

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. BROWNBACK. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably detained due to the inclement weather at the airport earlier today, but had I been here I would have voted "yea" on rollcall vote 402.

UKRAINE INDEPENDENCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. WICKER). The pending business is the question of suspending the rules and agreeing to the concurrent resolution, House Concurrent Resolution 120, as amended.

The Clerk read the title of the concurrent resolution.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from New York [Mr. GILMAN] that the House suspend the rules and agree to the concurrent resolution, House Concurrent Resolution 120, as amended.

The question was taken.

RECORDED VOTE

Mr. WALKER. Mr. Speaker, I demand a recorded vote.

A recorded vote was ordered.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—ayes 382, noes 1, answered "present" 1, not voting 49, as follows:

[Roll No. 403]

AYES—382

Abercrombie	Chabot	Ewing
Ackerman	Chambliss	Farr
Allard	Christensen	Fattah
Archer	Chrysler	Fawell
Armey	Clay	Fazio
Bachus	Clayton	Fields (LA)
Baesler	Clement	Fields (TX)
Baker (CA)	Clinger	Filner
Baker (LA)	Clyburn	Flake
Baldacci	Coble	Foglietta
Ballenger	Coleman	Foley
Barcia	Collins (GA)	Forbes
Barrett (NE)	Collins (MI)	Fox
Barrett (WI)	Combest	Frank (MA)
Bartlett	Condit	Franks (CT)
Barton	Conyers	Franks (NJ)
Bass	Cooley	Frelinghuysen
Bateman	Costello	Frost
Becerra	Cox	Funderburk
Beilenson	Coyne	Furse
Bentsen	Cramer	Gejdenson
Bereuter	Crapo	Gekas
Bevill	Creameans	Gephardt
Bilbray	Cubin	Geren
Bilirakis	Cummings	Gilchrest
Bishop	Cunningham	Gillmor
Bliley	Danner	Gilman
Blumenauer	Davis	Gonzalez
Blute	Deal	Goodlatte
Boehlert	DeFazio	Goodling
Boehner	DeLauro	Gordon
Bonilla	DeLay	Goss
Bonior	Dellums	Graham
Bono	Deutsch	Green (TX)
Borski	Diaz-Balart	Greene (UT)
Boucher	Dickey	Greenwood
Brewster	Dicks	Gunderson
Browder	Dingell	Gutierrez
Brown (CA)	Dixon	Gutknecht
Brown (OH)	Doggett	Hall (OH)
Brownback	Dooley	Hall (TX)
Bryant (TX)	Doolittle	Hamilton
Bunn	Doyle	Hancock
Bunning	Dreier	Harman
Burr	Duncan	Hastert
Burton	Dunn	Hastings (FL)
Callahan	Edwards	Hastings (WA)
Calvert	Ehlers	Hayworth
Camp	Ehrlich	Hefley
Campbell	English	Hefner
Canady	Eshoo	Heineman
Cardin	Evans	Herger
Castle	Everett	Hilleary

Hilliard	McIntosh	Schiff
Hinchey	McKinney	Schroeder
Hobson	McNulty	Schumer
Hoekstra	Meehan	Scott
Hoke	Meek	Seastrand
Holden	Menendez	Sensenbrenner
Horn	Meyers	Serrano
Hostettler	Mica	Shadegg
Houghton	Miller (CA)	Shaw
Hoyer	Miller (FL)	Shays
Hunter	Mink	Shuster
Hutchinson	Moakley	Sisisky
Hyde	Molinari	Skaggs
Inglis	Mollohan	Skeen
Istook	Montgomery	Skelton
Jackson (IL)	Moorhead	Slaughter
Jackson-Lee	Moran	Smith (MI)
(TX)	Morella	Smith (NJ)
Jefferson	Myers	Smith (TX)
Johnson (CT)	Myrick	Smith (WA)
Johnson (SD)	Neal	Solomon
Johnson, E. B.	Nethercutt	Souder
Johnston	Neumann	Spence
Jones	Ney	Spratt
Kanjorski	Nussle	Stark
Kaptur	Oberstar	Stearns
Kasich	Obey	Stenholm
Kelly	Olver	Stockman
Kennedy (MA)	Ortiz	Stokes
Kennedy (RI)	Orton	Studds
Kennelly	Owens	Stump
Kildee	Oxley	Stupak
Kim	Packard	Talent
King	Pallone	Tate
Klecckza	Parker	Tauzin
Klink	Paxon	Taylor (MS)
Knollenberg	Payne (NJ)	Taylor (NC)
Kolbe	Payne (VA)	Tejeda
LaFalce	Pelosi	Thomas
LaHood	Peterson (FL)	Thompson
Largent	Peterson (MN)	Thornberry
Latham	Petri	Thornton
LaTourette	Pickett	Thurman
Laughlin	Pombo	Torkildsen
Lazio	Pomeroy	Torres
Leach	Porter	Towns
Levin	Portman	Trafigant
Lewis (CA)	Poshard	Upton
Lewis (GA)	Pryce	Velazquez
Lewis (KY)	Quillen	Vento
Linder	Quinn	Visclosky
Lipinski	Radanovich	Volkmer
Livingston	Rahall	Vucanovich
LoBiondo	Rangel	Walker
Lofgren	Reed	Walsh
Longley	Regula	Wamp
Lowey	Richardson	Ward
Lucas	Riggs	Waters
Luther	Rivers	Watt (NC)
Maloney	Roberts	Watts (OK)
Manton	Roemer	Waxman
Manzullo	Rogers	Weldon (FL)
Markey	Ros-Lehtinen	Weldon (PA)
Martinez	Rose	Weller
Martini	Roth	White
Mascara	Roukema	Whitfield
Matsui	Roybal-Allard	Wicker
McCarthy	Sabo	Wilson
McCollum	Salmon	Wise
McCrery	Sanders	Wolf
McDade	Sanford	Woolsey
McDermott	Sawyer	Wynn
McHale	Saxton	Yates
McHugh	Scarborough	Young (FL)
McInnis	Schaefer	

NOES—1

Jacobs

ANSWERED "PRESENT"—1

Barr

NOT VOTING—49

Andrews	Flanagan	McKeon
Berman	Ford	Metcalf
Brown (FL)	Fowler	Millender
Bryant (TN)	Frisa	McDonald
Buyer	Galleghy	Minge
Chapman	Ganske	Murtha
Chenoweth	Gibbons	Nadler
Coburn	Hansen	Norwood
Collins (IL)	Hayes	Pastor
Crane	Johnson, Sam	Ramstad
de la Garza	Kingston	Rohrabacher
Dornan	Klug	Royce
Durbin	Lantos	Rush
Engel	Lightfoot	Tanner
Ensign	Lincoln	

Tiahrt	Williams	Zeliff
Torricelli	Young (AK)	Zimmer

□ 1758

So (two-thirds having voted in favor thereof) the rules were suspended and the concurrent resolution, as amended, 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. LIGHTFOOT. Mr. Speaker, I was not able to be present for the votes taken on H.R. 447 and House Concurrent Resolution 120. Had I been present I would have voted "aye" on both measures.

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Mr. RAMSTAD. Mr. Speaker, I rise to express my support for H.R. 447, the bill to establish a toll free number to assist consumers in determining if products are American made, and House Concurrent Resolution 120, in support of the independence of sovereignty of Ukraine and the progress of its political and economic reforms.

Due to a delayed flight because of inclement weather, I was unable to be here for roll call votes number 402 and 403. But had I been here I would have voted in favor of the above bill and concurrent resolution.

□ 1800

SPECIAL ORDERS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. (Mr. WICKER). Under the Speaker's announced policy of May 12, 1995, and under a previous order of the House, the following members are recognized for 5 minutes each.

THE PRESIDENT MADE THE RIGHT DECISION

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Texas [Ms. JACKSON-LEE] is recognized for 5 minutes.

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, today and yesterday was the beginning of a new school year for many of this Nation's children. I would imagine as they entered the schoolhouse doors, they were looking forward to an exciting new year of education and inspiration. Sad as it is, in the backdrop of them going to school and those in my 18th Congressional District, was the fact that this Nation was poised in an act of conflict with Saddam Hussein.

Many of my constituents as I left for Washington again expressed their extreme concern, the concern that we would enter into circumstances that might cause us to be involved in a conflict many, many miles away from our land.

As I read the USA Today, it was very telling to understand in Arabic that Saddam's name means "the one who

confronts," and that maybe for 59 years of his life, that is exactly what this leader of Iraq has done.

This time, maybe he has not acted to invade a nation, as he did with Kuwait, but to reassert his authority over a part of Iraq. In any event, he rises to assert his power over those who would not want it.

I think it is important to be able to congratulate and to thank the President for his measured, but pointed, response. As the Presidential race continues and politics become intertwined with government, I think it is important Republicans and Democrats alike should recognize what the responsibility of America is all about. That is that, if we enter into any conflict where we offer our men and women in the Armed Forces, we do it with caution, with seriousness, with understanding.

Mr. Speaker, I am gratified that the captain of the B-52 bomber was from Texas and that their initial mission was successful and that they were able to make the pointed determination as ordered by the Chief of our command, President Clinton, but as well they were able to come away with American lives not lost.

It is important to know that the President did not hastily decide to send Americans in, nor has he committed ground troops to that action. But what he has done is continue to study the issue and to continue to be on top of the issue and to assure us that he will act on behalf of all Americans.

Mr. Speaker, it is important to recognize that the Bosnian decision that was made after some of us had the opportunity to visit Bosnia, the former Yugoslavia and Croatia, was one of peace, to ensure that the Serbs and Muslims would not fight anymore, and those who wanted to come home could come home. Although it has not been perfect, I again thank the President for his measured response and his commitment to peace.

To my constituents let me say that it is important, now that we have gathered here in Washington, that we not raise our voices in political rhetoric, that we monitor this situation, that we be concerned about the Kurds and their desire for peace, that we recognize that this is an internal conflict, but it is led by a man who wants to confront. It is important that we try and minimize any loss of life of American men and women, that we do our very best to enforce the principles of democracy of this Nation, and that we recognize the leadership role that we have, both in foreign policy and creating an atmosphere of peace in this world.

I ask the President in his wisdom and his leadership that he continue to keep the Congress apprised of the leadership that is needed for us to go forward and do the right thing. Then I would ask those of us who gather in the U.S. Congress to be supportive where it is necessary, and as well to be questioning on behalf of our constituents. But this is

the right decision, and we must stand on behalf of democracy and fairness and the saving of lives.

Mr. Speaker, I thank the men and women who are part of our Armed Forces, who are always faithful, always strong, always committed.

DEVELOPMENTS IN HAITI

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Florida [Mr. GOSS] is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. GOSS. Mr. Speaker, it has been a hectic August recess this year, Mr. Speaker, so as we return I want to take a moment to make my colleagues aware of some of the recent disturbing developments in Haiti.

It would be very easy indeed to miss these things because no one—neither the media nor the White House—seems interested in making a concerted effort to analyze what is going on in that small Caribbean nation. Although, behind the scenes we understand that Haiti is hosting a high level cast of characters from the administration—National Security Advisor Anthony Lake, Joe Sullivan from the Haiti Working Group, Janet Reno our Attorney General, General Sheehan of the Atlantic Command and even Strobe Talbot himself. With them, we understand, goes an additional \$10 million for the beleaguered Haitian National Police Force—we are certainly all anxious to know which account it came from.

Then there is another gift for the national police in the form of a contingent of Marines who went last week for yet another training mission—this time protecting the U.S. Embassy in Haiti. We can almost certainly expect to see more of these training exercises—muscle-flexing, if you will—for the next few months.

What specifically are my colleagues and I so concerned about? The few reports we have seen in recent weeks tell a tale of assassination plots, political killings, threats against the Haitian media community, and general civil unrest. On August 19, 20 men, suspected to be members of Haiti's disbanded military, attacked the National Palace and police headquarters in Port-au-Prince. One report in the Washington Times said that the attackers "nearly overran police headquarters."

There are strong suggestions that the right may be once again formalizing its structure and that the left may be involved in payback killings against those who ran Haiti during the Cedras era.

In fact, Evans Paul, once mayor of Port-au-Prince and respected head of the FNCD Party in Haiti, publicly issued an accusation on August 22 that the government of Rene Preval is responsible for the assassinations of right-leaning Minister Antoine Leroy and Paul Florival in Port-au-Prince August 20. He made the bold—and dangerous statement—that in practice

"There are no differences between the Lavalas group and the 'Macoutes'." Because both use the same methods. We only hope that Mr. Paul won't pay for exercising his freedom to speak with his life.

Finally, in recent days, we have seen allegations that members of the National Palace Security Force have been involved in criminal activities.

Mr. Speaker, clearly something is seriously wrong in Haiti. When, can we ask, will the White House come clean, stop glossing over the rough spots, stop calling this a success, and put some meat on the bones of this anemic effort. After spending \$3 billion in taxpayers' money, the American people and the American Congress expect and demand better.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from California [Mr. RIGGS] is recognized for 5 minutes.

[Mr. RIGGS addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.]

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Pennsylvania [Mr. WELDON] is recognized for 5 minutes.

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PRESERVING PROTECTING AND ENHANCING MEDICARE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the house, the gentleman from Pennsylvania [Mr. FOX] is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. FOX of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I come to the well of the House tonight to speak about a very important topic to all Americans, and that is the preservation, the protection and enhancement of Medicare.

Medicare is the important healthcare program for our senior citizens, and the President's trustees not long ago told us if we do nothing to improve Medicare's financial stability, by the year 2001 it will be out of business. So we in the House and Senate, as well as the President, need to work together to make sure we preserve and protect Medicare.

You may say to yourself, how did we get to this point? We have \$30 billion a year in fraud, waste and abuse by providers; not all providers, but some providers, whether it be doctors, hospitals, or insurance companies, have led us to a \$30 billion a year figure of fraud, waste and abuse.

So, Mr. Speaker, the majority party has introduced legislation which we hope will be eventually passed, which will in fact clue for the first time healthcare fraud as a crime, so that those who would systematically and regularly bilk the Federal Government through Medicare fraud, waste and