

Pursuant to clause 10 of rule XX, the yeas and nays are ordered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. This is a 5-minute vote.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 377, nays 47, not voting 11, as follows:

[Roll No. 296]

YEAS—377

Abercrombie	DeLauro	Johnson (CT)
Ackerman	DeLay	Johnson, E. B.
Aderholt	DeMint	Johnson, Sam
Allen	Deutsch	Jones (NC)
Andrews	Diaz-Balart	Jones (OH)
Archer	Dickey	Kaptur
Armey	Dicks	Kasich
Bachus	Dingell	Kelly
Baird	Dixon	Kildee
Baker	Dooley	Kilpatrick
Baldacci	Doolittle	Kind (WI)
Ballenger	Doyle	King (NY)
Barcia	Dreier	Kingston
Barr	Duncan	Klecza
Barrett (NE)	Dunn	Klink
Barrett (WI)	Edwards	Knollenberg
Bartlett	Ehlers	Kolbe
Barton	Ehrlich	Kucinich
Bass	Emerson	Kuykendall
Bateman	Engel	LaFalce
Becerra	English	LaHood
Bentsen	Eshoo	Lampson
Bereuter	Etheridge	Lantos
Berkley	Everett	Largent
Berman	Ewing	Latham
Biggert	Farr	LaTourette
Bilbray	Fletcher	Lazio
Billirakis	Foley	Leach
Bishop	Ford	Levin
Bliley	Fossella	Lewis (CA)
Blumenauer	Fowler	Lewis (GA)
Blunt	Frank (MA)	Lewis (KY)
Boehlert	Franks (NJ)	Linder
Boehner	Frelinghuysen	Lipinski
Bonilla	Frost	LoBiondo
Bono	Galleghy	Lofgren
Borski	Ganske	Lowe
Boswell	Gekas	Lucas (KY)
Boucher	Gilchrest	Lucas (OK)
Boyd	Gillmor	Luther
Brady (PA)	Gilman	Maloney (CT)
Brady (TX)	Gonzalez	Maloney (NY)
Brown (FL)	Goode	Manzullo
Brown (OH)	Goodlatte	Martinez
Bryant	Gordon	Mascara
Burr	Goss	Matsui
Burton	Graham	McCarthy (MO)
Buyer	Granger	McCarthy (NY)
Callahan	Green (TX)	McCollum
Calvert	Green (WI)	McCrery
Camp	Greenwood	McGovern
Campbell	Gutknecht	McHugh
Canady	Hall (OH)	McInnis
Cannon	Hall (TX)	McIntosh
Capps	Hansen	McIntyre
Capuano	Hastert	McKeon
Cardin	Hastings (FL)	Meehan
Carson	Hastings (WA)	Meek (FL)
Castle	Hayes	Meeks (NY)
Chabot	Hayworth	Metcalfe
Chambliss	Herger	Mica
Chenoweth	Hill (IN)	Millender-
Clay	Hill (MT)	McDonald
Clayton	Hilleary	Miller (FL)
Clement	Hilliard	Miller, Gary
Clyburn	Hinchee	Minge
Coble	Hinojosa	Mink
Coburn	Hobson	Moakley
Collins	Hoeffel	Mollohan
Condit	Hoekstra	Moore
Cook	Holt	Moran (KS)
Cooksey	Hooley	Moran (VA)
Costello	Horn	Morella
Cox	Houghton	Murtha
Coyne	Hoyer	Myrick
Cramer	Hulshof	Nader
Crane	Hunter	Napolitano
Crowley	Hutchinson	Neal
Cubin	Hyde	Nethercutt
Cummings	Inslee	Ney
Cunningham	Isakson	Northup
Danner	Istook	Norwood
Davis (FL)	Jackson-Lee	Oberstar
Davis (VA)	(TX)	Ortiz
Deal	Jefferson	Ose
DeFazio	Jenkins	Owens
DeGette	John	Oxley

Packard	Sanders	Thomas
Pallone	Sandlin	Thompson (CA)
Pascarell	Sawyer	Thompson (MS)
Pastor	Saxton	Thornberry
Pease	Schaffer	Thune
Pelosi	Scott	Tierney
Peterson (MN)	Serrano	Toomey
Peterson (PA)	Sessions	Towns
Petri	Shadegg	Trafficant
Phelps	Shaw	Turner
Pickett	Shays	Udall (CO)
Pitts	Sherman	Udall (NM)
Pombo	Sherwood	Upton
Pomeroy	Shinkus	Velazquez
Porter	Shows	Vento
Portman	Shuster	Visclosky
Price (NC)	Sisisky	Vitter
Pryce (OH)	Skeen	Walden
Quinn	Skelton	Walsh
Radanovich	Smith (MI)	Wamp
Rahall	Smith (NJ)	Waters
Ramstad	Smith (TX)	Watkins
Rangel	Smith (WA)	Watt (NC)
Regula	Snyder	Watts (OK)
Reyes	Spence	Waxman
Reynolds	Spratt	Weldon (FL)
Riley	Stabenow	Weldon (PA)
Rodriguez	Stenholm	Weller
Roemer	Strickland	Wexler
Rogan	Stump	Weygand
Rogers	Stupak	Whitfield
Ros-Lehtinen	Sununu	Wicker
Roukema	Sweeney	Wilson
Roybal-Allard	Talent	Wise
Rush	Tanner	Wolf
Ryan (WI)	Tauscher	Wu
Ryun (KS)	Tauzin	Young (AK)
Sabo	Taylor (MS)	Young (FL)
Salmon	Taylor (NC)	
Sanchez	Terry	

NAYS—47

Berry	Holden	Rothman
Blagojevich	Hostettler	Royce
Bonior	Jackson (IL)	Sanford
Conyers	Kanjorski	Scarborough
Davis (IL)	Kennedy	Schakowsky
Delahunt	Larson	Sensenbrenner
Doggett	Lee	Simpson
Evans	Markey	Slaughter
Fattah	McKinney	Souder
Filner	Menendez	Stark
Forbes	Miller, George	Stearns
Gejdenson	Obey	Tancredo
Gephardt	Olver	Tiahrt
Gibbons	Paul	Weiner
Goodling	Payne	Woolsey
Hefley	Rohrabacher	

NOT VOTING—11

Baldwin	McDermott	Rivers
Brown (CA)	McNulty	Thurman
Combest	Nussle	Wynn
Gutierrez	Pickering	

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Mr. TANCREDO, Mr. PAYNE and Ms. SCHAKOWSKY changed their vote from “aye” to “no.”

So the bill was passed.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

#### REPORT ON RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 2490, TREASURY AND GENERAL GOVERNMENT APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2000

Mr. DIAZ-BALART, from the Committee on Rules, submitted a privileged report (Rept. No. 106-234) on the resolution (H. Res. 246) providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 2490) making appropriations for the Treasury Department, the United States Postal Service, the Executive Office of the President, and certain Independent Agencies, for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000, and for other pur-

poses, which was referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed.

#### REPORT ON RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 2415, AMERICAN EMBASSY SECURITY ACT OF 1999

Mr. DIAZ-BALART, from the Committee on Rules, submitted a privileged report (Rept. No. 106-235) on the resolution (H. Res. 247) providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 2415) to enhance security of United States missions and personnel overseas, to authorize appropriations for the Department of State for fiscal year 2000, and for other purposes, which was referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed.

#### ANNOUNCEMENT BY COMMITTEE ON RULES REGARDING AMENDMENT PROCESS FOR H.R. 1995, THE TEACHER EMPOWERMENT ACT

Mr. DIAZ-BALART. Mr. Speaker, a “Dear Colleague” letter will be delivered to each Member’s office tomorrow notifying them of the plan of the Committee on Rules to meet the week of July 19 to grant a rule which may limit the amendment process on H.R. 1995, the “Teacher Empowerment Act.”

Any Member who wishes to offer an amendment should submit 55 copies and a brief explanation of the amendment by noon on Monday, July 19, to the Committee on Rules in room H-312 of the Capitol. Amendments should be drafted to the text of the bill as reported by the Committee on Education and the Workforce. The bill is available at the Committee on Education and the Workforce and is expected to be available on their committee web site tomorrow morning.

Members should use the Office of Legislative Counsel to make sure that their amendments are properly drafted and should check with the Office of the Parliamentarian to be certain their amendments comply with the rules of the House.

#### TIMBER SALES MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

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

Mr. GOODLATTE. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from South Carolina (Mr. SANFORD) for the purposes of engaging in a colloquy.

Mr. SANFORD. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman from Virginia (Mr. GOODLATTE) for yielding to me. I would just like to raise with this House the fact that as the gentleman knows, it had been my intention to offer an amendment today on the Timber Sales Management Program to reduce the overall spending. To basically bring it in line with what the administration had proposed.

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I believe it would save \$23 million. But after conversations with the gentleman from Virginia (Mr. GOODLATTE) and with several on his staff, I came to the conclusion that actually that would have been counterproductive, that it may in fact have cost taxpayers money.

But I think that the problem that I was trying to address was this problem of money-losing timber sales is one that has to be addressed. I mean, it is a miracle to me that we can have basically the equivalent of \$220 billion in assets, which is basically the timber on national forests, and yet still have it as a money-losing process.

So I look forward to engaging with the gentleman from Virginia and others on his subcommittee this year in looking for ways to ease the regulatory burden on the National Forest Service so that they can begin to make money, because, if not, I think that we really need to begin looking at the selling off of national forests.

Mr. GOODLATTE. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman from South Carolina for his comments, for his forbearance on the amendment he was considering offering. I would say to the gentleman that I wholeheartedly agree with him that there needs to be reform of the management of our national forests, particularly with the way that timber sales are managed, because there is a tremendous amount of waste that does not occur on the vast amount of land we have in this country that is privately owned that also harvests a substantial amount of timber, in fact, far more than is taken from our Federal lands.

So there are a number of reforms that need to take place to streamline that process, to make sure that we protect the environment, but also to make sure that we follow good, sound business practices in our national forests. I look forward to working with the gentleman from South Carolina in that regard.

Mr. SANFORD. Mr. Speaker, one last point on that very front. It is amazing to me that we can have a land block the size of Texas.

#### COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE BUDGET REGARDING REVISIONS TO ALLOCATION FOR THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Ohio, Mr. KASICH, is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. KASICH. Mr. Speaker, pursuant to Sec. 314 of the Congressional Budget Act, I hereby submit for printing in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD revisions to the allocation for the House Committee on Appropriations pursuant to House Report 106-163 to reflect \$144,000,000 in additional new budget authority and \$146,000,000 in additional outlays for

the Earned Income Tax Credit. This will increase the allocation to the House Committee on Appropriations to \$538,296,000,000 in budget authority and \$578,347,000,000 in outlays for fiscal year 2000.

As reported by the House Committee on Appropriations, H.R. 2490, a bill making appropriations for Treasury, Postal Service, and General Government Appropriations Bill for fiscal year 2000, includes \$144,000,000 in budget authority and \$146,000,000 in outlays for the Earned Income Tax Credit.

These adjustments shall apply while the legislation is under consideration and shall take effect upon final enactment of the legislation.

Questions may be directed to Art Sauer or Jim Bates.

#### LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Mr. McNULTY (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT) for after 11:00 a.m. today and for the balance of the week on account of illness in the family.

Ms. BALDWIN (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT) for today and the balance of the week on account of illness in the family.

Mrs. THURMAN (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT) for today and the balance of the week on account of illness in the family.

Mr. WYNN (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT) for today on account of a family emergency.

#### SPECIAL ORDERS GRANTED

By unanimous consent, permission to address the House, following the legislative program and any special orders heretofore entered, was granted to:

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. SANFORD) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. DAVIS of Virginia, for 5 minutes, July 21.

Mr. MORAN of Kansas, for 5 minutes, today and July 15.

Mr. BURTON of Indiana, for 5 minutes, July 21.

Mr. PORTMAN, for 5 minutes, July 21.

Mr. SCHAFFER, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. KOLBE, for 5 minutes, July 21.

Mr. WOLF, for 5 minutes, July 21.

Mrs. MORELLA, for 5 minutes, July 21.

Mr. CALVERT, for 5 minutes, July 19.

Mr. KASICH, for 5 minutes, today.

#### ADJOURNMENT

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

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 12 o'clock and 24 minutes a.m.), the House adjourned until today, Thursday, July 15, 1999, at 10 a.m.

#### EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 8 of rule XII, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

3017. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting notification that the President has requested and made available appropriations of \$100,000,000 in budget authority for the Department of Health and Human Services' Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program; (H. Doc. No. 106-94); to the Committee on Appropriations and ordered to be printed.

3018. A letter from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting the ninth annual report on the renovation of the Pentagon Reservation; to the Committee on Armed Services.

3019. A letter from the Acquisition and Technology, Under Secretary of Defense, transmitting the report regarding the Department of Defense Strategy to Address Low-Level Exposures to Chemical Warfare Agents, May 1999; to the Committee on Armed Services.

3020. A letter from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services, Department of Education, transmitting Special Education—Training and Information for Parents of Children with Disabilities, pursuant to 20 U.S.C. 1232(f); to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

3021. A letter from the Corporation for National Service, transmitting their 1998 Annual Report; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

3022. A letter from the Acting Assistant Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting two reports regarding the latest data available in the Toxics Release Inventory; to the Committee on Commerce.

3023. A letter from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting a report regarding Infertility and Sexually Transmitted Diseases; to the Committee on Commerce.

3024. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting certification of a proposed license for the export of defense articles or defense services sold commercially under a contract to Saudi Arabia [Transmittal No. DTC 139-98], pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2776(c); to the Committee on International Relations.

3025. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting certification of a proposed license for the export of defense articles or defense services sold commercially under a contract to Norway, Ukraine, Russia, and the United Kingdom [Transmittal No. DTC 6-99], pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2776(c); to the Committee on International Relations.

3026. A letter from the Acting Deputy Under Secretary, International Programs, Office of the Under Secretary of Defense, transmitting a copy of Transmittal No. 06-99 which constitutes a Request for Final Approval for the Memorandum of Agreement between the U.S. and Italy concerning technology demonstration and system prototype projects, pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2767(f); to the Committee on International Relations.

3027. A letter from the President and Chief Executive Officer, Overseas Private Investment Corporation, transmitting the annual report of the Corporation for Fiscal Year 1998, pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2200a; to the Committee on International Relations.

3028. A letter from the Secretary of the Interior, transmitting the Semiannual Report of the Office of Inspector General for the 6-month period of October 1, 1998, through March 31, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. app. (Insp. Gen. Act) section 5(b); to the Committee on Government Reform.

3029. A letter from the Chairman, Consumer Product Safety Commission, transmitting the Semiannual Report of the Inspector General for the period October 1, 1998