

spin control, lies, and ultimately perjury. His opponents decried his actions as a wild fishing excursion bent on criticizing the President. However, he obtained 14 convictions on guilty pleas.

At the end, his work ultimately led to the impeachment of a sitting U.S. President for only the second time in this Nation's history. His tireless and relentless efforts brought in the Supreme Court, forcing them to answer constitutional questions never before considered but important to the ultimate protection of our constitution. He may look like Clark Kent but behind that mild-mannered persona is a modern day man of steel, fighting for truth, justice and the American way.

HOPES FOR SUBWAY SERIES STILL ALIVE

(Mr. MEEKS of New York asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. MEEKS of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise this morning to give my deepest condolences to my good friends and colleagues from the State of Massachusetts. Last night, the New York Yankees did in the Boston Red Sox. We apologize for not doing it in four, but we did it in five to get you out of your misery.

And to my good friends in Atlanta, we know that you do not want to return to New York, so the Mets will make sure of that, for you gotta believe, the Mets in seven. The World Series, my dear friends, will be in New York, either in Queens or the Bronx. See you all next weekend.

STOP THE RAID ON SOCIAL SECURITY

(Mr. WATTS of Oklahoma asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. WATTS of Oklahoma. Mr. Speaker, the White House spin this morning has spun out of control again. A Washington newspaper reported today that the Congressional Budget Office says GOP spending measures have already dipped into the Social Security surplus.

Mr. Speaker, I hold in my hand actual proof that that is not true. In a letter to the Speaker dated September 30, the director of the CBO reported that currently proposed spending measures will not use any of the projected Social Security surplus in fiscal year 2000. Let me say that again, will not use a projected Social Security surplus.

Republicans in Congress have painstakingly worked to craft spending measures that do not spend the Social Security surplus, thereby stopping the 40-year raid on the Social Security trust fund.

Mr. Speaker, let us be honest with the American people even if our newspapers cannot be. Current GOP spending measures do not dip into the Social Security surplus and we are committed to not dipping into the Social Security

surplus. Social Security is the people's retirement fund, not the President's personal slush fund. Stop the raid on Social Security.

URGING PRESIDENT TO SIGN DEFENSE SPENDING BILL

(Mr. ARMEY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, after vetoing the foreign aid bill because the President thought it was too little spending, the President now is threatening to veto the defense spending bill because he believes it is too much spending.

Mr. Speaker, this is the same bill that will correct the Clinton-Gore neglect of our military that has stretched our forces thin in the past 8 years. Since the end of the Gulf War, our military has shrunk by 40 percent. At the height of the Reagan administration, the Navy had 586 ships. Today, it has 324. Since 1987, active duty personnel have been cut by more than 800,000 people.

Mr. Speaker, the defense spending bill we sent the President will fix these problems and it will do more. Our bill would give our troops a long overdue pay raise. It will also give our troops modern weapons and a better standard of living.

I urge the President not to play politics with our military pay raise. I urge the President not to play politics with the quality of life of our troops. The American people overwhelmingly support our defense spending bill. In fact, this bill got more than 370 votes in the House of Representatives.

Mr. Speaker, our service men and women deserve more than politics. They deserve President Clinton's signature on our defense spending bill.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. LATOURETTE). Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the pending business is the question of agreeing to the Speaker's approval of the Journal of the last day's proceedings.

The question is on the Speaker's approval of the Journal.

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

Mr. BROWN of Ohio. 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 337, nays 56, answered “present” 1, not voting 39, as follows:

[Roll No. 509]

YEAS—337

Abercrombie	Forbes	Matsui
Ackerman	Fossella	McCarthy (MO)
Allen	Fowler	McCarthy (NY)
Andrews	Frank (MA)	McCullum
Archer	Franks (NJ)	McCrary
Armeay	Frelinghuysen	McGovern
Bachus	Gallagly	McHugh
Baker	Ganske	McInnis
Baldacci	Gejdenson	McIntyre
Baldwin	Gekas	McKeon
Ballenger	Gibbons	McKinney
Barcia	Gilcrest	Meehan
Barr	Gilman	Meek (FL)
Barrett (NE)	Gonzalez	Meeks (NY)
Barrett (WI)	Goode	Metcalf
Bartlett	Goodlatte	Mica
Barton	Goodling	Millender
Bass	Gordon	McDonald
Bateman	Goss	Miller (FL)
Becerra	Graham	Miller, Gary
Bentsen	Granger	Minge
Bereuter	Green (WI)	Mink
Berkley	Greenwood	Moakley
Berman	Hall (OH)	Mollohan
Berry	Hall (TX)	Moore
Biggert	Hansen	Moran (VA)
Bilirakis	Hastings (FL)	Morella
Bishop	Hastings (WA)	Murtha
Blagojevich	Hayes	Myrick
Bliley	Hayworth	Nadler
Blumenauer	Herger	Napolitano
Blunt	Hill (IN)	Neal
Boehlert	Hill (MT)	Nethercutt
Boehner	Hinchey	Ney
Bonilla	Hinojosa	Northup
Bono	Hobson	Nussle
Boswell	Hoefel	Obey
Boucher	Hoekstra	Olver
Boyd	Holden	Ortiz
Brady (TX)	Holt	Ose
Brown (FL)	Hooley	Owens
Bryant	Horn	Oxley
Burr	Hostettler	Packard
Callahan	Houghton	Pascrill
Calvert	Hoyer	Paul
Campbell	Hulshof	Payne
Canady	Hunter	Pease
Cannon	Hutchinson	Pelosi
Capps	Hyde	Peterson (PA)
Capuano	Inslee	Petri
Cardin	Isakson	Pickering
Carson	Istook	Pitts
Castle	Jackson (IL)	Pombo
Chabot	Jenkins	Portman
Chambliss	John	Price (NC)
Chenoweth-Hage	Johnson, E. B.	Quinn
Coble	Jones (NC)	Radanovich
Collins	Jones (OH)	Rahall
Combest	Kanjorski	Regula
Condit	Kaptur	Reyes
Conyers	Kasich	Reynolds
Cook	Kelly	Riley
Cooksey	Kennedy	Rivers
Coyne	Kildee	Rodriguez
Cramer	Kilpatrick	Roemer
Cunningham	Kind (WI)	Rogan
Danner	King (NY)	Rogers
Davis (FL)	Kingston	Rohrabacher
Davis (IL)	Kleczka	Rothman
Davis (VA)	Knollenberg	Roukema
Deal	Kolbe	Royal-Allard
DeGette	Kuykendall	Royce
Delahunt	LaFalce	Ryan (WI)
DeMint	LaHood	Ryun (KS)
Deutsch	Lantos	Salmon
Diaz-Balart	Largent	Sanchez
Dicks	Larson	Sanders
Dingell	Latham	Sandlin
Doggett	LaTourette	Sawyer
Dooley	Lazio	Saxton
Doolittle	Leach	Schakowsky
Doyle	Lee	Scott
Dreier	Levin	Sensenbrenner
Duncan	Lewis (CA)	Serrano
Dunn	Lewis (KY)	Shadegg
Edwards	Linder	Shaw
Ehlers	Lofgren	Shays
Ehrlich	Lowey	Sherman
Emerson	Lucas (KY)	Sherwood
Eshoo	Lucas (OK)	Shimkus
Etheridge	Luther	Shows
Everett	Maloney (CT)	Shuster
Ewing	Maloney (NY)	Simpson
Farr	Manzullo	Sisisky
Fletcher	Markey	Skeen
	Mascara	Skelton

Smith (MI)	Taylor (NC)
Smith (NJ)	Terry
Smith (TX)	Thomas
Smith (WA)	Thornberry
Snyder	Thune
Souder	Thurman
Spence	Tiahrt
Spratt	Tierney
Stabenow	Toomey
Stark	Towns
Stearns	Traficant
Stenholm	Turner
Stump	Upton
Sununu	Velazquez
Talent	Vitter
Tanner	Walden
Tauzin	Walsh

NAYS—56

Aderholt	Gutierrez
Baird	Gutknecht
Bilbray	Hefley
Borski	Hilleary
Brady (PA)	Hilliard
Brown (OH)	Jackson-Lee (TX)
Clyburn	Klink
Coburn	Kucinich
Costello	Lipinski
Crane	LoBiondo
Crowley	McDermott
DeFazio	McNulty
Dickey	Miller, George
English	Moran (KS)
Evans	Pallone
Filner	Pastor
Ford	Peterson (MN)
Gillmor	Phelps
Green (TX)	

ANSWERED "PRESENT"—1

Tancredo

NOT VOTING—39

Bonior	Engel
Burton	Fattah
Buyer	Frost
Camp	Gephardt
Clay	Jefferson
Clayton	Johnson (CT)
Clement	Johnson, Sam
Cox	Lampson
Cubin	Lewis (GA)
Cummings	Martinez
DeLauro	McIntosh
DeLay	Menendez
Dixon	Norwood

Oberstar
Porter
Pryce (OH)
Rangel
Ros-Lehtinen
Rush
Scarborough
Sessions
Slaughter
Strickland
Whitfield
Wise
Young (AK)

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So the Journal was approved.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

FURTHER CONTINUING APPROPRIATIONS, FISCAL YEAR 2000

Mr. DREIER. Mr. Speaker, by direction of the Committee on Rules, I call up House Resolution 334 and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 334

Resolved, That upon the adoption of this resolution it shall be in order without intervention of any point of order to consider in the House the joint resolution (H.J. Res. 71) making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2000, and for other purposes. The joint resolution shall be considered as read for amendment. The previous question shall be considered as ordered on the joint resolution to final passage without intervening motion except: (1) one hour of debate equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations; and (2) one motion to recommit.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. LATOURETTE). The gentleman from California (Mr. DREIER) is recognized for 1 hour.

Mr. DREIER. Mr. Speaker, I very much appreciate the overly large and enthusiastic crowd here to enjoy this debate.

Mr. Speaker, for purposes of debate only, I yield the customary 30 minutes to my very dear friend, the gentleman from south Boston and extend condolences to him with the outcome of last night's game, and pending that I yield myself such time as I may consume. Mr. Speaker, all time yielded will be for the purposes of debate only.

(Mr. DREIER asked and was given permission to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. DREIER. Mr. Speaker, this rule provides for the consideration of H.J. Res. 71, making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2000 and for other purposes, under a closed rule, waiving all points of order. The rule provides that the joint resolution shall be considered as read. It provides for one hour of debate, equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations, and it provides for one motion to recommit.

As my colleagues know, Mr. Speaker, the previous continuing resolution expires at the end of the day on Thursday, the day after tomorrow, and a further continuing resolution is necessary to keep the government operating while Congress completes the few remaining appropriations bills that have yet to be sent to the President or have been vetoed. H.J. Res. 71 simply extends the October 21 deadline to October 29.

Mr. Speaker, contrary to what some may contend and I suspect what we may hear in the next hour, we are, from an historical perspective, ahead of schedule. Let me say that again. We are ahead of schedule on our appropriations work. Congress, under both Democratic and Republican majorities, regularly utilize continuing resolutions as a method of keeping the government functioning while negotiations continue. In fact, only three times, let me say that again, Mr. Speaker, only three times in the last two decades, the last 20 years, has Congress passed all 13 appropriations bills by the fiscal deadline. And, with the constraints that we are dealing with now, the Balanced Budget Agreement of 1997, I think that it is very, very appropriate that we are exactly where we are.

Despite the best efforts of the President and some of the minority, we are committed to passing all of the appropriations bills without borrowing one dime of the Social Security Trust Fund, again an unprecedented issue, and this very short-term continuing resolution is necessary so that we can, in fact, achieve that very important objective.

The continuing resolution was thoroughly vetted by the joint leaderships of the House and the Senate, the Committees on Appropriations, and the White House. Therefore, Mr. Speaker, I am going to urge my colleagues to sup-

port it, and I urge them to try and keep the rhetoric at as low a level as possible.

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

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

I thank my colleague and my very dear friend, the gentleman from California (Mr. DREIER), the chairman of the Committee on Rules, for yielding me the customary half-hour, and I yield myself such time as I may consume.

I am very happy to hear the chairman say that we are ahead of schedule, but evidently the Republicans must have added 3 months to the calendar, because I do not know how we can be ahead of schedule on the schedule we are on.

Mr. Speaker, this rule provides for the consideration of the second continuing resolution to come before the House this year. This will enable the Federal Government to remain open until October 29, despite my Republican colleagues' inability to finish the 13 appropriation bills by the day they were due.

Mr. Speaker, I understand that appropriations bills take an enormous amount of time and an enormous amount of work, but the October 1 deadline has been in effect for years and it should not come as any surprise that these bills were supposed to have been completed and sent to the President before that day. In fact, every single fiscal year since my Republican colleagues took control of the Congress, we have had to pass continuing resolutions to keep the Federal Government open. Otherwise, the Federal Government would shut down like it did in 1995; and Mr. Speaker, the American people are not going to stand for that again.

So far, we have passed five appropriations bills that have been signed into law: Legislative branch, Transportation and Military Construction, Treasury-Postal, Energy and Water. Two await action at the White House: Agriculture and Defense. The Senate is working to pass VA-HUD. Two have already been vetoed and must be rewritten: District of Columbia and Foreign Operations. Two have yet to pass the House: Interior and Commerce-Justice. And, Mr. Speaker, one has not even been reported out of subcommittee, and that is Labor-HHS.

But, there is reason to be optimistic. Today, President Clinton has invited our Republican colleagues to join with the Democratic leaders at the White House to try to resolve some of these outstanding appropriation issues. I commend President Clinton for reaching out to my Republican colleagues, and this will be the first time they have met with the President on appropriations; and despite this late date, Mr. Speaker, I wish all of them well in their negotiations.

Although I am sorry my Republican colleagues have not finished their