

short form, is impressively short. It takes less than 10 minutes to fill out. I urge Members to help raise consciousness and raise the heat to get these forms back.

I am having a job fair in my district today at the Convention Center from 4 to 10 p.m. to recruit Census enumerators at a rate of \$15 to \$17 per hour. It may sound like a lot, but actually, the cost to send live bodies out to count live bodies is about twice that.

To save the government money, Members need to be visible in urging constituents to return their forms, and at least have a job fair for good jobs for people to help us correct the undercount.

URGING CAUTION ON FURTHER AMERICAN INVOLVEMENT IN COLOMBIA

(Mr. WICKER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. WICKER. Mr. Speaker, this is the day! March 29, 2000, is the day that, unless something changes, this House of Representatives will decide to become involved in a lengthy and expensive military action in the country of Colombia.

There are a lot of questions that we do not know about plan Colombia, but we do know this, that at best it will take us 6 years to do the job, and probably twice that length. It will involve us in supporting a military action against guerillas on the left and narco terrorists on the right. Also, it will cost billions and billions of dollars, all without a full hearing and all without a full national debate.

This should not be a partisan issue, Mr. Speaker. Today I will vote for the Obey amendment which will say, at least let's put the brakes on \$500 million of this appropriation until we know what we are doing. We ought to be fully informed, and the American people ought to be fully informed, before we embark on a course of action which will last for decades and cost billions of American dollars with doubtful results.

CONGRESS MUST PASS SENSIBLE GUN SAFETY LEGISLATION

(Ms. LEE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to support the passage of sensible gun safety legislation. These laws would help bring an end to the many unnecessary deaths occurring at the hands of our children and upon our children.

We promised the American people commonsense gun control. We have not delivered on that promise. In fact, we have gone in the other direction, engaging in a war of words only. Now the Congress must act responsibly and at least insist that the conferees to the juvenile justice bill meet immediately.

In my district in Northern California, the Oakland City Council has taken a strong stance on gun safety. They are putting human lives first by prohibiting the sale of compact handguns, penalizing firearms straw sales, and prohibiting people under the age of 18 from entering establishments that display firearms.

Yet here in Congress we will not even take the minimum steps, such as child safety trigger locks, to ensure the safety of our children. We can no longer afford to play partisan politics while so many children's lives remain at stake. We must pass gun safety legislation, and demand that the conferees to the juvenile justice bill meet immediately.

LET US PASS H.R. 7 AND PROVIDE AMERICAN CHILDREN A GOOD BASIC EDUCATION

(Mr. BARTLETT of Maryland asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. BARTLETT of Maryland. Mr. Speaker, the airplane, the theory of relativity, the polio vaccine, Mr. Speaker, all of these discoveries occurred during the 20th century, and they have changed our society. None of these extraordinary accomplishments would have been possible without a basic education.

Yet, as we begin a new century, American children striving to achieve great things already start at a disadvantage. Our Nation's education system ranks well below other industrialized nations. In fact, in math and science, our 12th graders rank among the lowest in the world.

In a nation as great as America, there is no excuse for this. American children deserve more. That is why I support H.R. 7, legislation that allows family to set aside money tax-free for proven education improvements such as tutors, computers, and books. Fifty-two million families of school-age children, 76 percent of whom attend public schools, would benefit from this bill. It is time we prepared our children to succeed in the 21st century. Let us pass H.R. 7.

MEMBERS SHOULD SUPPORT AMENDMENT TO SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS BILL TO ADDRESS GROUND FISHING DISASTER FOR WEST COAST FAMILIES

(Mr. WU asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. WU. Mr. Speaker, the House today will take up a supplemental appropriations bill which shows tremendous disrespect for hard-working rural coastal community families on the West Coast of the United States. There is a groundfish disaster occurring on the West Coast because a Federal agency has basically shut down groundfishing on the West Coast, causing several thousand families hardship.

There were funds in this bill which have been removed, and despite a bipartisan amendment proposed to restore those funds sponsored by the gentleman from Oregon (Mr. WALDEN) and I, by the gentlewoman from California (Mrs. CAPP) and the gentleman from California (Mr. KUYKENDALL), this amendment was not made in order.

I intend to bring this amendment to the floor of the House today. I ask the support of my fellow Members to address this groundfish disaster that is drastically affecting West Coast hard-working rural community families. It is a commonsense bipartisan proposal to address a true emergency that is occurring today.

UNNECESSARY SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS AND UNWISE MILITARY ADVENTURISM IN COLOMBIA

(Mr. PAUL asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. PAUL. Mr. Speaker, the current budget this year authorizes an expenditure of \$1.789 trillion. We would think that would be enough. The President has asked for an additional \$4 billion. After the House leadership thought about this, they decided to give him \$9 billion.

Quite frankly, I think there is enough waste and fraud in the current budget that we could find the \$4 billion if this expenditure were necessary. If we ever considered cutting back on some unconstitutional spending, we would have plenty of funds to take care of additional expenditures and have a lot left over.

But we should be very cautious about what we are doing today by expanding our involvement in Colombia. We are now moving into Colombia and spending a lot of money and expanding our war in this area. We should not be spending our money on military adventurism. We should be taking this money and spending it to build up our military defenses. We should be using this money to pay our military personnel more money, give them better housing and better education and better medical care.

What we are doing today, if we pass this bill, is we are going to move into another area of the world where we have no constitutional interest.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. NUSSLE). Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the pending business is the question of agreeing to the Speaker's approval of the Journal of the last day's proceedings.

The question is on the Speaker's approval of the Journal.

The question was taken; and the Speaker pro tempore announced that the ayes appeared to have it.

Mr. FOLEY. Mr. Speaker, I object to the vote on the ground that a quorum

is not present and make the point of order that a quorum is not present.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Evidently a quorum is not present.

The Sergeant at Arms will notify absent Members.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 356, nays 47, answered “present” 1, not voting 30, as follows:

[Roll No. 80]

YEAS—356

Abercrombie	Diaz-Balart	Jones (NC)
Ackerman	Dickey	Jones (OH)
Allen	Dicks	Kanjorski
Andrews	Dingell	Kaptur
Archer	Dixon	Kelly
Army	Doggett	Kennedy
Baca	Dooley	Kildee
Bachus	Doolittle	Kilpatrick
Baker	Doyle	Kind (WI)
Baldacci	Dreier	King (NY)
Baldwin	Duncan	Kleczka
Ballenger	Dunn	Knollenberg
Barcia	Edwards	Kolbe
Barr	Ehlers	Kuykendall
Barrett (WI)	Ehrlich	LaFalce
Bartlett	Emerson	LaHood
Barton	Engel	Lampson
Bass	Eshoo	Lantos
Becerra	Etheridge	Largent
Bentsen	Evans	Larson
Bereuter	Ewing	Latham
Berkley	Farr	Lazio
Berman	Fattah	Leach
Berry	Fletcher	Lee
Biggert	Foley	Levin
Billirakis	Forbes	Lewis (CA)
Bishop	Ford	Lewis (KY)
Blagojevich	Fossella	Linder
Bliley	Fowler	Lipinski
Blumenauer	Frank (MA)	Lofgren
Blunt	Frelinghuysen	Lunt
Boehlert	Frost	Lucas (KY)
Boehner	Gallegly	Lucas (OK)
Bonilla	Ganske	Luther
Bono	Gejdenson	Maloney (CT)
Boswell	Gephardt	Maloney (NY)
Boucher	Gilchrest	Manzullo
Boyd	Gillmor	Martinez
Brady (TX)	Gilman	Mascara
Bryant	Gonzalez	Matsui
Burr	Goode	McCarthy (MO)
Burton	Goodlatte	McCarthy (NY)
Buyer	Goodling	McCollum
Callahan	Gordon	McGovern
Calvert	Goss	McHugh
Camp	Graham	McInnis
Campbell	Green (TX)	McIntosh
Canady	Green (WI)	McIntyre
Cannon	Greenwood	McKeon
Capps	Hall (OH)	McKinney
Capuano	Hall (TX)	McNulty
Cardin	Hansen	Meehan
Carson	Hastings (FL)	Meek (FL)
Castle	Hastings (WA)	Meeks (NY)
Chabot	Hayes	Menendez
Chambliss	Hayworth	Metcalf
Clayton	Hergert	Mica
Clement	Hill (IN)	Millender-
Clyburn	Hinchee	McDonald
Coble	Hinojosa	Miller (FL)
Collins	Hobson	Miller, Gary
Combest	Hoeffel	Miller, George
Condit	Hoekstra	Minge
Holden	Holden	Mink
Conyers	Holt	Moakley
Cook	Hooley	Mollohan
Cooksey	Horn	Moore
Cox	Hostettler	Moran (VA)
Coyne	Houghton	Morella
Cramer	Hoyer	Murtha
Cubin	Hunter	Myrick
Cummings	Hutchinson	Nadler
Cunningham	Inslee	Napolitano
Danner	Isakson	Neal
Davis (FL)	Istook	Nethercutt
Davis (IL)	Jackson (IL)	Ney
Davis (VA)	Jackson (IL)	Northup
Deal	Jackson-Lee	Northup
DeGette	(TX)	Nussle
DeLahunt	Jenkins	Obey
DeLauro	John	Olver
DeLay	Johnson (CT)	Ortiz
DeMint	Johnson, E.B.	Ose
Deutsch	Johnson, Sam	Owens

Oxley	Sanchez	Taylor (NC)
Packard	Sanford	Terry
Pascarell	Sawyer	Thomas
Pastor	Saxton	Thornberry
Paul	Scarborough	Thune
Payne	Schakowsky	Thurman
Pease	Sensenbrenner	Tiahrt
Pelosi	Serrano	Tierney
Peterson (PA)	Sessions	Toomey
Petri	Shadegg	Towns
Phelps	Shaw	Trafficant
Pickering	Shays	Turner
Pitts	Sherman	Udall (CO)
Pombo	Sherwood	Upton
Pomeroy	Shimkus	Velazquez
Porter	Shows	Vento
Portman	Shuster	Walden
Price (NC)	Simpson	Walsh
Pryce (OH)	Sisisky	Wamp
Radanovich	Skeen	Watkins
Rahall	Skelton	Watt (NC)
Regula	Smith (MI)	Watts (OK)
Reyes	Smith (NJ)	Waxman
Reynolds	Smith (TX)	Weiner
Rivers	Smith (WA)	Weldon (FL)
Rodriguez	Snyder	Weldon (PA)
Roemer	Souder	Wexler
Rogers	Spratt	Weygand
Rohrabacher	Stabenow	Whitfield
Ros-Lehtinen	Stearns	Wicker
Rothman	Stenholm	Wilson
Roukema	Stump	Wolf
Roybal-Allard	Sununu	Woolsey
Royce	Talent	Wynn
Rush	Tanner	Young (FL)
Ryan (WI)	Tauscher	
Ryun (KS)	Tauzin	

NAYS—47

Aderholt	Hefley	Sabo
Baird	Hill (MT)	Sandlin
Bilbray	Hillery	Schaffer
Bonior	Hilliard	Stark
Borski	Kingston	Strickland
Brady (PA)	Lewis (GA)	Stupak
Brown (OH)	LoBiondo	Sweeney
Chenoweth-Hage	Markey	Taylor (MS)
Costello	Moran (KS)	Thompson (CA)
Crowley	Oberstar	Thompson (MS)
DeFazio	Pallone	Udall (NM)
English	Peterson (MN)	Visclosky
Filner	Pickett	Walters
Gibbons	Ramstad	Weller
Gutierrez	Riley	Wu
Gutknecht	Rogan	

ANSWERED “PRESENT”—1

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NOT VOTING—30

Barrett (NE)	Hulshof	Quinn
Bateman	Hyde	Rangel
Brown (FL)	Jefferson	Salmon
Clay	Kasich	Sanders
Coburn	Klink	Scott
Crane	Kucinich	Slaughter
Everett	LaTourette	Spence
Franks (NJ)	McCrery	Vitter
Gekas	McDermott	Wise
Granger	Norwood	Young (AK)

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So the Journal was approved.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

ANNOUNCEMENT REGARDING AMENDMENT PROCESS FOR H.R. 2418, ORGAN PROCUREMENT AND TRANSPLANTATION NETWORK AMENDMENTS OF 1999

Mr. GOSS. Mr. Speaker, Members will want to know that this afternoon a Dear Colleague letter will be sent to all Members informing them that the Committee on Rules is planning to meet the week of April 3 to grant a rule which may limit the amendment process on H.R. 2418, the Organ Procurement and Transplantation Network Amendments of 1999.

Any Member who wishes to offer an amendment should submit 55 copies

and a brief explanation of the amendment by 12 noon on Monday, April 3, to the Committee on Rules in room H-312 in the Capitol. Amendments should be drafted to the text of the bill as reported by the Committee on Commerce.

Members should use the Office of Legislative Counsel to assure that their amendments are properly drafted and should check with the Office of the Parliamentarian to be certain their amendments comply with the rules of the House.

PROVIDING FOR THE CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 3908, 2000 EMERGENCY SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT

Mr. GOSS. Mr. Speaker, by direction of the Committee on Rules, I call up House Resolution 450 and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 450

Resolved, That at any time after the adoption of this resolution the Speaker may, pursuant to clause 2(b) of rule XVIII, declare the House resolved into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union for consideration of the bill (H.R. 3908) making emergency supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000, and for other purposes. The first reading of the bill shall be dispensed with. All points of order against consideration of the bill are waived. General debate shall be confined to the bill and shall not exceed one hour equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations. After general debate the bill shall be considered for amendment under the five-minute rule. Points of order against provisions in the bill for failure to comply with clause 2 of rule XXI are waived except as follows: page 58, lines 9 through 17. Before consideration of any other amendment it shall be in order to consider the amendments printed in part A of the report of the Committee on Rules accompanying this resolution. Each amendment printed in part A of the report may be considered only in the order printed in the report. The amendments printed in part B of the report of the Committee on Rules may be offered only at the appropriate point in the reading of the bill. The amendments printed in the report of the Committee on Rules may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question in the House or in the Committee of the Whole. All points of order against the amendments printed in the report are waived. During consideration of the bill for further amendment, the Chairman of the Committee of the Whole may accord priority in recognition on the basis of whether the Member offering an amendment has caused it to be printed in the portion of the Congressional Record designated for that purpose in clause 8 of rule XVIII. Amendments so printed shall be considered as read. The Chairman of the Committee of the Whole may: (1) postpone until a time during further consideration in the Committee of the Whole a request for a recorded vote on any amendment; and (2) reduce to five minutes the minimum time for