having assumed the chair, Mr. DREIER, 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. 3756) making appropriations for the Treasury Department, the U.S. Postal Service, the Executive Office of the President, and certain independent agencies, for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1997, and for other purposes, pursuant to House Resolution 475, had come to no resolution thereon.

PROVIDING FOR FURTHER CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 3756, TREA-
URITY, POSTAL SERVICE AND GENERAL GOVERNMENT APPROPRI-
ATIONS ACT, 1997
Mr. LIGHTFOOT. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that during the further consideration of H.R. 3756, in the Committee of the Whole, pursuant to House Resolution 475, the bill be considered as having been read; and
Second, no amendment shall be in order except for the following amendments, which shall be considered as read, and not subject to amend-
ment or to a demand for a division of the question in the House or in the Committee of the Whole, and shall be debatable for the time specified, equal-
ly divided and controlled by the pro-
ponent and a Member opposed:
An amendment by Mr. KENNEDY of Massachusetts, regarding Customs Service, for 10 minutes;
An amendment by Mr. DURBIN, re-
garding firearms disabilities, for 30 minutes;
An amendment by Mrs. JOHNSON of Connecticut, regarding IRS funding for 10 minutes;
An amendment by Mr. TRAFICANT, for 10 minutes;
An amendment by Mr. HOYER or Mrs. LOWEY, to strike sections 518 and 519, for 30 minutes;
An amendment by Mr. HOYER, regarding buyouts, for 10 minutes;
An amendment by Mr. WOLF, regarding buyouts, for 10 minutes;
An amendment by Mr. KINGSTON, regarding customs ports of entry, for 9 minutes;
An amendment by Mr. GUTKNECHT, regarding an across-the-board cut, for 20 minutes;
An amendment by Mr. SANDERS, regarding health maintenance organizations, for 20 minutes;
An amendment by Ms. KAPTUR, regarding China tariffs, for 10 minutes;
An amendment by Mr. SOLOMON, regarding a limitation on the Comptroller of the Currency, for 10 minutes;
An amendment by Mr. SALMON, regarding the White House Travel Office, for 10 minutes;
An amendment by Mr. HOYER, for 10 minutes; and
An amendment by Mr. GEKAS, for 10 minutes.
The SPEAKER. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Iowa?

Mr. HOYER. Reserving the right to object, Mr. Speaker, and I do not in-
tend to object, this agreement is inten-
sing, as I understand it, to give all the amendments that we know about the opportunity to be offered.
In addition, it gives us an opportu-
nity to further discuss the points raised by the gentlewoman from Connecticut [Mrs. JOHNSON] in my amend-
ment, and will then provide for the consideration of the balance of the bill.
Mr. LIGHTFOOT. If the gentleman
will yield, that is correct.
Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, I withdraw my reservation of objection.
The SPEAKER. Without objection, the unanimous consent request offered by the gentleman from Iowa [Mr. LIGHTFOOT] is agreed to.
There was no objection.

REPORT ON RESOLUTION PROVID-
ING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 3814, COMMERCE, JUSTICE, STATE, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 1997
Mr. SOLOMON, from the Committee on Rules, submitted a privileged report (Rept. No. 104-678) providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 3814) making appropria-
tions for the Departments of Commerce, Justice, and State, the Judi-
cracy, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1997, and for other purposes, which was referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed.

PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRY
Mr. HOYER. Parliamentary inquiry, Mr. Speaker.
The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentle-
man will state his parliamentary inquiry.
Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, I presume the answer to my question, but the Chair did not say the unanimous-consent request was adopted.
The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair did say that.
Mr. HOYER. If the Speaker said that, then we are confident that it is done.

TREASURY, POSTAL SERVICE, AND GENERAL GOVERNMENT APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 1997
The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursu-
ant to House Resolution 475 and rule XXIII, 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. 3756.

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. 3756) making appropriations for the

Treasury Department, the U.S. Postal Service, the Executive Office of the President, and certain independent agencies, for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1997, and for other pur-
poses, Mr. DREIER in the chair.
The Clerk read the title of the bill.
The CHAIRMAN. When the Commit-
tee of the Whole rose just a few mo-
ments ago, pending was the amend-
ment offered by the gentlewoman from Connecticut [Mrs. JOHNSON].
The bill had been read through page 31, line 14. At the conclusion of the J ohnson amendment the Chair will an-
ounce the further procedures pursuant to the order of the House.
The Chair recognizes the gentle-
woman from Connecticut [Mrs. JOHNSON] for 5 minutes in support of her amendment.
Mrs. JOHNSON of Connecticut. Mr.
Chairman, this amendment strikes lan-
guage in title 1 of the bill.

PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRY
Mr. HOYER. Parliamentary inquiry, Mr. Chairman.
The CHAIRMAN. The gentleman will state it.
Mr. HOYER. Mr. Chairman, I want to know where we are now. I would not have agreed to the unanimous-consent request if I did not think we were going to terminate proceedings of the bill at this time. That was the understanding that I had, and that was the under-
standing under which I gave unani-
mos consent.
If that is not the case, I cannot with-
draw my unanimous-consent agree-
ment, but that was my understanding, and the bill would proceed much more slowly tonight if my understanding was incorrect.
The CHAIRMAN. The Johnson amendment was pending when the Committee rose.
Mr. HOYER. I understand that, Mr.
Chairman.
Mr. LIGHTFOOT. There was so much confusion.
Mr. HOYER. Mr. Chairman, I ask unanimous consent to proceed for 1 minute out of order to determine what we are doing.
The CHAIRMAN. The gentlewoman from Connecticut [Mrs. JOHNSON] con-
trols 5 minutes in support of her amendment. Does she wish to yield for the purpose of a colloquy?
Ms. JOHNSON of Connecticut. I am happy to yield to the gentleman from Iowa [Mr. LIGHTFOOT].
The CHAIRMAN. To whom does the gentlewoman from Connecticut [Mrs. JOHNSON] yield?
Mrs. JOHNSON of Connecticut. I yield to the gentleman from Iowa [Mr. LIGHTFOOT] for a colloquy with the gen-
tleman from Maryland [Mr. HOYER].
The CHAIRMAN. Would the gentle-
woman yield to the gentleman from Maryland?
Mr. HOYER. Mr. Chairman, will the gentlewoman yield?
Mrs. JOHNSON of Connecticut. I yield to the gentleman from Maryland [Mr. HOYER].
Mr. HOYER. Mr. Chairman, there has been a misunderstanding here. I want to ask the chairman a question, because apparently I misunderstood.

I was sitting over here, obviously trying to keep track of the debate while our colleagues were discussing what we were doing on the bill. I was brought a paper with the amendments, and I know the gentleman added a couple, and that was fine, and I did not object. But very frankly, I did not object on the premise that we were going to suspend further proceedings of the bill at this time. I was told that. That may have been an error, but that is what I was told.

Mr. LIGHTFOOT. Mr. Chairman, will the gentlewoman yield?

Mrs. JOHNSON of Connecticut. I yield to the gentleman from Iowa.

Mr. LIGHTFOOT. Mr. Chairman, I think we can straighten this out. The gentlewoman from Connecticut [Mrs. JOHNSON] got on her feet to offer her amendment before I asked for the unanimous consent request. So therefore, when we came back, we came back to her amendment. I did include her amendment on that sheet that the gentleman has in front of him, so we can address that very quickly if the gentlewoman wants to go ahead and hold over her amendment until tomorrow, as it was in the unanimous consent request. I think that will solve the problem.

Mrs. JOHNSON of Connecticut. I could do that, but my amendment is very, very brief. It would save me coming back tomorrow.

Mr. HOYER. If the gentlewoman will continue to yield, Mr. Chairman, the problem is, I have a number of people on this side of the aisle who tell me their amendments are very, very brief.

Mrs. JOHNSON of Connecticut. I am happy to ask unanimous consent to withdraw my amendment, Mr. Chairman, without prejudice for tomorrow.

The CHAIRMAN. Is there objection to the request of the gentlewoman from Connecticut?

There was no objection.

The CHAIRMAN. Who seeks recognition? Does the chairman of the subcommittee seek recognition?

Mr. HOYER. Are we going to rise, Mr. Chairman?

The CHAIRMAN. For what purpose does the gentleman from Iowa rise?

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

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Chairman, is the question on the motion to rise?

The CHAIRMAN. Does the gentleman from Iowa [Mr. LIGHTFOOT] wish the Chair to resume consideration of the pending votes on the Gutknecht amendment and Metcalf amendment?

Mr. ARMNEY. I appreciate the gentlewoman's point and I have no doubt that the gentleman is absolutely correct. But, Mr. Chairman, again might I suggest that we take the two votes on the two amendments that are pending on this bill and then with the agreement of the Members I think we would be able then to roll the earlier ordered suspension votes until tomorrow. That is what I would recommend.

The CHAIRMAN. Unless there is a motion to rise, the Chair will put the question on the two amendments.

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Point of order, Mr. Chairman. The gentleman from Iowa will have to withdraw his motion to rise, Mr. Chairman. There was a motion to rise. Just to keep the process correct.

The CHAIRMAN. The gentleman from Iowa was seated and has not renewed his motion to rise. The gentleman is seated and the Chair has never put the question to the committee.

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. I thank the Chair.

PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRY

Mr. HOYER. Parliamentary inquiry, Mr. Chairman.

The CHAIRMAN. The gentleman will state it.

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Chairman, as a precedent, if one makes a motion to adjourn and sits down, the motion to adjourn dies. Is that the ruling of the Chair?

The CHAIRMAN. The Chair has not recognized the gentleman from Iowa for the purpose of renewing his motion to rise after the intervening debate.

Mr. HOYER. That reason I understand and I will not press the issue.

SEQUENTIAL VOTES POSTPONED IN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

The CHAIRMAN. Pursuant to House Resolution 475, proceedings will now resume on those amendments on which further proceedings were postponed in the following order: The amendment offered by the gentleman from Washington [Mr. METCALF] and the amendment offered by the gentleman from Minnesota [Mr. GUTKNECHT].

AMENDMENT OFFERED BY MR. METCALF

The CHAIRMAN. The pending business is the demand for a recorded vote on the amendment offered by the gentleman from Washington [Mr. METCALF] on which further proceedings were postponed and on which the ayes prevailed by voice vote.

The Clerk will redesignate the amendment.

The Clerk redesignated the amendment.

RECORDED VOTE

The CHAIRMAN. A recorded vote has been demanded.

A recorded vote was ordered.

The CHAIRMAN. The Chair will reduce to 5 minutes the time for a recorded vote after this vote.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—ayes 352, noes 67, not voting 14, as follows:

AYES—352

Abercrombie  Ackerman  Allard  Archer

Armey  Arrington  Ash  Ashworth
Messrs. MOORHEAD, RANGEL, FRANK of Massachusetts, and STUDDS changed their vote from “aye” to “no.”

Mr. BRYANT of Texas changed his vote from “no” to “aye.”

So the amendment was agreed to. The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

AMENDMENT OFFERED BY MR. GUTKNECHT

The CHAIRMAN. The pending business is the demand for a recorded vote on the amendment offered by the gentleman from Minnesota [Mr. GUTKNECHT], on which further proceedings were postponed and on which the noes prevailed by voice vote.

The Clerk will redesignate the amendment. The Clerk redesignated the amendment.

RECORDED VOTE

The CHAIRMAN. A recorded vote has been demanded. A recorded vote was ordered.

The CHAIRMAN. This will be a 5-minute vote.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—aye 267, noes 150, not voting 16, as follows:

AYES—267

[Roll No. 318]
The Speaker pro tempore. All points of order are reserved on the bill.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The Speaker pro tempore. The suspension votes postponed earlier today will be further postponed until tomorrow.

PRIVATE CALENDAR

The Speaker pro tempore. This is Private Calendar Day. The Clerk will call the first individual bill on the Private Calendar.

NORTON R. GIRALD

The Clerk called the bill (H.R. 2001) for the relief of Norton R. Girault. There being no objection, the Clerk read the bill as follows:

H.R. 2001

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled.

SECTION 1. WAIVER OF TIME LIMITATIONS.

The time limitations set forth in section 3702(b) of title 31, United States Code, shall not apply with respect to a claim for the discharge of a claim against the United States arising under part I of title 31, United States Code.

SEC. 2. DEADLINE.

The time limitations set forth in section 3702(b) of title 31, United States Code, shall not apply with respect to a claim for the discharge of a claim against the United States arising under part I of title 31, United States Code.

SPEAKER pro tempore. The motion was agreed to.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

Mr. LIGHTFOOT. 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. LONGLEY) having assumed the chair, Mr. DREIR, Chairman of the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union, reported that the Committee, having had under consideration the bill (H.R. 3756) making appropriations for the Treasury Department, the U.S. Postal Service, the Executive Office of the President, and certain independent agencies, for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1997, and for other purposes, had come to no resolution thereon.

REPORT ON H.R. 3816, ENERGY AND WATER DEVELOPMENT APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 1997

Mr. MYERS of Indiana, from the Committee on Appropriations, submitted a privileged report (Rept. No. 104-679), on the bill (H.R. 3816) making appropriations for energy and water development for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1997, and for other purposes, which was referred to the Union Calendar and ordered to be printed.