

because I am one of 15. I am the 15th child.

Like a lot of us, I come from a poor family, an individual, the only one that graduated from high school and college. My other brothers and sisters graduated, but I was able to pursue that. I know that they are very proud.

I wish my wife were here right now. She is watching this right now. She is Barbara Dominguez Baca, with whom I will be celebrating 31 years of marriage next week. On November 23, it will be our anniversary, so it will be 31 years of marriage to one wife, not two wives or three wives, but one wife.

I would like to also thank my children, because my children were supporters. I believe in strong family values, because family values are the core of what makes America great. It is what makes our country. I would like to thank my family, because they have been very supportive.

I would like to thank Joe, Jr. That is my first son. He is now 30. Then Jeremy Baca; that is my second son. Then my daughter, first daughter, and that is Natalie. Then, of course, my daughter that is 13 years of age. She is the reason my wife cannot be here because we believe it is important to have our children in school and to obtain that, and we did not want to take her out of school during that time. It was important for her to be there. My wife realizes that, because she is also a great student, a 4.0 student, doing well in school, so we want to make sure she continues to receive those grades. Of course, Mom is always there to help her.

So I love my family very much. I want to thank them.

But I also want to thank the voters, the voters of my district who made it possible for me to be here. Without the voters' support, I would not be here today.

I look forward to working in this House. It is going to be an honor for me to work on a bipartisan basis. I look forward to working with my colleague directly associated with me, and that is the gentleman from California (Mr. LEWIS). I look forward to working with him on issues that are important to all of us, the issues that are important to the State of California, because all of us care about the economy. All of us care about education, public safety, protecting Social Security, Medicare, drug prescriptions, areas that are important to a lot of us, health reform.

But most of all, we want to make sure that, as I look at the 52 Members of California, that we work together on a bipartisan basis to make California, like everybody else wants to make their State, a lot better. But I also look forward to working with the 52 delegates from California in assuring that we get our fair share of revenue coming back to California. No offense to the rest of the Members. But I believe, in reference to California, it is pretty big in population. We have over 34 million people in California. But it

is important that we address those issues.

I want to work with them and also work with you on a bipartisan basis on other issues that are important with us as well that impact all of us.

What we all want is to improve the quality of life. We cannot do it by ourselves. We have to come together collectively. It has to come from a compromise, individuals willing to come together and do what is necessary to make our State and our Nation a lot better. It is not going to happen if we have political wedges that divide us. There are times that we have to come together to address those areas. We need to address those areas.

I want to thank you. I want to thank my family. I want to thank the leadership. I thank the gentleman from Missouri (Mr. GEPHARDT) very much for coming and getting all of the colleagues, the whips, you know, that raised all of the funds that were necessary.

I look forward to additional help from the other side in giving me additional monies. So it is very important for your support as well as we begin to work on a bipartisan effort.

Again, I thank the Speaker and my colleagues very much.

The SPEAKER. Does the gentleman from California (Mr. BACA) yield back the remainder of his time?

MOTION TO ADJOURN

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

The SPEAKER. The question is on the motion to adjourn offered by the gentleman from Wisconsin (Mr. OBEY).

The question was taken; and the Speaker 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 24, nays 379, not voting 31, as follows:

[Roll No. 605]  
YEAS—24

Baldwin	Klecza	Peterson (MN)
Barrett (WI)	Luther	Petri
Berry	Manzullo	Rahall
Brown (FL)	McDermott	Ryan (WI)
Filner	McKinney	Sensenbrenner
Green (WI)	Minge	Taylor (MS)
Gutknecht	Oberstar	Towns
Kind (WI)	Obey	Wise

NAYS—379

Aderholt	Barcia	Biggart
Allen	Barr	Bilbray
Andrews	Barrett (NE)	Bilirakis
Archer	Bartlett	Bishop
Armey	Barton	Blagojevich
Baca	Bass	Bliley
Bachus	Bateman	Blumenauer
Baird	Becerra	Blunt
Baker	Bentsen	Boehlert
Baldacci	Bereuter	Boehner
Ballenger	Berkley	Bonilla

Bonior	Gordon	Menendez
Bono	Goss	Metcalf
Borski	Graham	Millender-
Boswell	Granger	McDonald
Boucher	Green (TX)	Miller (FL)
Boyd	Hall (OH)	Miller, Gary
Brady (PA)	Hall (TX)	Miller, George
Brady (TX)	Hansen	Mink
Brown (OH)	Hastings (FL)	Moakley
Bryant	Hastings (WA)	Mollohan
Burr	Hayes	Moore
Burton	Hayworth	Moran (KS)
Buyer	Hefley	Morella
Callahan	Herger	Myrick
Calvert	Hill (IN)	Nadler
Camp	Hill (MT)	Napolitano
Campbell	Hilleary	Neal
Canady	Hilliard	Nethercutt
Cannon	Hinchey	Ney
Capuano	Hinojosa	Northup
Cardin	Hobson	Norwood
Carson	Hoeffel	Nussle
Castle	Hoekstra	Olver
Chabot	Holden	Ortiz
Chambliss	Holt	Ose
Chenoweth-Hage	Hoolley	Owens
Clay	Horn	Oxley
Clayton	Hostettler	Packard
Clement	Houghton	Pallone
Clyburn	Hoyer	Pascrell
Coble	Hulshof	Pastor
Coburn	Hunter	Paul
Collins	Hyde	Payne
Combest	Inslee	Pease
Condit	Isakson	Pelosi
Cook	Istook	Peterson (PA)
Cooksey	Jackson (IL)	Phelps
Costello	Jackson-Lee	Pickering
Cox	(TX)	Pickett
Coyne	Jenkins	Pitts
Cramer	John	Pomeroy
Crane	Johnson (CT)	Porter
Crowley	Johnson, E. B.	Portman
Cubin	Johnson, Sam	Price (NC)
Cummings	Jones (NC)	Pryce (OH)
Cunningham	Jones (OH)	Quinn
Danner	Kanjorski	Radanovich
Davis (FL)	Kaptur	Ramstad
Davis (IL)	Kasich	Rangel
Davis (VA)	Kelly	Regula
Deal	Kennedy	Reyes
DeFazio	Kildee	Reynolds
DeGette	King (NY)	Riley
Delahunt	Kingston	Rivers
DeLauro	Klink	Rodriguez
DeLay	Knollenberg	Roemer
DeMint	Kolbe	Rogan
Deutsch	Kucinich	Rogers
Diaz-Balart	Kuykendall	Rohrabacher
Dickey	LaFalce	Rothman
Dicks	LaHood	Roybal-Allard
Dixon	Lampson	Royce
Doggett	Lantos	Rush
Dooley	Largent	Sabo
Dreier	Larson	Salmon
Duncan	Latham	Sanchez
Dunn	LaTourrette	Sanders
Edwards	Lazio	Sandlin
Ehlers	Leach	Sanford
Emerson	Lee	Sawyer
Engel	Levin	Saxton
English	Lewis (CA)	Schaffer
Eshoo	Lewis (GA)	Schakowsky
Etheridge	Lewis (KY)	Scott
Evans	Linder	Serrano
Everett	Lipinski	Sessions
Ewing	LoBiondo	Shadegg
Farr	Lofgren	Shaw
Fattah	Lowey	Shays
Fletcher	Lucas (KY)	Sherman
Foley	Lucas (OK)	Sherwood
Forbes	Maloney (NY)	Shimkus
Ford	Markey	Shows
Fossella	Martinez	Shuster
Frank (MA)	Mascara	Simpson
Franks (NJ)	Matsui	Sisisky
Frelinghuysen	McCarthy (MO)	Skeen
Gallely	McCarthy (NY)	Skelton
Ganske	McCollum	Slaughter
Gejdenson	McCrary	Smith (NJ)
Gephardt	McGovern	Smith (TX)
Gibbons	McHugh	Smith (WA)
Gilchrest	McInnis	Snyder
Gillmor	McIntosh	Souder
Gilman	McIntyre	Spence
Gonzalez	McKeon	Stabenow
Goode	McNulty	Stark
Goodlatte	Meek (FL)	Stearns
Goodling	Meeks (NY)	Stenholm

Strickland	Thurman	Watkins
Stump	Tiaht	Watts (OK)
Stupak	Tierney	Waxman
Sununu	Toomey	Weiner
Sweeney	Traficant	Weldon (FL)
Talent	Turner	Weldon (PA)
Tancredo	Udall (CO)	Weller
Tanner	Udall (NM)	Weygand
Tauscher	Upton	Whitfield
Tauzin	Velazquez	Wicker
Taylor (NC)	Vento	Wilson
Terry	Visclosky	Wolf
Thomas	Vitter	Woolsey
Thompson (CA)	Walden	Wu
Thompson (MS)	Walsh	Wynn
Thornberry	Wamp	Young (AK)
Thune	Waters	Young (FL)

## NOT VOTING—31

Abercrombie	Gekas	Pombo
Ackerman	Greenwood	Ros-Lehtinen
Berman	Gutierrez	Roukema
Capps	Hutchinson	Ryun (KS)
Conyers	Jefferson	Scarborough
Dingell	Kilpatrick	Smith (MI)
Doolittle	Maloney (CT)	Spratt
Doyle	Meehan	Watt (NC)
Ehrlich	Mica	Wexler
Fowler	Moran (VA)	
Frost	Murtha	

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Messrs. TANCREDO, BRADY of Texas, and NORWOOD changed their vote from "yea" to "nay."

So the motion to adjourn was rejected.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

## FURTHER CONTINUING APPROPRIATIONS, FISCAL YEAR 2000

Mr. YOUNG of Florida. Mr. Speaker, pursuant to House Resolution 385, I call up the joint resolution (H.J. Res. 82) making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2000, and for other purposes, and ask for its immediate consideration in the House.

The Clerk read the title of the joint resolution.

The text of House Joint Resolution 82 is as follows:

## H.J. RES. 82

*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 "November 18, 1999" in section 106(c) and inserting in lieu thereof "November 23, 1999". Public Law 106-46 is amended by striking "November 18, 1999" and inserting in lieu thereof "November 23, 1999".*

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. LATOURETTE). Pursuant to House Resolution 385, 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. 82, 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.

This continuing resolution extends the current CR for 5 days, until November 23, specifically for the purpose of allowing the Senate to have time to consider the measures that we will send them today.

Mr. Speaker, in the interest of allowing our Members to get home to their families and preparing for the Thanksgiving period, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. OBEY. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself 20 minutes.

Mr. Speaker, I would very much like to see Members get home for Thanksgiving, but I think my public duty is to help Members understand what they are going to be voting on before they go home, because otherwise when they do go home, their experience with the news media and angry constituents is not going to be a very pleasant one; and I am afraid there are a lot of nasty surprises in this bill, some of which I will be discussing over the next 12 to 15 hours.

Let me say, first of all, that this bill has been a battleground about national priorities and national direction. It has been the arena for battles between the President and his allies on one side and his political opponents on the other. By any measure, I think it is safe to say that the President has won victory after victory. We are going to be stuck having to extend the government, I am afraid, several times through CRs like this one because of some of the decisions made in the bill that is coming next, and people need to understand how they interrelate.

I think you can say, for instance, that in the area of international leadership, the President and those of us who agree with him have won a great victory in funding the Wye peace process agreement. We have won a very important battle in making sure that debts that would never be repaid are going to be wiped out so that Latin America and Africa can, in fact, become good markets for our products as well as stable neighbors in an ever more complicated world.

We have won the fight to, at least for now, take the U.S. off the list of U.N. deadbeats. On the environmental front, the President has beaten down virtually every antienvironmental rider that was tossed his way. In the fight against street crime, the President won 50,000 new cops.

On the education front, it is important to understand some of the major achievements that we have made. We have seen a lot of people denigrate the President's effort to provide for 100,000 new teachers. I want to put that effort in context. What Democrats have been fighting for on education in this package is a four-pronged research-based attack on educational incompetence and poor performance. The research shows, for instance, that children do much better in smaller classes. That is why the President fought so hard for and won the battle for 100,000 new teachers. That research also shows that, espe-

cially at the high school level, students perform better, they exhibit less anti-social adolescent behavior, and there is far less violence in high schools that are smaller.

And so we have an initiative that will provide for smaller high schools, or at least to help local school districts build smaller learning centers within their high schools. The research also shows that students do best when their teachers are welltrained. It sounds obvious, but some people seem to have missed it. So we have an initiative in this bill that will add additional funding for partnership grants between university schools of education and local school districts so that those schools of education are producing the kinds of teachers that the districts actually need. And also in the process, we are trying to raise the standards for those teachers so that they are actually getting a degree in the subject that they are going to wind up teaching, also I guess a shocking idea in some quarters.

And lastly, research also shows that if you want to reform schools, you need to do it from bottom to top and around again, that reform has to be comprehensive, systemic; and that is why this bill adds additional money to the Obey-Porter bipartisan comprehensive school reform package.

All of those are very good things. I say that there is no doubt on the major issues that have divided us the last 3 months, the President has run the table. He has won on issue after issue. But I think there are some things that are just as important as winning and losing, and I want to talk about some of them as we discuss this continuing resolution. We are being asked to continue the government a few more days so it gives us time to pass the next bill that is coming at us. I think we need to understand what is in that bill before we vote on this resolution.

There are many things in that package that disturb me. The protracted battle to persuade the majority to allow the United States to pay its back dues to the United Nations has resulted in a compromise that may still prevent release of all of the funds that are needed to return the U.S. to a position of good standing in the U.N. I think that is regrettable.

The Republican majority was also steadfast in its refusal to provide the Justice Department with the \$14 million that they need to pursue tobacco litigation. This money is needed for efforts to recover the hundreds of billions of tax dollars paid through the Medicare trust fund, the Public Health Service, the veterans and military medical systems, and the Social Security disability fund in dealing with tobacco-related illnesses. The tobacco companies that lied repeatedly to the American people about the health effects of smoking should pay a substantial portion of those costs. The Republican majority is clearly trying to protect them from having to repay the taxpayers.