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Jackson (IL)  
Jackson-Lee

(TX)  
Jefferson  
Jenkins  
John  
Johnson (CT)  
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Johnson, E. B.  
Johnson, Sam  
Jones (NC)  
Jones (OH)  
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Kennedy (MN)  
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Meek (FL)  
Meeks (NY)  
Menendez  
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Millender-  
McDonald

Miller, Dan  
Miller, Gary  
Miller, George  
Miller, Jeff  
Moore  
Moran (KS)  
Moran (VA)

Morella  
Murtha  
Myrick  
Nadler  
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Neal  
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Peterson (MN)  
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Price (NC)  
Pryce (OH)  
Putnam  
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Roemer  
Rogers (KY)  
Rogers (MI)

Rohrabacher  
Ros-Lehtinen  
Ross  
Rothman  
Roybal-Allard  
Royce  
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Ryan (WI)  
Ryan (KS)  
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Saxton  
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Slaughter  
Smith (MI)  
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Smith (TX)  
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Sullivan  
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Sweeney  
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Tauzin  
Taylor (MS)  
Taylor (NC)

Terry  
Thomas  
Thompson (CA)  
Thompson (MS)  
Thornberry  
Thune  
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Tiberi  
Tierney  
Toomey  
Turner  
Udall (CO)  
Udall (NM)  
Upton

Velazquez  
Visclosky  
Vitter  
Walden  
Walsh  
Wamp  
Waters

Watkins (OK)  
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Watt (NC)  
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Weldon (FL)

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Wilson (NM)

Wilson (SC)  
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□ 1915

So (two-thirds having voted in favor thereof) the rules were suspended and the resolution was agreed to.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

## SPECIAL ORDERS

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. BASS). Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 3, 2001, and under a previous order of the House, the following Members will be recognized for 5 minutes each.

## CAN WE AFFORD THIS WAR?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Texas (Mr. PAUL) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. PAUL. Mr. Speaker, a casual analysis of the world economy shows it rapidly deteriorating into recession, with a possible depression on the horizon. Unemployment is sharply rising with price inflation rampant, despite official government inflationary reports. The world's stock markets continue to collapse, even after trillions of dollars in losses have been recorded in the past 2 years. These losses already have set historic records.

With government revenues shrinking at all levels, we find deficits exploding. Our national debt is currently rising at a \$450 billion per year. Confidence in corporate America has shrunk to levels usually reserved for governments alone.

Government spending in all areas is skyrocketing, much of it out of the control of the politicians, who show little concern. Yet we are expected to believe our government leaders who say that we are experiencing a recovery and that a return to grand prosperity is just around the corner. The absence of capital formation, savings and corporate profits are totally ignored.

Evidence abounds that our \$350 billion DOD budget and the \$40 billion spent on intelligence gathering and our immigration policies have failed miserably in protecting our homeland. In spite of the rhetoric and new legislation attacking our civil liberties, we are as vulnerable to outside attack as before.

Our military is drastically smaller than a decade ago, and we are spread around the world and involved in world conflicts more than we have ever been before.

We have run a huge current account deficit for 15 years and massively expanded our money supply. No one should be surprised that the dollar is weakening and the commodity, natural resources and precious metal prices are rising.

Oil prices are over \$31 a barrel, and predictions are that they can easily go up another \$15 to \$20 if international tensions grow.

## WELCOMING MADAME CHEN WU SUE-JEN, THE FIRST LADY OF TAIWAN, TO WASHINGTON, D.C.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. BASS). The pending business is the question of suspending the rules and agreeing to the resolution, H. Res. 533.

The Clerk read the title of the resolution.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from California (Mr. ROHRBACHER) that the House suspend the rules and agree to the resolution, H. Res. 533, on which the yeas and nays are ordered.

This will be a 5-minute vote.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 410, nays 0, not voting 22, as follows:

[Roll No. 406]

YEAS—410

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Berman  
Berry  
Biggart  
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Bishop  
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Burr  
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Capito  
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Davis, Tom  
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Jackson (IL)  
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Johnson, E. B.  
Johnson, Sam  
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McKeon  
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McNulty  
Meehan  
Meek (FL)  
Meeks (NY)  
Menendez  
Mica  
Millender-  
McDonald  
Miller, Dan  
Miller, Gary  
Miller, George  
Miller, Jeff  
Moore  
Moran (KS)  
Moran (VA)  
Morella  
Murtha  
Myrick  
Nadler  
Napolitano  
Neal  
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Oxley  
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Payne  
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Pomeroy  
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Price (NC)  
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Rodriguez  
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Rogers (KY)  
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Rohrabacher  
Ros-Lehtinen  
Ross  
Rothman  
Roybal-Allard  
Royce  
Rush  
Ryan (WI)  
Ryan (KS)  
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Sanchez

## NOT VOTING—22

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But the only talk here in the Nation's Capital is about when, not if, we must initiate a war that even the administration admits could cost \$200 billion. Some are not even embarrassed to gloat about the political benefits for those who preach war over those who prefer negotiations, diplomacy and containment. The fact that the Arab nations are overwhelmingly opposed to an attack on Iraq and are joined by the European Community is of no concern to those who demand war regardless of any circumstance.

Eighty percent of the American people now report that they believe that a war with Iraq will increase the chances of our suffering from a new terrorist attack. If this is true, we become less secure with an attack on Iraq, since little has been done to correct the deficiencies in the intelligence gathering agencies and our immigration policies.

No credible evidence has been produced that Iraq has or is close to having nuclear weapons. No evidence exists to show that Iraq harbors al Qaeda terrorists. Quite to the contrary, experts on this region recognize Hussein as an enemy of the al Qaeda and a foe to Islamic fundamentalism. Many other nations pose much greater threats to world peace. Yet no one is clamoring for war against them. Saddam Hussein is now weaker than ever.

Reports are now appearing that we are negotiating with allies to share in the oil bounty once Iraq is occupied in order to get support for our invasion from various countries around the world.

Our national debt is over \$6 trillion and is increasing by nearly half a trillion dollars a year. Since Social Security funds are all placed in the general revenues and spent and all funds are fungible, honest accounting, of which there has been a shortage lately, dictates that a \$200 billion war must jeopardize Social Security funding. This is something the American people deserve to know.

Since there are limits to borrowing and taxing, but no limits to the Fed printing money to cover our deficit, we can be assured this will occur. This guarantees that Social Security checks will never stop coming, but it also guarantees that the dollars that all retired people receive will buy less. We have already seen this happening in providing medical services. A cheap dollar; that is, an inflated dollar, is a sinister and deceitful way of cutting benefits.

Rest assured, a \$200 billion hit on the economy will have economic consequences, and the elderly retirees on fixed incomes, and especially Social Security beneficiaries, will suffer the greatest burden of policy, reflecting a belief that our country is so rich that it can afford both guns and butter. Remember, we have tried that before.

The tragedy is that once the flaw in policy is discovered, it is too late to prevent the pain and suffering, and only finger pointing occurs. Now is the

only time we can give serious attention to the true cost of assuming the burden of an endless task of being the world's policeman and starting wars that have nothing to do with defense or national security.

A nation suffering from recession can ill afford a foreign policy that encourages unnecessary military action that will run up huge deficits. Congress ought to pause a moment, and carefully contemplate the consequences of the decisions we are about to make in the coming days.

#### ANNOUNCEMENT OF INTENTION TO OFFER MOTION TO INSTRUCT CONFEREES ON H.R. 3295, HELP AMERICA VOTE ACT OF 2001

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, pursuant to clause 7(c) of the rule XXII, I hereby announce my intention to offer a motion to instruct conferees on H.R. 3295 tomorrow.

The form of the motion is as follows:

Mrs. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON moves that the managers on the part of the House at the conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the Senate amendments to the bill H.R. 3295 be instructed to take such actions as may be appropriate to ensure that a conference report is filed on the bill prior to October 1, 2002.

#### PAYING ATTENTION TO ECONOMIC PROBLEMS IN AMERICA

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentlewoman from the District of Columbia (Ms. NORTON) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, there is an old saying about whether people are able to walk and chew gum at the same time. We are chewing on a lot of war, but we certainly are not walking with our economy.

I have come to the floor, in case one does not know it, to announce that the Dow Jones Industrial Average reached its lowest level in 4 years, down 189 points today. Let us pay attention. Even more serious, the Fed's Open Market Committee had two dissenters, something that rarely happens, two dissenters from the decision to hold the Fed funds rate steady.

The Fed repeated its concerns about the slow pace of the recovery of the economy, and it went so far as to indicate that there was a concern about war in Iraq. I am going to quote from that concern: "Considered uncertainty persists about the extent and time of the expected pickup in production and employment owing in part to the emergence of heightened geopolitical risks. You stand forewarned," we stand forewarned.

At the middle and lower end of the income spectrum, the Annual Report of the Census Bureau came out today, and the Census Bureau reported that 1.3 million people slipped below the government's official poverty line. We know that that official poverty line is

20 years old and all the analysts say it is outdated, so there are obviously more than 1.3 million.

Perhaps of greatest importance to the Members of this body, because most of our constituents are middle income, the Census Bureau reported that the median household income, median, fell 2.2 percent last year, and that that was the first decline in median income in our country since 1991.

Everybody lost, my friends. All but the top 5 to 10 percent of households by income lost. The only Americans to gain last year were those with incomes above \$150,000.

Why are we not paying any attention to the American economy? Why is the only attention of this body and of this administration on Iraq, thousands of miles away? Can we not talk about Iraq and talk about what the American people talk about every day as well, how their own household income is plunging and going down?

Watch your constituents; watch your district. If you are from the Midwest, your median income fell 3.7 percent. If you are from the West, it fell 2.3 percent. Are my colleagues paying attention to what is happening in their face, in their districts, to their own constituents? Is there not something we can do for them before this House recesses?

I am as worried about war as the next person. I am in a city that has every reason to worry about war. But there are a lot of worries on my mind.

Another worry needs the attention of this body at least as much, and that is the economy of our country and the living standards of our constituents. That, my friends, is getting no attention from this body. That, my friends, is getting all the attention at home after they turn off all of the war talk.

I hope that the pressure that I feel, the pressure of the economy, the decline of the Dow Jones today, the rise in the number of Americans falling below the poverty line, the reduction, the worst reduction in more than a decade, in the median income of American families, I hope that is enough to get our attention before it is too late.

□ 1930

One has to be able to walk and chew gum if one is a Member of Congress. If all we can do is talk about one subject, if all we are worried about is Iraq and not around the corner from where we live, then when we go home, those of us who insist upon a single focus will be punished and should be punished. Let us listen to what most worries the American people. Let us listen to household incomes.

#### REPORT ON RESOLUTION WAIVING POINTS OF ORDER AGAINST CONFERENCE REPORT ON H.R. 1646, FOREIGN RELATIONS AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEARS 2002 AND 2003

Mr. SESSIONS, from the Committee on Rules, submitted a privileged report