

in the Senate did not pass it, and we were talking about oranges and apples and we could not get the appropriation process done until February. We need to pass a budget; the Senate needs to pass a budget; we need to get the appropriation process done. We need to talk about education. We need to talk about health care. We cannot do it unless we pass this budget.

So I say to my colleagues, it is late. We have had a lot of debate. It is time to get to work. I will make a prediction. We will have a lot of people vote against it, and we will have a few more vote for it. Let us get to it.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. All time for debate has expired.

Without objection, the previous question is ordered.

There was no objection.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the conference report.

Pursuant to clause 10 of rule XX, the yeas and nays are ordered.

This will be a 15-minute vote.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 216, nays 211, not voting 8, as follows:

[Roll No. 141]

YEAS—216

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| Aderholt | Ehlers | Latham |
| Akin | Emerson | LaTourette |
| Bachus | English | Leach |
| Baker | Everett | Lewis (CA) |
| Ballenger | Feeney | Lewis (KY) |
| Barrett (SC) | Ferguson | Linder |
| Bartlett (MD) | Flake | LoBiondo |
| Barton (TX) | Fletcher | Lucas (OK) |
| Bass | Foley | Manzullo |
| Beauprez | Forbes | McCotter |
| Bereuter | Fossella | McCreary |
| Biggert | Frelinghuysen | McHugh |
| Bilirakis | Galleghy | McInnis |
| Bishop (UT) | Gerlach | McKeon |
| Blackburn | Gibbons | Mica |
| Blunt | Gilchrest | Miller (FL) |
| Boehrlert | Gillmor | Miller (MI) |
| Bonilla | Gingrey | Miller, Gary |
| Bonner | Goode | Murphy |
| Bono | Goodlatte | Musgrave |
| Boozman | Goss | Myrick |
| Bradley (NH) | Granger | Nethercutt |
| Brady (TX) | Graves | Ney |
| Brown (SC) | Green (WI) | Northup |
| Brown-Waite, | Greenwood | Norwood |
| Ginny | Gutknecht | Nunes |
| Burgess | Harris | Nussle |
| Burns | Hart | Osborne |
| Burr | Hastert | Ose |
| Burton (IN) | Hastings (WA) | Otter |
| Buyer | Hayes | Oxley |
| Calvert | Hayworth | Pearce |
| Camp | Hensarling | Pence |
| Cannon | Herger | Peterson (PA) |
| Cantor | Hobson | Petri |
| Capito | Hoekstra | Pickering |
| Carter | Hulshof | Pitts |
| Chabot | Hunter | Pombo |
| Chocola | Hyde | Porter |
| Coble | Isakson | Portman |
| Cole | Issa | Pryce (OH) |
| Collins | Istook | Putnam |
| Cox | Janklow | Quinn |
| Crane | Jenkins | Radanovich |
| Crenshaw | Johnson (CT) | Ramstad |
| Cubin | Johnson (IL) | Regula |
| Culberson | Johnson, Sam | Rehberg |
| Cunningham | Jones (NC) | Renzi |
| Davis, Jo Ann | Keller | Reynolds |
| Davis, Tom | Kelly | Rogers (AL) |
| Deal (GA) | Kennedy (MN) | Rogers (KY) |
| DeLay | King (IA) | Rogers (MI) |
| DeMint | King (NY) | Rohrabacher |
| Diaz-Balart, L. | Kingston | Ros-Lehtinen |
| Diaz-Balart, M. | Kirk | Royce |
| Doolittle | Kline | Ryan (WI) |
| Dreier | Knollenberg | Ryun (KS) |
| Duncan | Kolbe | Saxton |
| Dunn | LaHood | Schrock |

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| Sensenbrenner | Stearns | Vitter |
| Sessions | Sullivan | Walden (OR) |
| Shadegg | Sweeney | Walsh |
| Shaw | Tancredo | Wamp |
| Shays | Tauzin | Weldon (FL) |
| Sherwood | Taylor (NC) | Weller |
| Shimkus | Terry | Whitfield |
| Shuster | Thomas | Wicker |
| Simmons | Thornberry | Wilson (NM) |
| Simpson | Tiahrt | Wilson (SC) |
| Smith (MI) | Tiberi | Wolf |
| Smith (NJ) | Toomey | Young (AK) |
| Smith (TX) | Turner (OH) | |
| Souder | Upton | |

NAYS—211

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| Abercrombie | Gutierrez | Napolitano |
| Ackerman | Hall | Neal (MA) |
| Alexander | Harman | Oberstar |
| Allen | Hastings (FL) | Obeys |
| Andrews | Hefley | Olver |
| Baca | Hill | Ortiz |
| Baird | Hinchev | Owens |
| Baldwin | Hinojosa | Pallone |
| Ballance | Hoeffel | Pascrell |
| Becerra | Holden | Pastor |
| Bell | Holt | Payne |
| Berkley | Honda | Pelosi |
| Berman | Hooley (OR) | Peterson (MN) |
| Berry | Hostettler | Platts |
| Bishop (GA) | Hoyer | Pomeroy |
| Bishop (NY) | Inslee | Price (NC) |
| Blumenauer | Israel | Rahall |
| Boswell | Jackson (IL) | Rangel |
| Boucher | Jackson-Lee | Reyes |
| Boyd | (TX) | Rodriguez |
| Brady (PA) | Jefferson | Ross |
| Brown (OH) | John | Rothman |
| Brown, Corrine | Johnson, E. B. | Roybal-Allard |
| Capps | Jones (OH) | Ruppersberger |
| Capuano | Kanjorski | Rush |
| Cardin | Kaptur | Ryan (OH) |
| Cardoza | Kennedy (RI) | Sabo |
| Carson (IN) | Kildee | Sanchez, Linda |
| Carson (OK) | Kilpatrick | T. |
| Case | Kind | Sanchez, Loretta |
| Castle | Klecza | Sanders |
| Clay | Kucinich | Sandlin |
| Clyburn | Lampson | Schakowsky |
| Conyers | Langevin | Schiff |
| Cooper | Lantos | Scott (GA) |
| Costello | Larsen (WA) | Scott (VA) |
| Cramer | Larson (CT) | Serrano |
| Crowley | Lee | Sherman |
| Cummings | Levin | Skelton |
| Davis (AL) | Lewis (GA) | Slaughter |
| Davis (CA) | Lipinski | Smith (WA) |
| Davis (FL) | Lofgren | Snyder |
| Davis (IL) | Lowey | Solis |
| Davis (TN) | Lucas (KY) | Spratt |
| DeFazio | Lynch | Stark |
| DeGette | Majette | Stenholm |
| DeLahunt | Maloney | Strickland |
| DeLauro | Markey | Stupak |
| Deutsch | Marshall | Tanner |
| Dicks | Matheson | Tauscher |
| Dingell | Matsui | Taylor (MS) |
| Doggett | McCarthy (NY) | Thompson (CA) |
| Dooley (CA) | McCollum | Thompson (MS) |
| Doyle | McDermott | Tierney |
| Edwards | McGovern | Towns |
| Emanuel | McIntyre | Turner (TX) |
| Engel | McNulty | Udall (CO) |
| Eshoo | Meehan | Udall (NM) |
| Etheridge | Meek (FL) | Van Hollen |
| Evans | Meeke (NY) | Velazquez |
| Farr | Menendez | Visclosky |
| Fattah | Michaud | Waters |
| Filner | Millender- | Watson |
| Ford | McDonald | Watt |
| Frank (MA) | Miller (NC) | Waxman |
| Franks (AZ) | Miller, George | Weiner |
| Frost | Mollohan | Wexler |
| Garrett (NJ) | Moore | Woolsey |
| Gonzalez | Moran (KS) | Wu |
| Gordon | Moran (VA) | Wynn |
| Green (TX) | Murtha | |
| Grijalva | Nadler | |

NOT VOTING—8

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| Boehner | Houghton | Weldon (PA) |
| Combest | McCarthy (MO) | Young (FL) |
| Gephardt | Paul | |

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. LATOURETTE) (during the vote). The Chair will advise Members there are 2 minutes remaining in this vote.

□ 0239

So the conference report was agreed to.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

REMOVAL OF NAME OF MEMBER AS COSPONSOR OF H.R. 953

Mr. KENNEDY of Rhode Island. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to remove the name of the gentleman from Washington (Mr. HASTINGS) as a cosponsor of H.R. 953, the Paul Wellstone Mental Health Equitable Treatment Act.

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

There was no objection.

THANKING HOUSE AND COMMITTEE STAFF FOR HARD WORK ON HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 95

(Mr. NUSSLE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. NUSSLE. Mr. Speaker, there are obviously a number of people who have toiled here late tonight. We want to thank the House staff that have stayed with us here this evening, and the reporters and the Clerk's office. We appreciate their hard work and sticking with us through these things.

I would like to thank my staff of the Committee on the Budget on the majority side. Rich Meade is my chief of staff, and we have a number of very professional people who got us to this point in time.

The Members get to make the speeches and to cast the votes, but the staff do the hard work in getting us here. In both the House and in the other body, we have had a great working relationship with those professional staffs. We want to thank them and congratulate them for a job well done.

□ 0245

I would also like to thank the members of my committee who worked hard on this, as well as the members of my committee on the opposite side of the aisle.

I have no better competitor in this process and no one that I respect more than the gentleman from South Carolina (Mr. SPRATT); and while we have to differ so on substance tonight, we do share a love for the process and enjoyment in working through these issues even though we do not always get our way in the final analysis. But I want to congratulate the gentleman for his work. As I say, there is no one who knows this process and this budget issue better than my friend and colleague, the gentleman from South Carolina (Mr. SPRATT).

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

Mr. NUSSLE. I yield to the gentleman from South Carolina.

Mr. SPRATT. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for yielding, and I would say that on both sides of the aisle the staff are the unseen players in this process. They make an enormous effort, and we have a good working relationship on this committee, which we prize because we have mutual respect.

I would like to pay tribute to my staff who put a herculean effort to get this budget resolution on the floor through all the processes it has to go.

First, to my very able and loyal and energetic chief of staff, Tom Kahn; to Joe Minarik, who is our chief economist and is widely experienced; to Jim Klumpner, who is also an excellent economist on our staff; to Sheila McDowell; to Kimberly Overbeek, who is super with the numbers; to Andrea Weathers; to Linda Bywaters; to Arthur Burris, who is indefatigable; to Sarah Abernathy; and to Pepper Santalucia. I am looking at Antonio Santalucia and Pepper would not come to me. To some new additions to our staff: Mike McCord, who does defense work; Jennifer Friedman, who came over from OMB; Diana Meredith and Andy Smalian, a great group of people, a great team effort and very professional staff.

And last but not least, Lisa Venus, who has been with us for several years who is assistant counsel and a very, very able staff member who was here on the floor with us tonight.

Mr. Speaker, I appreciate the chairman allowing me the opportunity to pay tribute to my staff and to the effort they put in to making the budget process work this year.

SENATE BILL REFERRED

A bill of the Senate of the following title was taken from the Speaker's table and, under the rule, referred as follows:

S. Con. Res. 31. Concurrent resolution expressing the outrage of Congress at the treatment of certain American prisoners of war by the Government of Iraq; to the Committee on International Relations.

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

Mr. Trandahl, Clerk of the House, reported and found truly an enrolled bill of the House of the following title, which was thereupon signed by the Speaker:

H.R. 273. An act to provide for the eradication and control of nutria in Maryland and Louisiana.

SENATE ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

The SPEAKER announced his signature to an enrolled bill of the Senate of the following title:

S. 380. An act to amend chapter 83 of title 5, United States Code, to reform the funding of benefits under the Civil Service Retirement System for employees of the United States Postal Service, and for other purposes.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. NUSSLE. Mr. Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 2 o'clock and 48 minutes a.m.), the House adjourned until today, Friday, April 11, 2003, at 10 a.m.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 8 of rule XII, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

1753. A letter from the Under Secretary, Department of Defense, transmitting the National Defense Stockpile (NDS) Annual Materials Plan for FY 2004 along with revisions to the FY 03 Annual Materials Plan and AMPs for the succeeding four years, FY 05-08, pursuant to 50 U.S.C. 98h-5; to the Committee on Armed Services.

1754. A letter from the Assistant Secretary, Department of Defense, transmitting the Department's FY 2004 Summary of Amounts Report for Cooperative Threat Reduction (CTR) Programs in the former Soviet Union; to the Committee on Armed Services.

1755. A letter from the Under Secretary, Department of Defense, transmitting the Department's report entitled, "Distribution of DoD Depot Maintenance Workloads Fiscal Years 2001 and 2002"; to the Committee on Armed Services.

1756. A letter from the Assistant Secretary, Department of Defense, transmitting a report prescribed in Section 709 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2003; to the Committee on Armed Services.

1757. A letter from the Alternate Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense, transmitting the Department's final rule — TRICARE Program; Eligibility and Payment Procedures for Civilian Health and Medical Program of the Uniformed Services Beneficiaries Age 65 and Over (RIN: 0720-AA66) received April 8, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Armed Services.

1758. A letter from the President and Chairman, Export-Import Bank, transmitting a report on transactions involving U.S. exports to the Kingdom of the Netherlands pursuant to Section 2(b)(3) of the Export-Import Bank Act of 1945, as amended; to the Committee on Financial Services.

1759. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Department's interim report entitled, "Interim Evaluation Report: Congressionally Mandated Evaluation of the State Children's Health Insurance Program, pursuant to Public Law 105-33, section 4901 (111 Stat. 567); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

1760. A letter from the Acting Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Approval and Promulgation of State Air Quality Plans for Designated Facilities and Pollutants, State of West Virginia; Control of Emissions from Commercial and Industrial Solid Waste Incinerator Units [WV059-6027a; FRL-7479-9] received April 8, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

1761. A letter from the Acting Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Approval and Promulgation of State Plan for Designated Facilities and Pollutants: Florida [FL-094-200316a; FRL-7481-8] received April 8, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

1762. A letter from the Acting Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Control of Emissions From New Nonroad Diesel Engines: Amendments to the Nonroad Engine Definition [AMS-FRL-7482-1] received April 8, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

1763. A letter from the Acting Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Nebraska: Final Authorization of State Hazardous Waste Management Program Revision [FRL-7480-9] received April 8, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

1764. A letter from the Acting Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Oklahoma: Final Authorization of State Hazardous Waste Management Program Revisions [FRL-7479-1] received April 8, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

1765. A letter from the Acting Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Tennessee: Final Authorization of State Hazardous Waste Management Program Revision [FRL-7478-5] received April 8, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

1766. A letter from the Acting Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Text: Final Authorization of State Hazardous Waste Management Program Revisions [FRL-7482-3] received April 8, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

1767. A letter from the Acting Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Utah: Final Authorization of State Hazardous Waste Management Program Revision [FRL-7480-6] received April 8, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

1768. A letter from the Legal Advisor, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule — Amendment of Parts 2, 73, 74, 80, 90, and 97 of the Commission's Rules to Implement Decisions from World Radiocommunication Conferences Concerning Frequency Bands Below 28000 kHz [ET Docket No. 02-16] received April 7, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

1769. A letter from the Under Secretary for Industry and Security, Department of Commerce, transmitting the Department's report entitled, "Imposition of Foreign Policy Controls on Specially Designated Global Terrorists"; to the Committee on International Relations.

1770. A letter from the Under Secretary for Industry and Security, Department of Commerce, transmitting the Department's report entitled, "Expansion of Foreign Policy-Based Controls on Explosives Detection Equipment"; to the Committee on International Relations.

1771. A letter from the Staff Director, Commission On Civil Rights, transmitting the Commission's FY 2002 Government Performance and Results Act Report; to the Committee on Government Reform.

1772. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Labor, transmitting the FY 2002 Annual Report on Performance and Accountability; to the Committee on Government Reform.