

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
Gallegly	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	Pascrell	Vento
(TX)	Pastor	Visclosky
Jefferson	Paxon	Walsh
Jenkins	Pease	Wamp
John	Pelosi	Watkins
Johnson (CT)	Peterson (MN)	Watts (OK)
Johnson (WI)	Peterson (PA)	Waxman
Johnson, E. B.	Petri	Weldon (FL)
Johnson, Sam	Pickering	Weldon (PA)
Jones	Pickett	Weller
Kaptur	Pitts	Wexler
Kasich	Pombo	Weygand
Kelly	Pomeroy	Whitfield
Kennedy (MA)	Porter	Wicker
Kennedy (RI)	Portman	Wise
Kennelly	Poshard	Wolf
Kildee	Price (NC)	Woolsey
Kim	Pryce (OH)	Wynn
Kind (WI)	Quinn	Yates
King (NY)	Radanovich	Young (FL)
Kingston	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	

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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