

authorizing committee. He has done a real fine job in getting this bill through, and in a way that the President can sign it and give the money to the District that it sorely needs.

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

Mr. LIVINGSTON. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume. I would point out that I wholeheartedly agree with the accolades bestowed by the gentleman from Virginia. I would like to thank him for all of his cooperation. It has helped bring about this moment. It is overdue. We want to get the District of Columbia adequately funded and pass this bill as quickly as possible.

I want to add a special commendation, though, for the gentleman from North Carolina [Mr. TAYLOR], who has had lots of farsighted ideas on how to put the District of Columbia on firm fiscal footing. I think he is a man ahead of his time. Many of his ideas will be adopted but some of them just could not pass through muster at this time.

I thank the gentleman from Virginia [Mr. MORAN], I thank the gentleman from North Carolina [Mr. TAYLOR], I thank the gentlewoman from the District of Columbia [Ms. NORTON], the gentleman from Virginia [Mr. DAVIS], and all of the staff who have lent a hand in putting this bill together. I congratulate all the Members of the House and look forward to their wholehearted, enthusiastic passage of this bill.

Ms. BROWN of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I would like to call attention to what I believe is a human rights travesty happening right here in this country. First, we should not be considering immigration issues on the appropriations bill for the District of Columbia. Second, we should not be discriminating against our neighbors in this Hemisphere, the Haitians, with regard to our immigration policy.

Mr. Speaker, this bill has provisions to grant certain groups of immigrants permanent residence and others have extensions of time for consideration of their applications. The Haitians have been given absolutely no special provisions, even though many of them have been persecuted, just miles from our shores.

This is a disgrace because it is blatant discrimination, that the conferees failed to correct, and tonight, the Rules Committee failed to correct.

Mr. Speaker, I have seen the Rules Committee make far more drastic changes to bills than what would have been required here to restore fairness to our immigration policy.

Mr. Speaker, correcting the U.S. immigration policy with regard to Haitians should be the first priority in the second session of the 105th Congress. I intend to make sure it happens. We need to treat our neighbors with dignity and respect, and most of all, treat them fairly.

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

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. LAHOOD). All time for debate has expired.

Pursuant to House Resolution 324, the previous question is ordered.

The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Louisiana [Mr. LIVINGSTON].

The motion was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

# CONFERENCE REPORT ON H.R. 2159, FOREIGN OPERATIONS, EXPORT FINANCING, AND RELATED PRO- GRAMS APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 1998

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The pending business is the question of agreeing to the conference report on the bill, H.R. 2159, on which the yeas and nays are ordered.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

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

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were— yeas 333, nays 76, answered "present" 1, not voting 22, as follows:

## [Roll No. 631] YEAS—333

Abercrombie	Deal	Hinchey
Ackerman	DeFazio	Hinojosa
Allen	DeGette	Hobson
Andrews	Delahunt	Holden
Army	DeLauro	Hookey
Bachus	DeLay	Horn
Baesler	Dellums	Hoyer
Baldacci	Deutsch	Hunter
Ballenger	Diaz-Balart	Hutchinson
Barrett (WI)	Dickey	Istook
Bass	Dicks	Jackson (IL)
Bateman	Dingell	Jackson-Lee
Becerra	Dixon	(TX)
Bentsen	Doggett	Jefferson
Bereuter	Dooley	Jenkins
Berman	Doyle	John
Bilirakis	Dreier	Johnson (CT)
Bishop	Dunn	Johnson (WI)
Blagojevich	Edwards	Johnson, E. B.
Bliley	Ehlers	Kanjorski
Blumenauer	Ehrlich	Kaptur
Boehlert	Engel	Kasich
Boehner	English	Kelly
Bonilla	Eshoo	Kennedy (MA)
Bonior	Etheridge	Kennedy (RI)
Bono	Evans	Kennelly
Borski	Everett	Kildee
Boswell	Ewing	Kilpatrick
Boucher	Farr	Kim
Boyd	Fattah	Kind (WI)
Brown (CA)	Fawell	King (NY)
Brown (FL)	Fazio	Kingston
Brown (OH)	Filner	Klecicka
Bryant	Foley	Klink
Bunning	Forbes	Klug
Burr	Ford	Knollenberg
Burton	Fossella	Kolbe
Callahan	Fowler	LaFalce
Calvert	Fox	Lampson
Camp	Frank (MA)	Lantos
Campbell	Franks (NJ)	Largent
Canady	Frelinghuysen	Latham
Cardin	Frost	LaTourette
Carson	Gallegly	Lazio
Castle	Ganske	Leach
Chambliss	Gejdenson	Levin
Christensen	Gekas	Lewis (CA)
Clay	Gibbons	Lewis (GA)
Clayton	Gilchrest	Lewis (KY)
Clement	Gillmor	Linder
Clyburn	Gilman	Lipinski
Coble	Goodlatte	Livingston
Collins	Gordon	LoBiondo
Conyers	Goss	Lofgren
Cook	Granger	Lowe
Cooksey	Green	Luther
Costello	Greenwood	Maloney (CT)
Cox	Gutierrez	Maloney (NY)
Coyne	Hall (OH)	Manton
Cramer	Hamilton	Manzullo
Crapo	Harman	Martinez
Cummings	Hastert	Mascara
Cunningham	Hastings (FL)	Matsui
Danner	Hayworth	McCarthy (MO)
Davis (FL)	Hefner	McCarthy (NY)
Davis (IL)	Hill	McCollum
Davis (VA)	Hilliard	McCrery

McDade	Peterson (MN)	Smith (TX)
McDermott	Pitts	Smith, Adam
McGovern	Pomeroy	Smith, Linda
McHale	Porter	Snowbarger
McHugh	Portman	Snyder
McInnis	Poshard	Souder
McIntosh	Price (NC)	Spence
McIntyre	Quinn	Spratt
McKeon	Ramstad	Stabenow
McKinney	Rangel	Stenholm
McNulty	Redmond	Stokes
Meek	Regula	Strickland
Menendez	Reyes	Stupak
Metcalfe	Riggs	Talent
Millender	Rivers	Tauscher
McDonald	Rodriguez	Tauzin
Miller (CA)	Rogan	Taylor (NC)
Miller (FL)	Ros-Lehtinen	Thomas
Mink	Rothman	Thompson
Moakley	Roukema	Thune
Mollohan	Roybal-Allard	Thurman
Moran (VA)	Rush	Tierney
Morella	Sabo	Torres
Murtha	Salmon	Towns
Nadler	Sanchez	Turner
Nethercutt	Sanders	Upton
Neumann	Sandlin	Velazquez
Ney	Sawyer	Vento
Northup	Saxton	Visclosky
Nussle	Schaefer, Dan	Walsh
Oberstar	Schaffer, Bob	Wamp
Obey	Schumer	Waters
Oliver	Scott	Watt (NC)
Ortiz	Serrano	Waxman
Owens	Shadegg	Weldon (PA)
Oxley	Shaw	Weller
Packard	Shays	Wexler
Pallone	Sherman	Weygand
Pappas	Shimkus	Whitfield
Parker	Sisisky	Wicker
Pascarella	Skaggs	Wise
Pastor	Skeen	Wolf
Paxon	Skelton	Woolsey
Payne	Slaughter	Wynn
Pelosi	Smith (MI)	

## NAYS—76

Aderholt	Hansen	Rahall
Archer	Hastings (WA)	Roemer
Barr	Hefley	Rogers
Barrett (NE)	Herger	Rohrabacher
Bartlett	Hilleary	Royce
Barton	Hoekstra	Ryun
Berry	Hostettler	Sanford
Bilbray	Hulshof	Scarborough
Blunt	Hyde	Sensenbrenner
Brady	Inglis	Sessions
Buyer	Johnson, Sam	Smith (NJ)
Cannon	Jones	Solomon
Chabot	Kucinich	Stearns
Chenoweth	LaHood	Stump
Coburn	Lucas	Sununu
Condit	Mica	Tanner
Crane	Minge	Taylor (MS)
Doolittle	Moran (KS)	Thornberry
Duncan	Myrick	Tiahrt
Emerson	Paul	Trafficant
Ensign	Pease	Watkins
Goode	Peterson (PA)	Watts (OK)
Goodling	Petri	Weldon (FL)
Graham	Pickering	Young (FL)
Gutknecht	Pickett	
Hall (TX)	Pombo	

## ANSWERED "PRESENT"—1

Barcia

## NOT VOTING—22

Baker	Markey	Shuster
Combest	Meehan	Smith (OR)
Cubin	Neal	Stark
Flake	Norwood	White
Furse	Pryce (OH)	Yates
Gephardt	Radanovich	Young (AK)
Gonzalez	Riley	
Houghton	Schiff	

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Messrs. HALL of Texas, BLUNT, HYDE, CHABOT, and SCARBOROUGH changed their vote from "yea" to "nay."

Mrs. ROUKEMA, Mr. WHITFIELD, and Mr. SHADEGG changed their vote from "nay" to "yea."

Mr. CHRISTENSEN changed his vote from "present" 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. MENENDEZ. Mr. Speaker, during rollcall vote number 629 on House Resolution 319, I was unavoidably detained. Had I been present, I would have voted "no."

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Ms. PRYCE of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, due to an official leave of absence for family obligations, I was absent during legislative business on November 12, 1997. If I had been present, I would have voted in the following manner:

House Resolution 319 (rollcall No. 629): Rule providing for the consideration of the bill (S. 738) to reform the statutes relating to Amtrak, and for other purposes. Aye.

House Resolution 314 (rollcall No. 630): Waiving a requirement of clause 4(b) of rule XI with respect to consideration of certain resolutions reported from the Committee on Rules, and for other purposes. Aye

H.R. 2159 (rollcall No. 631): Foreign Operations Appropriations Act Conference Report. Aye.

#### AMENDING THE RULES OF THE HOUSE TO REPEAL EXCEPTION TO REQUIREMENT THAT PUBLIC COMMITTEE PROCEEDINGS BE OPEN TO ALL MEDIA

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. LAHOOD). The pending business is the question de novo on agreeing to House Resolution 301.

The Clerk read the title of the resolution.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the resolution.

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

#### RECORDED VOTE

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

A recorded vote was ordered.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—ayes 241, noes 165, not voting 27, as follows:

[Roll No. 632]

#### AYES—241

Aderholt	Bono	Clement
Archer	Boswell	Coble
Army	Brady	Coburn
Baesler	Bryant	Collins
Ballenger	Bunning	Cook
Barr	Burr	Cooksey
Bartlett	Burton	Cox
Barton	Buyer	Crane
Bass	Callahan	Crapo
Bateman	Calvert	Cunningham
Bereuter	Camp	Davis (FL)
Berman	Campbell	Deal
Bilbray	Canady	DeFazio
Billakis	Cannon	DeLay
Bliley	Castle	Diaz-Balart
Blunt	Chabot	Dickey
Boehlert	Chambliss	Doggett
Boehner	Chenoweth	Doolittle
Bonilla	Christensen	Dreier

Duncan	Kingston	Rogan
Dunn	Klug	Rogers
Edwards	Knollenberg	Rohrabacher
Ehlers	Kolbe	Ros-Lehtinen
Ehrlich	LaHood	Royce
English	Lampson	Ryun
Ensign	Latham	Salmon
Everett	LaTourette	Sanchez
Ewing	Lazio	Sandlin
Fawell	Leach	Sanford
Foley	Lewis (CA)	Saxton
Forbes	Lewis (KY)	Scarborough
Fossella	Linder	Schaefer, Dan
Fowler	Lipinski	Schaffer, Bob
Fox	Livingston	Schumer
Franks (NJ)	LoBiondo	Sensenbrenner
Frelinghuysen	Lucas	Sessions
Gallegly	Luther	Shadegg
Ganske	Maloney (CT)	Shaw
Gekas	Manzullo	Shays
Gibbons	McCarthy (MO)	Sherman
Gilchrest	McCarthy (NY)	Shimkus
Gillmor	McCollum	Skeen
Gilman	McCrery	Skelton
Gingrich	McDade	Smith (MI)
Goode	McHugh	Smith (NJ)
Goodlatte	McInnis	Smith (TX)
Goss	McIntosh	Smith, Linda
Graham	McIntyre	Snowbarger
Granger	McKeon	Snyder
Greenwood	Metcalfe	Solomon
Gutknecht	Mica	Souder
Hall (TX)	Miller (FL)	Spence
Hansen	Minge	Stearns
Harman	Moran (KS)	Stenholm
Hastert	Morella	Stump
Hastings (WA)	Myrick	Sununu
Hayworth	Nethercutt	Talent
Hefley	Neumann	Tanner
Herger	Ney	Tauscher
Hill	Northup	Tauzin
Hilleary	Nussle	Taylor (MS)
Hobson	Oxley	Thomas
Hoekstra	Packard	Thornberry
Horn	Pappas	Thune
Hostettler	Parker	Tiahrt
Hulshof	Paxon	Traficant
Hunter	Pease	Turner
Hutchinson	Peterson (PA)	Upton
Hyde	Petri	Walsh
Inglis	Pickering	Wamp
Istook	Pitts	Watkins
Jenkins	Pombo	Watts (OK)
Johnson (CT)	Porter	Weldon (FL)
Johnson, Sam	Portman	Weldon (PA)
Jones	Quinn	Weller
Kasich	Ramstad	Whitfield
Kelly	Redmond	Wicker
Kildee	Regula	Wolf
Kim	Riggs	Young (FL)
Kind (WI)	Rivers	
King (NY)	Roemer	

#### NOES—165

Abercrombie	DeGette	Hoyer
Ackerman	Delahunt	Jackson (IL)
Allen	DeLauro	Jackson-Lee
Andrews	Dellums	(TX)
Bachus	Deutsch	Jefferson
Baldacci	Dicks	John
Barcia	Dingell	Johnson (WI)
Barrett (NE)	Dixon	Johnson, E. B.
Barrett (WI)	Dooley	Kanjorski
Becerra	Doyle	Kaptur
Bentsen	Emerson	Kennedy (MA)
Berry	Engel	Kennedy (RI)
Bishop	Eshoo	Kennelly
Blagojevich	Etheridge	Kilpatrick
Blumenauer	Evans	Klecza
Bonior	Farr	Klink
Borski	Fattah	Kucinich
Boucher	Fazio	LaFalce
Boyd	Filner	Lantos
Brown (CA)	Ford	Largent
Brown (FL)	Frank (MA)	Levin
Brown (OH)	Frost	Lewis (GA)
Cardin	Furse	Lofgren
Carson	Gejdenson	Lowey
Clay	Goodling	Maloney (NY)
Clayton	Green	Manton
Clyburn	Gutierrez	Martinez
Condit	Hamilton	Mascara
Conyers	Hastings (FL)	Matsui
Costello	Hefner	McDermott
Coyne	Hilliard	McGovern
Cramer	Hinchee	McHale
Cummings	Hinojosa	McKinney
Danner	Holden	McNulty
Davis (IL)	Hooley	Meek

Menendez	Peterson (MN)	Spratt
Millender-Pickett	Pomeroy	Stabenow
McDonald	Poshard	Stokes
Miller (CA)	Price (NC)	Strickland
Mink	Rahall	Stupak
Moakley	Rangel	Thompson
Mollohan	Reyes	Thurman
Moran (VA)	Rodriguez	Tierney
Murtha	Rothman	Torres
Nadler	Roukema	Towns
Oberstar	Roybal-Allard	Velazquez
Obey	Rush	Vento
Olver	Sabo	Visclosky
Ortiz	Sanders	Waters
Owens	Scott	Watt (NC)
Pallone	Serrano	Wexler
Pascarell	Sisisky	Weygand
Pastor	Skaggs	Wise
Paul	Slaughter	Woolsey
Payne	Smith, Adam	Wynn
Pelosi		

#### NOT VOTING—27

Baker	Houghton	Schiff
Combest	Markey	Shuster
Cubin	Meehan	Smith (OR)
Davis (VA)	Neal	Stark
Flake	Norwood	Taylor (NC)
Gephardt	Pryce (OH)	Waxman
Gonzalez	Radanovich	White
Gordon	Riley	Yates
Hall (OH)	Sawyer	Young (AK)

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So the resolution was agreed to.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

#### ELECTION OF MEMBER TO COMMITTEE ON BANKING AND FINANCIAL SERVICES AND COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE

Mr. SOLOMON. Mr. Speaker, by direction of the Republican Conference, I offer a privileged resolution (H. Res. 325) and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

#### H. RES. 325

*Resolved*, That the following Member be, and he is hereby, elected to the following standing committees of the House of Representatives:

COMMITTEE ON BANKING AND FINANCIAL SERVICES: Mr. Fossella of New York.

COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE: Mr. Fossella of New York.

The resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

#### PROVIDING FOR AN EXCEPTION FROM THE LIMITATION OF CLAUSE 6(d) OF RULE X FOR THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT REFORM AND OVERSIGHT

Mr. SOLOMON, from the Committee on Rules, submitted a privileged report (Rept. No. 105-404) on the resolution (H. Res. 326) providing for an exception from the limitation of clause 6(d) of rule X for the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight, which was referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed.

#### LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to: