

minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. WYNN. Mr. Speaker, I, too, want to talk about taxes, but I want to talk about it in a little different way. I want to talk about tax fairness, because that is what this debate is really all about.

The Republican tax plan gives 60 percent of the benefits in tax cuts to the richest 5 percent of Americans. We think that is wrong. We think working families, working Americans, ought to get the lion's share of the tax benefits.

If Members look at the Republican plan, we will find something very interesting. They are willing to give a child tax credit of \$500 per child for families making over \$100,000 a year, but when we say we have a police officer who makes \$25,000 a year, or perhaps a clerk that makes \$30,000 a year, they say, no, they get the earned income tax credit so they should not get a child tax credit.

That does not make sense. They have tax breaks for dinners, lunches, for travel, corporate welfare for building roads, corporate welfare for attending trade shows overseas; there are lots of tax breaks for the wealthy. That is OK. But now, today, we have an opportunity to have tax fairness for working families. That is what we ought to do.

A TRIBUTE TO NASA

(Mr. FORD asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. FORD. Mr. Speaker, I rise this morning to praise the men and women of NASA, and to applaud the vision and leadership of NASA Administrator Dan Golden.

The landing of the Pathfinder explorer on Mars and the subsequent exploration by the Sojourner rover, named after that great American hero, Sojourner Truth, demonstrates that the United States is the global leader in science, technology, and space exploration. It is especially fitting, Mr. Speaker, that the United States is making one of its most substantial achievements in space at the same time that President Clinton is expanding NATO, our most successful military alliance in contemporary history.

In 1960, at the height of the cold war, President Kennedy challenged the Nation to send a man to the Moon by the end of the decade. Spurred by strategic competition with the Soviet Union, we met that challenge. Today, however, Mr. Speaker, the cold war is over, but the challenge to inspire our people in the national interest still exists today.

If we expect to build on the successes of the Pathfinder mission and to make NATO a success well into the 21st century, we must recommit ourselves to educating our people, educating our young people, and educating those who are going off to college. A national commitment to education will enable us to produce the scientists, engineers,

astronauts, and diplomats that will ensure our national security and make future space exploration a reality.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 1998

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. SNOWBARGER). Pursuant to House Resolution 181 and rule XXIII, the Chair declares the House in the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union for the further consideration of the bill, H.R. 2107.

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IN THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Accordingly the House resolved itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union for the further consideration of the bill, H.R. 2107, making appropriations for the Department of the Interior and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998, and for other purposes, with Mr. LATOURETTE in the chair.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The CHAIRMAN. When the Committee of the Whole rose on Thursday, July 10, 1997, the bill had been read through page 76, line 7.

Mr. REGULA. Mr. Chairman, I move to strike the last word.

Mr. Chairman, the schedule, at least as we see it for the rest of the day, would be we will have two 15-minute votes immediately. One will be on the Klug-Miller-Foley amendment, and the second will be on the Royce amendment, and then we will go on to the balance of the bill. Our goal is to finish by 2 o'clock today, and I think if we can get some time limit agreements on the balance of the amendments, we will be able to do that and finish the bill.

Other than that, following the two 15-minute votes there will not be a Journal vote, but following the two 15-minute votes we will then move to the Ehlert amendment. I believe there is 1 hour of time for that, and then we will try to keep moving, and as I said before, get this completed by 2 o'clock today.

SEQUENTIAL VOTES POSTPONED IN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

The CHAIRMAN. Pursuant to House Resolution 181, proceedings will now resume on those amendments on which further proceedings were postponed in the following order: Amendment No. 5 offered by the gentleman from Wisconsin [Mr. KLUG]; and the amendment offered by the gentleman from California [Mr. ROYCE].

AMENDMENT NO. 5 OFFERED BY MR. KLUG

The CHAIRMAN. The unfinished business is the demand for a recorded vote on the amendment offered by the gentleman from Wisconsin [Mr. KLUG] on which further proceedings were postponed and on which the noes prevailed by voice vote.

The Clerk will redesignate the amendment.

The text of the amendment is as follows:

Amendment offered by Mr. KLUG: Page 58, line 18, after the dollar amount, insert the following: "(increased by \$292,000,000)".

RECORDED VOTE

The CHAIRMAN. A recorded vote has been demanded.

A recorded vote was ordered.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—ayes 173, noes 243, not voting 18, as follows:

[Roll No. 264]

AYES—173

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| Andrews | Gutknecht | Paxon |
| Archer | Harman | Peterson (MN) |
| Armey | Hastings (FL) | Petri |
| Barcia | Hastings (WA) | Pitts |
| Barr | Hayworth | Porter |
| Barrett (WI) | Hefley | Portman |
| Bass | Hinchey | Quinn |
| Becerra | Hoekstra | Ramstad |
| Berry | Hooley | Rivers |
| Bilbray | Horn | Rogan |
| Blagojevich | Hulshof | Rohrabacher |
| Blumenauer | Inglis | Ros-Lehtinen |
| Blunt | Johnson (CT) | Rothman |
| Brown (FL) | Johnson (WI) | Roukema |
| Brown (OH) | Jones | Roybal-Allard |
| Bryant | Kasich | Royce |
| Burr | Kelly | Ryun |
| Camp | Kennedy (MA) | Salmon |
| Campbell | Kennedy (RI) | Sanders |
| Cannon | Kind (WI) | Sanford |
| Capps | Kingston | Saxton |
| Carson | Kleczka | Scarborough |
| Castle | Klug | Schumer |
| Chabot | Lantos | Sensenbrenner |
| Christensen | Latham | Shadegg |
| Coble | Leach | Shaw |
| Collins | Levin | Shays |
| Condit | Lewis (GA) | Sherman |
| Cooksey | LoBiondo | Smith (MI) |
| Cox | Lowe | Smith (NJ) |
| Davis (FL) | Luther | Smith, Adam |
| Deal | Markey | Smith, Linda |
| DeFazio | McCarthy (NY) | Snyder |
| DeGette | McCollum | Stabenow |
| Delahunt | McCrary | Stark |
| DeLauro | McGovern | Stearns |
| Dellums | McInnis | Stump |
| Deutsch | McIntyre | Sununu |
| Doggett | McKeon | Talent |
| Ehlers | McKinney | Tanner |
| Ehrlich | McNulty | Tauscher |
| Ensign | Meehan | Taylor (NC) |
| Eshoo | Menendez | Thornberry |
| Fawell | Miller (CA) | Thune |
| Filner | Miller (FL) | Tiahrt |
| Foley | Moran (KS) | Tierney |
| Fowler | Moran (VA) | Towns |
| Frank (MA) | Morella | Upton |
| Franks (NJ) | Nadler | Velazquez |
| Frelinghuysen | Neal | Vento |
| Furse | Neumann | Waxman |
| Ganske | Nussle | Weldon (FL) |
| Gejdenson | Obey | Wexler |
| Gibbons | Olver | Weygand |
| Gilchrest | Owens | White |
| Gordon | Pallone | Woolsey |
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NOES—243

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| Aderholt | Bunning | Cummings |
| Bachus | Burton | Cunningham |
| Baessler | Buyer | Danner |
| Baker | Callahan | Davis (IL) |
| Baldacci | Calvert | Davis (VA) |
| Ballenger | Canady | DeLay |
| Barrett (NE) | Cardin | Diaz-Balart |
| Bartlett | Chambliss | Dickey |
| Barton | Clay | Dicks |
| Bateman | Clayton | Dingell |
| Bentsen | Clement | Dixon |
| Bereuter | Clyburn | Dooley |
| Bilirakis | Coburn | Doyle |
| Bishop | Combust | Dreier |
| Bliley | Conyers | Duncan |
| Boehner | Cook | Dunn |
| Bonilla | Costello | Edwards |
| Bono | Coyne | Emerson |
| Borski | Cramer | Engel |
| Boswell | Crane | English |