

Lazio	Petri	Skeen
Leach	Pickering	Smith (MI)
Lewis (CA)	Pitts	Smith (OR)
Lewis (KY)	Pombo	Smith (TX)
Livingston	Porter	Smith, Linda
Lucas	Portman	Snowbarger
Manzullo	Pryce (OH)	Solomon
McCollum	Radanovich	Souder
McCrery	Ramstad	Spence
McDade	Redmond	Stearns
McHugh	Regula	Stump
McInnis	Riggs	Sununu
McIntosh	Riley	Talent
McKeon	Roemer	Tauzin
Metcalf	Rogan	Taylor (MS)
Mica	Rogers	Thomas
Miller (FL)	Rohrabacher	Thornberry
Moran (KS)	Ros-Lehtinen	Thune
Morella	Roukema	Tiahrt
Myrick	Royce	Trafficant
Nethercutt	Ryun	Upton
Neumann	Salmon	Walsh
Ney	Sanford	Wamp
Northup	Saxton	Watkins
Norwood	Scarborough	Watts (OK)
Nussle	Schaefer, Dan	Weldon (FL)
Oxley	Schaffer, Bob	Weldon (PA)
Packard	Sensenbrenner	Weller
Pappas	Sessions	White
Parker	Shadegg	Whitfield
Paul	Shaw	Wicker
Paxon	Shays	Wolf
Pease	Shimkus	Young (FL)
Peterson (PA)	Shuster	

## NOES—203

Abercrombie	Ford	McNulty
Ackerman	Frank (MA)	Meehan
Allen	Frost	Meek
Andrews	Furse	Menendez
Baesler	Gejdenson	Millender-
Baldacci	Gephardt	McDonald
Barcia	Goode	Minge
Barrett (WI)	Gordon	Mink
Becerra	Green	Moakley
Bentsen	Gutierrez	Mollohan
Berman	Hall (OH)	Moran (VA)
Berry	Hall (TX)	Murtha
Bishop	Hamilton	Nadler
Blagojevich	Harman	Neal
Bonior	Hastings (FL)	Oberstar
Borski	Hefner	Obey
Boswell	Hilliard	Olver
Boucher	Hinche	Ortiz
Boyd	Hinojosa	Owens
Brown (CA)	Holden	Pallone
Brown (FL)	Hooley	Pascrell
Brown (OH)	Hoyer	Pastor
Capps	Jackson (IL)	Payne
Cardin	Jackson-Lee	Pelosi
Carson	(TX)	Peterson (MN)
Clay	Jefferson	Pickett
Clayton	John	Pomeroy
Clement	Johnson (WI)	Poshard
Clyburn	Kanjorski	Price (NC)
Condit	Kaptur	Quinn
Conyers	Kennedy (MA)	Rahall
Costello	Kennedy (RI)	Rangel
Coyne	Kennelly	Reyes
Cramer	Kildee	Rivers
Cummings	Kilpatrick	Rodriguez
Danner	Kind (WI)	Rothman
Davis (FL)	King (NY)	Roybal-Allard
Davis (IL)	Klecicka	Rush
DeFazio	Klink	Sabo
DeGette	Kucinich	Sanchez
Delahunt	LaFalce	Sanders
DeLauro	Lampson	Sandlin
Dellums	Lantos	Sawyer
Deusch	Levin	Schumer
Dicks	Lewis (GA)	Scott
Dingell	Lipinski	Serrano
Dixon	LoBiondo	Sherman
Doggett	Lofgren	Sisisky
Dooley	Lowey	Skaggs
Doyle	Luther	Skelton
Edwards	Maloney (CT)	Slaughter
Engel	Maloney (NY)	Smith, Adam
English	Manton	Snyder
Eshoo	Markey	Spratt
Etheridge	Mascara	Stabenow
Evans	Matsui	Stenholm
Farr	McCarthy (MO)	Stokes
Fattah	McCarthy (NY)	Strickland
Fazio	McDermott	Stupak
Filner	McGovern	Tanner
Flake	McHale	Tauscher
Foglietta	McIntyre	Thompson
Forbes	McKinney	Thurman

Tierney	Visclosky	Wise
Torres	Waters	Woolsey
Towns	Watt (NC)	Wynn
Turner	Waxman	Yates
Velazquez	Wexler	
Vento	Weygand	

## NOT VOTING—13

Blumenauer	Martinez	Stark
Crane	Miller (CA)	Taylor (NC)
Gonzalez	Molinari	Young (AK)
Johnson, E.B.	Schiff	
Linder	Smith (NJ)	

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So the resolution was agreed to.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

## PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 325, I was detained by constituents in my office. Had I been present, I would have voted "no."

## ENERGY AND WATER DEVELOPMENT APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 1998

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. PEASE). Pursuant to House Resolution 194 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. 2203

## □ 1107

## 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. 2203) making appropriations for energy and water development for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998, and for other purposes, with Mr. OXLEY in the chair.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The CHAIRMAN. When the Committee of the Whole rose on Thursday, July 24, 1997, the bill was open for amendment at any point.

Mr. FAZIO of California. Mr. Chairman, I move to strike the last word.

Mr. Chairman, I would like to divide the 5 minutes between myself and the gentleman from Oregon [Mr. DEFazio] in order to briefly discuss the amendment that is about to be voted on.

Mr. Chairman, I yield to the gentleman from Oregon [Mr. DEFazio].

Mr. DEFazio. Mr. Chairman, I thank the gentleman for yielding to me.

Members will want to listen. This debate occurred late last night. It is confusing and they need to know what is happening. The gentleman from California [Mr. FAZIO] offered an amendment to the DeFazio-Petri amendment, which on its face would seem to restrict the expenditure of funds on the Animas-La Plata project, which a majority in this House voted last year to not fund.

The Animas-La Plata project, and many of my colleagues have heard of

it, is a proposed \$400 million plus water project with a .36 to 1 cost-benefit ratio. It is purported to provide a settlement to tribes. It does not. It is purported to do many other things it does not. But it does spend a lot of money.

What we did, Petri-DeFazio, last night was offered an amendment to say, no more funds should be expended on this project which has even been abandoned by its proponents. Its proponents have offered an alternative. The alternative has not had any hearings. It is not authorized. It has not been reviewed by the Bureau of Reclamation. That is progress. They have admitted this \$440 million boondoggle should not go forward.

What the Fazio amendment actually does is require that that project go forward. If read carefully, it starts out with a limitation, but what it does is limit funds to be expended for current authorized purposes, which is the \$440 million Animas-La Plata project, which even the proponents now admit should not go forward. There is almost \$9 million unspent at the Bureau of Reclamation, more than enough to go forward with the planning process, more than enough to develop an alternative.

Surely it cannot cost more than \$8 or \$9 million to have a planning process and develop an alternative to this project that will meet the obligations to the tribes and be more responsible.

Mr. PETRI. Mr. Chairman, will the gentleman yield?

Mr. FAZIO of California. I yield to the gentleman from Wisconsin.

Mr. PETRI. Mr. Chairman, just to summarize, the issue that we will be voting on is whether we should continue to spend money on this project pending an agreement on a new scaled back project, or whether we should suspend acquisition and just have money for planning until the new project is agreed on.

If Members do not want to spend money until we have a new project, vote against Fazio and then vote for the underlying amendment, Petri-DeFazio. If they want to keep spending money, even though we do not have agreement and negotiations are going on, then vote for the substitute.

I urge Members to vote against the substitute and for the underlying amendment.

Mr. DEFazio. Mr. Chairman, if the gentleman will continue to yield, the gentleman is correct. Anybody who last year voted in the majority to not appropriate further funds for Animas-La Plata will want to vote against Fazio, I know this is a little confusing, and then vote for DeFazio-Petri, Petri-DeFazio.

This obfuscation, the wording of the Fazio amendment is obfuscation. It starts out with a limitation but it limits nothing. Having the gentleman from California [Mr. FAZIO] be the principal sponsor is even more confusing, and Members should in principle vote "no" on the Fazio amendment.

Mr. FAZIO of California. Mr. Chairman, I think this debate will once and for all, contrary to a rumor circulating on the floor, this amendment is not an attempt to clarify the pronunciation of the gentleman's name and mine, but it is the Fazio substitute to the DeFazio-Petri amendment that we are about to vote on.

I am offering this on behalf of the gentleman from Pennsylvania [Mr. MCDADE] and on behalf of the gentleman from Colorado [Mr. SKAGGS] and the gentleman from Colorado [Mr. MCINNIS].

This is an attempt to allow a process undergoing success in Colorado, the so-called Roemer-Shoettler process, to downsize and change the Animas-La Plata water project. It will assuredly reduce the cost of this project by over \$400 million. But we have ongoing responsibilities to the Ute and Mountain Ute Indian tribes.

□ 1115

Those tribal water rights need to be honored. We need to complete this process. We need to have a bill that can be supported broadly on this floor.

The gentlemen from Colorado, Mr. MCINNIS and Mr. SKAGGS, would not be supporting this if they did not believe this process was working to the benefit of their constituents.

My view is that this amendment, offered by the gentleman from Wisconsin [Mr. PETRI] and the gentleman from Oregon [Mr. DEFAZIO], will interfere with that process and not allow us to accept the results of it and move to completion of an endless legal hassle which has kept these native Americans from getting their water rights.

Mr. DELAY. Mr. Chairman, will the gentleman yield?

Mr. FAZIO of California. I yield to the gentleman from Texas.

Mr. DELAY. Mr. Chairman, I appreciate the gentleman yielding to me, and I want to clear up the confusion between the two names and ask the gentleman a question.

If our side of the aisle wanted to help our newest Member from New Mexico, Mr. BILL REDMOND, we should vote for the Fazio substitute to the DeFazio amendment.

Mr. FAZIO of California. Reclaiming my time, Mr. Chairman, I think the gentleman from Colorado [Mr. MCINNIS] would agree with that.

Mr. MCINNIS. Mr. Chairman, will the gentleman yield?

Mr. FAZIO of California. I yield to the gentleman from Colorado.

Mr. MCINNIS. Mr. Chairman, that is absolutely correct. Vote "yes" on the Fazio amendment.

Mr. HEFLEY. Mr. Chairman, I rise in strong opposition to this amendment.

This project seems to have become the poster child for all those who wish to show that they're environmentally sensitive though fiscally prudent. That though they're willing to make tough choices on spending, they still are moved by the sight of a tree or free-flowing water. In short, it is offered by people who

have never been the Four Corners area of the Southwest and are not willing to know the history involved there.

This project is intended to deliver water to the Ute Mountain Ute Tribe and fulfill a treaty obligation between this country and that tribe.

Now it had been charged that the A-LP project would deliver more water to non-Indians than Indians and that this was all a smoke screen. So the people in that area changed the project. They cut the project's cost by \$400 million. Two-thirds of the water will go to Indians. It will satisfy tribal water rights claims.

Naturally, A-LP opponents still don't like the project. They say they want more time to study the new plan but environmentalists have already criticized it. They can't see why the Indians can't buy water elsewhere and not build a project at all. Sure, let 'em buy Evian water.

Lt. Gov. Gail Shoettler has been trying to broker a compromise on the A-LP since January. This amendment would essentially block that from going forward. Which is what opponents want; they certainly don't want a settlement. Instead, they can say they've killed a water project.

But lost in all of this will be the Ute Mountain Utes. Their reservation is located in one of the most arid areas of the country. Mesa Verde National Park commemorates the ancient inhabitants of that site. Those inhabitants disappeared, probably because they ran out of water.

The Utes now live there and, I think, their tribal unemployment rate is 40 percent. They'd like this water to develop agriculture and improve their standard of living. So, basically this amendment says they should do without this water, just like their predecessors. It says they should be satisfied with tourism and handouts.

This amendment's supporters will say they want the Shoettler negotiations to go forward. But don't kid yourself; next year, we'll be back here for another amendment to kill what's left of this project. And its supporters can pat themselves on the back and say they've saved money.

But the reality is we'll have broken yet another promise to these Indians and, I suspect, left ourselves open to a lawsuit somewhere down the road.

Therefore, I strongly urge your opposition to this amendment.

Mr. FAZIO of California. Mr. Chairman, reclaiming my time, I urge Members to support the chairman, the gentleman from Pennsylvania [Mr. MCDADE], and myself.

#### SEQUENTIAL VOTES POSTPONED IN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

The CHAIRMAN. Pursuant to House Resolution 194, proceedings will now resume on those amendments on which further proceedings were postponed, in the following order:

The amendment offered by the gentleman from Wisconsin [Mr. KLUG], the amendment offered by the gentleman from Massachusetts [Mr. MARKEY], and the amendment offered by the gentleman from California [Mr. FAZIO] as a substitute for the amendment offered by the gentleman from Wisconsin [Mr. PETRI].

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

#### AMENDMENT OFFERED BY MR. KLUG

The CHAIRMAN. The unfinished business is the demand for a recorded

vote on the amendment offered by the gentleman from Wisconsin [Mr. KLUG] 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. KLUG:

Page 29, line 20, after the dollar amount, insert "(reduced by \$90,000,000)".

#### 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 97, noes 328, not voting 9, as follows:

[Roll No. 326]

#### AYES—97

Andrews	Harman	Paul
Archer	Hayworth	Paxon
Armey	Hefley	Peterson (MN)
Barcia	Hill	Porter
Bass	Hooley	Ramstad
Bereuter	Hostettler	Rohrabacher
Blagojevich	Hulshof	Roukema
Camp	Inglis	Royce
Campbell	Istook	Ryun
Cannon	Johnson, Sam	Salmon
Castle	Kasich	Sanford
Chabot	Kennedy (MA)	Schaffer, Bob
Christensen	Kind (WI)	Sensenbrenner
Coble	Kingston	Sessions
Coburn	Klecza	Shadegg
Condit	Klug	Shaw
Cox	Largent	Shays
Crane	Luther	Sherman
Cunningham	Maloney (CT)	Shimkus
Davis (FL)	Manzullo	Skaggs
DeGette	Markey	Smith (MI)
Delahunt	McCarthy (MO)	Smith, Linda
DeLay	McCollum	Souder
Doggett	McIntosh	Stearns
Dunn	McKeon	Sununu
Ehlers	Meehan	Talent
Ehrlich	Miller (FL)	Thune
Ensign	Minge	Tiahrt
Foley	Morella	Upton
Furse	Neumann	White
Ganske	Nussle	Wolf
Goss	Oxley	
Hall (TX)	Pappas	

#### NOES—328

Abercrombie	Brown (OH)	Deutsch
Ackerman	Bryant	Diaz-Balart
Aderholt	Bunning	Dickey
Allen	Burr	Dicks
Bachus	Burton	Dingell
Baesler	Buyer	Dixon
Baker	Callahan	Dooley
Baldacci	Calvert	Doolittle
Ballenger	Canady	Doyle
Barr	Capps	Dreier
Barrett (NE)	Cardin	Duncan
Barrett (WI)	Carson	Edwards
Bartlett	Chambliss	Emerson
Barton	Chenoweth	Engel
Bateman	Clay	English
Becerra	Clayton	Eshoo
Bentsen	Clement	Etheridge
Berman	Clyburn	Evans
Berry	Collins	Everett
Bilbray	Combest	Ewing
Bilirakis	Conyers	Farr
Bishop	Cook	Fattah
Bliley	Cooksey	Fawell
Blunt	Costello	Fazio
Boehlert	Coyne	Filner
Boehner	Cramer	Flake
Bonilla	Crapo	Foglietta
Bonior	Cubin	Forbes
Bono	Cummings	Ford
Borski	Danner	Fowler
Boswell	Davis (IL)	Fox
Boucher	Davis (VA)	Frank (MA)
Boyd	Deal	Franks (NJ)
Brady	DeFazio	Frelinghuysen
Brown (CA)	DeLauro	Frost
Brown (FL)	Dellums	Gallegly

Gejdenson	Lipinski	Rodriguez
Gekas	Livingston	Roemer
Gephardt	LoBiondo	Rogan
Gibbons	Lofgren	Rogers
Gilchrest	Lowey	Ros-Lehtinen
Gillmor	Lucas	Rothman
Gilman	Maloney (NY)	Roybal-Allard
Goode	Manton	Rush
Goodlatte	Mascara	Sabo
Goodling	Matsui	Sanchez
Gordon	McCarthy (NY)	Sanders
Graham	McCrery	Sandlin
Granger	McDade	Sawyer
Green	McDermott	Saxton
Greenwood	McGovern	Scarborough
Gutierrez	McHale	Schaefer, Dan
Gutknecht	McHugh	Schumer
Hall (OH)	McInnis	Scott
Hamilton	McIntyre	Serrano
Hansen	McKinney	Shuster
Hastert	McNulty	Sisisky
Hastings (FL)	Meek	Skeen
Hastings (WA)	Menendez	Skelton
Hefner	Metcalf	Slaughter
Herger	Mica	Smith (OR)
Hilleary	Millender-	Smith (TX)
Hilliard	McDonald	Smith, Adam
Hinchey	Mink	Snowbarger
Hinojosa	Moakley	Snyder
Hobson	Mollohan	Solomon
Hoekstra	Moran (KS)	Spence
Holden	Moran (VA)	Spratt
Horn	Murtha	Stabenow
Houghton	Myrick	Stenholm
Hoyer	Nadler	Stokes
Hunter	Neal	Strickland
Hutchinson	Nethercutt	Stump
Hyde	Ney	Stupak
Jackson (IL)	Northup	Tanner
Jackson-Lee	Norwood	Tauscher
(TX)	Oberstar	Tauzin
Jefferson	Obey	Taylor (MS)
Jenkins	Olver	Taylor (NC)
John	Ortiz	Thomas
Johnson (CT)	Owens	Thompson
Johnson (WI)	Packard	Thornberry
Johnson, E.B.	Pallone	Thurman
Jones	Parker	Tierney
Kanjorski	Pascrell	Torres
Kaptur	Pastor	Townes
Kelly	Payne	Trafficant
Kennedy (RI)	Pease	Turner
Kennelly	Pelosi	Velazquez
Kildee	Peterson (PA)	Vento
Kilpatrick	Petri	Visclosky
Kim	Pickering	Walsh
King (NY)	Pickett	Wamp
Klink	Pitts	Waters
Knollenberg	Pombo	Watkins
Kolbe	Pomeroy	Watt (NC)
Kucinich	Portman	Watts (OK)
LaFalce	Poshard	Waxman
LaHood	Price (NC)	Weldon (FL)
Lampson	Pryce (OH)	Weldon (PA)
Lantos	Quinn	Weller
Latham	Radanovich	Wexler
LaTourette	Rahall	Weygand
Lazio	Rangel	Whitfield
Leach	Redmond	Wicker
Levin	Regula	Wise
Lewis (CA)	Reyes	Woolsey
Lewis (GA)	Riggs	Wynn
Lewis (KY)	Riley	Yates
Linder	Rivers	Young (FL)

## NOT VOTING—9

Blumenauer	Miller (CA)	Smith (NJ)
Gonzalez	Molinari	Stark
Martinez	Schiff	Young (AK)

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Messrs. NETHERCUTT, BALDACCI, HOEKSTRA, and OLVER changed their vote from "aye" to "no."

Messrs. WOLF, SHERMAN, and MARKEY changed their vote from "no" to "aye."

So the amendment was rejected.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

## ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE CHAIRMAN

The CHAIRMAN. Pursuant to House Resolution 194, the Chair announces that he will reduce to a minimum of 5 minutes the period within which a vote

by electronic device will be taken on each additional amendment on which the Chair has postponed further proceedings.

## AMENDMENT OFFERED BY MR. MARKEY

The CHAIRMAN. The unfinished business is the demand for a recorded vote on the amendment offered by the gentleman from Massachusetts [Mr. MARKEY] 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. MARKEY:

Insert at the end before the short title the following:

SEC. 502. (a) LIMITATION.—No funds shall be made available under this Act for—

(1) nuclear technology research and development programs to continue the study of treating spent nuclear fuel using electrometallurgical technology; or

(2) the demonstration of the electrometallurgical technology at the Fuel Conditioning Facility.

(b) REDUCTION.—Under the heading "Department of Energy-Energy Programs-Energy Supply" insert after the dollar figure the following "(reduced by \$33,000,000)" and under the heading "Department of Energy-Atomic Energy Defense Activities-Other Defense Activities" insert after the dollar figure the following: "(reduced by \$12,000,000)".

## 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 134, noes 290, not voting 10, as follows:

[Roll No. 327]

AYES—134

Abercrombie	Foley	Menendez
Ackerman	Ford	Miller (FL)
Allen	Frank (MA)	Minge
Andrews	Franks (NJ)	Mink
Baldacci	Furse	Moakley
Barrett (WI)	Ganske	Morella
Bass	Gejdenson	Nadler
Becerra	Gephardt	Neal
Blunt	Hall (OH)	Obey
Boehlert	Hefner	Olver
Bonior	Hinchey	Owens
Borski	Hooley	Pallone
Boswell	Kasich	Pascrell
Brown (OH)	Kennedy (MA)	Paul
Capps	Kennedy (RI)	Payne
Cardin	Kennelly	Pelosi
Castle	Kildee	Peterson (MN)
Chabot	Kilpatrick	Pomeroy
Coble	Kind (WI)	Portman
Condit	Kingston	Price (NC)
Conyers	Kleczka	Rahall
Coyne	Klug	Ramstad
Cunningham	Kucinich	Rangel
Davis (FL)	LaFalce	Rivers
DeFazio	Levin	Roemer
DeGette	Lewis (GA)	Rothman
Delahunt	LoBiondo	Roybal-Allard
DeLauro	Lowey	Royce
Delums	Luther	Sabo
Deutsch	Maloney (CT)	Sanchez
Doggett	Maloney (NY)	Sanders
Duncan	Markey	Sanford
Engel	Matsui	Scarborough
Eshoo	McCarthy (MO)	Schumer
Etheridge	McCarthy (NY)	Sensenbrenner
Evans	McDermott	Serrano
Farr	McGovern	Shays
Fattah	McKinney	Sherman
Filner	McNulty	Skaggs
Foglietta	Meehan	Smith, Adam

Snyder  
Spratt  
Stabenow  
Stokes  
Strickland

Sununu  
Tierney  
Velazquez  
Vento  
Walsh

## NOES—290

Aderholt	Gallegly	Millender-
Archer	Gekas	McDonald
Armey	Gibbons	Mollohan
Bachus	Gilchrest	Moran (KS)
Baessler	Gillmor	Moran (VA)
Baker	Gilman	Murtha
Ballenger	Goode	Myrick
Barcia	Goodlatte	Nethercutt
Barr	Goodling	Neumann
Barrett (NE)	Gordon	Ney
Bartlett	Goss	Northup
Barton	Graham	Norwood
Bateman	Granger	Nussle
Bentsen	Green	Oberstar
Bereuter	Greenwood	Ortiz
Berman	Gutierrez	Oxley
Berry	Gutknecht	Packard
Bilbray	Hall (TX)	Pappas
Billakis	Hamilton	Parker
Bishop	Hansen	Pastor
Blagojevich	Harman	Paxon
Bliley	Hastert	Pease
Boehner	Hastings (FL)	Peterson (PA)
Bonilla	Hastings (WA)	Petri
Bono	Hayworth	Pickering
Boucher	Hefley	Pickett
Boyd	Herger	Pitts
Brady	Hill	Pombo
Brown (CA)	Hilleary	Porter
Brown (FL)	Hilliard	Poshard
Bryant	Hinojosa	Pryce (OH)
Bunning	Hobson	Quinn
Burr	Hoekstra	Radanovich
Burton	Holden	Redmond
Buyer	Horn	Regula
Callahan	Hostettler	Reyes
Calvert	Houghton	Riggs
Camp	Hoyer	Riley
Campbell	Hulshof	Rodriguez
Canady	Hunter	Rogan
Cannon	Hutchinson	Rogers
Carson	Hyde	Rohrabacher
Chambliss	Inglis	Ros-Lehtinen
Chenoweth	Istook	Roukema
Christensen	Jackson (IL)	Rush
Clay	Jackson-Lee	Ryun
Clayton	(TX)	Salmon
Clement	Jefferson	Sandlin
Clyburn	Jenkins	Sawyer
Coburn	John	Saxton
Collins	Johnson (CT)	Schaefer, Dan
Combest	Johnson (WI)	Schaffer, Bob
Cook	Johnson, E. B.	Scott
Cooksey	Johnson, Sam	Sessions
Costello	Jones	Shadegg
Cox	Kanjorski	Shaw
Cramer	Kelly	Shimkus
Crane	Kim	Shuster
Crapo	King (NY)	Sisisky
Cubin	Klink	Skeen
Cummings	Knollenberg	Skelton
Danner	Kolbe	Slaughter
Davis (IL)	LaHood	Smith (NJ)
Davis (VA)	Lampson	Smith (OR)
Deal	Lantos	Smith (TX)
DeLay	Largent	Smith, Linda
Diaz-Balart	Latham	Snowbarger
Dickey	LaTourette	Solomon
Dicks	Lazio	Souder
Dingell	Leach	Spence
Dixon	Lewis (CA)	Stearns
Dooley	Lewis (KY)	Stenholm
Doolittle	Linder	Stump
Doyle	Lipinski	Stupak
Dreier	Livingston	Talent
Dunn	Lofgren	Tanner
Edwards	Lucas	Tauscher
Ehlers	Manton	Tauzin
Ehrlich	Manzullo	Taylor (MS)
Emerson	Mascara	Taylor (NC)
English	McCollum	Thomas
Ensign	McCrery	Thompson
Everett	McDade	Thornberry
Ewing	McHale	Thune
Fawell	McHugh	Thurman
Fazio	McInnis	Tiahrt
Flake	McIntosh	Torres
Forbes	McIntyre	Townes
Fowler	McKeon	Trafficant
Fox	Meek	Turner
Frelinghuysen	Metcalf	Upton
Frost	Mica	Visclosky

Wamp	Weldon (PA)	Wolf
Waters	Weller	Wynn
Watkins	White	Yates
Watt (NC)	Whitfield	Young (FL)
Watts (OK)	Wicker	
Weldon (FL)	Wise	

## NOT VOTING—10

Blumenauer	Miller (CA)	Stark
Gonzalez	Molinari	Young (AK)
Kaptur	Schiff	
Martinez	Smith (MI)	

## □ 1144

Messrs. CUMMINGS, NEUMANN, FORBES, and MORAN of Virginia changed their vote from "aye" to "no."

Mr. MATSUI, Mr. WALSH and Ms. STABENOW 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. FAZIO OF CALIFORNIA AS A SUBSTITUTE FOR THE AMENDMENT OFFERED BY MR. PETRI

The CHAIRMAN. The unfinished business is the demand for a recorded vote on the amendment offered by the gentleman from California [Mr. FAZIO] as a substitute for the amendment offered by the gentleman from Wisconsin [Mr. PETRI] on which further proceedings were postponed and on which the ayes prevailed by voice vote.

The Clerk will designate the amendment.

The text of the amendment is as follows:

Amendment offered by Mr. FAZIO of California as a substitute for the amendment offered by Mr. PETRI:

At the end of the bill, insert after the last section (preceding the short title the following new section:

None of the funds made available in this act to pay the salary of any officer or employee of the Department of Interior may be used for the Animas-La Plata Project, in Colorado and New Mexico, except for (1) activities required to comply with the applicable provisions of current law; and (2) continuation of activities pursuant to the Colorado Ute Indian Water Rights settlement Act of 1988 (Pub L. 100-585).

## RECORDED VOTE

The CHAIRMAN. A recorded vote has been demanded.

A recorded vote was ordered.

The CHAIRMAN. This is a 5-minute vote.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—ayes 223, noes 201, not voting 10, as follows:

[Roll No. 328]

## AYES—223

Abercrombie	Blunt	Combest
Ackerman	Boehner	Conyers
Aderholt	Bonilla	Cooksey
Archer	Bono	Cox
Armey	Borski	Crane
Baesler	Boyd	Crapo
Baker	Brady	Cubin
Baldacci	Bryant	Cunningham
Ballenger	Bunning	Davis (VA)
Barr	Burr	DeLay
Barrett (NE)	Burton	Diaz-Balart
Bartlett	Callahan	Dickey
Barton	Calvert	Dicks
Bateman	Camp	Dooley
Bereuter	Canady	Doollittle
Bilbray	Cannon	Doyle
Bilirakis	Carson	Dreier
Bishop	Chenoweth	Dunn
Bliley	Christensen	Edwards

Emerson	Kildee	Reyes
English	Kilpatrick	Riley
Ensign	King (NY)	Rodriguez
Everett	Kingston	Rogan
Ewing	Klink	Rogers
Fattah	Knollenberg	Rohrabacher
Fawell	Kolbe	Ros-Lehtinen
Fazio	LaFalce	Roukema
Flake	LaHood	Sandlin
Foglietta	Lampson	Sawyer
Ford	Latham	Scarborough
Fowler	LaTourette	Schaefer, Dan
Frelinghuysen	Lewis (CA)	Schaffer, Bob
Frost	Lewis (KY)	Sessions
Furse	Linder	Shadegg
Gallegly	Livingston	Shaw
Gekas	Lucas	Shimkus
Gibbons	Mascara	Shuster
Gillmor	McCrery	Sisisky
Goodling	McDade	Skaggs
Gordon	McHale	Skeen
Goss	McHugh	Skelton
Graham	McInnis	Smith (OR)
Granger	McIntosh	Smith (TX)
Green	McIntyre	Smith, Linda
Gutknecht	McKeon	Snowbarger
Hall (TX)	Mica	Snyder
Hamilton	Mink	Solomon
Hansen	Moakley	Spence
Harman	Mollohan	Spratt
Hastert	Moran (KS)	Stenholm
Hastings (WA)	Moran (VA)	Stump
Hayworth	Murtha	Talent
Hefley	Myrick	Tauzin
Hefner	Nethercutt	Taylor (NC)
Hergert	Nussle	Thomas
Hill	Ortiz	Thornberry
Hilleary	Oxley	Thune
Hilliard	Packard	Thurman
Hinojosa	Parker	Tiahrt
Holden	Pastor	Traficant
Hostettler	Paxon	Turner
Hoyer	Pease	Visclosky
Hunter	Peterson (PA)	Walsh
Hyde	Pickering	Wamp
Istook	Pickett	Watkins
Jackson-Lee	Pitts	Watts (OK)
(TX)	Pombo	Weldon (FL)
Jefferson	Pomeroy	Weller
Jenkins	Porter	White
John	Pryce (OH)	Wicker
Johnson, E. B.	Quinn	Wise
Johnson, Sam	Radanovich	Wolf
Jones	Rahall	Wynn
Kanjorski	Redmond	Young (FL)
Kennedy (RI)	Regula	

## NOES—201

Allen	DeFazio	Hutchinson
Andrews	DeGette	Inglis
Bachus	Delahunt	Jackson (IL)
Barcia	DeLauro	Johnson (CT)
Barrett (WI)	Dellums	Johnson (WI)
Bass	Deutsch	Kasich
Becerra	Dingell	Kelly
Bentsen	Dixon	Kennedy (MA)
Berman	Doggett	Kennelly
Berry	Duncan	Kim
Blagojevich	Ehlers	Kind (WI)
Boehlert	Ehrlich	Kleczka
Bonior	Engel	Klug
Boswell	Eshoo	Kucinich
Boucher	Etheridge	Lantos
Brown (CA)	Evans	Largent
Brown (FL)	Farr	Lazio
Brown (OH)	Filner	Leach
Campbell	Foley	Levin
Capps	Forbes	Lewis (GA)
Cardin	Fox	Lipinski
Castle	Frank (MA)	LoBiondo
Chabot	Franks (NJ)	Lofgren
Chambliss	Ganske	Lowey
Clay	Gejdenson	Luther
Clayton	Gephardt	Maloney (CT)
Clement	Gilchrest	Maloney (NY)
Clyburn	Gilman	Manton
Coble	Goode	Manzullo
Coburn	Goodlatte	Markey
Collins	Greenwood	Matsui
Condit	Guierrez	McCarthy (MO)
Cook	Hall (OH)	McCarthy (NY)
Costello	Hastings (FL)	McCollum
Coyne	Hinchey	McDermott
Cramer	Hobson	McGovern
Cummings	Hoekstra	McKinney
Danner	Hooley	McNulty
Davis (FL)	Horn	Meehan
Davis (IL)	Houghton	Meek
Deal	Hulshof	Menendez

Metcalfe	Ramstad	Stabenow
Millender	Rangel	Stearns
McDonald	Riggs	Stokes
Miller (FL)	Rivers	Strickland
Minge	Roemer	Stupak
Morella	Rothman	Sununu
Nadler	Roybal-Allard	Tanner
Neal	Royce	Tauscher
Neumann	Rush	Taylor (MS)
Ney	Ryun	Thompson
Northup	Sabo	Tierney
Norwood	Salmon	Torres
Oberstar	Sanchez	Towns
Obey	Sanders	Upton
Oliver	Sanford	Velazquez
Owens	Saxton	Vento
Pallone	Schumer	Waters
Pappas	Scott	Watt (NC)
Pascrell	Sensenbrenner	Waxman
Paul	Serrano	Weldon (PA)
Payne	Shays	Wexler
Pelosi	Sherman	Weygand
Peterson (MN)	Slaughter	Whitfield
Petri	Smith (MI)	Woolsey
Portman	Smith (NJ)	Yates
Poshard	Smith, Adam	
Price (NC)	Souder	

## NOT VOTING—10

Blumenauer	Martinez	Stark
Buyer	Miller (CA)	Young (AK)
Gonzalez	Molinari	
Kaptur	Schiff	

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Messrs. SMITH of Michigan, CLYBURN, FOX of Pennsylvania, and SMITH of New Jersey changed their vote from "aye" to "no."

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

So the amendment offered as a substitute for the amendment was agreed to.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

The CHAIRMAN. The question is on the amendment offered by the gentleman from Wisconsin [Mr. PETRI], as amended.

The amendment, as amended, was agreed to.

Mrs. ROUKEMA. Mr. Chairman, I rise in strong support of this important legislation and want to take this opportunity to thank Chairman MCDADE for his continued support for projects like the Ramapo River at Oakland Flood project and the tritium production program that are so important to the residents of New Jersey.

As a long-time supporter of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' Oakland Flood Protection Project, I am committed to seeing that this project becomes a reality. Flooding along the Ramapo River has occurred 15 times in the past 24 years. The 330 families that live along the 3.3-mile stretch cannot continue to endure the repeated hardship and personal turmoil that the flood waters bring.

The principal problems along the Ramapo River are flooding caused by the backwater effect produced by the Pompton Lake Dam, the hydraulic constrictions produced by bridges crossing the river, and insufficient channel capacity.

The project is now ready to move into the construction stage. The overall cost of the project through construction is estimated at \$12.2 million. This cost is shared by the Federal Government, 75 percent and the State, 25 percent.

Last year, \$250,000 was included in the fiscal year 1997 appropriations bill to complete the planning phase of this project. But we now face the battle of getting past a project on paper and putting shovels into the ground.

The Army Corps of Engineers has indicated that it could use \$3.5 million in fiscal year 1998. This capability would allow construction to advance by one year and substantially complete the first piece of the project. The completion of the first piece, the channel widening, would provide immediate flood reduction benefits to Oakland.

Flood protection is about more than money. The emotional price of being forced from your home by raging flood waters and returning only to find your most prized possessions ruined with mud and water goes far beyond the economic price.

I am acutely aware of how difficult it is to craft a balanced fair bill that meets not only the national needs but addresses various parochial demands. That is why I am so grateful for the \$1.5 million included in the bill for my Oakland residents.

Finally, as we work with the other body to prepare a final bill for the President's signature, I would ask the chairman to support efforts to secure additional funds for this project. We must take the necessary steps to complete this project before the residents in Oakland are forced to endure yet another flood.

Mrs. MORELLA. Mr. Chairman, although I am very sensitive to the economic needs of our neighbors who live in the Appalachian corridor of Maryland, West Virginia, Virginia, and adjacent States, I support the Klug amendment to delete the money, \$90 million, specifically targeted for highway construction in the Appalachian corridor. This program is duplicative, and it is more appropriately addressed when the House considers ISTEA funding.

In addition, there is convincing evidence that a highway corridor could have very severe environmental consequences to the region. A 100-mile corridor through the sparsely populated mountains in West Virginia would cross 41 streams, go through two national forests, impact two Civil War battlefields, and take some of the State's best farmland for sprawl development. This is not a wise investment.

I thank Congressman KLUG for offering this amendment and urge my colleagues to join me in support of it.

Mr. SABO. Mr. Chairman, I would like to bring to the attention of the House a matter that was not included in the energy and water appropriations bill, but which I believe deserves further consideration, perhaps in conference.

Our Nation's electrical transmission grid is strained to the point where blackouts and brownouts are occurring at critical times. This is a matter of life and death for older people and those in poor health, whose life can be threatened when faced with high temperatures and a lack of air-conditioning.

There is a potential solution to this transmission problem. A consortium of utilities and high technology companies have developed new transmission cables that can carry twice the electricity of today's cables, thereby alleviating the overload problem without having to install new rights-of-ways. The technology is called aluminum matrix composites, and I hope that the final bill will give the Department of Energy enough flexibility to consider funding this project.

Mr. OLVER. Mr. Chairman, I rise in support of the bill.

I congratulate the chairman and ranking member and their staffs for producing a solid bipartisan bill.

I would also like to thank the chairman and ranking member for the report language directing FERC [Federal Energy Regulatory Commission] to give priority to the processing of hydroelectric licenses for which there are compelling applications.

This language is important to the city of Holyoke to prevent any delay in FERC's review of competing dam license applications. Such a delay may place an undue burden on the city of Holyoke.

I would also ask that the chairman hold the House language in conference, as it is more precise than the language in the Senate bill.

Again, I thank the chairman for his assistance and I look forward to supporting the bill.

The CHAIRMAN. If there are no further amendments, under the rule, the Committee rises.

Accordingly, the Committee rose; and the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. LATOURETTE) having assumed the chair, Mr. OXLEY, 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. 2203) making appropriations for energy and water development for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998, and for other purposes, pursuant to House Resolution 194, 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 418, nays 7, not voting 9, as follows:

[Roll No. 329]

YEAS—418

Abercrombie  
Ackerman  
Aderholt  
Allen  
Andrews  
Archer  
Armey  
Bachus  
Baesler  
Baker  
Baldacci  
Ballenger  
Barcia  
Barr  
Barrett (NE)  
Barrett (WI)  
Bartlett  
Barton  
Bass  
Bateman  
Becerra  
Bentsen  
Bereuter  
Berman  
Berry  
Bilbray  
Bilirakis

Bishop  
Blagojevich  
Bliley  
Blunt  
Boehlert  
Boehner  
Bonilla  
Bonior  
Bono  
Borski  
Boswell  
Boucher  
Boyd  
Brady  
Brown (CA)  
Brown (FL)  
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  
Cooksey  
Costello  
Cox  
Coyne  
Cramer  
Crane  
Crapo

Cubin  
Cummings  
Cunningham  
Danner  
Davis (FL)  
Davis (IL)  
Davis (VA)  
Deal  
DeFazio  
DeGette  
Delahunt  
DeLauro  
DeLay  
Dellums  
Deutsch  
Diaz-Balart  
Dickey  
Dicks  
Dingell  
Dixon  
Doggett  
Dooley  
Doolittle  
Doyle  
Dreier  
Duncan  
Dunn  
Edwards  
Ehlers  
Ehrlich  
Emerson  
Engel  
English  
Eshoo  
Etheridge  
Evans  
Everett  
Ewing  
Farr  
Fattah  
Fawell  
Fazio  
Filner  
Flake  
Foglietta  
Foley  
Forbes  
Ford  
Fowler  
Fox  
Frank (MA)  
Franks (NJ)  
Frelinghuysen  
Frost  
Furse  
Gallegly  
Ganske  
Gejdenson  
Gekas  
Gephardt  
Gilchrest  
Gillmor  
Gilman  
Goode  
Goodlatte  
Goodling  
Gordon  
Goss  
Graham  
Granger  
Green  
Greenwood  
Gutierrez  
Gutknecht  
Hall (OH)  
Hall (TX)  
Hamilton  
Hansen  
Harman  
Hastert  
Hastings (FL)  
Hastings (WA)  
Hayworth  
Hefley  
Hefner  
Herger  
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 (CT)  
Johnson (WI)  
Johnson, E. B.  
Johnson, Sam  
Jones  
Kanjorski  
Kaptur  
Kasich  
Kelly  
Kennedy (MA)  
Kennedy (RI)  
Kennelly  
Kildee  
Kilpatrick  
Kim  
Kind (WI)  
King (NY)  
Kingston  
Klecza  
Klink  
Knollenberg  
Kolbe  
Kucinich  
LaFalce  
LaHood  
Lampson  
Lantos  
Largent  
Latham  
LaTourrette  
Lazio  
Leach  
Levin  
Lewis (CA)  
Lewis (GA)  
Lewis (KY)  
Linder  
Lipinski  
Livingston  
LoBiondo  
Lofgren  
Lowey  
Lucas  
Luther  
Maloney (CT)  
Maloney (NY)  
Manton  
Manzullo  
Markey  
Mascara  
Matsui  
McCarthy (MO)  
McCarthy (NY)  
McCollum  
McCrery  
McDade  
McDermott  
McGovern  
McHale  
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McInnis  
McIntosh  
McIntyre  
McKeon  
McKinney  
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Menendez  
Metcalfe  
Mica  
Millender  
McDonald  
Miller (FL)  
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Mink  
Moakley  
Mollohan  
Moran (KS)  
Moran (VA)  
Morella  
Murtha  
Myrick  
Nadler  
Neal  
Nethercutt  
Neumann  
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Northup  
Norwood  
Nussle  
Oberstar  
Obey  
Olver  
Ortiz  
Owens  
Oxley  
Packard  
Pallone  
Pappas  
Parker  
Pascarelli  
Pastor  
Paxon  
Payne  
Pease  
Pelosi  
Peterson (MN)  
Peterson (PA)  
Petri  
Pickering  
Pickett  
Pitts  
Pombo  
Pomeroy  
Porter  
Portman  
Poshard  
Price (NC)  
Pryce (OH)  
Quinn  
Radanovich  
Rahall  
Ramstad  
Rangel  
Redmond  
Regula  
Reyes  
Riggs  
Riley  
Rivers  
Rodriguez  
Roemer  
Rogan  
Rogers  
Rohrabacher  
Ros-Lehtinen  
Rothman  
Roukema  
Roybal-Allard  
Rush  
Ryun  
Sabo  
Salmon  
Sanchez  
Sanders  
Sandlin  
Sanford  
Sawyer  
Saxton  
Scarborough  
Schaefer, Dan  
Schaffer, Bob  
Schumer  
Scott  
Serrano  
Sessions  
Shadegg  
Shaw  
Shays  
Sherman  
Shimkus  
Shuster  
Sisisky  
Skaggs  
Skeen  
Skelton  
Slaughter  
Smith (NJ)  
Smith (OR)  
Smith (TX)  
Smith, Adam  
Smith, Linda  
Snowbarger  
Snyder  
Solomon  
Souder  
Spence  
Spratt  
Stabenow  
Stearns  
Stenholm  
Stokes  
Strickland  
Stump  
Stupak  
Sununu

Talent	Towns	Weldon (FL)
Tanner	Traficant	Weldon (PA)
Tauscher	Turner	Weller
Tauzin	Upton	Wexler
Taylor (MS)	Velazquez	Weygand
Taylor (NC)	Vento	White
Thomas	Visclosky	Whitfield
Thompson	Walsh	Wicker
Thornberry	Wamp	Wise
Thune	Waters	Wolf
Thurman	Watkins	Woolsey
Tiahrt	Watt (NC)	Wynn
Tierney	Watts (OK)	Yates
Torres	Waxman	Young (FL)

## NAYS—7

Ensign	Paul	Smith (MI)
Gibbons	Royce	
Klug	Sensenbrenner	

## NOT VOTING—9

Blumenauer	Meek	Schiff
Gonzalez	Miller (CA)	Stark
Martinez	Molinari	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.

## GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. McDADE. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks on the further consideration of H.R. 2203, and that I may include tabular and extraneous material.

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

There was no objection.

# PERMISSION FOR COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS TO FILE SUNDRY PRIVILEGED REPORTS

Mr. McDADE. Mr. Speaker, having cleared this with the minority, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Appropriations may have until midnight tonight, July 25, 1997, to file three privileged reports on bills making appropriations for the Department of Defense for fiscal year 1998; the Departments of Labor, Health, and Human Services, and Education, and related agencies for fiscal year 1998; and the Departments of Commerce, Justice, and State, the Judiciary, and related agencies for fiscal year 1998.

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

There was no objection.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. All points of order are reserved on the bills.

# APPOINTMENT OF CONFEREES ON H.R. 1119, NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 1998

Mr. SPENCE. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to take from the Speaker's table the bill (H.R. 1119) to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 1998 for military activities of the De-

partment of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe personnel strengths for such fiscal year for the Armed Forces, and for other purposes, with Senate amendments thereto, disagree to the Senate amendments, and agree to the conference asked by the Senate.

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

There was no objection.

# MOTION TO INSTRUCT OFFERED BY MR. DELLUMS

Mr. DELLUMS. Mr. Speaker, I offer a motion to instruct.

The Clerk read as follows:

Mr. DELLUMS moves that the managers on the part of the House at the conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the Senate amendments to the bill H.R. 1119 be instructed to insist upon the provisions contained in section 1207 of the House bill relating to limitation on payments for cost of NATO expansion.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman from California [Mr. DELLUMS] and the gentleman from South Carolina [Mr. SPENCE] will each be recognized for 30 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from California [Mr. DELLUMS].

Mr. DELLUMS. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

During the House's deliberation on the bill, Mr. Speaker, H.R. 1119, the Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Years 1998 and 1999, the House adopted an amendment offered by my distinguished colleague, the gentleman from Massachusetts [Mr. FRANK]. That amendment now embodies the provisions contained in section 1207 of the bill.

Very briefly, let me describe that amendment and now the provisions of section 1207. It would place a limit on U.S. costs for handling the expansion of NATO to 10 percent of the total cost, or \$2 billion, whichever is lesser, for fiscal years 1998 through 2010.

With respect to background, Mr. Speaker, Congress, the House especially, has for a long time expressed concern regarding the relative shares of meeting the burden of providing European and transatlantic security. It has passed provisions on several occasions to secure increases in European support for U.S. troop nonpersonnel costs, and has a provision, adopted again by overwhelming support on the floor in the House version of the 1998 Defense authorization act, the Frank amendment that I have alluded to earlier.

With NATO expansion looming on the horizon, concern exists regarding the understanding of both the scale of the costs associated with expansion and the distribution of those costs across new and current members of NATO, including the United States.

Let me quickly reiterate, Mr. Speaker, arguments in support of the provisions contained in section 1207, the subject of this motion to recommit conferees.

First, the United States provides disproportionate support for NATO in many capacities, making available naval forces as well as communications, transportation, and logistics capabilities, and strategic nuclear forces. As a result, it pays a substantially larger portion of its GDP on its military account than our European allies.

Second, several of our European allies are wealthy nations and can contribute more to the burdens of the alliance than they currently do.

Third, new members of NATO should be expected to contribute along the terms of existing members, and should not be admitted without the capabilities to contribute across the panorama of dimensions, that would include financial, military, political, and foreign policy, of current members of the alliance.

Fourth, the amounts contained in the amendment do indeed reflect the administration's current estimates of the probable U.S. share. The provisions contained in section 1207 would establish that in law for the period through the year 2010, after which a review can be made of the continuing appropriateness of that level of commitment or restraint.

Finally, Mr. Speaker, legislative initiatives have in the past provided important leverage, as it were, to the U.S. Government in negotiations with NATO partners on burdensharing arrangements.

Mr. Speaker, with those opening and explanatory remarks, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. SPENCE. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of the motion to instruct conferees of the gentleman from California [Mr. DELLUMS], the distinguished ranking member of the committee. This motion expresses support for section 1207 of H.R. 1119, a provision offered by the gentleman from Massachusetts [Mr. FRANK] that would ensure that the United States' share of the costs associated with the proposed expansion of NATO does not exceed the administration's projected estimates.

While I believe we want to closely examine the precise wording of this provision, I support its intent, as it addresses a very important aspect of the administration's NATO expansion policy: How much will this policy cost, and who will pick up the cost?

On this point, a recent letter from President Clinton to the committee states that "all NATO members will share in the cost of NATO enlargement, and the distribution of costs will be in accordance with long-standing financial principles."

However, at the recent NATO summit in Madrid, French President Chirac declared, and I quote, "France does not intend to raise its contribution to NATO because of the cost of enlargement." At a minimum, this development raises important questions that deserve continued attention and scrutiny by the Congress.