

points of order against provisions in H.R. 4939 be waived.

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

There was no objection.

PERMISSION TO OFFER CERTAIN AMENDMENTS AT ANY POINT DURING FURTHER CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 4939, EMERGENCY SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT FOR DEFENSE, THE GLOBAL WAR ON TERROR, AND HURRICANE RECOVERY, 2006

Mr. LEWIS of California. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that, during further consideration of H.R. 4939 in the Committee of the Whole pursuant to House Resolution 725, that the following amendments may be offered at any point in the reading:

An amendment by Mr. GILCREST regarding section 3011; and an amendment by Mr. SABO, regarding the Defense Production Act; and that each such amendment may be offered only by the Member named in this request or a designee, shall be considered as read, shall not be subject to amendment except that the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations each may offer one pro forma amendment for the purpose of debate; and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question in the House or in the Committee of the Whole; and that each amendment shall be debatable for 20 minutes, equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent.

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

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EMERGENCY SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT FOR DEFENSE, THE GLOBAL WAR ON TERROR, AND HURRICANE RECOVERY, 2006

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to House Resolution 725 and rule XVIII, the Chair declares the House in the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union for the further consideration of the bill, H.R. 4939.

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IN THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Accordingly, the House resolved itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union for the further consideration of the bill (H.R. 4939) making emergency supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, and for other purposes, with Mr. BOOZMAN (Acting Chairman) in the chair.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The Acting CHAIRMAN. When the Committee of the Whole rose earlier today, 28½ minutes remained in general debate. The gentleman from California (Mr. LEWIS) has 19 minutes re-

maining and the gentleman from Wisconsin (Mr. OBEY) has 9½ minutes remaining.

Who yields time?

Mr. LEWIS of California. Mr. Chairman, I yield 5 minutes to the gentleman from Arizona (Mr. KOLBE).

Mr. KOLBE. Mr. Chairman, I want to commend the gentleman from California (Mr. LEWIS), the Chairman of the committee, for his work in bringing this supplemental appropriations bill to the floor. He has really done an outstanding job of, I think, balancing the different interests that are involved here.

I want to take my time, Mr. Chairman, Members, to speak a bit about that part of the bill that deals with the foreign assistance funds. That is Chapter 3 of H.R. 4939.

The Foreign Operations portion of the fiscal year 2006 supplemental is \$2.08 billion. That amount is \$140 million, or 6.7 percent less than the request of the administration of \$2.2 billion.

Now, here is how we arrived at this lesser figure.

First, we eliminated funding requested by the President that is not for the current fiscal year. That is \$74 million. We eliminated funding that was requested for non-emergency costs. That is \$99 million. And we reduced costs by rescinding previously appropriated funds of \$17 million that are not needed because of changed circumstances.

Let me talk for a minute about specific regions and countries. First, Iraq. The bill provides new budget authority of \$1.67 billion for Iraq, or two-thirds of the amount in foreign assistance is going to Iraq. But that is a reduction of \$58 million from what the President requested. This reduction represents the amount requested for fiscal year 2007 costs for the U.S. Agency for International Development. As I said a moment ago, we concluded that this 2006 supplemental bill should not be used to pre-fund expenses of the next fiscal year.

In addition, the supplemental transfers \$185 million from the Iraq Relief and Reconstruction Fund appropriation to augment the new funds provided in this supplemental. These are still unobligated funds that are appropriately applied to the purposes of this legislation. And that brings the total available to Iraq of \$1.85 billion.

Many Members are greatly concerned about Darfur and our efforts to stave off genocidal warfare in that region of Africa. Though a fraction of the amount requested for Iraq, our bill attempts to accomplish this. It contains \$201 million, fully funding the President's request for Darfur programs. This includes \$123 million for the African Union Mission in Sudan, or called AMIS, for peacekeeping activities. The administration has assured us that this \$123 million will finance the entire U.S. fiscal year 2006 contribution.

Also included in this amount is \$11.7 million for refugee assistance and \$66.3

million in nonfood assistance in the International Disaster and Famine Assistance Account. The plight of displaced persons in Darfur remains critical and is pathetic.

The supplemental bill provides new budget authority of only \$8.4 million for Afghanistan. This is a reduction of \$54 million from the request but does not constitute a lessening of our commitment to this emerging democracy. Rather, it represents, first, the amount requested, \$16 million, for fiscal year 2007 funds for USAID. It reduces that amount. Second, it eliminates the amount requested for non-emergency requirements of \$38 million. The \$8.4 million fully funds the request for emergency replacement of an electric turbine generator and assistance for migration and refugee requirements.

My colleagues should know that the Secretary of State has not yet met the requirements of the fiscal year 2006 Appropriations Act which requires a certification that the Government of Afghanistan is fully cooperating with U.S.-financed efforts to eradicate poppy cultivation. It did not seem prudent at this juncture to appropriate any non-emergency funds for Afghanistan until that certification can be made.

The legislation includes \$10 million in the Democracy Fund appropriation for the promotion of democracy, governance, human rights, independent media and the rule of law programs in Iran. This is a reduction of \$55 million from the requested amount. However, \$50 million of that is for broadcasting efforts and is addressed in Chapter 6 of this bill, the jurisdiction of Mr. WOLF's subcommittee.

For Liberia, the bill includes a total of \$63.8 million. \$13.8 million of that amount would be used to cover the extraordinary costs of refugees returning to Liberia, and \$50 million will provide assistance for economic and project support.

Now let me turn to the issues that are not specific dollar amounts. One of these is a general provision, Section 3012, not in Chapter 3 of the bill. It deals with assistance to the Palestinian Authority.

I want to be clear. This bill includes no new, no additional funding for the Palestinian territories, and the President's supplemental request included no such funding. However, the fiscal year 2006 Foreign Operations Appropriations Bill did include \$150 million to support the Palestinian people and build the capacity of the Abbas-led government. Since the fiscal year 2006 bill was passed, as my colleagues know, Hamas won a majority of the Palestinian legislature in the recent elections.

The provision included in this bill before us today reconfirms and reemphasizes congressional oversight of our foreign assistance programs to this troubled region. It directs that no fiscal year 2006 or prior year funding can be used to support the Palestinian Authority or a successor entity until the