must have if we are to make the investments we need and move this country forward.

The CHAIRMAN. Are there other amendments to the bill?

If not, the Clerk will read the last 3 lines

The Clerk read as follows:

This Act may be cited as the "Department of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 1996".

AMENDMENT NUMBER 63 OFFERED BY MR. SANDERS

The CHAIRMAN. Pursuant to the order of the House of August 2, 1995, proceedings will now resume on amendment number 63 offered by the gentleman from Vermont [Mr. SANDERS].

The pending business is the demand for a recorded vote on the amendment offered by the gentleman from Vermont [Mr. Sanders] on which further proceedings were postponed and on which the noes prevailed by a voice vote.

The Clerk will redesignate the amendment.

The Clerk redesignated the amendment.

RECORDED VOTE

The CHAIRMAN. A recorded vote has been demanded.

A recorded vote was ordered.

The vote was taken by electronic device and there were—ayes 141, noes 284, not voting 9, as follows:

[Roll No. 624]

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Baker (LA)

Barrett (NE)

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Barton

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Chapman

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Cooley

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Cubin

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DeLauro

Deutsch

Diaz-Balart

DeLay

Dickey

Dooley

Doolittle

Dornan

Dreier

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Emerson

English

Ensign

Everett

Eshoo

Ewing

Fawell

Foley

Forbes

Fowler

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Fields (TX)

Frank (MA)

Franks (CT)

Franks (NJ)

Funderburk

Gallegly

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Frelinghuysen

Montgomery

Moorhead

Zeliff

Zimmer

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Davis

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Cunningham

Cox

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Chenoweth

Christensen

Collins (GA)

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NOT VOTING-9

Andrews Moakley Williams Bateman Reynolds Yates Filner Thurman Young (AK)

□ 0023

Messrs. TAUZIN, PETERSON of Florida, HASTINGS of Florida, POMEROY, MEEHAN, RICHARDSON, MFUME, GEJDENSON, HOYER, and WYNN, and Mrs. MEEK of Florida, Mrs. KENNELLY, and Ms. DELAURO changed their vote from "aye" to "no."

Mr. DIXON changed his vote from "no" to "aye."

So the amendment was rejected.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

The CHAIRMAN pro tempore (Mr. WALKER). There being no further amendments, under the rule, the Committee rises.

Accordingly the Committee rose; and the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. LAHOOD) having assumed the Chair, Mr. WALK-ER, Chairman of the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union, reported that that Committee, having had under consideration the bill (H.R. 2127) making appropriations for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and related agencies, for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1996, and for other purposes, pursuant to House Resolution 208, he reported the bill back to the House with sundry amendments adopted by the Committee of the Whole.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. Lahood). Under the rule, the previous question is ordered.

Is a separate vote demanded on any amendment?

LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM

Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts. Mr. Speaker, I have been discussing with some other Members what the schedule is. I think we are close to an agreement, which would obviate the need for the nine separate votes and reconsiderations on the amendments that were adopted in the Committee of the Whole, most of which were perfectly nice amendments.

I wondering if anyone could give me any guidance on what we are likely to be doing next, because that would have some influence on what we would be doing now. I would be glad to yield. I know we are making a lot of progress. I do not insist on everything, but I would like a little comfort level before I sit down.

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

Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts. I yield to the gentleman from Georgia.

Mr. LINDER. Mr. Speaker, the gentleman who can answer this is about to approach the microphone.

Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts. Mr. Speaker, for the first time I have all this time and I have nothing to say.

Can we go back on the Solomon amendment while we are waiting?

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, who controls the time?

Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts. I do, and I would yield to the gentleman.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. LAHOOD). The gentleman from Massachusetts controls the time.

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, would the gentleman restate his inquiry?

Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts. Before we pass the point at which separate votes cannot be demanded, I was trying to get some kind of comfort level about the chances of working out a schedule which would have us come back in first thing in the morning to do the telecommunications bill and whatever else we could finish, and I yield to the gentleman from Texas.

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, if the gentleman will yield, believe me, I can assure the gentleman from Massachusetts [Mr. \Breve{F} RANK] that I understand the gentleman's need for a comfort level. We are working on a unanimous-consent request with respect to the remaining program for tonight and tomorrow, and we have negotiations under way right now. Unhappily, the gentleman's request for information comes at a time when we do not have this all in detail.

I guess, Mr. Speaker, the only thing I can tell the gentleman right now is we are working on it and we hope to have it concluded as quickly as possible.

Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for that. This is, obviously, not the only bus in town, so I will give up the time here, with the understanding that we are trying hard to work this out, and if we are not able to work it out, I think we will have some difficulty.

I would relinquish the time, and I certainly have no pressing need for separate votes at this point, apparently.

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The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. LAHOOD). Is a separate vote demanded on any amendment? If not, the Chair will put them en gros.

The amendments were agreed to.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on engrossment and third reading of the bill.

The bill was ordered to be engrossed and read a third time, and was read the third time.

MOTION TO RECOMMIT OFFERED BY MR. OBEY

Mr. OBEY. Mr. Speaker, I offer a motion to recommit.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is the gentleman opposed to the bill?

Mr. OBEY. Mr. Speaker, I think that is safe to say.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Clerk will report the motion to recom-

The Clerk read as follows:

Mr. OBEY moves to recommit the bill to the Committee on Appropriations with instructions to report it back forthwith with an amendment as follows:

On page 18, strike lines 17 through 24. On page 20 strike out lines 15 through 22. On page 58 strike all beginning after the 'purposes'' on line 20 through page 60 word

line 8.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman from Wisconsin [Mr. OBEY] is

recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. OBEY. Mr. Speaker, I certainly will not take the 5 minutes. I simply want to say two things. First of all, I want to alert members to the fact that there will be two votes, obviously, with a motion to recommit, and then final passage.

What this recommittal motion simply does is to try to redress some of the damage that this bill does to the dignity of workers in this country. It strikes sections 103, which would block the President's authority to enforce executive orders, barring striker replacements on Federal contracts. Second, it strikes section 105, which blocks development of workplace standards related to ergonomic injures. Third, it strikes limitations on the National Labor Relations Board authority to protect collective bargaining rights of workers, the 10(j) injunctions.

Mr. Speaker, we have already had the debates on all of these. There is no point in pursuing it. I would simply urge an "aye" vote on the motion to recommit, and I would ask for a rollcall. I would remind people there would be two votes.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Does the gentleman from Illinois [Mr. PORTER] rise in opposition?

Mr. PÖRTER. Mr. Speaker, I do.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman from Illinois is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. PORTER. Mr. Speaker, we began hearings on this bill on January 4. We have been through a very long process in bringing it forward, including a subcommittee markup that lasted over seven hours, three days in full committee, and we have spent 26 hours on the floor debating the bill and amendments

It has been shaped through a very long process and a very fair process. There are provisions in the bill I do not agree with, as you know, but we have been through a process I believe in very deeply.

Mr. Speaker, the bill will be further shaped in this process, one that has been followed for over 200 years, a process that is designed to be highly deliberative, highly participatory, and to find exactly where the American people are on all of these issues, and that is where we will ultimately end up.

Mr. Speaker, I would ask the Members to support the work that we have engaged in, to oppose the motion to recommit, and to support the bill, and to move it forward in the legislative proc-

Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Pennsylvania [Mr. GOODLING].

Mr. GOÖDLING. Mr. Speaker, thank the gentleman for yielding.

Mr. Speaker, I want to make very sure that everyone understands under

the striker replacement issue, there is only one issue in this piece of legislation. That issue is very simply, who has the responsibility under our form of government to legislate. I do not believe there is anyone in the House of Representatives, anyone in the United States, that believes it is anybody other than the Congress of the United States. It is not the executive branch, it is the Congress, and that is the issue that you are faced with in this legislation, and in this motion to recommit.

Mr. PORTER. Mr. Speaker, I yield to my colleague, the gentleman from Illinois [Mr. FAWELL].

Mr. FAWELL. Mr. Speaker, just very briefly, the other issue involves a socalled 10(j) preliminary injunction, and all that is requested in reference to the granting of such a preliminary injunction is that it be understood that it is an extraordinary remedy, and that the usual rules of equity do control, and that the NLRB would have to prove that there is the extraordinary remedy, and irreparable harm would have to be shown if the injunction is not granted. That is all that it does. I think it is a very reasonable request.

Mr. Speaker, I would ask that you vote "no" on the motion to recommit. Mr. PORTER. Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the previous question is ordered on the motion to recommit.

There was no objection.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion to recommit.

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

RECORDED VOTE

Mr. OBEY. Mr. Speaker, I demand a recorded vote.

A recorded vote was ordered.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there where-ayes 188, noes 238, not voting 8, as follows:

[Roll No. 625] AYES-188

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Fields (TX)

Franks (CT)

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Gunderson

Gutknecht

Hall (TX)

Hancock

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Havworth

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Hutchinson

Johnson (CT)

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Pastor Payne (NJ)

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Messrs. LAZIO οf New York. TEJEDA, ORTIZ, and NEY changed their vote from "no" to "aye.

So the motion to recommit was rejected.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. LAHOOD). The question is on the passage of the bill.

Pursuant to clause 7 of rule XV, the yeas and nays are ordered.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 219, nays 208, not voting 8, as follows:

[Roll No. 626]

YEAS-219 Allard Dreier Johnson, Sam Archer Duncan Jones Kasich Armey Dunn Bachus Ehlers Kim Baker (CA) Ehrlich King Baker (LA) -Emerson Kingston Klug Knollenberg Ballenger English Barr Ensign Barrett (NE) Ewing LaHood Bartlett Barton Largent Fawell Fields (TX) Latham Bateman Foley LaTourette Bilirakis Forbes Laughlin Fowler Bliley Lazio Boehlert Fox Leach Boehner Franks (NJ) Lewis (CA) Bonilla Frelinghuysen Lewis (KY) Bono Frisa Lightfoot Funderburk Brownback Linder Bryant (TN) Gallegly Livingston Bunn Ganske Longley Bunning Gekas Lucas Manzullo Burr Geren Burton Gilchrest McCollum Gillmor McCrery Buyer Callahan Gilman McDade Gingrich McHugh Calvert Camp Goodlatte McInnis Canady Goodling McIntosh Chabot McKeon Goss Chambliss Graham Metcalf Chenoweth Greenwood Meyers Christensen Gutknecht Mica Chrysler Hall (TX) Miller (FL) Clinger Hancock Molinari Coble Montgomery Hansen Coburn Moorhead Hastert Hastings (WA) Collins (GA) Myers Myrick Combest Hayes Hayworth Hefley Cooley Nethercutt Cox Neumann Crane Herger Norwood Crapo Hilleary Nussle Cremeans Hobson Oxlev Cubin Hoekstra Packard Hoke Cunningham Parker Hostettler Paxon Davis Deal Hunter Petri DeLay Diaz-Balart Hutchinson Pombo Porter Hyde

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NAYS-208

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Young (AK)

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Andrews Reynolds Filner Thurman Moakley Williams

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So the bill was passed

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

AUTHORIZING THE CLERK TO MAKE CORRECTIONS IN ENGROSSMENT OF H.R. 2127, DEPARTMENTS OF LABOR, HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, AND EDUCATION, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT. 1996

Mr. LIVINGSTON. Mr. Speaker I ask unanimous consent that in the engrossment of H.R. 2127 the clerk be authorized to correct section numbers, punctuation, cross references, and to make other conforming changes as may be necessary to reflect the actions of the House today.

The SPĚAKER pro tempore (Mr. LAHOOD). Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Louisiana?

There was no objection.

HOUR OF MEETING, ORDER OF BUSINESS AND PROVIDING FOR FURTHER CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 1555, COMMUNICATIONS ACT OF 1995

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, I should advise the members that pending the following unanimous-consent request, this could be the last vote of the night.

Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the House convene at 8:00 a.m. today and that there be no intervening motion from the time of convening until the Pledge of Allegiance; and that further consideration of the bill H.R. 1555 in the Committee of the Whole pursuant to House Resolution 207 shall also be governed by the following order:

First, immediately after the Pledge of Allegiance, the House shall resolve into the Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of H.R. 1555 pursuant to House Resolution 207 without intervening motion;

Second, consideration in the Committee of the Whole shall proceed without intervening motion except the amendments printed in the House Report 104–223, except one motion to rise, if offered by Representative BLILEY;

Third, that any amendment adopted in the Committee of the Whole shall be deemed as having been adopted in the House; and

Fourth that Representative Conyers shall have permission to modify amendment number 2-2.

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

Mr. DINGELL. Mr. Speaker, reserving the right to object, and I do not think that I will object, but I want to make a couple of comments.

Like every other Member of this body, I have received a deluge of mail on the subject of this bill. Like the gentleman from Illinois [Mr. FLANA- GAN] yesterday, I took the trouble to check into the behavior of those who stimulated that mail. I found, as did the gentleman from Illinois [Mr. FLANAGAN], that the stimulators of that mail had used the names of people who were unaware of the use of their names, that those who put that mail campaign together made false statements about the persons who had signed the letters, and led the people to sign the mail without any correct impression of what the content of the mail or the campaign was to be. Under the proposal tomorrow, I cannot discuss that matter at that time.

I want to make it very clear that I intend to follow up on this matter and to see to it that the miscreants who have engaged in this improper practice are exposed in proper fashion and that their behavior which demeans themselves, the legislative practices of this body and the democracy of which we are a part is properly exposed.

I will be sending them a letter on behalf of a number of my colleagues about this serious and gross misbehavior. Anyone who would like to join in signing the letter will be welcome at this desk tomorrow. I would also say that I intend to see to it that this kind of practice does not again infect the legislative process.

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

Mr. DINGELL. Further reserving the right to object, I yield to the gentleman from Virginia.

Mr. BLILEY. Mr. Speaker, I want to applaud the gentleman for his statement. I intend to work closely with you, if you will have me, to see that jointly we pursue this matter to its proper conclusion. I thank the gentleman for yielding.

Mr. BARTON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, will the gentleman yield?

Mr. DINGELL. Further reserving the right to object, I yield to the gentleman from Texas.

Mr. BARTON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, as the subcommittee chairman of oversight investigations, a post the gentleman from Michigan [Mr. DINGELL] held for so many years with such distinction, if his investigations uncoversomething that is worthy of investigation by that subcommittee, I will be happy to work with the gentleman and the full committee chairman to fully follow up on whatever he finds out.

Mr. DINGELL. Mr. Speaker, further reserving the right to object, I can think of no Member who would do a finer job in setting right this matter. I want to thank the gentleman from Texas and also my dear friend the gentleman from Virginia.

Mr. Speaker, I withdraw my reserva-

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

Mr. GEPHARDT. Mr. Speaker, reserving the right to object, I will not object, but I would like to ask the majority leader if Members could be as-

sured that there would not be a vote in the morning until 8:45 a.m.

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, if the gentleman would yield, we will convene at 8 a.m. and go immediately into consideration of the chairman's amendment. The debate on that amendment would be 30 minutes. So even a 15-minute vote could not, even under the greatest conditions of expediency, be completed until 8:45 a.m. The gentleman is correct.

Mr. GEPHARDT. I thank the gentleman.

Mr. Speaker, I withdraw my reservation of objection.

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

There was no objection.

ADMINISTRATION'S NATIONAL URBAN POLICY REPORT—MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following message from the President of the United States; which was read and, together with the accompanying papers, without objection, referred to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services:

To the Congress of the United States:

I transmit herewith my Administration's National Urban Policy Report, "Empowerment: A New Covenant With America's Communities," as required by 42 U.S.C. 4503(a). The Report provides a framework for empowering America's disadvantaged citizens and poor communities to build a brighter future for themselves, for their families and neighbors, and for America. The Report is organized around four principles:

First, it links families to work. It brings tax, education and training, housing, welfare, public safety, transportation, and capital access policies together to help families make the transition to self-sufficiency and independence. This linkage is critical to the transformation of our communities.

Second, it leverages private investment in our urban communities. It works with the market and the private sector to build upon the natural assets and competitive advantages of urban communities.

Third, it is locally driven. The days of made in Washington solutions, dictated by a distant Government, are gone. Instead, solutions must be locally crafted, and implemented by entrepreneurial public entities, private actors, and a growing network of community-based firms and organizations.

Fourth, it relies on traditional values—hard work, family, responsibility. The problems of so many inner-city neighborhoods—family break-up, teen pregnancy, abandonment, crime, drug use—will be solved only if individuals, families, and communities determine to help themselves.