

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)	Packard	Sanders	Thomas	poses, which was referred to the House
Ackerman	DeLay	Johnson, E. B.	Pallone	Sandlin	Thompson (CA)	Calendar and ordered to be printed.
Aderholt	DeMint	Johnson, Sam	Pascrall	Sawyer	Thompson (MS)	
Allen	Deutsch	Jones (NC)	Pastor	Saxton	Thornberry	
Andrews	Diaz-Balart	Jones (OH)	Pease	Schaffer	Thune	
Archer	Dickey	Kaptur	Pelosi	Scott	Tierney	
Armey	Dicks	Kasich	Peterson (MN)	Serrano	Toomey	
Bachus	Dingell	Kelly	Peterson (PA)	Sessions	Towns	
Baird	Dixon	Kildee	Petri	Shadegg	Traficant	
Baker	Dooley	Kilpatrick	Phelps	Shaw	Turner	
Baldacci	Doolittle	Kind (WI)	Pickett	Shays	Udall (CO)	
Ballenger	Doyle	King (NY)	Pitts	Sherman	Udall (NM)	
Barcia	Dreier	Kingston	Pombo	Sherwood	Upton	
Barr	Duncan	Kleckza	Pomeroy	Shimkus	Velazquez	
Barrett (NE)	Edwards	Knollenberg	Porter	Shows	Vento	
Barrett (WI)	Ehlers	Kolbe	Portman	Shuster	Visclosky	
Bartlett	Ehrlich	Kucinich	Pryce (OH)	Sisisky	Vitter	
Barton	Emerson	Kuykendall	Quinn	Skeen	Walden	
Bass	Engel	LaFalce	Radanovich	Skelton	Walsh	
Bateman	English	LaHood	Rahall	Smith (MI)	Wamp	
Becerra	Eshoo	Lampson	Ramstad	Smith (NJ)	Waters	
Bentsen	Etheridge	Lantos	Rangel	Smith (TX)	Watkins	
Bereuter	Everett	Largent	Regula	Smith (WA)	Watt (NC)	
Berkley	Ewing	Latham	Reyes	Snyder	Watts (OK)	
Berman	Farr	LaTourette	Reynolds	Spence	Waxman	
Biggert	Fletcher	Lazio	Riley	Spratt	Weldon (FL)	
Bilbray	Foley	Leach	Rodriguez	Stabenow	Weldon (PA)	
Bilirakis	Ford	Levin	Roemer	Strickland	Weller	
Bishop	Fossella	Lewis (CA)	Rogan	Stromholm	Wexler	
Bliley	Fowler	Lewis (GA)	Ros-Lehtinen	Strohman	Weygand	
Blumenauer	Frank (MA)	Lewis (KY)	Sabo	Stump	Whitfield	
Blunt	Franks (NJ)	Linder	Ryan (WI)	Tauscher	Wicker	
Boehlert	Frelinghuysen	Lipinski	Ryan (KS)	Tauzin	Sweeney	
Boehner	Frost	LoBiondo	Sabot	Taylor (MS)	Wilson	
Bonilla	Gallegly	Lofgren	Rush	Taylor (NC)	Wise	
Bono	Ganske	Lowey	Ryan (CT)	Terry	Wolf	
Borski	Gekas	Lucas (KY)	Maloney (NY)		Young (AK)	
Boswell	Gilchrest	Lucas (OK)	Maloney (CT)		Young (FL)	
Boucher	Gillmor	Luther	Maloney (NY)			
Boyd	Gilman	Manzullo	McCarthy (MO)			
Brady (PA)	Gonzalez	Martinez	McCarthy (NY)			
Brady (TX)	Goode	Mascara	McCollum			
Brown (FL)	Goodlatte	Matsui	McCrary			
Brown (OH)	Gordon	McCarthy	McGovern			
Bryant	Goss	McCarthy	McHugh			
Burr	Graham	McCarthy	McInnis			
Burton	Granger	McCarthy	McIntosh			
Buyer	Green (TX)	McCollum	Hansen			
Callahan	Green (WI)	McCrary	McIntyre			
Calvert	Greenwood	McGovern	Hastert			
Campbell	Gutknecht	McHugh	Hastert			
Canady	Hall (OH)	McInnis	Hastert			
Cannon	Hall (TX)	McIntosh	Hastert			
Capps	Hansen	McIntyre	Hastert			
Capuano	Hastings (FL)	McKeon	Hastings (FL)			
Cardin	Hastings (WA)	Meehan	Hastings (WA)			
Carson	Hayes	Meek (FL)	Hayes			
Castle	Hayworth	Meeks (NY)	Hayes			
Chabot	Herger	Metcalf	Hinojosa			
Chambliss	Hill (IN)	Mica	Hobson			
Chenoweth	Hill (MT)	Millender-	Hoakstra			
Clay	Hilleary	McDonald	Holmes			
Clayton	Hilliard	Miller (FL)	Holmes			
Clement	Hinchey	Miller, Gary	Holmes			
Clyburn	Hinojosa	Minge	Holmes			
Coble	Hobson	Mink	Holmes			
Coburn	Hoeffel	Moakley	Holmes			
Collins	Hoekstra	Mollohan	Holmes			
Condit	Holt	Moore	Holmes			
Cook	Hooley	Moran (KS)	Holmes			
Cooksey	Horn	Moran (VA)	Holmes			
Costello	Houghton	Morello	Hutchinson			
Cox	Hoyer	Murtha	Hutchinson			
Coyne	Hulshof	Myrick	Hyde			
Cramer	Istook	Nadler	Inslee			
Crane	Jackson-Lee	Napolitano	Isakson			
Crowley	(TX)	Neal	Northup			
Cubin	Jackson-Lee	Nethercutt	Oberstar			
Cummings	(TX)	Neyle	Ortiz			
Cunningham	Jefferson	Ose	Owens			
Danner	Jenkins	Owens	Oxley			
Davis (FL)	John					
Davis (VA)						
Deal						
DeFazio						
DeGette						

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.

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-

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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. SCHAFER, 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,
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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