

This is one area where America can no longer tolerate delay. This is a critical emergency, as important as any natural disaster. It is a matter of national security that we directly appropriate money to fix the Year 2000 problem.

In addition to the technical problems, we have a perception problem. If the American people think there is a problem, they will react accordingly and we could face a national panic.

I urge opposing this rule, unless we allow the immediate appropriation of funds to fix this problem as soon as we can. We are already almost out of time.

Mr. GOSS. Mr. Speaker, I move the previous question on the resolution.

The previous question was ordered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the resolution.

The question was taken; and the Speaker pro tempore announced that the ayes appeared to have it.

Mr. FROST. Mr. Speaker, I object to the vote on the ground that a quorum is not present and make the point of order that a quorum is not present.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Evidently a quorum is not present.

The Sergeant at Arms will notify absent Members.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 221, nays 201, not voting 11, as follows:

[Roll No. 265]

YEAS—221

Aderholt	Doolittle	Johnson, Sam
Archer	Dreier	Jones
Army	Duncan	Kasich
Bachus	Dunn	Kelly
Baker	Ehlers	Kim
Ballenger	Ehrlich	King (NY)
Barr	Emerson	Kingston
Barrett (NE)	English	Klug
Bartlett	Ensign	Knollenberg
Barton	Everett	Kolbe
Bass	Ewing	LaHood
Bateman	Foley	Largent
Bilbray	Forbes	Latham
Bilirakis	Fossella	LaTourrette
Bliley	Fowler	Lazio
Blunt	Fox	Leach
Boehlert	Franks (NJ)	Lewis (CA)
Boehner	Frelinghuysen	Lewis (KY)
Bonilla	Gallegly	Linder
Bono	Ganske	Livingston
Brady (TX)	Gekas	LoBiondo
Bryant	Gibbons	Lucas
Bunning	Gilchrest	McCollum
Burr	Gillmor	McCreary
Burton	Gilman	McHugh
Buyer	Goodlatte	McInnis
Callahan	Goodling	McIntosh
Calvert	Goss	McKeon
Camp	Graham	Metcalf
Campbell	Granger	Mica
Canady	Greenwood	Miller (FL)
Castle	Gutknecht	Mink
Chabot	Hansen	Moran (KS)
Chambliss	Hastert	Morella
Chenoweth	Hastings (WA)	Myrick
Christensen	Hayworth	Nethercutt
Coble	Hefley	Neumann
Coburn	Herger	Ney
Collins	Hill	Northup
Combest	Hilleary	Norwood
Cook	Hobson	Nussle
Cooksey	Hoekstra	Oxley
Cox	Horn	Packard
Crane	Hostettler	Pappas
Crapo	Houghton	Parker
Cubin	Hulshof	Paul
Cunningham	Hunter	Paxon
Davis (VA)	Hyde	Pease
Deal	Inglis	Peterson (PA)
DeLay	Istook	Petri
Diaz-Balart	Jenkins	Pickering
Dickey	Johnson (CT)	Pitts

Pombo	Schaefer, Dan	Tauzin
Porter	Schaffer, Bob	Taylor (NC)
Portman	Sensenbrenner	Thomas
Pryce (OH)	Sessions	Thornberry
Quinn	Shadegg	Thune
Radanovich	Shaw	Tiahrt
Ramstad	Shays	Traficant
Redmond	Shimkus	Upton
Regula	Shuster	Walsh
Riggs	Skeen	Wamp
Riley	Smith (MI)	Watkins
Rogan	Smith (NJ)	Watts (OK)
Rogers	Smith (OR)	Weldon (FL)
Rohrabacher	Smith (TX)	Weldon (PA)
Ros-Lehtinen	Smith, Linda	Weller
Roukema	Snowbarger	White
Royce	Souder	Whitfield
Ryun	Spence	Wicker
Salmon	Spence	Wolf
Sanford	Stearns	Young (AK)
Saxton	Stump	Young (FL)
Scarborough	Sununu	
	Talent	

NAYS—201

Abercrombie	Gutierrez	Neal
Ackerman	Hall (OH)	Oberstar
Allen	Hall (TX)	Obey
Andrews	Harman	Olver
Baldacci	Hastings (FL)	Ortiz
Barcia	Hefner	Owens
Barrett (WI)	Hilliard	Pallone
Becerra	Hinchey	Pascrell
Bentsen	Hinojosa	Pastor
Bereuter	Holden	Payne
Berman	Hooley	Pelosi
Berry	Hoyer	Peterson (MN)
Bishop	Jackson (IL)	Pickett
Blagojevich	Jackson-Lee	Pomeroy
Blumenauer	(TX)	Poshard
Bonior	Jefferson	Price (NC)
Borski	John	Rahall
Boswell	Johnson (WI)	Rangel
Boucher	Johnson, E.B.	Reyes
Boyd	Kanjorski	Rivers
Brady (PA)	Kaptur	Rodriguez
Brown (CA)	Kennedy (MA)	Roemer
Brown (FL)	Kennedy (RI)	Rothman
Brown (OH)	Kennelly	Roybal-Allard
Capps	Kildee	Rush
Cardin	Kilpatrick	Sabo
Carson	Kind (WI)	Sanchez
Clay	Kleczka	Sanders
Clayton	Klink	Sandlin
Clement	Kucinich	Sawyer
Clyburn	LaFalce	Schumer
Condit	Lampson	Scott
Conyers	Lantos	Serrano
Costello	Lee	Sherman
Coyne	Levin	Sisisky
Cramer	Lewis (GA)	Skaggs
Cummings	Lipinski	Skelton
Danner	Lofgren	Smith, Adam
Davis (FL)	Lowey	Snyder
Davis (IL)	Luther	Spratt
DeFazio	Maloney (CT)	Stabenow
DeGette	Maloney (NY)	Stark
Delahunt	Manton	Stenholm
DeLauro	Manzullo	Stokes
Deutsch	Martinez	Strickland
Dicks	Mascara	Stupak
Dixon	Matsui	Tanner
Doggett	McCarthy (MO)	Tauscher
Dooley	McCarthy (NY)	Taylor (MS)
Doyle	McDermott	Thompson
Edwards	McGovern	Thurman
Engel	McHale	Tierney
Eshoo	McIntyre	Torres
Etheridge	McKinney	Towns
Evans	McNulty	Turner
Farr	Meehan	Velazquez
Fattah	Meek (FL)	Vento
Fazio	Meeke (NY)	Visclosky
Filner	Menendez	Waters
Ford	Millender	Watt (NC)
Frost (MA)	McDonald	Waxman
Frost	Miller (CA)	Wexler
Furse	Minge	Weygand
Gejdenson	Moakley	Wise
Gephardt	Mollohan	Woolsey
Goode	Moran (VA)	Wynn
Gordon	Murtha	Yates
Green	Nadler	

NOT VOTING—11

Baesler	Gonzalez	McDade
Cannon	Hamilton	Slaughter
Dingell	Hutchinson	Solomon
Fawell	Markey	

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Mr. MANZULLO and Mr. ABERCROMBIE changed their vote from "yea" to "nay."

So the resolution was agreed to.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Ms. SLAUGHTER. Mr. Speaker, I was unable to be present for rollcall votes 259 through 265 yesterday and today. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on rollcall votes 259, 263 and 264, and would have voted "no" on rollcall votes 260, 261 and 265.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my statement appear in the permanent RECORD immediately following each vote.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. BLUNT). The Chair wishes to remind Members that in order to maintain decorum and dignity in the Hall of the House, proper dress for male Members should include the wearing of a coat and tie. The Chair encourages Members to adhere to this historic standard.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. GOSS. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material on the resolution just agreed to.

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

There was no objection.

REPORT ON RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 4112, LEGISLATIVE BRANCH APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 1999

Mr. GOSS, from the Committee on Rules, submitted a privileged report (Rept. No. 105-601) on the resolution (H. Res. 489) providing for the consideration of the bill (H.R. 4112) making appropriations for the Legislative Branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1999, and for other purposes, which was referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed.

REPORT ON RESOLUTION WAIVING POINTS OF ORDER AGAINST CONFERENCE REPORT ON H.R. 2676, THE IRS RESTRUCTURING AND REFORM ACT OF 1998

Mr. GOSS, from the Committee on Rules, submitted a privileged report (Rept. No. 105-602) on the resolution (H. Res. 490) waiving points of order against the conference report to accompany the bill (H.R. 2676) to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to restructure and reform the Internal Revenue Service, and for other purposes,

which was referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed.

REPORT ON RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION FOR ADJOURNMENT OF HOUSE AND SENATE FOR INDEPENDENCE DAY DISTRICT WORK PERIOD

Mr. GOSS, from the Committee on Rules, submitted a privileged report (Rept. No. 105-603) on the resolution (H. Res. 491) providing for consideration of a concurrent resolution providing for adjournment of the House and Senate for the Independence Day district work period, which was referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. YOUNG of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend their remarks on the bill (H.R. 4103) making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1999, and for other purposes, and that I may be permitted to include tabular and extraneous material.

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

There was no objection.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE
APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 1999

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to House Resolution 484 and rule XXIII, the Chair declares the House in the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union for the consideration of the bill, H.R. 4103.

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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 consideration of the bill (H.R. 4103) making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1999, and for other purposes, with Mr. CAMP in the chair.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The CHAIRMAN. Pursuant to the rule, the bill is considered as having been read the first time.

Under the rule, the gentleman from Florida (Mr. YOUNG) and the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. MURTHA) each will control 30 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Florida (Mr. YOUNG).

Mr. YOUNG of Florida. Mr. Chairman, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Chairman, we are happy to present the defense appropriations bill for fiscal year 1999. I believe we can expedite the program this evening and be out of here before it gets too late. It is an important piece of legislation that I think most Members will want to sup-

port. There will be several amendments that we would anticipate, but I think we can move rather expeditiously.

Mr. MURTHA. Mr. Chairman, will the gentleman yield?

Mr. YOUNG of Florida. I yield to the gentleman from Pennsylvania.

Mr. MURTHA. Mr. Chairman, I made all my comments on the rule, and I am prepared to yield back at any time.

Mr. YOUNG of Florida. Mr. Chairman, reclaiming my time, I think we will be prepared to do that very shortly. I think it would be in order to advise the Members of some of the highlights of the bill.

Before I do that, I want to recognize two members of this subcommittee. This will be the last time that they will serve on this subcommittee and be part of this bill, and that is our colleagues the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. MCDADE) and the gentleman from North Carolina (Mr. HEFNER).

Mr. Chairman, these two gentlemen have served on this subcommittee for a long, long time, and many things have happened during their time here. The Berlin Wall came down during the time they were here, and we are going to give them credit for helping to make that happen.

The gentleman from North Carolina (Mr. HEFNER) wanted to know if he was going to get anything special in this bill. I said no; we would get together and buy him a watch or something, but he was not going to get anything special in the bill just because he was leaving.

Mr. Chairman, both the gentleman from North Carolina (Mr. HEFNER) and the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. MCDADE) have been true patriots, they have been very strong on national defense, they have not been bashful in presenting their views on matters that came before the committee, and I think the House and their country owe a lot to the contributions they have made to the national security as members of this important subcommittee.

All of the members on this subcommittee, Mr. Chairman, have been extremely diligent and have worked many, many long hours, days and weeks, to prepare this bill, to go over the issues that we have to go over, the thousands of items that we have responsibility for.

Mr. Chairman, I would like to compliment the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. MURTHA), the ranking member, and I want to say that as we present this bill, this is a bipartisan bill. It has been for many, many years, and it is for fiscal year 1999.

I would say to the Members that the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. MURTHA) deserves a lot of credit as the leader on the minority side and former chairman. We have worked together in a partnership to make sure that the decisions that were made were in the interests of the security of our Nation, that they had a direct defense application and that there was a requirement for them.

So we bring a bill today that is slightly under the President's budget, and when we adjust for inflation, we are \$2.5 billion under where we were for fiscal year 1998. But we have been able to go through the various accounts. I would encourage Members to take a look at this report.

Mr. Chairman, we have talked so many times about waste, fraud and abuse in Federal agencies. In this report you will find page after page, example after example, of where we have gone through every contract and every program and we have found places where there was waste that we eliminated; we have found places where we can save money because of contract slips, and we did that. Because we did that, we were able to provide most of the things that the President asked for in his budget, and, at the same time, we were able to make some additions.

Mr. Chairman, I would like to tell the House what those additions are. I would like to say that we did fund the pay raise for members of the military and the civilian workers in the Department of Defense. We have been able to increase substantially real property maintenance so that we could do something about the poor living conditions that some of our soldiers, sailors, Marines and airmen have to live in. We have provided additional money for the spare parts and flying hours so that we do not go directly to a hollow force.

But one thing we did not do, Mr. Chairman, we did not provide enough money to adequately provide for the security of this Nation today and in the years to come. We are on a down slope. This will be the 14th year in a row that our investment in our own national security has been less than it was the year before, when inflation is considered.

We have ships at sea that are undermanned. We have men and women who are deployed more often than they should be. The deployments are excessive, the OPTEMPO is excessive, and you just cannot continue to do more with less.

The worst part about this bill is it does not meet the requirements of the services. The services themselves and the Reserve components have identified approximately \$12 billion in unbudgeted requirements for this year alone that they need to just maintain the infrastructure, not create some new weapons system, not to create something new and glamorous and dramatic, but just to do the day-to-day things that are required to keep the military functioning and to keep readiness up. So that is a major problem in this bill. It just does not have enough to take care of those problems.

Mr. Chairman, we will debate many of these issues as we go through some of the amendments. At this point, however, I would like to insert in the RECORD a table which summarizes the overall funding in this bill as it currently stands before the House.