

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

There was no objection.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 5, rule 1, the Chair will now put the question on each motion to suspend the rules on which further proceedings were postponed from Monday, July 28, 1997, in the order in which that motion was entertained.

Votes will be taken in the following order:

House Concurrent Resolution 75, by the yeas and nays; and

H.R. 1348, by the yeas and nays.

Pursuant to the order of the House of today, the Chair will reduce to 5 minutes the time for both electronic votes in this series.

EXPRESSING SENSE OF CONGRESS THAT STATES SHOULD WORK MORE AGGRESSIVELY TO AT- TACK PROBLEM OF REPEAT CRIMINALS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The unfinished business is the question of suspending the rules and agreeing to the concurrent resolution, House Concurrent Resolution 75.

The Clerk read the title of the concurrent resolution.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Florida [Mr. MCCOLLUM] that the House suspend the rules and agree to the concurrent resolution, House Concurrent Resolution 75, on which the yeas and nays are ordered.

This is a 5-minute vote.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 400, nays 24, answered “present” 1, not voting 9, as follows:

[Roll No. 339]

YEAS—400

Abercrombie	Blumenauer	Chambliss
Ackerman	Blunt	Chenoweth
Aderholt	Boehlert	Christensen
Allen	Boehner	Clayton
Andrews	Bonilla	Clement
Archer	Bonior	Clyburn
Armey	Bono	Coble
Bachus	Borski	Collins
Baessler	Boswell	Combest
Baker	Boucher	Condit
Baldacci	Boyd	Cook
Ballenger	Brady	Cooksey
Barcia	Brown (CA)	Costello
Barr	Brown (FL)	Cox
Barrett (NE)	Brown (OH)	Coyne
Barrett (WI)	Bryant	Cramer
Bartlett	Bunning	Crane
Barton	Burr	Crapo
Bass	Burton	Cubin
Bateman	Buyer	Cunningham
Becerra	Callahan	Danner
Bentsen	Calvert	Davis (FL)
Bereuter	Camp	Davis (IL)
Berman	Campbell	Davis (VA)
Berry	Canady	Deal
Bilbray	Cannon	DeGette
Bilirakis	Capps	Delahunt
Bishop	Cardin	DeLauro
Blagojevich	Castle	DeLay
Bliley	Chabot	Deutsch

Diaz-Balart	Kanjorski	Pease
Dickey	Kaptur	Pelosi
Dicks	Kasich	Peterson (MN)
Dingell	Kelly	Peterson (PA)
Dixon	Kennedy (MA)	Petri
Doggett	Kennedy (RI)	Pickering
Dooley	Kennelly	Pickett
Doolittle	Kildee	Pitts
Doyle	Kim	Pombo
Dreier	Kind (WI)	Pomeroy
Duncan	King (NY)	Porter
Dunn	Kingston	Portman
Edwards	Klecza	Poshard
Ehlers	Klink	Price (NC)
Ehrlich	Klug	Pryce (OH)
Emerson	Knollenberg	Quinn
Engel	Kolbe	Radanovich
English	Kucinich	Rahall
Ensign	LaFalce	Ramstad
Eshoo	LaHood	Redmond
Etheridge	Lampson	Regula
Evans	Lantos	Reyes
Everett	Largent	Riggs
Ewing	Latham	Riley
Farr	LaTourette	Rivers
Fattah	Lazio	Rodriguez
Fawell	Leach	Roemer
Fazio	Levin	Rogan
Filner	Lewis (CA)	Rogers
Flake	Lewis (KY)	Rohrabacher
Foley	Linder	Ros-Lehtinen
Ford	Lipinski	Rothman
Fowler	Livingston	Roukema
Fox	LoBiondo	Roybal-Allard
Frank (MA)	Lofgren	Royce
Franks (NJ)	Lowey	Ryun
Frelinghuysen	Lucas	Salmon
Frost	Luther	Sanchez
Furse	Maloney (CT)	Sandlin
Gallegly	Maloney (NY)	Sanford
Ganske	Manton	Sawyer
Gejdenson	Manzullo	Saxton
Gekas	Markey	Scarborough
Gephardt	Martinez	Schaefer, Dan
Gibbons	Mascara	Schaffer, Bob
Gilchrest	Matsui	Schumer
Gillmor	McCarthy (MO)	Sensenbrenner
Gilman	McCarthy (NY)	Sessions
Goode	McCollum	Shadeegg
Goodlatte	McCrery	Shaw
Goodling	McDade	Shays
Gordon	McGovern	Sherman
Goss	McHale	Shimkus
Graham	McHugh	Shuster
Granger	McInnis	Sisisky
Green	McIntosh	Skaggs
Greenwood	McIntyre	Skeen
Gutierrez	McKeon	Skelton
Gutknecht	McKinney	Slaughter
Hall (OH)	McNulty	Smith (MI)
Hall (TX)	Meehan	Smith (NJ)
Hamilton	Meek	Smith (OR)
Hansen	Menendez	Smith (TX)
Harman	Metcalfe	Smith, Adam
Hastert	Mica	Snowbarger
Hastings (FL)	Millender-	Solomon
Hastings (WA)	McDonald	Souder
Hayworth	Miller (CA)	Spence
Hefley	Miller (FL)	Spratt
Hefner	Minge	Stabenow
Heger	Mink	Stearns
Hill	Moakley	Stenholm
Hilleary	Molinar	Strickland
Hinchey	Mollohan	Stump
Hinojosa	Moran (KS)	Stupak
Hobson	Moran (VA)	Sununu
Hoekstra	Morella	Talent
Holden	Murtha	Tanner
Hoolley	Myrick	Tauscher
Horn	Nadler	Tauzin
Hostettler	Neal	Taylor (MS)
Houghton	Nethercutt	Taylor (NC)
Hoyer	Neumann	Thomas
Hulshof	Ney	Thompson
Hunter	Northup	Thornberry
Hutchinson	Norwood	Thune
Hyde	Nussle	Thurman
Inglis	Obey	Tiahrt
Istook	Ortiz	Tierney
Jackson-Lee	Owens	Torres
(TX)	Oxley	Trafficant
Jefferson	Packard	Turner
Jenkins	Pallone	Upton
John	Pappas	Vento
Johnson (CT)	Parker	Visclosky
Johnson (WI)	Pascarell	Walsh
Johnson, E. B.	Pastor	Wamp
Johnson, Sam	Paul	Waters
Jones	Paxon	Watkins

Watts (OK)	Wexler	Wolf
Waxman	Weygand	Woolsey
Weldon (FL)	Whitfield	Wynn
Weldon (PA)	Wicker	Yates
Weller	Wise	Young (FL)

NAYS—24

Carson	Lewis (GA)	Sanders
Clay	McDermott	Scott
Conyers	Oberstar	Serrano
Cummings	Olver	Stark
Dellums	Payne	Stokes
Hilliard	Rangel	Towns
Jackson (IL)	Rush	Velazquez
Kilpatrick	Sabo	Watt (NC)

ANSWERED “PRESENT”—1

Snyder

NOT VOTING—9

Coburn	Forbes	Smith, Linda
DeFazio	Gonzalez	White
Foglietta	Schiff	Young (AK)

□ 1644

So (two-thirds having voted in favor thereof) the rules were suspended, and the concurrent resolution was agreed to.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

EXPANDED WAR CRIMES ACT OF 1997

The SPEAKER pro tempore [Mr. MCHUGH]. The unfinished business is the question of suspending the rules and passing the bill, H.R. 1348, as amended.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Tennessee [Mr. JENKINS] that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 1348, as amended, on which the yeas and nays are ordered.

This is a 5-minute vote.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 391, nays 32, not voting 11, as follows:

[Roll No. 340]

YEAS—391

Ackerman	Bonilla	Combest
Aderholt	Bono	Condit
Allen	Borski	Cook
Andrews	Boswell	Cooksey
Archer	Boucher	Costello
Armey	Boyd	Cox
Bachus	Brady	Coyne
Baessler	Brown (CA)	Cramer
Baker	Brown (FL)	Crane
Baldacci	Brown (OH)	Crapo
Ballenger	Bryant	Cubin
Barcia	Bunning	Cunningham
Barr	Burr	Danner
Barrett (NE)	Burton	Davis (FL)
Barrett (WI)	Buyer	Davis (VA)
Bartlett	Callahan	Deal
Barton	Calvert	DeFazio
Bass	Camp	DeGette
Bateman	Campbell	DeLauro
Becerra	Canady	DeLay
Bentsen	Cannon	Deutsch
Bereuter	Capps	Diaz-Balart
Berman	Cardin	Dickey
Berry	Castle	Dicks
Bilbray	Chabot	Dingell
Bilirakis	Chambliss	Dixon
Bishop	Chenoweth	Doggett
Blagojevich	Christensen	Dooley
Bliley	Clayton	Doolittle
	Clement	Doyle
	Clyburn	Dreier
	Coble	Duncan
	Collins	Dunn

Edwards	Klecza	Ramstad
Ehlers	Klink	Redmond
Ehrlich	Klug	Regula
Emerson	Knollenberg	Reyes
Engel	Kolbe	Riggs
English	LaFalce	Riley
Ensign	LaHood	Rivers
Eshoo	Lampson	Rodriguez
Etheridge	Lantos	Roemer
Evans	Largent	Rogan
Everett	Latham	Rogers
Ewing	LaTourette	Rohrabacher
Farr	Lazio	Ros-Lehtinen
Fattah	Leach	Rothman
Fawell	Levin	Roukema
Fazio	Lewis (CA)	Roybal-Allard
Filner	Lewis (KY)	Royce
Flake	Linder	Ryun
Foley	Lipinski	Sabo
Ford	Livingston	Salmon
Fowler	LoBiondo	Sanchez
Fox	Lofgren	Sanders
Franks (NJ)	Lowey	Sandlin
Frelinghuysen	Lucas	Sanford
Frost	Luther	Sawyer
Furse	Maloney (CT)	Saxton
Galleghy	Maloney (NY)	Schaefer, Dan
Ganske	Manton	Schaffer, Bob
Gejdenson	Manzullo	Schumer
Gekas	Martinez	Sensenbrenner
Gephardt	Mascara	Sessions
Gibbons	Matsui	Shadegg
Gilchrest	McCarthy (MO)	Shaw
Gillmor	McCarthy (NY)	Shays
Gilman	McCollum	Sherman
Goode	McCrery	Shimkus
Goodlatte	McDade	Shuster
Goodling	McHale	Sisisky
Gordon	McHugh	Skaggs
Goss	McInnis	Skeen
Graham	McIntosh	Skelton
Granger	McIntyre	Slaughter
Green	McKeon	Smith (MI)
Greenwood	McNulty	Smith (NJ)
Gutierrez	Meehan	Smith (OR)
Gutknecht	Meek	Smith (TX)
Hall (OH)	Menendez	Smith, Adam
Hall (TX)	Metcalf	Smith, Linda
Hamilton	Mica	Snowbarger
Hansen	Millender-	Snyder
Harman	McDonald	Solomon
Hastert	Miller (FL)	Souder
Hastings (FL)	Minge	Spence
Hastings (WA)	Mink	Spratt
Hayworth	Moakley	Stabenow
Hefley	Molinari	Stark
Hefner	Mollohan	Stearns
Herger	Moran (KS)	Stenholm
Hill	Moran (VA)	Stokes
Hilleary	Morella	Strickland
Hilliard	Myrick	Stump
Hinchey	Nadler	Stupak
Hinojosa	Neal	Sununu
Hobson	Nethercutt	Talent
Hoekstra	Neumann	Tanner
Holden	Ney	Tauscher
Hooey	Northup	Tauzin
Horn	Norwood	Taylor (MS)
Hostettler	Nussle	Taylor (NC)
Houghton	Oberstar	Thompson
Hoyer	Obey	Thornberry
Hulshof	Ortiz	Thune
Hunter	Owens	Thurman
Hutchinson	Oxley	Tiahrt
Hyde	Packard	Torres
Inglis	Pallone	Trafficant
Istook	Parker	Turner
Jackson-Lee	Pascrell	Upton
(TX)	Pastor	Vento
Jefferson	Paxon	Visclosky
Jenkins	Pease	Walsh
John	Pelosi	Wamp
Johnson (CT)	Peterson (MN)	Watkins
Johnson (WI)	Peterson (PA)	Watts (OK)
Johnson, E. B.	Petri	Waxman
Johnson, Sam	Pickering	Weldon (FL)
Jones	Pickett	Weldon (PA)
Kaptur	Pitts	Weller
Kasich	Pombo	Wexler
Kelly	Pomeroy	Weygand
Kennedy (MA)	Porter	Whitfield
Kennedy (RI)	Portman	Wicker
Kennelly	Poshard	Wise
Kildee	Price (NC)	Wolf
Kim	Pryce (OH)	Woolsey
Kind (WI)	Quinn	Wynn
King (NY)	Radanovich	Yates
Kingston	Rahall	Young (FL)

NAYS—32

Carson	Kucinich	Payne
Clay	Lewis (GA)	Rangel
Conyers	Markey	Rush
Cummings	McDermott	Scott
Davis (IL)	McGovern	Serrano
Delahunt	McKinney	Tierney
Dellums	Miller (CA)	Towns
Frank (MA)	Murtha	Velazquez
Jackson (IL)	Olver	Waters
Kanjorski	Pappas	Watt (NC)
Kilpatrick	Paul	

NOT VOTING—11

Abercrombie	Forbes	Thomas
Bonior	Gonzalez	White
Coburn	Scarborough	Young (AK)
Foglietta	Schiff	

□ 1653

Mr. MEEHAN changed his vote from "nay" to "yea."

So (two-thirds having voted in favor thereof) the rules were suspended and the bill, as amended, was passed.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. METCALF. Mr. Speaker, because of weather problems at Dulles Airport my flight was delayed and I missed all the rollcall votes yesterday. Had I been present, on rollcall votes 332, 333, and 334, I would have voted "no." On rollcall vote 335, I would have voted "yes."

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. McDERMOTT. Mr. Speaker, like the previous gentleman, due to weather problems here in D.C. I missed all four votes. On rollcall vote 332, I would have voted "yes," on rollcall vote 333, I would have voted "no," on rollcall vote 334, I would have voted "yes," and on rollcall vote 335, I would have voted "no."

CORRECTION TO THE RECORD OF JULY 28, 1997, PAGE H5879

The speech printed on page H5879 and erroneously attributed to Mr. BURTON of Indiana, was submitted under general leave by Mr. WAXMAN, and should appear as follows:

Mr. WAXMAN. Mr. Chairman, the legislative branch appropriations bill for fiscal year 1998 cuts the funding level for the General Accounting Office by \$9 million from the fiscal year 1997 funding level. This cut is unwise and unfair and should be reversed in Conference.

Two years ago, the GAO and House and Senate appropriators reached an agreement on a two-year plan to reduce GAO's budget. As part of that agreement, GAO's budget has been reduced by 25 percent and its staffing has dropped below 3,500—its lowest level in almost 60 years. These cuts have taken a heavy toll. Hiring and promotions have been frozen for a long time. Staff reductions have diminished expertise in key areas. And needed investments in information technology have been placed on hold. Additional cuts now are not only a violation of that agreement, they will result in a loss of morale and a further loss in staff expertise as the agency's future is cast in doubt.

Instead of pursuing this foolish course of action, the House should have honored the agreement over funding for the GAO. It could easily have made up for the revenue difference by refusing to fund the Government Reform and Oversight's partisan witch-hunt into campaign fundraising practices. The budget for that "investigation" is an extravagant waste of taxpayers' money. The Senate is doing a better, and fairer, job while the House's investigation is in a shambles. We are wasting millions of dollars on a mistake-plagued House investigation which duplicates the more comprehensive and bipartisan efforts of the Senate. Instead of funding partisan investigations in the Government Reform and Oversight Committee, let's give money to those than can really use it, the professional auditors and investigators of the GAO.

The Senate has also taken a much wiser approach to GAO's funding, and kept faith with the agreement reached two years ago. By funding GAO at their requested level, the Senate has provided less than a 2 percent increase; not enough for any staff or program increases, just enough to continue current operations at their present levels. In essence it is a cost of living increase. This is certainly the least Congress should provide for the GAO, our own investigative arm. The cuts in the House bill are penny wise and pound foolish because the GAO remains an excellent investment for the American taxpayer. The financial benefits from its work in the last five years alone total over \$103 billion.

If we in Congress are to continue doing our jobs well, we need a strong and effective General Accounting Office. I urge my colleagues on the House Appropriations Committee to carefully consider these issues during the conference with the Senate on this bill.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

A message in writing from the President of the United States was communicated to the House by Mr. Sherman Williams, one of his secretaries.

SPECIAL ORDERS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 7, 1997, and under a previous order of the House, the following Members will be recognized for 5 minutes each.

HAROLD SCHUITMAKER

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Michigan [Mr. UPTON] is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. UPTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a dedicated and devoted community leader and a dear friend, Mr. Harold Schuitmaker of Paw Paw, MI. Harold has been very active in our community, lending his hand wherever he can to help our neighbors. As a Rotarian, United Way board member, an Elk, an advocate for children, an active member of his church, Harold has always been there for the community of Paw Paw.

I talked to a few of our neighbors, and they all agree when it comes to