

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER
PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. SHIMKUS). Pursuant to the provisions of clause 8 of rule XX, the Chair announces that he will reduce to a minimum of 5 minutes the period of time within which a vote by electronic device will be taken on the additional motion to suspend the rules on which the Chair has postponed further proceedings.

SUDBURY, ASSABET, AND CONCORD WILD AND SCENIC RIVER ACT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The pending business is the question of suspending the rules and passing the bill, H.R. 193.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Utah (Mr. HANSEN) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 193, on which the yeas and nays are ordered.

This will be a 5-minute vote.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 395, nays 22, not voting 16, as follows:

[Roll No. 23]

YEAS—395

Abercrombie	Campbell	Evans
Ackerman	Canady	Ewing
Aderholt	Capuano	Farr
Allen	Cardin	Fattah
Andrews	Carson	Filner
Archer	Castle	Fletcher
Army	Chabot	Foley
Bachus	Chambliss	Forbes
Baird	Clay	Ford
Baker	Clayton	Fossella
Baldacci	Clement	Fowler
Baldwin	Clyburn	Frank (MA)
Ballenger	Collins	Franks (NJ)
Barcia	Combest	Frelinghuysen
Barr	Condit	Frost
Barrett (NE)	Conyers	Gallegly
Barrett (WI)	Cook	Ganske
Bartlett	Cooksey	Gejdenson
Barton	Costello	Gekas
Bass	Cox	Gephardt
Bateman	Coyne	Gilchrest
Becerra	Cramer	Gillmor
Bentsen	Crane	Gilman
Bereuter	Crowley	Gonzalez
Berkley	Cubin	Goode
Berman	Cummings	Goodlatte
Berry	Cunningham	Goodling
Biggert	Danner	Gordon
Bilbray	Davis (FL)	Goss
Bilirakis	Davis (VA)	Graham
Bishop	Deal	Granger
Blagojevich	DeFazio	Green (TX)
Bliley	DeGette	Green (WI)
Blumenauer	Delahunt	Greenwood
Boehler	DeLauro	Gutknecht
Boehner	DeMint	Hall (OH)
Bonilla	Deutsch	Hall (TX)
Bonior	Diaz-Balart	Hansen
Bono	Dickey	Hastings (FL)
Borski	Dicks	Hastings (WA)
Boswell	Dingell	Hayes
Boucher	Dixon	Hayworth
Boyd	Dooley	Hefley
Brady (PA)	Doyle	Heger
Brady (TX)	Dreier	Hill (IN)
Brown (CA)	Dunn	Hill (MT)
Brown (FL)	Edwards	Hilliard
Brown (OH)	Ehlers	Hinchey
Bryant	Ehrlich	Hinojosa
Burr	Emerson	Hobson
Buyer	Engel	Hoefel
Callahan	English	Hoekstra
Calvert	Eshoo	Holden
Camp	Etheridge	Holt

Hooley	Menendez	Scott
Horn	Metcalfe	Serrano
Houghton	Mica	Sessions
Hoyer	Miller (FL)	Shadegg
Hunter	Miller, Gary	Shaw
Hutchinson	Miller, George	Shays
Hyde	Minge	Sherman
Inslee	Mink	Sherwood
Istook	Moakley	Shimkus
Jackson (IL)	Mollohan	Shows
Jackson-Lee (TX)	Moore	Shuster
Jefferson	Moran (KS)	Simpson
Jenkins	Moran (VA)	Sisisky
Johnson (CT)	Morella	Skeen
Johnson, E. B.	Murtha	Skelton
Johnson, Sam	Myrick	Slaughter
Jones (OH)	Nadler	Smith (MI)
Kanjorski	Napolitano	Smith (NJ)
Kaptur	Neal	Smith (TX)
Kasich	Nethercutt	Smith (WA)
Kelly	Ney	Snyder
Kennedy	Northup	Souder
Kildee	Norwood	Spence
Kilpatrick	Nussle	Spratt
Kind (WI)	Oberstar	Stabenow
King (NY)	Obey	Stark
Kingston	Olver	Stenholm
Klecza	Ortiz	Strickland
Klink	Ose	Stupak
Knollenberg	Owens	Sununu
Kolbe	Oxley	Sweeney
Kucinich	Packard	Talent
Kuykendall	Pallone	Tancredo
LaFalce	Pascrell	Tanner
LaHood	Pastor	Tauscher
Lampson	Payne	Tauzin
Lantos	Pease	Terry
Largent	Pelosi	Thomas
Larson	Peterson (MN)	Thompson (CA)
Latham	Peterson (PA)	Thompson (MS)
LaTourette	Phelps	Thornberry
Lazio	Pickering	Thune
Leach	Pickett	Thurman
Lee	Pitts	Tierney
Levin	Pomeroy	Toomey
Lewis (CA)	Porter	Towns
Lewis (GA)	Portman	Traficant
Lewis (KY)	Price (NC)	Turner
Linder	Pryce (OH)	Udall (CO)
Livingston	Quinn	Udall (NM)
LoBiondo	Radanovich	Upton
Lofgren	Rahall	Velazquez
Lowe	Ramstad	Vento
Lucas (KY)	Regula	Visclosky
Lucas (OK)	Reyes	Walden
Luther	Reynolds	Walsh
Maloney (CT)	Riley	Wamp
Maloney (NY)	Rivers	Waters
Manzullo	Rodriguez	Watkins
Markey	Roemer	Watt (NC)
Martinez	Rogan	Watts (OK)
Mascara	Rogers	Waxman
Matsui	Ros-Lehtinen	Weiner
McCarthy (NY)	Rothman	Weldon (FL)
McCullum	Roukema	Weldon (PA)
McCreary	Roybal-Allard	Weller
McDermott	Ryan (WI)	Wexler
McHugh	Ryun (KS)	Weygand
McInnis	Sabo	Whitfield
McIntosh	Salmon	Wicker
Gordon	Sanchez	Wilson
McIntyre	Sanders	Wise
McKeon	Sandlin	Wolf
McKinney	Sawyer	Woolsey
McNulty	Saxton	Wu
Meehan	Scarborough	Wynn
Meek (FL)	Schaffer	Young (AK)
Meeks (NY)	Schakowsky	Young (FL)

NAYS—22

Burton	Gibbons	Sanford
Cannon	Hostettler	Sensenbrenner
Chenoweth	Jones (NC)	Stearns
Coble	Paul	Stump
Coburn	Petri	Taylor (NC)
DeLay	Pombo	Tiahrt
Doolittle	Rohrabacher	
Everett	Royce	

NOT VOTING—16

Blunt	Hilleary	Millender
Capps	Hulshof	McDonald
Davis (IL)	John	Rangel
Doggett	Lipinski	Rush
Duncan	McCarthy (MO)	Taylor (MS)
Gutierrez	McGovern	

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So (two-thirds having voted in favor thereof) the rules were suspended and the bill was passed.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. HULSHOF. Mr. Speaker, pursuant to rules change for the 106th Congress, I am informing you that I missed two votes today, Role Number 22 and 23, taken on H.R. 171 and H.R. 193. These votes were missed due to a canceled airline flight caused by a snowstorm in the Midwest. On these votes, I would have voted "aye."

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Ms. MCCARTHY of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, during rollcall votes 22 and 23 on February 23, 1999, I was unavoidably detained. Had I been present, I would have voted as follows: on rollcall vote 22, "yea" and on rollcall vote 23 "yea."

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

A message in writing from the President of the United States was communicated to the House by Mr. Sherman Williams, one of his secretaries.

RANKING OF MEMBERS ON COMMITTEE ON STANDARDS OF OFFICIAL CONDUCT

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. Speaker, I offer a resolution (H. Res. 73) and ask unanimous consent for its immediate consideration in the House.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 73

Resolved, That Mr. PORTMAN shall rank immediately following Mr. CAMP on the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct.

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

There was no objection.

The resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

REPORT ON RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 409, FEDERAL FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE MANAGEMENT IMPROVEMENT ACT OF 1999

Mr. SESSIONS, from the Committee on Rules, submitted a privileged report (Rept. No. 106-26) on the resolution (H. Res. 75) providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 409) to improve the effectiveness and performance of Federal financial assistance programs, simplify Federal financial assistance application and reporting requirements, and improve the delivery of services to the public, which was referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed.

REPORT ON RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 438, WIRELESS COMMUNICATIONS AND PUBLIC SAFETY ACT OF 1999

Mr. SESSIONS, from the Committee on Rules, submitted a privileged report (Rept. No. 106-27) on the resolution (H.Res. 76) providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 438) to promote and enhance public safety through use of 911 as the universal emergency assistance number, and for other purposes, which was referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed.

REPORT ON RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 514, WIRELESS PRIVACY ENHANCEMENT ACT OF 1999

Mr. SESSIONS, from the Committee on Rules, submitted a privileged report (Rept. No. 106-28) on the resolution (H. Res. 77) providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 514) to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to strengthen and clarify prohibitions on electronic eavesdropping, and for other purposes, which was referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed.

SPECIAL ORDERS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 6, 1999, and under a previous order of the House, the following Members will be recognized for 5 minutes each.

HOUSE SHOULD CONSIDER DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA APPROPRIATIONS FIRST, RATHER THAN LAST

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from the District of Columbia (Ms. NORTON) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, I come to the floor this afternoon to speak about the District of Columbia. But I think it only appropriate to report what I have just heard, and that is that in the capital murder trial of John William King, the first of three men accused in the dragging death murder of James Byrd, Jr., the jury has just reported a guilty verdict in Jasper, Texas. Justice has been done, and southern justice this time has been done.

Mr. Speaker, we are back to work in earnest. The Speaker has developed a workmanlike schedule. I come to the floor this afternoon to ask that the easiest bill in the House, the bill having least to do with the business of this House, be the first appropriation bill reported in this House. I speak of the D.C. appropriation bill.

It is amazing that most often it is the last and not the first bill. When I brought the new Mayor to see the Speaker, he agreed that we should hasten this bill. During the fiscal crisis, it has been especially painful to have the

District appropriation bill so late. The District has been on time, but the bill has been needlessly controversial.

Delay hurts in the worst way because it affects the credit standing of a city that is only now getting its credit back. And it is getting its credit back. It has had three straight years of surpluses. However, it is the unpredictability of the appropriation process here that hurts the credit rating.

There is no Federal payment any longer, so it is quite amazing that the budget of a local jurisdiction would have to come here at all. Suppose my colleagues' cities, their counties' budgets came here. They would tell us to get out of town. It is an historic anomaly; it is an injustice.

It has to come. At least let no more injustice be done by holding it up. We collect \$5 billion from D.C. taxpayers in the District of Columbia. All the District asks of this body is: "Give us back our money as soon as you get it."

We will have before us a consensus budget. It will be a very balanced budget. The consensus budget notion came out of an amendment that I put into the Control Board statute that allows the District now, instead of having its budget go through the normal separation of powers, to have everybody sit around a table and agree on a budget so as to hasten the time. Therefore, to hasten the time to draw their own budget, the least the Congress can do is to enact their own budget as soon as possible.

After 3 years of surpluses, a new Mayor who earned his stripes as chief financial officer and helped get the city back on its financial feet, the city, I think, has a right to ask of the Congress that we do our job. If we must look at a local budget, look at it fast, say what we have to say, do what we have to do, and let us then get on with the business of the District of Columbia.

Mr. Speaker, I believe that this House does have confidence in the Mayor and in the District itself. Last week or the week before last, we passed in this House the first half of my D.C. Democracy 2000 bill which gives back to the new Mayor, Tony Williams, powers that were taken from a previous Mayor in 1997.

There has already been real confidence in this Mayor. The best way to encourage the Mayor and to encourage the city is to give it back its money first.

The first bill to come here should be the District bill. It is a way of saying to the District that they have reached a consensus budget, they have balanced their budget. In light of that, we have given them the respect to which they are entitled. It is a way of saying, "Here is your money back. Here is your budget back. Please run your own city."

REPORT ON WESTERN HEMISPHERE DRUG ALLIANCE—MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following message from the President of the United States; which was read and, together with the accompanying papers, without objection, referred to the Committee on International Relations:

To the Congress of the United States:

I am pleased to provide the attached report on a Western Hemisphere Drug Alliance in accordance with the provisions of section 2807 of the "Foreign Affairs Reform and Restructuring Act of 1998." This report underscores the Administration's commitment to enhancing multilateral counternarcotics cooperation in the region.

Strengthening international narcotics control is one of my Administration's top foreign policy priorities. Because of the transnational nature of the Western Hemisphere drug trafficking threat, we have made enhanced multilateral cooperation a central feature of our regional drug control strategy. Our counternarcotics diplomacy, foreign assistance, and operations have focussed increasingly on making this objective a reality.

We are succeeding. Thanks to U.S. leadership in the Summit of the Americas, the Organization of American States, and other regional fora, the countries of the Western Hemisphere are taking the drug threat more seriously and responding more aggressively. South American cocaine organizations that were once regarded as among the largest and most violent crime syndicates in the world have been dismantled, and the level of coca cultivation is now plummeting as fast as it was once sky-rocketing. We are also currently working through the Organization of American States to create a counternarcotics multilateral evaluation mechanism in the hemisphere. These examples reflect fundamental narcotics control progress that was nearly unimaginable a few years ago.

While much remains to be done, I am confident that the Administration and the Congress, working together, can bolster cooperation in the hemisphere, accelerate this progress, and significantly diminish the drug threat to the American people. I look forward to your continued support and cooperation in this critical area.

WILLIAM J. CLINTON.

THE WHITE HOUSE, February 23, 1999.

DRUG ABUSE IN AMERICA

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Indiana (Mr. SOUDER) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. SOUDER. Mr. Speaker, it is ironic. Sometimes here we look more organized than we are. I was going to speak on the drug issue. I did not know the