

Everett	Kucinich	Putnam
Feeney	Kuhl (NY)	Radanovich
Flake	LaHood	Rahall
Foley	Latham	Regula
Forbes	Lewis (CA)	Rehberg
Fortenberry	Lewis (KY)	Reynolds
Fossella	Linder	Rogers (KY)
Franks (AZ)	Lipinski	Rogers (MI)
Frelinghuysen	Lofgren, Zoe	Rohrabacher
Garrett (NJ)	Lucas	Ruppersberger
Gilchrest	Lungren, Daniel	Ryan (WI)
Gillmor	E.	Ryun (KS)
Gingrey	Lynch	Sanchez, Loretta
Goode	Mack	Saxton
Goodlatte	Marchant	Schmidt
Granger	Marshall	Schwarz (MI)
Graves	Matsui	Serrano
Green, Gene	McCotter	Sessions
Gutknecht	McCrery	Shadegg
Harris	McDermott	Shaw
Hart	McHugh	Shays
Hastings (WA)	McKeon	Sherwood
Hayes	McKinney	Shimkus
Hefley	McMorris	Shuster
Hensarling	Miller (FL)	Skelton
Herger	Miller (MI)	Smith (TX)
Hinchee	Miller, Gary	Smith (WA)
Hobson	Mollohan	Sodrel
Hoekstra	Moore (WI)	Sullivan
Hulshof	Murphy	Sweeney
Hunter	Murtha	Taylor (MS)
Inglis (SC)	Myrick	Taylor (NC)
Insole	Neugebauer	Terry
Issa	Ney	Thomas
Istook	Norwood	Thornberry
Jackson-Lee	Nunes	Tiahrt
(TX)	Ortiz	Turner
Jenkins	Osborne	Upton
Johnson (CT)	Otter	Walden (OR)
Johnson, E. B.	Oxley	Walsh
Johnson, Sam	Pastor	Wamp
Jones (NC)	Pearce	Waters
Jones (OH)	Pence	Weldon (FL)
Kanjorski	Peterson (MN)	Weldon (PA)
Kaptur	Petri	Weller
Kelly	Pickering	Westmoreland
Kilpatrick (MI)	Pitts	Whitfield
King (IA)	Pombo	Wicker
King (NY)	Pomeroy	Wilson (NM)
Kirk	Porter	Wilson (SC)
Kline	Price (GA)	Wu
Knollenberg	Price (NC)	Young (AK)
Kolbe	Pryce (OH)	Young (FL)

NOT VOTING—9

Bono	Gibbons	Nussle
Davis (FL)	Kingston	Peterson (PA)
Evans	Manzullo	Reyes

□ 1711

Messrs. CLEAVER, DINGELL, ROHRBACHER, CUELLAR, FEENEY and WU, and Ms. MCKINNEY and Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas, changed their vote from "aye" to "no."

Messrs. EDWARDS, GALLEGLY, MCHENRY, FERGUSON, FORD and LOBIONDO changed their vote from "no" to "aye."

So the amendment was rejected.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

Mr. KOLBE. Mr. Chairman, I move that the Committee do now rise.

The motion was agreed to.

Accordingly, the Committee rose; and the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. SIMPSON) having assumed the Chair, Mr. THORNBERRY, Chairman of the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union, reported that that Committee, having had under consideration the bill (H.R. 5522) making appropriations for foreign operations, export financing, and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2007, and for other purposes, had come to no resolution thereon.

PERMISSION TO REDUCE TIME FOR ELECTRONIC VOTING DURING CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 5522, FOREIGN OPERATIONS, EXPORT FINANCING, AND RELATED PROGRAMS APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2007

Mr. BOEHNER. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that during further consideration of H.R. 5522 pursuant to House Resolution 851, the Chair may reduce to 2 minutes the minimum time for electronic voting under clause 6 of rule XVIII and clause 9 of rule XX.

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

There was no objection.

RESIGNATION AS MEMBER OF COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following resignation as a member of the Committee on Appropriations:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,

Washington, DC, June 8, 2006.

Hon. J. DENNIS HASTERT,

Speaker, U.S. House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: Please accept my resignation, effective immediately, from the House Committee on Appropriations.

It has been my great pleasure to serve on the committee under the fine leadership of Chairman Jerry Lewis and Chairman Bill Young.

Thank you for your attention to this request.

Sincerely,

TOM DELAY,
Member of Congress.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is, Shall the resignation be accepted?

The gentleman from Texas is recognized.

□ 1715

Mr. DELAY. Mr. Speaker, political careers tend to end in one of three ways: defeat, death, or retirement. And despite the fervent and mostly noble exertions of my adversaries over the years, I rise today to bid farewell to this House under the happiest of the available options.

I wish to begin the end of my congressional career by publicly thanking for the last time as their Representative the people of the 22nd District of Texas. Everything I have ever been able to accomplish here I owe and dedicate to them. It has been an honor and a privilege to serve them here.

Mr. Speaker, the real Speaker, he is on his way, I want to tell the real Speaker it has been a real honor to serve with DENNY HASTERT, who is my good friend, my most trusted partner and colleague. I want to take just a moment to congratulate him myself on becoming the longest serving Republican Speaker in history.

What a blessing this place is, Mr. Speaker. What a castle of hope this building is, this institution is for the people of the world. It is one of those

things in political life that you always know, but seldom notice. The schedules we are forced to keep during our days in Washington are not always hospitable to sitting back and reflecting on the historical significance of our surroundings.

In the weeks since I announced my retirement, however, I have found myself doing just that. I notice things like I have not in years. I notice the monuments on the Mall. I notice that in Washington's obelisk, the Father of Our Country is represented not as an object of glory, but as a dutiful sentry at attention, minding his post for eternity.

I notice that under Jefferson's dome, the statue of the man is relatively understated, while his etched words still thunder from the marble with the power to drive history.

I notice that Lincoln's chair, the man who sought above all peace and reconciliation, keeps one of his hands in a perpetual fist. I walk these halls with a keener perspective. I notice now the statues of old and great, and in some cases almost forgotten, heroes that line the halls of this building, that stand in Statuary Hall.

In these halls I have also noticed in recent weeks the number of tourists in the Capitol who speak no English. They are not from America, most of these visitors, and yet, in a certain sense, of course they are. They may speak Italian or Polish or Japanese, but the freedoms they enjoy, both here and in their own country, have been inspired, won and secured by the ideals and the courage and the compassion of the American people.

These pilgrims come from all over the world to the House of Representatives to sit up in these galleries, photograph the statues, and stare up at the rotunda, to bear witness to the awesome feat of human liberty we have achieved right here.

The dome above us, Mr. Speaker, is a light house, a star even, by which all of the people in the world, no matter how oppressed, how impoverished, how seemingly without hope can chart a course towards security, prosperity, and freedom.

It is worth considering, though I will admit it is considerably easier to consider after you have announced your retirement, whether the days we lead here, the debates we wage, the work we do is always worthy of the elevated ideals embodied in that dome.

I submit that we could do better, as could all people in all things at all times, but perhaps not in the way some might think. In preparing for today, I found that it is customary in speeches such as these to reminisce about the good old days of political harmony, and across-the-aisle camaraderie, and to lament the bitter divisive partisan rancor that supposedly now weakens our democracy.

Well, I cannot do that, because partisanship, Mr. Speaker, properly understood, is not a symptom of democracy's