

App. 2405) as a country supporting international terrorism; engages in a financial transaction with that country, shall be fined under this title or imprisoned not more than 10 years, or both.

“(b) As used in this section—

“(1) the term ‘financial transaction’ has the meaning given that term in section 1956(c)(4); and

“(2) the term ‘United States person’ means any United States citizen or national, permanent resident alien, juridical person organized under the laws of the United States, or any person in the United States.”.

(b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections at the beginning of the chapter of title 18, United States Code, to which the amendment of subsection (a) was made is amended by inserting before the item relating to section 2333 the following new item:

“2332c. Financial transactions.”.

The motion was agreed to.

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

The title of the Senate bill was amended so as to read: “A bill to combat terrorism.”

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

A similar House bill (H.R. 2703) was laid on the table.

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#### APPOINTMENT OF CONFEREES

Mr. HYDE. Mr. Speaker, I offer a motion.

The Clerk read as follows:

Mr. HYDE moves that the House insist on its amendments to S. 735 and request a conference with the Senate thereon.

The motion was agreed to.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. HOBSON). Without objection, the Chair appoints the following conferees: Messrs. HYDE, MCCOLLUM, SCHIFF, BUYER, BARR, CONYERS, SCHUMER, and BERMAN.

There was no objection.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. STOCKMAN. Mr. Speaker, on Tuesday, March 12, I was unavoidably detained from the House floor due to the Texas primaries. Had I been present, I would have voted on the following bills: On rollcall vote No. 56, “aye”; on rollcall vote No. 57, “aye”; on rollcall vote No. 58, “aye”; and on rollcall vote No. 59, “aye.”

#### APPOINTMENT OF CONFERREES ON H.R. 2854, AGRICULTURAL MARKET TRANSITION ACT

Mr. ROBERTS. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to take from the Speaker's table the bill (H.R. 2854) to modify the operation of certain agricultural programs, with a Senate amendment thereto, disagree to the Senate amendment, and agree to the conference asked by the Senate.

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

Mr. VOLKMER. Reserving the right to object, Mr. Speaker, and I do not

plan to object, but I think we should alert the House that immediately after the Chair puts the motion, that the gentleman from Minnesota will be offering a motion to instruct the conferees, and we will have a very short debate on that.

We will be having a vote on that, so I want to alert the Members. There should be a vote on this motion to instruct within the next 10 to 15 minutes. That should be the last vote, as I understand it.

Mr. Speaker, I withdraw my reservation of objection.

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

There was no objection.

MOTION TO INSTRUCT OFFERED BY MR. PETERSON OF MINNESOTA

Mr. PETERSON of Minnesota. Mr. Speaker, I offer a motion.

The Clerk read as follows:

Mr. PETERSON of Minnesota moves that the House conferees on H.R. 2854, the Agricultural Market Transition Act, be instructed to insist on the House language regarding program extension of Conservation Reserve Program through the year 2002.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman from Minnesota [Mr. PETERSON] and the gentleman from Kansas [Mr. ROBERTS] will each be recognized for 30 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Minnesota [Mr. PETERSON].

Mr. PETERSON of Minnesota. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, this is a very important issue that we dealt with in the committee, and also on the floor of the House. It has to do with the conservation reserve program, which has been a tremendous success in this country. We in this bill have come to a compromise between myself, the gentleman from New York [Mr. BOEHLERT], and the gentleman from Nebraska [Mr. BARRETT]. There were some differences of opinion, but we did come together on what we think is the best language, and we want to make sure that the Senate understands that the House has the best language in this area.

What we do, Mr. Speaker, is we cap the program at 36.4 million acres, we repeal the fiscal 1996 appropriation bill prohibition against new enrollments. We do provide for an early out option that has been sought by some people. What we do is we limit it to land that has been in the program for 5 years, that has to have an erodability index of less than 15, and then it will allow these people to opt out of the program with 60 days' notice.

There is another provision in here that was sought by some which would say that the conservation reserve contracts cannot exceed the average market rank for comparable land in that particular area.

Mr. Speaker, there have been some that have tried to put additional criteria and restrictions on this program that we are concerned are going to un-

dermine the success and viability of this program. We just had a 13th sign-up around this country, in my district, because of some of the restrictions that some have tried to put on this. Hardly and land in my district qualified.

What we are trying to do here is to make sure we keep the program like it has been for the last 10 years, keep the criteria the same. What we have here is a straight, clean, reauthorization for 7 more years, along the lines of the way we set the program up in the first place.

We would encourage everyone's support, Mr. Speaker.

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

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

Mr. Speaker, I want to thank the gentleman from Minnesota, not only for his motion to instruct, but for his leadership in regard to the continuation of an outstanding program, the conservation reserve program. The gentleman has essentially described the House position, and the gentleman has very eloquently stated the positive aspects of this program. I want all Members to understand that every member of the Committee on Agriculture is supportive of his motion to instruct.

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

Mr. PETERSON of Minnesota. Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time, and I move the previous question on the motion to instruct.

The previous question was ordered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion to instruct offered by the gentleman from Minnesota [Mr. PETERSON].

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

Mr. VOLKMER. 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 19, as follows:

[Roll No. 67]

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Baker (LA)	Blute	Buyer
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Barr	Bonior	Campbell
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 Coleman Hefley  
 Collins (GA) Hefner  
 Collins (MI) Heineman  
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 Conyers Hilliard  
 Cooley Hinchey  
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 Cox Hoekstra  
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 Cunningham Hunter  
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 Davis Hobson  
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 Dingell Johnson, E. B.  
 Dixon Johnson, Sam  
 Doggett Jones  
 Dooley Kanjorski  
 Doolittle Kaptur  
 Dornan Kasich  
 Doyle Kelly  
 Dreier Kennedy (MA)  
 Duncan Kennedy (RI)  
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With best wishes, I am  
 Sincerely,  
 JOSÉ E. SERRANO,  
 Member of Congress.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the resignation is accepted. There was no objection.

ELECTION OF MEMBER TO COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Mr. FAZIO of California. Mr. Speaker, I offer a privileged resolution (H. Res. 383) and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 383

*Resolved*, That the following named Member be, and is hereby, elected to the following standing committees of the House of Representatives: To the Committee on Appropriations, the following Member: José Serrano of New York.

The resolution was agreed to. A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM

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

Mr. BONIOR. Mr. Speaker, I ask for this time for the purposes of asking the distinguished chief deputy whip about the schedule for this week and next.

I yield to the gentleman from Illinois [Mr. HASTERT].

Mr. HASTERT. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman from Michigan for yielding.

Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to announce that the House has finished all legislative business for the week. The House will next meet on Monday, March 18, at 2 p.m. in a pro forma session. There will be no recorded votes on Monday.

On Tuesday, March 19, the House will meet at 12:30 p.m. for morning hour and 2 p.m. for legislative business. Members should be advised that there will not be any recorded votes before 5 p.m. on Tuesday, March 19.

Mr. Speaker, on Tuesday we will consider five bills under suspension of the rules: H.R. 2937, reimbursement of former White House Travel Office employees; House Concurrent Resolution 148, expressing the sense of Congress that the United States is committed to the military stability of the Taiwan Straits; H.R. 2739, the House of Representatives Administrative Reform Technical Correction Act; and two House Oversight resolutions adopting congressional accountability regulations.

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After consideration of the suspensions and for the balance of the week, the House will consider H.R. 2202, the Immigration in the National Interest Act of 1995.

Mr. Speaker, I expect toward the latter half of next week the House will

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 Durbin Menendez  
 Franks (NJ) Moakley  
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Mrs. WALDHOLTZ changed her vote from "nay" to "yea."

So the motion to instruct was agreed to.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. HOBSON). Without objection, the Chair appoints the following conferees: Messrs. ROBERTS, EMERSON, GUNDERSON, EWING, BARRETT of Nebraska, ALLARD, BOEHNER, POMBO, DE LA GARZA, ROSE, STENHOLM, VOLKMER, JOHNSON of South Dakota, and CONDIT.

There was no objection.

ELECTION OF MEMBER TO COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Mr. HASTERT. Mr. Speaker, by direction of the Republican Conference, I offer a privileged resolution (H. Res. 382) and ask for its immediate consideration in the House.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 382

*Resolved*, That the following named Member be, and he is hereby, elected to the following standing committee of the House of Representatives:

Committee on Appropriations: Mr. PARKER of Mississippi, to rank following Mr. RIGGS of California.

The resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

RESIGNATION AS MEMBER OF COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following resignation as a member of the Committee on the Judiciary:

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES,  
 HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
 Washington, DC, March 14, 1996.

Hon. NEWT GINGRICH,  
 U.S. House of Representatives, Washington, DC.  
 DEAR SPEAKER, I hereby resign from the House Committee on the Judiciary.