

vote on a hate crimes bill; not hate crimes for one ethnic or religious group in America but hate crimes for Americans, so that if one is disabled or if they come from a different background or live in a different way and someone attacks them because of their difference, we have a law that says we abhor hate.

Mr. Speaker, let me set the record straight. It is clear that the hate crimes bill in Texas is not the bill that the family of James Byrd begged for; that bill the governor of Texas did not sign, did not support, even though there was massive support for it. We do not have a real hate crimes bill in Texas. Let us set the record straight.

PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 111, FURTHER CONTINUING APPROPRIATIONS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2001

Mr. LINDER. Mr. Speaker, by direction of the Committee on Rules, I call up House Resolution 627 and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 627

*Resolved*, That upon the adoption of this resolution it shall be in order without intervention of any point of order to consider in the House the joint resolution (H.J. Res. 111) making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2001, and for other purposes. The joint resolution shall be considered as read for amendment. The previous question shall be considered as ordered on the joint resolution to final passage without intervening motion except: (1) one hour of debate equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations; and (2) one motion to recommit.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. PEASE). The gentleman from Georgia (Mr. LINDER) is recognized for 1 hour.

Mr. LINDER. Mr. Speaker, for the purpose of debate only, I yield the customary 30 minutes to my friend, the gentleman from Massachusetts (Mr. MOAKLEY), pending which I yield myself such time as I may consume. During consideration of this resolution, all time yielded is for the purpose of debate only.

Mr. Speaker, House Resolution 627 is a closed rule providing for consideration of House Joint Resolution 111, a resolution making further continuing appropriations for fiscal year 2001.

H. Res. 627 provides for 1 hour of debate equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the joint resolution. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit, as is the right of the minority.

Mr. Speaker, the current continuing resolution expires at the end of the day on Saturday, and a further continuing resolution is necessary to keep the government operating while Congress completes its consideration of the remaining appropriations bills.

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Mr. Speaker, House Joint Resolution 111 is a clean continuing resolution which simply extends the provisions included in House Joint Resolution 109 through October 20.

Mr. Speaker, as my colleagues know, we have been working hard to pass remaining appropriations bills as soon as possible. Honest disagreements remain on both sides of the aisle.

However, the House has made progress at resolving these differences over the past 2 weeks, passing the interior, agriculture, energy, and transportation conference reports. We are now very close to completing the appropriations process.

I share the disappointment of many of my colleagues that the negotiations have stretched on this long. However, we have a responsibility to stay the course and pass sensible and fiscally responsible appropriations bills. So, because we refuse to bend our principles, we will stay here in Washington for another week, away from our families, our districts, and our homes.

This fair, clean, continuing resolution will give us the time we need to fulfill our obligations to the American people and finish the appropriations process in an even-handed and conscientious manner.

The rule was unanimously approved by the Committee on Rules yesterday. I urge my colleagues to support it so we may proceed with the general debate and consideration of this bill.

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

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

Mr. Speaker, this is the third concurrent resolution we have done this year. It will push back the appropriations deadline once again for my Republican colleagues, and this time it will push it back to October 20.

The 1974 Budget Act requires that the 13 appropriation bills be signed into law by October 1. The beginning of the fiscal year. But despite repeated promises to the contrary by the Republican leadership, very little appropriation work is finished, even as we speak. Today only two out of 13 appropriation bills have been signed into law, Military Construction and Defense. Three more are on the way to the President, Transportation, Interior, and Agriculture. The others are in various stages of incubation.

Part of the reason for the lack of progress, Mr. Speaker, is my Republican colleagues' budget, which did great things for the very rich and failed to set aside enough money for middle-class tax cuts or social security preservation or medical prescription drug benefits, or any of the other issues that are so important to the working American families.

My Republican colleagues should have passed a minimum wage increase. They should have passed a bill to help us repair our schools, or passed a bill to hire new teachers. They should have

passed the Patients' Bill of Rights, Medicare prescription drug benefits, gun controls, gun safety legislation.

But Mr. Speaker, my Republican colleagues have had plenty of time to finish these appropriation bills and a lot more, but they did not. Now, in order to keep the Federal government open, we must pass this third continuing resolution.

The administration asked for a shorter continuing resolution in order to get more things done. I believe they were right to do so. But nonetheless, I will support this longer continuing resolution.

Mr. Speaker, I have no further requests for time, and I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. LINDER. Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time, and I move the previous question on the resolution.

The previous question was ordered.

The resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. YOUNG of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks on House Joint Resolution 111, and that I may include tabular and extraneous material.

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

There was no objection.

FURTHER CONTINUING APPROPRIATIONS, FISCAL YEAR 2001

Mr. YOUNG of Florida. Mr. Speaker, pursuant to House Resolution 627, I call up the joint resolution (H.J. Res. 111) making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2001, and for other purposes, and ask for its immediate consideration in the House.

The Clerk read the title of the joint resolution.

The text of House Joint Resolution 111 is as follows:

H.J. RES. 111

*Resolved* by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That Public Law 106-275, is further amended by striking "October 13, 2000" in section 106(c) and inserting in lieu thereof "October 20, 2000".

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to House Resolution 627, the gentleman from Florida (Mr. YOUNG) and the gentleman from Wisconsin (Mr. OBEY) each will control 30 minutes.

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

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

(Mr. YOUNG of Florida asked and was given permission to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. YOUNG of Florida. Mr. Speaker, the continuing resolution before us is