

Shuster
 Simmons
 Simpson
 Skelton
 Slaughter
 Smith (MI)
 Smith (NJ)
 Smith (TX)
 Smith (WA)
 Snyder
 Solis
 Souder
 Spratt
 Stark
 Stearns
 Stenholm
 Strickland
 Stupak
 Sullivan
 Sweeney
 Tancredo
 Tanner
 Tauscher

NOT VOTING—12

Ackerman
 Carson (IN)
 Collins
 Ford

Gephardt
 Greenwood
 Kirk
 Kucinich

Lowe
 Meehan
 Paul
 Quinn

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE
 The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. BASS) (during the vote). Members are advised there are 2 minutes remaining in this vote.

□ 1841

So (two-thirds having voted in favor thereof) the rules were suspended and the concurrent resolution, as amended, was agreed to.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

RECOGNIZING IMPORTANCE IN HISTORY OF 150TH ANNIVERSARY OF ESTABLISHMENT OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS BETWEEN UNITED STATES AND JAPAN

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The unfinished business is the question of suspending the rules and agreeing to the concurrent resolution, H. Con. Res. 418.

The Clerk read the title of the concurrent resolution.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Iowa (Mr. LEACH) that the House suspend the rules and agree to the concurrent resolution, H. Con. Res. 418, on which the yeas and nays are ordered.

This will be a 5-minute vote.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 416, nays 0, not voting 18, as follows:

[Roll No. 415]
 YEAS—416

Abercrombie
 Aderholt
 Akin
 Alexander
 Allen
 Andrews
 Baca
 Bachus
 Baird
 Baker
 Baldwin
 Ballenger
 Barrett (SC)
 Bartlett (MD)
 Barton (TX)

Bass
 Beauprez
 Becerra
 Bell
 Bereuter
 Berkeley
 Berman
 Berry
 Biggart
 Bilirakis
 Bishop (GA)
 Bishop (NY)
 Bishop (UT)
 Blackburn
 Blumenauer

Blunt
 Boehlert
 Boehner
 Bonilla
 Bonner
 Bono
 Boozman
 Boswell
 Boucher
 Boyd
 Bradley (NH)
 Brady (PA)
 Brady (TX)
 Brown (OH)
 Brown (SC)

Brown, Corrine
 Brown-Waite,
 Ginny
 Burgess
 Burns
 Burr
 Burton (IN)
 Butterfield
 Buyer
 Camp
 Cannon
 Cantor
 Capito
 Capps
 Capuano
 Cardin
 Cardoza
 Carson (OK)
 Carter
 Case
 Castle
 Chabot
 Chandler
 Chocola
 Clay
 Clyburn
 Coble
 Cole
 Cooper
 Costello
 Cox
 Cramer
 Crane
 Crenshaw
 Crowley
 Cubin
 Culberson
 Cummings
 Cunningham
 Davis (AL)
 Davis (CA)
 Davis (FL)
 Davis (IL)
 Davis (TN)
 Davis, Jo Ann
 Davis, Tom
 Deal (GA)
 DeFazio
 DeGette
 Delahunt
 DeLauro
 DeLay
 DeMint
 Deutsch
 Diaz-Balart, L.
 Diaz-Balart, M.
 Dicks
 Dingell
 Doggett
 Dooley (CA)
 Doolittle
 Doyle
 Dreier
 Duncan
 Dunn
 Edwards
 Ehlers
 Emanuel
 Emerson
 Engel
 English
 Eshoo
 Etheridge
 Evans
 Everett
 Farr
 Fattah
 Feeney
 Ferguson
 Filner
 Flake
 Foley
 Forbes
 Fossella
 Frank (MA)
 Franks (AZ)
 Frelinghuysen
 Frost
 Gallegly
 Garrett (NJ)
 Gerlach
 Gibbons
 Gilchrest
 Gillmor
 Gingrey
 Gonzalez
 Goode
 Goodlatte
 Gordon

Goss
 Granger
 Graves
 Green (TX)
 Green (WI)
 Grijalva
 Gutierrez
 Gutknecht
 Hall
 Harman
 Harris
 Hart
 Hastings (FL)
 Hastings (WA)
 Hayes
 Hayworth
 Hefley
 Hensarling
 Herger
 Herseth
 Hill
 Hinchey
 Hinojosa
 Hoefel
 Hoekstra
 Holden
 Holt
 Honda
 Hooley (OR)
 Hostettler
 Houghton
 Hoyer
 Hulshof
 Hunter
 Hyde
 Inslee
 Isakson
 Israel
 Issa
 Istook
 Jackson (IL)
 Jackson-Lee
 (TX)
 Jefferson
 Jenkins
 John
 Johnson (CT)
 Johnson (IL)
 Johnson, E. B.
 Johnson, Sam
 Jones (NC)
 Jones (OH)
 Kanjorski
 Kaptur
 Keller
 Kelly
 Kennedy (MN)
 Kennedy (RI)
 Kildee
 Kilpatrick
 Kind
 King (IA)
 King (NY)
 Kingston
 Kleczka
 Kline
 Knollenberg
 Kolbe
 LaHood
 Lampson
 Langevin
 Lantos
 Larsen (WA)
 Larson (CT)
 Latham
 LaTourette
 Leach
 Lee
 Levin
 Lewis (CA)
 Lewis (GA)
 Lewis (KY)
 Linder
 Lipinski
 LoBiondo
 Lofgren
 Lucas (KY)
 Lucas (OK)
 Lynch
 Majette
 Maloney
 Manzullo
 Markey
 Marshall
 Matheson
 Matsui
 McCarthy (MO)
 McCarthy (NY)
 McCollum

McCotter
 McCrery
 McDermott
 McGovern
 McHugh
 McInnis
 McIntyre
 McKeon
 McNulty
 Meek (FL)
 Meeks (NY)
 Menendez
 Mica
 Michaud
 Millender-
 McDonald
 Miller (FL)
 Miller (MI)
 Miller (NC)
 Miller, Gary
 Miller, George
 Mollohan
 Moore
 Moran (KS)
 Moran (VA)
 Murphy
 Murtha
 Musgrave
 Myrick
 Nadler
 Napolitano
 Neal (MA)
 Nethercutt
 Neugebauer
 Ney
 Northup
 Norwood
 Nunes
 Nussle
 Oberstar
 Obey
 Olver
 Ortiz
 Osborne
 Ose
 Otter
 Owens
 Oxley
 Pallone
 Pascrell
 Pastor
 Payne
 Pearce
 Pelosi
 Pence
 Kelly
 Peterson (MN)
 Peterson (PA)
 Petri
 Pickering
 Pitts
 Platts
 Pomeroy
 Porter
 Portman
 Price (NC)
 Pryce (OH)
 Putnam
 Radanovich
 Rahall
 Ramstad
 Rangel
 Regula
 Rehberg
 Renzi
 Reyes
 Reynolds
 Rodriguez
 Rogers (AL)
 Rogers (KY)
 Rogers (MD)
 Rohrabacher
 Ros-Lehtinen
 Ross
 Rothman
 Roybal-Allard
 Royce
 Ruppberger
 Rush
 Ryan (OH)
 Ryan (WI)
 Ryun (KS)
 Sanchez, Linda
 T.
 Sanchez, Loretta
 Sanders
 Sandlin
 Saxton
 Schakowsky

Shrock
 Scott (GA)
 Scott (VA)
 Sensenbrenner
 Serrano
 Sessions
 Shadegg
 Shaw
 Shays
 Sherman
 Sherwood
 Shimkus
 Shuster
 Simmons
 Simpson
 Skelton
 Slaughter
 Smith (MI)
 Smith (NJ)
 Smith (TX)
 Smith (WA)
 Snyder
 Solis
 Souder
 Spratt
 Stark

NOT VOTING—18

Ackerman
 Calvert
 Carson (IN)
 Collins
 Conyers
 Ford

Gephardt
 Greenwood
 Hobson
 Kirk
 Kucinich
 Lowey

Meehan
 Paul
 Quinn
 Sabo
 Schiff
 Waters

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE
 The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. BASS) (during the vote). Members are advised 2 minutes remain in this vote.

□ 1849

So (two-thirds having voted in favor thereof) the rules were suspended and the concurrent resolution was agreed to.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

FURTHER MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A further message from the Senate by Mr. Monahan, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate has passed a bill of the following title in which the concurrence of the House is requested:

S. 2724. An act to amend section 33(a) of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 657c(a)) to clarify that the National Veterans Business Development Corporation is a private entity.

ELECTION OF MEMBER TO CERTAIN STANDING COMMITTEE OF THE HOUSE

Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. Speaker, by direction of the Democratic Caucus, I offer a privileged resolution (H. Res. 741) and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 741

Resolved, That the following named Member be and is hereby elected to the following standing committees of the House of Representatives:

COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE: Mr. Butterfield (to rank immediately after Ms. Herseth).

COMMITTEE ON SMALL BUSINESS: Mr. Butterfield (to rank immediately after Mr. Udall of New Mexico).

The resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

CONFERENCE REPORT ON H.R. 4613,
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE AP-
PROPRIATIONS ACT, 2005

Mrs. MYRICK. Mr. Speaker, by direction of the Committee on Rules, I call up House Resolution 735, and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 735

Resolved, That upon adoption of this resolution it shall be in order to consider the conference report to accompany the bill (H.R. 4613) making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2005, and for other purposes. All points of order against the conference report and against its consideration are waived. The conference report shall be considered as read.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentlewoman from North Carolina (Mrs. MYRICK) is recognized for 1 hour.

Mrs. MYRICK. Mr. Speaker, for the purpose of debate only, I yield the customary 30 minutes to the gentleman from Texas (Mr. FROST), 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.

The Defense Appropriations Conference Report provides the tools and the resources for our military to wage an aggressive war against terrorism, while defending our Nation against ever-changing military threats.

Each generation of Americans has been called to defend our freedom, and each time our forefathers and -mothers have answered that call. Our generation's time of national trial has come, and we are being called to stop a new kind of enemy, different from any that we have ever fought before. This enemy is patient, building resources and striking where and when we are least prepared.

The enemy uses a different method each time, and this enemy requires a new kind of defense. And this is what the conference report is continuing to build.

I agree with President Bush when he says that our Armed Forces must be ready to confront every threat from any source that can bring sudden terror and suffering to America.

Our forces must be ready to deploy to any point of the globe on short notice, and this bill provides \$416.2 billion in new discretionary spending authority for the Department of Defense. It also includes \$25 billion in emergency spending, requested by the President for early fiscal year 2005 costs associated with operations in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Our Nation must have, and we will have, ready forces that can bring victory to our country and safety to our people. The world's best soldiers, sailors, airmen and Marines also deserve the world's best weaponry; and to ensure that, we must invest in procure-

ment accounts. And this report contains \$77.6 billion for procurement. We need to give our military the weapons that they need for the future threats.

If this war against terror means that we must find it wherever it exists and pull it out by the roots and bring people to justice, our military must have the means to achieve this.

This bill also makes significant improvements in the quality of life for our men and women who serve in the Armed Forces, including a 3.5 percent pay raise and targeted pay raises to mid-grade noncommissioned officers, generous housing allowances that will significantly decrease the out-of-pocket housing expenses of our service personnel, and provide access to high quality health care. We can never pay our men and women in uniform on the scale that matches the magnitude of their sacrifice, but this bill reflects our respect for their selfless service.

I feel strongly that we need a strong national defense, and we need to be prepared. And with this conference report, we will be. The primary responsibility for us as elected officials is to provide for the common defense of our fellow countrymen; and to that end, I urge my colleagues to support the rule and support the underlying bill, because now, more than ever, we must improve our national security.

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

Mr. FROST. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume, and I thank the gentlewoman for yielding me the customary 30 minutes.

(Mr. FROST asked and was given permission to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. FROST. Mr. Speaker, just yesterday, the gentlewoman from North Carolina and I were here on the floor debating another very important bill for our soldiers, the Military Construction Appropriations bill. Like the Defense appropriations bill, that bill funds vital programs for our troops. Unfortunately, this House's leadership made what I think was a terrible mistake by allowing a provision to improve housing for our troops and their families to potentially be completely stripped from that bill. If that happens, almost 50,000 military families will be affected and continue to live in substandard housing. I think that shows real disregard and disrespect for our soldiers; and frankly, I find it disgraceful.

I understand that we will be continuing debate on the Military Construction bill in just a few minutes, so I suppose we will see shortly how the matter is resolved, but the conference report on the Defense Appropriations bill is a different matter.

I am pleased to join the gentlewoman in support of the conference report and the rule providing for its conversation. Throughout my 26 years in Congress, I have always worked hard to keep our military strong and our troops safe. I believe that providing for our national

defense is one of our most important duties as Members of Congress and that providing funding for our troops to ensure their safety and the success of the war on terror is our obligation.

I am proud to say, Mr. Speaker, that the bill before us now does a good job of providing vital support for our troops. The bill gives our troops a much-deserved 3.5 percent pay raise and gives the Department of Defense \$25 billion in emergency supplemental funding for the war on terror.

These funds directly and significantly aid our servicemen and -women by providing them with the tools they need to fight the war on terror and return home safely. It will provide every soldier with body armor, provide our troops with more armored Humvees and increase the size of the Army to relieve the burden on our overworked soldiers. It is a good bill, and I support its passage wholeheartedly.

I note also that the conference report provides very substantial funding for the F-22 Raptor, for the V-22 Osprey and for the Joint Strike Fighter. These are fine weapon systems. Much of the work is done in the north Texas area that I represent, and I commend the committee for continuing to support those systems. I am glad we were able to get it right in this bill.

Mr. Speaker, I urge adoption of the rule and adoption of the conference report.

Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

Mrs. MYRICK. 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.

Mr. LEWIS of California. Mr. Speaker, pursuant to House Resolution 735, I call up the conference report on the bill (H.R. 4613) making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2005, and for other purposes.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the conference report is considered as having been read.

(For conference report and statement, see proceedings of the House on July 20, 2004, Book II at page H 6129.)

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman from California (Mr. LEWIS) and the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. MURTHA) each will control 30 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from California (Mr. LEWIS).

Mr. LEWIS of California. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

We will not take a great deal of time of our colleagues in the House. Following the tradition of the ranking member of the full committee and my colleague, the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. MURTHA), we certainly want to extend our great thanks to all of our colleagues and staff.