

that we have remained true to the principles of Washington and of Lafayette and of Jefferson because we are on his side. I ask support of this resolution and ask my colleagues to join us in supporting Wei Jingsheng and his struggle for democracy and the people of China's struggle for democracy.

Mr. GILMAN. Mr. Speaker, I yield 5 minutes to the gentleman from New Jersey [Mr. SMITH], the sponsor of this measure, who is also a member of our Committee on International Relations.

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, I want to thank the gentleman from New York [Mr. GILMAN], the chairman, for his expeditious passage of this legislation in the full committee. I also thank the gentleman for his very strong leadership on human rights, particularly as it relates to the People's Republic of China.

I would like to thank the gentleman from Nebraska [Mr. BEREUTER], the gentleman from American Samoa [Mr. FALEOMAVAEGA], the gentleman from California [Mr. BERMAN], the gentleman from California [Mr. LANTOS], and the gentlewoman from California [Ms. PELOSI], who has been a real stalwart when it has come to China, Mr. LANTOS, Mr. BERMAN and the gentleman from California [Mr. COX], who spoke earlier and, of course, my good friend and colleague with whom I have traveled to China on behalf of human rights, the gentleman from Virginia [Mr. WOLF], who has been tenacious in promoting human rights around the globe.

Mr. Speaker, today the American people stand united in outrage at the latest assaults on freedom, democracy and decency by the government of the People's Republic of China. The ordeal of Wei Jingsheng began in 1979 when he took the Communist government at its word and wrote articles suggesting political reform. For this they sentenced him to a 15-year jail term.

In late 1993, he was unexpectedly released on parole, a few months prior to the end of his sentence. This gesture, I would note parenthetically, was designed to induce the Olympic committee to award Beijing as host of the Olympics 2000. They did not get it, as we all know.

During his long and unjust imprisonment, he has been severely beaten and subjected to other forms of physical and psychological abuse. He was in extremely poor health, but he had also become a hero in the meantime, a symbol of courage and even of hope to a beleaguered people.

It was my privilege, Mr. Speaker, to visit with Wei Jingsheng in Beijing in January 1994, during his very brief period of freedom. I found him to be extremely articulate, compassionate and principled. He spoke of his quest for democracy and human rights with a very keen understanding. Notwithstanding his horrific ordeal in prison, he never once slandered the leadership of the People's Republic of China. I was amazed at his lack of malice and his

lack of rancor toward his jailers. I was deeply impressed by his kindness and his goodness.

A few weeks later, after meeting with Assistant Secretary of State for Human Rights John Shattuck, he was rearrested. For 19 months the Beijing government would not even admit that they had Wei in its custody. He was cut off from communication with his family, with legal counsel, with his colleagues and admirers in the human rights movement. None of us knew for sure whether or not he was dead or alive.

When I visited Beijing in September of this year, I asked to visit Wei in prison. My request was not denied, it was just ignored as if he was persona non grata. Finally on November 21 of this year, the Beijing authorities acknowledged what the world already knew, that Wei was their prisoner. They announced their intention to try him for "attempting to overthrow the government."

This charge is clearly false, Mr. Speaker, unless it is just another way of saying that anyone who believes in freedom and democracy and who is not afraid to say so is a threat to the ultimate survival of a totalitarian regime such as the one in Beijing.

In a free country, Mr. Speaker, Wei Jingsheng would have a place of high honor in society. In today's China, the only question is whether he will be tried for a crime that is punishable by death or by a very, very long imprisonment. Wei is an innocent man, Mr. Speaker. In a free country, this would matter. In Communist China, it is his very innocence that his jailers hate and fear.

Mr. Speaker, there is disagreement among the Members of the United States Congress as to the best way to bring freedom and democracy to the People's Republic of China. Some believe that we must pursue a course of constructive engagement, that if we work closely with the Chinese officials and give them much of what they want from us, we will be in the best position to encourage them to improve their dismal human rights record. Others feel that the last 20 years of U.S. policy towards China amounts to a long and unrequited one-way love affair with a Communist dictatorship. Today, however, we all stand together, Republicans and Democrats, liberals and conservatives, pro- and anti-MFN advocates, united by one simple truth: This decent and gentle man is not a criminal.

The trial of Wei Jingsheng is set to begin in just a few hours and, looking at the clock, probably in just a few minutes. We appeal to President Zemin on his behalf. Release him. Today we pray, we hope and we can tell the truth on the floor of this House about what is happening to Wei Jingsheng. For just this one day, let us let the world know that the United States did not conduct business as usual with a government that brutalizes its own people and dishonors its heroes.

Wei Jingsheng deserves to be free. Let us send a clear, unmistakable expression of our support for him as he goes on trial and again in just a couple of minutes in China.

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

Mr. Speaker, I would like to again commend the gentleman from New Jersey, [Mr. SMITH] as the chief sponsor of this legislation. Not only that, but I commend him not only as an outstanding leader on our committee but certainly a champion of human rights throughout the world. I want to commend him for his leadership in that capacity.

Certainly I want to thank the gentleman from New York, chairman of our Committee on International Relations, for his leadership. In the spirit of bipartisanship, Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues that we support this resolution.

Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

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Mr. GILMAN. Mr. Speaker, I have no further requests for time, and I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. LAHOOD). The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from New York [Mr. GILMAN] that the House suspended the rules and agree to the concurrent resolution, House Concurrent Resolution 117, as amended.

The question was taken.

Mr. GILMAN. Mr. Speaker, on that I demand the yeas and nays.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the provisions of clause 5 of rule I and the Chair's prior announcement, further proceedings on this motion will be postponed.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 5 of rule I, the Chair will now put the question on each motion to suspend the rules on which further proceedings were postponed earlier today in the order in which that motion was entertained.

Votes will be taken in the following order: H.R. 2243, de novo; H.R. 2677, by the yeas and nays; H.R. 2148, by the yeas and nays; and House Concurrent Resolution 117 by the yeas and nays.

The Chair will reduce to 5 minutes the time for any electronic vote after the first such vote in this series.

TRINITY RIVER BASIN FISH AND WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT REAUTHORIZATION ACT OF 1995

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The pending business is the question de novo of suspending the rules and passing the bill, H.R. 2243, as amended.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by

the gentleman from Alaska [Mr. YOUNG] that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 2243, as amended.

The question was taken.

Mr. RIGGS. 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 412, nays 0, not voting 20, as follows:

[Roll No. 845]

YEAS—412

Abercrombie	Costello	Goodling
Allard	Cox	Gordon
Andrews	Coyne	Goss
Archer	Cramer	Graham
Armey	Crane	Green
Bachus	Crapo	Greenwood
Baesler	Creameans	Gunderson
Baker (CA)	Cubin	Gutierrez
Baker (LA)	Cunningham	Gutknecht
Baldacci	Danner	Hall (OH)
Ballenger	Davis	Hall (TX)
Barcia	de la Garza	Hamilton
Barr	Deal	Hancock
Barrett (NE)	DeFazio	Hansen
Barrett (WI)	DeLauro	Harman
Bartlett	DeLay	Hastings (FL)
Barton	Dellums	Hastings (WA)
Bass	Deutsch	Hayes
Bateman	Diaz-Balart	Hayworth
Becerra	Dickey	Hefley
Beilenson	Dixon	Hefner
Bentsen	Doggett	Heineman
Bereuter	Dooley	Hergert
Berman	Doolittle	Hilleary
Bevill	Dornan	Hilliard
Bilbray	Doyle	Hinchee
Bilirakis	Dreier	Hobson
Bishop	Duncan	Hoekstra
Bliley	Dunn	Hoke
Blute	Durbin	Holden
Boehlert	Edwards	Horn
Boehner	Ehlers	Hostettler
Bonilla	Ehrlich	Houghton
Bonior	Emerson	Hoyer
Bono	Engel	Hunter
Borski	English	Hutchinson
Boucher	Ensign	Hyde
Brewster	Eshoo	Inglis
Browder	Evans	Istook
Brown (CA)	Everett	Jackson-Lee
Brown (FL)	Ewing	Jacobs
Brown (OH)	Farr	Jefferson
Brownback	Fattah	Johnson (CT)
Bryant (TN)	Fawell	Johnson (SD)
Bunn	Fazio	Johnson, E. B.
Bunning	Fields (LA)	Johnson, Sam
Burr	Fields (TX)	Johnston
Burton	Filner	Jones
Buyer	Flake	Kanjorski
Callahan	Flanagan	Kaptur
Calvert	Foglietta	Kasich
Camp	Foley	Kelly
Canady	Forbes	Kennedy (MA)
Cardin	Fowler	Kennedy (RI)
Castle	Fox	Kennelly
Chabot	Frank (MA)	Kildee
Chambliss	Franks (CT)	Kim
Chenoweth	Franks (NJ)	King
Christensen	Frelinghuysen	Kingston
Chrysler	Frisa	Klecza
Clay	Frost	Klink
Clayton	Funderburk	Klug
Clement	Furse	Knollenberg
Clinger	Gallegly	Kolbe
Clyburn	Ganske	LaFalce
Coble	Gejdenson	LaHood
Coburn	Gekas	Lantos
Coleman	Gephardt	Largent
Collins (GA)	Geren	Latham
Collins (IL)	Gibbons	LaTourrette
Collins (MI)	Gilchrest	Laughlin
Combust	Gillmor	Lazio
Condit	Gilman	Leach
Conyers	Gonzalez	Levin
Cooley	Goodlatte	Lewis (CA)

Lewis (GA)	Oxley	Smith (NJ)
Lewis (KY)	Packard	Smith (TX)
Lightfoot	Pallone	Smith (WA)
Lincoln	Parker	Solomon
Linder	Pastor	Souder
Lipinski	Paxon	Spence
Livingston	Payne (NJ)	Spratt
LoBiondo	Payne (VA)	Stark
Longley	Pelosi	Stearns
Lowe	Peterson (FL)	Stenholm
Lucas	Peterson (MN)	Stockman
Luther	Petri	Stokes
Maloney	Pickett	Stump
Manton	Pombo	Stupak
Manzullo	Pomeroy	Talent
Markey	Porter	Tanner
Martinez	Portman	Tate
Mascara	Poshard	Tauzin
Matsui	Quillen	Taylor (MS)
McCarthy	Quinn	Taylor (NC)
McCullum	Radanovich	Tejeda
McCrary	Rahall	Thomas
McDade	Ramstad	Thompson
McDermott	Rangel	Thornberry
McHale	Reed	Thornton
McHugh	Regula	Thurman
McIntosh	Richardson	Tiahrt
McKeon	Riggs	Torkildsen
McKinney	Rivers	Torres
McNulty	Roemer	Torricelli
Meehan	Rogers	Towns
Meek	Rohrabacher	Traficant
Menendez	Ros-Lehtinen	Upton
Metcalfe	Rose	Vento
Meyers	Roth	Visclosky
Mfume	Roukema	Vucanovich
Mica	Roybal-Allard	Waldholtz
Miller (CA)	Royce	Walker
Miller (FL)	Sabo	Walsh
Minge	Salmon	Wamp
Mink	Sanders	Ward
Molinari	Sanford	Waters
Mollohan	Sawyer	Watt (NC)
Montgomery	Saxton	Watts (OK)
Moorhead	Scarborough	Waxman
Moran	Schaefer	Weldon (FL)
Morella	Schiff	Weldon (PA)
Murtha	Schroeder	Weller
Myers	Schumer	White
Myrick	Scott	Whitfield
Nadler	Seastrand	Wicker
Neal	Sensenbrenner	Williams
Nethercutt	Serrano	Wilson
Neumann	Shadegg	Wise
Ney	Shaw	Wolf
Norwood	Shays	Woolsey
Nussle	Shuster	Wynn
Oberstar	Sisisky	Yates
Obey	Skaggs	Young (AK)
Olver	Skeen	Young (FL)
Ortiz	Skelton	Zeliff
Orton	Slaughter	
Owens	Smith (MI)	

NOT VOTING—20

Ackerman	Lofgren	Studds
Bryant (TX)	Martini	Tucker
Chapman	McInnis	Velázquez
Dicks	Moakley	Volkmer
Dingell	Pryce	Wyden
Ford	Roberts	Zimmer
Hastert	Rush	

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So (two-thirds having voted in favor thereof) the rules were suspended and the bill, as amended, was passed.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. LAHOOD). Pursuant to the provisions of clause 5 of rule I, the Chair announces that he will reduce to a minimum of 5 minutes the period of time within which a vote by electronic device may be taken on each additional motion to suspend the rules on which the Chair had postponed further proceedings.

NATIONAL PARK AND NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE SYSTEMS FREEDOM ACT OF 1995

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The pending business is the question of suspending the rules and passing the bill, H.R. 2677, as amended.

The clerk read the title of the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Alaska [Mr. YOUNG] that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 2677, as amended, on which the yeas and nays are ordered.

The vote was taken by electronic device, an there were—yeas 254, nays 156, not voting 22, as follows:

[Roll No. 846]

YEAS—254

Allard	English	Leach
Andrews	Ensign	Lewis (CA)
Archer	Everett	Lewis (KY)
Armey	Ewing	Lightfoot
Bachus	Fawell	Lincoln
Baesler	Fields (TX)	Linder
Baker (CA)	Flanagan	Livingston
Baker (LA)	Foley	LoBiondo
Ballenger	Forbes	Longley
Barcia	Fowler	Lucas
Barr	Fox	Manzullo
Barrett (NE)	Franks (CT)	McCullum
Bartlett	Franks (NJ)	McCrary
Barton	Frelinghuysen	McDade
Bass	Frisa	McHugh
Bateman	Funderburk	McIntosh
Bereuter	Gallegly	McKeon
Bilbray	Ganske	Metcalfe
Bilirakis	Gekas	Meyers
Bonilla	Geren	Mica
Bono	Gilchrest	Miller (FL)
Brewster	Gillmor	Minge
Browder	Gilman	Molinari
Brownback	Goodlatte	Montgomery
Bryant (TN)	Gooding	Moorhead
Bunn	Gordon	Neumann
Bunning	Goss	Nethercutt
Burr	Graham	Neumann
Burton	Green	Ney
Callahan	Greenwood	Norwood
Calvert	Gunderson	Norwood
Camp	Hunter	Oxley
Canady	Hutchinson	Packard
Castle	Hyde	Parker
Chabot	Ingles	Pastor
Chambliss	Istook	Paxon
Chenoweth	Jacobs	Payne (VA)
Christensen	Johnson (CT)	Peterson (MN)
Chrysler	Johnson (SD)	Petri
Clement	Johnson, Sam	Pombo
Clinger	Jones	Pomeroy
Coble	Kasich	Porter
Coburn	Kelly	Portman
Collins (GA)	King	Quillen
Combust	Kingston	Quinn
Condit	Klug	Radanovich
Conyers	Knollenberg	Ramstad
Cooley	Kolbe	Regula
	LaHood	Riggs
	Largent	Rogers
	Latham	Rohrabacher
	LaTourrette	Ros-Lehtinen
	Laughlin	Roth
	Lazio	Roukema
		Royce
		Salmon
		Sanford
		Saxton
		Scarborough
		Schaefer
		Schiff
		Seastrand
		Sensenbrenner
		Shadegg
		Shaw
		Shays
		Shuster
		Sisisky
		Skeen
		Skelton
		Smith (MI)
		Smith (NJ)