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□ 1349

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

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—aves 200, noes 226. not voting 7, as follows:

[Roll No. 501] AYES-200

Etheridge Abercrombie Ackerman Evans Allen Farr Fattah Andrews Baldacci Fazio Barcia Filner Barrett (WI) Flake Becerra Foglietta Bentsen Ford Frank (MA) Bereuter Berman Frost Bilbray Furse Gejdenson Blagojevich Blumenauer Gilchrest Bonior Gordon Borski Green Gutierrez Hall (OH) Boucher Bovd Brown (CA) Hamilton Harman Brown (FL) Brown (OH) Hastings (FL) Hefner Capps Cardin Hinchey Hinoiosa Carson Castle Holden Clay Hooley Clayton Horn Houghton Clement Hoyer Jackson (IL) Clyburn Condit Costello Jackson-Lee Coyne (TX)Cummings Jefferson Davis (FL) John Johnson (WI) Davis (IL) DeFazio Johnson, E.B. DeGette Kanjorski Delahunt Kaptur DeLauro Kelly Kennedy (MA) Kennedy (RI) Dellums Deutsch Kennelly Dicks Kildee Kilpatrick Dingell Dixon Doggett Kind (WI) Dooley Kleczka Klink Doyle Kucinich Edwards LaFalce Engel Eshoo Lampson

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Poshard

Price (NC)

Ramstad Rangel Reyes Rivers Rodriguez Roemer Rothman Roybal-Allard Rush Sabo Sanchez Sanders Sandlin Sanford Sawyer Saxton Schumer

Aderholt

Archer

Armey

Bachus

Baesler

Baker

Barr

Bartlett

Barton

Bateman

Bilirakis

Bass

Berrv

Bishop

Blilev

Blunt

Boehlert

Boehner

Bonilla

Boswell

Bradv

Burr

Bryant

Burton

Callahan

Calvert

Canady

Cannon

Chabot

Coble

Coburn

Collins

Combest

Convers

Cooksey

Cramer

Crane

Crapo

Cubin

Deal

DeLay

Dickey

Dreier

Dunn

Ehlers

Ehrlich

Emerson

English

Ensign

Everett

Ewing Fawell

Foley

Forbes

Fowler

Frelinghuysen

Pappas

Fox

Duncan

Cook

Cox

Camp

Buver

Bunning

Bono

Rahall

Thompson Gallegly Ganske Gekas Gibbons Gillmor Gilman Ballenger Goode Goodlatte Barrett (NE) Goodling Goss Graham Granger Greenwood Gutknecht Hall (TX) Hansen Hastert Hastings (WA) Hayworth Hefley Herger Hill Hilleary Hobson Hoekstra Hostettler Hulshof Hunter Hutchinson Hyde Inglis Istook Campbell Jenkins Johnson, Sam Jones Kasich Chambliss Kim Chenoweth King (NY) Christensen Kingston Klug Knollenberg Kolbe LaHood Largent Latham LaTourette Lazio Lewis (CA) Linder Livingston LoBiondo Cunningham Lucas Danner Davis (VA) Manzullo Martinez McCollum McCrery Diaz-Balart McDade McHugh Doolittle McInnis McIntosh McIntvre McKeon Metcalf Mica Miller (FL) Moran (KS) Myrick Nethercutt Neumann Ney Northup Norwood Nussle Oxley Franks (NJ) Packard

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

NOES-226

Scott

Serrano

Sherman

Skaggs

Skelton

Snyder

Spratt

Stark

Stokes

Stupak

Tanner Tauscher

Stabenow

Strickland

Slaughter

Smith, Adam

Shays

Parker Paul Paxon Pease Peterson (PA) Petri Pickering Pickett Pitts Pombo Portman Pryce (OH) Quinn Radanovich Redmond Regula Riggs Riley Rogan Rogers Rohrabacher Ros-Lehtinen Roukema Rovce Ryun Salmon Scarborough Schaefer, Dan Schaffer, Bob Sensenbrenner Sessions Shadegg Shaw Shimkus Shuster Sisisky Skeen Smith (MI) Smith (NJ) Smith (OR) Smith (TX) Smith, Linda Snowbarger Solomon Souder Spence Stearns Stenholm Stump Sununu Talent Tauzin Taylor (MS) Taylor (NC) Thomas Thornberry Thune Tiahrt Traficant Turner Upton Walsh Wamp Watkins Watts (OK) Weldon (FL) Weldon (PA) Weller White Whitfield Wicker Wolf Young (AK)

Young (FL)

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McDermott

McGovern

McHale

McIntyre

McKinney McNulty

Meehan

Metcalf

Menendez

Meek

Hamilton

Hastings (FL)

Harman

Hefner

Hinchev

Hinojosa

Holden

H8664

Hilliard

Gephardt Gonzalez

Johnson (CT) Lewis (KY) Meek

□ 1409

NOT VOTING-7

Schiff

Mrs. KENNELLY of Connecticut and Mr. JOHN changed their vote from "no" to "ave."

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 5minute vote.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—aves 242, noes 182, not voting 9, as follows:

English

Etheridge

Eshoo

Evans

Fattah

Fazio

Filner

Flake

Foley

Ford

Fox

Frost

Furse

Ganske

Gilman

Gordon

Green

Gejdenson Gilchrest

Goode Goodlatte

Gutierrez

Hall (OH) Hall (TX)

Gutknecht

Collins

Cox

Crane

Crapo

Cubin

Deal

DeLay

Dickey

Cunningham Davis (VA)

Combest

Foglietta

Frank (MA)

Franks (NJ)

Farr

not voting s,	as follows.
	[Roll No. 502]
	AYES-242
Abercrombie	Castle
Ackerman	Chabot
Allen	Clay
Andrews	Clayton
Baesler	Clement
Baldacci	Clyburn
Barrett (WI)	Condit
Bass	Cook
Becerra	Costello
Bentsen	Coyne
Berman	Cramer
Berry	Cummings
Bilirakis	Danner
Bishop	Davis (FL)
Blagojevich	Davis (IL)
Blumenauer	DeFazio
Boehlert	DeGette
Bonior	Delahunt
Borski	DeLauro
Boswell	Dellums
Boucher	Deutsch
Boyd	Dicks
Brown (CA)	Dingell
Brown (FL)	Dixon
Brown (OH)	Doggett
Buyer	Doyle
Camp	Dreier
Capps	Duncan
Cardin	Edwards
Carson	Engel

Hooley Horn Houghton Hoyer Jackson (IL) Jackson-Lee (TX) Jefferson Johnson (CT) Johnson (WI) Johnson, E.B Jones Kanjorski Kaptur Kellv Kennedy (MA) Kennedy (RI) Kennellv Kildee Kilpatrick Kind (WI) Kleczka Klink Klug Kucinich LaFalce Lampson Lantos Leach Levin Lewis (GA) Lipinski Lofgren Lowey Luther Maloney (CT) Maloney (NY) Manton Markey Martinez Mascara Matsui McCarthy (MO) McCarthy (NY) McCollum Aderholt Archer Armey Bachus Baker Ballenger Barcia Barr Barrett (NE) Bartlett Barton Bateman Bereuter Bilbray Bliley Blunt Boehner Bonilla Bono Brady Bryant Bunning Burr Burton Callahan Calvert Campbell Canady Cannon Chambliss Frelinghuysen Chenoweth Christensen Coble Coburn

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Roybal-Allard Rush Sabo Sanchez Sanders Sandlin Sanford Sawyer Saxton Schumer Scott Serrano Sherman Sisisky Skaggs Skelton Slaughter Smith. Adam Snyder Spratt Stabenow Stark Stenholm Stokes Strickland Stupak Tanner Tauscher Taylor (MS) Thompson Thurman Tierney Torres Traficant Turner Upton Velazquez Vento Visclosky Walsh Waters Watt (NC) Waxman Weldon (PA) Wexler Weygand Wise Woolsey Wynn Yates Knollenberg Kolbe LaHood Largent Latham

LaTourette Lazio Lewis (CA) Linder Livingston LoBiondo Lucas Manzullo McCrery McDade McHugh McInnis McIntosh McKeon Miller (FL) Moran (KS) Mvrick Nethercutt Neumann Nev Northup Norwood Nussle Oxley Packard Pappas Parker Paul Paxon Pease Peterson (PA) Petri Pickering Pitts Pombo Porter Pryce (OH) Radanovich

Redmond

Riley

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

Clyburn

Ros-Lehtinen Smith (NJ) Royce Ryun Smith (OR) Smith (TX) Salmon Smith, Linda Scarborough Schaefer, Dan Snowbarger Solomon Schaffer, Bob Souder Sensenbrenner Spence Sessions Stearns Shadegg Stump Shaw Sununu Shays Talent Shimkus Tauzin

Convers Cooksev Diaz-Balart

Shuster

Rogan

Rogers

Gephardt Gonzalez Hilliard

Taylor (NC)

NOT VOTING-9

Skeen

Smith (MI)

□ 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. MIL-LER], 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 5minute vote.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—ayes 199, noes 227, not voting 7, as follows:

[Roll No. 503]

Costello

Coyne

Cramer

Cummings

Davis (FL)

Davis (IL)

DeFazio

DeGette

Delahunt

DeLauro

Dellums

Deutsch

Dicks Dingell

Dixon

Doggett Dooley

Edwards

Ehlers

Engel

Eshoo

Evans

Fattah

Farr

Etheridge

Doyle

AYES-199 Conyers

Fazio Filner Flake Foglietta Ford Frank (MA) Franks (NJ) Frelinghuysen Frost Furse Gejdenson Giľman Gordon Gutierrez Hall (OH) Hamilton Harman Hastings (FL) Hefner Hinchey Hinojosa Holden Hooley Horn Hover Jackson (IL)

Fawell

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Thornberry

Thune

Tiahrt

Wamp

Weller

White

Whitfield

Young (AK)

Young (FL)

Lewis (KY)

Schiff

Towns

Wicker

Wolf

Watkins

Watts (OK)

Weldon (FL)

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Thornberry

Thune

Tiahrt

Turner

Upton

Walsh

Wamp

Weller

White

Wicker

Wolf

Schiff

Whitfield

Young (AK)

Young (FL)

Watkins

Watts (OK)

Weldon (FL)

Traficant

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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

Goodlatte

Goodling

Graham

Granger

Gutknecht

Hastings (WA)

Hall (TX)

Hansen

Hastert

Hefley

Herger Hill

Hilleary

Hobson

Holden

Hulshof

Hunter

Hvde

Inglis

John

Jones

Kelly

Klink

Kolbe

LaHood

Largent

Latham

Linder

Lucas

LaTourette

Lazio Lewis (CA)

Livingston

LoBiondo

Manzullo

Martinez

McCrery McDade

McHugh

McInnis McIntosh

McIntyre

Miller (FL)

Moran (KS)

Nethercutt

Neumann

Ney Northup

Norwood

Oberstar

Packard

Pappas Parker

Pascrell

Paul

Paxon

Pease

Nussle

Oxley

McKeon Metcalf

Myrick

Mica

McCollum

Kim

Kasich

King (NY)

Kingston

Knollenberg

Istook Jenkins

Horn

Hoekstra

Hostettler

Hutchinson

Johnson, Sam

Hayworth

Green

Goss

Peterson (MN) Peterson (PA) Petri Pickering Pickett Pitts Pombo Pomerov Portman Pryce (OH) Quinn Radanovich Ramstad Rangel Redmond Regula Riggs Riley Roemer Rogan Rogers Rohrabacher Ros-Lehtinen Royce Rvun Salmon Sandlin Sanford Scarborough Schaefer, Dan Schaffer, Bob Sensenbrenner Sessions Shadegg Shaw Shimkus Shuster Sisisky Skeen Skelton Smith (MI) Smith (NJ) Smith (OR) Smith (TX) Smith, Linda Snowbarger Solomon Souder Spence Stearns Stenholm Stump Sununu Talent Tanner Tauzin Taylor (MS) Taylor (NC) Thomas Thornberry Thune Tiahrt Traficant Turner Upton Walsh Wamp Watkins Watts (OK) Weldon (FL) Weldon (PA) Weller White Whitfield Wicker Wolf Young (AK) Young (FL)

NOES-191 Berman

Blagojevich

Blumenauer

Bonior

Borski

Boyd

Boucher

Brown (CA)

Brown (FL)

Brown (OH)

Capps Cardin Carson Castle Christensen Clav Clayton Clement Clvburn Convers

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Jackson-Lee

Johnson (CT)

Johnson (WI)

Johnson, E. B.

Kennedy (MA)

Kennedy (RI)

(TX)

Jefferson

Kanjorski

Kaptur

Kennelly

Kilpatrick

Kind (WI)

Kleczka

Kucinich

LaFalce

Lampson

Lantos

Leach

Levin

Lipinski

Lofgren

Lowev

Luther

Manton

Markey

Martinez

Mascara

Matsui

Maloney (CT)

Maloney (NY)

McCarthy (MO)

McCarthy (NY)

McDermott

McGovern

McKinney

McNulty

McHale

Klink

Kildee

NOES-227

Aderholt Archer Armey Bachus Dreier Baesler Duncan Baker Dunn Ehrlich Ballenger Barcia English Barr Barrett (NE) Ensign Bartlett Everett Barton Ewing Bass Foley Bateman Forbes Bereuter Fowler Berry Fox Bilbray Ganske Biliraǩis Bishop Gekas Bliley Gibbons Blunt Boehlert Gillmor Boehner Goode Bonilla Bono Brady Goss Bryant Graham Bunning Granger Green Burr Burton Buver Callahan Calvert Hansen Hastert Camp Campbell Canady Hefley Cannon Chabot Herger Chambliss Hill Chenoweth Hobson Christensen Coble Coburn Collins Hulshof Combest Condit Hunter Cook Cooksey Hvde Cox Inglis Istook Jenkins Crane Crapo Cubin John Cunningham Danner Jones Davis (VA) Kelly Deal Kim DeLay

Slaughter Smith, Adam Snyder Spratt Stabenow Stark Stokes Strickland Stupak Tauscher Thompson Thurman Tierney Torres Towns Velazquez Vento Visclosky Waters Watt (NC) Waxman Weldon (PA) Wexler Weygand Wise Woolsey Wvnn Yates Diaz-Balart Kingston Dickey Doolittle Klug Knollenberg Kolbe LaHood Largent Latham Emerson Lazio Lewis (CA) Lewis (GA) Linder Livingston LoBiondo Lucas Manzullo McCollum Gallegly McCrery McDade McHugh McInnis Gilchrest McIntosh McIntvre McKeon Goodlatte Metcalf Goodling Mica Miller (FL) Moran (KS) Mvrick Nethercutt Greenwood Neumann Gutknecht Nev Northup Hall (TX) Norwood Nussle Hastings (WA) Oxley Packard Hayworth Pappas Parker Paul Hilleary Paxon Pease Peterson (MN) Hoekstra Peterson (PA) Hostettler Houghton Petri Pickering Pickett Pitts Hutchinson Pombo Portman Pryce (OH) Quinn Radanovich Johnson, Sam Redmond Regula Riggs Riley King (NY) Rogan

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Skeen	Taylor (NC)
Skelton	Thomas
	NOT VOTING-7
Gephardt Gonzalez Hilliard	Kasich LaTourette Lewis (KY)

□ 1426 Mr. CRAMER changed his vote from 'no'' to ''ave.

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. Pursu-ant 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.

Aderholt Archer Armey Bachus Baesler Baker Ballenger Barcia Barr Bartlett Barton Bass Bateman Berry Bilbray Bilirakis Bishop Bliley Blunt Boehlert Boehner Bonilla Bono Boswell Brady Bryant Bunning Burr Burton Buyer Callahan Calvert Camp Campbell Canady Cannon Chabot Chambliss Chenoweth Coble Coburn Collins Combest Condit Cook Cooksey Cox Cramer Crane Crapo Cubin Cunningham Danner Davis (VA) Deal DeLay Diaz-Balart Dickey Doolittle Doyle Dreier Duncan Dunn Edwards Ehrlich Emerson Ensign Everett Ewing Foley Forbes Fowler Fox Gallegly Ganske Gekas Gibbons Gillmor Goode Abercrombie

Ackerman Allen Andrews Baldacci Barrett (NE) Barrett (WI) Becerra Bentsen Bereuter

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Gephardt Hilliard Gonzalez Lewis (KY)

So the bill was passed. The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Rothman

Schiff

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 gentle-woman 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 APPRO-PRIATIONS 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