The question is on the motion to recommit offered by the gentleman from Texas [Mr. Stenholm].

The motion to recommit was rejected.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on passage of the joint resolution.

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

Mr. CANADY of Florida. 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 243, nays 177, not voting 12, as follows:

[Roll No. 117]

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Allard Ehrlich LaHood Andrews Emerson Largent Latham English Archer LaTourette Armey Ensign Bachus Everett Laughlin Baker (CA) Ewing Lazio Lewis (CA) Baker (LA) Fawell Fields (TX) Ballenger Lewis (KY) Flanagan Lightfoot Barr Barrett (NE) Foley Lincoln Bartlett. Forbes Linder Livingston Barton Fowler Bass Fox LoBiondo Bevill Franks (CT) Longley Bilbray Franks (NJ) Lucas Manzullo Bilirakis Frelinghuysen Bliley Frisa Martini Funderburk McCollum McCrery Boehner Gallegly Bonilla Ganske McHugh Bono Gekas Browder Geren McIntosh Gilchrest Brownback McKeon Bryant (TN) Gilman Metcalf Gingrich Goodlatte Bunn Meyers Bunning Mica Goodling Miller (FL) Burton Gordon Molinari Montgomery Goss Buyer CaĬlahan Graham Moorhead Calvert Green Mvers Greene Myrick Camp Canady Greenwood Nethercutt Castle Gutknecht Neumann Chabot Hall (TX) Nev Chambliss Hancock Norwood Chenoweth Hansen Nussle Christensen Harman Ortiz Oxley Chrysler Hastert Hastings (WA) Coble Packard Coburn Hayes Pallone Collins (GA) Hayworth Parker Hefley Combest Paxon Heineman Condit Petri Cooley Herger Pombo Hilleary Portman Cox Cramer Hobson Pryce Quillen Crane Hoekstra Crapo Hoke Quinn Cremeans Holden Řadanovich Cubin Horn Ramstad Cunningham Hunter Regula Danner Hutchinson Riggs Roberts Davis Hyde de la Garza Inglis Roemer Deal Istook Rogers Rohrabacher Johnson, Sam DeLay Diaz-Balart Jones Ros-Lehtinen Dickey Doolittle Kasich Roth Kelly Royce Dornan Kim Salmon Doyle King Sanford Dreier Kingston Saxton Scarborough Duncan Klug Knollenberg Kolbe Schaefer Schiff Dunn Ehlers

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Gonzalez Abercrombie Nadler Ackerman Gunderson Neal Baesler Gutierrez Oberstar Hall (OH) Baldacci Obev Barcia Hamilton Olver Barrett (WI) Hastings (FL) Orton Bateman Hefner Owens Hilliard Beilenson Pastor Payne (NJ) Hinchey Bentsen Payne (VA) Hostettler Houghton Bereuter Pelosi Berman Bishop Peterson (FL) Hoyer Jackson (IL) Peterson (MN) Boehlert Bonior Jackson-Lee Pickett Borski (TX) Pomeroy Porter Boucher Jacobs Jefferson Poshard Brewster Brown (CA) Johnson (CT) Rahall Rangel Brown (FL) Johnson (SD) Reed Richardson Brown (OH) Johnson, E. B. Bryant (TX) Johnston Rivers Campbell Kanjorski Roukema Cardin Kaptur Roybal-Allard Clay Kennedy (MA) Rush Clayton Kennedy (RI) Sabo Clement Kennelly Sanders Kildee Clinger Sawyer Clyburn Kleczka Schumer Coleman Klink Scott LaFalce Collins (IL) Serrano Collins (MI) Lantos Sisisky Conyers Leach Skaggs Costello Levin Slaughter Lewis (GA) Coyne Spratt Stark DeFazio Lipinski DeLauro Lofgren Lowey Stenholm Dellums Stokes Deutsch Luther Studds Dicks Maloney Stupak Dingell Manton Tanner Dixon Markey Thomas Doggett Dooley Martinez Thompson Mascara Thurman Durbin Matsui Torres Edwards McCarthy Torricelli McDermott Engel Velazquez Eshoo McHale Vento Evans McKinnev Visclosky Farr McNulty Volkmer Fattah Meehan Walsh Fazio Meek Waters Filner Menendez Watt (NC) Foglietta Miller (CA) Waxman Frank (MA) Minge Williams Frost Mink Wise Furse Moakley Woolsey Gejdenson Mollohan Wvnn Gephardt Moran Gibbons Morella Gillmor Murtha

NOT VOTING-12

Becerra Ford Thornton Chapman McDade Towns Fields (LA) Rose Wilson Flake Schroeder Yates

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So, two-thirds not having voted in favor thereof, the joint resolution was rejected.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A message from the Senate by Mr. Lundregan, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate had passed a concurrent resolution of the following title, in which the concurrence of the House is requested:

S. Con. Res. 51. Concurrent resolution to provide for the approval of final regulations that are applicable to employing offices that are not employing offices of the House of Representatives or the Senate, and to covered employees who are not employees of the House of Representatives or the Senate, and that were issued by the Office of Compliance on January 22, 1996, and for other purposes.

REMOVAL OF NAME OF MEMBER AS COSPONSOR OF H.R. 1972

Mr. PETERSON of Minnesota. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that my name be removed as a cosponsor of H.R. 1972.

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

There was no objection.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 5 of rule I, the pending business is the question of the Speaker's approval of the Journal.

Pursuant to clause 1. rule I, the Journal stands approved.

AMERICAN OVERSEAS INTERESTS ACT—VETO MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES (H. DOC. NO. 104–197)

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following veto message from the President of the United States:

To the House of Representatives:

I am returning herewith without my approval H.R. 1561, the "Foreign Relations Authorization Act, Fiscal Years 1996 and 1997."

This legislation contains many unacceptable provisions that would undercut U.S. leadership abroad and damage our ability to assure the future security and prosperity of the American people. It would unacceptably restrict the President's ability to address the complex international challenges and opportunities of the post-Cold War era. It would also restrict Presidential authority needed to conduct foreign affairs and to control state secrets, thereby raising serious constitutional concerns.

First, the bill contains foreign policy provisions, particularly those involving East Asia, that are of serious concern. It would amend the Taiwan Relations Act (TRA) to state that the TRA supersedes the provisions of the 1982 Joint Communique between the United States and China. The 1982 Communique has been one of the cornerstones of our bipartisan policy toward China

for over 13 years. The ongoing management of our relations with China is one of the central challenges of United States foreign policy, but this bill would complicate, not facilitate that task. The bill would also sharply restrict the use of funds to further normalize relations with Vietnam, hampering the President's ability to pursue our national interests there and potentially jeopardizing further progress on POW/MIA issues. If read literally, this restriction would also raise constitutional concerns.

Second, the bill would seriously impede the President's authority to organize and administer foreign affairs agencies to best serve the Nation's interests and the Administration's foreign policy priorities. I am a strong supporter of appropriate reform and, building on bipartisan support, my Administration has already implemented significant steps to reinvent our international operations in a way that has allowed us to reduce funding significantly, eliminate positions, and close embassies, consulates, and other posts overseas. But this bill proceeds in an improvident fashion, mandating the abolition of at least one of three important foreign affairs agencies, even though each agency has a distinct and important mission that warrants a separate existence. Moreover, the inflexible, detailed mandates and artificial deadlines included in this section of the bill should not be imposed on any President.

Third, the appropriations authorizations included in the bill, for fiscal years 1996 and 1997, fall unacceptably below the levels necessary to conduct the Nation's foreign policy and to protect U.S. interests abroad. These inadequate levels would adversely affect the operation of overseas posts of the foreign affairs agencies and weaken critical U.S. efforts to promote arms control and nonproliferation, reform international organizations and peacekeeping, streamline public diplomacy, and implement sustainable develop-ment activities. These levels would cause undue reductions in force of highly skilled personnel at several foreign affairs agencies at a time when they face increasingly complex challenges.

Fourth, this bill contains a series of objectionable provisions that limit U.S. participation in international organizations, particularly the United Nations (U.N.). For example, a provision on intelligence sharing with the U.N. would unconstitutionally infringe on the President's power to conduct diplomatic relations and limit Presidential control over the use of state secrets. Other provisions contain problematic notification, withholding, and certification requirements.

These limits on participation in international organizations, particularly when combined with the low appropriation authorization levels, would undermine current U.S. diplomatic efforts—which enjoy bipartisan support—

to reform the U.N. budget. The provisions included in the bill are also at odds with ongoing discussions between the Administration and the Congress aimed at achieving consensus on these

Fifth, the bill fails to remedy the severe limitations placed on U.S. population assistance programs by the Foreign Operations, Export Financing, and Related Programs Appropriations Act, 1996 (Public Law 104-107). That law imposes unacceptable spending restrictions pending authorization for U.S. bilateral and multilateral population assistance programs. But H.R. 1561 does not authorize these programs. Consequently, these restrictions will remain in place and will have a significant, adverse impact on women and families in the developing world. It is estimated that nearly 7 million couples in developing countries will have no access to safe, voluntary family planning services. The result will be millions of unwanted pregnancies and an increase in the number of abortions.

Finally, the bill contains a number of other objectionable provisions. Some of the most problematic would: (1) abruptly terminate the Agency for International Development's housing guaranty (HG) program, as well as abrogate existing HG agreements, except for South Africa, and prohibit foreign assistance to any country that fails to make timely payments or reimbursements on HG loans; (2) hinder negotiations aimed at resolving the plight of Vietnamese boat people; (3) unduly restrict the ability of the United States to participate in the United Nations Human Rights Committee; and (4) extend provisions of the Nuclear Proliferation Prevention Act that I have objected to in the past. I am also concerned that the bill, by restricting the time period during which economic assistance funds can be expended for longer-term development projects, would diminish the effectiveness of U.S. assistance programs.

In returning H.R. 1561, I recognize that the bill contains a number of important authorities for the Department of State and the United States Information Agency. In its current form, however, the bill is inconsistent with the decades-long tradition of bipartisanship in U.S. foreign policy. It unduly interferes with the constitutional prerogatives of the President and would seriously impair the conduct of U.S. foreign affairs.

For all these reasons, I am compelled to return H.R. 1561 without my approval.

WILLIAM J. CLINTON. THE WHITE HOUSE, April 12, 1996. □ 2345

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. RIGGS). The objections of the President will be spread at large upon the Journal, and the message and the bill will be printed as a House document.

Mr. GILMAN. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that further consideration of the veto message on the

bill, H.R. 1561, be postponed until Tuesday, April 23, 1996.

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

There was no objection.

CONFERENCE REPORT ON S. 735, TERRORISM PERVENTION ACT

Mr. HYDE submitted the following conference report and statement on the Senate bill (S. 735) to prevent and punish acts of terrorism, and for other pur-

CONFERENCE REPORT (H. REPT. 104-518)

The committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendments of the House to the bill (S. 735), to prevent and punish acts of terrorism, and for other purposes, having met, after full and free conference, have agreed to recommend and do recommend to their respective Houses as follows:

That the Senate recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the House to the text of the bill and agree to the same with an amendment as follows:

In lieu of the matter proposed to be inserted by the House amendment, insert the following:

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "Antiterrorism and Effective Death Penalty Act of 1996".

SEC. 2. TABLE OF CONTENTS.

The table of contents of this Act is as follows:

Sec. 1. Short title.

Sec. 2. Table of contents.

TITLE I—HABEAS CORPUS REFORM

Sec. 101. Filing deadlines.

Sec. 102. Appeal.

Sec. 103. Amendment of Federal Rules of Appellate Procedure.

Sec. 104. Section 2254 amendments. Sec. 105. Section 2255 amendments.

Sec. 106. Limits on second or successive applica-

tions.

Sec. 107. Death penalty litigation procedures. Sec. 108. Technical amendment.

TITLE II—JUSTICE FOR VICTIMS

Subtitle A-Mandatory Victim Restitution

Sec. 201. Short title.

Sec. 202. Order of restitution.

Sec. 203. Conditions of probation.

Sec. 204. Mandatory restitution.

Sec. 205. Order of restitution to victims of other crimes.

Sec. 206. Procedure for issuance of restitution order.

Sec. 207. Procedure for enforcement of fine or restitution order.

Sec. 208. Instruction to Sentencing Commission. Sec. 209. Justice Department regulations.

Sec. 210. Special assessments on convicted persons.

Sec. 211. Effective date.

Subtitle B-Jurisdiction for Lawsuits Against Terrorist States

Sec. 221. Jurisdiction for lawsuits against terrorist states.

Subtitle C-Assistance to Victims of Terrorism

Sec. 231. Short title.

Sec. 232. Victims of Terrorism Act.

Sec. 233. Compensation of victims of terrorism.

Sec. 234. Crime victims fund.

Sec. 235. Closed circuit televised court proceedings for victims of crime.

Sec. 236. Technical correction.

TITLE III—INTERNATIONAL TERRORISM **PROHIBITIONS**

Subtitle A—Prohibition on International Terrorist Fundraising

Sec. 301. Findings and purpose.