

Evans	Lipinski	Rodriguez
Farr	Lofgren	Roemer
Fattah	Lowey	Rothman
Filner	Lucas (KY)	Roybal-Allard
Ford	Luther	Rush
Frank (MA)	Maloney (CT)	Sabo
Frost	Maloney (NY)	Sanchez
Gejdenson	Markey	Sanders
Gephardt	Mascara	Sandlin
Gonzalez	McCarthy (MO)	Sawyer
Gordon	McCarthy (NY)	Schakowsky
Green (TX)	McDermott	Scott
Gutierrez	McGovern	Serrano
Hall (OH)	McKinney	Sherman
Hall (TX)	Meehan	Shows
Hastings (FL)	Meek (FL)	Sisisky
Hill (IN)	Meeks (NY)	Skelton
Hilliard	Menendez	Slaughter
Hinchee	Millender-	Snyder
Hinojosa	McDonald	Spratt
Holden	Miller, George	Stabenow
Holt	Minge	Stark
Hooley	Mink	Stenholm
Hoyer	Moakley	Strickland
Inslee	Mollohan	Stupak
Jackson (IL)	Moran (VA)	Tanner
Jackson-Lee	Murtha	Tauscher
(TX)	Nadler	Taylor (MS)
Jefferson	Napolitano	Thompson (CA)
John	Neal	Thompson (MS)
Johnson, E.B.	Oberstar	Thurman
Jones (OH)	Obey	Tierney
Kanjorski	Olver	Towns
Kaptur	Ortiz	Turner
Kennedy	Owens	Udall (CO)
Kildee	Pallone	Udall (NM)
Kilpatrick	Pascrell	Velazquez
Kind (WI)	Pastor	Visclosky
Kleczka	Payne	Waters
Klink	Pelosi	Watt (NC)
Kucinich	Phelps	Waxman
LaFalce	Pickett	Weiner
Lampson	Pomeroy	Wexler
Lantos	Price (NC)	Weygand
Larson	Rahall	Wise
Lee	Rangel	Woolsey
Levin	Reyes	Wu
Lewis (GA)	Rivers	Wynn

NOT VOTING—10

Campbell	Cooksey	Smith (WA)
Carson	Forbes	Vento
Chenoweth-Hage	Matsui	
Clay	McNulty	

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Mrs. THURMAN, Mr. MALONEY of Connecticut and Mr. CRAMER changed their vote from "yea" to "nay."

Mr. EHLERS changed his vote from "nay" to "yea."

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.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. CALLAHAN, 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. 4811, and that I may include tabular and extraneous material.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. BARRETT of Nebraska). Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Alabama?

There was no objection.

FOREIGN OPERATIONS, EXPORT FINANCING, AND RELATED PROGRAMS APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2001

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to House Resolution 546 and rule XVIII, 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. 4811.

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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. 4811) making appropriations for foreign operations, export financing, and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2001, and for other purposes, with Mr. THORNBERRY 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 Alabama (Mr. CALLAHAN) and the gentlewoman from California (Ms. PELOSI) each will control 30 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Alabama (Mr. CALLAHAN).

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

Mr. Chairman, I am pleased to bring to the floor today H.R. 4811, the fiscal year 2001 Appropriations Act for Foreign Operations, Export Financing and Related Programs. I urge all Members to support this bill.

The Committee on Appropriations has recommended a bill with total discretionary spending of \$13.281 billion. This compares to an enacted level, excluding emergency spending and including scoring adjustments, of \$13.432 billion. The President requested \$15.132 billion for the programs funded through this bill. In short, the bill responsibly reduces foreign aid spending by \$151 million below fiscal year 2000 and by \$1.8 billion below the President's fiscal year 2001 budget request.

Mr. Chairman, there are those including the ranking member the gentlewoman from California (Ms. PELOSI) who are disappointed in some of the funding levels for specific programs and activities covered by this bill. I sympathize with them, but we have a 302(b) allocation that limits us to the spending in this bill, and I have no choice but to live within that level. While it is true that the pending bill significantly cuts foreign aid spending below what the President has requested, I disagree with the rhetoric that we may hear today about the bad things that this bill does. Let me be clear: this bill preserves U.S. national interests and maintains American commitments abroad.

The bill increases funding above last year's level for a number of critical initiatives which support U.S. national interests and which help to achieve America's humanitarian goals. These include increasing the child survival account by \$119 million to a total of \$834 million. Mr. Chairman, we receive more requests, more letters of support about the child survival than any other single issue in this bill.

I know my colleagues will be pleased to hear that we have made such a sig-

nificant increase once again in this crucial child survival account.

We are increasing HIV/AIDS funding by \$27 million, up to \$202 million; non-proliferation and antiterrorism programs by \$25 million, up to \$241 million; increasing the fund for Ireland by \$5.4 million, up to \$25 million; increasing the Peace Corps by \$13 million, up to \$258 million; and increasing refugee programs by \$20 million, up to \$657 million.

□ 1700

In addition, the pending bill fully funds the President's request for economic and military assistance for Israel, Egypt and Jordan; and this includes an increase of \$60 million in military assistance for Israel. Indeed, 39 percent of the funds in this bill, or over \$5.2 billion, will be available and be provided to the Middle East.

Let me just comment once again about the controversy that has been discussed in the last several months about the Phalcon sale by Israel to China. As of this morning, as I announced earlier on the floor, the Israeli government contacted me by telephone and told me Mr. Barak had requested that I be informed and that the Congress be informed that the Phalcon sale to China has been stopped. I think that is a tremendous step in the right direction, and I applaud the decision of the prime minister in making this decision.

I know many Members of the House have expressed to me and shared in my concern and yet were concerned about the possibility of a lengthy debate. So since that has been consummated and our objective has been fulfilled, there will be no need to discuss that reduction in the early disbursement account for Israel.

Further, this bill continues to support American involvement in Africa and Latin America. H.R. 4811 ensures at least \$1.55 billion for sub-Saharan Africa for development of humanitarian programs next year. In addition, thanks to the efforts of the gentlewoman from Michigan (Ms. KILPATRICK), a member of our subcommittee, we have included funds urgently needed for Mozambique, Madagascar, and southern Africa; and the committee directs that development funding for Latin America be no less than the fiscal year 2000 amount.

Finally, Mr. Chairman, the pending bill benefits American business by increasing funding for the Export-Import Bank and provides central funding for OPIC, the Overseas Private Investment Corporation, and for the U.S. Trade and Development Agency. In addition, the bill, thanks to the efforts of one of our colleagues from Ohio, retains longstanding Buy America requirements and protection for American jobs.

I urge Members today to read the editorial in the Washington Post entitled "An Unobserved War." It states that "not much notice is paid in the West these days to the war in Chechnya."