

not to fund the NEA. Earlier this year the leadership of this House took extraordinary steps to prevent the House from even considering funding the NEA. On the controversial vote on the rule, several Members of Congress who have supported the arts in the past and had pledged to support the NEA failed to do so at that critical moment. I hope that these Members in particular will seize this opportunity to demonstrate their support for the NEA by voting for this motion to instruct conferees. I urge all of my colleagues to support the National Endowment for the Arts and to vote to accept the Senate funding level of \$100 million for the NEA.

Mr. YATES. Mr. Speaker, I yield 3 minutes to the gentleman from Wisconsin [Mr. OBEY].

Mr. OBEY. Mr. Speaker, I know that there are a few persons in politics who will use the fact that an occasional fool has misused NEA funding to produce decadent and objectionable pieces of art under endowment funding, but I would simply point out one thing. Even Babe Ruth struck out 1,300 times, and no sane manager would have benched Babe Ruth. I do not think we should bench the National Endowment for the Arts.

I would say that for every occasional grant that any Member of this body can find that has funded a piece of so-called art that we would find objectionable or outrageous, there are literally tens of thousands of grants that are provided that raise people's spirits, that open the eyes of young people to their greater and finer possibilities. And I would just suggest that it is not the urban centers of this country who would be the great losers if the Endowment were to die, it would be the thousands of small communities across this country who need the seed money that the Endowment provides in order to enrich the cultural lives of their children in many areas where they would otherwise not have the opportunity to see some of the grand things that funding under the Endowment can provide.

Mr. Speaker, I would simply urge that we support this motion of the gentleman from Illinois. I also want to take this opportunity to say about the gentleman that I do not think there is a finer human being who has ever served in this House than the gentleman from Illinois [Mr. YATES]. He has devoted a great portion of his energies and his passions to improving the lives of many people in material ways as well as spiritual ways. I think this endowment is just one of the ways that he has tried to do that. On behalf of every person who cares about this program all across the country, I would like to personally thank him for the efforts he has shown. I think he does the House proud when he takes the positions that he has. We are, I think, all very happy to stand with him today in this effort to make the Congress finally do what is right on this issue.

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

thank the gentleman from Wisconsin for his kind remarks.

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

Mr. YATES. I yield to the gentleman from Ohio.

Mr. REGULA. Is it my understanding that this motion to instruct would in no way bind the conferees in terms of conditions that would be put on the grant? I know that the gentleman from Illinois has suggested we have six Members, three from the House and three from the Senate, on the NEA Board so that we have continuing input. There has been some talk about limiting the percentage that any State could receive and also no individual grants even for literature. Is my understanding correct that those types of conditions could be imposed by the conferees, and that this motion would in no way restrict our ability to do so?

Mr. YATES. That was my understanding as well. I subscribe to that.

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

Mr. REGULA. Mr. Speaker, I have no further requests for time, and I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore [Mr. GUTKNECHT]. Without objection, the previous question is ordered on the motion.

There was no objection.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion to instruct offered by the gentleman from Illinois [Mr. YATES].

The motion to instruct was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the Chair appoints the following conferees:

Messrs. REGULA,
McDADE,
KOLBE,
SKEEN,
TAYLOR of North Carolina,
NETHERCUTT,
MILLER of Florida,
WAMP,
LIVINGSTON,
YATES,
MURTHA,
DICKS,
SKAGGS,
MORAN of Virginia,
and OBEY.

There was no objection.

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APPOINTMENT OF CONFEREES ON H.R. 2264, DEPARTMENTS OF LABOR, HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, AND EDUCATION, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 1998

Mr. PORTER. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to take from the Speaker's table the bill (H.R. 2264) making appropriations for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human

Services, and Education, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998, and for other purposes, with a Senate amendment thereto, disagree to the Senate amendment, and agree to the conference asked by the Senate.

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

There was no objection.

MOTION TO INSTRUCT OFFERED BY MR. OBEY

Mr. OBEY. Mr. Speaker, I offer a motion to instruct conferees.

The Clerk read as follows:

Mr. OBEY moves that in resolving the differences between the House and Senate, the managers on the part of the House at the conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the bill, H.R. 2264, be instructed to insist on the Senate position to provide \$368,716,000 for congregate meals for the elderly.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the rule, the gentleman from Illinois [Mr. PORTER] will be recognized for 30 minutes, and the gentleman from Wisconsin [Mr. OBEY] will be recognized for 30 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Wisconsin [Mr. OBEY].

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

(Mr. OBEY asked and was given permission to revise and extend his remarks and include extraneous material.)

Mr. OBEY. Mr. Speaker, I do not intend to take very much time. This amendment simply would raise by \$4.1 million above the House figure the amount that we would support for congregate meals for the elderly. The Senate is \$4 million higher than the House bill is. This would simply instruct the conferees to move to the Senate position.

This program reaches our most vulnerable senior citizens, and I would think and hope that it would have broad support within the House.

Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

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

Mr. Speaker, we accept the gentleman's motion.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. PORTER. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days to revise and extend their remarks and that I may include tabular and extraneous material.

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

There was no objection.

Mr. PORTER. Mr. Speaker, I have no further requests for time, and I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. OBEY. Mr. Speaker, I, too, yield back the balance of my time, and I move the previous question on the motion.

The previous question was ordered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion to instruct offered by the gentleman from Wisconsin [Mr. OBEY].

The motion was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the Chair appoints the following conferees:

Messrs. PORTER,
YOUNG of Florida,
BONILLA,
ISTOOK,
MILLER of Florida,
DICKKEY,
WICKER,
Mrs. NORTHUP,
and Messrs. LIVINGSTON,
OBEY,
STOKES,
HOYER,
Ms. PELOSI,
Mrs. LOWEY,
and Ms. DELAURO.
There was no objection.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 5 of rule I, the Chair announces that he will now put the question on the Corrections Calendar bill and then on three motions to suspend the rules on which further proceedings were postponed earlier today, in the order in which the motions were entertained.

Votes will be taken in the following order: H.R. 2343 on the Corrections Calendar, de novo; H.R. 2414, de novo; S. 996, de novo; H.R. 2027, de novo; H.R. 1683, de novo; H.R. 643, de novo; H.R. 824, de novo; S. 1000, de novo; H.R. 29, de novo; S. 871, de novo; H.R. 1420, concurring in Senate amendments, de novo; and H.R. 1948, de novo.

Again, under previous agreement there will be three electronic votes during this voting period.

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

THRIFT DEPOSITOR PROTECTION OVERSIGHT BOARD

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The pending business is the question of passage of the bill, H.R. 2343, on which further proceedings were postponed.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

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

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

Mr. MILLER of California. Mr. Speaker, I object to the vote on the ground that a quorum is not present and make the point of order that a quorum is not present.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Evidently a quorum is not present.

The Sergeant at Arms will notify absent Members.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 420, nays 0, not voting 13, as follows:

[Roll No. 416]

YEAS—420

Abercrombie	Diaz-Balart	Johnson, Sam
Ackerman	Dickey	Jones
Aderholt	Dicks	Kanjorski
Allen	Dingell	Kaptur
Andrews	Dixon	Kasich
Archer	Doggett	Kelly
Armey	Dooley	Kennedy (MA)
Bachus	Doolittle	Kennedy (RI)
Baesler	Doyle	Kennelly
Baker	Dreier	Kildee
Baldacci	Duncan	Kilpatrick
Ballenger	Dunn	Kim
Barcia	Ehlers	Kind (WI)
Barr	Ehrlich	King (NY)
Barrett (NE)	Emerson	Kingston
Barrett (WI)	Engel	Klecza
Bartlett	English	Klink
Barton	Ensign	Klug
Bass	Etheridge	Knollenberg
Bateman	Evans	Kolbe
Becerra	Everett	Kucinich
Bentsen	Ewing	LaFalce
Bereuter	Farr	LaHood
Berman	Fattah	Lampson
Berry	Fawell	Lantos
Bilbray	Fazio	Largent
Bilirakis	Filner	Latham
Bishop	Flake	LaTourette
Blagojevich	Foglietta	Lazio
Bliley	Foley	Leach
Blumenauer	Forbes	Levin
Blunt	Ford	Lewis (CA)
Boehlert	Fowler	Lewis (GA)
Boehner	Fox	Lewis (KY)
Bonior	Frank (MA)	Linder
Bono	Franks (NJ)	Lipinski
Borski	Frelinghuysen	Livingston
Boswell	Frost	LoBiondo
Boucher	Furse	Lowey
Boyd	Gallegly	Lucas
Brady	Ganske	Luther
Brown (CA)	Gejdenson	Maloney (CT)
Brown (FL)	Gekas	Maloney (NY)
Brown (OH)	Gephardt	Manton
Bryant	Gibbons	Manzullo
Bunning	Gilchrest	Markey
Burr	Gillmor	Martinez
Burton	Gilman	Mascara
Buyer	Goode	Matsui
Callahan	Goodlatte	McCarthy (MO)
Calvert	Goodling	McCarthy (NY)
Camp	Gordon	McCollum
Campbell	Goss	McCrery
Canady	Graham	McDade
Cannon	Granger	McDermott
Capps	Green	McGovern
Cardin	Greenwood	McHale
Carson	Gutierrez	McHugh
Castle	Gutknecht	McInnis
Chabot	Hall (OH)	McIntosh
Chambliss	Hall (TX)	McIntyre
Chenoweth	Hamilton	McKeon
Christensen	Hansen	McKinney
Clay	Harman	McNulty
Clayton	Hastert	Meehan
Clement	Hastings (WA)	Meek
Clyburn	Hayworth	Menendez
Coble	Hefley	Metcalfe
Coburn	Herger	Mica
Collins	Hill	Millender-
Combest	Hilleary	McDonald
Condit	Hilliard	Miller (CA)
Conyers	Hinchey	Miller (FL)
Cook	Hinojosa	Minge
Cooksey	Hobson	Mink
Costello	Hoekstra	Moakley
Cox	Holden	Mollohan
Coyne	Hooley	Moran (KS)
Cramer	Horn	Moran (VA)
Crane	Hostettler	Morella
Crapo	Houghton	Murtha
Cubin	Hoyer	Myrick
Cummings	Hulshof	Nadler
Cunningham	Hunter	Neal
Danner	Hutchinson	Nethercutt
Davis (FL)	Hyde	Neumann
Davis (IL)	Inglis	Ney
Davis (VA)	Istook	Northup
Deal	Jackson (IL)	Norwood
DeFazio	Jackson-Lee	Nussle
DeGette	(TX)	Oberstar
DeLahunt	Jefferson	Obey
DeLauro	Jenkins	Olver
DeLay	Johnson (CT)	Owens
Dellums	Johnson (WI)	Oxley
Deutsch	Johnson, E.B.	Packard

Pallone	Sabo	Stupak
Pappas	Salmon	Sununu
Parker	Sanchez	Talent
Pascrell	Sanders	Tanner
Pastor	Sandlin	Tauscher
Paul	Sanford	Tauzin
Paxon	Sawyer	Taylor (MS)
Payne	Saxton	Taylor (NC)
Pease	Scarborough	Thomas
Peterson (MN)	Schaefer, Dan	Thompson
Peterson (PA)	Schaffer, Bob	Thornberry
Petri	Schumer	Thune
Pickering	Scott	Thurman
Pickett	Sensenbrenner	Tiahrt
Pitts	Serrano	Tierney
Pombo	Sessions	Torres
Pomeroy	Shadegg	Towns
Porter	Shaw	Traficant
Portman	Shays	Turner
Poshard	Sherman	Upton
Price (NC)	Shimkus	Velazquez
Pryce (OH)	Shuster	Vento
Quinn	Sisisky	Visclosky
Radanovich	Skaggs	Walsh
Rahall	Skeen	Wamp
Ramstad	Skelton	Waters
Rangel	Slaughter	Watkins
Redmond	Smith (MI)	Watt (NC)
Regula	Smith (NJ)	Watts (OK)
Reyes	Smith (OR)	Waxman
Riggs	Smith (TX)	Weldon (FL)
Riley	Smith, Adam	Weldon (PA)
Rivers	Snowbarger	Weller
Rodriguez	Snyder	Wexler
Roemer	Solomon	Weygand
Rogan	Souder	White
Rogers	Spence	Whitfield
Rohrabacher	Spratt	Wicker
Ros-Lehtinen	Stabenow	Wise
Rothman	Stark	Wolf
Roukema	Stearns	Wynn
Roybal-Allard	Stenholm	Yates
Royce	Stokes	Young (AK)
Rush	Strickland	Young (FL)
Ryun	Stump	

NOT VOTING—13

Bonilla	Hefner	Schiff
Edwards	John	Smith, Linda
Eshoo	Lofgren	Woolsey
Gonzalez	Ortiz	
Hastings (FL)	Pelosi	

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Ms. DANNER changed her vote from "nay" to "yea."

So (three-fifths having voted in favor thereof) the bill was passed.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore [Mr. GUTKNECHT]. Pursuant to the provisions of clause 5 of rule I, the Chair announces that he will reduce to a minimum of 5 minutes the period of time within which a vote by electronic device may be taken on the next two motions to suspend the rules on which the Chair has postponed further proceedings, and on which recorded votes may be ordered.

Votes on additional suspension motions will be postponed until approximately 9 p.m.

THE 50 STATES COMMEMORATIVE COIN PROGRAM ACT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The pending business is the question of suspending the rules and passing the bill, H.R. 2414, as amended.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.