

Upton	Watson	Woolsey
Van Hollen	Watt	Wu
Velazquez	Waxman	Wynn
Visclosky	Weiner	
Waters	Wexler	

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Aderholt	Gilchrist	Ose
Akin	Gillmor	Otter
Bachus	Gingrey	Oxley
Baker	Goode	Paul
Ballenger	Goodlatte	Pearce
Barrett (SC)	Goss	Pence
Bartlett (MD)	Granger	Peterson (PA)
Barton (TX)	Graves	Petri
Bass	Green (WI)	Pickering
Beauprez	Greenwood	Pitts
Bereuter	Gutknecht	Platts
Biggart	Harris	Pombo
Billrakis	Hart	Porter
Bishop (UT)	Hastert	Portman
Blackburn	Hastings (WA)	Pryce (OH)
Blunt	Hayes	Putnam
Boehrlert	Hayworth	Quinn
Boehner	Hefley	Radanovich
Bonilla	Hensarling	Ramstad
Bonner	Herger	Regula
Bono	Hobson	Rehberg
Boozman	Hoekstra	Renzi
Bradley (NH)	Hostettler	Reynolds
Brady (TX)	Houghton	Rogers (AL)
Brown (SC)	Hulshof	Rogers (KY)
Brown-Waite,	Hunter	Rogers (MI)
Ginny	Hyde	Rohrabacher
Burgess	Isakson	Ros-Lehtinen
Burns	Issa	Royce
Burr	Istook	Ryan (WI)
Burton (IN)	Jenkins	Ryun (KS)
Buyer	Johnson (CT)	Saxton
Calvert	Johnson (IL)	Schrock
Camp	Johnson, Sam	Sensenbrenner
Cannon	Jones (NC)	Sessions
Cantor	Keller	Shadegg
Carter	Kelly	Shaw
Chabot	Kennedy (MN)	Shays
Chocola	King (IA)	Sherwood
Coble	King (NY)	Shimkus
Cole	Kingston	Shuster
Collins	Kirk	Simpsons
Cox	Kline	Simpson
Crane	Knollenberg	Smith (MI)
Crenshaw	Kolbe	Smith (NJ)
Cubin	LaHood	Smith (TX)
Culberson	Latham	Souder
Cunningham	LaTourrette	Stearns
Davis, Jo Ann	Lewis (CA)	Sullivan
Davis, Tom	Lewis (KY)	Sweeney
Deal (GA)	Linder	Tancredo
DeLay	LoBiondo	Tauzin
DeMint	Lucas (OK)	Taylor (NC)
Diaz-Balart, L.	Manzullo	Terry
Diaz-Balart, M.	McCotter	Thomas
Doolittle	McCreery	Thornberry
Dreier	McHugh	Tiahrt
Duncan	McInnis	Tiberi
Dunn	McKeon	Toomey
Ehlers	Mica	Turner (OH)
Emerson	Miller (FL)	Vitter
English	Miller (MI)	Walden (OR)
Everett	Miller, Gary	Walsh
Feeney	Moran (KS)	Wamp
Flake	Murphy	Weldon (FL)
Foley	Musgrave	Weldon (PA)
Forbes	Myrick	Weller
Fossella	Nethercutt	Whitfield
Franks (AZ)	Neugebauer	Wicker
Frelinghuysen	Ney	Wilson (NM)
Gallely	Norwood	Wilson (SC)
Garrett (NJ)	Nunes	Wolf
Gerlach	Nussle	Young (AK)
Gibbons	Osborne	

NOT VOTING—9

Berkley	Janklow	Millender-
Ferguson	Jefferson	McDonald
Fletcher	Meeks (NY)	Young (FL)
Gephardt		

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. BASS) (during the vote). Members are advised that there are 2 minutes remaining in this vote.

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Mr. YOUNG of Alaska and Mrs. WILSON of New Mexico changed their vote from "yea" to "nay."

So the motion to instruct was rejected.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Stated against:

Mrs. NORTHUP. Mr. Speaker, earlier today on rollcall vote No. 370, I intended to vote "nay." I would like the RECORD to reflect that I was opposed to the DeLauro motion to instruct conferees. I inadvertently cast a vote in favor of the motion and reiterate my opposition to this effort.

REMOVAL OF NAME OF MEMBER AS COSPONSOR OF H.R. 1472

Mr. BUYER. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to have my name removed as a cosponsor of H.R. 1472.

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

There was no objection.

APPOINTMENT OF CONFEREES ON H.R. 1588, NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2004

Mr. HUNTER. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to take from the Speaker's table the bill (H.R. 1588) to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2004 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe personnel strengths for such fiscal year for the Armed Forces, 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 California?

Mr. SKELTON. Mr. Speaker, reserving the right to object, I yield to the gentleman from California for the purpose of explaining this request.

Mr. HUNTER. Mr. Speaker, I thank the distinguished gentleman from Missouri for yielding.

This unanimous-consent request allows the House and Senate Armed Services Committees to formally begin conference.

Mr. SKELTON. I thank the gentleman.

Mr. Speaker, I withdraw my reservation of objection.

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

There was no objection.

MOTION TO INSTRUCT OFFERED BY MR. SPRATT

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

The Clerk read as follows:

Mr. SPRATT moves that the managers on the part of the House at the conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the Senate amendment to the bill H.R. 1588 be instructed to insist upon the provisions contained in section 3111 of the House bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 7(b) of rule XXII, the gen-

tleman from South Carolina (Mr. SPRATT) and the gentleman from California (Mr. HUNTER) each will control 30 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from South Carolina (Mr. SPRATT).

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

I offer this motion simply to ask the House to stand by a bipartisan compromise that we struck last May in marking up the defense authorization bill, the bill we are now sending formally to conference which deals with the development of low-yield nuclear weapons.

Members of the House may have read, they may have heard that the Bush administration is pushing to repeal the so-called ban on low-level nuclear weapons research. They disavow any intention of building such weapons, but they at least seek the flexibility to conduct research in that realm. Let me tell everybody, they basically won that argument. Both the House and the Senate defense authorization bills propose changes to current law that allow the flexibility of research into low-yield nuclear weapons.

The administration said this was a problem, the Department of Energy said it was a problem, existing law, so we have changed it. We have addressed the problem. I was an author of the so-called Spratt-Furse amendment in 1993. I believe that the language of that amendment as it now stands as amended in the committee mark is sensible and a fair compromise. That is what I am asking the House to do, to stand behind it.

Mr. Speaker, I yield such time as he may consume to the gentleman from Missouri (Mr. SKELTON), the ranking member on our committee.

Mr. SKELTON. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for yielding me this time.

While there are many reasons to support this motion, let me say that one key reason for supporting it is that the provisions contained in section 3111 of the House bill are largely the same legislation adopted by this body in the Bob Stump National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2003 which, of course, was last year's defense bill.

The House adopted that legislation after considerable and very careful deliberations and on a bipartisan basis led by the gentleman from South Carolina. We authorized research but retained the prohibition on development activities that could lead to the production of a destabilizing and unnecessary new low-yield nuclear weapon. We also described permissible activities necessary to address the safety and reliability of those issues.

Mr. Speaker, being a student of history, the war in Iraq and Desert Storm some 12 years ago now have taught us that stealth technology, standoff capability and precision munitions are the key to future warfare. New conventional technologies have changed the way we fight and, if anything, will