

Thursday. But I would rather wait until then to determine the level of intensity on our side.

Mr. LAZIO of New York. If I could just reclaim my time, is the gentleman saying that an hour would not be an appropriate amount of time to debate the substitute?

Mr. KENNEDY of Massachusetts. I am hopeful we can reach agreement on an hour, but I would like to reserve that right until Thursday and make that determination at that time.

Mr. OXLEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support for H.R. 2, the Housing Opportunity and Responsibility Act. As a cosponsor of this important legislation I believe that it will go a long way toward reforming our current public housing system. I am particularly enthusiastic about Title IV, the Home Rule Flexible Grant Option, portion of the overall legislation. The provisions included in Title IV would provide local government leaders with the flexibility to implement new locally developed proposals for meeting the specific housing needs of their communities.

Whereas under our current system Public Housing Authorities administer all aspects of sometimes highly regulated Federal housing programs, this new grant would give interested localities the flexibility to implement new innovative programs targeted to meet the housing needs of their own citizens.

In the city of Lima, a town in my district, a situation has developed recently that has divided local housing authorities and local government leaders. The situation began when the city's Public Housing Authority went forward with plans to build 28 scattered-site low-income public housing units. With city officials contending that these units are not scattered, and in fact concentrated in one particular area of the city, they filed suit contending that the Public Housing Authority broke Ohio law by not presenting the project to the Lima Planning Commission before going ahead with construction. In an effort to bring both sides together and resolve their differences, at my request, a meeting was set up between HUD officials and officials from the Lima City Council. In fact, a public meeting was also held on this issue, again with HUD officials being present. While HUD officials soon agreed with city officials that indeed they had some legitimate concerns on the 28 scattered-site housing units being congested in one area, ultimately no concrete resolutions came out of these meetings.

Unfortunately, the situation worsened. With no resolution from the meetings, and with the city proceeding with the lawsuit, city officials soon found themselves receiving a letter of warning from HUD. The letter stated that as a result of the city's lawsuit against the Public Housing Authority, the department would therefore be withholding funds for both the city's Community Development Block Grant and HOME Programs.

Clearly this situation should never have developed to the point where HUD bureaucrats would feel the need to threaten to withhold funds for programs that have absolutely nothing to do with the city's initial lawsuit. In fact, had all sides sat down and actually addressed each others concerns in the first place, all of this could have possibly been resolved.

It is this exact situation that Title IV of H.R. 2 aims to address. By encouraging city offi-

cial and Public Housing Authorities to work together to meet the housing needs of their community, conflicts such as the one taking place in Lima today can be averted. While both sides in this dispute clearly have the best interests of community in mind, it is the current housing program framework itself that has pitted both sides against one another. It is clear to me that the Home Rule Flexible Grant Option provisions in this bill would help to encourage greater cooperation between Public Housing Authorities and local elected officials.

As one who has witnessed first-hand the negative consequences of having local Public Housing Authorities and local government leaders work at odds with each other, it is clear to me that this new approach is needed. For these reasons I urge all Members to support passage of the Housing Opportunity and Responsibility Act.

Mr. LAZIO of New York. Mr. Chairman, I move that the Committee do now rise.

The motion was agreed to. Accordingly, the Committee rose; and the Speaker pro tempore [Mr. KOLBE] having assumed the chair, Mr. LAHOOD, Chairman pro tempore of the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union, reported that that Committee, having had under consideration the bill (H.R. 2) to repeal the United States Housing Act of 1937, deregulate the public housing program and the program for rental housing assistance for low-income families, and increase community control over such programs, and for other purposes, had come to no resolution thereon.

REMOVAL OF NAME OF MEMBER AS COSPONSOR OF H.R. 590

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the gentleman from Wisconsin [Mr. JOHNSON] be removed as a cosponsor of H.R. 590.

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

There was no objection.

REMOVAL OF NAME OF MEMBER AS COSPONSOR OF H.R. 695

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to have my name removed as a cosponsor of H.R. 695.

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

There was no objection.

INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES EDUCATION ACT AMENDMENTS OF 1997

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The pending business is the question of suspending the rules and passing the bill, H.R. 5, 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 the gentleman from Pennsylvania [Mr. GOODLING] that

the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 5, as amended, on which the yeas and nays are ordered.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 420, nays 3, not voting 10, as follows:

[Roll No. 124]
YEAS—420

Abercrombie	DeGette	Hostettler
Ackerman	Delahunt	Houghton
Aderholt	DeLauro	Hoyer
Allen	DeLay	Hulshof
Andrews	Dellums	Hunter
Archer	Deutsch	Hutchinson
Armey	Diaz-Balart	Hyde
Bachus	Dickey	Inglis
Baesler	Dicks	Istook
Baker	Dingell	Jackson (IL)
Baldacci	Dixon	Jackson-Lee
Ballenger	Doggett	(TX)
Barcia	Dooley	Jefferson
Barr	Doolittle	Jenkins
Barrett (NE)	Doyle	John
Barrett (WI)	Dreier	Johnson (CT)
Bartlett	Duncan	Johnson (WI)
Barton	Dunn	Johnson, E.B.
Bass	Edwards	Johnson, Sam
Bentsen	Ehlers	Jones
Bereuter	Ehrlich	Kanjorski
Berman	Emerson	Kaptur
Berry	Engel	Kasich
Bilbray	English	Kelly
Bilirakis	Ensign	Kennedy (MA)
Bishop	Eshoo	Kennedy (RI)
Bliley	Etheridge	Kennelly
Blumenauer	Evans	Kildee
Blunt	Everett	Kilpatrick
Boehlert	Ewing	Kim
Boehner	Farr	Kind (WI)
Bonilla	Fattah	King (NY)
Bonior	Fawell	Kingston
Bono	Fazio	Klecza
Borski	Filner	Klink
Boswell	Flake	Klug
Boucher	Foglietta	Knollenberg
Boyd	Foley	Kolbe
Brady	Forbes	Kucinich
Brown (CA)	Ford	LaFalce
Brown (FL)	Fowler	Lampson
Brown (OH)	Fox	Lantos
Bryant	Frank (MA)	Largent
Bunning	Franks (NJ)	Latham
Burr	Frelinghuysen	LaTourette
Burton	Frost	Lazio
Buyer	Furse	Leach
Callahan	Galleghy	Levin
Calvert	Ganske	Lewis (CA)
Camp	Gejdenson	Lewis (GA)
Campbell	Gekas	Lewis (KY)
Canady	Gephardt	Linder
Cannon	Gibbons	Lipinski
Capps	Gilchrist	Livingston
Cardin	Gillmor	LoBiondo
Carson	Gilman	Lofgren
Castle	Gonzalez	Lowe
Chabot	Goode	Lucas
Chambliss	Goodlatte	Luther
Chenoweth	Goodling	Maloney (CT)
Christensen	Gordon	Maloney (NY)
Clay	Goss	Manton
Clayton	Graham	Manzullo
Clement	Granger	Markey
Clyburn	Green	Martinez
Coble	Greenwood	Mascara
Coburn	Gutknecht	Matsui
Collins	Hall (OH)	McCarthy (MO)
Combust	Hall (TX)	McCarthy (NY)
Condit	Hamilton	McCollum
Conyers	Hansen	McCrery
Cook	Harman	McDade
Cooksey	Hastert	McDermott
Costello	Hastings (FL)	McGovern
Cox	Hastings (WA)	McHale
Coyne	Hayworth	McHugh
Cramer	Hefley	McInnis
Crane	Hergert	McIntosh
Crapo	Hill	McIntyre
Cubin	Hilleary	McKeon
Cummings	Hilliard	McKinney
Cunningham	Hinchee	McNulty
Danner	Hinojosa	Meehan
Davis (FL)	Hobson	Meek
Davis (IL)	Hoekstra	Menendez
Davis (VA)	Holden	Metcalfe
Deal	Hoolley	Mica
DeFazio	Horn	