

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

Mr. KASICH. Mr. Speaker, I move the previous question on the conference report.

The previous question was ordered.

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

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

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 327, nays 97, not voting 10, as follows:

[Roll No. 166]

YEAS—327

Abercrombie	Doyle	Kelly
Ackerman	Dreier	Kennelly
Aderholt	Duncan	Kildee
Allen	Dunn	Kim
Archer	Edwards	Kind (WI)
Armey	Ehlers	Kingston
Bachus	Ehrlich	Klecza
Baesler	Emerson	Klink
Baker	English	Knollenberg
Baldacci	Ensign	Kolbe
Ballenger	Eshoo	LaFalce
Barcia	Etheridge	LaHood
Barr	Everett	Lampson
Barrett (NE)	Ewing	Latham
Barrett (WI)	Fattah	LaTourette
Bartlett	Fawell	Lazio
Bass	Fazio	Leach
Bateman	Flake	Levin
Bentsen	Foglietta	Lewis (CA)
Bereuter	Foley	Lewis (KY)
Berman	Forbes	Linder
Berry	Ford	Livingston
Bilbray	Fowler	LoBiondo
Bilirakis	Fox	LoGren
Bishop	Franks (NJ)	Lowe
Blagojevich	Frelinghuysen	Lucas
Bliley	Frost	Luther
Blunt	Furse	Maloney (CT)
Boehlert	Gallegly	Maloney (NY)
Boehner	Gejdenson	Manton
Bonilla	Gekas	Manzullo
Bonior	Gibbons	Martinez
Bono	Gilchrest	Mascara
Boswell	Gillmor	Matsui
Boyd	Gilman	McCarthy (MO)
Brady	Gonzalez	McCarthy (NY)
Bryant	Goodlatte	McCrery
Bunning	Goodling	McDade
Burr	Gordon	McHale
Burton	Goss	McHugh
Buyer	Graham	McInnis
Callahan	Granger	McIntosh
Calvert	Green	McIntyre
Camp	Greenwood	McKeon
Campbell	Gutknecht	McKinney
Canady	Hall (OH)	Meehan
Cannon	Hall (TX)	Meek
Capps	Hamilton	Menendez
Cardin	Hansen	Metcalf
Carson	Harman	Mica
Castle	Hastert	Miller (FL)
Chabot	Hastings (WA)	Minge
Chambliss	Hayworth	Molinari
Christensen	Hefley	Moran (KS)
Clayton	Hefner	Moran (VA)
Clement	Herger	Morella
Clyburn	Hilleary	Murtha
Coble	Hinojosa	Myrick
Collins	Hobson	Neal
Combest	Hoekstra	Nethercutt
Condit	Holden	Neumann
Cook	Hooley	Ney
Cooksey	Horn	Northup
Costello	Hostettler	Norwood
Cramer	Houghton	Nussle
Cummings	Hoyer	Ortiz
Cunningham	Hulshof	Oxley
Danner	Hutchinson	Packard
Davis (FL)	Inglis	Pallone
Davis (VA)	Jackson-Lee	Pappas
Deal	(TX)	Parker
DeLauro	Jenkins	Pascarell
DeLay	John	Pastor
Dickey	Johnson (CT)	Paxon
Dicks	Johnson (WI)	Pease
Dingell	Johnson, E. B.	Peterson (MN)
Doggett	Johnson, Sam	Peterson (PA)
Dooley	Jones	Petri
Doolittle	Kasich	Pickett

Pitts	Schaffer, Bob	Tanner
Pomeroy	Schumer	Tauscher
Porter	Sensenbrenner	Tauzin
Portman	Sessions	Taylor (MS)
Poshard	Shaw	Taylor (NC)
Price (NC)	Shays	Thomas
Pryce (OH)	Sherman	Thornberry
Quinn	Shimkus	Thune
Radanovich	Sisisky	Thurman
Ramstad	Skaggs	Tiahrt
Redmond	Skeen	Upton
Regula	Skelton	Vento
Reyes	Smith (MI)	Visclosky
Riggs	Smith (NJ)	Walsh
Riley	Smith (OR)	Wamp
Rivers	Smith (TX)	Watkins
Rodriguez	Smith, Adam	Watts (OK)
Roemer	Smith, Linda	Weldon (PA)
Rogan	Snowbarger	Weller
Rogers	Snyder	Wexler
Ros-Lehtinen	Solomon	White
Rothman	Souder	Whitfield
Roukema	Spence	Wicker
Royce	Spratt	Wise
Ryun	Stabenow	Wolf
Sabo	Stenholm	Woolsey
Sanchez	Strickland	Wynn
Sandlin	Stump	Young (AK)
Sawyer	Stupak	Young (FL)
Saxton	Sununu	
Schaefer, Dan	Talent	

NAYS—97

Barton	Hinchey	Payne
Becerra	Hunter	Pelosi
Blumenauer	Hyde	Pombo
Borski	Istook	Rahall
Boucher	Jackson (IL)	Rangel
Brown (CA)	Kanjorski	Rohrabacher
Brown (FL)	Kaptur	Roybal-Allard
Brown (OH)	Kennedy (MA)	Rush
Chenoweth	Kennedy (RI)	Salmon
Clay	Kilpatrick	Sanders
Coburn	King (NY)	Sanford
Conyers	Klug	Scarborough
Cox	Kucinich	Scott
Coyne	Largent	Serrano
Crane	Lewis (GA)	Shadegg
Crapo	Lipinski	Shuster
Cubin	Markey	Slaughter
Davis (IL)	McCollum	Stark
DeFazio	McDermott	Stearns
DeGette	McGovern	Stokes
Delahunt	McNulty	Thompson
Dellums	Millender	Tierney
Dixon	McDonald	Torres
Engel	Miller (CA)	Towns
Evans	Mink	Trafigant
Filner	Moakley	Velazquez
Frank (MA)	Mollohan	Waters
Ganske	Nadler	Watt (NC)
Gephardt	Oberstar	Waxman
Gutierrez	Obey	Weldon (FL)
Hastings (FL)	Olver	Weygand
Hill	Owens	Yates
Hilliard	Paul	

NOT VOTING—10

Andrews	Goode	Schiff
Deutsch	Jefferson	Turner
Diaz-Balart	Lantos	
Farr	Pickering	

□ 1529

The Clerk announced the following pair: On this vote:

Mr. Turner for, with Mr. Jefferson against.

Messrs. CRAPO, MOAKLEY, and COYNE changed their vote from "yea" to "nay."

Messrs. STUMP, MARTINEZ, and SKELTON changed their vote from "nay" to "yea."

So the conference report was agreed to.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. DIAZ-BALART. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 166, House Concurrent Resolution 84—conference report on the budget—I was ab-

sent. Had I been present, I would have voted "yes."

□ 1530

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. HOBSON. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks on House Concurrent Resolution 84.

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

There was no objection.

FOREIGN RELATIONS AUTHORIZATION ACT, FISCAL YEARS 1998 AND 1999

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. BONILLA). Pursuant to House Resolution 159 and rule XXIII, the Chair declares the House in the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union for the further consideration of the bill, H.R. 1757.

□ 1530

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 further consideration of the bill (H.R. 1757) to consolidate international affairs agencies, to authorize appropriations for the Department of State and related agencies for fiscal years 1998 and 1999, and for other purposes, with Mr. LAHOOD (Chairman pro tempore) in the chair.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The CHAIRMAN pro tempore. When the Committee of the Whole rose earlier today, the amendment offered by the gentlewoman from Florida [Ms. BROWN] had been disposed of.

SEQUENTIAL VOTES POSTPONED IN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

The CHAIRMAN pro tempore. Pursuant to House Resolution 159, proceedings will now resume on those amendments on which further proceedings were postponed in the following order:

The perfecting amendment offered by the gentleman from California [Mr. CAMPBELL] to the amendment offered by the gentleman from New Jersey [Mr. SMITH]; and a recorded vote on the amendment by the gentleman from New Jersey [Mr. SMITH], if requested.

Proceedings on the other postponed amendments will resume at a later time.

The Chair will reduce to 5 minutes the time for the electronic vote after the first vote in this series.

AMENDMENT OFFERED BY MR. CAMPBELL TO THE AMENDMENT OFFERED BY MR. SMITH OF NEW JERSEY

The CHAIRMAN pro tempore. The pending business is the demand for a recorded vote on the amendment offered by the gentleman from California [Mr. CAMPBELL] to the amendment offered by the gentleman from New Jersey [Mr. SMITH] on which further proceedings were postponed and on which the noes prevailed by voice vote.

The Clerk will designate the amendment.

The Clerk designated the amendment.

RECORDED VOTE

The CHAIRMAN pro tempore. A recorded vote has been demanded.

A recorded vote was ordered.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—ayes 200, noes 218, not voting 16, as follows:

[Roll No. 167]

AYES—200

Abercrombie	Gephardt	Neal
Ackerman	Gibbons	Obey
Allen	Gilchrest	Olver
Baesler	Gilman	Owens
Baldacci	Gonzalez	Pallone
Barrett (WI)	Gordon	Pascrell
Bass	Green	Pastor
Becerra	Greenwood	Payne
Bentsen	Gutierrez	Pelosi
Berman	Hamilton	Pickett
Berry	Harman	Pomeroy
Billbray	Hastings (FL)	Porter
Bishop	Hefner	Price (NC)
Blagojevich	Hilliard	Pryce (OH)
Blumenauer	Hinchey	Ramstad
Boehlert	Hinojosa	Rangel
Boswell	Hobson	Regula
Boucher	Hooley	Reyes
Boyd	Horn	Rivers
Brown (CA)	Houghton	Rodriguez
Brown (FL)	Hoyer	Rothman
Brown (OH)	Jackson (IL)	Roukema
Campbell	Jackson-Lee	Roybal-Allard
Capps	(TX)	Rush
Cardin	Johnson (CT)	Sabo
Carson	Johnson (WI)	Sanchez
Castle	Johnson, E. B.	Sanders
Clay	Kelly	Sandlin
Clayton	Kennedy (MA)	Sawyer
Clement	Kennedy (RI)	Schumer
Clyburn	Kennelly	Scott
Condit	Kilpatrick	Serrano
Coyne	Kind (WI)	Shaw
Cramer	Klecza	Shays
Cummings	Klug	Sherman
Danner	Kolbe	Sisisky
Davis (VA)	Lampson	Skaggs
DeFazio	Lazio	Slaughter
DeGette	Leach	Smith, Adam
Delahunt	Levin	Snyder
DeLauro	Lewis (GA)	Spratt
Dellums	Lofgren	Stabenow
Dicks	Lowe	Stark
Dingell	Luther	Stokes
Dixon	Maloney (CT)	Strickland
Doggett	Maloney (NY)	Tanner
Dooley	Markey	Tauscher
Edwards	Matsui	Thomas
Ehrlich	McCarthy (MO)	Thompson
Engel	McCarthy (NY)	Thurman
Eshoo	McDermott	Tierney
Etheridge	McGovern	Torres
Evans	McHale	Towns
Fattah	McKinney	Upton
Fawell	McNulty	Velazquez
Fazio	Meehan	Vento
Filner	Meek	Visclosky
Flake	Menendez	Waters
Foglietta	Millender-	Watt (NC)
Foley	McDonald	Waxman
Ford	Miller (CA)	Wexler
Fowler	Minge	White
Frank (MA)	Mink	Wise
Franks (NJ)	Moakley	Woolsey
Frelinghuysen	Molinari	Wynn
Frost	Moran (VA)	Yates
Furse	Morella	
Gejdenson	Nadler	

NOES—218

Aderholt	Bateman	Bryant
Archer	Bereuter	Bunning
Armey	Bilirakis	Burr
Bachus	Bileley	Buyer
Baker	Blunt	Callahan
Ballenger	Boehner	Calvert
Barcia	Bonilla	Camp
Barr	Bonior	Canady
Barrett (NE)	Bono	Cannon
Bartlett	Borski	Chabot
Barton	Brady	Chambliss

Chenoweth	John	Poshard
Christensen	Johnson, Sam	Quinn
Coble	Jones	Radanovich
Coburn	Kanjorski	Rahall
Collins	Kaptur	Redmond
Combest	Kasich	Riggs
Conyers	Kildee	Riley
Cook	Kim	Roemer
Cooksey	King (NY)	Rogan
Costello	Kingston	Rogers
Cox	Klink	Rohrabacher
Crane	Knollenberg	Ros-Lehtinen
Crapo	Kucinich	Royce
Cubin	LaFalce	Ryun
Cunningham	LaHood	Salmon
Davis (IL)	Largent	Sanford
Deal	Latham	Saxton
DeLay	LaTourette	Scarborough
Dickey	Lewis (CA)	Schaefer, Dan
Doolittle	Lewis (KY)	Schaffer, Bob
Doyle	Linder	Sensenbrenner
Dreier	Lipinski	Sessions
Duncan	Livingston	Shadegg
Dunn	LoBiondo	Shimkus
Ehlers	Lucas	Shuster
Emerson	Manton	Skeen
English	Manzullo	Skelton
Ensign	Martinez	Smith (NJ)
Everett	Mascara	Smith (OR)
Ewing	McCollum	Smith (TX)
Forbes	McCrery	Smith, Linda
Fox	McDade	Snowbarger
Gallegly	McHugh	Solomon
Ganske	McInnis	Souder
Gekas	McIntyre	Spence
Gillmor	McKeon	Stearns
Goodlatte	Metcalfe	Stenholm
Goodling	Mica	Stump
Goss	Miller (FL)	Stupak
Graham	Mollohan	Sununu
Granger	Moran (KS)	Talent
Gutknecht	Murtha	Tauzin
Hall (OH)	Myrick	Taylor (MS)
Hall (TX)	Nethercutt	Taylor (NC)
Hansen	Ney	Thornberry
Hastert	Northup	Thune
Hastings (WA)	Norwood	Tiahrt
Hayworth	Oberstar	Trafficant
Hefley	Ortiz	Walsh
Herger	Oxley	Wamp
Hill	Packard	Watkins
Hilleary	Pappas	Watts (OK)
Hoekstra	Parker	Weldon (FL)
Holden	Paul	Weldon (PA)
Hostettler	Paxon	Weller
Hulshof	Pease	Weygand
Hunter	Peterson (MN)	Whitfield
Hutchinson	Peterson (PA)	Wicker
Hyde	Petri	Wolf
Inglis	Pitts	Young (AK)
Istook	Pombo	Young (FL)
Jenkins	Portman	

NOT VOTING—16

Andrews	Goode	Pickering
Burton	Jefferson	Schiff
Davis (FL)	Lantos	Smith (MI)
Deutsch	McIntosh	Turner
Diaz-Balart	Neumann	
Farr	Nussle	

□ 1548

So the amendment to the amendment was rejected.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. DAVIS of Kansas. Mr. Chairman, on rollcall No. 167, I tried to record "yes" on this vote but the system did not register my vote. Please let the RECORD reflect I intended to vote "yes" on this amendment.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. SMITH of Michigan. Mr. Chairman, on rollcall No. 167, I was seconds late to cast my vote. Had I been present, I would have voted "no."

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. DIAZ-BALART. Mr. Chairman, on rollcall No. 167, the Campbell amendment to H.R. 1757, I was absent. Had I been present, I would have voted "no."

The CHAIRMAN pro tempore (Mr. BARRETT of Nebraska). The question is on the amendment offered by the gentleman from New Jersey [Mr. SMITH].

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

RECORDED vote

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Mr. Chairman, I demand a recorded vote.

A recorded vote was ordered.

The CHAIRMAN pro tempore. This will be a 5-minute vote.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—ayes 232, noes 189, not voting 13, as follows:

[Roll No. 168]

AYES—232

Aderholt	Goodlatte	Neumann
Archer	Goodling	Ney
Armey	Goss	Northup
Bachus	Graham	Norwood
Baker	Granger	Nussle
Ballenger	Gutknecht	Oberstar
Barcia	Hall (OH)	Obey
Barr	Hall (TX)	Ortiz
Barrett (NE)	Hamilton	Oxley
Bartlett	Hansen	Packard
Barton	Hastert	Pappas
Bateman	Hastings (WA)	Parker
Bereuter	Hayworth	Paul
Berry	Hefley	Paxon
Bilirakis	Herger	Pease
Bliley	Hill	Peterson (MN)
Blunt	Hilleary	Petri
Boehner	Hoekstra	Pitts
Bonilla	Holden	Pombo
Bonior	Hostettler	Portman
Bono	Hulshof	Poshard
Borski	Hunter	Quinn
Brady	Hutchinson	Radanovich
Bryant	Hyde	Rahall
Bunning	Inglis	Redmond
Burr	Istook	Regula
Burton	Jenkins	Riggs
Buyer	John	Riley
Callahan	Johnson, Sam	Roemer
Calvert	Jones	Rogan
Camp	Kanjorski	Rogers
Canady	Kaptur	Rohrabacher
Cannon	Kasich	Ros-Lehtinen
Chabot	Kildee	Royce
Chambliss	Kim	Ryun
Chenoweth	King (NY)	Salmon
Christensen	Kingston	Sanford
Coble	Klecza	Saxton
Coburn	Klink	Scarborough
Collins	Knollenberg	Schaefer, Dan
Combest	Kucinich	Schaffer, Bob
Cook	LaFalce	Sensenbrenner
Cooksey	LaHood	Sessions
Costello	Largent	Shadegg
Cox	Latham	Shimkus
Cramer	LaTourette	Shuster
Crane	Lewis (CA)	Skeen
Crapo	Lewis (KY)	Skelton
Cubin	Linder	Smith (MI)
Cunningham	Lipinski	Smith (NJ)
Danner	Livingston	Smith (OR)
Deal	LoBiondo	Smith (TX)
DeLay	Lucas	Smith, Linda
Dickey	Manton	Smith, Linda
Doolittle	Manzullo	Snowbarger
Doyle	Mascara	Solomon
Dreier	McCollum	Souder
Duncan	McCrery	Spence
Dunn	McDade	Stearns
Ehlers	McHugh	Stenholm
Emerson	McInnis	Stump
English	McIntosh	Stupak
Ensign	McIntyre	Sununu
Everett	McKeon	Talent
Ewing	Metcalfe	Tauzin
Foley	Mica	Taylor (MS)
Forbes	Miller (FL)	Taylor (NC)
Fowler	Moakley	Thornberry
Fox	Molinari	Thune
Gallegly	Mollohan	Tiahrt
Ganske	Moran (KS)	Trafficant
Gekas	Murtha	Walsh
Gibbons	Myrick	Wamp
Gillmor	Nethercutt	Watkins

Watts (OK)
Weldon (FL)
Weldon (PA)
Weller

Weygand
Whitfield
Wicker
Wolf

Young (AK)
Young (FL)

NOES—189

Abercrombie
Ackerman
Allen
Baesler
Baldacci
Barrett (WI)
Bass
Becerra
Bentsen
Berman
Bilbray
Bishop
Blagojevich
Blumenauer
Boehlert
Boswell
Boucher
Boyd
Brown (CA)
Brown (FL)
Brown (OH)
Campbell
Capps
Cardin
Carson
Castle
Clay
Clayton
Clement
Clyburn
Condit
Conyers
Coyne
Cumming
Davis (FL)
Davis (IL)
Davis (VA)
DeFazio
DeGette
Delahunt
DeLauro
Dellums
Dicks
Dingell
Dixon
Doggett
Dooley
Edwards
Ehrlich
Engel
Eshoo
Etheridge
Evans
Fattah
Fawell
Fazio
Filner
Flake
Foglietta
Ford
Frank (MA)
Franks (NJ)
Frelinghuysen
Frost

Furse
Gedjenson
Gephardt
Gilchrist
Gilman
Gonzalez
Gordon
Green
Greenwood
Gutierrez
Harman
Hastings (FL)
Hefner
Hilliard
Hinchey
Hinojosa
Hobson
Hooley
Horn
Houghton
Hoyer
Jackson (IL)
Jackson-Lee
(TX)
Johnson (CT)
Johnson (WI)
Johnson, E. B.
Kelly
Kennedy (MA)
Kennedy (RI)
Kennelly
Kilpatrick
Kind (WI)
Klug
Kolbe
Lampson
Lazio
Leach
Levin
Lewis (GA)
Lofgren
Lowey
Luther
Maloney (CT)
Maloney (NY)
Markey
Martinez
McCarthy (MO)
McCarthy (NY)
McDermott
McGovern
McHale
McKinney
McNulty
Meehan
Meek
Menendez
Millender
McDonald
Miller (CA)
Minge
Mink
Moran (VA)
Morella

Nadler
Neal
Olver
Owens
Pallone
Pascarell
Pastor
Payne
Pelosi
Pickett
Pomeroy
Porter
Price (NC)
Pryce (OH)
Ramstad
Rangel
Reyes
Rivers
Rodriguez
Rothman
Roukema
Roybal-Allard
Rush
Sabo
Sanchez
Sanders
Sandlin
Sawyer
Schumer
Scott
Serrano
Shays
Sherman
Sisisky
Skaggs
Slaughter
Smith, Adam
Snyder
Spratt
Stabenow
Stark
Stokes
Strickland
Tanner
Tauscher
Thomas
Thompson
Thurman
Tierney
Torres
Towns
Upton
Velazquez
Vento
Visclosky
Waters
Watt (NC)
Waxman
Wexler
Wise
Woolsey
Wynn
Yates

NOT VOTING—13

Andrews
Deutsch
Diaz-Balart
Farr
Goode

Jefferson
Lantos
Matsui
Peterson (PA)
Pickering

Schiff
Turner
White

□ 1558

Mr. FORD changed his vote from "aye" to "no."

Mr. MOAKLEY changed his vote from "no" to "aye."

So the amendment was agreed to.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. PETERSON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Chairman, on rollcall No. 168, I was unavoidably detained and missed the vote by seconds. Had I been present, I would have voted "yes."

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. DIAZ-BALART. Mr. Chairman, on rollcall No. 168, the Smith of New Jersey amendment

to H.R. 1757, I was absent. Had I been present, I would have voted "yes."

Mr. PAYNE. Mr. Chairman, I want to raise an issue in regard to the Foreign Relations Authorization Act.

Sudan is located south of Egypt with its eastern boundary facing the Red Sea. It is one of the largest countries in Africa in terms of geographical area, approximately the size of one quarter of the United States with a population of some 29 million people.

Almost from the very time of independence from Britain and Egypt in 1956 the country has been divided by ethnic and religious differences. The largely Arabic Muslim North against the Sub-Sahara African Christian and Animist South.

Guerrilla warfare in the south has persisted for at least 32 years of their 41 years of independence. But, not until 1983 when the Sudan People's Liberation Army [SPLA] was created were substantial gains made in capturing towns from the control of the Khartoum Northern Government. The SPLA is under the leadership of Col. John Garang, a military officer, trained in the United States.

Following the 1989 coup, the relative free press was put under strict censorship.

I say all of this because the geostrategic importance of the Sudan is vital to our national interest. And Sudan's stability is vital to the region's stability. I too support sanctions which our administration already has put on them. Economic sanctions, military sanctions, visa restrictions on the government and its forces should be enforced; however, this places restrictions on humanitarian assistance that affects the poor and the innocent.

I went to southern Sudan in January of this year and meet with John Garang, the leader of the Sudanese Peoples Liberation Movement in the south and they seem to be conquering much of the northern territory.

As much as I believe that the Sudanese Government should not operate with immunity, we can not at this time in good faith cancel all the assistance to the men, women, and children that so badly need this. I agree that we should use sticks with the Sudan in that they have exhausted all of their carrot options. Yet this is not a stick, this hurts. It hurts the wrong people.

Mr. RADANOVICH. Mr. Chairman, thank you for the opportunity to stand beside Mr. PALLONE in offering this important amendment to H.R. 1757, the Foreign Affairs Authorization Act.

As with everything we do in this House, expenditures for foreign aid must be evaluated to ensure fiscal discipline. H.R. 1757 makes great strides toward reducing wasteful spending, and proposes to make a vital shift in how the United States meets its foreign policy challenges.

One of the significant shifts will be to improve the operations of the State Department by consolidating into its structure two Federal agencies—the U.S. Information Agency and the Arms Control Disarmament Agency. As we proceed with these long overdue changes in the U.S. foreign affairs establishment, we must not lose sight of our Nation's ability to affect change abroad. The United States must remain engaged and sensitive to our strategic interests in ambitious but fragile democracies like Armenia.

Armenia finds itself at a crossroads. The young republic is in a delicate rebuilding proc-

ess and struggles to reconstruct itself after having its growth impeded by harmful policies of the former Soviet Union. Armenia is striving to establish the type of government and free-market economy which will enable it to more easily integrate itself into the region. Regional integration in the Caucasus is of vital importance of U.S. foreign policy. Integration will yield additional economic stability for the region and help it to become a more attractive sector for U.S. investment. We must take action which facilitates the process.

Therefore, Mr. Chairman, I am, with Congressman PALLONE, offering this reasonable amendment which encourages the President to seek cooperation from the governments of Armenia, Azerbaijan, and Turkey, as well as private companies with an interest in developing Azerbaijan's Caspian Sea petroleum reserves.

This amendment serves to encourage the construction of a pipeline route from Azerbaijan through Armenia. This pipeline would likely extend to Turkey and Mediterranean sea ports. No doubt, such an effort will improve relations between the neighboring countries by spreading the seeds of cooperation. The venture will serve the overall objectives the United States has for peace and prosperity in this region.

I encourage my colleagues to support this amendment.

Mr. FARR of California. Mr. Chairman, as the House of Representatives debates the Foreign Relations Authorization Act, I wish to raise several issues that I believe deserve our close attention.

We must not neglect foreign affairs. As a former Peace Corps volunteer, I have seen first hand the tremendous need of people in other countries for basic assistance, and the enormous value of even our most modest assistance programs overseas. Unfortunately, our foreign assistance budget has suffered severely in our efforts to balance the budget. Development aid, disaster assistance, hunger and malnutrition programs, educational assistance, conflict resolution, and medical aid have all been cut drastically over the past several years, with serious consequences for the poorest and neediest people of the world.

I especially urge that we maintain our support of the United Nations. Although our country's many complaints about the United Nations receive the most attention, we rarely hear of the United Nation's tremendous good work: peacekeeping, assistance to children, conflict resolution, nuclear non-proliferation, and development assistance are just a few. Part of our support must include repaying our enormous debt to the United Nations, and I urge my colleagues to work to meet our unpaid U.N. obligations.

I also urge that we keep our focus on Latin America. Although the area has made great progress in democratization and free elections, less attention has been paid to the increasing problem of human rights abuses. Colombia and southern Mexico are just two areas where increasing militarization has led to greater violence and has put serious political and social pressure on local governments. We should give close examination to this problem and determine ways that the United States can help these countries demilitarize and reduce the level of violence.

Unfortunately, as in past years, this year's bill has become a battle over a woman's right

to choose. I must express my strong opposition to any amendments to this bill that would restrict the reproductive rights of women or, in an attempt to do so, limit or end all funding for international family planning. Earlier this year, a majority of the House recognized the importance of family planning to the health and welfare of our planet and voted to maintain U.S. family planning programs. Let us not go back on our own commitment to these important programs.

I thank my colleagues in the House and look forward to working with them to address these important issues.

Mr. GILMAN. Mr. Chairman, I move that the Committee do now rise.

The motion was agreed to.

Accordingly the Committee rose; and the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. BARRETT of Nebraska) having assumed the chair, Mr. LAHOOD, Chairman pro tempore of the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union, reported that that Committee, having had under consideration the bill (H.R. 1757) to consolidate international affairs agencies, to authorize appropriations for the Department of State and related agencies for fiscal years 1998 and 1999, and for other purposes, had come to no resolution thereon.

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ESTABLISHING TIME LIMITATIONS FOR CONSIDERATION OF ADDITIONAL AMENDMENTS TO H.R. 1757, FOREIGN RELATIONS AUTHORIZATION ACT, FISCAL YEARS 1998 AND 1999

Mr. GILMAN. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that during further consideration of H.R. 1757 in the Committee of the Whole, pursuant to House Resolution 159, that each further amendment to the bill, and all amendments thereto, shall be debatable for 10 minutes equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, except for the following amendments:

Amendments en bloc offered by the chairman of the Committee on International Relations pursuant to this unanimous consent agreement; the gentleman from Rhode Island [Mr. KENNEDY] regarding Indonesia; the gentleman from California [Mr. MILLER] regarding Cuba; the gentleman from New York [Mr. SCHUMER] regarding Egypt; the gentleman from New York [Mr. PAXON] or the gentleman from New York [Mr. ENGEL] regarding Palestinian land transactions; the gentleman from Ohio [Mr. NEY] regarding Libya; the gentleman from South Carolina [Mr. SANFORD] regarding authorization levels; the gentlewoman from Georgia [Ms. MCKINNEY] regarding arms transfer code of conduct; the gentleman from California [Mr. CAPPS] regarding Tibet; the gentleman from New York [Mr. GILMAN] regarding counternarcotics authorities; the gentleman from Indiana [Mr. HAMILTON]; and the gentleman from New York [Mr. GILMAN].

It shall be in order at any time for the chairman of the Committee on

International Relations or a designee, with the concurrence of the ranking minority member of that committee or a designee, to offer amendments en bloc. Amendments en bloc offered pursuant to this unanimous-consent agreement shall be considered as read, shall not be subject to amendment, shall not be subject to a demand for a division of the question in the House or in the Committee of the Whole, and may amend portions of the bill previously read for amendment. The original proponent of an amendment included in such amendments en bloc may insert a statement in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD immediately before the disposition of the amendments en bloc.

The SPEAKER pro tempore [Mr. BARRETT of Nebraska]. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from New York?

Mr. HAMILTON. Mr. Speaker, reserving the right to object, I do not intend to object but I would like to ask a question or two about the unanimous-consent request. As I understand the unanimous-consent request, amendments that are not specifically listed will be allowed only 10 minutes of debate, 5 on each side?

Mr. GILMAN. If the gentleman will yield, the gentleman is correct.

Mr. HAMILTON. And the amendments that are listed which the gentleman has read would have unlimited debate?

Mr. GILMAN. The gentleman is correct.

Mr. HAMILTON. With respect to the votes pending, I think there are three, does the gentleman expect to have a vote on those today?

Mr. GILMAN. We are awaiting instructions from the majority leader.

Mr. HAMILTON. Can the gentleman tell us anything about the rest of the schedule with respect to the bill?

Mr. GILMAN. We anticipate taking up the rest of the bill next week.

Mr. HAMILTON. Will we also take up the European security bill next week?

Mr. GILMAN. We anticipate taking up the European security bill next week.

Mr. HAMILTON. Mr. Speaker, I withdraw my reservation of objection.

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

Mr. STEARNS. Mr. Speaker, reserving the right to object, this is a question I think that the gentleman from Indiana [Mr. HAMILTON] mentioned. I think there were three of us that have amendments from last night. We have been sitting on pins and needles hoping that we could vote on these. We thought these three amendments would be voted on before the Campbell amendment and the Smith amendment. Now they have not. At this point we still are not clear when our three amendments would be voted on.

I would just like to urge on behalf of my colleagues that we vote on them today. If we do not vote on them and adjourn for next week, then the debate

is lost for all the time we spent yesterday evening when we were here until 8:30 talking about this. I will not object, but I would like the chairman, if he could, just to clarify again for me and for the other Members, when will we expect a vote on those 3 amendments?

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

Mr. STEARNS. Further reserving the right to object, I yield to the gentleman from New York.

Mr. GILMAN. Mr. Speaker, we have not had full clarification yet from the majority leader, but anticipate we will probably vote next week on the remaining amendments.

Mr. STEARNS. I will not object but I do protest that, that we are delaying them that much.

Second, it is very difficult for the Members that have these amendments to sit around their office and try and find out what is going on and then if they do not come down, the way we structured this, as I understand it, Mr. Speaker, is that if we do not show up these amendments will not even be voted on. Could the Speaker clarify that for me?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. It occurs to the Chair that a recorded vote has been requested in each instance.

Mr. STEARNS. But even though it has been requested, if the Member who has the amendment, if he or she is not here on the floor at the rostrum, as I understand, that amendment will not be voted on because it was presented in a manner that it has to be presented by the Member again. Could the Chair clarify that? I was not clear on that last night.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. A sufficient number of Members would have to stand at that appropriate time.

Mr. STEARNS. What this means is that we would have to stand and say there is a quorum not present, Mr. Speaker, and pending that, a quorum not being present, we request a quorum before we get a recorded vote, and then pending the quorum, then we would go ahead with the procedure asking for a recorded vote? Is that what we would have to do?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The committee would proceed under the way it normally disposes of requests for recorded votes.

Mr. STEARNS. The difficulty with that is last night we were here, we asked for a recorded vote, the assumption we had is we would get a recorded vote. Now the Chair is saying we will not get a recorded vote unless we are here.

Mr. GILMAN. Mr. Speaker, if the gentleman will yield, I want to assure the gentleman that our staff will do everything possible to alert the gentleman if and when there is a vote so that the gentleman will be prepared to come to the floor to be present during that vote.

Mr. STEARNS. Mr. Speaker, with that assurance from the chairman, that is as good as gold.