

Danner	Hoyer	Neumann
Davis	Hunter	Ney
de la Garza	Hutchinson	Norwood
Deal	Hyde	Nussle
DeFazio	Inglis	Oberstar
DeLauro	Istook	Obey
DeLay	Jackson (IL)	Oliver
Dellums	Jackson-Lee	Ortiz
Deutsch	(TX)	Orton
Diaz-Balart	Jacobs	Oxley
Dickey	Jefferson	Packard
Dicks	Johnson (CT)	Pallone
Dingell	Johnson (SD)	Parker
Dixon	Johnson, E. B.	Pastor
Doggett	Johnson, Sam	Paxon
Dooley	Johnston	Payne (NJ)
Doolittle	Jones	Payne (VA)
Dornan	Kanjorski	Pelosi
Doyle	Kaptur	Peterson (FL)
Dreier	Kasich	Peterson (MN)
Duncan	Kelly	Petri
Dunn	Kennedy (MA)	Pickett
Durbin	Kennedy (RI)	Pombo
Edwards	Kennelly	Pomeroy
Ehlers	Kildee	Porter
Ehrlich	Kim	Portman
Emerson	King	Poshard
Engel	Kingston	Pryce
English	Klecza	Quillen
Ensign	Klink	Quinn
Eshoo	Klug	Radanovich
Evans	Knollenberg	Rahall
Everett	Kolbe	Ramstad
Ewing	LaFalce	Rangel
Farr	LaHood	Reed
Fattah	Lantos	Regula
Fawell	Largent	Richardson
Fazio	Latham	Riggs
Fields (LA)	LaTourette	Rivers
Fields (TX)	Laughlin	Roberts
Filner	Lazio	Roemer
Flake	Leach	Rogers
Flanagan	Levin	Rohrabacher
Foglietta	Lewis (CA)	Ros-Lehtinen
Foley	Lewis (GA)	Rose
Forbes	Lewis (KY)	Roth
Fowler	Lightfoot	Roukema
Fox	Lincoln	Roybal-Allard
Frank (MA)	Linder	Royce
Franks (CT)	Lipinski	Rush
Franks (NJ)	Livingston	Sabo
Frelinghuysen	LoBiondo	Salmon
Frisa	Lofgren	Sanders
Frost	Longley	Sanford
Funderburk	Lowey	Sawyer
Furse	Lucas	Saxton
Galleghy	Luther	Scarborough
Ganske	Maloney	Schaefer
Gejdenson	Manton	Schiff
Gekas	Manzullo	Schroeder
Gephardt	Markey	Schumer
Geren	Martinez	Seastrand
Gilchrest	Martini	Sensenbrenner
Gillmor	Mascara	Serrano
Gilman	Matsui	Shadegg
Gonzalez	McCarthy	Shaw
Goodlatte	McCollum	Shays
Goodling	McCrery	Shuster
Gordon	McDermott	Sisisky
Goss	McHale	Skaggs
Graham	McHugh	Skeen
Green (TX)	McInnis	Skelton
Greene (UT)	McIntosh	Slaughter
Greenwood	McKeon	Smith (MI)
Gutierrez	McKinney	Smith (NJ)
Gutknecht	McNulty	Smith (TX)
Hall (OH)	Meehan	Smith (WA)
Hall (TX)	Meek	Solomon
Hamilton	Menendez	Spence
Hancock	Metcalf	Spratt
Hansen	Meyers	Stearns
Hastert	Mica	Stenholm
Hastings (FL)	Millender	Stockman
Hastings (WA)	McDonald	Stokes
Hayworth	Miller (CA)	Stump
Hefley	Miller (FL)	Stupak
Hefner	Minge	Talent
Heineman	Mink	Tanner
Herger	Moakley	Tate
Hilleary	Montgomery	Tauzin
Hilliard	Moorhead	Taylor (MS)
Hinchey	Moran	Taylor (NC)
Hobson	Morella	Tejeda
Hoekstra	Murtha	Thomas
Hoke	Myers	Thompson
Holden	Myrick	Thornberry
Horn	Nadler	Thornton
Hostettler	Neal	Thurman
Houghton	Nethercutt	Tiahrt

Torkildsen	Walsh	Williams
Torres	Wamp	Wilson
Torricelli	Ward	Wise
Towns	Watts (OK)	Wolf
Trafficant	Waxman	Woolsey
Upton	Weldon (FL)	Wynn
Velazquez	Weldon (PA)	Young (AK)
Vento	Weller	Young (FL)
Volkmer	White	Zeliff
Vucanovich	Whitfield	Zimmer
Walker	Wicker	

NOES—4

Becerra	Waters
Scott	Watt (NC)

NOT VOTING—15

Beilenson	Hayes	Souder
Ford	McDade	Stark
Gibbons	Molinari	Studds
Gunderson	Mollohan	Visclosky
Harman	Owens	Yates

□ 2143

Mr. JOHNSTON of Florida changed his vote from "no" to "aye."

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. 2974, CRIMES AGAINST CHILDREN AND ELDERLY PERSONS INCREASED PUNISHMENT ACT

Mr. MCCOLLUM. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that in the engrossment of the bill, H.R. 2974, the Clerk be instructed to correct cross references and section designations and to make any other clerical corrections that may be necessary.

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

There was no objection.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. MCCOLLUM. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend their remarks on H.R. 2974.

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

There was no objection.

POSTPONING VOTES ON AMENDMENTS DURING CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 3120, REGARDING WITNESS RETALIATION, WITNESS TAMPERING, AND JURY TAMPERING

Mr. MCCOLLUM. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that during further consideration of H.R. 3120, pursuant to House Resolution 422, the Chairman of the Committee of the Whole may postpone until a time during further consideration in the Committee of the Whole a request for a recorded vote on any amendment and that the Chairman of the Committee of the Whole may reduce to not less than 5 minutes the time for voting by electronic device on

any postponed question that immediately follows another vote by electronic device without intervening business, provided that the time for voting by electronic device on the first in any series of questions shall be not less than 15 minutes.

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

There was no objection.

□ 2145

REPORT ON RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 2406, UNITED STATES HOUSING ACT OF 1996.

Ms. PRYCE, from the Committee on Rules, submitted a privileged report (Rept. No. 104-564) on the resolution (H. Res. 426) providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 2406) to repeal the United States Housing Act of 1937, deregulate the public housing program and the program for rental housing assistance for low-income families and increase community control over such programs, and for other purposes, which was referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed.

REPORT ON RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 3322, OMNIBUS CIVILIAN SCIENCE AUTHORIZATION ACT OF 1996

Ms. PRYCE, from the Committee on Rules, submitted a privileged report (Rept. No. 104-565) on the resolution (H. Res. 427) providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 3322) to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 1997 for civilian science activities of the Federal Government, and for other purposes, which was referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed.

REPORT ON RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 3286, ADOPTION PROMOTION AND STABILITY ACT OF 1996

Ms. PRYCE, from the Committee on Rules, submitted a privileged report (Rept. No. 104-566) on the resolution (H. Res. 428) providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 3286) to help families defray adoption costs, and to promote the adoption of minority children, which was referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF LAST VOTE OF THE DAY

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

Mr. MCCOLLUM. Mr. Speaker, I asked to speak for 1 minute so I can advise Members that, as a result of what we have just done, the next vote will be the last vote of the evening. I simply want to use the 1 minute to advise the Members of this body that, contrary to

anything they may have heard otherwise, that after this next vote, the suspension vote that we are about to take, there will be no more votes tonight because of the granting of unanimous consent awhile ago.

So, we can all go home after the next vote.

DISPENSING WITH CALL OF PRIVATE CALENDAR

Mr. MCCOLLUM. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to dispense with the call of the Private Calendar.

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

There was no objection.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the provisions of clause 5, rule I, the Chair will now put the question on the motion to suspend the rules on which further proceedings were postponed today.

MEGAN'S LAW

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The pending business is the question of suspending the rules and passing the bill, H.R. 2137, as amended.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Florida [Mr. MCCOLLUM] that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 2137, as amended, on which the yeas and nays are ordered.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 418, nays 0, not voting 15, as follows:

[Roll No. 149]

YEAS—418

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

Dornan	Kanjorski	Pelosi
Doyle	Kaptur	Peterson (FL)
Dreier	Kasich	Peterson (MN)
Duncan	Kelly	Petri
Dunn	Kennedy (MA)	Pickett
Durbin	Kennedy (RI)	Pombo
Edwards	Kennelly	Pomeroy
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Ehrlich	Kim	Portman
Emerson	King	Poshard
Engel	Kingston	Pryce
English	Klecza	Quillen
Ensign	Klink	Quinn
Eshoo	Klug	Radanovich
Evans	Knollenberg	Rahall
Everett	Kolbe	Ramstad
Ewing	LaFalce	Rangel
Farr	LaHood	Reed
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Fawell	Largent	Richardson
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Flake	Leach	Rogers
Flanagan	Levin	Rohrabacher
Foglietta	Lewis (CA)	Ros-Lehtinen
Foley	Lewis (GA)	Rose
Forbes	Lewis (KY)	Roth
Fowler	Lightfoot	Roukema
Fox	Lincoln	Roybal-Allard
Frank (MA)	Linder	Royce
Franks (CT)	Lipinski	Rush
Franks (NJ)	Livingston	Sabo
Frelinghuysen	LoBiondo	Salmon
Frisa	Lofgren	Sanders
Frost	Longley	Sanford
Funderburk	Lowe	Sawyer
Furse	Lucas	Saxton
Galleghy	Luther	Scarborough
Ganske	Maloney	Schaefer
Gejdenson	Manton	Schiff
Gekas	Manzullo	Schroeder
Gephardt	Markey	Schumer
Geren	Martinez	Scott
Gilchrest	Martini	Seastrand
Gillmor	Mascara	Sensenbrenner
Gilman	Matsui	Serrano
Gonzalez	McCarthy	Shadegg
Goodlatte	McCollum	Shaw
Goodling	McCrery	Shays
Gordon	McDermott	Shuster
Goss	McHale	Sisisky
Graham	McHugh	Skaggs
Green (TX)	McInnis	Skeen
Greene (UT)	McIntosh	Skelton
Greenwood	McKeon	Slaughter
Gutierrez	McKinney	Smith (MI)
Gutknecht	McNulty	Smith (NJ)
Hall (OH)	Meehan	Smith (TX)
Hall (TX)	Meek	Smith (WA)
Hamilton	Menendez	Solomon
Hancock	Metcalfe	Spence
Hansen	Meyers	Spratt
Hastert	Mica	Stearns
Hastings (FL)	Millender-McDonald	Stenholm
Hastings (WA)	Miller (CA)	Stockman
Hayworth	Miller (FL)	Stokes
Hefley	Minge	Stump
Hefner	Mink	Stupak
Heineman	Moakley	Talent
Herger	Montgomery	Tanner
Hilleary	Moorhead	Tate
Hilliard	Moran	Tauzin
Hinchey	Morella	Taylor (MS)
Hobson	Murtha	Taylor (NC)
Hoekstra	Myers	Tejeda
Hoke	Myrick	Thomas
Holden	Nadler	Thompson
Horn	Neal	Thornberry
Hostettler	Nethercutt	Thornton
Houghton	Neumann	Thurman
Hoyer	Ney	Tiahrt
Hunter	Norwood	Torkildsen
Hutchinson	Nussle	Torres
Hyde	Oberstar	Torricelli
Inglis	Obe	Towns
Istook	Olver	Trafigant
Jackson (IL)	Ortiz	Upton
Jackson-Lee	Orton	Velazquez
(TX)	Oxley	Vento
Jacobs	Packard	Volkmer
Jefferson	Pallone	Vucanovich
Johnson (CT)	Parker	Walker
Johnson (SD)	Pastor	Walsh
Johnson, E. B.	Paxon	Wamp
Johnson, Sam	Payne (NJ)	Ward
Johnston	Payne (VA)	Waters
Jones		Watt (NC)

Watts (OK)	Whitfield	Woolsey
Waxman	Wicker	Wynn
Weldon (FL)	Williams	Young (AK)
Weldon (PA)	Wilson	Young (FL)
Weller	Wise	Zeliff
White	Wolf	Zimmer

NOT VOTING—15

Beilenson	Hayes	Souder
Ford	McDade	Stark
Gibbons	Molinari	Studds
Gunderson	Mollohan	Visclosky
Harman	Owens	Yates

□ 2205

Ms. WATERS, Mr. SCOTT, and Mr. WATT of North Carolina changed their vote from "nay" to "yea."

So (two-thirds having voted in favor thereof) the rules were suspended, and the bill, as amended, was passed.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

REGARDING WITNESS RETALIATION, WITNESS TAMPERING, AND JURY TAMPERING

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. HOBSON). Pursuant to House Resolution 422 and rule XXIII, the Chair declares the House in the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union for the consideration of the bill, H.R. 3120.

□ 2205

IN THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Accordingly the House resolved itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union for the consideration of the bill (H.R. 3120) to amend title 18, United States Code, with respect to witness retaliation, witness tampering, and jury tampering, with Mr. LATOURETTE in the chair.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the bill is considered as having been read the first time.

Under the rules the gentleman from Florida [Mr. MCCOLLUM] and the gentleman from Michigan [Mr. CONYERS] will each be recognized for 30 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Florida [Mr. MCCOLLUM].

Mr. MCCOLLUM. Mr. Chairman, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Chairman, in recent years, criminal sentences have increased in response to the scourge of drugs and violent crime, yet the penalties for retaliating against or tampering with witnesses, jurors, and court officials in criminal cases have remained unchanged. Some Federal and State prosecutors blame witness intimidation and juror tampering for the falling conviction rates in some parts of the country. Indeed, under current law, a defendant facing a Federal criminal sentence of 10 years or more may believe he or she is better off trying to influence the outcome of the trial by intimidating a witness, or tampering with a juror or court officer, because the maximum punishment for such crime is generally 10 years in prison.