

Levin	Oliver	Smith, Adam
Lewis (GA)	Owens	Snyder
Lofgren	Pallone	Stabenow
Lowey	Pastor	Stark
Luther	Pelosi	Stokes
Maloney (NY)	Pickett	Tauscher
Markey	Price (NC)	Thompson
Matsui	Rivers	Thurman
McCarthy (MO)	Rodriguez	Tierney
McCarthy (NY)	Rothman	Torres
McDermott	Roybal-Allard	Towns
McGovern	Rush	Velazquez
McKinney	Sabo	Vento
Meehan	Sanchez	Waters
Meek	Sanders	Watt (NC)
Menendez	Sawyer	Waxman
Millender-	Schumer	Wexler
McDonald	Scott	Wise
Miller (CA)	Serrano	Woolsey
Mink	Sherman	Wynn
Morella	Skaggs	Yates
Nadler	Slaughter	

NOT VOTING—6

Gephardt	Hilliard	Payne
Gonzalez	Lewis (KY)	Schiff

□ 1349

Messrs. FARR of California, TORRES, FORD, and Ms. SANCHEZ changed their vote from "yea" to "nay."

Mr. KENNEDY of Rhode Island and Mr. PAXON changed their vote from "nay" to "yea."

So the motion was agreed to.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

AMERICAN LAND SOVEREIGNTY PROTECTION ACT

The SPEAKER. Pursuant to the order of the House of Tuesday, October 7, 1997, 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. 901.

□ 1352

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. 901) to preserve the sovereignty of the United States over public lands and acquired lands owned by the United States, and to preserve State sovereignty and private property rights in non-Federal lands surrounding those public lands and acquired lands, with Mr. SUNUNU in the chair.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The CHAIRMAN. When the Committee of the Whole House rose on Tuesday, October 7, 1997, the Chair had been advised that the amendment regarding specific biosphere reserves would not be offered.

Pursuant to the order of the House of that day, no further amendments are in order.

SEQUENTIAL VOTES POSTPONED IN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

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

order: Amendment No. 5 offered by the gentleman from California [Mr. FARR]; amendment No. 51 offered by the gentleman from Minnesota [Mr. VENTO]; and an unnumbered amendment offered by the gentleman from California [Mr. MILLER].

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

AMENDMENT NO. 5 OFFERED BY MR. FARR OF CALIFORNIA

The CHAIRMAN. The unfinished business is the demand for a recorded vote on the amendment No. 5 offered by the gentleman from California [Mr. FARR] on which further proceedings were postponed and on which the noes prevailed by voice vote.

The Clerk will redesignate the amendment.

The text of the amendment is as follows:

Amendment No. 5 offered by Mr. Farr of California:

On page 10 of the bill, after line 8, insert the following:

"(d) Subsection (b) shall not apply to California Coastal Ranges Biosphere Reserve."

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 200, noes 226, not voting 7, as follows:

[Roll No. 501]

AYES—200

Abercrombie	Etheridge	Lantos
Ackerman	Evans	Leach
Allen	Farr	Levin
Andrews	Fattah	Lewis (GA)
Baldacci	Fazio	Lipinski
Barcia	Filner	Lofgren
Barrett (WI)	Flake	Lowey
Becerra	Foglietta	Luther
Bentsen	Ford	Maloney (CT)
Bereuter	Frank (MA)	Maloney (NY)
Berman	Frost	Manton
Bilbray	Furse	Markey
Blagojevich	Gejdenson	Mascara
Blumenauer	Gilchrist	Matsui
Bonior	Gordon	McCarthy (MO)
Borski	Green	McCarthy (NY)
Boucher	Gutierrez	McDermott
Boyd	Hall (OH)	McGovern
Brown (CA)	Hamilton	McHale
Brown (FL)	Harman	McKinney
Brown (OH)	Hastings (FL)	McNulty
Capps	Hefner	Meehan
Cardin	Hinchey	Menendez
Carson	Hinojosa	Millender-
Castle	Holden	McDonald
Clay	Hooley	Miller (CA)
Clayton	Horn	Minge
Clement	Houghton	Mink
Clyburn	Hoyer	Moakley
Condit	Jackson (IL)	Mollohan
Costello	Jackson-Lee	Moran (VA)
Coyne	(TX)	Morella
Cummings	Jefferson	Murtha
Davis (FL)	John	Nadler
Davis (IL)	Johnson (WI)	Neal
DeFazio	Johnson, E.B.	Oberstar
DeGette	Kanjorski	Obey
Delahunt	Kaptur	Olver
DeLauro	Kelly	Ortiz
Dellums	Kennedy (MA)	Owens
Deutsch	Kennedy (RI)	Pallone
Dicks	Kennelly	Pascarell
Dingell	Kildee	Pastor
Dixon	Kilpatrick	Payne
Doggett	Kind (WI)	Pelosi
Dooley	Kleczka	Peterson (MN)
Doyle	Klink	Pomeroy
Edwards	Kucinich	Porter
Engel	LaFalce	Poshard
Eshoo	Lampson	Price (NC)

Rahall	Scott	Thurman
Ramstad	Serrano	Tierney
Rangel	Shays	Torres
Reyes	Sherman	Towns
Rivers	Skaggs	Velazquez
Rodriguez	Skelton	Vento
Roemer	Slaughter	Visclosky
Rothman	Smith, Adam	Waters
Roybal-Allard	Snyder	Watt (NC)
Rush	Spratt	Waxman
Sabo	Stabenow	Wexler
Sanchez	Stark	Weygand
Sanders	Stokes	Wise
Sandlin	Strickland	Woolsey
Sanford	Stupak	Wynn
Sawyer	Tanner	Yates
Saxton	Tauscher	
Schumer	Thompson	

NOES—226

Aderholt	Gallegly	Parker
Archer	Ganske	Paul
Armey	Gekas	Paxon
Bachus	Gibbons	Pease
Baerler	Gillmor	Peterson (PA)
Baker	Gilman	Petri
Ballenger	Goode	Pickering
Barr	Goodlatte	Pickett
Barrett (NE)	Goodling	Pitts
Bartlett	Goss	Pombo
Barton	Graham	Portman
Bass	Granger	Pryce (OH)
Bateman	Greenwood	Quinn
Berry	Gutknecht	Radanovich
Bilirakis	Hall (TX)	Redmond
Bishop	Hansen	Regula
Bliley	Hastert	Riggs
Blunt	Hastings (WA)	Riley
Boehlert	Hayworth	Rogan
Boehner	Hefley	Rogers
Bonilla	Herger	Rohrabacher
Bono	Hill	Ros-Lehtinen
Boswell	Hilleary	Roukema
Brady	Hobson	Royce
Bryant	Hoekstra	Ryun
Bunning	Hostettler	Salmon
Burr	Hulshof	Scarborough
Burton	Hunter	Schaefer, Dan
Buyer	Hutchinson	Schaffer, Bob
Callahan	Hyde	Sensenbrenner
Calvert	Inglis	Sessions
Camp	Istook	Shadegg
Campbell	Jenkins	Shaw
Canady	Johnson, Sam	Shimkus
Cannon	Jones	Shuster
Chabot	Kasich	Sisisky
Chambliss	Kim	Skeen
Chenoweth	King (NY)	Smith (MI)
Christensen	Kingston	Smith (NJ)
Coble	Klug	Smith (OR)
Coburn	Knollenberg	Smith (TX)
Collins	Kolbe	Smith, Linda
Combest	LaHood	Snowbarger
Conyers	Largent	Solomon
Cook	Latham	Souder
Cooksey	LaTourette	Spence
Cox	Lazio	Stearns
Cramer	Lewis (CA)	Stenholm
Crane	Linder	Stump
Crapo	Livingston	Sununu
Cubin	LoBiondo	Talent
Cunningham	Lucas	Tauzin
Danner	Manzullo	Taylor (MS)
Davis (VA)	Martinez	Taylor (NC)
Deal	McCollum	Thomas
DeLay	McCrery	Thornberry
Diaz-Balart	McDade	Thune
Dickey	McHugh	Tiahrt
Doolittle	McInnis	Trafficant
Dreier	McIntosh	Turner
Duncan	McIntyre	Upton
Dunn	McKeon	Walsh
Ehlers	Metcalf	Wamp
Ehrlich	Mica	Watkins
Emerson	Miller (FL)	Watts (OK)
English	Moran (KS)	Weldon (FL)
Ensign	Myrick	Weldon (PA)
Everett	Nethercutt	Weller
Ewing	Neumann	White
Fawell	Ney	Whitfield
Foley	Northup	Wicker
Forbes	Norwood	Wolf
Fowler	Nussle	Young (AK)
Fox	Oxley	Young (FL)
Franks (NJ)	Packard	
Frelinghuysen	Pappas	

NOT VOTING—7

Gephardt Johnson (CT) Schiff
Gonzalez Lewis (KY)
Hilliard Meek

□ 1409

Mrs. KENNELLY of Connecticut and Mr. JOHN changed their vote from “no” to “aye.”

So the amendment was rejected.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mrs. JOHNSON of Connecticut. Mr. Chairman, on rollcall No. 501, I was unavoidably detained. Had I been present, I would have voted “no.”

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE CHAIRMAN

The CHAIRMAN. Pursuant to the order of the House of yesterday, the Chair announces that he will reduce to a minimum of 5 minutes the period of time within which a vote by electronic device will be taken on each amendment on which the Chair has postponed further proceedings.

AMENDMENT NO. 51 OFFERED BY MR. VENTO

The CHAIRMAN. The unfinished business is the demand for a recorded vote on amendment No. 51 offered by the gentleman from Minnesota [Mr. VENTO] on which further proceedings were postponed and on which the noes prevailed by voice vote.

The Clerk will redesignate the amendment.

The text of the amendment is as follows:

Amendment No. 51 offered by Mr. VENTO:

Page 10, line 15, Following the word “special” insert the following: “, including commercial.”

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 242, noes 182, not voting 9, as follows:

[Roll No. 502]

AYES—242

Abercrombie	Castle	English
Ackerman	Chabot	Eshoo
Allen	Clay	Etheridge
Andrews	Clayton	Evans
Baesler	Clement	Farr
Baldacci	Clyburn	Fattah
Barrett (WI)	Condit	Fazio
Bass	Cook	Filner
Becerra	Costello	Flake
Bentsen	Coyne	Foglietta
Berman	Cramer	Foley
Berry	Cummings	Ford
Billirakis	Danner	Fox
Bishop	Davis (FL)	Frank (MA)
Blagojevich	Davis (IL)	Franks (NJ)
Blumenauer	DeFazio	Frelinghuysen
Boehlert	DeGette	Frost
Bonior	Delahunt	Furse
Borski	DeLauro	Ganske
Boswell	Dellums	Gejdenson
Boucher	Deutsch	Gilchrest
Boyd	Dicks	Gilman
Brown (CA)	Dingell	Goode
Brown (FL)	Dixon	Goodlatte
Brown (OH)	Doggett	Gordon
Buyer	Doyle	Green
Camp	Dreier	Gutierrez
Capps	Duncan	Gutknecht
Cardin	Edwards	Hall (OH)
Carson	Engel	Hall (TX)

Hamilton	McDermott	Roybal-Allard
Harman	McGovern	Rush
Hastings (FL)	McHale	Sabo
Hefner	McIntyre	Sanchez
Hinchee	McKinney	Sanders
Hinojosa	McNulty	Sandlin
Holden	Meehan	Sanford
Hooley	Meek	Sawyer
Horn	Menendez	Saxton
Houghton	Metcalfe	Schumer
Hoyer	Mica	Scott
Jackson (IL)	Millender-	Serrano
Jackson-Lee	McDonald	Sherman
(TX)	Miller (CA)	Sisisky
Jefferson	Minge	Skaggs
Johnson (CT)	Mink	Skelton
Johnson (WI)	Moakley	Slaughter
Johnson, E.B.	Mollohan	Smith, Adam
Jones	Moran (VA)	Snyder
Kanjorski	Morella	Spratt
Kaptur	Murtha	Stabenow
Kelly	Nadler	Stark
Kennedy (MA)	Neal	Stenholm
Kennedy (RI)	Oberstar	Stokes
Kennelly	Obey	Strickland
Kildee	Olver	Stupak
Kilpatrick	Ortiz	Tanner
Kind (WI)	Owens	Tauscher
Klecza	Pallone	Taylor (MS)
Klink	Pascrell	Thompson
Klug	Pastor	Thurman
Kucinich	Payne	Tierney
LaFalce	Pelosi	Torres
Lampson	Peterson (MN)	Trafigant
Lantos	Pickett	Turner
Leach	Pomeroy	Upton
Levin	Portman	Velazquez
Lewis (GA)	Poshard	Vento
Lipinski	Price (NC)	Visclosky
Lofgren	Quinn	Walsh
Lowe	Rahall	Waters
Luther	Ramstad	Watt (NC)
Maloney (CT)	Rangel	Waxman
Maloney (NY)	Regula	Weldon (PA)
Manton	Reyes	Wexler
Markey	Riggs	Weygand
Martinez	Rivers	Wise
Mascara	Rodriguez	Woolsey
Matsui	Roemer	Wynn
McCarthy (MO)	Rohrabacher	Yates
McCarthy (NY)	Rothman	
McCollum	Roukema	

NOES—182

Aderholt	Dooley	Knollenberg
Archer	Doolittle	Kolbe
Armey	Dunn	LaHood
Bachus	Ehlers	Largent
Baker	Ehrlich	Latham
Ballenger	Emerson	LaTourette
Barcia	Ensign	Lazio
Barr	Everett	Lewis (CA)
Barrett (NE)	Ewing	Linder
Bartlett	Fawell	Livingston
Barton	Forbes	LoBiondo
Bateman	Fowler	Lucas
Bereuter	Galglegly	Manzullo
Bilbray	Gekas	McCrery
Bliley	Gibbons	McDade
Blunt	Gillmor	McHugh
Boehner	Goodling	McInnis
Bonilla	Goss	McIntosh
Bono	Graham	McKeon
Brady	Granger	Miller (FL)
Bryant	Greenwood	Moran (KS)
Bunning	Hansen	Myrick
Burr	Hastert	Nethercutt
Burton	Hastings (WA)	Neumann
Callahan	Hayworth	Ney
Calvert	Hefley	Northup
Campbell	Herger	Norwood
Canady	Hill	Nussle
Cannon	Hilleary	Oxley
Chambliss	Hobson	Packard
Chenoweth	Hoekstra	Pappas
Christensen	Hostettler	Parker
Coble	Hulshof	Paul
Coburn	Hunter	Paxon
Collins	Hutchinson	Pease
Combest	Hyde	Peterson (PA)
Cox	Inglis	Petri
Crane	Istook	Pickering
Crapo	Jenkins	Pitts
Cubin	John	Pombo
Cunningham	Johnson, Sam	Porter
Davis (VA)	Kasich	Pryce (OH)
Deal	Kim	Radanovich
DeLay	King (NY)	Redmond
Dickey	Kingston	Riley

Rogan	Skeen	Thomas
Rogers	Smith (MI)	Thornberry
Ros-Lehtinen	Smith (NJ)	Thune
Royce	Smith (OR)	Tiahrt
Ryun	Smith (TX)	Wamp
Salmon	Smith, Linda	Watkins
Scarborough	Snowbarger	Watts (OK)
Schaefer, Dan	Solomon	Weldon (FL)
Schaffer, Bob	Souder	Weller
Sensenbrenner	Spence	White
Sessions	Stearns	Whitfield
Shadegg	Stump	Wicker
Shaw	Sununu	Wolf
Shays	Talent	Young (AK)
Shimkus	Tauzin	Young (FL)
Shuster	Taylor (NC)	

NOT VOTING—9

Conyers	Gephardt	Lewis (KY)
Cooksey	Gonzalez	Schiff
Diaz-Balart	Hilliard	Towns

□ 1418

Mr. RYUN changed his vote from “aye” to “no.”

Mr. INGLIS of South Carolina and Ms. HARMAN 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. MILLER OF CALIFORNIA

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

The Clerk will redesignate the amendment.

The text of the amendment is as follows:

Amendment offered by Mr. MILLER of California:

On page 9 of the bill, beginning at line 1, strike all through the end of line 16, and renumber subsequent subsections accordingly.

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 199, noes 227, not voting 7, as follows:

[Roll No. 503]

AYES—199

Abercrombie	Conyers	Fawell
Ackerman	Costello	Fazio
Allen	Coyne	Filner
Andrews	Cramer	Flake
Baldacci	Cummings	Foglietta
Barrett (WI)	Davis (FL)	Ford
Becerra	Davis (IL)	Frank (MA)
Bentsen	DeFazio	Franks (NJ)
Berman	DeGette	Frelinghuysen
Blagojevich	Delahunt	Frost
Blumenauer	DeLauro	Furse
Bonior	Dellums	Gejdenson
Borski	Deutsch	Gilman
Boswell	Dicks	Gordon
Boucher	Dingell	Gutierrez
Boyd	Dixon	Hall (OH)
Brown (CA)	Doggett	Hamilton
Brown (FL)	Dooley	Harman
Brown (OH)	Doyle	Hastings (FL)
Capps	Edwards	Hefner
Cardin	Ehlers	Hinchee
Carson	Engel	Hinojosa
Castle	Eshoo	Holden
Clay	Etheridge	Hooley
Clayton	Evans	Horn
Clement	Farr	Hoyer
Clyburn	Fattah	Jackson (IL)

Jackson-Lee	Meehan	Sabo
(TX)	Meek	Sanchez
Jefferson	Menendez	Sanders
Johnson (CT)	Millender-	Sanford
Johnson (WI)	McDonald	Sawyer
Johnson, E. B.	Miller (CA)	Saxton
Kanjorski	Minge	Schumer
Kaptur	Mink	Scott
Kennedy (MA)	Moakley	Serrano
Kennedy (RI)	Mollohan	Shays
Kennelly	Moran (VA)	Sherman
Kildee	Morella	Skaggs
Kilpatrick	Murtha	Slaughter
Kind (WI)	Nadler	Smith, Adam
Klecza	Neal	Snyder
Klink	Oberstar	Spratt
Kucinich	Obey	Stabenow
LaFalce	Olver	Stark
Lampson	Ortiz	Stokes
Lantos	Owens	Strickland
Leach	Pallone	Stupak
Levin	Pascarell	Tauscher
Lipinski	Pastor	Thompson
Lofgren	Payne	Thurman
Lowey	Pelosi	Tierney
Luther	Pomeroy	Torres
Maloney (CT)	Porter	Towns
Maloney (NY)	Poshard	Velazquez
Manton	Price (NC)	Vento
Markey	Rahall	Visclosky
Martinez	Ramstad	Waters
Mascara	Rangel	Watt (NC)
Matsui	Reyes	Waxman
McCarthy (MO)	Rivers	Weldon (PA)
McCarthy (NY)	Rodriguez	Wexler
McDermott	Roemer	Weygand
McGovern	Rothman	Wise
McHale	Roukema	Woolsey
McKinney	Roybal-Allard	Wynn
McNulty	Rush	Yates

NOES—227

Aderholt	Diaz-Balart	Kingston
Archer	Dickey	Klug
Armey	Doolittle	Knollenberg
Bachus	Dreier	Kolbe
Baesler	Duncan	LaHood
Baker	Dunn	Largent
Ballenger	Ehrlich	Latham
Barcia	Emerson	Lazio
Barr	English	Lewis (CA)
Barrett (NE)	Ensign	Lewis (GA)
Bartlett	Everett	Linder
Barton	Ewing	Livingston
Bass	Foley	LoBiondo
Bateman	Forbes	Lucas
Bereuter	Fowler	Manzullo
Berry	Fox	McCollum
Bilbray	Gallely	McCrery
Bilirakis	Ganske	McDade
Bishop	Gekas	McHugh
Bliley	Gibbons	McInnis
Blunt	Gilchrest	McIntosh
Boehlert	Gillmor	McIntyre
Boehner	Goode	McKeon
Bonilla	Goodlatte	Metcalf
Bono	Goodling	Mica
Brady	Goss	Miller (FL)
Bryant	Graham	Moran (KS)
Bunning	Granger	Myrick
Burr	Green	Nethercutt
Burton	Greenwood	Neumann
Buyer	Gutknecht	Ney
Callahan	Hall (TX)	Northup
Calvert	Hansen	Norwood
Camp	Hastert	Nussle
Campbell	Hastings (WA)	Oxley
Canady	Hayworth	Packard
Cannon	Hefley	Pappas
Chabot	Herger	Parker
Chambliss	Hill	Paul
Chenoweth	Hilleary	Paxon
Christensen	Hobson	Pease
Coble	Hoekstra	Peterson (MN)
Coburn	Hostettler	Peterson (PA)
Collins	Houghton	Petri
Combust	Hulshof	Pickering
Condit	Hunter	Pickett
Cook	Hutchinson	Pitts
Cooksey	Hyde	Pombo
Cox	Inglis	Portman
Crane	Istook	Pryce (OH)
Crapo	Jenkins	Quinn
Cubin	John	Radanovich
Cunningham	Johnson, Sam	Redmond
Danner	Jones	Regula
Davis (VA)	Kelly	Riggs
Deal	Kim	Riley
DeLay	King (NY)	Rogan

Rogers	Smith (MI)	Thornberry
Rohrabacher	Smith (NJ)	Thune
Ros-Lehtinen	Smith (OR)	Tiahrt
Royce	Smith (TX)	Trafficant
Ryun	Smith, Linda	Turner
Salmon	Snowbarger	Upton
Sandlin	Solomon	Walsh
Scarborough	Souder	Wamp
Schaefer, Dan	Spence	Watkins
Schaffer, Bob	Stearns	Watts (OK)
Sensenbrenner	Stenholm	Weldon (FL)
Sessions	Stump	Weller
Shadegg	Sununu	White
Shaw	Talent	Whitfield
Shimkus	Tanner	Wicker
Shuster	Tauzin	Wolf
Sisisky	Taylor (MS)	Young (AK)
Skeen	Taylor (NC)	Young (FL)
Skelton	Thomas	

NOT VOTING—7

Gephardt	Kasich	Schiff
Gonzalez	LaTourette	
Hilliard	Lewis (KY)	

□ 1426

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

So the amendment was rejected.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

The CHAIRMAN. The question is on the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute, as amended.

The committee amendment in the nature of a substitute, as amended, was agreed to.

The CHAIRMAN. Pursuant to the previous order of the House, the Committee rises.

Accordingly the Committee rose; and the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. LAHOOD) having assumed the chair, Mr. SUNUNU, 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. 901), to preserve the sovereignty of the United States over public lands and acquired lands owned by the United States, and to preserve State sovereignty and private property rights in non-Federal lands surrounding those public lands and acquired lands, pursuant to the previous order of the House of October 7, 1997, he reported the bill back to the House with an amendment adopted by the Committee of the Whole.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the order of the House of October 7, the previous question is ordered.

Is a separate vote demanded on the amendment to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute adopted by the Committee of the Whole? If not, the question is on the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute.

The committee amendment in the nature of a substitute was 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.

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

RECORDED VOTE

Mr. SOLOMON. Mr. Speaker, I demand a recorded vote.

A recorded vote was ordered.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—ayes 236, noes 191, not voting 6, as follows:

[Roll No. 504]

AYES—236

Aderholt	Goodlatte	Peterson (MN)
Archer	Goodling	Peterson (PA)
Armey	Goss	Petri
Bachus	Graham	Pickering
Baesler	Granger	Pickett
Baker	Green	Pitts
Ballenger	Gutknecht	Pombo
Barcia	Hall (TX)	Pomeroy
Barr	Hansen	Portman
Bartlett	Hastert	Pryce (OH)
Barton	Hastings (WA)	Quinn
Bass	Hayworth	Radanovich
Bateman	Hefley	Ramstad
Berry	Herger	Rangel
Bilbray	Hill	Redmond
Bilirakis	Hilleary	Regula
Bishop	Hobson	Riggs
Bliley	Hoekstra	Riley
Blunt	Holden	Roemer
Boehlert	Horn	Rogan
Boehner	Hostettler	Rogers
Bonilla	Hulshof	Rohrabacher
Bono	Hunter	Ros-Lehtinen
Boswell	Hutchinson	Royce
Brady	Hyde	Ryun
Bryant	Inglis	Salmon
Bunning	Istook	Sandlin
Burr	Jenkins	Sanford
Burton	John	Scarborough
Buyer	Johnson, Sam	Schaefer, Dan
Callahan	Jones	Schaffer, Bob
Calvert	Kasich	Sensenbrenner
Camp	Kelly	Sessions
Campbell	Kim	Shadegg
Canady	King (NY)	Shaw
Cannon	Kingston	Shimkus
Chabot	Klink	Shuster
Chambliss	Knollenberg	Sisisky
Chenoweth	Kolbe	Skeen
Coble	LaHood	Skelton
Coburn	Largent	Smith (MI)
Collins	Latham	Smith (NJ)
Combust	LaTourette	Smith (OR)
Condit	Lazio	Smith (TX)
Cook	Lewis (CA)	Smith, Linda
Cooksey	Linder	Snowbarger
Cox	Livingston	Solomon
Cramer	LoBiondo	Souder
Crane	Lucas	Spence
Crapo	Manzullo	Stearns
Cubin	Martinez	Stenholm
Cunningham	McCollum	Stump
Danner	McCrery	Sununu
Davis (VA)	McDade	Talent
Deal	McHugh	Tanner
DeLay	McInnis	Tauzin
Diaz-Balart	McIntosh	Taylor (MS)
Dickey	McIntyre	Taylor (NC)
Doolittle	McKeon	Thomas
Doyle	Metcalf	Thornberry
Dreier	Mica	Thune
Duncan	Miller (FL)	Tiahrt
Dunn	Moran (KS)	Trafficant
Edwards	Myrick	Turner
Ehrlich	Nethercutt	Upton
Emerson	Neumann	Walsh
Ensign	Ney	Wamp
Everett	Northup	Watkins
Ewing	Norwood	Watts (OK)
Foley	Nussle	Weldon (FL)
Forbes	Oberstar	Weldon (PA)
Fowler	Oxley	Weller
Fox	Packard	White
Gallely	Pappas	Whitfield
Ganske	Parker	Wicker
Gekas	Pascarell	Wolf
Gibbons	Paul	Young (AK)
Gillmor	Paxon	Young (FL)
Goode	Pease	

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Abercrombie	Berman	Capps
Ackerman	Blagojevich	Cardin
Allen	Blumenauer	Carson
Andrews	Bonior	Castle
Baldacci	Borski	Christensen
Barrett (NE)	Boucher	Clay
Barrett (WI)	Boyd	Clayton
Becerra	Brown (CA)	Clement
Bentsen	Brown (FL)	Clyburn
Bereuter	Brown (OH)	Conyers

Costello	Johnson (CT)	Owens
Coyne	Johnson (WI)	Pallone
Cummings	Johnson, E. B.	Pastor
Davis (FL)	Kanjorski	Payne
Davis (IL)	Kaptur	Pelosi
DeFazio	Kennedy (MA)	Porter
DeGette	Kennedy (RI)	Poshard
Delahunt	Kennelly	Price (NC)
DeLauro	Kildee	Rahall
Dellums	Kilpatrick	Reyes
Deutsch	Kind (WI)	Rivers
Dicks	Klecza	Rodriguez
Dingell	Klug	Roukema
Dixon	Kucinich	Roybal-Allard
Doggett	LaFalce	Rush
Dooley	Lampson	Sabo
Ehlers	Lantos	Sanchez
Engel	Leach	Sanders
English	Levin	Sawyer
Eshoo	Lewis (GA)	Saxton
Etheridge	Lipinski	Schumer
Evans	Lofgren	Scott
Farr	Lowey	Serrano
Fattah	Luther	Shays
Fawell	Maloney (CT)	Sherman
Fazio	Maloney (NY)	Skaggs
Filner	Manton	Slaughter
Flake	Markey	Smith, Adam
Foglietta	Mascara	Snyder
Ford	Matsui	Spratt
Frank (MA)	McCarthy (MO)	Stabenow
Franks (NJ)	McCarthy (NY)	Stark
Frelinghuysen	McDermott	Stokes
Frost	McGovern	Strickland
Furse	McHale	Stupak
Gejdenson	McKinney	Tauscher
Gilchrest	McNulty	Thompson
Gilman	Meehan	Thurman
Gordon	Meek	Tierney
Greenwood	Menendez	Torres
Gutierrez	Millender-	Towns
Hall (OH)	McDonald	Velazquez
Hamilton	Miller (CA)	Vento
Harman	Minge	Visclosky
Hastings (FL)	Mink	Waters
Hefner	Moakley	Watt (NC)
Hinchey	Mollohan	Waxman
Hinojosa	Moran (VA)	Wexler
Hooley	Morella	Weygand
Houghton	Murtha	Wise
Hoyer	Nadler	Woolsey
Jackson (IL)	Neal	Wynn
Jackson-Lee	Obey	Yates
(TX)	Olver	
Jefferson	Ortiz	

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Gephardt	Hilliard	Rothman
Gonzalez	Lewis (KY)	Schiff

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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.

REMOVAL OF NAME OF MEMBER
AS COSPONSOR OF H.R. 1031

Ms. CHRISTIAN-GREEN. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that my name be removed as a cosponsor of H.R. 1031.

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

There was no objection.

CONFERENCE REPORT ON H.R. 2158,
DEPARTMENTS OF VETERANS
AFFAIRS AND HOUSING AND
URBAN DEVELOPMENT, AND
INDEPENDENT AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 1998

Mr. LINDER. Mr. Speaker, by direction of the Committee on Rules, I call up House Resolution 261 and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 261

Resolved, That upon adoption of this resolution it shall be in order to consider the conference report to accompany 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. All points of order against the conference report and against its consideration are waived. The conference report shall be considered as read.

Mr. LINDER. Mr. Speaker, for the purposes of debate only, I yield the customary 30 minutes to the gentleman from Massachusetts [Mr. MOAKLEY], pending which I yield myself such time as I may consume. During consideration of this resolution, all time yielded is for the purpose of debate only.

Mr. Speaker, House Resolution 261 waives all points of order against the conference report and against its consideration. The rule also provides that the conference report shall be considered as read.

The conference report for the VA-HUD and Independent Agencies Appropriations bill for fiscal year 1998 appropriates a total of \$68.5 billion for fiscal year 1998, which is \$1 billion below the President's request level.

As I mentioned in this House VA-HUD bill debate in July, this legislation continues to meet our obligations to our veterans. The conference report provides \$18.9 billion for the Department of Veterans Affairs' discretionary programs, \$17 billion for veterans' medical care, and \$272 million for veterans' medical research, including \$12.5 million for research related to Persian Gulf war illness. We owe a special debt of gratitude to all our veterans, and these appropriations are notable increases above the amounts the President requested.

I am also pleased that scientific research and our space program have been amply funded in this bill. We just marked the 40th anniversary of the launch of Sputnik, and with that in mind, I am pleased that the conferees have committed the United States toward a significant presence in space. The conferees have provided \$2.9 billion for the Space Shuttle Program, \$2.35 billion for the International Space Station, and \$13.6 billion for NASA, which is \$148 million more than the President requested.

I have one last point on the subject of science. I think it is very important to point out that this bill provides \$631 million for science and technology research at the Environmental Protection Agency, including \$49.6 million for particulate matter and ozone research. As proposed regulations are formulated by the EPA, it strikes me that it is high time we base these decisions on information from scientists calculated with scientific analysis.

EPA scientific research funding in this bill, especially funding directed for particulate matter and ozone research, is absolutely necessary at a time when

the American people and American businesses face the prospect of additional regulations concocted without a shred of scientific inspection.

I want to commend the gentleman from California [Mr. JERRY LEWIS] and the ranking minority member, the gentleman from Ohio, [Mr. LOUIS STOKES] for the bipartisan manner in which they produced this conference report. It does not appear that there were any major complications during the conference with the Senate, and I am certain their good relationship helped to assure this very productive conference.

I urge my colleagues to support the rule so that we may proceed with general debate and consideration of the merits of this very important bill.

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

Mr. MOAKLEY. Mr. Speaker, I thank my colleague, the gentleman from Georgia [Mr. LINDER], for yielding me the customary half-hour and I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, I want to congratulate my colleagues the gentleman from Ohio [Mr. STOKES] and the gentleman from California [Mr. LEWIS] for their excellent work on this conference report. I have had the pleasure of working with the gentleman from California and the ranking member on some small parts of this bill and I can tell my colleagues they have done yeoman's work.

They have managed to fully fund American housing and veterans programs as well as the Federal emergency management program and also NASA. The conference committee has done an excellent job taking care of our public housing programs. As someone who grew up in public housing, I can tell my colleagues it is a very important program. It does wonderful things for low-income families, particularly families with children, and I am pleased to see the conference committee agreed to support it.

Mr. Speaker, this country is facing a terrible loss of affordable housing. Three million American families just cannot find affordable housing, and the numbers are climbing. In response to this, the conference report renews all expiring section 8 contracts and preserves affordable housing at a time when we are losing affordable housing. It helps ensure that good housing will still be available to low-income families, it saves money, and it is a very well thought out policy.

The conference report also funds HOME grants to cities and States for building affordable housing. And one of these HOME grants went to the City of Brockton, MA, in my district, which helped 200 people buy homes last year. This year this program should help even more people.

The conference report also helps take care of America's veterans by providing over \$17 billion for veterans' medical care and \$15.5 million for research on Persian Gulf war illnesses.

So thanks to this conference report, the Consumer Product Safety Commission is fully funded, as is the Federal