

(l) Strike section 431 of the bill and redesignate sections 432 through 444 as sections 431 through 443, respectively.

(m) In section 511(c) of the bill, strike "amended—" and all that follows through "(2)" and insert "amended".

(n) In section 801 of the bill, strike "subject to the concurrence of" and insert "in consultation with".

(o) In section 443, by striking subsection (d) in its entirety and inserting:

"(d) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by this section shall become effective no later than 60 days after the publication by the Attorney General of implementing regulations that shall be published on or before January 1, 1997."

The Senate concurrent resolution was concurred in.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

FURTHER CONTINUING APPROPRIATIONS, FISCAL YEAR 1996

Mr. LIVINGSTON. Mr. Speaker, pursuant to House Resolution 411, I call up the joint resolution (H.J. Res. 175) making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 1996, and for other purposes, and ask for its immediate consideration in the House.

The Clerk read the title of the joint resolution.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to House Resolution 411, House Joint Resolution 175 is modified by striking title II.

The text of the joint resolution, as modified, is as follows:

H.J. RES. 175

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

TITLE I—CONTINUING APPROPRIATIONS

SEC. 101. Public Law 104-99 is further amended by striking out "April 24, 1996" in sections 106(c), 112, 126(c), 202(c), and 214 and inserting in lieu thereof "April 25, 1996"; and that Public Law 104-92 is further amended by striking out "April 24, 1996" in section 106(c) and inserting in lieu thereof "April 25, 1996".

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from Louisiana [Mr. LIVINGSTON] and the gentleman from Wisconsin [Mr. OBEY] will each control 30 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Louisiana [Mr. LIVINGSTON].

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. LIVINGSTON. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks on House Joint Resolution 175, and that I may be permitted to include extraneous and tabular material.

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

There was no objection.

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

Mr. Speaker, I hope that it will not be necessary to use anywhere near the time allotted for this measure. This is a 24-hour continuing resolution intended primarily to allow the nego-

tiators in the conference between the House and Senate Republicans and Democrats to finalize the negotiations with the White House and Mr. Panetta, the Chief of Staff, on the omnibus wrap-up appropriations bill for fiscal year 1996.

This wrap-up bill would conclude all of the remaining as yet unsigned into law subcommittee bills, namely Commerce-Justice-State, Interior, VA-HUD, Labor-Health, and the District of Columbia. The intent would be that, because I think that we have narrowed the issues now, within the next few hours hopefully we can finalize the deliberations on all of the remaining outstanding issues of difference between the White House and both houses of Congress, and that we will indeed have a bill ready to bring to the House of Representatives tomorrow morning after going to the Committee on Rules.

That is my expectation at this point. There are still some real and meaningful differences, between all the parties, between the Houses, and between the Congress and the White House, but my expectation is those differences will be resolved in a matter of hours and that we will have a final agreement to bring here to the floor. If that is not to be, then we will have other statements to make later on, but that is our plan at this point. I would hope that, frankly, everything I have said will come to pass.

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

Mr. OBEY. Mr. Speaker, this is, what, the 13th continuing resolution? Let me simply say that if this continuing resolution were for longer than 1 day, I would not support it, because it would be yet another confession of futility on the part of the Congress. But the gentleman from Louisiana [Mr. LIVINGSTON], the distinguished chairman of the committee, is correct. We are that close to having agreement on the omnibus continuing resolution, which would finally, finally, put to bed all of the appropriation issues for the fiscal year into which we are now halfway.

Let me just say that I think Members have had a right to be concerned, because school districts are being squeezed. You still have the problem of some 40,000 title I teachers who are about to be pink-slipped if there is not a resolution of the problem.

The conferees have met ad nauseam the last 3 days, actually since Friday, and I think at this point virtually every issue seems to be resolved except the issues surrounding the environmental riders and two other issues, which I expect can be resolved.

So it is my hope that when we reconvene meetings with Mr. Panetta at 2 or 2:30 today, that we will have agreement. To do so, the White House has made clear the remaining environmental riders, which are simply causing problems, will need to be dropped, or at least reshaped in a way that allows the President to protect the public interest as he sees it.

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And if that is accomplished, then we can bring that bill to the floor and finally finish this and move on to next year's appropriation matters.

It is my deep hope that that will, in fact, occur, but I thought it was going to happen yesterday but at 9 o'clock last night we were further apart than we were at 5 o'clock in the afternoon which I find interesting and incredible and frustrating but I guess it sometimes happens in legislative bodies.

So I simply hope that cooler heads will prevail and we will wind up with those riders being dropped so that we can bring legislation to the floor which solves the problem.

Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the distinguished gentleman from Wisconsin [Mr. KLECZKA].

Mr. KLECZKA. Mr. Speaker, let me thank my colleague for yielding time to me. When the rule was before the body to bring up this continuing resolution, the gentleman from California [Mr. DREIER] was very lengthy and eloquent in his support of a provision that was in the resolution but was struck by adoption of the rule. That provision had to deal with the resolve for a problem we are facing with the savings and loan insurance fund, which is the SAIF fund.

It was kind of surprising to me that the gentleman from California spoke in strong support of it even though the Committee on Rules that he served on did pull it out of the product that we are ready to vote on the floor.

I would like the chairman of the committee, Mr. LIVINGSTON, to possibly yield for a question, because I am aware that he also supported this provision. Is it possible that the long-term continuing resolution that we should be seeing hopefully tomorrow would contain a fix for that very knotty problem?

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

Mr. KLECZKA. I yield to the gentleman from Louisiana.

Mr. LIVINGSTON. Mr. Speaker, I would say to the gentleman it is not my intention to put that on the bill tomorrow. We have a very tough situation on a bill that has been pounded out over months and months, and, frankly, I do not think it can bear any more weight. So I would, frankly, be not inclined to put it on.

Mr. KLECZKA. Well, Mr. Speaker, it seems surprising to me that the gentleman from California, who serves on the Committee on Rules, was supporting a provision although he supported pulling it out of this resolution. If I had known that was the opinion of the chair of the committee, I surely would have tried to object to adoption of the rule, which we have just adopted in the House, and called for a roll call to see if we could not retain that in this short-term CR.

It seems it is an important issue, which I think we have to address before the end of the session, because it will

just keep floating around out there. And, naturally, it is looking for a vehicle to be attached to because as a stand-alone, chances are it will not come before us.

So I am very disappointed to hear it will not be a part of the product that we will be addressing probably tomorrow. I thank the gentleman for yielding.

Mr. OBEY. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself 1 minute to say that I hope that by this afternoon we will have a resolution of this long-term problem. It would be a shame if the continued existence of these legislative provisions on environmental issues would prevent us from reaching agreement on the budget, and I hope that they are dropped so that we can proceed to give the country what it needed 6 months ago, which is completion of congressional action on all of these appropriation bills.

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

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

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. RADANOVICH). Pursuant to House Resolution 411, the previous question is ordered on the joint resolution, as modified.

The question is on the engrossment and third reading of the joint resolution.

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

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

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

Mr. OBEY. Mr. Speaker, on that I demand the yeas and nays.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 400, nays 14, not voting 18, as follows:

[Roll No. 129]

YEAS—400

Abercrombie	Bonior	Clayton
Ackerman	Bono	Clement
Andrews	Borski	Clinger
Archer	Boucher	Coburn
Armey	Brewster	Coleman
Bachus	Browder	Collins (GA)
Baesler	Brown (CA)	Collins (IL)
Baker (CA)	Brown (FL)	Collins (MI)
Baker (LA)	Brown (OH)	Combest
Baldacci	Brownback	Condit
Ballenger	Bryant (TN)	Conyers
Barcia	Bunn	Cooley
Barr	Bunning	Costello
Barrett (NE)	Burr	Cox
Barrett (WI)	Burton	Cramer
Bartlett	Buyer	Crane
Bass	Callahan	Crapo
Bateman	Calvert	Creameans
Beilenson	Camp	Cubin
Bentsen	Campbell	Cunningham
Bereuter	Canady	Danner
Bevill	Cardin	Davis
Bilbray	Castle	de la Garza
Bilirakis	Chabot	Deal
Bishop	Chambliss	DeFazio
Bliley	Chapman	DeLauro
Blute	Chenoweth	DeLay
Boehlert	Christensen	Dellums
Boehner	Chrysler	Deutsch
Bonilla	Clay	Diaz-Balart

Dickey	Jefferson	Paxon	Weldon (FL)	Wicker	Yates
Dicks	Johnson (CT)	Payne (NJ)	Weldon (PA)	Wise	Young (AK)
Dingell	Johnson (SD)	Payne (VA)	Weller	Wolf	Young (FL)
Dixon	Johnson, E. B.	Pelosi	White	Woolsey	Zeliff
Doggett	Johnson, Sam	Peterson (FL)	Whitfield	Wynn	Zimmer
Dooley	Jones	Peterson (MN)			
Doolittle	Kanjorski	Petri		NAYS—14	
Dornan	Kaptur	Pickett	Barton	Hastings (FL)	Stearns
Doyle	Kasich	Pombo	Becerra	Hyde	Thurman
Dreier	Kelly	Pomeroy	Clyburn	McHale	Velazquez
Duncan	Kennedy (MA)	Porter	Coble	Owens	Williams
Dunn	Kennedy (RI)	Portman	Gibbons	Scarborough	
Durbin	Kennelly	Poshard			
Edwards	Kildee	Pryce		NOT VOTING—18	
Ehlers	Kim	Quillen	Allard	Johnston	Riggs
Ehrlich	King	Quinn	Berman	Laughlin	Schaefer
Emerson	Kingston	Radanovich	Bryant (TX)	McDade	Schroeder
Engel	Klecza	Rahall	Coyne	Menendez	Towns
English	Klink	Ramstad	Fazio	Oxley	Vento
Ensign	Klug	Rangel	Foglietta	Parker	Wilson
Eshoo	Knollenberg	Reed			
Evans	Kolbe	Regula		□ 1222	
Everett	LaFalce	Richardson			
Ewing	LaHood	Rivers		Mr. STEARNS changed his vote from	
Farr	Lantos	Roberts		“yea” to “nay.”	
Fattah	Largent	Roemer		Mr. DORNAN changed his vote from	
Fawell	Latham	Rogers		“nay” to “yea.”	
Fields (LA)	LaTourette	Rohrabacher		So the joint resolution was passed.	
Fields (TX)	Lazio	Ros-Lehtinen		The result of the vote was announced	
Filner	Leach	Rose		as above recorded.	
Flake	Levin	Roth		A motion to reconsider was laid on	
Flanagan	Lewis (CA)	Roukema		the table.	
Foley	Lewis (GA)	Roybal-Allard			
Forbes	Lewis (KY)	Royce			
Ford	Lightfoot	Rush			
Fowler	Lincoln	Sabo			
Fox	Linder	Salmon		PERSONAL EXPLANATION	
Frank (MA)	Lipinski	Sanders		Mr. RIGGS. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No.	
Franks (CT)	Livingston	Sanford		129, I was unavoidably detained on other con-	
Franks (NJ)	LoBiondo	Sawyer		gressional business and could not be present	
Frelinghuysen	Lofgren	Saxton		to vote. Had I been present, I would have	
Frisa	Longley	Schiff		voted “yea.”	
Frost	Lowe	Schumer			
Funderburk	Lucas	Scott			
Furse	Luther	Seastrand			
Gallegly	Maloney	Sensenbrenner			
Ganske	Manton	Serrano			
Gejdenson	Manzullo	Shadegg			
Gekas	Markey	Shaw			
Gephardt	Martinez	Shays			
Geren	Martini	Shuster			
Gilchrest	Mascara	Sisisky			
Gillmor	Matsui	Skaggs			
Gilman	McCarthy	Skeen			
Gonzalez	McCollum	Skelton			
Goodlatte	McCrery	Slaughter			
Goodling	McDermott	Smith (MI)			
Gordon	McHugh	Smith (NJ)			
Goss	McInnis	Smith (TX)			
Graham	McIntosh	Smith (WA)			
Green (TX)	McKeon	Solomon			
Greene (UT)	McKinney	Souder			
Greenwood	McNulty	Spence			
Gunderson	Meehan	Spratt			
Gutierrez	Meek	Stark			
Gutknecht	Metcalf	Stenholm			
Hall (OH)	Meyers	Stockman			
Hall (TX)	Mica	Stokes			
Hamilton	Millender-	Studds			
Hancock	McDonald	Stump			
Hansen	Miller (CA)	Stupak			
Harman	Miller (FL)	Talent			
Hastert	Minge	Tanner			
Hastings (WA)	Mink	Tate			
Hayes	Moakley	Tauzin			
Hayworth	Molinari	Taylor (MS)			
Hefley	Mollohan	Taylor (NC)			
Hefner	Montgomery	Tejeda			
Heineman	Moorhead	Thomas			
Herger	Moran	Thompson			
Hillery	Morella	Thornberry			
Hilliard	Murtha	Thornton			
Hinchey	Myers	Tiahrt			
Hobson	Myrick	Torkildsen			
Hoekstra	Nadler	Torres			
Hoke	Neal	Torricelli			
Holden	Nethercutt	Trafigant			
Horn	Neumann	Upton			
Hostettler	Ney	Visclosky			
Houghton	Norwood	Volkmer			
Hoyer	Nussle	Vucanovich			
Hunter	Oberstar	Walker			
Hutchinson	Obey	Walsh			
Inglis	Olver	Wamp			
Istook	Ortiz	Ward			
Jackson (IL)	Orton	Waters			
Jackson-Lee	Packard	Watt (NC)			
(TX)	Pallone	Watts (OK)			
Jacobs	Pastor	Waxman			

Weldon (FL)

Weldon (PA)

Weller

White

Whitfield

Wicker

Wise

Wolf

Woolsey

Wynn

NAYS—14

Hastings (FL)

Hyde

McHale

Owens

Scarborough

NOT VOTING—18

Johnston

Laughlin

McDade

Menendez

Oxley

Parker

Riggs

Schaefer

Schroeder

Towns

Vento

Wilson

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Mr. STEARNS changed his vote from “yea” to “nay.”

Mr. DORNAN changed his vote from “nay” to “yea.”

So the joint resolution was passed.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. RIGGS. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 129, I was unavoidably detained on other congressional business and could not be present to vote. Had I been present, I would have voted “yea.”

AUTHORIZING THE CLERK TO MAKE CORRECTIONS IN ENGROSSMENT OF HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 175, FURTHER CONTINUING APPROPRIATIONS, FISCAL YEAR 1996

Mr. PACKARD. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the Clerk be directed to make the following technical change in the engrossment of House Joint Resolution 175:

Strike the matter designating title I and section 101 and insert in lieu thereof “That”.

This is a technical change. It corrects the section numbering. It has been cleared by the minority.

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

There was no objection.

PAPERWORK ELIMINATION ACT OF 1996

Mr. LINDER. Mr. Speaker, by direction of the Committee on Rules, I call up House Resolution 409 and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 409

Resolved, That at any time after the adoption of this resolution the Speaker may, pursuant to clause 1(b) of rule XXIII, declare the House resolved into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union for consideration of the bill (H.R. 2715) to amend chapter 35 of title 44, United States Code, popularly known as the Paperwork Reduction Act, to minimize the burden of Federal