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Abercrombie	Geren	Obey
Ackerman	Gibbons	Oliver
Andrews	Gonzalez	Ortiz
Baesler	Green	Orton
Baldacci	Gutierrez	Owens
Barcia	Hall (OH)	Pallone
Barrett (WI)	Hall (TX)	Pastor
Bentsen	Hamilton	Payne (NJ)
Berman	Harman	Payne (VA)
Bevill	Hastings (FL)	Pelosi
Bishop	Hefner	Peterson (FL)
Bonior	Hilliard	Peterson (MN)
Borski	Hinchey	Pickett
Boucher	Holden	Pomeroy
Brewster	Jackson-Lee	Poshard
Browder	Jefferson	Rahall
Brown (CA)	Johnson (SD)	Rangel
Brown (FL)	Johnson, E. B.	Reed
Brown (OH)	Johnston	Richardson
Bryant (TX)	Kanjorski	Rivers
Cardin	Kaptur	Roemer
Chapman	Kennedy (RI)	Rose
Clayton	Kennelly	Roybal-Allard
Clement	Kildee	Rush
Clyburn	Klink	Sabo
Coleman	LaFalce	Sanders
Collins (IL)	Lantos	Sawyer
Conyers	Levin	Schroeder
Costello	Lewis (GA)	Schumer
Coyne	Lincoln	Scott
Cramer	Lipinski	Serrano
Danner	Lowe	Skaggs
de la Garza	Luther	Skelton
DeFazio	Maloney	Slaughter
DeLauro	Manton	Stark
Dellums	Markey	Stenholm
Deutsch	Martinez	Stokes
Dicks	Mascara	Studds
Dingell	Matsui	Stupak
Doggett	McCarthy	Tanner
Dooley	McDermott	Tejeda
Doyle	McHale	Thompson
Durbin	McKinney	Thornton
Edwards	McNulty	Thurman
Engel	Meehan	Torricelli
Eshoo	Meek	Towns
Evans	Menendez	Velazquez
Farr	Mfume	Vento
Fazio	Miller (CA)	Visclosky
Filner	Minge	Ward
Flake	Mink	Watt (NC)
Foglietta	Moakley	Waxman
Ford	Mollohan	Williams
Frank (MA)	Moran	Woolsey
Frost	Murtha	Wyden
Furse	Nadler	Wynn
Gejdenson	Neal	Yates
Gephardt	Oberstar	

NOT VOTING—28

Becerra	Fields (TX)	Spratt
Clay	Kennedy (MA)	Torres
Collins (MI)	Klecza	Tucker
Condit	Lofgren	Volkmer
Cox	McCrery	Waters
Crane	Porter	Weldon (PA)
Dixon	Riggs	Wilson
Dornan	Shadegg	Wise
Fattah	Sisisky	
Fields (LA)	Smith (NJ)	

□ 1055

Mr. OBERSTAR and Mr. POSHARD changed their vote from "yea" to "nay".

So the motion to table the appeal of the ruling of the Chair was agreed to.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Miss COLLINS of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, during rollcall vote No. 803 on tabling the appeal of the Chair, I was unavoidably detained. Had I been present, I would have voted "no".

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER
PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Members will proceed at this point for four more 1-minute speeches on each side.

CUTE AND CLEVER SPEECHES

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

Mr. KINGSTON. Mr. Speaker, you know, the Democrats are being so clever today that it makes you think they borrowed some of that \$40,000 Hazel O'Leary spent on a PR firm to come up with some good 1-minutes, and I congratulate them only for being cute and clever today, \$133,000 a year, and they get their reading material from cartoons. They go to college, they graduate, they go to law school, and what do we get? We get tabloids and cartoons.

□ 1100

Mr. Speaker, I give my one-minute on this side of the aisle today, and although there are only a few yards difference between these lecterns, often there are miles and miles and huge canyons of philosophical distance.

I think it is important that we start talking bipartisanship. Last night, 48 of your Members joined 241 of our Members in saying we are going to put partisan sniping behind us. We are going to put the Federal employees who are out of work back to work. We are going to end the furloughs. We are going to reopen the Social Security services office, the Passport office. We are going to reopen the National Parks, and most of all, 48 of your Members in a bipartisan fashion said yes to balancing the budget in 7 years. In doing this, they did not sell out on welfare; they did not compromise on taxes.

Finally, Mr. Speaker, you all come over to our side; we will talk.

QUIT PLAYING GAMES

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

Ms. DELAURO. Mr. Speaker, yesterday, Speaker GINGRICH threw a tantrum and revealed the real reason he has shut down the Government—because the President did not pay enough attention to him on Air Force One. The Speaker's outburst at breakfast, gives new meaning to the phrase whine and dine.

Meanwhile, I got a call yesterday from a small businessman who told me that he will have to lay off employees because his business relies on contracts from the Department of Energy and Department of Defense that have not been paid.

Across the country, 56,000 seniors and workers have been denied Social Security benefits, 15,000 veterans have been

unable to file compensation, pension and education benefit claims—all because the Speaker did not get his ego stroked on Air Force One.

The Speaker's massive ego gets bruised, so he puts people out of work and denies seniors and veterans their benefits. Mr. Speaker, quit whining, quit playing games with people's lives, and do your job.

THE STRATEGY OF THE LIBERALS

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

Mr. TIAHRT. Mr. Speaker, the strategy of the liberals is very clear here. Let us distract the House. Let us focus on the real issues today. We want to get Government workers back to work. We want to see a balanced budget in 7 years. But I know it is going to be difficult with the Cabinet that the President has.

For example, Secretary O'Leary has been wasting money. According to the GAO, her agency has been ineffective. Then there was Vice President Gore's report that said she was inefficient. Then there was a first class travel, taking a large contingency. Then there was a private investigatory firm that was going to cost us \$46,500 of taxpayer dollars, this year.

Well, now we find out she has also hired a media consultant at \$277 a day, at taxpayers' expense, to improve her image. She spent \$200,000 on this.

Mr. Speaker, it is time for Secretary O'Leary to resign. We need for her to do that just to balance the budget and get these Government workers back to work.

GINGRICH GOP THEME CHANGE

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

Mr. VENTO. Mr. Speaker, what we are seeing today is a Gingrich Republican theme change. A new tune. First of all, the Gingrich Republicans were indifferent and noncaring about the fact that the Government was closing down and that 2.3 million workers were being sent home. But today, that tact that theme of attaching to the necessary funding resolutions because the Republican Congress did not do their work in the first place, now attached to that was the death penalty, environmental problems, Medicare cuts, and other policy changes.

The fact is that now, of course, they are saying they have a clean resolution, a different theme but the fact is, it is just a shell and a pea game. Under this guise of these funding resolutions the Gingrich GOP are attempting to force the same kind of Medicare cuts, the tax breaks for their wealthy friends and the injection of special interests in this process.

The thing is, get your work done, present these policy questions honestly, do not try to cement these provisions and advantages in place to cut Medicare, and to cut education, and the other programs that are so important to American families.

The Gingrich Republican theme change is not going to work. The American people understand what is at the base of the goals no matter how you hide them and note the whining by the Speaker, because he was not treated right on Air Force One. The poll numbers speak for themselves, the American people are not with the Gingrich Republicans. You do not have the economics or the public opinion on your side. So let us pass a truly clean resolution and get on with the real work of this Congress and pass a just budget.

ELIMINATE THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

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

Mr. CHRYSLER. Mr. Speaker, there has been a lot of talk about essential and nonessential Federal employees. Many of my constituents are asking why the Federal Government hires employees who are not essential in the first place. I did not.

The Department of Commerce recently sent two-thirds of its employees home because they were deemed nonessential. My bill to dismantle the Commerce Department only eliminated one-third. I guess I did not go far enough, but that is because I am conservative and not extreme.

A recent survey by the Greater Detroit Chamber of Commerce in my home State of Michigan indicated 89 percent of the business leaders there support the dismantling of the department. Business Week magazine agreed by a 2-to-1 margin. When the Clinton administration, former Commerce Secretaries, Michigan business leaders, and the Nation's senior business executives all agree that most of the Department of Commerce is nonessential, then it is time to put the Department of Commerce out of business.

MEMBERS SHOULD NOT BE DENIGRATED

(Mr. WILLIAMS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. WILLIAMS. Mr. Speaker, I count myself among the majority in the House who agree that none of us should denigrate any Member of this House, and I personally think that includes showing charts that denigrate Members of this House.

I thought it was therefore ironic when Speaker GINGRICH complained about his seat on Air Force One. We all understand, I believe, that the hallmark of his membership in this House

has been verbal abuse, and the denigration of this President and Democratic-elected officials. NEWT GINGRICH has used these words about President Clinton, a previous Speaker of this House, or other Democrats: Sick, nuts, traders, corrupt, thugs. We all remember how he referred to the First Lady of the land. Frankly, NEWT GINGRICH is lucky to even get invited to ride on Air Force One.

GIFT BAN AND LOBBY DISCLOSURE

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

Mr. SHAYS. Mr. Speaker, on another note, today we will be taking up Gift Ban and Lobby Disclosure, two bills that were passed by the Senate a number of months ago. My plea to this Chamber is that on a bipartisan basis we can pass both bills. I salute the Democrats for pushing these issues before the Chamber, and my Republican colleagues who want to move forward.

I encourage them to vote against the Burton amendment, which, in my view, is a gutting amendment, and will keep things basically the way they are. I encourage them to support the Senate proposal or even better, a total ban, as the Speaker has proposed. On lobby disclosure, we need no amendment to that bill; we can send it on to the President. I understand a number of my colleagues on the Democratic side want to send it to the President. I encourage a number on my side to oppose any amendment and finally get lobbyists to register.

STATUS REPORT NEEDED FROM COMMITTEE ON STANDARDS OF OFFICIAL CONDUCT

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

Mr. PETERSON of Florida. Today, Mr. Speaker, the gentleman from Florida [Mr. JOHNSTON] and I will introduce a privileged resolution calling for a report from the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct concerning the standing complaints against Speaker GINGRICH in that committee. Those complaints have been languishing in that committee for over 14 months. We have no intention to prejudice the outcome of the investigation, nor do we set a timetable for action. We only ask for a status report.

Mr. Speaker, it has been rumored that the majority leader will move to table this resolution today. We hope that we have a good debate on this issue and a vote on this resolution. I remind the Members of this House, the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct is our committee. It does not belong to the Speaker. They owe it to us to have a report as to the findings of their work.

WAIVING POINTS OF ORDER AGAINST CONFERENCE REPORT ON H.R. 2126, DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 1996

Mr. MCINNIS. Mr. Speaker, by direction of the Committee on Rules, I call up House Resolution 271 and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 271

Resolved, That upon adoption of this resolution it shall be in order to consider the conference report to accompany the bill (H.R. 2126) making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1996, and for other purposes. All points of order against the conference report and against its consideration are waived. The conference report shall be considered as read.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. INGLIS of South Carolina). The gentleman from Colorado [Mr. MCINNIS] is recognized for 1 hour.

Mr. MCINNIS. Mr. Speaker, for the purpose of debate only, I yield the customary 30 minutes to the gentleman from Texas [Mr. FROST], pending which I yield myself such time as I may consume. During the consideration of this resolution, all time yielded is for the purpose of debate only.

House Resolution 271 is a straightforward resolution. The proposed rule merely waives all points of order against the conference report and against its consideration. This resolution was reported out of the Committee on Rules by voice vote.

Mr. Speaker, members of this House often stand on the floor and debate whether various programs should be conducted by Federal, State, or even local government. However, Mr. Speaker, if there is one thing that the State governments cannot do, or one thing the local governments cannot do, that is to provide for the national defense, the national security, and the intelligence requirements of the United States of America. The Congress and the President, as Commander in Chief, alone have this obligation. I urge my colleagues to support this rule.

Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. FROST. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to support this rule. As every Member is fully aware, this is the second conference agreement on the Department of Defense appropriation. And, while not every Member will agree with every provision in this conference report, the conferees have attempted to address at least one of the major objections to the original report, that being the question of abortion.

Mr. Speaker, we are all well aware that the original conference report was defeated because of opposition from those Members who felt funding levels were too high, as well as those Members who opposed the provisions relating to the abortion. The conferees have