

Are there any amendments to the bill?

If not, under the rule, the Committee rises.

Accordingly, the Committee rose; and the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. SESSIONS) having assumed the Chair, Mr. CALVERT, Chairman of the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union, reported that that Committee, having had under consideration the bill (H.R. 437) to provide for a Chief Financial Officer in the Executive Office of the President, pursuant to House Resolution 44, he reported the bill back to the House.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the rule, the previous question is ordered.

The question is on the engrossment and third reading of the bill.

The bill was ordered to be engrossed and read a third time, and was read the third time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the passage of the bill.

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

Mr. HORN. Mr. Speaker, on that, I demand the yeas and nays.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 413, nays 2, not voting 18, as follows:

[Roll No. 21]

YEAS—413

Abercrombie Camp Dooley  
 Aderholt Campbell Doolittle  
 Allen Canady Doyle  
 Andrews Cannon Dreier  
 Archer Capps Duncan  
 Arney Capuano Dunn  
 Bachus Cardin Edwards  
 Baird Carson Ehlers  
 Baker Castle Emerson  
 Baldacci Chabot English  
 Baldwin Chambliss Eshoo  
 Ballenger Chenoweth Etheridge  
 Barcia Clay Evans  
 Barr Clayton Ewing  
 Barrett (NE) Clement Farr  
 Barrett (WI) Clyburn Fattah  
 Bartlett Coble Filner  
 Barton Coburn Fletcher  
 Bass Collins Foley  
 Bateman Combest Forbes  
 Becerra Condit Ford  
 Bentsen Conyers Fossella  
 Bereuter Cook Fowler  
 Berkley Cooksey Frank (MA)  
 Berman Costello Franks (NJ)  
 Berry Cox Frelinghuysen  
 Biggert Coyne Frost  
 Bilbray Cramer Gallegly  
 Bilirakis Crane Ganske  
 Bishop Crowley Gejdenson  
 Blagojevich Cubin Gekas  
 Bliley Cummings Gephardt  
 Blumenauer Cunningham Gibbons  
 Blunt Danner Gilchrist  
 Boehlert Davis (FL) Gillmor  
 Boehner Davis (IL) Gilman  
 Bonilla Davis (VA) Gonzalez  
 Bonior Deal Goode  
 Borski DeFazio Goodlatte  
 Boswell DeGette Goodling  
 Boucher Delahunt Gordon  
 Boyd DeLauro DeLauro  
 Brady (PA) DeLay Granger  
 Brown (CA) DeMint Green (TX)  
 Brown (FL) Deutsch Green (WI)  
 Brown (OH) Diaz-Balart Greenwood  
 Bryant Dickey Gutierrez  
 Burr Dicks Gutknecht  
 Burton Dingell Hall (OH)  
 Callahan Dixon Hall (TX)  
 Calvert Doggett Hansen

Hastings (FL) McIntosh  
 Hastings (WA) McIntyre  
 Hayes McKee  
 Hayworth McKinney  
 Hefley McNulty  
 Herger Meehan  
 Hill (IN) Meeks (NY)  
 Hill (MT) Menendez  
 Hilleary Metcalf  
 Hoekstra Millender-  
 Hinchey McDonald  
 Hinojosa Miller (FL)  
 Hobson Miller, Gary  
 Hoeffel Miller, George  
 Hoekstra Minge  
 Holden Mink  
 Holt Moakley  
 Hooley Mollohan  
 Horn Moore  
 Hostettler Moran (KS)  
 Houghton Moran (VA)  
 Hoyer Morella  
 Hulshof Murtha  
 Hunter Myrick  
 Hutchinson Nadler  
 Hyde Napolitano  
 Inslee Neal  
 Istook Nethercutt  
 Jackson (IL) Ney  
 Jackson-Lee Northup  
 (TX) Norwood  
 Jefferson Nussle  
 Jenkins Oberstar  
 John Obey  
 Johnson (CT) Olver  
 Johnson, E. B. Ortiz  
 Johnson, Sam Jones (NC)  
 Jones (OH) Ose  
 Kanjorski Owens  
 Kaptur Oxley  
 Kasich Packard  
 Kelly Pallone  
 Kennedy Pascrell  
 Kildee Pastor  
 Kilpatrick Payne  
 Kind (WI) Pease  
 King (NY) Pelosi  
 Kleczka Peterson (MN)  
 Klink Peterson (PA)  
 Knollenberg Petri  
 Kucinich Phelps  
 Kuykendall Pickering  
 LaFalce Pickett  
 LaHood Pitts  
 Lampson Pombo  
 Largent Pomeroy  
 Larson Porter  
 Latham Portman  
 LaTourette Price (NC)  
 Lazio Pryce (OH)  
 Leach Quinn  
 Lee Radanovich  
 Levin Rahall  
 Lewis (CA) Ramstad  
 Lewis (GA) Rangel  
 Lewis (KY) Regula  
 Linder Reyes  
 Lipinski Reynolds  
 Livingston Riley  
 LoBiondo Rivers  
 Lowey Rodriguez  
 Lucas (KY) Roemer  
 Lucas (OK) Rogan  
 Luther Rogers  
 Maloney (CT) Rohrabacher  
 Manzullo Ros-Lehtinen  
 Markey Rothman  
 Martinez Roukema  
 Mascara Roybal-Allard  
 Matsui Ryan (WI)  
 McCarthy (MO) Ryun (KS)  
 McCarthy (NY) Sabo  
 McCollum Salmon  
 McCrery Sanchez  
 McDermott Sandlin  
 McGovern Sanford  
 McHugh Sawyer  
 Saxton

NAYS—2

Paul  
 Ackerman  
 Bono  
 Brady (TX)  
 Buyer  
 Ehrlich  
 Engel

NOT VOTING—18

Everett  
 Graham  
 Kingston  
 Kolbe  
 Lantos  
 Lofgren

Scarborough  
 Schaffer  
 Schakowsky  
 Scott  
 Sensenbrenner  
 Serrano  
 Sessions  
 Shadegg  
 Shaw  
 Shays  
 Sherman  
 Sherwood  
 Shimkus  
 Shows  
 Shuster  
 Simpson  
 Sisisky  
 Skeen  
 Skelton  
 Slaughter  
 Smith (MI)  
 Smith (NJ)  
 Smith (TX)  
 Smith (WA)  
 Snyder  
 Souder  
 Spence  
 Spratt  
 Stabenow  
 Stark  
 Stearns  
 Stenholm  
 Strickland  
 Stump  
 Stupak  
 Sununu  
 Sweeney  
 Talent  
 Tancredo  
 Tanner  
 Tauscher  
 Tauzin  
 Taylor (NC)  
 Terry  
 Thomas  
 Thompson (CA)  
 Thompson (MS)  
 Thornberry  
 Thune  
 Thurman  
 Tiahrt  
 Tierney  
 Toomey  
 Towns  
 Traficant  
 Turner  
 Udall (CO)  
 Udall (NM)  
 Upton  
 Velazquez  
 Vento  
 Visclosky  
 Walden  
 Walsh  
 Wamp  
 Waters  
 Watkins  
 Watt (NC)  
 Watts (OK)  
 Waxman  
 Weiner  
 Weldon (FL)  
 Weldon (PA)  
 Weller  
 Wexler  
 Weygand  
 Whitfield  
 Wicker  
 Wilson  
 Wise  
 Wolf  
 Woolsey  
 Wu  
 Wynn  
 Young (AK)  
 Young (FL)

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Mr. EDWARDS changed his vote from “nay” to “yea.”

So the bill was passed.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Stated for:

Mrs. Bono.  
 Mr. Ehrlich.

Mr. MICA. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 21, because of my participation in a Florida Anti Drug Summit and meetings with Florida Governor Bush in Tallahassee I was not present. Had I been present, I would have voted “yes.”

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. HORN. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks on H.R. 437.

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

There was no objection.

LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM

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

Mr. BONIOR. Mr. Speaker, may I inquire of the distinguished majority leader the schedule for today, the remainder of the week, and when next we meet?

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, will the gentleman yield?

Mr. BONIOR. I yield to the gentleman from Texas.

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman from Michigan for yielding.

Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to announce that we have concluded legislative business for the week.

Tomorrow the House will meet at 10:00 a.m. for a pro forma session. As today’s Whip Call indicated, there will be no legislative business and no votes tomorrow.

Next week, the House will stand adjourned for the President’s Day district work period.

The House will return from the work period on Tuesday, February 23, at 12:30 p.m. for morning hour and at 2:00 p.m. for legislative business. Votes are expected after 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 23.

Mr. Speaker, a Whip notice outlining legislative business for the week of February 23 will be distributed to Members’ offices next week. But we do expect to conclude legislative business that week by 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, February 25. Mr. Speaker, there will be no votes on Friday, February 26.

I thank the gentleman for yielding.

Mr. BONIOR. Mr. Speaker, reclaiming my time, if I could inquire from my friend, the gentleman from Texas (Mr. ARMEY), about the schedule for tomorrow.

I thank my colleague for letting us know that there is no session tomorrow. I would just say that, as we know, tomorrow was going to be a legislative voting day on an uncontroversial bill and we had announced to our colleagues on this side of the aisle that it was going to be a voting day. In fact, at our whip meeting this morning I made that same announcement. And then later in the morning, less than 24 hours in advance, we received notice that it had been canceled.

Now, I appreciate the gentleman doing that, and I understand that sometimes it is difficult to get a gauge on whether or not we are going to go forward with the rest of the week. But I would hope that, in the spirit of bipartisanship, that we could get a commitment to these changing schedules at least a day in advance so that we could notify our colleagues about their travel plans.

And so I understand it is a common problem, and we had the same problem when we were in the majority, but to the extent that you can help accommodate us with respect to more advance on this, we would indeed appreciate it.

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, if the gentleman would further yield, let me thank the gentleman from Michigan for that observation.

Mr. Speaker, as we know, the Members do have a very difficult time making arrangements, especially in the face for example of a temporary strike by one of the major carriers, and so forth. We did find out this morning that the markup that we were so dependent upon in one of our committees went well and so expeditiously that we could change plans for tomorrow.

I join the gentleman from Michigan in hoping that we can get that kind of information earlier; and I assure him that as soon as I know that we can change any portion of the printed schedule, I will inform him.

That is why I am so delighted to be able to tell him, as I learned just yesterday, that we will be able to afford every individual an opportunity to know now that we will conclude business on the 25th at 6:00 and there will be no votes as previously announced on that Friday the 26th.

If the gentleman and I can work together and with our committees and with the cooperation of key people within the committees, perhaps we can expedite this information and flow it to our Members more quickly, and I certainly look forward to that opportunity.

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Mr. BONIOR. Mr. Speaker, I thank my colleague, and one other point: Does the gentleman expect that the week of February 23, those days that we are in any late-evening sessions?

Mr. ARMEY. I thank the gentleman for the inquiry. No, I do not believe so. We do, of course, have a lot of committee work that will be getting done during that week, and we have a good

deal of important legislation we will schedule for, but I do not anticipate any late evenings.

Mr. BONIOR. I thank the gentleman from Texas.

#### TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS REGARDING REPORTS BY POSTMASTER GENERAL ON OFFICIAL MAIL OF HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. EHLERS. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on House Administration be discharged from further consideration of the bill (H.R. 705) to make technical corrections with respect to the monthly reports submitted by the Postmaster General on official mail of the House of Representatives, and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

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

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, reserving the right to object, and I have no intention of objecting, but I yield to the gentleman from Michigan (Mr. EHLERS) for the purposes of explaining the bill in question.

Mr. EHLERS. Mr. Speaker, H.R. 705 improves the efficiency of mail reporting for Members by removing the requirement that the percentage of the mail allowance expended each month be reported. As our Committee on House Administration has increased the flexibility of Members with regard to the Member's allowance, this percentage report has become unnecessary and also creates inefficient paperwork. The actual amount used for mail each month will be reported, but this will remove the monthly reporting requirement and increase the administrative efficiency of the House.

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for his explanation.

As this technical amendment was explained to me, Mr. Speaker, current Postal Service reporting requirements are continued with a modification which conforms those reports to the way the House now administers Members' allowances. I understand that there are additional technical amendments to this section which need to be worked out but that this particular amendment is time-sensitive, and that staff will present additional amendments for committee consideration in the next few months.

Is that the gentleman's understanding?

Mr. EHLERS. Mr. Speaker, if the gentleman from Maryland would continue to yield, that is my understanding, and I believe it is a good action that we should take at this point.

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, further reserving the right to object, I thank the gentleman from Michigan (Mr. EHLERS), and, Mr. Speaker, based upon the gentleman's representation, if that is all this technical amendment does, then I will certainly withdraw my reservation of objection.

Mr. Speaker, I withdraw my reservation of objection.

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

There was no objection.

The Clerk read the bill, as follows:

H.R. 705

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

#### SECTION 1. TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS REGARDING REPORTS BY POSTMASTER GENERAL ON OFFICIAL MAIL OF HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 311(b)(2) of the Legislative Branch Appropriations Act, 1991 (2 U.S.C. 59e(b)(2)) is amended by striking “any person with an allocation under subsection (a)(2)” and inserting the following: “any person with an allocation under subsection (a)(2)(A) as to the amount that has been used and any person with an allocation under subsection (a)(2)(B)”.

(b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by subsection (a) shall apply with respect to January 1999 and each succeeding month.

The bill was ordered to be engrossed and read a third time, was read the third time, and passed, and a motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

#### AUTHORIZING SPEAKER, MAJORITY LEADER AND MINORITY LEADER TO ACCEPT RESIGNATIONS AND MAKE APPOINTMENTS NOTWITHSTANDING ADJOURNMENT

Mr. EHLERS. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that notwithstanding any adjournment of the House until Tuesday, February 23, 1999, the Speaker, Majority Leader and Minority Leader be authorized to accept resignations and to make appointments authorized by law or by the House.

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

There was no objection.

#### DISPENSING WITH CALENDAR WEDNESDAY BUSINESS ON WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 1999

Mr. EHLERS. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the business in order under the Calendar Wednesday rule be dispensed with on Wednesday, February 24, 1999.

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

There was no objection.

#### MAKING IN ORDER APPOINTMENT OF TWO MEMBERS TO REPRESENT THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AT CEREMONIES FOR THE OBSERVANCE OF GEORGE WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY

Mr. EHLERS. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that it shall be in order for the Speaker to appoint two Members of the House, one upon the