

Green	Menendez	Schroeder
Gutierrez	Mfume	Scott
Hall (OH)	Mineta	Serrano
Harman	Mollohan	Skaggs
Hastings (FL)	Neal	Taylor (MS)
Hefley	Oberstar	Taylor (NC)
Hilliard	Ortiz	Thompson
Hinchey	Owens	Thornton
Jacobs	Pallone	Torres
Jefferson	Pastor	Trafigant
Kennedy (MA)	Payne (NJ)	Velazquez
LaFalce	Pelosi	Vento
Lantos	Peterson (FL)	Visclosky
Lewis (GA)	Pickett	Volkmer
Lincoln	Pomeroy	Waters
Maloney	Rahall	Wise
Manton	Reed	Wolf
Martinez	Reynolds	Woolsey
McKinney	Roemer	Wynn
Meek	Sabo	Yates

NOT VOTING—34

Baker (CA)	Fields (LA)	Rose
Bishop	Flake	Rush
Bliley	Foley	Slaughter
Brown (CA)	Frank (MA)	Stockman
Chapman	Greenwood	Towns
Crapo	Kasich	Tucker
de la Garza	Kennedy (RI)	Walsh
DeLay	Miller (CA)	Weldon (FL)
Doolittle	Nethercutt	Williams
Doyle	Pombo	Young (AK)
Ehrlich	Radanovich	
Evans	Richardson	

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Ms. DANNER changed her vote from "nay" to "yea."

So the Journal was approved.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

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PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. SHUSTER). Will the gentleman from Arizona [Mr. HAYWORTH] please come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. HAYWORTH led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

ELECTION OF MEMBER TO COMMITTEE ON INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

Mr. FAZIO. Mr. Speaker, I offer a privileged resolution (H. Res. 46) and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 46

Resolved, That the following Member be elected to the following committee: Committee on International Relations: Mr. Frazer, Virgin Islands.

The resolution was agreed to.

A resolution to reconsider was laid on the table.

PROVIDING FOR APPOINTMENT AND COMPENSATION OF CONGRESSIONAL CONSULTANTS

Mr. THOMAS. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to take from the Speaker's table the Senate bill (S. 273) to amend section 61h-6 of title 2, United States Code, and asked for its immediate consideration in the House.

The Clerk read the title of the Senate bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from California?

Mr. FAZIO. Mr. Speaker, reserving the right to object, will the gentleman from California kindly explain the purpose of the resolution?

Mr. THOMAS. Mr. Speaker, will the gentleman yield?

Mr. FAZIO. I am happy to yield to the gentleman from California.

Mr. THOMAS. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for yielding.

This bill is really a very technical bill. It makes technical changes in a provision of title 2 to the United States Code which applied only to the U.S. Senate, and it deals with the appointment procedures between the majority leader and the minority leader.

This language creates some conformity that is not now there and changes the procedure with the Senate President pro tempore in reference to two appointments that the President pro tempore of the Senate makes.

Basically, it is a matter of courtesy that we simply go ahead and approve this, and I would ask the House to accede to the Senate's wishes in changing a provision that affects only the Senate.

Mr. FAZIO. Mr. Speaker, I would like to thank the gentleman from California for his description.

Mr. Speaker, in keeping with the comity between the bodies, I withdraw my reservation of objection.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from California?

There was no objection.

The Clerk read the Senate bill, as follows:

S. 273

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 61h-6 of title 2; The Congress, Chapter 4—Officers and Employees of Senate and House of Representatives; United States Code, is amended to read as follows:

"§61h-6. Appointment of consultants by Majority Leader, Minority Leader, Secretary of the Senate, and Legislative Counsel of the Senate; compensation

"(a) The Majority Leader and the Minority Leader, are each authorized to appoint and fix the compensation of not more than four individual consultants, on a temporary or intermittent basis, at a daily rate of compensation not in excess of the per diem equivalent of the highest gross rate of annual compensation which may be paid to employees of a standing committee of the Senate. The Secretary of the Senate is authorized to appoint and fix the compensation of not more than two individual consultants, on a temporary or intermittent basis, at a daily rate of compensation not in excess of the per diem equivalent of the highest gross rate of annual compensation which may be paid to employees of a standing committee of the Senate. The Legislative Counsel of the Senate (subject to the approval of the President Pro Tempore) is authorized to appoint and fix the compensation of not more than two consultants, on a temporary or intermittent basis, at a daily rate of compensation not in excess of that specified in the first

sentence of this section. The provisions of section 8344 of title 5 shall not apply to any individual serving in a position under this authority. Expenditures under this authority shall be paid from the contingent fund of the Senate upon vouchers approved by the President Pro Tempore, Majority Leader, Minority Leader, Secretary of the Senate, or Legislative Counsel of the Senate, as the case may be.

"(b) The Majority Leader, and the Minority Leader, in appointing individuals to consultant positions under authority of this section, may appoint one such individual to such position at an annual rate of compensation rather than at a daily rate of compensation, but such annual rate shall not be in excess of the highest gross rate of annual compensation which may be paid to employees of a standing committee of the Senate."

The Senate bill was ordered to be read a third time, was read the third time, and passed, and a motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will entertain 10 1-minute speeches on either side.

REPUBLICAN CONTRACT WITH AMERICA

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

Mr. WATTS of Oklahoma. Mr. Speaker, our Contract With America states, on the first day of Congress, a Republican House will: Force Congress to live under the same laws as everyone else; cut one-third of committee staff; and cut the congressional budget. We have done that.

It goes on to state that in the first 100 days, we will vote on the following items:

A balanced budget amendment—we have done this; line-item veto; a new crime bill to stop violent criminals; welfare reform to encourage work, not dependence; family reinforcement to crack down on deadbeat dads and protect our children; tax cuts for families to lift Government's burden from middle-income Americans; national security restoration to protect our freedoms; Senior Citizens' Equity Act to allow our seniors to work without Government penalty; Government regulation and unfunded mandate reforms; commonsense legal reform to end frivolous lawsuits; and congressional term limits to make Congress a citizen legislature.

This is our Contract With America.

TRIBUTE TO ED J. DEBARTOLO, JR., AND THE SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS

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

Mr. TRAFICANT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today for an unusual 1 minute for me,

to pay tribute to the owner of the San Francisco 49ers, Edward J. DeBartolo, Jr., my constituent.

I predict the 49ers will win. The Chargers are great, but the reason I predict the 49ers to win is the standard of excellence of the 49ers from top to bottom.

The reason for that excellence, ladies and gentlemen, was a humble construction worker from Youngstown, OH, by the name of Edward J. DeBartolo, Sr., who became the No. 1 developer of shopping malls in America. He started work at 6 o'clock in the morning. He has recently passed away, but he passed on that work ethic to his son.

I predict from top to bottom owner Eddie DeBartolo, Jr., Carmon Poucy, another one of my constituents, and Coach George Seifert and the great 49ers will win because of that work ethic.

Mr. Speaker, I pay tribute today to Mr. DeBartolo, Sr. Mr. DeBartolo, Sr., was a big supporter of H.R. 390: Innocent Until Proven Guilty.

The 49er standard of excellence will prevail.

REPUBLICANS MAKING PROGRESS ON THEIR CONTRACT WITH AMERICA

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

Mr. GINGRICH. Mr. Speaker, as the gentleman from Oklahoma [Mr. WATTS] pointed out, we do have a Contract With America. We are working very hard.

I want to say it was a bipartisan contract in the last few weeks. The line-item veto came out of the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight with a 30-to-11 bipartisan margin.

The Shays Act to apply to Congress every law which applies to the rest of the country passed with a huge bipartisan margin.

The victory last night for the constitutional amendment to require a balanced budget was a bipartisan victory.

I want to thank all of the reform Democrats who are joining us again and again in doing good bipartisan things. We do have a contract. We are going to keep it.

A friend of mine gave me this this morning earlier and said, "Why don't you punch in this contract that you always carry, why don't you take out the very first one." I want to punch a hole to indicate one is down. We will be back for nine more.

GIFT BAN

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

Mr. WISE. Mr. Speaker, while we are on the subject of reform Democrats, from fruit baskets to first-class flights, it is time to give it up. It is time to pass the gift ban for lobbyists.

In his State of the Union message, the President encouraged Congress to voluntarily abandon lobbyist gifts and trips. He is right.

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We do not need a law to do what each of us can do individually. Today, I am implementing in our Charleston, Martinsburg, and Washington offices all the provisions of the reform law that still have not passed. That means no lobbyist-provided meals, no lobbyist gifts, and no lobbyist trips.

Food, like fruit baskets, will either be declined or given to charity. Happily there will not be much change for our office. I believe we have received three cans of popcorn and one birthday cake in the last few months.

Mr. Speaker, as I do this in my office, so does Congress need to pass the lobby reform legislation that puts this into law. Twice last year I voted to make it law. Two weeks ago I voted to make it law.

As I have put this gift ban into effect and made it the law of the West Virginia Second Congressional District office, Mr. Speaker, now I ask you to help make it the law of the Nation.

WE WILL WORK TO KEEP OUR PROMISES

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

Mr. HAYWORTH. Mr. Speaker, I am glad the balanced budget amendment passed the House yesterday. We have demonstrated to the people that we have heard their concerns, and the Republican controlled Congress will continue to work to keep our promises with them by enacting the rest of the Contract With America.

But I have to say I am disappointed that the Barton language, which provided a protection to the taxpayers by preventing tax increases without a three-fifths majority vote, did not pass. In fact, even though 97 percent of Republicans voted for this language, less than 20 percent of the Democrats voted for it. I guess it is hard for the Democrats to accept that the days of tax and tax and spend and spend are over.

I want to assure the hard working taxpayers in our country that the fight is not over. We will spend the next year building support for a tax limitation amendment and bring it back to the floor for a vote.

I am confident that with hard work, we will win. In the meantime, let us continue to pass the rest of the Contract With America.

URGING PASSAGE OF THE GIFT BAN

(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, we need to take up the President's challenge and ban gifts of any kind from paid lobbyists, and we need to restrict the amount of royalty income that Members of Congress are permitted to receive to one-third of their annual salary. The Bryant bill would do just that. It is the toughest lobby reform and ethics legislation ever considered by Congress.

We must pass the Bryant bill, because it is not enough for each Member of Congress to simply pledge that we will not longer take gifts or accept royalties, we also need to enforce disclosure by lobbyists. The American people have a right to know what legislation these groups are attempting to influence and how much money they are spending in those efforts.

On January 4, the first day of the 104th Congress, House Democrats moved to impose tough gift restrictions and royalty limits. But that effort failed—not a single Republican voted for the gift ban.

It is time for Republicans to live up to their rhetoric on reform. Perks and privileges demean this institution and everyone who serves here. Let us pass the gift ban, now.

CELEBRATING THE PASSING OF THE BALANCED BUDGET AMENDMENT

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

Mr. HOKE. Mr. Speaker, today is a great day to celebrate the passing of the balanced budget amendment. I want to give you two particular reasons that we should celebrate.

First of all is that we yesterday fixed the flaw in the Constitution that Thomas Jefferson talked about over 200 years ago in 1787. He said "There is one omission that I fear in this Constitution, and that is that we have not restricted the ability of the United States Government to borrow money."

Well, as we restricted it yesterday with a three-fifths requirement to raise the ceiling on the debt.

The second thing I want to particularly celebrate is that this passage of the balanced budget amendment is one more step; maybe it is a giant step, maybe it is a baby step, but my goodness, it is a step toward restoring confidence in the American people's ability to elect people that will actually do what they say they will do, and their ability to trust their elected representatives. By keeping our promises, we are restoring confidence in this institution and confidence in America.

MAJORITY URGED TO JOIN IN EFFORT TO CLEAN UP CONGRESS

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