

Unfortunately, unfortunately, the priorities that seem to be coming from the other side of the aisle in the majority of cases are not the appropriate priorities that the American public would set for themselves. Priority number one from the other side of the aisle is a budget which raises taxes, the largest tax increase in U.S. history upon the American family.

Priority number two from the other side of the aisle appears to be an increase in spending with little or no regard to accountability or cutting spending in any areas. We see that in this case.

When I hear the arguments made, both pro and con in this bill, I am taken aback. All this amendment simply does is to say that the American taxpayer dollars should not be there and spent to subsidize Big Oil.

We had similar language in legislation last year. I know I supported it saying that the American taxpayer, in light of oil now being sold at over \$60 a barrel, should not be forced into a situation anymore to support Big Oil in coal industries when it comes to these things through tax credits and tax cuts. I supported those, saying the American public in that regard.

But, now, today, when we have a Member, Congressman KLINE, saying let's at least rein in, let's at least set some priorities as to where our energy dollars should go, let's go to those areas, as the gentleman here said, perhaps some who support carbon capture issues; let's have some of those dollars, as a Member from the other side of the aisle says, go to renewable energy resources, whether it be wind, water or geothermal or et cetera. Let those dollars go to those areas, but let's set the priorities of those dollars to go specifically to those areas and not on extraneous purposes, as we saw in this bill.

Congressman KLINE gave a couple of examples that really just threw me when I heard them once again. The American public must really scratch their head, as I did, when they say, should we be giving, as Congressman KLINE said, given the record profits being made by oil, gas and coal, the research of oil and gas resources of the Russian Arctic should be done and paid for by those oil companies and not by American taxpayers. This amendment simply goes to make sure that occurs.

Likewise, again in the Arctic area, submersible deployed microdrill sampling, ultralight cement and oil and gas resource assessments in that area. Who should be paying for that? The American public?

We already pay for that when we go to the pump each time. Shouldn't it be the oil companies who should make it a private investment and not the American tax borrowers? This amendment simply says let's set those priorities, let's reduce spending on those areas and make sure that we have the dollars from the American public to spend on those other areas, be they renewable energy or otherwise.

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The Acting CHAIRMAN. The question is on the amendment offered by the gentleman from Minnesota (Mr. KLINE).

The question was taken; and the Acting Chairman announced that the noes appeared to have it.

Mr. KLINE of Minnesota. Mr. Chairman, I demand a recorded vote.

The Acting CHAIRMAN. Pursuant to clause 6 of rule XVIII, further proceedings on the amendment offered by the gentleman from Minnesota will be postponed.

Mr. VISCLOSKEY. Mr. Chairman, I move that the Committee do now rise. The motion was agreed to.

Accordingly, the Committee rose; and the Speaker pro tempore (Mrs. JONES of Ohio) having assumed the chair, Mr. POMEROY, Acting 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. 2641) making appropriations for energy and water development and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008, and for other purposes, had come to no resolution thereon.

REPORT ON RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 2764, THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE, FOREIGN OPERATIONS AND RELATED PROGRAMS APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2008

Ms. SLAUGHTER, from the Committee on Rules, submitted a privileged report (Rept. No. 110-199) on the resolution (H. Res. 498) providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 2764) making appropriations for the Department of State, foreign operations, and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008, and for other purposes, which was referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed.

PROVIDING FOR FURTHER CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 2641, ENERGY AND WATER DEVELOPMENT AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2008

Mr. VISCLOSKEY. Madam Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that during further consideration of H.R. 2641 in the Committee of the Whole pursuant to House Resolution 481, notwithstanding clause 11 of rule XVIII, no amendment to the bill may be offered except:

Pro forma amendments offered at any point in the reading by the chairman or ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations or their designees for the purpose of debate;

An amendment by Mr. FORBES regarding a study of certain river basins;

An amendment by Mr. WYNN regarding hydrogen research;

An amendment by Mr. HENSARLING regarding funding for DOE Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability;

An amendment by Mr. SHADEGG regarding funding for hydropower incentives;

An amendment by Mr. PORTER regarding Yucca Mountain;

An amendment by Mr. PRICE of Georgia regarding funding for the Advanced Fuel Cycle Initiative;

An amendment by Mr. BURGESS regarding funding for fossil energy;

An amendment by Mrs. WILSON of New Mexico regarding funding for medical imaging;

An amendment by Mr. UPTON or Mr. TOWNS regarding funding for nuclear energy loan guarantees;

An amendment by Mr. HENSARLING regarding funding for DOE Departmental Administration;

An amendment by Mr. MATHESON regarding funding for contract oversight;

An amendment by Mrs. TAUSCHER regarding weapons dismantlement activities;

An amendment by Mr. UDALL of New Mexico regarding funding for weapons activities;

An amendment by Mrs. SCHMIDT regarding a prohibition on Global Nuclear Energy Partnership funds for certain nuclear waste storage;

An amendment by Mr. SPACE regarding funding for the Appalachian Regional Commission;

An amendment by Mr. NEUGEBAUER regarding funding for the Appalachian Regional Commission;

An amendment by Mr. HENSARLING regarding funding for the Denali Commission;

An amendment by Ms. BERKLEY limiting use of funds for the Yucca Mountain Youth Website educational campaign;

An amendment by Mr. BISHOP of New York, Mr. COURTNEY, or Ms. DELAURO limiting use of Federal Energy Regulatory Commission funds to review a particular application;

An amendment by Mr. CONAWAY regarding use of reductions made through amendments for deficit reduction;

An amendment by Mr. KING of Iowa regarding actions to mitigate global warming;

An amendment by Mr. MURPHY of Connecticut limiting use of Federal Energy Regulatory Commission funds for certain permit actions;

An amendment by Mrs. MUSGRAVE regarding an across-the-board reduction in funding;

An amendment by Mr. PRICE of Georgia regarding an across-the-board reduction in funding, which shall be debatable for 30 minutes;

An amendment by Mr. UPTON or Ms. HARMAN regarding use of Energy Star certified light bulbs;

An amendment by Mr. SHADEGG limiting use of funds to breach or remove hydropower dams;

An amendment by Mr. HINCHEY or Mr. WOLF limiting use of funds for designation of transmission corridors, which shall be debatable for 20 minutes;