

Rohrabacher	Sisisky	Trafant
Ros-Lehtinen	Skeen	Turner
Rothman	Smith (MI)	Udall (CO)
Roukema	Smith (NJ)	Udall (NM)
Royce	Smith (TX)	Upton
Rush	Smith (WA)	Visclosky
Ryan (WI)	Snyder	Vitter
Ryun (KS)	Souder	Walden
Salmon	Spence	Walsh
Sanchez	Stabenow	Wamp
Sanders	Stark	Watkins
Sandlin	Stearns	Watt (NC)
Sanford	Stenholm	Watts (OK)
Saxton	Strickland	Weldon (FL)
Scarborough	Stump	Weldon (PA)
Schaffer	Sununu	Weller
Schakowsky	Sweeney	Wexler
Scott	Talent	Weygand
Sensenbrenner	Tancredo	Whitfield
Serrano	Tanner	Wicker
Sessions	Tauzin	Wilson
Shadegg	Taylor (NC)	Wise
Shaw	Terry	Wolf
Shays	Thomas	Woolsey
Sherman	Thompson (CA)	Wu
Sherwood	Thompson (MS)	Wynn
Shimkus	Thornberry	Young (AK)
Shows	Thune	Young (FL)
Shuster	Tiahrt	
Simpson	Toomey	

ANSWERED "PRESENT"—1

DeFazio

NOT VOTING—19

Bentsen	Frank (MA)	Luther
Bono	Graham	Neal
Brown (CA)	Green (TX)	Nethercutt
Clay	Hildeary	Oxley
Conyers	Kasich	Rangel
Cooksey	Largent	
Engel	Lofgren	

□ 2142

Mr. ROTHMAN changed his vote from "aye" to "no."

Ms. WATERS changed her vote from "no" to "aye."

So the motion to adjourn was rejected.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

LEGISLATIVE BRANCH APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2000

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. LAHOOD). Pursuant to House Resolution 190 and rule XVIII, the Chair declares the House in the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union for the consideration of the bill, H.R. 1905.

□ 2141

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 consideration of the bill (H.R. 1905) making appropriations for the Legislative Branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000, and for other purposes, with Mr. HANSEN in the chair.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The CHAIRMAN. Pursuant to the rule, the bill is considered as having been read the first time.

Under the rule, the gentleman from North Carolina (Mr. TAYLOR) and the gentleman from Arizona (Mr. PASTOR) each will control 30 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from North Carolina (Mr. TAYLOR).

Mr. TAYLOR of North Carolina. Mr. Chairman, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Chairman, it is my pleasure to present the legislative branch appropriations bill for fiscal year 2000. I want to begin by thanking the members of my subcommittee for all the hard work in writing this bill. They include the gentleman from Tennessee (Mr. WAMP); the gentleman from California (Mr. LEWIS); the gentlewoman from Texas (Ms. GRANGER); the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. PETERSON); the ranking minority member, the gentleman from Arizona (Mr. PASTOR); the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. MURTHA); and the gentleman from Maryland (Mr. HOYER).

□ 2145

I also want to thank the gentleman from Florida (Mr. YOUNG), the full committee chairman, and the gentleman from Wisconsin (Mr. OBEY), the ranking member on the full committee, for their assistance.

The bill was considered by the full committee on May 20 and reported to the House on May 21. No roll call votes were taken in full committee. The Fiscal Year 2000 Legislative Branch Appropriations bill totals \$1.9 billion in new obligatory authority of which \$1.178 billion is for congressional operations exclusive of Senate items.

The balance of the bill, \$739 million is for the operations of the other legislative branch agencies.

The bill, Mr. Chairman, is \$116 million below the budget request, a 5.7 percent reduction. Also, it is \$135 million below the current fiscal year, including the supplementals, a 6.6 percent reduction. Now, if a further amendment is passed, which I will support later tonight, it will be reduced by 9.3 percent.

Major items in the bill: The House of Representatives is funded at \$769 million. Primarily, this includes funds for staff COLA's, merit increases, and benefits. There is also an increase for communications costs.

The Joint Economic Committee is funded at the request level, an increase of \$104,000. The Joint Committee on Taxation is funded at \$6.2 million. The attending physician is funded at \$1.9 million. That is the amount requested.

The funding for the Capitol Police is \$85.2 million. That includes \$78.5 mil-

lion for salaries and \$6.7 million for expenses. The CBO is funded at \$26.2 million.

The Architect of the Capitol receives \$154 million. The operating budget increase of about \$4 million will cover staff costs. The capital budget is lower than 1999 due to one-time costs for the Capitol Visitors Center.

Except in a few instances, funding has not been provided for projects which have not been 100 percent designed. The Architect has asked for construction funds for 39 projects that have not been designed, including phase 2 of the Dome Project.

We have several instances where the Architect's design team has significantly increased their funding requests after the original construction was funded. So a policy not to provide construction funds until design is finished will create more discipline and fiscal prudence in the process.

The Dome will not be delayed. We will still be on schedule if funds are provided in the Fiscal Year 2001 cycle.

The Congressional Research Service will receive \$71.3 million, and the Library of Congress, \$315 million. This provides funds for the current employment level. We have asked the Library to fund \$3.4 million of requested program increases through savings.

The Government Printing Office will receive \$107 million, and a limit of 3,313 FTEs has been set.

The GAO will be funded at \$372 million plus authority to spend \$1.4 million in receipts from audits that they do for other agencies. The GAO funds include COLAs for 3,245 FTEs, a slight decrease under the current level projected for 1999.

General administrative provisions have been included. We have also made some technical corrections asked for by the Committee on House Administration.

We have included a provision of permanent law, section 101, that gives House counsel comparable authority and notification as the Senate counsel now has.

The bill equals the subcommittee 302(b) allocations. The bill continues with constraint. The bill is substantially under our appropriations of last year, not counting the supplemental, and is substantially under the 1995 bill. I urge all Members to support the bill.

Mr. Chairman, I include the following tables for the RECORD: