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NOT VOTING-10

Becerra McIntosh Towns Emerson Royce Wilson Lantos Smith (MI) Lewis (GA) Talent

□ 1404

So the resolution was agreed to.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

REQUEST FOR CHANGE IN COUNTING TIME FOR DEBATE ON H.R. 7, NATIONAL SECURITY REVITALIZATION ACT

Mr. VOLKMER. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that during the consideration of H.R. 7 all time used for electronic voting on amendments not count towards the 10 hours for debate.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. GILLMOR). Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Missouri?

Mr. GILMAN. Reserving the right to object, Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to yield to the gentleman from Missouri [Mr. VOLKMER] to explain his request.

Mr. VOLKMER. Mr. Speaker, my unanimous-consent request is to facilitate time in which these amendments, the 26 that are independent, would have time to debate.

As was brought out during debate on the rule by the gentleman from California, if we figure it all out, if we are going to take up these 26 amendments, and those are the ones that are separate and nonlubricated, in that 10 hours it will only allow 6 minutes, if we vote on every one on electronic voting. It means there will be approximately 6 minutes time to debate each amendment. Otherwise there are going to be Members, like there were last night, and I include myself and others, that do not have an opportunity to offer their amendments.

Mr. Speaker, what they are telling the House here is every time that we vote during the Committee of the Whole we are cutting Members off from amendments. So all I am asking is that we not count the time for electronic voting when figuring up the debate time.

Mr. GILMAN. Mr. Speaker, further reserving the right to object, I yield to the distinguished chairman of the Committee on Rules, the gentleman from New York [Mr. SOLOMON].

Mr. SOLOMON. Mr. Speaker, the gentleman must not have been present during the debate on the rule, but the truth is that we were willing to extend this debate by a number of hours if we could have moved up the starting times, today by 2 hours, tomorrow by 1 hour. We are now past that point, so I would respectfully have to object to the gentleman's request.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Objection is heard.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Mr. VOLKMER. Mr. Speaker, I offer a privileged motion.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Clerk will report the motion.

The Clerk read as follows:

Mr. VOLKMER moves that the House do now adjourn.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Missouri [Mr. VOLKMER].

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

RECORDED VOTE

 $\mbox{Mr. VOLKMER. Mr. Speaker, I demand a recorded vote.}$

A recorded vote was ordered.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—ayes 134, noes 291, not voting 9, as follows:

[Roll No. 134] YEAS—134

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NOT VOTING—9

Becerra Lantos Rangel Camp Lewis (GA) Rogers Kaptur Meek Williams

□ 1425

So the motion was rejected.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

REFERRAL OF H.R. 10, COMMON-SENSE LEGAL REFORM ACT, TO COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE

Mr. BLILEY. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that title I, section 103 of H.R. 10, the Commonsense Legal Reform Act, be referred to the Committee on Commerce as an additional committee on jurisdiction.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. GILLMOR). Is there objection to the gentleman from Virginia?

There was no objection.

NATIONAL SECURITY REVITALIZATION ACT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to House Resolution 83 and rule

XXIII, the Chair declares the House in the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union for the consideration of the bill, H.R. 7.

□ 1427

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 consideration of the bill (H.R. 7) to revitalize the national security of the United States, with Mr. LINDER in the chair.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The CHAIRMAN. Pursuant to the rule, the bill is considered as having been read the first time.

Under the rule, the gentleman from New York [Mr. GILMAN] will be recognized for 30 minutes, the gentleman from New Jersey, [Mr. TORRICELLI] will be recognized for 30 minutes, the gentleman from South Carolina [Mr. SPENCE] will be recognized for 30 minutes, and the gentleman from California [Mr. DELLUMS] will be recognized for 30 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from New York [Mr. GILMAN].

Mr. GILMAN. Mr. Chairman, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Chairman, I am pleased that we are beginning general debate of a very important segment of the Contract With America, H.R. 7, the National Security Revitalization Act.

H.Ř. 7 confronts issues of real concern to the American people.

Take for example the issue of foreign command of U.S. Armed Forces in U.N. peacekeeping operations.

The Clinton administration broke new ground in this area. Indeed, few aspects of their foreign policy have been pursued with as much vigor as their efforts to promote U.N. peacekeeping operations in which U.S. forces have been placed under foreign command.

They did it in Somalia, they did it in the former Yugoslavia, and they were prepared to do it in Haiti.

H.R. 7 restores a proper balance with regard to foreign command of U.S. forces in U.N. peacekeeping operations.

H.R. 7 doesn't forbid foreign command in all cases; only in those cases where the President is unable to certify that the foreign command arrangement is necessary to protect U.S. national security interests and that the U.S. forces will not be required to comply with illegal or militarily imprudent orders.

The American people would be shocked to learn that the administration and its allies in Congress think the President should have a free hand to put U.S. forces under foreign command, even when it's not in our national interest and even when our forces could be compelled to obey illegal or militarily imprudent orders.

But that is the administration position, and today they will have time to defend it.

The exploding cost of U.N. peacekeeping operations is another matter of concern to the American people that we address in H.R. 7. Last year, our total peacekeeping payment to the U.N. was almost \$1.1 billion. In addition, the Department of Defense incurred incremental costs of more than \$1.7 billion for U.S. support to or participation in U.N. peacekeeping operations.

That's a total of \$2.8 billion for peacekeeping.

H.R. 7 tries to get a handle on these spiraling costs. It insists that at least some of our unreimbursed Defense Department expenditures in support of peacekeeping be deducted from our U.N. assessment.

Critics of H.R. 7 say this is unreasonable. They accuse us of wanting to destroy U.N. peacekeeping.

Nothing could be further from the truth. Peacekeeping is an important tool that can serve our national interests. But because the U.S. taxpayer foots the largest share of the bill, we must ensure that it is only undertaken when it serves our interests and that it is carried out in a cost-effective way.

A final issue address by H.R. 7 is the expansion of NATO.

My efforts and those of my colleagues to facilitate the expansion of NATO—both in H.R. 7 and in the NATO Participation Act passed on the last day of the last Congress—are the final answer to those who claim that the Republican Party stands for a return to isolationism.

To the contrary, we favor continued American engagement in the world, and flexible policies in response to the changes brought about by the end of the cold war.

For these and other reasons, H.R. 7 is a good bill that deserves to be approved.

Mr. Chairman, I am pleased that we are beginning today to debate a very important element of the Contract With America, H.R. 7, the National Security Revitalization Act.

In all probability our consideration of H.R. 7 will occasion a lively debate.

For too long the Congress has avoided debating some of the toughest foreign policy issues confronting our country. Last year, for example, those of us who wanted to debate President Clinton's plan to invade Haiti were muzzled until it was too late.

We're not going to avoid the tough issues any longer.

That's what H.R. 7 is all about. We're going to confront issues of real concern to the American people.

And it's our intention to turn around administration policy where it has been misguided, inept, or simply out of step with the wishes of the American people.

Take for example the issue of foreign command of U.S. Armed Forces in U.N. peacekeeping operations.

Before President Clinton took office, no President had ever put significant numbers of U.S. forces in a U.N. peace-keeping operation commanded by a foreign national.

The Clinton administration broke new ground in this area. Indeed, few aspects of their foreign policy have been