

Traficant	Ward	Williams
Velázquez	Watt (NC)	Wise
Vento	Watts (OK)	Wolf
Visclosky	Waxman	Woolsey
Volkmer	Weldon (FL)	Wynn
Vucanovich	Weldon (PA)	Young (AK)
Walker	White	Zeliff
Walsh	Whitfield	Zimmer
Wamp	Wicker	

NAYS—26

Barrett (WI)	Gutierrez	Roemer
Brown (OH)	Johnston	Royce
Bryant (TX)	Kleccka	Sensenbrenner
Campbell	Klug	Stark
Collins (IL)	Lewis (GA)	Upton
Collins (MI)	Lofgren	Waters
Conyers	Markey	Weller
Cooley	Nadler	Yates
Frank (MA)	Owens	

NOT VOTING—11

Brownback	Gunderson	Studds
Chapman	Hilliard	Wilson
Dickey	Lincoln	Young (FL)
Ford	McDade	

□ 2047

Messrs. BRYANT of Texas, OWENS, AND LEWIS of Georgia changed their vote from “yea” to “nay.”

Mr. FATTAH and Mr. MINGE changed their 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.

Without objection, House Resolution 497 is laid on the table.

There was no objection.

CONFERENCE REPORT ON H.R. 3845, DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 1997

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. HAYWORTH). The pending business is the vote on the conference report on H.R. 3845.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

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

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

This is a 5-minute vote.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 330, nays 91, not voting 12, as follows:

[Roll No. 395]

YEAS—330

Abercrombie	Blute	Chrysler
Ackerman	Boehlert	Clay
Armey	Boehner	Clayton
Bachus	Bonilla	Clement
Baker (LA)	Bonior	Clinger
Baldacci	Bono	Clyburn
Ballenger	Borski	Coburn
Barrett (NE)	Boucher	Coleman
Barrett (WI)	Brown (CA)	Collins (IL)
Bartlett	Brown (FL)	Collins (MI)
Bass	Brown (OH)	Conyers
Bateman	Bryant (TN)	Costello
Becerra	Bryant (TX)	Cox
Beilenson	Bunn	Coyne
Bentsen	Bunning	Crane
Bereuter	Burr	Cremeans
Berman	Calvert	Cubin
Bevill	Camp	Cummings
Bilbray	Canady	Cunningham
Bilirakis	Cardin	Danner
Bishop	Castle	Davis
Bliley	Chabot	de la Garza
Blumenauer	Christensen	Deal

DeLauro	Johnson, E. B.	Pastor	Everett	Meyers	Shadegg
DeLay	Johnson, Sam	Paxon	Fowler	Mica	Shays
Deutsch	Johnston	Payne (NJ)	Frank (MA)	Miller (CA)	Solomon
Diaz-Balart	Jones	Payne (VA)	Frelinghuysen	Moorhead	Stearns
Dicks	Kanjorski	Peterson (FL)	Gillmor	Nadler	Stenholm
Dingell	Kaptur	Pombo	Gilman	Owens	Stockman
Dixon	Kasich	Pomeroy	Goss	Pelosi	Stump
Dooley	Kelly	Porter	Hall (TX)	Peterson (MN)	Talent
Doollittle	Kennedy (MA)	Portman	Hamilton	Petri	Taylor (MS)
Dornan	Kennedy (RI)	Poshard	Hancock	Pickett	Taylor (NC)
Doyle	Kennelly	Pryce	Hefley	Ramstad	Thornberry
Dreier	Kildee	Quillen	Hefner	Roberts	Thornton
Dunn	Kim	Quinn	Hilleary	Roemer	Tiahrt
Durbin	King	Radanovich	Hoekstra	Roukema	Torkildsen
Ehlers	Kingston	Rahall	Inglis	Royce	Torricelli
Ehrlich	Kleccka	Rangel	Klug	Salmon	Upton
Engel	Klink	Reed	LaHood	Sanford	Volkmer
English	Knollenberg	Regula	Laughlin	Scarborough	Weller
Ensign	Kolbe	Richardson	Lazio	Schaefer	Williams
Eshoo	LaFalce	Riggs	Leach	Schroeder	Zimmer
Evans	Lantos	Rivers	Lofgren	Schumer	
Ewing	Largent	Rogers	McInnis	Sensenbrenner	
Farr	Latham	Rohrabacher			
Fattah	LaTourette	Ros-Lehtinen			
Fawell	Levin	Rose	Brownback	Ford	McDade
Fazio	Lewis (CA)	Roth	Chapman	Gekas	Studds
Fields (LA)	Lewis (GA)	Roybal-Allard	Dickey	Gunderson	Wilson
Fields (TX)	Lewis (KY)	Rush	Edwards	Lincoln	Young (FL)
Filner	Lightfoot	Sabo			
Flake	Linder	Sanders			
Flanagan	Lipinski	Sawyer			
Foglietta	Livingston	Saxton			
Foley	LoBiondo	Schiff			
Forbes	Longley	Scott			
Fox	Lowe	Seastrand			
Franks (CT)	Lucas	Serrano			
Franks (NJ)	Luther	Shaw			
Frisa	Maloney	Shuster			
Frost	Manton	Sisisky			
Funderburk	Manzullo	Skaggs			
Furse	Markey	Skeen			
Gallegly	Martinez	Skelton			
Ganske	Martini	Slaughter			
Gejdenson	Mascara	Smith (MI)			
Gephardt	Matsui	Smith (NJ)			
Geren	McCarthy	Smith (TX)			
Gibbons	McCollum	Smith (WA)			
Gilchrest	McCrery	Souder			
Gonzalez	McDermott	Spence			
Goodlatte	McHale	Spratt			
Goodling	McHugh	Stark			
Gordon	McIntosh	Stokes			
Graham	McKeon	Stupak			
Green (TX)	McKinney	Tanner			
Greene (UT)	McNulty	Tate			
Greenwood	Meehan	Tauzin			
Gutierrez	Meeke	Tejeda			
Gutknecht	Menendez	Thomas			
Hall (OH)	Metcalfe	Thompson			
Hansen	Millender	Thurman			
Harman	McDonald	Torres			
Hastert	Miller (FL)	Towns			
Hastings (FL)	Minge	Trafficant			
Hastings (WA)	Mink	Velazquez			
Hayes	Moakley	Vento			
Hayworth	Molinari	Visclosky			
Heineman	Mollohan	Vucanovich			
Henger	Montgomery	Walker			
Hilliard	Moran	Walsh			
Hinchey	Morella	Wamp			
Hobson	Murtha	Ward			
Hoke	Myers	Waters			
Holden	Myrick	Watt (NC)			
Horn	Neal	Watts (OK)			
Hostettler	Nethercutt	Waxman			
Houghton	Neumann	Weldon (FL)			
Hoyer	Ney	Weldon (PA)			
Hunter	Norwood	White			
Hutchinson	Nussle	Whitfield			
Hyde	Oberstar	Wicker			
Istook	Obey	Wise			
Jackson (IL)	Olver	Wolf			
Jackson-Lee	Ortiz	Woolsey			
(TX)	Orton	Wynn			
Jacobs	Oxley	Yates			
Jefferson	Packard	Young (AK)			
Johnson (CT)	Pallone	Zeliff			
Johnson (SD)	Parker				

NAYS—91

Allard	Browder	Combest
Andrews	Burton	Condit
Archer	Buyer	Cooley
Baessler	Callahan	Cramer
Baker (CA)	Campbell	Crapo
Barcia	Chambliss	DeFazio
Barr	Chenoweth	Dellums
Barton	Coble	Doggett
Brewster	Collins (GA)	Duncan

Everett	Meyers	Shadegg
Fowler	Mica	Shays
Frank (MA)	Miller (CA)	Solomon
Frelinghuysen	Moorhead	Stearns
Gillmor	Nadler	Stenholm
Gilman	Owens	Stockman
Goss	Pelosi	Stump
Hall (TX)	Peterson (MN)	Talent
Hamilton	Petri	Taylor (MS)
Hancock	Pickett	Taylor (NC)
Hefley	Ramstad	Thornberry
Hefner	Roberts	Thornton
Hilleary	Roemer	Tiahrt
Hoekstra	Roukema	Torkildsen
Inglis	Royce	Torricelli
Klug	Salmon	Upton
LaHood	Sanford	Volkmer
Laughlin	Scarborough	Weller
Lazio	Schaefer	Williams
Leach	Schroeder	Zimmer
Lofgren	Schumer	
McInnis	Sensenbrenner	

NOT VOTING—12

Brownback	Ford	McDade
Chapman	Gekas	Studds
Dickey	Gunderson	Wilson
Edwards	Lincoln	Young (FL)

□ 2059

Messrs. INGLIS of South Carolina, TORKILDSEN, and COLLINS of Georgia changed their vote from “yea” to “nay.”

□ 2100

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. GEKAS. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 395, I happened to be on the telephone at the time that the final vote was being taken. Had I been present I would have voted “aye.”

CONTINGENT PERMISSION FOR LEATHER BOUND VOLUME ON SPECIAL ORDER IN TRIBUTE TO THE LATE HON. HAMILTON FISH, JR.

Mr. RANGEL. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that that portion of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD for July 25, 1996, where Members were allowed to pay tribute to our colleague, the late Hamilton Fish, that that portion be leather bound for distribution for Members and the family of Hamilton Fish and that former members be given notice an opportunity to insert their tribute into the leather bound books.

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

There was no objection.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. With the concurrence of the Joint Committee on Printing.

LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM

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

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, let me first advise the Members, and I do understand how hard we are all working,

we are all anxious to complete our work to make our departures for our August recess work period.

At this time I can only advise Members, to the best of my knowledge, we should expect additional votes this evening within the hour. At any point during the evening, when I find information by which I can advise otherwise, I will ask for time to do so. But my best advice at this point is we must be prepared to stay for additional votes tonight, and I will keep Members informed.

I want to also express my appreciation to the Members on both sides of the aisle for your patience with these times being as they are.

PERMISSION TO ENTERTAIN MOTIONS TO SUSPEND THE RULES ON WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 1996

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that notwithstanding clause 1 of rule XXVII, the Speaker may entertain motions to suspend the rules on Wednesday, September 4, 1996.

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

Mr. FROST. Mr. Speaker, reserving the right to object, I do not intend to object. I would, however, like to clarify with the distinguished majority leader our understanding of what the procedure will be on Wednesday, September 4, with regard to suspensions.

It is our understanding that his office will supply us with the final list of suspensions he intends to consider on September 4 by noon on August 21st. We have requested this information from him in order to notify our Members in advance just what bill will be under consideration so that our Members who are interested in debating the bills could arrange to be here. It is our understanding that no additional bills will be added to this list without the unanimous consent of the minority.

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

Mr. FROST. I yield to the gentleman from Texas.

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, the gentleman is absolutely correct in the way he has stated it. We will supply that list by the 21st of August noon, and that indeed no other suspension would be brought up except by additional unanimous consent. And I would, again, like to express my appreciation for the leadership on the minority side of the aisle for their cooperation in working with us on this.

Mr. FROST. Mr. Speaker, I thank the majority leader, and I withdraw my reservation of objection.

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

There was no objection.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

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

Mr. SOLOMON. Mr. Speaker, as I understand it, the next item of business will be the rule on the defense authorization conference report. It is my intention to only use 2 or 3 minutes and then, when the manager on the Democrat side has done the same, we would then yield back our time and expedite this rule without a vote.

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

Mr. SOLOMON. I yield to the gentleman from Texas.

Mr. FROST. Mr. Speaker, I cannot assure the gentleman that it will only be 2 or 3 minutes. It will not be the full time. We do have a request by the gentleman from New Mexico for a colloquy. We also have a request by the ranking member on the Committee on Commerce for the opportunity to speak. But we will move along as quickly as we can.

Mr. SOLOMON. Mr. Speaker, a minimum amount of time on both sides.

CONFERENCE REPORT ON H.R. 3230, NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 1997

Mr. SOLOMON. Mr. Speaker, by direction of the Committee on Rules, I call up House Resolution 498 and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 498

Resolved, That upon adoption of this resolution it shall be in order to consider the conference report to accompany the bill (H.R. 3230) to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 1997 for military activities of the Department of Defense, to prescribe military personnel strengths for fiscal year 1997, and for other purposes. All points of order against the conference report and against its consideration are waived. The conference report shall be considered as read.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from New York [Mr. SOLOMON] is recognized for one hour.

(Mr. SOLOMON asked and was given permission to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. SOLOMON. Mr. Speaker, for the purposes of debate only, I yield the customary 30 minutes to the gentleman from Texas [Mr. FROST], pending which I yield myself such time as I might consume. During consideration of this resolution, all time yielded is for the purpose of debate only.

Mr. Speaker, House Resolution 498 provides for the consideration of the conference report to accompany H.R. 3230, the National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 1997.

The rule waives all points of order against the conference report and against its consideration. It further provides that the conference report shall be considered as read.

The waiver includes a waiver of the 3-day layout rule, as the report was filed only Tuesday. This was necessary so that the House could complete consideration of this measure before the Au-

gust recess tomorrow. Further, the report has been available in committee offices so Members and staff have had ample time to review it.

Mr. Speaker, this is a fair rule that provides for expeditious consideration of this critically important legislation. I urge support of the rule. I will not bother to get into the details of the bill. It has been debated at considerable length. We all know the contents.

Mr. Speaker, I urge prompt action on the rule, and I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. FROST. Mr. Speaker, I yield 4 minutes to the gentleman from New Mexico [Mr. RICHARDSON], our ambassador at large, for the purposes of engaging in a colloquy.

Mr. RICHARDSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise for the purpose of entering into a colloquy with the gentleman from Colorado [Mr. SCHAEFER], the chairman of the Subcommittee on Energy and Power.

As the gentleman knows, the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant in New Mexico will have a direct impact on many of our constituents in that State. While I support amending the land withdrawal act, I would like to clarify some aspects of this amending language.

First, I have concerns about designating November 1997 as the opening date for the facility. If new health and safety problems arise prior to start-up, I want to be assured that resolving these concerns will take precedence over the opening date.

Secondly, the issue of proper oversight is an important one. I want to ensure that the EPA will have a full capability to provide for the safe operation and regulation of WIPP.

Finally, I am concerned about the exemption from RCRA no-migration standards. As the gentleman knows, I have advocated for the implementation of an independent review of EPA's decision to strike the RCRA no-migration rules, possibly by the National Academy of Sciences. I want to be assured that the deletion of RCRA no-migration standards will not result in a degradation of environmental standards at WIPP.

Let me say that I appreciate the work of the gentleman. The work of the gentleman from New Mexico [Mr. SKEEN] in responsibly moving this language forward. I do support the provisions affecting WIPP, but would appreciate any comment he has on these matters.

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

Mr. RICHARDSON. I yield to the gentleman from Colorado.

Mr. SCHAEFER. Mr. Speaker, I truly thank the gentleman from New Mexico, and it has been a great pleasure working with him on this particular situation. I do appreciate his concerns. A timely opening of WIPP is very important. It is equally critical that the facility opens and operates in a very safe manner.

First, the 1997 opening date is not a hard, statutory requirement, but is