

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

There was no objection.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 5, rule 1, the Chair will now put the question on each motion to suspend the rules on which further proceedings were postponed from Monday, July 28, 1997, in the order in which that motion was entertained.

Votes will be taken in the following order:

House Concurrent Resolution 75, by the yeas and nays; and

H.R. 1348, by the yeas and nays.

Pursuant to the order of the House of today, the Chair will reduce to 5 minutes the time for both electronic votes in this series.

EXPRESSING SENSE OF CONGRESS THAT STATES SHOULD WORK MORE AGGRESSIVELY TO AT- TACK PROBLEM OF REPEAT CRIMINALS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The unfinished business is the question of suspending the rules and agreeing to the concurrent resolution, House Concurrent Resolution 75.

The Clerk read the title of the concurrent resolution.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Florida [Mr. MCCOLLUM] that the House suspend the rules and agree to the concurrent resolution, House Concurrent Resolution 75, on which the yeas and nays are ordered.

This is a 5-minute vote.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 400, nays 24, answered "present" 1, not voting 9, as follows:

[Roll No. 339]

YEAS—400

Abercrombie	Blumenauer	Chambliss
Ackerman	Blunt	Chenoweth
Aderholt	Boehlert	Christensen
Allen	Boehner	Clayton
Andrews	Bonilla	Clement
Archer	Bonior	Clyburn
Armey	Bono	Coble
Bachus	Borski	Collins
Baesler	Boswell	Combest
Baker	Boucher	Condit
Baldacci	Boyd	Cook
Ballenger	Brady	Cooksey
Barcia	Brown (CA)	Costello
Barr	Brown (FL)	Cox
Barrett (NE)	Brown (OH)	Coyne
Barrett (WI)	Bryant	Cramer
Bartlett	Bunning	Crane
Barton	Burr	Crapo
Bass	Burton	Cubin
Bateman	Buyer	Cunningham
Becerra	Callahan	Danner
Bentsen	Calvert	Davis (FL)
Bereuter	Camp	Davis (IL)
Berman	Campbell	Davis (VA)
Berry	Canady	Deal
Bilbray	Cannon	DeGette
Bilirakis	Capps	DeLauro
Bishop	Cardin	Delahunt
Blagojevich	Castle	DeLay
Bliley	Chabot	Deutsch

Diaz-Balart	Kanjorski	Pease	Watts (OK)	Wexler	Wolf
Dickey	Kaptur	Pelosi	Waxman	Weygand	Woolsey
Dicks	Kasich	Peterson (MN)	Weldon (FL)	Whitfield	Wynn
Dingell	Kelly	Peterson (PA)	Weldon (PA)	Wicker	Yates
Dixon	Kennedy (MA)	Petri	Weller	Wise	Young (FL)
Doggett	Kennedy (RI)	Pickering			
Dooley	Kennelly	Pickett			
Doolittle	Kildee	Pitts			
Doyle	Kim	Pombo			
Dreier	Kind (WI)	Pomeroy			
Duncan	King (NY)	Porter			
Dunn	Kingston	Portman			
Edwards	Kleczka	Poshard			
Ehlers	Klink	Price (NC)			
Ehrlich	Klug	Pryce (OH)			
Emerson	Knollenberg	Quinn			
Engel	Kolbe	Radanovich			
English	Kucinich	Rahall			
Ensign	LaFalce	Ramstad			
Eshoo	LaHood	Redmond			
Etheridge	Lampson	Regula			
Evans	Lantos	Reyes			
Everett	Largent	Riggs			
Ewing	Latham	Riley			
Farr	LaTourrette	Rivers			
Fattah	Lazio	Rodriguez			
Fawell	Leach	Roemer			
Fazio	Levin	Rogan			
Filner	Lewis (CA)	Rogers			
Flake	Lewis (KY)	Rohrabacher			
Foley	Linder	Ros-Lehtinen			
Ford	Lipinski	Rothman			
Fowler	Livingston	Roukema			
Fox	LoBiondo	Roybal-Allard			
Frank (MA)	Lofgren	Royce			
Franks (NJ)	Lowey	Ryun			
Frelinghuysen	Lucas	Salmon			
Frost	Luther	Sanchez			
Furse	Maloney (CT)	Sandlin			
Gallegly	Maloney (NY)	Sanford			
Ganske	Manton	Sawyer			
Gejdenson	Manzullo	Saxton			
Gekas	Markey	Scarborough			
Gephardt	Martinez	Schaefer, Dan			
Gibbons	Mascara	Schaffer, Bob			
Gilchrest	Matsui	Schumer			
Gillmor	McCarthy (MO)	Sensenbrenner			
Gilman	McCarthy (NY)	Sessions			
Goode	McCollum	Shadegg			
Goodlatte	McCrery	Shaw			
Goodling	McDade	Shays			
Gordon	McGovern	Sherman			
Goss	McHale	Shimkus			
Graham	McHugh	Shuster			
Granger	McInnis	Sisisky			
Green	McIntosh	Skaggs			
Greenwood	McIntyre	Skeen			
Gutierrez	McKeon	Skelton			
Gutknecht	McKinney	Slaughter			
Hall (OH)	McNulty	Smith (MI)			
Hall (TX)	Meehan	Smith (NJ)			
Hamilton	Meek	Smith (OR)			
Hansen	Menendez	Smith (TX)			
Harman	Metcalf	Smith, Adam			
Hastert	Mica	Snowbarger			
Hastings (FL)	Millender-	Solomon			
Hastings (WA)	McDonald	Souder			
Hayworth	Miller (CA)	Spence			
Hefley	Miller (FL)	Spratt			
Hefner	Minge	Stabenow			
Heger	Mink	Stearns			
Hill	Moakley	Stenholm			
Hilleary	Molinari	Strickland			
Hinchee	Mollohan	Stump			
Hinojosa	Moran (KS)	Stupak			
Hobson	Moran (VA)	Sununu			
Hoekstra	Morella	Talent			
Holden	Murtha	Tanner			
Hoolley	Myrick	Tauscher			
Horn	Nadler	Tauzin			
Hostettler	Neal	Taylor (MS)			
Houghton	Nethercutt	Taylor (NC)			
Hoyer	Neumann	Thomas			
Hulshof	Ney	Thompson			
Hunter	Northup	Thornberry			
Hutchinson	Norwood	Thune			
Hyde	Nussle	Thurman			
Inglis	Obey	Tiahrt			
Istook	Ortiz	Tierney			
Jackson-Lee	Owens	Torres			
(TX)	Oxley	Trafficant			
Jefferson	Packard	Turner			
Jenkins	Pallone	Upton			
John	Pappas	Vento			
Johnson (CT)	Parker	Visclosky			
Johnson (WI)	Pascarell	Walsh			
Johnson, E. B.	Pastor	Wamp			
Johnson, Sam	Paul	Waters			
Jones	Paxon	Watkins			

Watts (OK)	Wexler	Wolf
Waxman	Weygand	Woolsey
Weldon (FL)	Whitfield	Wynn
Weldon (PA)	Wicker	Yates
Weller	Wise	Young (FL)

NAYS—24

Carson	Lewis (GA)	Sanders
Clay	McDermott	Scott
Conyers	Oberstar	Serrano
Cummings	Olver	Stark
Dellums	Payne	Stokes
Hilliard	Rangel	Towns
Jackson (IL)	Rush	Velazquez
Kilpatrick	Sabo	Watt (NC)

ANSWERED "PRESENT"—1

Snyder

NOT VOTING—9

Coburn	Forbes	Smith, Linda
DeFazio	Gonzalez	White
Foglietta	Schiff	Young (AK)

□ 1644

So (two-thirds having voted in favor thereof) the rules were suspended, and the concurrent resolution was agreed to.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

EXPANDED WAR CRIMES ACT OF 1997

The SPEAKER pro tempore [Mr. MCHUGH]. The unfinished business is the question of suspending the rules and passing the bill, H.R. 1348, 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 Tennessee [Mr. JENKINS] that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 1348, as amended, on which the yeas and nays are ordered.

This is a 5-minute vote.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 391, nays 32, not voting 11, as follows:

[Roll No. 340]

YEAS—391

Ackerman	Bonilla	Combest
Aderholt	Bono	Condit
Allen	Borski	Cook
Andrews	Boswell	Cooksey
Archer	Blunt	Boucher
Armey	Boyd	Cox
Bachus	Brady	Coyne
Baesler	Brown (CA)	Cramer
Baker	Brown (FL)	Crane
Baldacci	Brown (OH)	Crapo
Ballenger	Bryant	Cubin
Barcia	Bunning	Cunningham
Barr	Burr	Danner
Barrett (NE)	Burton	Davis (FL)
Barrett (WI)	Buyer	Davis (VA)
Bartlett	Callahan	Deal
Barton	Calvert	DeFazio
Bass	Camp	DeGette
Bateman	Campbell	DeLauro
Becerra	Canady	DeLay
Bentsen	Cannon	Deutsch
Bereuter	Capps	Diaz-Balart
Berman	Cardin	Dickey
Berry	Castle	Dicks
Bilbray	Chabot	Dingell
Bilirakis	Chambliss	Dixon
Bishop	Chenoweth	Doggett
Blagojevich	Christensen	Dooley
Bliley	Clayton	Doolittle
	Clement	Doyle
	Clyburn	Dreier
	Coble	Duncan
	Collins	Dunn

Edwards	Kleczka	Ramstad
Ehlers	Klink	Redmond
Ehrlich	Klug	Regula
Emerson	Knollenberg	Reyes
Engel	Kolbe	Riggs
English	LaFalce	Riley
Ensign	LaHood	Rivers
Eshoo	Lampson	Rodriguez
Etheridge	Lantos	Roemer
Evans	Largent	Rogan
Everett	Latham	Rogers
Ewing	LaTourette	Rohrabacher
Farr	Lazio	Ros-Lehtinen
Fattah	Leach	Rothman
Fawell	Levin	Roukema
Fazio	Lewis (CA)	Roybal-Allard
Filner	Lewis (KY)	Royce
Flake	Linder	Ryun
Foley	Lipinski	Sabo
Ford	Livingston	Salmon
Fowler	LoBiondo	Sanchez
Fox	Lofgren	Sanders
Franks (NJ)	Lowey	Sandlin
Frelinghuysen	Lucas	Sanford
Frost	Luther	Sawyer
Furse	Maloney (CT)	Saxton
Galleghy	Maloney (NY)	Schaefer, Dan
Ganske	Manton	Schaffer, Bob
Gejdenson	Manzullo	Schumer
Gekas	Martinez	Sensenbrenner
Gephardt	Mascara	Sessions
Gibbons	Matsui	Shadegg
Gilchrest	McCarthy (MO)	Shaw
Gillmor	McCarthy (NY)	Shays
Gilman	McCollum	Sherman
Goode	McCrery	Shimkus
Goodlatte	McDade	Shuster
Goodling	McHale	Sisisky
Gordon	McHugh	Skaggs
Goss	McInnis	Skeen
Graham	McIntosh	Skelton
Granger	McIntyre	Slaughter
Green	McKeon	Smith (MI)
Greenwood	McNulty	Smith (NJ)
Gutierrez	Meehan	Smith (OR)
Gutknecht	Meek	Smith (TX)
Hall (OH)	Menendez	Smith, Adam
Hall (TX)	Metcalf	Smith, Linda
Hamilton	Mica	Snowbarger
Hansen	Millender-Solomon	Snyder
Harman	McDonald	Souder
Hastert	Miller (FL)	Spence
Hastings (FL)	Minge	Spratt
Hastings (WA)	Mink	Stabenow
Hayworth	Moakley	Stark
Hefley	Molinari	Stearns
Hefner	Mollohan	Stenholm
Herger	Moran (KS)	Stokes
Hill	Moran (VA)	Strickland
Hilleary	Morella	Stump
Hilliard	Myrick	Stupak
Hinchey	Nadler	Sununu
Hinojosa	Neal	Talent
Hobson	Nethercutt	Tanner
Hoekstra	Neumann	Tauscher
Holden	Ney	Tauzin
Hooley	Northup	Taylor (MS)
Horn	Norwood	Taylor (NC)
Hostettler	Nussle	Thompson
Houghton	Oberstar	Thornberry
Hoyer	Obey	Thune
Hulshof	Ortiz	Thurman
Hunter	Owens	Tiahrt
Hutchinson	Oxley	Torres
Hyde	Packard	Trafficant
Inglis	Pallone	Turner
Istook	Parker	Upton
Jackson-Lee (TX)	Pascrell	Vento
Jefferson	Pastor	Visclosky
Jenkins	Paxon	Walsh
John	Pease	Wamp
Johnson (CT)	Pelosi	Watkins
Johnson (WI)	Peterson (MN)	Watts (OK)
Johnson, E. B.	Peterson (PA)	Waxman
Johnson, Sam	Petri	Weldon (FL)
Jones	Pickering	Weldon (PA)
Kaptur	Pickett	Weller
Kasich	Pitts	Wexler
Kelly	Pombo	Weygand
Kennedy (MA)	Pomeroy	Whitfield
Kennedy (RI)	Porter	Wicker
Kennelly	Portman	Wise
Kildee	Poshard	Wolf
Kim	Price (NC)	Woolsey
Kind (WI)	Pryce (OH)	Wynn
King (NY)	Quinn	Yates
Kingston	Radanovich	Young (FL)
	Rahall	

NAYS—32

Carson	Kucinich	Payne
Clay	Lewis (GA)	Rangel
Conyers	Markey	Rush
Cummings	McDermott	Scott
Davis (IL)	McGovern	Serrano
Delahunt	McKinney	Tierney
Dellums	Miller (CA)	Towns
Frank (MA)	Murtha	Velazquez
Jackson (IL)	Olver	Waters
Kanjorski	Pappas	Watt (NC)
Kilpatrick	Paul	

NOT VOTING—11

Abercrombie	Forbes	Thomas
Bonior	Gonzalez	White
Coburn	Scarborough	Young (AK)
Foglietta	Schiff	

□ 1653

Mr. MEEHAN changed his vote from "nay" to "yea."

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

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. METCALF. Mr. Speaker, because of weather problems at Dulles Airport my flight was delayed and I missed all the rollcall votes yesterday. Had I been present, on rollcall votes 332, 333, and 334, I would have voted "no." On rollcall vote 335, I would have voted "yes."

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. McDERMOTT. Mr. Speaker, like the previous gentleman, due to weather problems here in D.C. I missed all four votes. On rollcall vote 332, I would have voted "yes," on rollcall vote 333, I would have voted "no," on rollcall vote 334, I would have voted "yes," and on rollcall vote 335, I would have voted "no."

CORRECTION TO THE RECORD OF JULY 28, 1997, PAGE H5879

The speech printed on page H5879 and erroneously attributed to Mr. BURTON of Indiana, was submitted under general leave by Mr. WAXMAN, and should appear as follows:

Mr. WAXMAN. Mr. Chairman, the legislative branch appropriations bill for fiscal year 1998 cuts the funding level for the General Accounting Office by \$9 million from the fiscal year 1997 funding level. This cut is unwise and unfair and should be reversed in Conference.

Two years ago, the GAO and House and Senate appropriators reached an agreement on a two-year plan to reduce GAO's budget. As part of that agreement, GAO's budget has been reduced by 25 percent and its staffing has dropped below 3,500—its lowest level in almost 60 years. These cuts have taken a heavy toll. Hiring and promotions have been frozen for a long time. Staff reductions have diminished expertise in key areas. And needed investments in information technology have been placed on hold. Additional cuts now are not only a violation of that agreement, they will result in a loss of morale and a further loss in staff expertise as the agency's future is cast in doubt.

Instead of pursuing this foolish course of action, the House should have honored the agreement over funding for the GAO. It could easily have made up for the revenue difference by refusing to fund the Government Reform and Oversight's partisan witch-hunt into campaign fundraising practices. The budget for that "investigation" is an extravagant waste of taxpayers' money. The Senate is doing a better, and fairer, job while the House's investigation is in a shambles. We are wasting millions of dollars on a mistake-plagued House investigation which duplicates the more comprehensive and bipartisan efforts of the Senate. Instead of funding partisan investigations in the Government Reform and Oversight Committee, let's give money to those than can really use it, the professional auditors and investigators of the GAO.

The Senate has also taken a much wiser approach to GAO's funding, and kept faith with the agreement reached two years ago. By funding GAO at their requested level, the Senate has provided less than a 2 percent increase; not enough for any staff or program increases, just enough to continue current operations at their present levels. In essence it is a cost of living increase. This is certainly the least Congress should provide for the GAO, our own investigative arm. The cuts in the House bill are penny wise and pound foolish because the GAO remains an excellent investment for the American taxpayer. The financial benefits from its work in the last five years alone total over \$103 billion.

If we in Congress are to continue doing our jobs well, we need a strong and effective General Accounting Office. I urge my colleagues on the House Appropriations Committee to carefully consider these issues during the conference with the Senate on this bill.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

A message in writing from the President of the United States was communicated to the House by Mr. Sherman Williams, one of his secretaries.

SPECIAL ORDERS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 7, 1997, and under a previous order of the House, the following Members will be recognized for 5 minutes each.

HAROLD SCHUITMAKER

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Michigan [Mr. UPTON] is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. UPTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a dedicated and devoted community leader and a dear friend, Mr. Harold Schuitmaker of Paw Paw, MI. Harold has been very active in our community, lending his hand wherever he can to help our neighbors. As a Rotarian, United Way board member, an Elk, an advocate for children, an active member of his church, Harold has always been there for the community of Paw Paw.

I talked to a few of our neighbors, and they all agree when it comes to