

programs, Superfund and Brownfields which are integral to the economic vitality of our communities.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to support H.R. 2158 and to support the several important amendments that will be offered to increase funding for housing and homeless assistance programs.

Mr. HOBSON. Mr. Chairman, I rise today in strong support of the H.R. 2158, the fiscal year 1998 VA, HUD and independent agencies appropriations bill. As a member of the VA-HUD Subcommittee I have enjoyed working with Chairman LEWIS, my fellow subcommittee members, and the fine subcommittee staff and I commend their work on this often difficult bill.

This year, as always, the subcommittee was faced with many challenges as it worked to approve funding for the wide array of programs under its jurisdiction. Nonetheless, I am pleased that we were able to appropriate \$70 billion to meet the important needs of our veterans, protect the environment, address the Nation's housing and emergency assistance needs, and retain our commitment to space and science programs. The 1998 funding level in this bill is \$600 million more than the President's request and approximately \$6 billion higher than last year, guaranteeing that our most vulnerable citizens receive the assistance they need to lead productive lives.

As someone who has served on active duty, I firmly believe that we can never thank our veterans enough for putting their lives on the line in defense of our Nation. I am proud that the VA-HUD bill continues the House's strong support for veterans by protecting the veterans medical care account from reductions by funding it at \$17 billion, with an extra \$468 million to follow when the Balanced Budget Act is passed.

The bill also provides funding to ensure that those Americans who need housing assistance can receive it. H.R. 2158 funds the section 202 housing program for the elderly at \$645 million and the 811 housing program for persons with disabilities at \$195 million, both of which have been a concern of residents of Ohio's seventh district. Spending in both of these programs represents an increase over the President's request. Also, section 8 contract renewals are fully funded at \$9.1 billion ensuring that all expiring contracts will be renewed for 1 year. The extremely popular Community Development Block Grant Program and HOME home investment partnerships are funded at \$4.6 billion and \$1.5 billion respectively, which protects CDBG funding and expands the HOME effort by \$100 million.

The Environmental Protection Agency also received an increase of \$433 million which will allow for the protection of our Nation's resources, for increased environmental research and for the clean-up of hazardous sites. More specifically, H.R. 2158 appropriates \$656 million for EPA research including \$40 million to study aspects of the controversial proposed EPA air regulations. The Superfund receives \$1.5 billion, an increase of \$100 million, and \$85 million is allocated to help clean-up brownfield sites and restore them to useable condition, which is \$48 million over the 1997 level. Finally, the clean water state revolving loan fund is funded at \$1.25 billion and the safe drinking water revolving fund at \$750 million, a total increase of \$200 million. These funding levels will help preserve our valuable

resources for future generations and help ensure that small communities receive the technical assistance to continue providing pure, clean water for rural families.

H.R. 2185 fully funds the Federal Emergency Management Agency's disaster relief account. This agency is of vital importance to coordinating the Federal Government's emergency preparation, response and recovery efforts. FEMA works closely with State and local governments in managing emergency programs and offering technical assistance and I am pleased to see these efforts being maintained.

Finally, the VA-HUD bill increases funding for NASA by \$148 million over the President's request. Over the past few weeks we have marveled at the Mars Pathfinder mission and other projects such as the microgravity experiments developed by Ohio's NASA Lewis Research that are being conducted on the Space Shuttle *Columbia*. In Ohio and other locations across the country NASA taps the excitement of space exploration to help underserved children learn about science and math, and I'm glad to see these efforts adequately funded in this bill. It is important that our Nation continue our investment in science and space exploration, and that we use these efforts to improve life on Earth—H.R. 2185 provides the funding necessary to do all of these.

Tough decisions are made in this bill, such as the action to close the Office of Consumer Affairs—whose functions can be transferred to existing agencies—and freeze funding for the expensive Americorps program. These were carefully considered actions, and make it possible for the 1998 VA-HUD bill to provide for our veterans, meet the country's housing and environmental needs, invest in emergency planning, and support science and space exploration. I urge my colleagues to join me in supporting this bill.

Mr. Chairman, I yield back the balance of my time, and I move that the Committee do now rise.

The motion was agreed to.

Accordingly, the Committee rose; and the Speaker pro tempore [Mr. CUNNINGHAM] having assumed the chair, Mr. COMBEST, Chairman 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. 2158), making appropriations for the Departments of Veterans Affairs and Housing and Urban Development, and for sundry independent agencies, commissions, corporations, and offices for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998, and for other purposes, had come to no resolution thereon.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 1998

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to House Resolution 181 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. 2107.

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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. 2107, making appropriations for the Department of the Interior and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998, and for other purposes, with Mr. LATOURETTE in the chair.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The CHAIRMAN. When the Committee of the Whole rose earlier today, the final lines of the bill had been read.

SEQUENTIAL VOTES POSTPONED IN COMMITTEE
OF THE WHOLE

The CHAIRMAN. Pursuant to House Resolution 181, proceedings will now resume on those amendments on which further proceedings were postponed in the following order: the amendment offered by the gentleman from Ohio [Mr. CHABOT]; amendment No. 3 printed in House Report 105-174 offered by the gentleman from Idaho [Mr. CRAPO]; the amendment offered by the gentleman from Oklahoma [Mr. ISTOOK]; amendment No. 2 offered by the gentleman from Oklahoma [Mr. COBURN]; and amendment No. 2 printed in House Report 105-174 offered by the gentleman from Florida [Mr. WELDON].

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

AMENDMENT OFFERED BY MR. CHABOT

The CHAIRMAN. The unfinished business is the demand for a recorded vote on the amendment offered by the gentleman from Ohio [Mr. CHABOT] on which further proceedings were postponed and on which the noes prevailed by voice vote.

The Clerk will designate the amendment.

The text of the amendment is as follows:

Amendment offered by Mr. CHABOT:
Beginning on page 76, strike line 14 and all that follows through line 10 on page 77.

RECORDED VOTE

The CHAIRMAN. A recorded vote has been demanded.

A recorded vote was ordered.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—ayes 96, noes 328, not voting 10, as follows:

[Roll No. 270]

AYES—96

Aderholt	Cunningham	Kasich
Archer	Deal	King (NY)
Armey	DeLay	Kingston
Barr	Doolittle	Largent
Bartlett	Dreier	Latham
Barton	Duncan	Linder
Boehner	Ehrlich	Manzullo
Bono	Emerson	McIntosh
Brady	Gekas	McKeon
Bryant	Goodlatte	Myrick
Burton	Goodling	Neumann
Buyer	Graham	Norwood
Canady	Gutknecht	Nussle
Chabot	Hall (TX)	Paul
Chambliss	Hansen	Paxon
Chenoweth	Hastert	Pease
Christensen	Hastings (WA)	Petri
Coble	Hayworth	Pombo
Coburn	Herger	Radanovich
Collins	Hilleary	Riley
Combest	Hostettler	Rogan
Condit	Hunter	Rohrabacher
Cox	Hyde	Royce
Crane	Inglis	Ryun
Crapo	Istook	Salmon
Cubin	Jones	Scarborough

Schaffer, Bob	Solomon	Taylor (MS)
Sensenbrenner	Souder	Taylor (NC)
Sessions	Stearns	Thornberry
Shadegg	Stenholm	Thune
Shuster	Stump	Tiahrt
Smith, Linda	Talent	Weldon (FL)

NOES—328

Abercrombie	Foley	Mascara
Ackerman	Forbes	Matsui
Allen	Ford	McCarthy (MO)
Andrews	Fowler	McCarthy (NY)
Bachus	Fox	McCollum
Baesler	Frank (MA)	McCrery
Baker	Franks (NJ)	McDade
Baldacci	Frelinghuysen	McDermott
Ballenger	Frost	McGovern
Barcia	Furse	McHale
Barrett (NE)	Gallegly	McHugh
Barrett (WI)	Ganske	McInnis
Bass	Gejdenson	McIntyre
Bateman	Gibbons	McKinney
Becerra	Gilchrest	McNulty
Bentsen	Gillmor	Meehan
Bereuter	Gilman	Meek
Berman	Gonzalez	Menendez
Berry	Goode	Metcalf
Billbray	Gordon	Mica
Bilirakis	Goss	Millender-
Bishop	Granger	McDonald
Blagojevich	Green	Miller (CA)
Bliley	Greenwood	Miller (FL)
Blumenauer	Gutierrez	Minge
Blunt	Hall (OH)	Mink
Boehlert	Hamilton	Moakley
Bonilla	Harman	Molinari
Bonior	Hastings (FL)	Mollohan
Borski	Hefley	Moran (KS)
Boswell	Hefner	Moran (VA)
Boucher	Hill	Morella
Boyd	Hilliard	Murtha
Brown (CA)	Hinche	Nadler
Brown (OH)	Hinojosa	Neal
Bunning	Hobson	Nethercutt
Burr	Hoekstra	Ney
Callahan	Holden	Northup
Calvert	Hooley	Oberstar
Camp	Horn	Obey
Campbell	Houghton	Olver
Cannon	Hoyer	Ortiz
Capps	Hulshof	Owens
Cardin	Hutchinson	Oxley
Carson	Jackson (IL)	Packard
Castle	Jackson-Lee	Pallone
Clay	(TX)	Pappas
Clayton	Jefferson	Parker
Clement	Jenkins	Pascrell
Clyburn	John	Pastor
Cook	Johnson (CT)	Payne
Cooksey	Johnson (WI)	Pelosi
Costello	Johnson, E. B.	Peterson (MN)
Coyne	Kanjorski	Peterson (PA)
Cramer	Kaptur	Pickering
Cummings	Kelly	Pickett
Danner	Kennedy (MA)	Pitts
Davis (FL)	Kennedy (RI)	Pomeroy
Davis (IL)	Kennelly	Porter
Davis (VA)	Kildee	Portman
DeFazio	Kilpatrick	Poshard
DeGette	Kim	Price (NC)
Delahunt	Kind (WI)	Pryce (OH)
DeLauro	Klecza	Quinn
Dellums	Klink	Rahall
Deutsch	Klug	Ramstad
Diaz-Balart	Knollenberg	Rangel
Dickey	Kolbe	Redmond
Dicks	Kucinich	Regula
Dingell	LaHood	Riggs
Dixon	Lampson	Rivers
Doggett	Lantos	Rodriguez
Dooley	LaTourette	Roemer
Doyle	Lazio	Rogers
Dunn	Leach	Ros-Lehtinen
Edwards	Levin	Rothman
Ehlers	Lewis (CA)	Roukema
Engel	Lewis (GA)	Roybal-Allard
English	Lewis (KY)	Rush
Ensign	Lipinski	Sabo
Etheridge	Livingston	Sanchez
Evans	LoBiondo	Sanders
Everett	Lofgren	Sandlin
Ewing	Lowe	Sanford
Farr	Lucas	Sawyer
Fattah	Luther	Saxton
Fawell	Maloney (CT)	Schaefer, Dan
Fazio	Maloney (NY)	Schumer
Filner	Manton	Scott
Flake	Markey	Serrano
Foglietta	Martinez	Shaw

Shays	Stokes	Walsh
Sherman	Strickland	Wamp
Shimkus	Stupak	Waters
Sisisky	Sununu	Watkins
Skaggs	Tanner	Watt (NC)
Skeen	Tauscher	Watts (OK)
Skelton	Tauzin	Waxman
Slaughter	Thomas	Weldon (PA)
Smith (MI)	Thompson	Weller
Smith (NJ)	Thurman	Wexler
Smith (OR)	Tierney	Weygand
Smith (TX)	Torres	White
Smith, Adam	Towns	Whitfield
Snowbarger	Trafficant	Wicker
Snyder	Turner	Wise
Spence	Upton	Wolf
Spratt	Velazquez	Wynn
Stabenow	Vento	Yates
Stark	Visclosky	Young (FL)

NOT VOTING—10

Brown (FL)	Johnson, Sam	Woolsey
Conyers	LaFalce	Young (AK)
Eshoo	Reyes	
Gephardt	Schiff	

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Messrs. SKELTON, COOKSEY, BONILLA and ENSIGN changed their vote from “aye” to “no.”

Messrs. HALL of Texas, PAXON, WELDON of Florida, and ARCHER changed their vote from “no” to “aye.”

So the amendment was rejected.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

AMENDMENT OFFERED BY MR. CRAPO

The CHAIRMAN. The pending business is the demand for a recorded vote on the amendment offered by the gentleman from Idaho [Mr. CRAPO], on which further proceedings were postponed and on which the ayes prevailed by voice vote.

The Clerk will redesignate the amendment.

The Clerk redesignated the amendment.

RECORDED VOTE

The CHAIRMAN. A recorded vote has been demanded.

A recorded vote was ordered.

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

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—ayes 314, noes 109, not voting 11, as follows:

[Roll No. 271]

AYES—314

Aderholt	Brady	Costello
Andrews	Brown (OH)	Cox
Archer	Bryant	Cramer
Armey	Bunning	Crane
Bachus	Burr	Crapo
Baesler	Burton	Cunningham
Baker	Callahan	Danner
Baldacci	Calvert	Davis (FL)
Ballenger	Camp	Davis (VA)
Barcia	Campbell	Deal
Barr	Canady	DeFazio
Barrett (NE)	Cannon	Delahunt
Barrett (WI)	Capps	DeLauro
Bartlett	Cardin	DeLay
Barton	Castle	Deutsch
Bass	Chabot	Diaz-Balart
Bentsen	Chambliss	Dickey
Bereuter	Chenoweth	Doggett
Berry	Christensen	Dooley
Billbray	Clyburn	Doolittle
Bilirakis	Coble	Doyle
Clement	Coburn	Dreier
Clyburn	Collins	Duncan
Coble	Combust	Dunn
Bliley	Condit	Ehlers
Blunt	Bonilla	Ehrlich
Boehlert	Cook	Emerson
Boehner	Cooksey	English
Bonilla		Ensign
Boswell		

Etheridge	Lazio	Rivers
Everett	Leach	Roemer
Fawell	Levin	Rogan
Foley	Lewis (CA)	Rohrabacher
Forbes	Lewis (KY)	Ros-Lehtinen
Ford	Linder	Rothman
Fowler	Lipinski	Roukema
Fox	LoBiondo	Royce
Franks (NJ)	Lucas	Ryun
Frelinghuysen	Luther	Salmon
Frost	Maloney (CT)	Sanchez
Gallegly	Maloney (NY)	Sandlin
Ganske	Manzullo	Sanford
Gejdenson	Martinez	Saxton
Gekas	Mascara	Scarborough
Gibbons	Matsui	Schaefer, Dan
Gilchrest	McCarthy (MO)	Schaffer, Bob
Gillmor	McCarthy (NY)	Schumer
Gilman	McCollum	Scott
Goode	McCrery	Sensenbrenner
Goodlatte	McDade	Sessions
Goodling	McHale	Shadegg
Gordon	McHugh	Shaw
Goss	McInnis	Shays
Graham	McIntosh	Sherman
Granger	McIntyre	Shimkus
Green	McKeon	Sisisky
Greenwood	McKinney	Skeen
Gutknecht	Meehan	Skelton
Hall (OH)	Menendez	Smith (MI)
Hall (TX)	Metcalf	Smith (NJ)
Hamilton	Mica	Smith (OR)
Hansen	Miller (CA)	Smith (TX)
Harman	Miller (FL)	Smith, Linda
Hastert	Minge	Snowbarger
Hastings (WA)	Molinari	Solomon
Hayworth	Moran (KS)	Souder
Hefley	Morella	Spratt
Hefner	Myrick	Stabenow
Herger	Neal	Stearns
Hill	Nethercutt	Stenholm
Hilleary	Neumann	Strickland
Hinojosa	Ney	Stump
Hoekstra	Northup	Stupak
Holden	Norwood	Sununu
Hooley	Nussle	Talent
Horn	Ortiz	Tanner
Hostettler	Oxley	Tauscher
Houghton	Packard	Tauzin
Hulshof	Pallone	Taylor (MS)
Hunter	Pappas	Taylor (NC)
Hutchinson	Parker	Thomas
Hyde	Pascrell	Thompson
Inglis	Paul	Thornberry
Istook	Paxon	Thune
Jenkins	Pease	Thurman
John	Peterson (MN)	Tiahrt
Jones	Peterson (PA)	Trafficant
Kasich	Petri	Turner
Kelly	Pickering	Upton
Kennedy (MA)	Pickett	Vento
Kennelly	Pitts	Walsh
Kildee	Pombo	Wamp
Kim	Pomeroy	Watkins
Kind (WI)	Porter	Watts (OK)
King (NY)	Portman	Weldon (FL)
Kingston	Poshard	Weldon (PA)
Klecza	Price (NC)	Weller
Klink	Pryce (OH)	Wexler
Klug	Quinn	Weygand
Kolbe	Radanovich	White
LaHood	Ramstad	Whitfield
Lampson	Redmond	Wicker
Largent	Regula	Wolf
Latham	Riggs	Wynn
LaTourette	Riley	

NOES—109

Abercrombie	Dingell	Hoyer
Ackerman	Dixon	Jackson (IL)
Allen	Edwards	Jackson-Lee
Bateman	Engel	(TX)
Becerra	Evans	Jefferson
Berman	Ewing	Johnson (CT)
Blumenauer	Farr	Johnson (WI)
Bonior	Fattah	Johnson, E. B.
Bono	Fazio	Kanjorski
Borski	Filner	Kaptur
Boucher	Flake	Kennedy (RI)
Boyd	Foglietta	Kilpatrick
Brown (CA)	Frank (MA)	Knollenberg
Carson	Furse	Kucinich
Clay	Gephardt	Lantos
Coyne	Gonzalez	Lewis (GA)
Cummings	Gutierrez	Livingston
Davis (IL)	Hastings (FL)	Lofgren
DeGette	Hilliard	Lowey
Dellums	Hinche	Manton
Dicks	Hobson	Markey

McDermott Pastor
McGovern Payne
McNulty Pelosi
Meek Rahall
Millender-Rangel
McDonald Rodriguez
Mink Rogers
Moakley Roybal-Allard
Mollohan Rush
Moran (VA) Sabo
Murtha Sanders
Nadler Sawyer
Oberstar Serrano
Obey Shuster
Oliver Skaggs
Owens Slaughter

NOT VOTING—11

Brown (FL) Eshoo
Buyer Johnson, Sam
Conyers LaFalce
Cubin Reyes

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Messrs. MCINTYRE, STRICKLAND, and NEAL of Massachusetts changed their vote from "no" to "aye."

So the amendment was agreed to.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

AMENDMENT OFFERED BY MR. ISTOOK

The CHAIRMAN. The pending business is the demand for a recorded vote on the amendment offered by the gentleman from Oklahoma [Mr. ISTOOK], on which further proceedings were postponed and on which the noes prevailed by voice vote.

The Clerk will redesignate the amendment.

The Clerk redesignated the amendment.

RECORDED VOTE

The CHAIRMAN. A recorded vote has been demanded.

A recorded vote was ordered.

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

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—ayes 208, noes 216, not voting 10, as follows:

[Roll No. 272]

AYES—208

Aderholt Costello Goodling
Archer Cox Gordon
Armey Cramer Graham
Bachus Crane Granger
Baesler Crapo Greenwood
Baker Cubin Hall (TX)
Ballenger Cunningham Hansen
Barr Danner Hastings (WA)
Barrett (NE) Davis (VA)
Bartlett Deal Hefley
Barton Dickey Hill
Bass Doggett Hilleary
Billirakis Doolittle Hobson
Bliley Doyle Hoekstra
Blunt Dreier Holden
Boehner Duncan Hostettler
Bonilla Dunn Hulshof
Boyd Edwards Hutchinson
Brady Ehlers Hyde
Bryant Ehrlich Inglis
Bunning Emerson Istook
Burr English Jenkins
Buyer Everett John
Callahan Ewing Johnson (CT)
Calvert Fawell Jones
Canady Forbes Kanjorski
Chabot Fowler Kasich
Chambliss Fox Kelly
Chenoweth Franks (NJ) Kim
Christensen Frelinghuysen King (NY)
Clement Ganske Kingston
Coble Gekas Klug
Coburn Gilchrist Knollenberg
Collins Gillmor LaHood
Combest Goode Largent
Cook Goodlatte Latham

Leach Lewis (KY)
Linder Linder
Lipinski Lipinski
Livingston Livingston
LoBiondo LoBiondo
Lucas Lucas
Manzullo Manzullo
Mascara Mascara
McCormack McCormack
McCrery McCrery
McDade McDade
McHugh McHugh
McInnis McInnis
McIntosh McIntosh
McKeon McKeon
Metcalfe Metcalfe
Mica Mica
Miller (FL) Miller (FL)
Molinarini Molinarini
Moran (KS) Moran (KS)
Myrick Myrick
Nethercutt Nethercutt
Neumann Neumann
Ney Ney
Northup Northup
Norwood Norwood
Nussle Nussle
Oxley Oxley
Pappas Pappas
Paul Paul
Paxon Paxon
Pease Pease
Peterson (PA) Peterson (PA)

NOES—216

Abercrombie Foglietta
Ackerman Foley
Allen Ford
Andrews Frank (MA)
Baldacci Frost
Barcia Furse
Barrett (WI) Gallegly
Bateman Gejdenson
Becerra Gephardt
Bentsen Gibbons
Bereuter Gilman
Berman Gonzalez
Berry Goss
Billbray Green
Bishop Gutierrez
Blagojevich Gutknecht
Blumenauer Hall (OH)
Boehlert Hamilton
Bonior Harman
Bono Hastert
Borski Hastings (FL)
Boswell Hayworth
Boucher Hefner
Brown (CA) Hilliard
Brown (OH) Hinchey
Burton Hinojosa
Camp Hooley
Campbell Horn
Cannon Houghton
Capps Hoyer
Cardin Hunter
Carson Jackson (IL)
Castle Jackson-Lee
Clay (TX)
Clayton Jefferson
Clyburn Johnson (WI)
Condit Johnson, E. B.
Cooksey Kaptur
Coyne Kennedy (MA)
Cummings Kennedy (RI)
Davis (FL) Kennelly
Davis (IL) Kildee
DeFazio Kilpatrick
DeGette Kind (WI)
Delahunt Kleczka
DeLauro Klink
DeLay Kolbe
Dellums Kucinich
Deutsch Lampson
Diaz-Balart Lantos
Dicks LaTourette
Dingell Lazio
Dixon Levin
Dooley Lewis (GA)
Engel Lofgren
Ensign Lowey
Etheridge Luter
Evans Maloney (CT)
Farr Maloney (NY)
Fattah Manton
Fazio Markey
Filner Martinez
Flake Matsui

Smith (TX) Smith (TX)
Smith, Linda Smith, Linda
Snowbarger Snowbarger
Solomon Solomon
Souder Souder
Spence Spence
Stearns Stearns
Stenholm Stenholm
Stump Stump
Sununu Sununu
Talent Talent
Tanner Tanner
Taylor (NC) Taylor (NC)
Thomas Thomas
Thornberry Thornberry
Thune Thune
Tiahrt Tiahrt
Traficant Traficant
Upton Upton
Visclosky Visclosky
Walsh Walsh
Wamp Wamp
Watkins Watkins
Watts (OK) Watts (OK)
Weldon (FL) Weldon (FL)
Weldon (PA) Weldon (PA)
Weller Weller
Weygand Weygand
White White
Whitfield Whitfield
Wolf Wolf
Young (FL) Young (FL)

Skeen Skeen
Slaughter Slaughter
Smith, Adam Smith, Adam
Solomon Solomon
Souder Souder
Stabenow Stabenow
Stark Stark
Stokes Stokes
Strickland Strickland
Stupak Stupak

NOT VOTING—10

Brown (FL) LaFalce
Conyers Conyers
Eshoo Lewis (CA)
Johnson, Sam Reyes
Schiff Schiff

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Mr. GIBBONS and Mr. BENTSEN changed their vote from "aye" to "no."

Messrs. SHAYS, SAXTON, GILCHREST, and CUNNINGHAM changed their vote from "no" to "aye."

So the amendment was rejected.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

AMENDMENT NO. 2 OFFERED BY MR. COBURN

The CHAIRMAN. The pending business is the demand for a recorded vote on the amendment offered by the gentleman from Oklahoma [Mr. COBURN] on which further proceedings were postponed and on which the ayes prevailed by voice vote.

The Clerk will redesignate the amendment.

The Clerk redesignated the amendment.

RECORDED VOTE

The CHAIRMAN. A recorded vote has been demanded.

A recorded vote was ordered.

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

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—ayes 222, noes 203, not voting 9, as follows:

[Roll No. 273]

AYES—222

Aderholt Combest Granger
Archer Condit Green
Armey Cook Greenwood
Bachus Cooksey Gutknecht
Baker Cox Hall (TX)
Ballenger Crane Hansen
Barcia Crapo Hastert
Barr Cubin Hastings (WA)
Barrett (NE) Cunningham Hayworth
Bartlett Danner Hefley
Barton Deal Herger
Bass DeLay Hill
Bateman Diaz-Balart Hilleary
Berry Dickey Hobson
Billbray Doolittle Hoekstra
Billirakis Doyle Holden
Bliley Dreier Hostettler
Blunt Duncan Hulshof
Boehner Dunn Hunter
Bonilla Ehrlich Hutchinson
Bono Emerson Hyde
Brady Ensign Inglis
Bryant Everett Istook
Bunning Ewing Jenkins
Burr Foley Jones
Burton Forbes Kasich
Buyer Fowler Kelly
Callahan Fox Kim
Calvert Franks (NJ) King (NY)
Camp Frelinghuysen Kingston
Campbell Gallegly Klug
Canady Ganske Knollenberg
Cannon Gekas LaHood
Chabot Gibbons Largent
Chambliss Gillmor Latham
Chenoweth Goode Lewis (CA)
Christensen Goodlatte Lewis (KY)
Coble Goodling Linder
Coburn Goss Livingston
Collins Graham LoBiondo

Lucas
Manzullo
Mascara
McCollum
McCrery
McDade
McHugh
McInnis
McIntosh
McIntyre
McKeon
Metcalf
Mica
Miller (FL)
Molinari
Moran (KS)
Myrick
Nethercutt
Neumann
Ney
Northup
Norwood
Nussle
Oxley
Packard
Pappas
Parker
Paul
Paxon
Pease
Peterson (MN)
Peterson (PA)
Petri
Pickering

Pitts
Pombo
Portman
Pryce (OH)
Radanovich
Redmond
Regula
Riggs
Riley
Rogan
Rogers
Rohrabacher
Ros-Lehtinen
Royce
Ryun
Salmon
Sandlin
Sanford
Scarborough
Schaefer, Dan
Schaffer, Bob
Scott
Sensenbrenner
Sessions
Shadegg
Shaw
Shimkus
Shuster
Sisisky
Skeen
Skelton
Smith (MI)
Smith (NJ)

Smith (OR)
Smith (TX)
Smith, Linda
Snowbarger
Solomon
Souder
Spence
Stearns
Stenholm
Stump
Sununu
Talent
Tauzin
Taylor (MS)
Taylor (NC)
Thomas
Thornberry
Thune
Tiahrt
Trafigant
Turner
Upton
Walsh
Wamp
Watkins
Watts (OK)
Weldon (FL)
Weldon (PA)
Weller
White
Whitfield
Wicker
Wolf
Young (FL)

NOES—203

Abercrombie
Ackerman
Allen
Andrews
Baesler
Baldacci
Barrett (WI)
Becerra
Bentsen
Bereuter
Berman
Bishop
Blagojevich
Blumenauer
Boehlert
Bonior
Borski
Boswell
Boucher
Boyd
Brown (CA)
Brown (OH)
Capps
Cardin
Carson
Castle
Clay
Clayton
Clement
Clyburn
Costello
Coyne
Cramer
Cummings
Davis (FL)
Davis (IL)
Davis (VA)
DeFazio
DeGette
Delahunt
DeLauro
Dellums
Deutsch
Dicks
Dingell
Dixon
Doggett
Dooley
Edwards
Ehlers
Engel
English
Etheridge
Evans
Farr
Fattah
Fawell
Fazio
Filner
Flake
Foglietta
Ford
Frank (MA)

Frost
Furse
Gejdenson
Gephardt
Gilchrist
Gilman
Gonzalez
Gordon
Gutierrez
Hall (OH)
Hamilton
Harman
Hastings (FL)
Hefner
Hilliard
Hinchey
Hinojosa
Hooley
Horn
Houghton
Hoyer
Jackson (IL)
Jackson-Lee
(TX)
Jefferson
John
Johnson (CT)
Johnson (WI)
Johnson, E. B.
Kanjorski
Kaptur
Kennedy (MA)
Kennedy (RI)
Kennelly
Kildee
Kilpatrick
Kind (WI)
Kleczka
Klink
Kolbe
Kucinich
Lampson
Lantos
LaTourette
Lazio
Leach
Levin
Lewis (GA)
Lipinski
Lofgren
Lowey
Luther
Maloney (CT)
Maloney (NY)
Manton
Markay
Martinez
Matsui
McCarthy (MO)
McCarthy (NY)
McCollum
McCrery
McDade
McGovern
McHale

McKinney
McNulty
Meehan
Meek
Menendez
Millender-
McDonald
Miller (CA)
Minge
Mink
Moakley
Mollohan
Moran (VA)
Morella
Murtha
Nadler
Neal
Oberstar
Obey
Oliver
Ortiz
Owens
Pallone
Pascrell
Pastor
Payne
Pelosi
Pickett
Pomeroy
Porter
Poshard
Price (NC)
Rahall
Ramstad
Rangel
Rivers
Rodriguez
Roemer
Rothman
Roukema
Roybal-Allard
Sabo
Sanchez
Sanders
Sawyer
Saxton
Schumer
Serrano
Shays
Sherman
Skaggs
Slaughter
Smith, Adam
Snyder
Spratt
Stabenow
Stark
Stokes
Strickland
Stupak
Tanner
Tauscher

Thompson
Thurman
Tierney
Torres
Towns
Velazquez

Vento
Visclosky
Waters
Watt (NC)
Waxman
Wexler

Weygand
Wise
Wynn
Yates

NOT VOTING—9

Brown (FL)
Conyers
Eshoo

Johnson, Sam
LaFalce
Reyes

Schiff
Woolsey
Young (AK)

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Messrs. HOBSON, MCINTYRE, and LIVINGSTON changed their vote from “no” to “aye.”

So the amendment was agreed to.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

AMENDMENT OFFERED BY MR. WELDON OF FLORIDA

The CHAIRMAN. The pending business is the demand for a recorded vote on the amendment offered by the gentleman from Florida [Mr. WELDON] on which further proceedings were postponed and on which the ayes prevailed by voice vote.

The Clerk will redesignate the amendment.

The Clerk redesignated the amendment.

RECORDED VOTE

The CHAIRMAN. A recorded vote has been demanded.

A recorded vote was ordered.

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

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—ayes 396, noes 25, not voting 13, as follows:

[Roll No. 274]

AYES—396

Abercrombie
Aderholt
Allen
Andrews
Archer
Armey
Bachus
Baesler
Baker
Baldacci
Ballenger
Barcia
Barr
Barrett (NE)
Barrett (WI)
Bartlett
Barton
Bass
Bateman
Bentsen
Bereuter
Berman
Berry
Bilbray
Bilirakis
Bishop
Blagojevich
Bliley
Blumenauer
Blunt
Boehlert
Boehner
Bonilla
Bonior
Bono
Borski
Boswell
Boucher
Boyd
Brady
Brown (OH)
Bryant
Bunning
Burr
Burton
Buyer

Callahan
Calvert
Camp
Campbell
Canady
Cannon
Capps
Cardin
Carson
Castle
Chabot
Chambliss
Chenoweth
Christensen
Clay
Clayton
Clement
Clyburn
Coble
Coburn
Collins
Combest
Condit
Conyers
Cook
Costello
Cox
Coyne
Cramer
Crane
Crapo
Cubin
Cummings
Cunningham
Danner
Davis (FL)
Davis (IL)
Davis (VA)
Deal
DeFazio
DeGette
Delahunt
DeLauro
DeLay
Deutsch
Diaz-Balart

Dickey
Dicks
Dingell
Dixon
Doggett
Dooley
Doolittle
Doyle
Dreier
Duncan
Dunn
Edwards
Ehlers
Ehrlich
Emerson
English
Ensign
Etheridge
Evans
Everett
Ewing
Fattah
Fawell
Fazio
Filner
Flake
Foglietta
Foley
Forbes
Ford
Fowler
Fox
Franks (NJ)
Frelinghuysen
Frost
Gallegly
Ganske
Gejdenson
Gekas
Gephardt
Gibbons
Gilchrist
Gillmor
Gilman
Gonzalez
Goode

Hastings (FL)

Goodlatte
Goodling
Gordon
Goss
Graham
Granger
Green
Greenwood
Gutierrez
Gutknecht
Hall (OH)
Hamilton
Hansen
Harman
Hastert
Hastings (WA)
Hayworth
Hefley
Hefner
Hill
Hilleary
Hilliard
Hinchey
Hinojosa
Hobson
Hoekstra
Holden
Hooley
Horn
Hostettler
Houghton
Hoyer
Hulshof
Hunter
Hutchinson
Hyde
Inglis
Istook
Jackson (IL)
Jackson-Lee
(TX)
Jefferson
Jenkins
John
Johnson (WI)
Johnson, E.B.
Johnson, Sam
Jones
Kanjorski
Kaptur
Kasich
Kelly
Kennedy (MA)
Kennelly
Kildee
Kilpatrick
Kim
Kind (WI)
King (NY)
Kingston
Kleczka
Klink
Klug
Knollenberg
Kolbe
Kucinich
LaFalce
LaHood
Lampson
Lantos
Largent
Latham
LaTourette
Lazio
Leach
Levin
Lewis (CA)
Lewis (GA)
Lewis (KY)
Linder
Lipinski
Livingston
LoBiondo
Lofgren
Lowey
Lucas
Luther

Maloney (CT)
Maloney (NY)
Manton
Manzullo
Markay
Martinez
Mascara
Matsui
McCarthy (MO)
McCarthy (NY)
McCollum
McCrery
McDade
McGovern
McHale
McHugh
McInnis
McIntosh
McIntyre
McKeon
McKinney
McNulty
Meek
Menendez
Metcalf
Mica
Millender-
McDonald
Minge
Mink
Moakley
Molinari
Mollohan
Moran (KS)
Morella
Murtha
Nethercutt
Neumann
Ney
Northup
Norwood
Nussle
Oberstar
Obey
Ortiz
Owens
Oxley
Packard
Pappas
Parker
Pascrell
Pastor
Paul
Paxon
Pease
Peterson (MN)
Peterson (PA)
Petri
Pickering
Pickett
Pitts
Pombo
Pomeroy
Porter
Portman
Poshard
Price (NC)
Pryce (OH)
Radanovich
Rahall
Ramstad
Rangel
Redmond
Regula
Riggs
Riley
Rivers
Rodriguez
Roemer
Rogan
Rogers
Rohrabacher
Ros-Lehtinen
Rothman
Roukema
Roybal-Allard

NOES—25

Ackerman
Becerra
Brown (CA)
Dellums
Engel
Farr
Frank (MA)
Furse
Hastings (FL)

Kennedy (RI)
McDermott
Meehan
Miller (CA)
Moran (VA)
Nadler
Neal
Olver
Pallone

Royce
Rush
Ryun
Salmon
Sanchez
Sanders
Sandlin
Sanford
Sawyer
Saxton
Schaefer, Dan
Schaffer, Bob
Schumer
Sensenbrenner
Serrano
Sessions
Shadegg
Shaw
Shays
Sherman
Shimkus
Shuster
Sisisky
Skaggs
Skeen
Skelton
Slaughter
Smith (MI)
Smith (NJ)
Smith (OR)
Smith (TX)
Smith, Adam
Smith, Linda
Snowbarger
Snyder
Solomon
Souder
Spence
Spratt
Stabenow
Stark
Stearns
Stenholm
Stokes
Strickland
Stump
Stupak
Sununu
Talent
Tanner
Tauscher
Tauzin
Taylor (MS)
Taylor (NC)
Thomas
Thompson
Thornberry
Thune
Thurman
Tiahrt
Torres
Towns
Trafigant
Turner
Upton
Velazquez
Vento
Visclosky
Walsh
Wamp
Watkins
Watt (NC)
Watts (OK)
Waxman
Weldon (FL)
Weldon (PA)
Weller
Wexler
Weygand
White
Whitfield
Wicker
Wise
Wolf
Wynn
Young (FL)

Payne
Pelosi
Sabo
Scott
Tierney
Waters
Yates

NOT VOTING—13

Brown (FL)	Johnson (CT)	Schiff
Cooksey	Miller (FL)	Woolsey
Eshoo	Myrick	Young (AK)
Hall (TX)	Reyes	
Henger	Scarborough	

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Mr. MARKEY 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. MILLER of Florida.

Mr. Chairman, on rollcall No. 274, I was unavoidably detained.

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

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mrs. JOHNSON of Connecticut.

Mr. Chairman, on rollcall No. 274, I was unavoidably detained.

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

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Ms. WOOLSEY. Mr. Chairman, I was unavoidably detained and missed several votes earlier today due to mechanical failures on my scheduled flight.

Had I been present, I would have voted:

Yea on rollcall No. 267; Yea on rollcall No. 268; Yea on rollcall No. 269; Nay on rollcall No. 270; Nay on rollcall No. 271; Nay on rollcall No. 272; Nay on rollcall No. 273; and, Yea on rollcall No. 274.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Chairman, I was unavoidably detained because of airline equipment problems, and missed the following rollcall votes earlier today. Had I been present, I would have voted as follows:

On rollcall No. 267, yes; on rollcall No. 268, yes; on rollcall No. 269, the Journal, yes; on rollcall No. 270, no; on rollcall No. 271, yes; on rollcall No. 272, no; on rollcall No. 273, no; on rollcall No. 274, yes.

Mr. QUINN. Mr. Chairman, I rise today to commend Interior Chairman Regula for all of his hard work regarding H.R. 2107, fiscal year 1998 Interior Appropriations Act. Specifically, I wish to thank the chairman for his efforts regarding funding for the low-income weatherization program.

Low-income weatherization funding is a proenvironment, money saving program to help low-income families protect themselves from extreme seasonal conditions. Funding for energy saving programs like the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program [LIHEAP] and weatherization are under attack. Weatherization funds save money and make LIHEAP funds go further. They help update old inefficient heating and cooling systems, insulate drafty homes, and yield annual energy savings of about 18 percent. When these funds are slashed, hard-working low-income families are left to face the cold winters and the sweltering summer heat without assistance.

Mr. Speaker, these funds are particularly important to the elderly who cannot tolerate extreme temperature changes. I know that the city of Buffalo received \$1 million in weatherization funding last year, which allows the city to help an average of 450 houses per year increase energy efficiency in their homes. Sadly, there is a 2-year waiting list consisting of between 1,200 and 1,500 homes that are in

need of weatherization assistance. We cannot afford to cut funding that is in such need by so many low-income American families.

Thanks to Chairman REGULA'S efforts, an additional \$3 million has been added to the weatherization funding contained in the fiscal year 1998 Interior Appropriations Act. Therefore, I am withdrawing the Sanders-Quinn amendment for compromise low-income weatherization funding from consideration.

Mr. CLAY. Mr. Chairman, if the National Endowment for the Arts is terminated and a State block grant is enacted, local communities will suffer tremendous losses, educationally, culturally and economically. Under the block grant, less than \$50 million would be directed to the States for school-based art education programs. Currently, there are approximately 51 million students enrolled in primary and secondary schools. Thus, under the block grant each child would receive less than \$1 for arts education activities. Dispensing funds in such piddling amounts is tantamount to throwing that money away.

During its 31-year history, the NEA has fostered the placement of thousands of artists-in-residence in our public schools and has allowed for the creation of literacy programs and children's festivals. In partnership with the Department of Education, the NEA assists over 100 national arts and education organizations to implement arts education in the curriculum. The NEA has also assisted universities in providing training for teachers and faculty, including national research on the effects of arts education on cognitive learning. The block grant would eliminate funding to universities, as well as lifelong learning programs that serve our Nation's adults, senior citizens, and disabled citizens.

In addition to improved quality of life and education, the NEA has made a very positive contribution to our Nation's economy. Through grants to orchestras, theaters, music ensembles, and other cultural festivals, the arts industry has supported nearly a million jobs across the Nation. In turn, these jobs have resulted in billions of dollars in revenue to the Federal Government. Local economies have seen the benefits of the arts through increased hotel stays and increased sales in local restaurants and shops.

Supporters of the block grant of Federal arts funding argue that it allows more equitable funding to all congressional districts. This is simply untrue. Under the Ehlers funding formula, funds to State arts agencies would be cut below the fiscal year 1997 level, which was already reduce 40 percent under the fiscal year 1996 budget cut. It is unlikely that these limited State funds will actually reach local programs, particularly in the Nation's poorest and most isolated counties. NEA programs, such as Chamber Music Rural Residences—that have brought chamber music and jazz ensembles to rural areas, including Tifton, GA, Jesup, IA, and Blytheville, AR—would be eliminated. A block grant would likely neglect those art and culture groups that have been historically underserved, groups such as the native American woodcarvers and the black American dance troupes.

The NEA has brought art to people in small towns and rural areas throughout the United States. The NEA has helped to educate and enlighten the young and the old. The NEA has enriched urban and rural communities across this country, financially as well as culturally.

The Ehlers amendment makes no effort to promote effective development of, and access to, the arts. The Ehlers amendment does not endeavor to make effective use of scarce Federal resources. Rather, to please a fringe group that regard art as synonymous with sin, the Ehlers amendment would scatter those funds to the winds in amounts too small to make a difference. I urge rejection to the Ehlers approach.

Mr. ENGEL. Mr. Chairman, for many years, a plan has been in development to build the Ellis Island Family History Center, a facility equipped with a data base which visitors of Ellis Island can access to learn about their immigrant ancestors.

The Center would provide passenger lists and ship manifests for the millions of visitors who travel to Ellis Island searching for a piece of their past. Upon completion the Family History Center would contain almost 30 million records. This project has been listed by the Department of the Interior and the National Park Service as one of their highest priorities, and it has been allowed to languish for too many years.

Various groups, including the Ellis Island Restoration Commission, which has served as a consultant to the Department of the Interior, have compiled a data base of almost 8 million records. Yet, no action has been taken to put all of these records to any use. Some may wonder why this project has been delayed.

The answer is this: Over the objections of many distinguished members of this body as well as some officials at the Department of the Interior, a contract was signed between the Department of the Interior and the Statue of Liberty/Ellis Island Foundation for the construction of the Center. The foundation's employees have raised millions of dollars for this project. In fact, recent financial reports show the Statue of Liberty-Ellis Island Foundation has almost \$30 million in the bank, but the foundation has failed to present an actual plan which would justify their salaries.

Why hasn't the Department of the Interior put pressure on the foundation to complete the Center? This very issue was addressed at a 1992 subcommittee hearing when representatives of the National Park Service testified, incredibly, that since its inception, the foundation had raised somewhere in the neighborhood of \$360 to \$370 million of or the Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island. However the National Park Service representatives also testified that "[the National Park Service] has had to go hat-in-hand asking for dollars that are due the Park Service and due the project, simply because the structure of the Foundation, does not give us an opportunity to exercise oversight on the receipt or the expenditure of that money."

That was 1992. It is now 1997 and the time has come for some action on this project. Our distinguished colleague in the other body, CARL LEVIN has been active on this issue and has contacted Secretary Babbitt asking for some assistance. The Secretary's reply, dated June 9, 1997 states: "no formal plan exists" for the project.

By way of comparison I should inform my colleagues that, currently there is a photographic exhibit of the history of Italian-American immigrants being displayed at Ellis Island in cooperation with the Italian government. The Balch Foundation, which has compiled millions of immigration record for the National

Archives, agreed to create a database of approximately half-a-million Italian American records for use in conjunction with the photographs. The time that it took the Balch Foundation from its first contact by the Italian Government to the installation of the database at Ellis Island for use in the exhibit was approximately 2 weeks.

For millions of our Nation's citizens the search for their roots brings them to Ellis Island. The Family History Center would provide Ellis Island's visitors with a tangible link to their past. However, at the present pace it seems likely that this project will never be realized.

I hope that the House of Representatives will work with me to have the National Park Service and the Department of the Interior to either urge the Foundation to act on the Family History Center or award the contract to an organization that will.

Mrs. MINK of Hawaii. Mr. Chairman, the Interior Appropriations bill for fiscal year 1998 neglects to fund a number of projects important to Hawaii.

This bill denies a specific earmark of \$700 million for land acquisitions and exchanges through the Land and Water Conservation Fund [LWCF] that was included in the recent budget agreement. The direct result of this omission is no funding for land acquisition at Kai Malino Ranch on the island of Hawaii, for the Hakalau National Wildlife Refuge. This parcel comprises some of the only remaining tropical rainforest in the United States—severely threatened forestland in Kona—which had been designated by the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service [FWS] in recent past fiscal years as a top national priority for acquisition. The President's fiscal year 1996 budget included \$7 million for acquisition of these forestlands, which was partially funded by the U.S. Department of the Interior [DOI] at \$5 million in fiscal year 1997. H.R. 2107 neglects to fund the remaining \$2 million to complete the acquisition.

This project demonstrates a cooperative partnership between the Federal Government and private property owners seeking to conserve precious natural habitat and unique species living in the rainforest. Total acquisition of Kai Malino is necessary for the long-term protection of several of Hawaii's threatened and endangered bird species, especially the endangered Hawaiian crow, or 'alala. FWS and the Peregrine Fund have been working together for years to save the crow from extinction, and their coordinated efforts have focused on Kai Malino which is the only land remaining where crows live in the wild.

A second project that has gone unfunded in this bill is Waihee Marsh in Kahaluu on the Island of Oahu, which is to be added to the Oahu National Wildlife Refuge Complex. Last year, Congress authorized this acquisition. President Clinton signed the bill into law on October 1, 1996 as Public Law 104-209.

Waihee Marsh consists of about 36 acres located on the Northeastern coast of Oahu. FWS identified Waihee Marsh as a priority acquisition site in its 1990 wetlands concept plan. The plan documented a loss of coastal wetland in Hawaii of 31 percent from 1880 to 1980, leaving only 15,474 acres of wetland for indigenous waterbird habitat. The few remaining wetlands are being preserved, but urban development pressures continue to take their toll.

A site visit by FWS in November 1994 identified a number of management priorities for

the restoration of Waihee Marsh to a healthy, naturally functioning wetland. Sediment dredging is necessary to increase water quality and re-create suitable waterbird habitats. Aggressive predators such as feral cats, dogs, mongooses and rats that interfere with waterbird nesting and other activities need to be kept out of the wetland. Invasive non-native plants such as California grass and primrose willow that have overrun the refuge need to be removed. FWS would also need to rehabilitate the Marsh to maintain and create shallow mudflats, deeper open water areas, areas with fairly dense native vegetation and other varied features.

Waihee Marsh also serves as a flood control system for adjacent residential areas in Kaalaea and Waihee. It also acts as a filtration system for the nearby Kaneohe Bay, which is also undergoing cleanup and restoration of the diverse marine ecosystem that once occupied the Bay.

H.R. 2107 does not provide funding to purchase Kai Malino Ranch and Waihee Marsh. These projects are important to help stem the impact on Hawaii's current endangered species crisis. About 75 percent of plant and bird extinctions in the U.S. have been Hawaiian species, despite that fact that the Hawaiian Islands make up less than 0.2 percent of the country's total land mass. A recent study in the journal *Science* highlighted the serious extent of Hawaii's endangered species crisis by naming Hawaii as one of four hot spots in which the Nation's endangered species are concentrated.

Last, I am very concerned about the future of Hawaii's dwindling biodiversity. I requested \$1.5 million in funding for genetic plant conservation. Technology now exists to preserve genetic material from endangered and threatened plants, in anticipation of future methods that could recreate populations of these plants again in the future, even after the last plant disappears from the Earth. H.R. 2107 fails to fund this request, which would provide for a range of activities including rare plant monitoring and sampling, seed bank upgrade and curation, curation and propagation of endangered plant collections, expanded greenhouse capacity, nursery construction, cryogenic storage research and development, and in-vitro storage expansion.

Genetic plant conservation is a crucial part of the solution to save endangered plants not only in Hawaii, but throughout the Nation as critical habitat dwindles under human pressures. As genetic technology develops, we would have saved essential materials necessary to restore plant populations, preventing extinction. Unfortunately, this small but vital investment in our future was not included in this bill.

The CHAIRMAN. Under the rule, the Committee rises.

Accordingly, the Committee rose; and the Speaker pro tempore, Mr. LAHOOD, having assumed the chair, Mr. LATOURETTE, Chairman 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. 2107) making appropriations for the Department of the Interior and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998, and for other purposes, pursuant to House Resolution 181, he reported the bill back to

the House with sundry amendments adopted by the Committee of the Whole.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the rule, the previous question is ordered.

Is a separate vote demanded on any amendment? If not, the Chair will put them en gros.

The amendments were agreed to.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the engrossment and third reading of the bill.

The bill was ordered to be engrossed and read a third time, and was read the third time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the passage of the bill.

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

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 238, nays 192, not voting 5, as follows:

[Roll No. 275]

YEAS—238

Aderholt	English	Lipinski
Archer	Ensign	Livingston
Armey	Everett	LoBiondo
Bachus	Ewing	Lucas
Baker	Forbes	Manzullo
Ballenger	Fowler	Mascara
Barcia	Fox	McCrery
Barr	Franks (NJ)	McDade
Barrett (NE)	Frelinghuysen	McInnis
Bartlett	Gallegly	McIntyre
Barton	Gekas	McKeon
Bass	Gibbons	Metcalfe
Bateman	Gilchrest	Mica
Bereuter	Gillmor	Miller (FL)
Bilbray	Gilman	Molinaro
Bilirakis	Gingrich	Mollohan
Bliley	Goode	Moran (KS)
Blunt	Goodlatte	Moran (VA)
Boehlert	Goodling	Murtha
Boehner	Gordon	Myrick
Bonilla	Goss	Nethercutt
Bono	Graham	Neumann
Brady	Granger	Ney
Bryant	Greenwood	Northup
Bunning	Gutknecht	Norwood
Burr	Hall (TX)	Nussle
Burton	Hamilton	Ortiz
Buyer	Hansen	Oxley
Callahan	Hastert	Packard
Calvert	Hastings (WA)	Pappas
Camp	Hayworth	Parker
Campbell	Hefley	Paxon
Canady	Herger	Pease
Cannon	Hill	Peterson (PA)
Chabot	Hilleary	Petri
Chambliss	Hilliard	Pickering
Chenoweth	Hobson	Pitts
Christensen	Hoekstra	Pombo
Clement	Holden	Porter
Clyburn	Horn	Portman
Coble	Hostettler	Pryce (OH)
Coburn	Houghton	Radanovich
Collins	Hoyer	Rahall
Combest	Hulshof	Redmond
Cook	Hunter	Regula
Cooksey	Hutchinson	Riggs
Cox	Hyde	Riley
Crane	Inglis	Rogan
Crapo	Istook	Rogers
Cubin	Jenkins	Rohrabacher
Cunningham	Johnson, Sam	Ros-Lehtinen
Davis (VA)	Jones	Roukema
Deal	Kasich	Ryun
DeLay	Kelly	Salmon
Deutsch	Kim	Sanford
Diaz-Balart	King (NY)	Saxton
Dickey	Kingston	Scarborough
Dicks	Klink	Schaefer, Dan
Doolittle	Knollenberg	Schaffer, Bob
Doyle	Kolbe	Sessions
Dreier	LaHood	Shadegg
Duncan	Largent	Shaw
Dunn	Latham	Shays
Ehlers	Lewis (CA)	Sherman
Ehrlich	Lewis (KY)	Shimkus
Emerson	Linder	Shuster

Sisisky
Skeen
Skelton
Smith (MI)
Smith (NJ)
Smith (OR)
Smith (TX)
Smith, Linda
Snowbarger
Solomon
Souder
Spence
Stearns
Stenholm

Stump
Sununu
Talent
Tanner
Tauzin
Taylor (MS)
Taylor (NC)
Thomas
Thompson
Thornberry
Thune
Tiahrt
Traficant
Upton

Walsh
Wamp
Watkins
Watts (OK)
Weldon (FL)
Weldon (PA)
Weller
White
Whitfield
Wicker
Wolf
Young (FL)

NAYS—192

Abercrombie
Ackerman
Allen
Andrews
Baesler
Baldacci
Barrett (WI)
Becerra
Bentsen
Berman
Berry
Bishop
Blagojevich
Blumenauer
Bonior
Borski
Boswell
Boucher
Boyd
Brown (CA)
Brown (OH)
Capps
Cardin
Carson
Castle
Clay
Clayton
Condit
Conyers
Costello
Coyne
Cramer
Cummings
Danner
Davis (FL)
Davis (IL)
DeFazio
DeGette
Delahunt
DeLauro
Dellums
Dingell
Dixon
Doggett
Dooley
Edwards
Engel
Eshoo
Etheridge
Evans
Farr
Fattah
Fawell
Fazio
Filner
Flake
Foglietta
Foley
Ford
Frank (MA)
Frost
Furse
Ganske
Gejdenson
Gephardt

Gonzalez
Green
Gutierrez
Hall (OH)
Harman
Hastings (FL)
Hefner
Hinchey
Hinojosa
Hooley
Jackson (IL)
Jackson-Lee
(TX)
Jefferson
John
Johnson (CT)
Johnson (WI)
Johnson, E. B.
Kanjorski
Kaptur
Kennedy (MA)
Kennedy (RI)
Kennelly
Kildee
Kilpatrick
Kind (WI)
Klecza
Klug
Kucinich
LaFalce
Lampson
Lantos
LaTourette
Lazio
Leach
Levin
Lewis (GA)
Lofgren
Lowey
Luther
Maloney (CT)
Maloney (NY)
Manton
Martinez
Matsui
McCarthy (MO)
McCarthy (NY)
McCollum
McDermott
McGovern
McHale
McHugh
McIntosh
McKinney
McNulty
Meehan
Meek
Menendez
Millender-
McDonald
Miller (CA)
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Moakley
Morella

Nadler
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Obey
Olver
Owens
Pallone
Pascarell
Pastor
Paul
Payne
Pelosi
Peterson (MN)
Pickett
Pomeroy
Poshard
Price (NC)
Quinn
Ramstad
Rangel
Rivers
Rodriguez
Roemer
Rothman
Roybal-Allard
Royce
Rush
Sabo
Sanchez
Sanders
Sandlin
Sawyer
Schumer
Scott
Sensenbrenner
Serrano
Skaggs
Slaughter
Smith, Adam
Snyder
Spratt
Stabenow
Stark
Stokes
Strickland
Stupak
Tauscher
Thurman
Tierney
Torres
Towns
Turner
Velazquez
Vento
Visclosky
Waters
Watt (NC)
Waxman
Wexler
Weygand
Wise
Woolsey
Wynn
Yates

NOT VOTING—5

Brown (FL)
Markey

Reyes
Schiff

Young (AK)

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So the bill was passed.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. REYES. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably detained and missed several votes this evening. I ask unanimous consent that my statement be inserted in the RECORD imme-

diately after the recorded votes. If I had been here, I would have voted Yes on rollcall 267; Yes on rollcall 268; Yes on rollcall 269; No on rollcall 270; Yes on rollcall 271; No on rollcall 272; No on rollcall 273; Yes on rollcall 274; and No on rollcall 275.

AUTHORIZING THE CLERK TO MAKE CORRECTIONS IN ENGROSSMENT OF H.R. 2107, DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 1998

Mr. REGULA. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that in the engrossment of the bill, H.R. 2107, the Clerk be authorized to correct section numbers, punctuation, and cross references and to make such other technical and conforming changes as may be necessary to reflect the actions of the House in amending the bill.

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

There was no objection.

HOUR OF MEETING ON TOMORROW

Mr. REGULA. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today it adjourn to meet at 11 a.m. on tomorrow.

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

There was no objection.

REPORT ON RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 2159, FOREIGN OPERATIONS, EXPORT FINANCING, AND RELATED PROGRAMS APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 1998

Mr. DIAZ-BALART, from the Committee on Rules, submitted a privileged report (Rept. No. 105-184) on the resolution (H. Res. 185) providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 2159) making appropriations for foreign operations, export financing, and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998, and for other purposes, which was referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed.

REMOVAL OF NAME OF MEMBER AS COSPONSOR OF H.R. 1210

Mr. FATTAH. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to remove my name as a cosponsor to H.R. 1210.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Pennsylvania.

There was no objection.

REMOVAL OF NAME OF MEMBER AS COSPONSOR OF H.R. 972

Mr. WYNN. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to have my name removed as a cosponsor of H.R. 972.

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

There was no objection.

DEPARTMENTS OF VETERANS AFFAIRS AND HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT, AND INDEPENDENT AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 1998

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to House Resolution 184 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. 2158.

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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. 2158) making appropriations for the Departments of Veterans Affairs and Housing and Urban Development, and for sundry independent agencies, commissions, corporations, and offices for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998, and for other purposes, with Mr. COMBEST in the chair.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The CHAIRMAN. When the Committee of the Whole rose earlier today, all time for general debate had expired.

Pursuant to the rule, the bill shall be considered for amendment under the 5-minute rule.

Amendments printed in House Report 105-180 may be offered only by a Member designated in the report and only at the appropriate point in the reading of the bill, are considered read, are not subject to amendment and are not subject to a demand for division of the question.

During consideration of the bill for amendment, the Chair may accord priority in recognition to a Member offering an amendment that he has printed in the designated place in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD. Those amendments will be considered read.

The Chairman of the Committee of the Whole may postpone until a time during further consideration in the Committee of the Whole a request for a recorded vote on any amendment and may reduce to not less than 5 minutes the time for voting by electronic device on any postponed question that immediately follows another vote by electronic device without intervening business, provided that the time for voting by electronic device on the first in any series of questions shall not be less than 15 minutes.

Mr. LEWIS of California. Mr. Chairman, I move to strike the last word for purposes of making an announcement.

Mr. Chairman, before we get into reading the bill for amendments, I would like to make this announcement about how we have agreed to proceed for the balance of the evening.

First, there will be no more recorded votes this evening. Any votes ordered will be rolled until tomorrow.

We will be reading the bill for amendments. We plan to read for amendments and debate all amendments