

Are there any amendments to the bill?

If not, under the rule, the Committee rises.

Accordingly, the Committee rose; and the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. SESSIONS) having assumed the Chair, Mr. CALVERT, Chairman of the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union, reported that that Committee, having had under consideration the bill (H.R. 437) to provide for a Chief Financial Officer in the Executive Office of the President, pursuant to House Resolution 44, he reported the bill back to the House.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the rule, the previous question is ordered.

The question is on the engrossment and third reading of the bill.

The bill was ordered to be engrossed and read a third time, and was read the third time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the passage of the bill.

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

Mr. HORN. Mr. Speaker, on that, I demand the yeas and nays.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 413, nays 2, not voting 18, as follows:

[Roll No. 21]

YEAS—413

Abercrombie Camp Dooley
 Aderholt Campbell Doolittle
 Allen Canady Doyle
 Andrews Cannon Dreier
 Archer Capps Duncan
 Arney Capuano Dunn
 Bachus Cardin Edwards
 Baird Carson Ehlers
 Baker Castle Emerson
 Baldacci Chabot English
 Baldwin Chambliss Eshoo
 Ballenger Chenoweth Etheridge
 Barcia Clay Evans
 Barr Clayton Ewing
 Barrett (NE) Clement Farr
 Barrett (WI) Clyburn Fattah
 Bartlett Coble Filner
 Barton Coburn Fletcher
 Bass Collins Foley
 Bateman Combest Forbes
 Becerra Condit Ford
 Bentsen Conyers Fossella
 Bereuter Cook Fowler
 Berkley Cooksey Frank (MA)
 Berman Costello Franks (NJ)
 Berry Cox Frelinghuysen
 Biggert Coyne Frost
 Bilbray Cramer Gallegly
 Bilirakis Crane Ganske
 Bishop Crowley Gejdenson
 Blagojevich Cubin Gekas
 Bliley Cummings Gephardt
 Blumenauer Cunningham Gibbons
 Blunt Danner Gilchrist
 Boehlert Davis (FL) Gillmor
 Boehner Davis (IL) Gilman
 Bonilla Davis (VA) Gonzalez
 Bonior Deal Goode
 Borski DeFazio Goodlatte
 Boswell DeGette Goodling
 Boucher Delahunt Gordon
 Boyd DeLauro DeLauro
 Brady (PA) DeLay Granger
 Brown (CA) DeMint Green (TX)
 Brown (FL) Deutsch Green (WI)
 Brown (OH) Diaz-Balart Greenwood
 Bryant Dickey Gutierrez
 Burr Dicks Gutknecht
 Burton Dingell Hall (OH)
 Callahan Dixon Hall (TX)
 Calvert Doggett Hansen

Hastings (FL) McIntosh
 Hastings (WA) McIntyre
 Hayes McKinney
 Hayworth McKee
 Hefley McKinney
 Herger McNulty
 Hill (IN) Meehan
 Hill (MT) Meeks (NY)
 Hilleary Menendez
 Hilleard Metcalf
 Hinchey Millender-
 Hinojosa McDonald
 Hobson Miller (FL)
 Hoeffel Miller, Gary
 Hoekstra Miller, George
 Holden Minge
 Holt Mink
 Hooley Moakley
 Horn Mollohan
 Hostettler Moore
 Houghton Moran (KS)
 Hoyer Moran (VA)
 Hulshof Morella
 Hunter Murtha
 Hutchinson Myrick
 Hyde Nadler
 Inslee Napolitano
 Istook Neal
 Jackson (IL) Nethercutt
 Jackson-Lee Ney
 (TX) Northup
 Jefferson Norwood
 Jenkins Nussle
 John Oberstar
 Johnson (CT) Obey
 Johnson, E. B. Olver
 Johnson, Sam Ortiz
 Jones (NC) Ose
 Jones (OH) Owens
 Kanjorski Oxley
 Kaptur Packard
 Kasich Pallone
 Kelly Pascrell
 Kennedy Pastor
 Kildee Payne
 Kilpatrick Pease
 Kind (WI) Pelosi
 King (NY) Peterson (MN)
 Kleczka Peterson (PA)
 Klink Petri
 Knollenberg Phelps
 Kucinich Pickering
 Kuykendall Pickett
 LaFalce Pitts
 LaHood Pombo
 Lampson Pomeroy
 Largent Porter
 Larson Portman
 Latham Price (NC)
 LaTourette Pryce (OH)
 Lazio Quinn
 Leach Radanovich
 Lee Rahall
 Levin Ramstad
 Lewis (CA) Rangel
 Lewis (GA) Regula
 Lewis (KY) Reyes
 Linder Reynolds
 Lipinski Riley
 Livingston Rivers
 LoBiondo Rodriguez
 Lowey Roemer
 Lucas (KY) Rogan
 Lucas (OK) Rogers
 Luther Rohrabacher
 Maloney (CT) Ros-Lehtinen
 Manzullo Rothman
 Markey Roukema
 Martinez Roybal-Allard
 Mascara Ryan (WI)
 Matsui Ryun (KS)
 McCarthy (MO) Sabo
 McCarthy (NY) Salmon
 McCollum Sanchez
 McCrery Sandlin
 McDermott Sanford
 McGovern Sawyer
 McHugh Saxton

NAYS—2

Paul Ackerman
 Royce Bono
 Everett
 Graham
 Kingston
 Brady (TX) Buyer
 Hall (OH) Ehrlich
 Hall (TX) Lantos
 Hansen Engel Lofgren

NOT VOTING—18

Scarborough Schaffer
 Schakowsky Schakowsky
 Scott Sensenbrenner
 Serrano Sessions
 Shadegg Shaw
 Shays Shays
 Sherman Sherman
 Sherwood Sherwood
 Shimkus Shimkus
 Shows Shows
 Shuster Shuster
 Simpson Simpson
 Sisisky Sisisky
 Skeen Skeen
 Skelton Skelton
 Slaughter Slaughter
 Smith (MI) Smith (MI)
 Smith (NJ) Smith (NJ)
 Smith (TX) Smith (TX)
 Smith (WA) Smith (WA)
 Snyder Snyder
 Souder Souder
 Spence Spence
 Spratt Spratt
 Stabenow Stabenow
 Stark Stark
 Stearns Stearns
 Stenholm Stenholm
 Strickland Strickland
 Stump Stump
 Stupak Stupak
 Sununu Sununu
 Sweeney Sweeney
 Talent Talent
 Tancredo Tancredo
 Tanner Tanner
 Tauscher Tauscher
 Tauzin Tauzin
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 Traficant Traficant
 Turner Turner
 Udall (CO) Udall (CO)
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 Velazquez Velazquez
 Vento Vento
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 Woolsey Woolsey
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 Young (AK) Young (AK)
 Young (FL) Young (FL)

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Mr. EDWARDS changed his vote from “nay” to “yea.”

So the bill was passed.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Stated for:

Mrs. Bono.
 Mr. Ehrlich.

Mr. MICA. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 21, because of my participation in a Florida Anti Drug Summit and meetings with Florida Governor Bush in Tallahassee I was not present. Had I been present, I would have voted “yes.”

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. HORN. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks on H.R. 437.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. CALVERT). Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from California?

There was no objection.

LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM

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

Mr. BONIOR. Mr. Speaker, may I inquire of the distinguished majority leader the schedule for today, the remainder of the week, and when next we meet?

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, will the gentleman yield?

Mr. BONIOR. I yield to the gentleman from Texas.

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman from Michigan for yielding.

Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to announce that we have concluded legislative business for the week.

Tomorrow the House will meet at 10:00 a.m. for a pro forma session. As today’s Whip Call indicated, there will be no legislative business and no votes tomorrow.

Next week, the House will stand adjourned for the President’s Day district work period.

The House will return from the work period on Tuesday, February 23, at 12:30 p.m. for morning hour and at 2:00 p.m. for legislative business. Votes are expected after 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 23.

Mr. Speaker, a Whip notice outlining legislative business for the week of February 23 will be distributed to Members’ offices next week. But we do expect to conclude legislative business that week by 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, February 25. Mr. Speaker, there will be no votes on Friday, February 26.

I thank the gentleman for yielding.

Mr. BONIOR. Mr. Speaker, reclaiming my time, if I could inquire from my friend, the gentleman from Texas (Mr. ARMEY), about the schedule for tomorrow.

I thank my colleague for letting us know that there is no session tomorrow. I would just say that, as we know, tomorrow was going to be a legislative voting day on an uncontroversial bill and we had announced to our colleagues on this side of the aisle that it was going to be a voting day. In fact, at our whip meeting this morning I made that same announcement. And then later in the morning, less than 24 hours in advance, we received notice that it had been canceled.

Now, I appreciate the gentleman doing that, and I understand that sometimes it is difficult to get a gauge on whether or not we are going to go forward with the rest of the week. But I would hope that, in the spirit of bipartisanship, that we could get a commitment to these changing schedules at least a day in advance so that we could notify our colleagues about their travel plans.

And so I understand it is a common problem, and we had the same problem when we were in the majority, but to the extent that you can help accommodate us with respect to more advance on this, we would indeed appreciate it.

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, if the gentleman would further yield, let me thank the gentleman from Michigan for that observation.

Mr. Speaker, as we know, the Members do have a very difficult time making arrangements, especially in the face for example of a temporary strike by one of the major carriers, and so forth. We did find out this morning that the markup that we were so dependent upon in one of our committees went well and so expeditiously that we could change plans for tomorrow.

I join the gentleman from Michigan in hoping that we can get that kind of information earlier; and I assure him that as soon as I know that we can change any portion of the printed schedule, I will inform him.

That is why I am so delighted to be able to tell him, as I learned just yesterday, that we will be able to afford every individual an opportunity to know now that we will conclude business on the 25th at 6:00 and there will be no votes as previously announced on that Friday the 26th.

If the gentleman and I can work together and with our committees and with the cooperation of key people within the committees, perhaps we can expedite this information and flow it to our Members more quickly, and I certainly look forward to that opportunity.

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Mr. BONIOR. Mr. Speaker, I thank my colleague, and one other point: Does the gentleman expect that the week of February 23, those days that we are in any late-evening sessions?

Mr. ARMEY. I thank the gentleman for the inquiry. No, I do not believe so. We do, of course, have a lot of committee work that will be getting done during that week, and we have a good

deal of important legislation we will schedule for, but I do not anticipate any late evenings.

Mr. BONIOR. I thank the gentleman from Texas.

TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS REGARDING REPORTS BY POSTMASTER GENERAL ON OFFICIAL MAIL OF HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. EHLERS. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on House Administration be discharged from further consideration of the bill (H.R. 705) to make technical corrections with respect to the monthly reports submitted by the Postmaster General on official mail of the House of Representatives, and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. CALVERT). Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Michigan?

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, reserving the right to object, and I have no intention of objecting, but I yield to the gentleman from Michigan (Mr. EHLERS) for the purposes of explaining the bill in question.

Mr. EHLERS. Mr. Speaker, H.R. 705 improves the efficiency of mail reporting for Members by removing the requirement that the percentage of the mail allowance expended each month be reported. As our Committee on House Administration has increased the flexibility of Members with regard to the Member's allowance, this percentage report has become unnecessary and also creates inefficient paperwork. The actual amount used for mail each month will be reported, but this will remove the monthly reporting requirement and increase the administrative efficiency of the House.

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for his explanation.

As this technical amendment was explained to me, Mr. Speaker, current Postal Service reporting requirements are continued with a modification which conforms those reports to the way the House now administers Members' allowances. I understand that there are additional technical amendments to this section which need to be worked out but that this particular amendment is time-sensitive, and that staff will present additional amendments for committee consideration in the next few months.

Is that the gentleman's understanding?

Mr. EHLERS. Mr. Speaker, if the gentleman from Maryland would continue to yield, that is my understanding, and I believe it is a good action that we should take at this point.

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, further reserving the right to object, I thank the gentleman from Michigan (Mr. EHLERS), and, Mr. Speaker, based upon the gentleman's representation, if that is all this technical amendment does, then I will certainly withdraw my reservation of objection.

Mr. Speaker, I withdraw my reservation of objection.

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

There was no objection.

The Clerk read the bill, as follows:

H.R. 705

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS REGARDING REPORTS BY POSTMASTER GENERAL ON OFFICIAL MAIL OF HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 311(b)(2) of the Legislative Branch Appropriations Act, 1991 (2 U.S.C. 59e(b)(2)) is amended by striking “any person with an allocation under subsection (a)(2)” and inserting the following: “any person with an allocation under subsection (a)(2)(A) as to the amount that has been used and any person with an allocation under subsection (a)(2)(B)”.

(b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by subsection (a) shall apply with respect to January 1999 and each succeeding month.

The bill was ordered to be engrossed and read a third time, was read the third time, and passed, and a motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

AUTHORIZING SPEAKER, MAJORITY LEADER AND MINORITY LEADER TO ACCEPT RESIGNATIONS AND MAKE APPOINTMENTS NOTWITHSTANDING ADJOURNMENT

Mr. EHLERS. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that notwithstanding any adjournment of the House until Tuesday, February 23, 1999, the Speaker, Majority Leader and Minority Leader be authorized to accept resignations and to make appointments authorized by law or by the House.

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

There was no objection.

DISPENSING WITH CALENDAR WEDNESDAY BUSINESS ON WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 1999

Mr. EHLERS. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the business in order under the Calendar Wednesday rule be dispensed with on Wednesday, February 24, 1999.

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

There was no objection.

MAKING IN ORDER APPOINTMENT OF TWO MEMBERS TO REPRESENT THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AT CEREMONIES FOR THE OBSERVANCE OF GEORGE WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY

Mr. EHLERS. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that it shall be in order for the Speaker to appoint two Members of the House, one upon the