

Walsh	Weldon (PA)	Wicker
Waters	Wexler	Wise
Watt (NC)	Weygand	Wolf
Waxman	White	Woolsey
Weldon (FL)	Whitfield	Wynn

## NAYS—62

Abercrombie	Green	Poshard
Becerra	Gutknecht	Ramstad
Berry	Hefley	Rush
Bishop	Hilleary	Sabo
Bonior	Hilliard	Schaffer, Bob
Borski	Hinchey	Scott
Brown (CA)	Hulshof	Slaughter
Brown (OH)	Kucinich	Solomon
Chenoweth	Lewis (GA)	Stearns
Clay	Lipinski	Strickland
Clyburn	LoBiondo	Stupak
Costello	McDermott	Taylor (MS)
DeFazio	McNulty	Thune
English	Nussle	Tiahrt
Ensign	Oberstar	Velazquez
Fazio	Olver	Vento
Filner	Pallone	Visclosky
Foglietta	Pascrell	Wamp
Fox	Pastor	Watts (OK)
Gephardt	Pickett	Weller
Gibbons	Pombo	

## NOT VOTING—37

Andrews	LaTourette	Smith, Adam
Archer	Linder	Souder
Calvert	McCrery	Stark
Dellums	McDade	Talent
Dixon	Mica	Tauzin
Engel	Miller (CA)	Thompson
Fattah	Porter	Towns
Gonzalez	Salmon	Watkins
Gordon	Sanders	Yates
Hall (OH)	Schaefer, Dan	Young (AK)
Hefner	Schiff	Young (FL)
Jefferson	Skelton	
Johnson (CT)	Smith (TX)	

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So the Journal was approved.  
The result of the vote was announced  
as above recorded.

## PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. COLINS). Will the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. CHABOT) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. CHABOT led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

## MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A message from the Senate by Ms. McDevitt, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate had passed a bill of the following title, in which the concurrence of the House is requested:

S. 670. An act to amend the Immigration and Nationality Technical Corrections Act of 1994 to eliminate the special transition rule for issuance of a certificate of citizenship for certain children born outside the United States.

## ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will entertain ten 1-minute speeches from each side.

## REMOVAL OF NAME OF MEMBER AS COSPONSOR OF H.R. 900

Mr. ROMERO-BARCELÓ. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to have my name deleted from H.R. 900.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Puerto Rico?  
There was no objection.

## PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. KLECZKA. Mr. Speaker, I regretfully missed rollcall No. 127 on May 14. Had I been present, I would have voted "no."

## FREEDOM WORKS AWARD

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

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, I am excited today to present the Freedom Works Award to Cornerstone Schools for their fine work in educating the children of Detroit. I established the Freedom Works Award to celebrate freedom by recognizing individuals and groups who promote personal responsibility instead of reliance on the Government.

Cornerstone Schools began in 1990 when a group of local businesses, church leaders and concerned members of the Detroit community joined together to establish academically challenging, faith-based schools for the children of Detroit.

The school has a simple mission: Give all children, no matter what their circumstance, an opportunity to receive a world-class education and, more importantly, a chance to succeed.

Cornerstone students participated in an 11-month school year, mandatory homework assignments 4 nights a week, foreign language classes from kindergarten to 8th grade, and winter and summer camp experiences. But good students and committee teachers are simply not enough.

Cornerstone's strength lies in its understanding that the key to a child's education is parental involvement. Cornerstone requires parents to take an active role in their children's education. Every parent, Mr. Speaker, must sign this covenant with the school that requires them to attend regularly scheduled parent meetings, provide their children with a quiet environment to study, ensure that their child is in school every day, and to do at least 10 hours of volunteer service per year.

Cornerstone has achieved their success without receiving a single penny of Federal assistance. Instead, the school has relied on personal initiative of community volunteers who have donated countless time and money to defend and finance these precious children's education.

Cornerstone has reminded all of us that nothing is more important to a child's learning potential than involved parents. Mr. Speaker, I am very proud of this fine school; and I am very proud of one fine young man who wrote me from the school and told me two things that I thought was profound. He has

moved through Cornerstone from a position of believing that he would never amount to anything, to progress toward his life's career of being a veterinarian, and he told me in this letter that his mother was his hero. How can you do better than that?

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## DENY CHINA MFN STATUS

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

Mr. TRAFICANT. Mr. Speaker, China's trade surplus with America may exceed \$50 billion this year, and experts say it is no accident.

China smacks Uncle Sam right in the kisser with a 35-percent tariff on all goods and products. Thirty-five percent tariff. If that is not enough to wrap General Cho in a golden parachute, check this out. With that \$50 billion from Uncle Sam, China, reports say, is now buying aircraft carriers, warships, nuclear submarines and intercontinental ballistic missiles.

It does not take the Three Stooges to figure it out. China is not exactly creating a neighborhood crime watch over there. I say Congress should deny MFN to China and Congress should impose a 35-percent tariff until China removes their tariff.

And let me say one last thing. A Congress that takes away a gun from a mugger will never be called a protectionist. This may boil the blood of some free traders, but China is ripping us off.

## AMERICAN PEOPLE ARE OVERTAXED

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

Mr. CHABOT. Mr. Speaker, let us face it, the American people are just overtaxed. Why? Well, too much of their hard-earned money comes here to Washington and it gets wasted in many, many ways.

Examples. We have a program called the Market Access Program, where we actually take the taxpayers' money and pay for corporations to advertise their products overseas. We still subsidize far too many farm products, cotton, peanuts, sugar, and the list goes on and on. We still pay farmers in this country not to grow crops. Maybe that made some sense back during the Depression, it makes no sense nowadays.

To pay for all these wasteful programs, our taxes have gone up. During my lifetime they have gone, for example, from 5 percent that people send to Washington to now 25 percent. If we add State and local taxes, it is about 40 percent the average American family pays out in taxes. So if we work a 5-day week, Monday and Tuesday we are working for the Government and only

Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday are we working for ourselves and our own family.

We are talking about a historic budget agreement between the Congress and the President. Let us make sure a substantial part of that budget agreement has to do with tax relief. Let us get the Government off the backs of the American taxpayers. Let us cut taxes and do it now.

#### TRIBUTE TO SGT. PAUL L. COLE

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

Ms. STABENOW. Mr. Speaker, this week is National Police Week, a week set aside each year to honor our law enforcement officers and to pay special tribute to the 600,000 sworn officers who put their lives on the line for our protection.

Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to one of those very special officers in my community who died in the line of duty in 1996, Sergeant Paul L. Cole.

On Sunday, October 6, 1996, the Ingham County Sheriff's Department suffered a terrible loss when Sergeant Paul L. Cole was killed in a traffic accident. Sergeant Cole was en route to a domestic problem when several deer jumped in front of his patrol vehicle, causing it to slide out of control. The vehicle struck a tree, killing Sergeant Cole instantly.

Sergeant Cole was a 19-year veteran of the sheriff's department, serving in both corrections and field services. He was a department dog handler and promoted to sergeant in September 1995.

Paul has a loving wife, Kathy, and three loving children, Heather Marie, Paul Wayne, and Andrew Scott.

On behalf of the citizens of Michigan, Mr. Speaker, I wish to pay tribute to the service of Sergeant Paul L. Cole to Ingham County, MI. He was an outstanding public servant.

#### CANADA'S EFFORTS TO SEEK PROMPT NEGOTIATIONS TO BAN ANTIPERSONNEL LANDMINES

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

Mr. EVANS. Mr. Speaker, I know we all applaud President Clinton's decision last year to seek a global ban on antipersonnel landmines, but the administration is seeking to achieve a ban through the U.N. Conference on Disarmament, known as the CD.

Since the CD operates by consensus, any Nation that opposes this ban can hold up the progress of achieving such a ban. This year, however, the Canadian Government will be hosting a conference at the end of the year to negotiate a ban treaty. Over 50 nations have agreed to sign the treaty at the conference. It is our best chance to get a treaty this year.

United States leadership is crucial to the success of the Canadians efforts. I urge my colleagues to urge the President to help stop the endless cycle of violence produced by AP landmines by helping us get a treaty this year through the Canadian conference.

#### WHO REALLY BENEFITS FROM REDUCTION IN CAPITAL GAINS TAX?

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

Mr. HEFLEY. Mr. Speaker, why do Republicans and most economists want to reduce the taxes on capital gains? Because it is so important to the economy of this country.

Mr. Speaker, this is vitally important to all Americans, even those who do not own a single piece of stock, who do not own their own home, who do not participate in any pension plan, and who do not have a dime in any mutual funds. In fact, I would even argue that this issue may be even more important to those Americans than to those who actually own capital.

How can this be? Our economy depends on investment capital to create jobs. The lower the tax on investment capital, the more the economy will grow and the more jobs created, jobs that people in my district need. And it is often those with no capital of their own who are most in need of an expanding economy and more job opportunities.

We need to pass a balanced budget that cuts the tax on capital gains. Job seekers everywhere around the country are counting on it.

#### DEMOCRATS RELIEVED AT RESTORATION OF WIC FUNDING

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

Ms. DELAURO. Mr. Speaker, it has been said that imitation is the sincerest form of flattery. Today House Democrats should be extremely flattered by the Republican action on today's supplemental appropriations bill.

A few weeks ago the Republican majority on the Committee on Appropriations voted down a Democratic amendment to provide \$76 million needed for the Women, Infants and Children Program. And in the weeks since, Democrats have been speaking out to the press, on the floor, and back home in their districts about the need to restore the funding for this program.

We have explained that WIC is a program that works; that WIC saves the Federal Government money; that WIC provides assistance to those in our society that need it, pregnant women and young children; and that WIC reflects the best values of this country of ours.

I am happy today that Republicans have finally come around to our way of

thinking, for they have now voted to include the very funding their colleagues voted down only a few short weeks ago, and I am glad to see that they have decided to follow our lead.

Now, 180,000 women and children will sleep better tonight knowing that they will continue to receive the vital assistance that the WIC Program provides.

#### CONGRESS IN AWKWARD POSITION WITH REGARD TO BUDGET DEAL

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

Mr. BOB SCHAFFER of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, this Congress is in an awkward position. Congress must decide whether to accept the budget deal negotiated with the President that proposed the biggest entitlement expansion in history, a President that tried to nationalize one-seventh of the U.S. economy, a President that only 4 years ago passed the largest tax increase in U.S. history. Clearly, making a deal with the President with that track record must be viewed with caution.

But the American people have also voted to elect the Congress that will do exactly that. So these are the questions I am asking.

First, does the budget really balance by the year 2002?

Second, does this budget provides permanent tax relief to working families?

Third, does this budget provide for adequate defense spending?

Fourth, will this budget result in more jobs for my constituents, more job opportunities for college graduates and a higher standard of living for Americans?

And fifth, will this budget contain policies that tend to weaken or strengthen the family?

Those are the questions, Mr. Speaker, I will be asking, and the answers to those questions will determine which way I will vote.

#### WIC IS GOOD HUMAN INVESTMENT PROGRAM

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

Mr. ROEMER. Mr. Speaker, there are two kinds of disasters, natural disasters and human disasters. Many human disasters can be prevented, and one of the ways we prevent those is to invest in programs like the WIC Program, Women, Infant and Children, that save babies from being born at premature birth weights, low birth weights, and anemic conditions.

An investment in this program, for every \$1, saves the American taxpayer \$3.54 in later social costs. This is a great program.

I am delighted that after initially cutting \$38 million, the Republicans