

offered by the gentleman from Wisconsin (Mr. OBEY).

The motion was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the Chair appoints the following conferees: Messrs. LEWIS of California, YOUNG of Florida, SKEEN, HOBSON, BONILLA, NETHERCUTT, ISTOOK, CUNNINGHAM, DICKEY, FRELINGHUYSEN, MURTHA, DICKS, SABO, DIXON, VIS-CLOSKY, MORAN of Virginia, and Mr. OBEY.

There was no objection.

APPOINTMENT OF CONFEREES ON
H.R. 2670, DEPARTMENTS OF
COMMERCE, JUSTICE, AND
STATE, THE JUDICIARY, AND RE-
LATED AGENCIES APPROPRIA-
TIONS ACT, 2000

Mr. ROGERS. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to take from the Speaker's table the bill (H.R. 2670) making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce, Justice, and State, the Judiciary, and related agencies, for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000, and for other purposes, with a Senate amendment thereto, disagree to the Senate amendment, and agree to the conference asked by the Senate.

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

There was no objection.

MOTION TO INSTRUCT CONFEREES OFFERED BY
MR. OBEY

Mr. OBEY. Mr. Speaker, I offer a motion to instruct conferees.

The Clerk read as follows:

Mr. OBEY moves that in resolving the difference between the House and Senate, the managers on the part of the House at the conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the bill H.R. 2670, be instructed to insist on the higher funding levels for programs related to embassy security included in the House-passed bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the rule, the gentleman from Wisconsin (Mr. OBEY) and the gentleman from Kentucky (Mr. ROGERS) each will be recognized for 30 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Wisconsin (Mr. OBEY).

Mr. OBEY. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, what is at issue here is what level of funding we ought to provide to do our dead-level best to provide security arrangements for our various embassies around the world. As we very well know, we have had a number of terrorist attacks against those embassies. Many people in our society have a tendency to dismiss State Department officials as being "stripe pants boys." But the fact is that many of them have lost their lives promoting U.S. interests around the world and a number of those lives have been lost in terrorist attacks.

I find it somewhat interesting that the administration seems to be in a po-

sition where they are damned if you do and damned if they do not in terms of embassy security.

I remember earlier in the year the House committee held a hearing and at that point demanded that the administration support a higher level of funding for embassy security. The administration requested an additional \$314 million in this bill, and the House committee approved \$314 million. But then when it got to the Senate, the Senate cut back that number to \$110 million.

In my view, the House number is correct. The purpose of this motion is to send a clear signal that the House would prefer to fund the highest level possible given what the spread of the difference is between the House and the Senate on this issue.

Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. ROGERS. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, I will be brief. This is a motion that we can agree to. It is not controversial, at least on this side of the Capitol. It may be when we reach the other body.

But the gentleman from Wisconsin (Mr. OBEY) is correct. After the embassy bombings in Africa, the administration made announcements that they were going to pursue embassy security around the world in a much more vigorous way, something that we agree with here in this subcommittee and I think the full Congress.

□ 1715

But then when the administration sent their budget to the Hill, we looked very quickly to the section dealing with embassy security and maintenance of U.S. missions abroad, and found that there was an absolutely inadequate request. When the Secretary came to testify before the subcommittee, the request, I think, was for \$36 million. We told the Secretary that the request was absolutely inadequate, that we had to pay attention to the problems that were being presented to us around the world in the way of threats to our personnel, and we asked her to go back to the White House and to come up with an amended request.

In due course of time, they did just that. And so the request, then, from the administration was amended. They requested an additional \$264 million, for a total of \$300 million for a security capital construction program. And that is exactly the dollar figure that the subcommittee, the full committee and now the full House included in this appropriation bill. The Senate bill is at \$36 million for this program. That is the original request level. The Crowe Commission, named for Admiral Crowe who headed it up, dealing with embassy security, had called for a major investment in new secure embassy facilities. That followed on the heels of many other requests by various commissions down through the years. And so we stand ready to pursue the full House figure. We hope we can convince our

colleagues across the Capitol that this level of funding is necessary.

I commend the gentleman from Wisconsin (Mr. OBEY) for bringing the matter to the attention of the body, and it is a matter that we can fully agree upon. I urge the adoption of the motion.

Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. OBEY. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

I would simply say in closing that I think this is one point on which there is no difference of opinion between the administration and the House on either side of the aisle in the House. I do think if I were the administration, I would be hard-pressed to follow the conflicting instructions that seem to be coming from the two congressional bodies, with the Senate going in one direction and the House in another, but I think they are going in the right direction on this item with their amended request. I think the House agrees with that. I think this motion to instruct will make it clear to the Senate that we believe they ought to back off and accept the higher number now contained in the administration request.

Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. SHIMKUS). Without objection, the previous question is ordered on the motion to instruct.

There was no objection.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion to instruct offered by the gentleman from Wisconsin (Mr. OBEY).

The motion was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the Chair appoints the following conferees: Messrs. ROGERS, KOLBE, TAYLOR of North Carolina, REGULA, LATHAM, MILLER of Florida, WAMP, YOUNG of Florida, SERRANO, DIXON, MOLLOHAN, Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD and Mr. OBEY.

There was no objection.

APPOINTMENT OF CONFEREES ON
H.R. 1906, AGRICULTURE, RURAL
DEVELOPMENT, FOOD AND DRUG
ADMINISTRATION, AND RELATED
AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS
ACT, 2000

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the Chair appoints the following conferees on the bill (H.R. 1906) making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000, and for other purposes: Messrs. SKEEN, WALSH, DICKEY, KINGSTON, NETHERCUTT, BONILLA, LATHAM, Mrs. EMERSON, Mr. YOUNG of Florida, Ms. KAPTUR, Ms. DELAURO, and Messrs. HINCHEY, FARR, BOYD and OBEY.

There was no objection.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12 of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess until approximately 6 p.m.

Accordingly (at 5 o'clock and 20 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess until approximately 6 p.m.

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AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. SHIMKUS) at 6 o'clock and 2 minutes p.m.

MOTION TO CLOSE CONFERENCE COMMITTEE MEETINGS ON H.R. 2561, DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2000, WHEN CLASSIFIED NATIONAL SECURITY IS UNDER CONSIDERATION

Mr. LEWIS of California. Mr. Speaker, I offer a motion.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. SHIMKUS). The Clerk will report the motion.

The Clerk read as follows:

Mr. LEWIS of California moves, pursuant to rule XXII, clause 12 of the House rules, that the conference meetings between the House and the Senate on the bill H.R. 2561, making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000, and for other purposes, be closed to the public at such times as classified national security information is under consideration; provided, however, that any sitting Member of Congress shall have a right to attend any closed or open meeting.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12 of rule XXII, this motion is nondebatable and must be taken by the yeas and nays.

Members are advised that this vote will be followed by a 15-minute vote and a 5-minute vote on suspensions considered earlier today.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 388, nays 7, not voting 38, as follows:

[Roll No. 405]

YEAS—388

Abercrombie	Biggart	Campbell
Ackerman	Bilbray	Canady
Aderholt	Bilirakis	Cannon
Allen	Bishop	Capps
Andrews	Blagojevich	Capuano
Archer	Bliley	Cardin
Army	Blumenauer	Castle
Bachus	Blunt	Chabot
Baird	Boehlert	Chambliss
Baker	Boehner	Chenoweth
Baldacci	Bonilla	Clayton
Baldwin	Bonior	Clement
Ballenger	Bono	Clyburn
Barr	Borski	Coble
Barrett (NE)	Boswell	Coburn
Barrett (WI)	Boucher	Collins
Bartlett	Boyd	Combest
Barton	Brady (PA)	Condit
Bass	Brady (TX)	Conyers
Bateman	Brown (OH)	Cook
Becerra	Bryant	Cooksey
Bentsen	Burr	Costello
Bereuter	Burton	Cox
Berkley	Callahan	Coyne
Berman	Calvert	Cramer
Berry	Camp	Crane

Crowley	Jackson-Lee	Phelps
Cubin	(TX)	Pickering
Cummings	Jenkins	Pickett
Cunningham	John	Pitts
Danner	Johnson (CT)	Pombo
Davis (FL)	Johnson, E.B.	Pomeroy
Davis (IL)	Jones (NC)	Portman
Davis (VA)	Jones (OH)	Price (NC)
Deal	Kanjorski	Quinn
DeGette	Kaptur	Radanovich
Delahunt	Kelly	Rahall
DeLauro	Kennedy	Ramstad
DeLay	Kildee	Rangel
DeMint	Kilpatrick	Regula
Deutsch	Kind (WI)	Reyes
Diaz-Balart	King (NY)	Reynolds
Dickey	Kleczka	Riley
Dicks	Klink	Rivers
Dingell	Knollenberg	Rodriguez
Dixon	Kolbe	Roemer
Doggett	Kuykendall	Rogers
Doolittle	LaFalce	Rohrabacher
Doyle	LaHood	Rothman
Dreier	Lampson	Roukema
Duncan	Larson	Roybal-Allard
Dunn	Latham	Royce
Edwards	LaTourette	Rush
Ehrlich	Lazio	Ryan (WI)
Emerson	Leach	Ryun (KS)
Engel	Levin	Sabo
English	Lewis (CA)	Salmon
Eshoo	Lewis (GA)	Sanchez
Etheridge	Lewis (KY)	Sanders
Evans	Lipinski	Sandlin
Everett	LoBiondo	Sanford
Ewing	Lofgren	Sawyer
Farr	Lowey	Saxton
Fattah	Lucas (KY)	Schaffer
Filner	Lucas (OK)	Schakowsky
Fletcher	Luther	Scott
Foley	Maloney (CT)	Sensenbrenner
Forbes	Maloney (NY)	Sessions
Ford	Markey	Shadegg
Fossella	Martinez	Shays
Fowler	Mascara	Sherman
Frank (MA)	Matsui	Sherwood
Franks (NJ)	McCarthy (NY)	Shimkus
Frelinghuysen	McCollum	Shows
Frost	McDermott	Simpson
Gallegly	McGovern	Sisisky
Ganske	McHugh	Skeen
Gejdenson	McInnis	Skelton
Gekas	McIntyre	Slaughter
Gibbons	McKeon	Smith (MI)
Gilchrest	McNulty	Smith (NJ)
Gillmor	Meehan	Smith (TX)
Gilman	Meek (FL)	Smith (WA)
Gonzalez	Menendez	Snyder
Goode	Metcalf	Souder
Goodlatte	Mica	Spence
Goodling	Millender-	Spratt
Gordon	McDonald	Stabenow
Goss	Miller (FL)	Stearns
Graham	Miller, Gary	Stenholm
Granger	Miller, George	Strickland
Green (TX)	Minge	Stump
Green (WI)	Mink	Stupak
Greenwood	Mollohan	Sununu
Gutknecht	Moore	Sweeney
Hall (OH)	Moran (KS)	Talent
Hall (TX)	Moran (VA)	Tancredo
Hastings (WA)	Morella	Tanner
Hayes	Murtha	Tauscher
Hayworth	Myrick	Taylor (MS)
Hefley	Nadler	Terry
Herger	Napolitano	Thomas
Hill (IN)	Nethercutt	Thompson (CA)
Hill (MT)	Ney	Thompson (MS)
Hilleary	Northup	Thornberry
Hinchee	Norwood	Thune
Hinojosa	Nussle	Thurman
Hobson	Oberstar	Tiahrt
Hoeffel	Obey	Tierney
Hoekstra	Olver	Toomey
Holden	Ortiz	Towns
Holt	Ose	Traficant
Hooley	Owens	Turner
Horn	Oxley	Udall (CO)
Hostettler	Packard	Udall (NM)
Houghton	Pallone	Upton
Hoyer	Pascrell	Velazquez
Hunter	Pastor	Vento
Hutchinson	Paul	Visclosky
Hyde	Payne	Vitter
Inslee	Pease	Walden
Isakson	Pelosi	Walsh
Istook	Peterson (MN)	Wamp
Jackson (IL)	Peterson (PA)	Waters
	Petri	Watkins

Watt (NC)	Weller	Woolsey
Watts (OK)	Wexler	Wynn
Waxman	Weygand	Young (AK)
Weiner	Wilson	Young (FL)
Weldon (FL)	Wise	
Weldon (PA)	Wolf	

NAYS—7

DeFazio	Kucinich	Stark
Gutierrez	Lee	
Hilliard	McKinney	

NOT VOTING—38

Barcia	Kasich	Pryce (OH)
Brown (FL)	Kingston	Rogan
Buyer	Lantos	Ros-Lehtinen
Carson	Largent	Scarborough
Clay	Linder	Serrano
Dooley	Manzullo	Shaw
Ehlers	McCarthy (MO)	Shuster
Gephardt	McCrery	Tauzin
Hansen	McIntosh	Taylor (NC)
Hastings (FL)	Meeks (NY)	Whitfield
Hulshof	Moakley	Wicker
Jefferson	Neal	Wu
Johnson, Sam	Porter	

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Mr. HILL of Indiana changed his vote from "nay" to "yea."

So the motion was agreed to.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Stated for:

Mr. EHLERS. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 405, I missed the vote due to flight delays on two successive United Airlines flights. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea."

Ms. MCCARTHY of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 405. The motion to close proceedings on H.R. 2561, I was unavoidably detained on Midwest Express. Had I been present, I would have voted "aye".

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. SHIMKUS). Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the Chair will now put the question on each motion to suspend the rules on which further proceedings were postponed earlier today in the order in which that motion was entertained.

Votes will be taken in the following order: H.R. 658, de novo; and House Concurrent Resolution 184, de novo.

The Chair will reduce to 5 minutes the time for any electronic vote after the first such vote in this series.

THOMAS COLE NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE ACT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The pending business is the question of suspending the rules and passing the bill, H.R. 658, 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 Pennsylvania (Mr. SHERWOOD) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.

The question was taken.

RECORDED VOTE

Mr. SWEENEY. Mr. Speaker, I demand a recorded vote.

A recorded vote was ordered.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—ayes 396, noes 6, not voting 31, as follows: