

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. LAHOOD). Is the gentleman opposed to the conference report?

Mr. YATES. Absolutely, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Clerk will report the motion to recommit.

The Clerk read as follows:

Mr. YATES moves to recommit the bill (H.R. 3019) to the committee of conference.

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 motion to recommit was rejected.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the conference report.

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

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 399, nays 25, not voting 10, as follows:

[Roll No. 135]

YEAS—399

Abercrombie	Clayton	Foglietta
Ackerman	Clement	Foley
Allard	Clinger	Forbes
Andrews	Clyburn	Ford
Archer	Coble	Fowler
Armey	Coburn	Fox
Bachus	Coleman	Frank (MA)
Baker (CA)	Collins (GA)	Franks (CT)
Baker (LA)	Collins (IL)	Franks (NJ)
Baldacci	Collins (MI)	Frelinghuysen
Ballenger	Combest	Frisa
Barcia	Condit	Frost
Barr	Conyers	Furse
Barrett (NE)	Cooley	Gallegly
Barrett (WI)	Costello	Ganske
Bartlett	Cox	Gejdenson
Barton	Coyne	Gekas
Bass	Cramer	Gephardt
Bateman	Crane	Geren
Becerra	Crapo	Gibbons
Beilenson	Cremeans	Gilchrest
Bentsen	Cubin	Gillmor
Bereuter	Cummings	Gilman
Berman	Cunningham	Gingrich
Bevill	Danner	Gonzalez
Bilbray	Davis	Goodlatte
Billakis	Deal	Goodling
Bishop	DeLauro	Gordon
Bliley	DeLay	Goss
Blute	Dellums	Green (TX)
Boehlert	Deutsch	Greene (UT)
Boehner	Diaz-Balart	Greenwood
Bonior	Dickey	Gunderson
Bono	Dicks	Gutierrez
Borski	Dingell	Gutknecht
Boucher	Dixon	Hall (OH)
Brewster	Doggett	Hall (TX)
Browder	Dooley	Hamilton
Brown (CA)	Doolittle	Hansen
Brown (FL)	Doyle	Harman
Brown (OH)	Dreier	Hastert
Brownback	Dunn	Hastings (FL)
Bryant (TN)	Durbin	Hastings (WA)
Bryant (TX)	Edwards	Hayes
Bunn	Ehlers	Hayworth
Bunning	Ehrlich	Hefley
Burr	Emerson	Hefner
Burton	Engel	Heineman
Buyer	English	Herger
Callahan	Ensign	Hilleary
Calvert	Eshoo	Hinchey
Camp	Evans	Hobson
Campbell	Everett	Hoekstra
Canady	Farr	Hoke
Cardin	Fattah	Holden
Castle	Fawell	Horn
Chambliss	Fazio	Hostettler
Chapman	Fields (LA)	Houghton
Chenoweth	Fields (TX)	Hoyer
Christensen	Filner	Hutchinson
Chrysler	Flake	Inglis
Clay	Flanagan	Istook

Jackson (IL)	Mica
Jackson-Lee (TX)	Millender-Scott
Jefferson	McDonald
Johnson (CT)	Miller (CA)
Johnson (SD)	Miller (FL)
Johnson, E. B.	Minge
Johnston	Mink
Kanjorski	Moakley
Kaptur	Molinari
Kasich	Mollohan
Kelly	Montgomery
Kennedy (MA)	Moorhead
Kennedy (RI)	Moran
Kennelly	Morella
Kildee	Murtha
Kim	Myers
King	Myrick
Kingston	Nadler
Klecza	Neal
Klink	Nethercutt
Klug	Neumann
Knollenberg	Ney
Kolbe	Nussle
LaFalce	Oberstar
LaHood	Obey
Lantos	Olver
Latham	Ortiz
LaTourette	Orton
Laughlin	Owens
Lazio	Oxley
Leach	Packard
Levin	Pallone
Lewis (CA)	Parker
Lewis (GA)	Pastor
Lewis (KY)	Paxon
Lightfoot	Payne (NJ)
Lincoln	Payne (VA)
Linder	Pelosi
Lipinski	Peterson (FL)
Livingston	Petri
LoBiondo	Pickett
Lofgren	Pombo
Longley	Pomeroy
Lowey	Porter
Lucas	Portman
Luther	Poshard
Maloney	Pryce
Manton	Quinn
Manzullo	Radanovich
Markey	Rahall
Martinez	Ramstad
Martini	Reed
Mascara	Regula
Matsui	Richardson
McCarthy	Riggs
McCollum	Rivers
McCrery	Roberts
McDade	Roemer
McDermott	Rogers
McHale	Rohrabacher
McHugh	Ros-Lehtinen
McInnis	Roth
McIntosh	Roukema
McKeon	Roybal-Allard
McKinney	Royce
McNulty	Rush
Meehan	Sabo
Meek	Salmon
Menendez	Sanders
Metcalfe	Sawyer
Meyers	Saxton
	Schaefer

NAYS—25

Bonilla	Hunter	Shadegg
Chabot	Hyde	Smith (MI)
DeFazio	Johnson, Sam	Souder
Dornan	Jones	Thornberry
Duncan	Largent	Waters
Funderburk	Norwood	Watt (NC)
Graham	Sanford	Yates
Hancock	Scarborough	
Hilliard	Sensenbrenner	

NOT VOTING—10

Baessler	Peterson (MN)	Schroeder
de la Garza	Quillen	Wilson
Ewing	Rangel	
Jacobs	Rose	

□ 1653

Mr. HUNTER changed his vote from "yea" to "nay."

Mr. TATE changed his vote from "nay" to "yea."

So the conference report was agreed to.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. EWING. Mr. Speaker, I missed all votes today because I was in my district with James Lee Witt, the Director of the Federal Emergency Management Agency, to visit several of the areas in Champaign County which were devastated by tornadoes last weekend and to help formulate the Federal Government's response. Had I been present, I would have voted for passage of H.R. 3019, the omnibus appropriations bill conference report.

#### REMOVAL OF NAME OF MEMBER AS COSPONSOR OF H.R. 2723

Mr. BISHOP. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that my name be removed as a cosponsor of H.R. 2723, the Work and Family Integration Act.

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

There was no objection.

#### PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRY

Mr. SABO. Mr. Speaker, I have a parliamentary inquiry.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman will state it.

Mr. SABO. Mr. Speaker, the Congressional Budget Act sets up procedures to allow the appropriations process to move forward in situations when the budget resolution is behind schedule. I would like to inquire of the Chair whether these procedures have been followed.

In particular, if the conference report on the budget resolution is not adopted by April 15, section 603 of the Budget Act directs the chairman of the Committee on the Budget to submit to the House a spending allocation to the Committee on Appropriations for the coming fiscal year. The allocation is to be based on the discretionary spending limits set by law. Its purpose is to allow the House to begin work on appropriation bills.

Section 603 of the Budget Act requires this allocation to be filed as soon as practicable after April 15. When I was chairman of the Committee on the Budget, I submitted this allocation when it was required, and my predecessor, Leon Panetta, did as well.

If we are to avoid running the Government on continuing resolutions again this year, it is essential that the appropriations process get started. The April 15 deadline set by the Budget Act for completion of the budget resolution passed more than a week ago, and the House markup has not even been scheduled.

Therefore, Mr. Speaker, I would like to inquire whether a fiscal year 1997 spending allocation to the Committee on Appropriations has been submitted to the House as required by section 603 of the Congressional Budget Act.

□ 1700

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. LAHOOD). The Chair would advise the gentleman from Minnesota to consult with the chairman of the Committee on the Budget on this matter of a submission as soon as practicable after April 15.

Mr. SABO. Mr. Speaker, I know the gentleman cannot be here. The gentleman knows I am making this inquiry.

#### THE BUDGET PROCESS

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

Mr. SABO. Mr. Speaker, let me indicate that this was a process adopted in 1990 to make sure that appropriations could move forward in the event no budget resolution is adopted. In 1991, April 15 came on a Monday. The allocation to appropriations was filed on April 18. In 1992, April 15 came during Easter recess. The House reconvened on April 28 and the allocation was filed on April 30. In 1994, April 15 was a Friday. The allocation was filed on Tuesday.

Let me indicate that this is a process established so that appropriations can move forward. It does not prejudice what the 602(b) allocations internally in that committee should be, but it should be followed so that committee can begin working, avoid the problems we had this year on the continuing resolution. It does not prejudice how the Committee on Appropriations makes internal allocations. The majority has full flexibility to move forward, if they desire in a partisan way, with the 602(b) allocation. They could begin negotiations with the minority Democrats and administration to resolve what we are now resolving 6 months late at this point of the year. They have that discretion.

I urge, if it has not been followed, that the majority follow the law, give that allocation to Appropriations, so that negotiations can begin within the appropriating process so we do not have to go through the 13 continuing resolutions of this year and the budget process, whenever it is going to occur, whatever form it is going to take, or at what time we eventually get to the conference agreement, can proceed. But we should not be shortening the time that the Committee on Appropriations needs and which under the law they should be able to begin now.

#### LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM

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

Mr. BONIOR. Mr. Speaker, I rise to inquire of the distinguished chief deputy majority whip the schedule for today and the remainder of the week and for the next week.

Mr. HASTERT. Mr. Speaker, if the gentleman will yield, I thank my good friend from Michigan, the minority whip.

Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to announce that we have concluded our legislative business for the week.

On Monday, April 29, the House will meet in pro forma session. There will be no legislative business, and no votes, on that day.

On Tuesday, April 30, the House will meet at 12:30 p.m. for morning hour and 2 p.m. for legislative business. Members should note that we do not anticipate votes until 5 p.m.

On Tuesday, April 30, we will consider three bills under suspension of the rules: H.R. 1823, to amend the Central Utah Project Completion Act; H.R. 1527, to amend the National Forest Ski Area Permit Act of 1986; and H.R. 873, the Helium Privatization Act of 1995.

After the suspensions, we will consider the President's veto of H.R. 1561, the American Overseas Interests Act of 1995.

On Wednesday, May 1, and Thursday, May 2, the House will consider the following bills, both of which will be subject to rules: H.R. 2149, the Ocean Shipping Reform Act of 1995; and H.R. 2641, the U.S. Marshals Service Improvement Act of 1995.

It is our hope that the conference report to S. 641, Ryan White CARE Reauthorization Act of 1995, will also be available next week.

Mr. Speaker, we should finish legislative business and have Members on their way home to their families by 6 p.m. on Thursday, May 2.

Mr. BONIOR. Mr. Speaker, I thank my colleague for his comments. I have just one or two questions. Can the gentleman tell us if the House is expected to appoint conferees on the health care bill next week?

Mr. HASTERT. It is our intent that the health care conferees will be appointed next week.

Mr. BONIOR. I thank my friend. The second and final question I have is when will we consider, in light of the comments made by my friend from Minnesota, Mr. SABO, when will we consider the budget resolution?

Mr. HASTERT. We would hope that the budget bill will be marked up next week and considered the following week.

Mr. BONIOR. I thank my friend. I wish him a good weekend and good traveling.

Mr. HASTERT. Same to you, sir.

#### ADJOURNMENT TO MONDAY, APRIL 29, 1996

Mr. HASTERT. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 2 p.m. on Monday next.

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

There was no objection.

#### HOURLY OF MEETING ON TUESDAY, APRIL 30, 1996

Mr. HASTERT. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that when the House adjourns on Monday, April 29, 1996, it adjourn to meet at 12:30 p.m. on Tuesday, April 30, 1996, for morning hour debates.

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

There was no objection.

#### DISPENSING WITH CALENDAR WEDNESDAY BUSINESS ON WEDNESDAY NEXT

Mr. HASTERT. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the business in order under the Calendar Wednesday rule be dispensed with on Wednesday next.

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

There was no objection.

#### PERMISSION TO AMEND REPORT ON H.R. 2406, UNITED STATES HOUSING ACT OF 1996

Mr. LAZIO of New York. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to amend Report No. 104-461, originally filed on February 1, 1996, to include Congressional Budget Office cost estimates for H.R. 2406, the United States Housing Act of 1996.

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

There was no objection.

#### 104TH CONGRESS EARNING SHAMEFUL REPUTATION ON MINIMUM WAGE

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

Ms. MCKINNEY. Mr. Speaker, on Tuesday I sent this letter to Speaker GINGRICH urging him to hold a vote on a clean minimum wage increase. And today we learn that we will not even have the opportunity to vote on a dirty minimum wage increase.

I have my daughter here for the day, Shanterri Grier, and she is here at the Capitol with me. Every one of the Republican leaders has said that she does not deserve the right to earn a decent wage. Shame, shame, shame. This Congress is earning its reputation.

Conservative political analyst Kevin Phillips said the 104th Congress may be the worst in 50 years, and they are proving it today.

Mr. Speaker, the letter referred to earlier is included for the RECORD.

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES,  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
Washington, DC, April 23, 1996.

Hon. NEWT GINGRICH,  
Speaker of the House of Representatives, Washington, DC.

DEAR SPEAKER GINGRICH: As a member of the Georgia Congressional Delegation I feel