

Lampson	Murtha	Serrano
Lantos	Nadler	Shays
Leach	Neal	Sherman
Lee	Oberstar	Sisisky
Levin	Obey	Skaggs
Lewis (GA)	Olver	Smith, Adam
Lofgren	Ortiz	Snyder
Lowe	Owens	Spratt
Luther	Pallone	Stabenow
Maloney (NY)	Pascarell	Stark
Manton	Pastor	Stokes
Markey	Payne	Strickland
Martinez	Pelosi	Tanner
Mascara	Pickett	Tauscher
Matsui	Pomeroy	Thompson
McCarthy (MO)	Porter	Thurman
McCarthy (NY)	Poshard	Tierney
McDermott	Price (NC)	Torres
McGovern	Ramstad	Towns
McHale	Rangel	Turner
McKinney	Reyes	Upton
Meehan	Rivers	Velazquez
Meek (FL)	Rodriguez	Vento
Meeks (NY)	Roemer	Visclosky
Menendez	Rothman	Waters
Millender-	Roukema	Watt (NC)
McDonald	Rush	Waxman
Miller (CA)	Sabo	Wexler
Minge	Sanchez	Weygand
Mink	Sanders	Wise
Moakley	Sandlin	Woolsey
Moran (VA)	Sawyer	Wynn
Morella	Scott	

ANSWERED "PRESENT"—1

Kolbe

NOT VOTING—14

Clement	McDade	Slaughter
Dingell	McNulty	Smith (OR)
Gonzalez	Roybal-Allard	Whitfield
Hill	Schumer	Yates
Kennelly	Shuster	

□ 2123

Mrs. NORTUP changed her vote from "no" to "aye."

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.

REPORT ON RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 4194, DEPARTMENTS OF VETERANS AFFAIRS AND HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT, AND INDEPENDENT AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 1999

Mr. GOSS, from the Committee on Rules, submitted a privilege report (Rept. No. 105-628) on the resolution (H. Res. 501) providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 4194) making appropriations for the Departments of Veterans Affairs and Housing and Urban Development, and for sundry independent agencies, boards, commissions, corporations, and offices for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1999, and for other purposes, which was referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed.

REQUEST TO WAIVE CERTAIN POINTS OF ORDER AGAINST PROVISIONS OF H.R. 4104, DEPARTMENTS OF VETERANS AFFAIRS AND HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT, AND INDEPENDENT AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 1999

Mr. OBEY. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the House waive all

points of order under clause 2 or 6 of rule XXI against the Y2K provisions of H.R. 4104, to wit: the provisions on page 37, line 12, through page 38, line 14.

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

Mr. KOLBE. Mr. Speaker, reserving the right to object, and I would object, Mr. Speaker, I would have to object on the grounds that this unanimous consent agreement is contrary to the rule which was just adopted by the House of Representatives, and for that reason I do object.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Objection is heard.

CHEAP POLITICS AT THEIR VERY WORST

(Mr. HEFNER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. HEFNER. Mr. Speaker, I have been in politics for a long, long while and I have been in tough campaigns when the rhetoric was very, very high but there is something that came to my attention tonight that was issued by the Republican National Committee, and the last paragraph says if Democrats want to block this motion so they can get a raise, so be it, said the gentleman from Georgia (Mr. LINDER), but by tomorrow I guarantee every newspaper in their district will know about it.

I would not even bring this up but a few months ago my sister-in-law died after a 3-year battle with cancer, and I had an excused absence from this House, and there was a vote that was taking place and a press release sent to my district accusing me of making a bad vote, it was bad for my constituents.

It only takes 10 seconds to check this computer to see if people are here. You have no guarantee that there will not be a press release in your newspaper whether you are even here or voting or not. This is cheap politics at its very, very worst, and I abhor it to the nth degree.

□ 1930

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. KOLBE. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend their remarks on H.R. 4104 and that I may include tabular and extraneous material.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. LAHOOD). Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Arizona?

There was no objection.

TREASURY AND GENERAL GOVERNMENT APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 1999

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to House Resolution 498 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. 4104.

□ 2131

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. 4104) making appropriations for the Treasury Department, the United States Postal Service, the Executive Office of the President, and certain Independent Agencies, for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1999, and for other purposes, with Mr. DREIER 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 Arizona (Mr. KOLBE) and the gentleman from Maryland (Mr. HOYER) each will control 30 minutes.

PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRY

Mr. HOYER. Parliamentary inquiry, Mr. Chairman?

The CHAIRMAN. The gentleman will state his parliamentary inquiry.

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Chairman, I do not know that anybody has made an announcement, but am I correct that the only thing we will be doing for the balance of the evening will be general debate? There will be no votes?

Mr. KOLBE. Mr. Chairman, will the gentleman yield? I would be happy to respond to that.

Mr. HOYER. I yield to the gentleman from Arizona.

Mr. KOLBE. Mr. Chairman, yes, it is our intention to proceed through the hour of general debate, which will include a number of colloquies that we have, but not yet to open the bill at any point, not to begin the reading of the bill.

The CHAIRMAN. The Chair will anxiously look forward to a motion to rise and will certainly recognize a Member who might choose to make that proposal.

Mr. HOYER. So, Mr. Chairman, the Members should know that they have no need to be here if they wanted to object or make any other suggestions in the body of the bill itself?

Mr. KOLBE. Mr. Chairman, if the gentleman would continue to yield, any provisions dealing with the bill itself, amendments or motions to strike, would not be in order tonight because we will not begin the reading of the bill this evening.

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Chairman, I thank the gentleman from Arizona for his clarification.

The CHAIRMAN. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Arizona (Mr. KOLBE).

Mr. KOLBE. Mr. Chairman, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Chairman, tonight I am pleased that we have gotten to the point where we are and that I can bring to the floor H.R. 4104 which is the fiscal year 1999 Treasury, Postal Service and General