

Just three weeks ago we met again here in Washington and he extended the same invitation for his next visit. I deeply regret that will never occur.

Armenia is the oldest Christian nation in the world. Her commitment to freedom and democracy is in no small part due to the efforts of the late prime minister and his fallen colleagues.

This morning the turmoil in Armenia has ended. Armenians will again go on today living in freedom, and dedicated to building a stronger nation for their children. The terrorists are in the hands of law enforcement and the rule of law will prevail.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in remembering the service of these eight Armenian patriots and their families on this very sad day.

VOTE NO ON A BAD BUDGET BILL

(Ms. KILPATRICK asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. KILPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, today is the last day for the 13 appropriations bills. Unfortunately, the bill that will be on the floor today did not come to the House floor. The most important bill for America's families came from committee, and not to the floor so that we could debate it.

This budget in its entirety does not extend the life of Social Security for one day. This budget does not offer prescription drug coverage for seniors who need it. This budget hurts American families.

If you have a child and you were thinking that you were going to get them in Head Start, one of the most successful programs we have, the Head Start budget will be cut. You may not be able to have your child there.

If you are a senior and you depend on Meals on Wheels, a very successful program where some seniors have this one hot meal every day, your Meals on Wheels will be cut with this budget.

Nursing homes, who take care of the seniors who have made it possible for all of us to be here today, will be cut.

Bad bill. Vote no.

THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS FOR ARMENIA

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

Mr. GANSKE. Mr. Speaker, in August I went on a surgical mission to Armenia. Our surgical mission was treated with great hospitality by our hosts and we were able to join with Armenian doctors and do teaching and help take care of patients. So it was with shock that I saw on TV the shooting that occurred in the Armenian legislature.

I would remind our colleagues that it was in about 1954 that we had a shooting in this very room, and when you have violence in the midst of democracy, it sends a chill down all of our backs.

I pray for the families of those who were slain, and I sincerely hope that peace will return to Armenia and that they will be able to go about the business of democracy and improving their country.

SUPPORT H.R. 762, LUPUS RESEARCH AND CARE AMENDMENTS ACT OF 1999

(Mrs. MEEK of Florida asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. MEEK of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I ask this House and this Congress to pay attention to this very important plea I am making this morning.

This is Lupus Awareness Month. People all over this country are not quite aware of the danger of this auto-immune disease called lupus. It kills more people than AIDS and several other infectious diseases. It is time we woke up to lupus. It is a killer. It is a killer of young women in their child bearing years. It is a crippler of men as well as women, but more so women.

I am asking support throughout this country for my bill on lupus. It is the Care Act of 1999. Remember, lupus has a significant impact on women in child bearing years, so your wives, daughters and sisters will be affected by this terrible disease. Charles Kurault died of this disease recently. It is a killer, it breaks your back. I want Members to help me with this bill and try to get it scheduled in this Congress. It has been up for 3 years. It is time that lupus is recognized.

SUPPORT LABOR-HHS APPROPRIATIONS BILL

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

Mr. DUNCAN. Mr. Speaker, today we will pass the Labor-HHS appropriations bill, which contains many good things. It also contains a 1 percent across-the-board cut, which I support, because we have to do that unless we want to dip into the Social Security funds for other purposes.

But this bill also contains \$1.4 billion for a program that I hope at least some people will begin to question. It is one of the most wasteful programs in the entire Federal Government, and yet, because it theoretically is for children, nobody will question it.

□ 1045

That is the Job Corps program. Today we are spending over \$26,000 per year per Job Corps student. We could take each one of those students and give them a \$1,000 month allowance, send them to some expensive private school, and still save some.

The GAO says hardly any of those students are ending up in jobs for which they were trained. That program is benefiting only the bureaucrats and

the fat cat government contractors. Mr. Speaker, we need to question that program. It is harming children by taking money away from their parents to send instead to bureaucrats and fat cat government contractors.

THE BRONX AND NEW YORK CITY ARE VERY PROUD OF THE NEW YORK YANKEES

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

Mr. ENGEL. Mr. Speaker, I am going to put on this hat, although it is not the traditional blue and white.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. SHAW). I would have to interrupt the gentleman. The House rules prohibit the wearing of hats.

Mr. ENGEL. Mr. Speaker, I will not put on the hat, I will just hold the hat. Even though it is not the traditional blue and white Yankee colors, these are some of the fancy hats they sell on 161st Street in the Bronx outside Yankee Stadium.

I speak then on behalf of myself and my colleague, the gentleman from New York (Mr. SERRANO). We are both from the Bronx. We always joke, the Yankee Stadium is in his district, and some of the parking lots outside of Yankee Stadium are in my district; when the Yankees hit a home run out of the park, the ball lands in my district.

I was born in the Bronx, lived in the Bronx, was raised in the Bronx, grew up within walking distance of Yankee Stadium. Today the Bronx is really proud of the Bronx Bombers, of the New York Yankees, who once again are the world champions in baseball. They are truly the team of the nineties, the dynasty of the nineties.

As we enter the new millennium, the Yankees are the world champions. The Bronx is very, very proud of the Yankees, and indeed, all of New York City is very, very proud of the Yankees. We look forward to a great ticker tape parade up Broadway with the Yankees. We look forward to continued successes in the future.

Go, Yankees. They have made us all proud: Joe Torre, George Steinbrenner and all the Yankees. New York, New York.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. 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 SPEAKER pro tempore. 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. McNULTY. 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 370, nays 49, answered “present” 1, not voting 13, as follows:

[Roll No. 545]

YEAS—370

Abercrombie	Delahunt	Jackson-Lee	Neal	Ros-Lehtinen	Strickland
Ackerman	DeLauro	(TX)	Nethercutt	Rothman	Stump
Allen	DeLay	Jefferson	Ney	Roukema	Sununu
Andrews	DeMint	Jenkins	Northup	Royal-Allard	Talent
Archer	Deutsch	John	Nussle	Royce	Tanner
Armey	Diaz-Balart	Johnson, Sam	Obey	Ryan (WI)	Tauscher
Bachus	Dicks	Jones (NC)	Olver	Ryun (KS)	Tauzin
Baker	Dingell	Jones (OH)	Ortiz	Salmon	Taylor (NC)
Baldacci	Dixon	Kanjorski	Ose	Sanchez	Terry
Ballenger	Doggett	Kaptur	Owens	Sanford	Thomas
Barcia	Dooley	Kasich	Oxley	Sawyer	Thornberry
Barr	Doolittle	Kelly	Packard	Saxton	Thune
Barrett (NE)	Doyle	Kennedy	Pascall	Schakowsky	Thurman
Barrett (WI)	Dreier	Kildee	Pastor	Scott	Tiahrt
Bartlett	Duncan	Kilpatrick	Paul	Sensenbrenner	Tierney
Barton	Dunn	Kind (WI)	Payne	Serrano	Toomey
Bass	Edwards	King (NY)	Pease	Sessions	Towns
Bateman	Ehlers	Kingston	Pelosi	Shadegg	Traficant
Becerra	Ehrlich	Kleczka	Peterson (PA)	Shaw	Turner
Bentsen	Emerson	Klink	Petri	Shays	Udall (CO)
Bereuter	Engel	Knollenberg	Phelps	Sherman	Upton
Berkley	Eshoo	Kolbe	Pickering	Sherwood	Velazquez
Berman	Etheridge	Kuykendall	Pitts	Shimkus	Vento
Berry	Everett	LaFalce	Pombo	Shows	Vitter
Biggert	Ewing	LaHood	Pomeroy	Shuster	Walden
Bilirakis	Farr	Lampson	Porter	Simpson	Watkins
Bishop	Fletcher	Lantos	Portman	Sisisky	Watt (NC)
Blagojevich	Foley	Largent	Price (NC)	Price (OH)	Watts (OK)
Bliley	Forbes	Larson	Reyes	Sheekn	Waxman
Blumenauer	Ford	Latham	Rodriguez	Skelton	Weiner
Blunt	Fossella	LaTourette	Roeber	Sllaughter	Weldon (FL)
Boehlert	Fowler	Lazio	Rodriguez	Smith (MI)	Weldon (PA)
Boehner	Frank (MA)	Leach	Rohrabacher	Rahall	Smith (NJ)
Bonilla	Franks (NJ)	Lee	Riley	Rangel	Weygand
Bonior	Frelinghuysen	Levin	Rivers	Regula	Wicker
Bono	Frost	Lewis (CA)	Rodriguez	Reyes	Wilson
Boswell	Galleghy	Lewis (GA)	Roeber	Snyder	Wise
Boucher	Ganske	Lewis (KY)	Rogers	Souder	Wolf
Boyd	Gejdenson	Linder	Rohrabacher	Riley	Woolsey
Brady (TX)	Gekas	Lofgren	Rohrabacher	Rivers	Wynn
Brown (FL)	Gephhardt	Lowey	Rohrabacher	Rodriguez	Young (AK)
Brown (OH)	Gilchrest	Lucas (KY)	Roeber	Stabenow	Young (FL)
Bryant	Gillmor	Lucas (OK)	Rogers	Stark	
Burr	Gilman	Luther	Rohrabacher	Stearns	
Burton	Gonzalez	Maloney (CT)	Rohrabacher	Stenholm	
Callahan	Calvert	Maloney (NY)	Rohrabacher		
Calvert	Goodlatte	Manzullo			
Camp	Goodling	Martinez			
Campbell	Gordon	Matsui			
Canady	Goss	McCarthy (MO)			
Cannon	Graham	McCarthy (NY)			
Capps	Granger	McCullom			
Capuano	Green (TX)	McCrary			
Cardin	Green (WI)	McDermott			
Carson	Greenwood	McGovern			
Castle	Gutierrez	McHugh			
Chabot	Gutknecht	McInnis			
Chambliss	Hall (OH)	McIntosh			
Chenoweth-Hage	Hall (TX)	McIntyre			
Clayton	Hansen	McKeon			
Clement	Hastings (WA)	McKinney			
Coble	Hayes	Meehan			
Coburn	Hayworth	Meek (FL)			
Collins	Herger	Meeks (NY)			
Combest	Hill (IN)	Menendez			
Condit	Hobson	Metcalf			
Conyers	Hoeffel	Mica			
Cook	Hoekstra	Millender-McDonald			
Cooksey	Holden	Miller (FL)			
Cox	Hooley	Miller, Gary			
Coyne	Horn	Minge			
Cramer	Hostettler	Mink			
Crowley	Houghton	Moakley			
Cubin	Hoyer	Mollohan			
Cummings	Hunter	Moran (KS)			
Cunningham	Hutchinson	Moran (VA)			
Danner	Hyde	Morella			
Davis (FL)	Inslee	Murtha			
Davis (IL)	Isackson	Myrick			
Davis (VA)	Istook	Nadler			
Deal	Jackson (IL)	Napolitano			

NAYS—49

ANSWERED “PRESENT”—1

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NOT VOTING—13

Brady (PA)	Rush	Waters
Buyer	Sanders	Wexler
Hinojosa	Scarborough	Whitfield
Johnson (CT)	Sweeney	
Mascara	Walsh	

□ 1109

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois changed his vote from “nay” to “yea.”

So the Journal was approved.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

FURTHER CONTINUING APPROPRIATIONS, FISCAL YEAR 2000

Mr. YOUNG of Florida. Mr. Speaker, pursuant to the order of the House of Wednesday, October 27, 1999, I call up the joint resolution (H. J. Res 73) making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2000, and for other purposes, and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the title of the joint resolution.

The text of House Joint Resolution 73 is as follows:

H. J. RES. 73

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That Public Law 106-62 is further amended by striking “October 29, 1999” in section 106(c) and inserting in lieu thereof “November 5, 1999”, and by striking “\$189,524,382” in section 119 and inserting in lieu thereof “\$288,903,248”. Public Law 106-46 is amended by striking “November 1, 1999” and inserting in lieu thereof “November 5, 1999”.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. SHAW). Pursuant to the order of the House of Wednesday, October 27, 1999, the gentleman from Florida (Mr. YOUNG) and the gentleman from Wisconsin (Mr. OBEY) each will control 30 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Florida (Mr. YOUNG).

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. YOUNG of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend their remarks on H. J. Res. 73, and that I may include tabular and extraneous material.

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

There was no objection.

Mr. YOUNG of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, the continuing resolution before us extends current spending levels for a week, until November 5. That is one week from tomorrow.

The current rates, as contained in the original continuing resolution, are continued for the five bills which have not been signed into law. And, of course, for those eight that have been signed into law, the funding levels in those bills are the controlling elements.

There are two technical provisions for two anomalies which need to be adjusted in the continuing resolution, the waiver of the quorum requirement for the Export-Import Bank, and adjusted funding rate for the census.

Mr. Speaker, it is my understanding that this is acceptable to the President, that he is willing to support this and to sign this continuing resolution, and I would hope that we could expedite this matter.

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

□ 1115

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

Mr. Speaker, first of all, the gentleman from Florida (Mr. YOUNG), the distinguished chairman of the Committee on Appropriations, is correct; the President will sign this third continuing resolution.

He should not have to. I would have hoped that we would have been done by now. But we all, I think, understand why.

My problem is that, right after this continuing resolution, we are going to