

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER
PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC.
November 18, 1999.

I hereby appoint the Honorable STEVEN C. LATOURETTE to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

J. DENNIS HASTERT,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

PRAYER

The Reverend Douglas Tanner, Faith and Politics Institute, Washington, D.C., offered the following prayer:

Almighty God, we come before You this week before Thanksgiving only partially conscious of the many gifts You bestow upon us. We know that while others are hungry, we are fed, and while others are without shelter, we live in comfort. We give thanks for our material blessings and often share a measure of our abundance with those less fortunate.

Yet, we can live as unaware of the gifts You give us in each other, the gifts of those who think differently from the way we do, those whose experiences shape their perspectives differently from ours, those whose cultures cultivate different values and sensitivities, those whom You have placed with us in a land which we call one nation, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

Grant us, we pray in this season, a deeper appreciation of our brothers and our sisters all across this land, and across the aisles in this chamber. Open our hearts and strengthen our souls until we are instruments of Your peace. Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentleman from Massachusetts (Mr. MOAKLEY) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. MOAKLEY led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

REMOVAL OF NAME OF MEMBER
AS COSPONSOR OF H.R. 3308

Mr. PHELPS. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to remove my name as cosponsor of H.R. 3308.

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

There was no objection.

PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.J. RES. 82, MAKING FURTHER CONTINUING APPROPRIATIONS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2000 AND H.J. RES. 83, MAKING FURTHER CONTINUING APPROPRIATIONS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2000

Mr. GOSS. Mr. Speaker, by direction of the Committee on Rules, I call up House Resolution 385 and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 385

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. 82) 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.

SEC. 2. 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. 83) 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. The gentleman from Florida (Mr. GOSS) is recognized for 1 hour.

Mr. GOSS. Mr. Speaker, before we begin on the rule, I am going to yield such time as he may consume to the distinguished gentleman from South Dakota (Mr. THUNE) for a matter of interest to all Members of the House.

(Mr. THUNE asked and was given permission to speak out of order.)

TRIBUTE TO READING CLERK BOB BERRY

Mr. THUNE. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for yielding me this time.

Mr. Speaker, I wish to rise today to recognize the contributions of Bob Berry, a fellow South Dakotan.

Bob Berry has served the last several months as a Reading Clerk on the House Floor. Bob's father is a legend in South Dakota, the former Congressman E.Y. Berry, who represented South Dakota from 1951 to 1971. After his father's service, Bob served this institution as the Republican Reading Clerk. After several years of service, Bob was able to retire from the House 11 years ago.

As a result of the temporary departure of another Reading Clerk, Bob was asked to temporarily return to his old position in the House. The institution

greatly appreciated Bob's willingness to return and enjoyed the last several months of his daily service.

The end of this session will allow Bob to return to retirement. We know he and his lovely wife, Marilyn, are pleased that the need for his services has passed and that they can enjoy their freedom to travel and visit their children, grandchildren and friends again.

Bob, on behalf of the House, I want to express our thanks for your service. You have truly helped this institution over the last several months and your contributions are much appreciated.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Mr. OBEY. Mr. Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

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

Mr. OBEY. 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 14, nays 375, not voting 44, as follows:

[Roll No. 598]

YEAS—14

Etheridge	McCrery	Ryan (WI)
Filner	Obey	Sensenbrenner
Green (WI)	Peterson (MN)	Spratt
Kind (WI)	Petri	Towns
Manzullo	Rahall	

NAYS—375

Abercrombie	Brown (OH)	DeMint
Aderholt	Bryant	Deutsch
Allen	Burr	Diaz-Balart
Andrews	Buyer	Dickey
Archer	Callahan	Dicks
Armey	Calvert	Dixon
Bachus	Camp	Doggett
Baird	Campbell	Doolittle
Baker	Canady	Doyle
Baldacci	Cannon	Dreier
Baldwin	Capuano	Duncan
Ballenger	Cardin	Edwards
Barcia	Castle	Ehlers
Barr	Chabot	Ehrlich
Barrett (NE)	Chambliss	Emerson
Barrett (WI)	Chenoweth-Hage	Engel
Bartlett	Clay	English
Barton	Clayton	Eshoo
Bass	Clement	Evans
Becerra	Clyburn	Everett
Bentsen	Coble	Ewing
Bereuter	Coburn	Farr
Berkley	Collins	Fletcher
Berman	Combest	Foley
Berry	Condit	Forbes
Biggert	Cook	Ford
Bilirakis	Cooksey	Fossella
Bishop	Costello	Fowler
Blagojevich	Coyne	Frank (MA)
Bliley	Cramer	Frelighuysen
Blumenauer	Crane	Frost
Blunt	Crowley	Gallegly
Boehlert	Cummings	Ganske
Boehner	Cunningham	Gejdenson
Bonilla	Danner	Gekas
Bonior	Davis (FL)	Gephardt
Bono	Davis (IL)	Gibbons
Borski	Davis (VA)	Gilchrest
Boswell	Deal	Gillmor
Boucher	Defazio	Gilman
Boyd	DeGette	Gonzalez
Brady (PA)	Delahunt	Goode
Brady (TX)	DeLauro	Goodlatte
Brown (FL)	DeLay	Goodling

Gordon	Mascara	Sandlin
Goss	Matsui	Vento
Graham	McCarthy (MO)	Sanford
Granger	McCarthy (NY)	Sawyer
Green (TX)	McCollum	Saxton
Greenwood	McDermott	Schaffer
Gutknecht	McGovern	Schakowsky
Hall (OH)	McHugh	Scott
Hall (TX)	McInnis	Serrano
Hansen	McIntyre	Sessions
Hastings (FL)	McKeon	Shadegg
Hastings (WA)	McKinney	Shaw
Hayes	McNulty	Shays
Hayworth	Menendez	Sherman
Hefley	Metcalf	Sherwood
Hill (IN)	Mica	Shimkus
Hilleary	Miller (FL)	Shows
Hilliard	Miller, Gary	Shuster
Hinojosa	Miller, George	Simpson
Hobson	Minge	Siskiyou
Hoefel	Mink	Skeen
Holden	Moakley	Skelton
Holt	Mollohan	Slaughter
Hooley	Moore	Smith (MI)
Horn	Moran (KS)	Smith (NJ)
Hostettler	Moran (VA)	Smith (TX)
Houghton	Morella	Smith (WA)
Hoyer	Murtha	Snyder
Hulshof	Myrick	Souder
Hyde	Nadler	Spence
Inslee	Napolitano	Stabenow
Isakson	Neal	Stark
Istook	Nethercutt	Stearns
Jackson (IL)	Ney	Stenholm
Jackson-Lee (TX)	Northup	Strickland
Jefferson	Nussle	Stump
Jenkins	Olver	Stupak
John	Ortiz	Sweeney
Johnson (CT)	Ose	Talent
Johnson, E. B.	Owens	Tancredo
Johnson, Sam	Oxley	Tanner
Jones (NC)	Packard	Tauzin
Jones (OH)	Pallone	Taylor (NC)
Kaptur	Pascrell	Terry
Kelly	Paul	Thomas
Kennedy	Payne	Thompson (CA)
Kildee	Pease	Thompson (MS)
Kilpatrick	Pelosi	Thornberry
King (NY)	Peterson (PA)	Thune
Kingston	Phelps	Thurman
Kleckza	Pickering	Tiahrt
Knollenberg	Pickett	Tierney
Kolbe	Pitts	Toomey
Kucinich	Pombo	Traficant
Kuykendall	Pomeroy	Turner
LaFalce	Porter	Udall (CO)
LaHood	Portman	Udall (NM)
Lampson	Price (NC)	Upton
Lantos	Pryce (OH)	Velazquez
Largent	Quinn	Visclosky
Larson	Ramstad	Vitter
Latham	Rangel	Walder
LaTourette	Regula	Walsh
Lazio	Reyes	Wamp
Leach	Reynolds	Waters
Lee	Riley	Watkins
Levin	Rivers	Watt (NC)
Lewis (CA)	Rodriguez	Waxman
Lewis (GA)	Roemer	Weldon (FL)
Lewis (KY)	Rogan	Weldon (PA)
Linder	Rogers	Weiner
Lipinski	Rohrabacher	Weldon (PA)
LoBiondo	Rothman	Wheeler
Lofgren	Roukema	Whitfield
Lowey	Royal-Allard	Wicker
Lucas (KY)	Royce	Wilson
Lucas (OK)	Rush	Wolf
Luther	Ryun (KS)	Woozley
Maloney (CT)	Salmon	Wu
Maloney (NY)	Sanchez	Young (FL)
Markey	Sanders	Wynn

NOT VOTING—44

Ackerman	Gutierrez	Meeks (NY)
Bateman	Herger	Millender-Hill (MT)
Bilbray	Hill (MT)	McDonald
Burton	Hinchey	Oberstar
Capps	Hoekstra	Pastor
Carson	Hunter	Radanovich
Conyers	Hutchinson	Ros-Lehtinen
Cox	Kanjorski	Sabo
Cubin	Kasich	Scarborough
Dingell	Klink	Tauscher
Dooley	Martinez	Taylor (MS)
Dunn	McIntosh	
Fattah	Meehan	
Franks (NJ)	Meek (FL)	

Vento	Wexler	Wise
Watts (OK)	Weygand	Young (AK)

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Messrs. COBURN, BLAGOJEVICH, DICKEY, McHUGH, MORAN of Virginia, LINDER, SALMON, BENTSEN, SPENCE, FROST, Ms. WOOLSEY, Ms. SANCHEZ, and Ms. DANNER changed their vote from "yea" to "nay."

Mr. RYAN of Wisconsin and Mr. PETRI changed their vote from "nay" to "yea."

So the motion to adjourn was rejected.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.J. RES. 82, MAKING FURTHER CONTINUING APPROPRIATIONS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2000 AND H.J. RES. 83, MAKING FURTHER CONTINUING APPROPRIATIONS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2000—Continued

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. LATOURETTE). The pending business is consideration of House Resolution 385 offered by the gentleman from Florida (Mr. GOSS).

The gentleman from Florida (Mr. GOSS) is recognized for 1 hour.

Mr. GOSS. Mr. Speaker, for purposes of debate only, I yield the customary 30 minutes to the gentleman from Massachusetts (Mr. MOAKLEY), my colleague, 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, today, we place before the House what will hopefully be the last continuing resolution for fiscal year 2000. Yesterday, I referred to the movie "Groundhog Day" to describe the events of the past few weeks, where we seem to wake up each morning and do the same things we did the day before. And while we are here again as we were yesterday considering a rule to bring forward another short-term extension of the budget deadline, we are confident that a final agreement has been brokered and the process is finally now near total completion.

Like yesterday's, this rule is a standard closed rule providing for consideration of a continuing resolution whose expiration date is November 23. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the joint resolution, provides 1 hour of debate, equally divided between the chairman and ranking member of the Committee on Appropriations, and affords the traditional motion to recommit.

Mr. Speaker, we have all been struggling to find the right negotiating mix to bring this budget process to a conclusion. Our firm line in the sand has remained constant: we will not spend one dime of the Social Security Trust Fund. While there has been the normal and appropriate give and take between the White House and the Congress on a host of other issues, our constituents,

both young and old, I think are the real winners today.

Mr. Speaker, for the first time in over the 3 decades, Washington, D.C., will not be using Social Security as a slush fund. We have made the tough choices necessary to balance the budget without touching Social Security. It has been a long, it has been an arduous process; but the end result under the circumstances, I think, is well worth the effort: a more secure retirement for all Americans.

Just as there was 5 years ago when our new majority pledged to balance the budget, some cynical naysayers have claimed that we could not do the job this year without borrowing from Social Security. They were wrong in 1994, and they are wrong again today. We can do better, and this budget proves it.

Mr. Speaker, I want to particularly commend at this time the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. HASTERFT), Speaker of the House, for his persistence and leadership, and the gentleman from Florida (Mr. YOUNG), the chairman of the Committee on Appropriations, and all the other Members who have made this day come to pass.

It is a good victory for Congress, and a good one for the American people. I urge a "yes" vote on the rule and the underlying CR, of course.

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

Mr. MOAKLEY. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman from Florida (Mr. GOSS), who I have not seen since 4 o'clock this morning, for yielding me the customary half hour, and I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, even though we are 49 days into the fiscal year, only eight of the thirteen appropriation bills have been signed into law. Appropriation negotiations have been going on and on and on, with little hope in sight. That is until very early this morning.

Early this morning at about 2 o'clock, the appropriators and the White House reached agreement on an enormous omnibus appropriations bill that lumps all unfinished business together in one massive document nearly no one can understand. And supposedly, we just need to pass a couple of more continuing resolutions to keep the government open until the appropriation process is mercifully behind us, and the President signs this behemoth bill.

Mr. Speaker, the rule we are considering today makes in order not one, but two continuing resolutions. The first expires on November 23, and the second expires on December 2. I am told this is done to accommodate the deliberations of the Senate, so I see no reason to oppose it, despite the strange and inefficient process.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to support this rule, and support the continuing resolution.

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

Mr. GOSS. Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the distinguished gentleman from Florida (Mr. YOUNG), my