

gain seats in the Congress. Not because we want to favor urban areas over rural areas, but because we want a fair and accurate enumeration of our population.

Too many times in our history it has been the person of color and the poor that have gone uncounted. If we do not allow sampling in the 2000 census history tells us that we will once again make many of these individuals invisible, like they simply do not exist.

This attack on utilizing a scientifically proven method of enumeration is an attack on the people of color in this country. It is another example of the Republican effort to downgrade, to diminish the voice of minorities in this country. We cannot allow this to happen.

This is not simply a technical issue of concern only to statisticians. The accurate count of our population has enormous consequences from the apportionment of our elected offices to the allocation of Federal and State funds. And if people of color and the poor are not accurately accounted for their voice in our Government and our communities is weakened.

For the sake of an accurate and fair census, we must reject any legislation to limit the use of sampling in the 2000 census. We must ensure that everyone counts. I urge my colleagues to oppose this egregious language in the fiscal year 1997 supplemental appropriations bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. COMBEST). All time has expired.

Without objection, the previous question is ordered on the conference report.

There was no objection.

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 220, nays 201, not voting 13, as follows:

[Roll No. 169]

YEAS—220

Aderholt	Capps	Foley
Armey	Chabot	Forbes
Bachus	Chambliss	Fowler
Baesler	Chenoweth	Fox
Baker	Christensen	Franks (NJ)
Ballenger	Coble	Frelinghuysen
Barcia	Combest	Gallegly
Barr	Condit	Ganske
Barrett (NE)	Cook	Gekas
Bartlett	Cooksey	Gibbons
Barton	Crane	Gilchrest
Bateman	Crapo	Gillmor
Bereuter	Cubin	Gilman
Berry	Cunningham	Goodlatte
Bilbray	Danner	Goodling
Bilirakis	Davis (VA)	Gordon
Bliley	DeLay	Goss
Blunt	Dickey	Graham
Boehlert	Dingell	Granger
Boehner	Doolittle	Greenwood
Bonilla	Dreier	Gutknecht
Bono	Duncan	Hall (TX)
Brady	Dunn	Hamilton
Bryant	Ehlers	Hansen
Bunning	Ehrlich	Hastert
Burton	Emerson	Hastings (WA)
Buyer	English	Hayworth
Callahan	Ensign	Herger
Calvert	Everett	Hill
Camp	Ewing	Hilleary
Canady	Fawell	Hobson
Cannon	Fazio	Hooley

Horn	Minge	Shaw
Hostettler	Molinari	Shimkus
Houghton	Moran (KS)	Shuster
Hunter	Morella	Skeen
Hutchinson	Myrick	Skelton
Hyde	Nethercutt	Smith (NJ)
Istook	Ney	Smith (OR)
Jenkins	Northup	Smith (TX)
Johnson (CT)	Nussle	Smith, Linda
Johnson, Sam	Ortiz	Snowbarger
Kasich	Oxley	Solomon
Kelly	Packard	Souder
Kim	Pappas	Spence
King (NY)	Parker	Strickland
Klecza	Paxon	Stump
Knollenberg	Pease	Sununu
Kolbe	Peterson (MN)	Talent
LaHood	Peterson (PA)	Tanner
Latham	Petri	Tauscher
LaTourette	Pitts	Tauzin
Lazio	Pombo	Taylor (MS)
Leach	Pomeroy	Taylor (NC)
Lewis (CA)	Porter	Thomas
Lewis (KY)	Portman	Thornberry
Linder	Pryce (OH)	Thune
Livingston	Quinn	Tiahrt
LoBiondo	Radanovich	Trafigant
Lucas	Rahall	Walsh
Luther	Ramstad	Wamp
Manzullo	Redmond	Watkins
Matsui	Regula	Watts (OK)
McCarthy (NY)	Reyes	Weldon (FL)
McCollum	Riggs	Weldon (PA)
McCrery	Riley	Weller
McDade	Roemer	White
McHale	Rogan	Whitfield
McHugh	Rogers	Wicker
McIntosh	Ros-Lehtinen	Wolf
McIntyre	Royce	Young (AK)
McKeon	Ryun	Young (FL)
Meek	Saxton	
Metcalf	Sessions	

NAYS—201

Abercrombie	Etheridge	Lofgren
Ackerman	Evans	Lowey
Allen	Fattah	Maloney (CT)
Baldacci	Filner	Maloney (NY)
Barrett (WI)	Flake	Manton
Bass	Foglietta	Markey
Becerra	Ford	Martinez
Bentsen	Frank (MA)	Mascara
Berman	Frost	McCarthy (MO)
Bishop	Furse	McDermott
Blagojevich	Gejdenson	McGovern
Blumenauer	Gephardt	McInnis
Bonior	Gonzalez	McNulty
Borski	Green	Meehan
Boswell	Gutierrez	Menendez
Boucher	Hall (OH)	Mica
Boyd	Harman	Millender-
Brown (CA)	Hastings (FL)	McDonald
Brown (FL)	Hefley	Miller (CA)
Brown (OH)	Hefner	Miller (FL)
Burr	Hilliard	Mink
Campbell	Hinchey	Moakley
Cardin	Hinojosa	Mollohan
Carson	Hoekstra	Moran (VA)
Castle	Holden	Murtha
Clay	Hoyer	Nadler
Clayton	Hulshof	Neal
Clement	Inglis	Neumann
Clyburn	Jackson (IL)	Norwood
Coburn	Jackson-Lee	Oberstar
Collins	(TX)	Obey
Conyers	John	Olver
Costello	Johnson (WI)	Owens
Cox	Johnson, E.B.	Pallone
Coyne	Jones	Pascrell
Cramer	Kanjorski	Pastor
Cummings	Kaptur	Paul
Davis (FL)	Kennedy (MA)	Payne
Davis (IL)	Kennedy (RI)	Pelosi
Deal	Kennelly	Pickett
DeFazio	Kildee	Poshard
DeGette	Kilpatrick	Price (NC)
Delahunt	Kind (WI)	Rangel
DeLauro	Kingston	Rivers
Dellums	Klink	Rodriguez
Dicks	Klug	Rohrabacher
Dixon	Kucinich	Rothman
Doggett	LaFalce	Roukema
Dooley	Lampson	Roybal-Allard
Doyle	Largent	Rush
Edwards	Levin	Sabo
Engel	Lewis (GA)	Salmon
Eshoo	Lipinski	Sanchez

Sanders	Slaughter	Towns
Sandlin	Smith (MI)	Upton
Sanford	Smith, Adam	Velazquez
Sawyer	Snyder	Vento
Scarborough	Spratt	Visclosky
Schaefer, Dan	Stabenow	Waters
Schaffer, Bob	Stark	Watt (NC)
Scott	Stearns	Waxman
Sensenbrenner	Stenholm	Wexler
Serrano	Stokes	Weygand
Shadegg	Stupak	Wise
Shays	Thompson	Woolsey
Sherman	Thurman	Wynn
Sisisky	Tierney	Yates
Skaggs	Torres	

NOT VOTING—13

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

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The Clerk announced the following pair:

On this vote:

Mr. Goode for, with Mr. Turner against.

Messrs. MORAN of Virginia, BROWN of Ohio, and INGLIS of South Carolina changed their vote from "yea" to "nay."

Mrs. TAUSCHER changed her 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.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. DIAZ-BALART. Mr. Speaker, on Rollcall No. 169, the Conference Report for H.R. 1469, I was absent. Had I been present, I would have voted "yes."

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. PICKERING. Mr. Speaker, I was unable to return to Washington, DC, today due to a death in my family and missed the following votes:

Rollcall vote No. 165, passage of the rule on House Resolution 160. Had I been present, I would have voted "aye."

Rollcall vote No. 166, on agreeing to the Conference Report House Concurrent Resolution 84, the FY 1998 Budget Resolution. Had I been present, I would have voted "aye."

Rollcall vote No. 167, the Campbell Amendment (No. 52) to the Smith Amendment (No. 41) on H.R. 1757, the Foreign Relations Authorization Act. Had I been present, I would have voted "nay."

Rollcall vote No. 168, the Smith Amendment (No. 41) to H.R. 1757, to prohibit U.S. population assistance for foreign organizations that perform abortions in foreign countries, or lobby for changes in such laws. Had I been present, I would have voted "aye."

Rollcall vote No. 169, on agreeing to the Conference Report H.R. 1469, the Disaster Recovery Act. Had I been present, I would have voted "aye."

REPORT ON NATIONAL EMERGENCY WITH RESPECT TO WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION—MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES (H. DOC. NO. 105-94)

The SPEAKER pro tempore [Mr. COMBEST] laid before the House the following message from the President of the United States; which was read and, together with the accompanying papers, without objection, referred to the Committee on International Relations and ordered to be printed.

To the Congress of the United States:

As required by section 204 of the International Emergency Economic Powers Act (50 U.S.C. 1703(c)) and section 401(c) of the National Emergencies Act (50 U.S.C. 1641(c)), I transmit herewith a 6-month report on the national emergency declared by Executive Order 12938 of November 14, 1994, in response to the threat posed by the proliferation of nuclear, biological, and chemical weapons ("weapons of mass destruction") and of the means of delivering such weapons.

WILLIAM J. CLINTON.

THE WHITE HOUSE, June 5, 1997.

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TRIBUTE TO DEPARTING PAGES

(Mrs. FOWLER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mrs. FOWLER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today as chairman of the House Page Board to pay tribute to our departing pages. I know I speak on behalf of all of my House colleagues when I say thanks for a job well done. You, the pages, have had a unique and historic experience and one which we hope will serve you well as you continue your education and begin your careers.

So much of what we do in Congress is done for the next generation, for you, our pages, who are here in the back of the room today are the next generation. You can be proud that what we have done in this Congress has not only been done for you but with you. Like each Member of Congress, you are now a part of this institution, and as of Friday you will be a part of its history. Some of you may even be part of its future, returning some day as staff members or even Representatives yourselves like the gentleman from Michigan [Mr. DINGELL], the gentleman from Pennsylvania [Mr. KANJORSKI], the gentleman from Arizona [Mr. KOLBE], the gentleman from Virginia [Mr. DAVIS], and the gentleman from Mississippi [Mr. WICKER], or our late colleague, Representative Emerson, the former chairman of the Page Board.

We know that whatever path you choose in life, it will have been enriched by your experience here in the United States House of Representatives. As you prepare to graduate on Friday, we want you to know that this entire House is grateful for your serv-

ice to us and to our country. We wish you all well.

Mr. Speaker, at this time I will include for the Congressional RECORD the names of the pages that we salute today:

Joshua Abrons, Clinton Bonelli, Joshua Booth, Justin Boyson, Elizabeth Bracken, Brett Bruen, William Carr, Marny Cavanaugh, Holli Cavender, Amanda Charters, Kari Charters, Virginia Cloutier, Sara Cobb, Katie Dewberry, Kathryn Eddy, Ryan Edmunds, Jami Feinberg, Ashley Fellers, Lisi Fernandez, Elizabeth Frank, Stephanie Freund.

Wayne Green, Page Griffin, Ryan Hemker, Antonia Henry, Kim Holcomb, Edward Holman, Peter Janelle, Christina King, Todd Koehler, Mary Konitzer, Matt Kummernuss, Sam Langholz, Sarah Lash, Melissa Leuck, Mary Elizabeth Madden, Jennifer Madjarov, Kevin Marlow, Kevin McCumber, Aric Nesbitt, Erik Newton.

Philip Nielsen, Luke Peterson, Melissa Poe, Aaron Polkey, Sabrina Porcelli, Jennifer Scott, Mary Megan Siedlarczyk, Lizzie Smart, Brandon Snesko, Howard Snowdon, Paul Soderberg, Katie Sylvis, Megan Taormino, Erin Tario, Maria Toler, Tyson Vivyan, Pete Voss, Angela Williams, Timothy Willimason, Sarah Wilson.

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, will the gentlewoman yield?

Mrs. FOWLER. I yield to the gentleman from Maryland.

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, on behalf of minority whip BONIOR and the chairman of our Caucus, the gentleman from California, Mr. FAZIO, all of the leadership and all of the Members on this side of the aisle, I am very pleased to join the distinguished gentlewoman from Florida in congratulating our pages.

Mr. Speaker, the pages represent, as the gentlewoman from Florida [Mrs. FOWLER] said, the future. I have risen before on this floor and talked about the page program. I was privileged to be President of the Maryland Senate, and one of the duties of the President of the Maryland Senate was to recruit high school students for the page program.

I would tell, Mr. Speaker, the young people, if I could address them directly, consistent with the rules, I would tell them that this experience will affect you for all of your lives. You will be better citizens. You have had an experience that few citizens in our Nation have. You have been on this floor and seen democracy in action. You have seen how conscientious the Members of this House are.

Too many Americans, I say, Mr. Speaker, if I could directly to the pages, too many Americans do not have a full understanding of how hard Members work. How conscientious they are and how much they care about doing the right thing for their country, irrespective of whether they are conservatives or liberals, moderates, Republicans, Democrats or Independents. You have learned that firsthand. So you will have something that millions and millions of your neighbors and friends and relatives will not have had: firsthand experience, how the greatest

democratic institution in the world works.

And you will have the opportunity to go back and tell our fellow citizens, too many of whom tend to be cynical, that the system works and that they need to participate, not necessarily run for Congress, maybe some of you will do that, but to participate by voting, by speaking out, by writing, communicating, by involving themselves in the democratic process.

I am very pleased, Mr. Speaker, to join the very distinguished gentlewoman from Florida as a former member of the Page Board, never a page but an intern to a Member here, so like you, having had an early experience, I say to our young people, go back to your communities, go back to your schools, go back to your States and help teach democracy. Make our country better. We will be the better for it.

Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentlewoman for yielding to me.

Mr. KOLBE. Mr. Speaker, will the gentlewoman yield?

Mrs. FOWLER. I yield to the gentleman from Arizona, former member of the Page Board.

Mr. KOLBE. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentlewoman for yielding to me. I thank her for taking this time for those who serve here to take a moment out of our day at the end of this week and at the end of a year of experience for our pages to thank them. Normally we stand in the well of this House here and we address our colleagues who are out here in front of us. But this evening we stand here and address the pages who stand behind the rail over there and have served us so well and, I might add, the pages who sit behind me over here at the documentarian's table.

To all of these pages, let me say that we thank you. We thank you for the service that you have given, we thank you for the confidence that you give us in the future of our country.

I began, as I think most of the pages know, I began my own service in public service, my own service in Government nearly 40 years ago when I came here as a page. In those days the program was quite different and I came as a sophomore in high school and stayed through my senior year.

I know from that experience what a difference it has made in my life, how it has fundamentally changed my own life. When I think back on the class of 1960, two of whom in addition to myself have served this House so ably, Donn Anderson, the Clerk of the House, Ron Lasch, who is the Republican floor assistant over on our side. And I think of the others who have not chosen to participate in the Congress of the United States but participate in their own communities and participate in our public life in other ways.

So what the gentleman from Maryland [Mr. HOYER] said is so very true, that no matter where you go, no matter what career, no matter what profession you follow, no matter where life takes you, this experience will always