Canady	Fattah	Hostettler
Cardin	Fawell	Houghton
Castle	Fazio	Hoyer
Chabot	Fields (LA)	Hunter
Chambliss	Fields (TX)	Hutchinson
Chenoweth	Flanagan	Hyde
Christensen	Foglietta	Inglis
Chrysler	Foley	Istook
Clay	Forbes	Jackson (IL)

Jackson-Lee (TX)	Mink	Shaw
Jefferson	Moakley	Shays
Johnson (CT)	Molinari	Shuster
Johnson, E. B.	Mollohan	Sisisky
Johnson, Sam	Montgomery	Skaggs
Jones	Moorhead	Skeen
Kanjorski	Moran	Skelton
Kaptur	Murtha	Slaughter
Kasich	Myers	Smith (MI)
Kelly	Myrick	Smith (NJ)
Kennedy (MA)	Neal	Smith (TX)
Kennedy (RI)	Nethercutt	Smith (WA)
Kennelly	Neumann	Solomon
Kildee	Ney	Souder
Kim	Norwood	Spence
King	Nussle	Spratt
Kingston	Oberstar	Stark
Kleczka	Obey	Stearns
Klink	Olver	Stenholm
Klug	Ortiz	Stokes
Knollenberg	Orton	Studds
Kolbe	Owens	Stump
LaFalce	Oxley	Stupak
LaHood	Packard	Talent
Lantos	Parker	Tanner
Largent	Pastor	Tate
Latham	Paxon	Tauzin
LaTourette	Payne (VA)	Taylor (MS)
Laughlin	Pelosi	Taylor (NC)
Lazio	Peterson (FL)	Tejeda
Leach	Peterson (MN)	Thomas
Levin	Petri	Thompson
Lewis (CA)	Pickett	Thornberry
Lewis (GA)	Pombo	Thornton
Lewis (KY)	Pomeroy	Thurman
Lightfoot	Porter	Tiaht
Lincoln	Portman	Torkildsen
Linder	Poshard	Torres
Lipinski	Pryce	Torrice
Livingston	Quillen	Towns
LoBiondo	Quinn	Trafficant
Lofgren	Radanovich	Upton
Longley	Rahall	Velazquez
Lowey	Ramstad	Vento
Lucas	Rangel	Visclosky
Luther	Reed	Volkmer
Maloney	Regula	Vucanovich
Manton	Richardson	Waldholtz
Manzullo	Riggs	Walker
Martinez	Rivers	Walsh
Martini	Roberts	Wamp
Mascara	Roemer	Ward
Matsui	Rogers	Waters
McCarthy	Rohrabacher	Watt (NC)
McCollum	Ros-Lehtinen	Watts (OK)
McCrery	Roth	Waxman
McDade	Roukema	Weldon (FL)
McDermott	Roybal-Allard	Weldon (PA)
McHale	Royce	Weller
McHugh	Rush	White
McInnis	Sabo	Whitfield
McIntosh	Salmon	Wicker
McKeon	Sanford	Williams
McNulty	Sawyer	Wilson
Meehan	Saxton	Wise
Meek	Scarborough	Wolf
Metcalfe	Meek	Schaefer
Meyers	Metcalfe	Schiff
Mfume	Meyers	Schumer
Mica	Mfume	Scott
Miller (CA)	Mica	Seastrand
Miller (FL)	Miller (CA)	Sensenbrenner
Minge	Miller (FL)	Serrano
	Minge	Shadegg

NOES—19

Andrews	Gejdenson	Pallone
Bunning	Hinchee	Payne (NJ)
Collins (MI)	Johnston	Sanders
Conyers	Markey	Schroeder
DeFazio	McKinney	Yates
Dellums	Menendez	
Evans	Nadler	

NOT VOTING—12

Bryant (TX)	Flake	Morella
Chapman	Geren	Rose
DeLay	Jacobs	Stockman
Filner	Johnson (SD)	Wyden

□ 1817

The question was taken; and (two-thirds having voted in favor thereof) the rules were suspended and the bill, as amended, was passed.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

PRIVILEGES OF THE HOUSE—
KEEPING THE HOUSE IN SESSION
TO CONSIDER BILL REGARDING
DEBT CEILING TO AVOID DE-
FAULT OF FULL FAITH AND
CREDIT OF THE UNITED STATES

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, pursuant to clause 2(a)(1) of rule IX, I hereby give notice of my intention to offer a resolution which raises a question of the privileges of the House.

Mr. Speaker, the form of the resolution is as follows:

H. RES. —

Whereas the inability of the House to pass a bill to raise the public debt limit will cause the Federal Government to default on its obligations and affect the dignity and integrity of House proceedings; and

Whereas the inability of the House to pass a bill to raise the public debt limit will cause severe hardship on Federal employees, Federal contractors, and the American people and cause millions of American citizens to hold the House in disrepute: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That upon the adoption of this resolution, the Speaker of the House shall take such action to keep the House in session until the House considers a clean bill regarding the debt ceiling to avoid default of the full faith and credit of the United States.

Mr. Speaker, I hereby give notice with some 40 cosponsors from around the Nation for this privileged resolution.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. HASTINGS). Under rule IX, a resolution offered from the floor by a Member other than the majority leader or the minority leader as a question of the privileges of the House has immediate precedence only at a time or place designated by the Chair in the legislative schedule within 2 legislative days if being properly noticed. That designation will be announced at a later time. In the meantime, the form of the resolution proffered by the gentlewoman from Texas will appear in the RECORD at this point.

The Chair is not at this point making a determination as to whether the resolution constitutes a question of privilege. That determination will be made at the time designated for consideration of the resolution.

PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRY

Mr. FIELDS of Louisiana. Mr. Speaker, I have a parliamentary inquiry.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman will state it.

Mr. FIELDS of Louisiana. Mr. Speaker, I was trying to hear the ruling of the Chair, if the Chair would be so kind, because the last two or three sentences of his ruling I did not understand because the House was not in order.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. I will repeat the last part of that for the gentleman.

The Chair is not at this point making a determination as to whether the resolution constitutes a question of privilege. That determination will be made at the time designated for consideration of the resolution.

Mr. FIELDS of Texas. And what time is that, may I ask, Mr. Speaker?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will announce that when the Speaker makes his determination.

CONFERENCE REPORT ON H.R. 2546,
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA APPRO-
PRIATIONS ACT, 1996

Mr. LINDER. Mr. Speaker, by direction of the Committee on Rules, I call up House Resolution 351 and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 351

Resolved, That upon adoption of this resolution it shall be in order to consider the conference report to accompany the bill (H.R. 2546) making appropriations for the government of the District of Columbia and other activities chargeable in whole or in part against the revenues of said District for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1996, and for other purposes. All points of order against the conference report and against its consideration are waived. The conference report shall be considered as read.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman from Georgia [Mr. LINDER] is recognized for 1 hour.

Mr. LINDER. Mr. Speaker, for the purpose of debate only, I yield the customary 30 minutes to the gentleman from Texas [Mr. FROST], pending which I yield myself such time as I may consume. During consideration of this resolution, all time yielded is for the purpose of debate only.

Mr. Speaker, House Resolution 351 provides for consideration of the conference report for H.R. 2546, the District of Columbia appropriations bill for fiscal year 1996, and waives all points of order against this bill. This rule provides for the orderly consideration of this conference agreement and will facilitate its consideration. Normal procedures of the House allow for 1 hour of general debate divided equally between the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations.

Finally, House rules provide for a motion to recommit with or without instructions as is the right of the minority.

Mr. Speaker, the appropriations process is clearly more difficult when you attempt to pass fiscally responsible legislation. The District of Columbia appropriations conference report will not satisfy everyone and does not cut as much spending as many of us would have liked, but I am hopeful that the President will sign this commonsense bill which will move us closer to restoring the District's fiscal health.

Mr. Speaker, this bill will stem the fiscal crisis that the District has created. The gentlelady from the District of Columbia has stated that we all have a duty to help raise our Nation's capital out of its fiscal crisis, and I believe that this bill fulfills that obligation. The District must now restore fiscal sanity and create a more efficient and productive Capital City for its residents and all Americans.

The conference report provides a total appropriation of \$4.99 billion for fiscal year 1996. In addition, the conferees have included a number of legislative provisions that will ensure that a few specified activities are achieved by the local government.

I am particularly pleased that the bill includes reforms that are imperative to the revival of the D.C. school system. The conference agreed to include low-income scholarships of up to \$3,000 that qualified students could use to attend private schools in the District. The conference also designates \$15 million dollars in order to repair deteriorating schools and produce an acceptable environment for our children's education. Representative GUNDERSON deserves high praise for his persistent efforts to reform the District's school system.

Mr. Speaker, given the size and population of the District, it is difficult to argue that a bill that provides this city with about \$5 billion dollars is not generous. For those who still believe this bill is unfair, consider this: the Federal per capita spending equals about \$9,000. I would argue that no other city in America receives so much Federal funding and has so many mismanaged and inefficient services to show for it.

Nonetheless, the District shamelessly comes to us with yet another exorbitant wish list for funding. The House has been very charitable in preserving home rule, but we have a constitutional duty to keep the District's budget in balance. To fulfill this obligation, Congress will appropriate funds for the District and set the fiscal and policy parameters. The Financial Authority will then provide guidance for a sound financial operation. We are giving the District a golden opportunity with this bill to prove that it can control spending in a disciplined and competent manner. It is a fiscally responsible solution that is more than generous and the District cannot expect any better.

I certainly hope that the District will be held accountable for the expenditure of this funding by the District Financial Management Assistance Authority which has been tasked to quickly implement commonsense money management. We are all aware of the apprehension that remains about the District's ability to govern itself competently, and I hope that we can agree that this bill is a proper vehicle to drive the District into an era of financial stability.

This is a city that has been wasting other people's money for an awfully long time and has wanted unconditional freedom in doing it. The city has reached a point where it cannot pay its bills, protect its streets, or even plow its streets, for that matter. While the bill may not go as far as many would like, the House needs to pass an appropriations bill to keep the District going.

The conferees, under the leadership of Chairman JIM WALSH, have worked well to balance an assortment of concerns, including home rule, and made