

[Roll No. 527]

YEAS—407

Abercrombie
Ackerman
Aderholt
Allen
Andrews
Archer
Army
Bachus
Baker
Baldacci
Baldwin
Ballenger
Barcia
Barr
Barrett (NE)
Barrett (WI)
Bartlett
Barton
Bass
Becerra
Bentsen
Bereuter
Berkley
Berman
Berry
Biggert
Bilbray
Billirakis
Bishop
Blagojevich
Bliley
Blumenauer
Blunt
Boehlert
Boehner
Bonilla
Bonior
Bono
Borski
Boswell
Boyd
Brady (PA)
Brady (TX)
Brown (FL)
Brown (OH)
Bryant
Burr
Burton
Buyer
Callahan
Calvert
Camp
Canady
Cannon
Capps
Capuano
Cardin
Carson
Castle
Chabot
Chambliss
Chenoweth-Hage
Clay
Clayton
Clement
Clyburn
Coble
Coburn
Collins
Combest
Condit
Conyers
Cook
Cooksey
Costello
Cox
Coyne
Cramer
Crane
Crowley
Cubin
Cummings
Cunningham
Danner
Davis (FL)
Davis (IL)
Davis (VA)
Deal
DeGette
Delahunt
DeLauro
DeLay
DeMint
Deutsch
Diaz-Balart
Dickey

Dicks
Dingell
Dixon
Doggett
Dooley
Doolittle
Doyle
Dreier
Duncan
Dunn
Edwards
Ehlers
Ehrlich
Emerson
Engel
English
Etheridge
Evans
Everett
Ewing
Farr
Fattah
Filner
Fletcher
Foley
Ford
Fossella
Fowler
Frank (MA)
Frelinghuysen
Frost
Gallegly
Ganske
Gejdenson
Gekas
Gephardt
Gibbons
Gillmor
Gilman
Gonzalez
Goode
Goodlatte
Goodling
Gordon
Goss
Graham
Granger
Green (WI)
Greenwood
Gutierrez
Gutknecht
Hall (OH)
Hall (TX)
Hansen
Hastings (FL)
Hastings (WA)
Hayes
Hayworth
Hefley
Herger
Hill (IN)
Hill (MT)
Hilleary
Hilliard
Hinchey
Hinojosa
Hobson
Hoeffel
Hoekstra
Holden
Holt
Hooley
Hostettler
Houghton
Hoyer
Hulshof
Hunter
Hutchinson
Hyde
Inlee
Isakson
Istook
Jackson (IL)
Jackson-Lee
(TX)
Jefferson
Jenkins
John
Johnson (CT)
Johnson, E.B.
Johnson, Sam
Jones (NC)
Jones (OH)
Kanjorski
Kasich

Kelly
Kennedy
Kildee
Kilpatrick
Kind (WI)
King (NY)
Kingston
Kleczka
Knollenberg
Kolbe
Kucinich
Kuykendall
LaFalce
LaHood
Lampson
Lantos
Largent
Larson
Latham
LaTourrette
Leach
Lee
Levin
Lewis (CA)
Lewis (GA)
Lewis (KY)
Linder
Lipinski
LoBiondo
Lofgren
Lowey
Lucas (KY)
Lucas (OK)
Luther
Maloney (NY)
Manzullo
Markey
Mascara
Matsui
McCarthy (MO)
McCarthy (NY)
McCrery
McDermott
McGovern
McHugh
McInnis
McIntyre
McKeon
McKinney
McNulty
Meek (FL)
Meeks (NY)
Menendez
Metcalf
Millender-
McDonald
Miller (FL)
Miller, Gary
Miller, George
Minge
Mink
Moakley
Mollohan
Moore
Moran (KS)
Moran (VA)
Morella
Murtha
Myrick
Napolitano
Neal
Nethercutt
Ney
Northup
Norwood
Nussle
Oberstar
Obey
Olver
Ortiz
Ose
Owens
Packard
Pallone
Pascarell
Pastor
Paul
Payne
Pease
Pelosi
Peterson (MN)
Peterson (PA)
Petri
Phelps
Pickering
Pickett

Pitts
Pombo
Pomeroy
Porter
Portman
Price (NC)
Pryce (OH)
Quinn
Radanovich
Rahall
Ramstad
Rangel
Regula
Reyes
Riley
Rivers
Rodriguez
Roemer
Rogan
Rogers
Rohrabacher
Ros-Lehtinen
Rothman
Roukema
Roybal-Allard
Royce
Rush
Ryan (WI)
Ryun (KS)
Sabo
Salmon
Sanchez
Sanders
Sandlin
Sanford
Sawyer
Saxton
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
Stearns
Stenholm
Strickland
Stump
Stupak
Sununu
Sweeney
Tancredo
Tanner
Tauscher
Tauzin
Taylor (MS)
Taylor (NC)
Terry
Thomas
Thompson (CA)

Thompson (MS)
Thornberry
Thune
Thurman
Tiahrt
Tierney
Toomey
Towns
Traficant
Turner
Udall (CO)
Udall (NM)
Upton
Velazquez
Visclosky
Vitter
Walden
Walsh
Wamp
Waters
Watkins
Watt (NC)
Watts (OK)
Waxman
Weiner
Weldon (FL)
Weldon (PA)
Weller
Wexler
Weygand
Whitfield
Wicker
Wilson
Wolf
Woolsey
Wu
Wynn
Young (AK)
Young (FL)

NAYS—2

Baird
Baca
Boucher
Campbell
Eshoo
Forbes
Franks (NJ)
Green (TX)
Horn

DeFazio
Kaptur
Klink
Lazio
Maloney (CT)
Martinez
McCollum
McIntosh
Meehan

NOT VOTING—23

□ 1135

So the joint resolution was passed.
The result of the vote was announced
as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on
the table.

Stated for:
Mr. MALONEY of Connecticut. Mr. Speaker,
I was unavoidably detained during rollcall vote
No. 527. Had I been present I would have
voted "yea."

Mr. HORN. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 527,
Further Continuing Appropriations for FY
2001, I was on legislative business and was
not able to make the rollcall. Had I been
present, I would have voted "aye."

Mr. MICA. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 528,
I was unavoidably detained. Had I been
present, I would have voted "yea."

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Ms. DANNER. Mr. Speaker, I was ab-
sent for rollcall votes 522, 523, and 524.
The reason is somewhat obvious, I
think. I spent that time in the emer-
gency room.

Had I been present, I would have
voted in favor of rollcall votes 522, 523,
and 524.

CONFERENCE REPORT ON H.R. 2415,
BANKRUPTCY REFORM ACT OF 2000

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. Speaker, by di-
rection of the Committee on Rules, I

call up House Resolution 624 and ask
for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as fol-
lows:

H. RES. 624

Resolved, That upon adoption of this reso-
lution it shall be in order to consider the
conference report to accompany the bill
(H.R. 2415) to enhance security of United
States missions and personnel overseas, to
authorize appropriations for the Department
of State for fiscal year 2000, and for other
purposes. All points of order against the con-
ference report and against its consideration
are waived. The conference report shall be
considered as read.

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

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. Speaker, for the
purpose of debate only, I yield the cus-
tomary 30 minutes to the gentleman
from Texas (Mr. FROST), pending which
I yield myself such time as I may con-
sume. During consideration of this reso-
lution, all time yielded is for the pur-
pose of debate only.

Mr. Speaker, the resolution before us
provides for the reconsideration of H.R.
2415, legislation that will reform our
Nation's bankruptcy laws. This rule
waives all points of order against the
conference report and against its con-
sideration. The rule provides that the
conference report may be considered as
read.

The underlying legislation is impor-
tant legislation that fundamentally re-
forms the existing bankruptcy system
into a needs-based system. I am very
proud of the tireless efforts of the
Members of both the House and the
Senate who have worked to reach this
bipartisan agreement to ensure that
our bankruptcy laws operate fairly, ef-
ficiently and free of abuse.

There is a strong support for bank-
ruptcy reform. The House version of
this bill passed with more than 300
votes earlier this year. The Senate
passed their version with 88 votes.
There is a great need for this legisla-
tion. A record 1.42 million personal
bankruptcy filings were recorded in
1998. This is a stunning increase of 500
percent since 1980. Despite an unprece-
dented time of economic prosperity,
low unemployment and rising dispos-
able income, personal bankruptcies are
rising, costing over \$40 billion in the
past year.

Without serious reform of our bank-
ruptcy law, these trends promise to
grow each year costing business and
consumers even more in the form of
losses and higher costs of credit.

Mr. Speaker, the bankruptcy reform
that we will consider is based upon two
important tenets: number one, the
bankruptcy system should provide the
amount of debt relief that an indi-
vidual needs, no more and no less; and,
point two, bankruptcies should be the
last resort and financial crisis, not the
first resort using it as a financial plan-
ning tool.

A record 1.4 million personal bank-
ruptcies were filed in 1998. That is one
out of every 75 households in America.