

men and women to defend our liberty. Now they are asking us to defend their health care, and we cannot in good conscience turn our backs on them.

That is why I urge you to oppose the previous question. Let us do right by our veterans and honor the promise we made.

Ms. PRYCE of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time, and I move the previous question on the resolution.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on ordering the previous question.

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

Mr. MOAKLEY. Mr. Speaker, I object to the vote on the ground that a quorum is not present and make the point of order that a quorum is not present.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Evidently a quorum is not present.

The Sergeant at Arms will notify absent Members.

Pursuant to clause 9 of rule XX, the Chair will reduce to a minimum of 5 minutes the period of time within which a vote by electronic device, if ordered, will be taken on the question of agreeing to the resolution.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 217, nays 208, not voting 8, as follows:

[Roll No. 388]

YEAS—217

Aderholt	Dickey	Jenkins
Archer	Doolittle	Johnson (CT)
Armey	Dreier	Johnson, Sam
Bachus	Duncan	Jones (NC)
Baker	Dunn	Kasich
Ballenger	Ehlers	Kelly
Barr	Ehrlich	King (NY)
Barrett (NE)	Emerson	Kingston
Bartlett	English	Knollenberg
Barton	Everett	Kolbe
Bass	Ewing	Kuykendall
Bateman	Fletcher	LaHood
Bereuter	Foley	Largent
Biggert	Fossella	Latham
Billirakis	Fowler	LaTourette
Bliley	Franks (NJ)	Lazio
Blunt	Frelinghuysen	Lewis (CA)
Boehlert	Gallely	Lewis (KY)
Boehner	Ganske	LoBiondo
Bonilla	Gekas	Lucas (OK)
Bono	Gibbons	Manzullo
Brady (TX)	Gilchrest	McCollum
Bryant	Gillmor	McCreery
Burr	Gilman	McHugh
Burton	Goodlatte	McInnis
Buyer	Goodling	McIntosh
Callahan	Goss	McKeon
Calvert	Graham	Metcalf
Camp	Granger	Mica
Campbell	Green (WI)	Miller (FL)
Canady	Greenwood	Miller, Gary
Cannon	Gutknecht	Moran (KS)
Castle	Hansen	Morella
Chabot	Hastings (WA)	Myrick
Chambliss	Hayes	Nethercutt
Chenoweth	Hayworth	Ney
Coble	Hefley	Northup
Coburn	Herger	Norwood
Collins	Hill (MT)	Nussle
Combest	Hilleary	Ose
Cook	Hobson	Oxley
Cooksey	Hoekstra	Packard
Cox	Horn	Paul
Crane	Hostettler	Pease
Cubin	Houghton	Petri
Cunningham	Hulshof	Pickering
Davis (VA)	Hunter	Pitts
Deal	Hutchinson	Pombo
DeLay	Hyde	Porter
DeMint	Isakson	Portman
Diaz-Balart	Istook	Pryce (OH)

Quinn
Radanovich
Ramstad
Regula
Reynolds
Riley
Rogan
Rogers
Rohrabacher
Ros-Lehtinen
Roukema
Royce
Ryan (WI)
Ryun (KS)
Salmon
Sanford
Saxton
Scarborough
Schaffer
Sensenbrenner
Sessions
Shadegg

Shaw
Shays
Sherwood
Shimkus
Shuster
Simpson
Skeen
Smith (MI)
Smith (NJ)
Smith (TX)
Souder
Spence
Stearns
Stump
Sununu
Sweeney
Talent
Tancredo
Tauzin
Taylor (NC)
Terry
Thomas

Thornberry
Thune
Tiahrt
Toomey
Upton
Vitter
Walden
Walsh
Wamp
Watkins
Watts (OK)
Weldon (FL)
Weldon (PA)
Weller
Whitfield
Wicker
Wilson
Wolf
Young (AK)
Young (FL)

□ 2318

Mr. LEWIS of Georgia, Mr. BLUMENAUER and Ms. PELOSI changed their vote from "yea" to "nay."

Mr. EVERETT and Mr. THOMAS changed their vote from "nay" to "yea."

So the previous question was ordered. The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

□ 2320

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. QUINN). The question is on the resolution.

The resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE REGARDING MOTION TO INSTRUCT ON H.R. 1905, LEGISLATIVE BRANCH APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2000

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the Chair announces that with the filing of the conference report on the bill (H.R. 1905) making appropriations for the Legislative Branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000, and for other purposes, proceedings will not resume on the motion to instruct conferees considered last evening on which further proceedings had been postponed.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. TAYLOR of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks on the conference report to accompany H.R. 1905, and that I may include tabular and extraneous material.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. PEASE). Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from North Carolina?

There was no objection.

CONFERENCE REPORT ON H.R. 1905, LEGISLATIVE BRANCH APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2000

Mr. TAYLOR of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, pursuant to the previous order of the House, I call up the conference report on the bill (H.R. 1905) making appropriations for the Legislative Branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000, and for other purposes.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the order of the House of today, the conference report is considered read.

(For conference report and statement, see prior proceedings of the House of today.)

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman from North Carolina (Mr. TAYLOR) and the gentleman from Arizona

NAYS—208

Abercrombie	Green (TX)	Oberstar
Ackerman	Gutierrez	Obey
Allen	Hall (OH)	Olver
Andrews	Hall (TX)	Ortiz
Baird	Hastings (FL)	Owens
Baldacci	Hill (IN)	Pallone
Baldwin	Hilliard	Pascarell
Barcia	Hinchey	Pastor
Barrett (WI)	Hinojosa	Payne
Becerra	Hoeffel	Pelosi
Bentsen	Holden	Peterson (MN)
Berkley	Holt	Phelps
Berman	Hooley	Pickett
Berry	Hoyer	Pomeroy
Bishop	Inslee	Price (NC)
Blagojevich	Jackson (IL)	Rahall
Blumenauer	Jackson-Lee	Rangel
Bonior	(TX)	Reyes
Borski	Jefferson	Rivers
Boswell	John	Rodriguez
Boucher	Johnson, E. B.	Roemer
Boyd	Jones (OH)	Rothman
Brady (PA)	Kanjorski	Roybal-Allard
Brown (FL)	Kaptur	Rush
Brown (OH)	Kennedy	Sabo
Capps	Kildee	Sanchez
Capuano	Kilpatrick	Sanders
Cardin	Kind (WI)	Sandlin
Carson	Klecza	Sawyer
Clayton	Klink	Schakowsky
Clement	Kucinich	Scott
Clyburn	LaFalce	Serrano
Condit	Lampson	Sherman
Conyers	Larson	Shows
Costello	Lee	Sisisky
Coyne	Levin	Skelton
Cramer	Lewis (GA)	Slaughter
Crowley	Lipinski	Smith (WA)
Cummings	Lofgren	Snyder
Danner	Lowe	Spratt
Davis (FL)	Lucas (KY)	Stabenow
Davis (IL)	Luther	Stark
DeFazio	Maloney (CT)	Stenholm
DeGette	Maloney (NY)	Strickland
Delahunt	Markey	Stupak
DeLauro	Martinez	Tanner
Deutsch	Mascara	Tauscher
Dicks	Matsui	Taylor (MS)
Dingell	McCarthy (MO)	Thompson (CA)
Dixon	McCarthy (NY)	Thompson (MS)
Doggett	McGovern	Thurman
Dooley	McIntyre	Tierney
Doyle	McKinney	Towns
Edwards	McNulty	Trafigant
Engel	Meehan	Turner
Eshoo	Meek (FL)	Udall (CO)
Etheridge	Meeks (NY)	Udall (NM)
Evans	Menendez	Velazquez
Farr	Millender	Vento
Fattah	McDonald	Viscosky
Filner	Miller, George	Waters
Forbes	Minge	Watt (NC)
Ford	Mink	Waxman
Frank (MA)	Moakley	Weiner
Frost	Moore	Wexler
Gejdenson	Moran (VA)	Weygand
Gephardt	Murtha	Wise
Gonzalez	Nadler	Woolsey
Goode	Napolitano	Wu
Gordon	Neal	Wynn

NOT VOTING—8

Bilbray	Leach	Mollohan
Clay	Linder	Peterson (PA)
Lantos	McDermott	

(Mr. PASTOR) each will control 10 minutes.

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

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

Mr. Speaker, it is a pleasure to present the conference report on the FY 2000 Legislative Branch Appropriations bill, H.R. 1905. I would like to thank the gentleman from Arizona (Mr. PASTOR), our ranking member, all members of the committee and our

staff for the work they have done on this.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to summarize the conference report by pointing out that the \$2.4 billion in new budget authority to the Congress and support agencies and offices of the legislative branch, this is \$165 million below the amount requested in the President's budget. Our bill is 6.3 percent below the President's request. It is 4.8 percent below the amount that was appropriated last year. It is almost 6 percent below the amount appropriated in 1995.

We have also declined the number of FTEs almost 16 percent, almost 4,400 fewer jobs than we had 5 years ago. This has been hard work. We owe our predecessors a lot of the credit, but this committee has done well.

In summary, the bill I think has reduced this area of government, but it is adequate for our purposes. I urge the adoption of the conference report.

Mr. Speaker, I include the following for the RECORD.

H.R. 1905 - LEGISLATIVE BRANCH APPROPRIATIONS BILL, 2000

(Amounts in thousands)

	FY 1999 Enacted	FY 2000 Request	House	Senate	Conference	Conference vs. enacted
TITLE I - CONGRESSIONAL OPERATIONS						
SENATE						
Expense Allowances						
Expense allowances:						
Vice President.....	10	10		10	10	
President Pro Tempore of the Senate.....	10	10		10	10	
Majority Leader of the Senate.....	10	10		10	10	
Minority Leader of the Senate.....	10	10		10	10	
Majority Whip of the Senate.....	5	5		5	5	
Minority Whip of the Senate.....	5	5		5	5	
Chairman of the Majority Conference Committee.....	3	3		3	3	
Chairman of the Minority Conference Committee.....	3	3		3	3	
Subtotal, expense allowances.....	56	56		56	56	
Representation allowances for the Majority and Minority Leaders.....	30	30		30	30	
Total, Expense allowances and representation.....	86	86		86	86	
Salaries, Officers and Employees						
Office of the Vice President.....	1,659	1,721		1,721	1,721	+62
Office of the President Pro Tempore.....	402	437		437	437	+35
Offices of the Majority and Minority Leaders.....	2,436	2,644		2,644	2,644	+208
Offices of the Majority and Minority Whips.....	1,416	1,634		1,634	1,634	+218
Committee on Appropriations.....	6,050	6,525		6,525	6,525	+475
Conference committees.....	2,184	2,264		2,264	2,264	+80
Offices of the Secretaries of the Conference of the Majority and the Conference of the Minority.....	570	590		590	590	+20
Policy Committees.....	2,218	2,302		2,302	2,302	+84
Office of the Chaplain.....	267	277		277	277	+10
Office of the Secretary.....	13,694	14,202		14,202	14,202	+508
Office of the Sergeant at Arms and Doorkeeper.....	33,805	36,238		34,794	34,794	+989
Offices of the Secretaries for the Majority and Minority.....	1,200	1,246		1,246	1,246	+46
Agency contributions and related expenses.....	21,332	22,426		21,332	21,332	
Total, salaries, officers and employees.....	87,233	92,508		89,968	89,968	+2,735
Office of the Legislative Counsel of the Senate						
Salaries and expenses.....	3,753	3,901		3,901	3,901	+148
Office of Senate Legal Counsel						
Salaries and expenses.....	1,004	1,035		1,035	1,035	+31
Expense Allowances of the Secretary of the Senate, Sergeant at Arms and Doorkeeper of the Senate, and Secretaries for the Majority and Minority of the Senate: Expenses allowances.....	12	12		12	12	
Contingent Expenses of the Senate						
Inquiries and investigations.....	66,800	71,604		71,604	71,604	+4,804
Expenses of United States Senate Caucus on International Narcotics Control	370	370		370	370	
Secretary of the Senate.....	1,511	1,511		1,511	1,511	
Sergeant at Arms and Doorkeeper of the Senate.....	60,511	79,897		66,261	66,261	+5,750
Y2K emergency supplemental (P.L. 105-277).....	5,500					-5,500
Miscellaneous items.....	8,655	8,655		8,655	8,655	
Senators' Official Personnel and Office Expense Account.....	239,158	257,703		245,703	245,703	+6,547
Official Mail Costs						
Expenses.....	300	300		300	300	
Total, contingent expenses of the Senate.....	382,803	420,040		394,404	394,404	+11,601
Total, Senate.....	474,891	517,580		489,406	489,406	+14,515
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES						
Payments to Widows and Heirs of Deceased Members of Congress						
Gratuities, deceased Members.....	137					-137
Gratuities, deceased Members, FY 1999.....					(137)	(+137)
Salaries and Expenses						
House Leadership Offices						
Office of the Speaker.....	1,688	1,748	1,740	1,740	1,740	+54
Office of the Majority Floor Leader.....	1,652	1,712	1,705	1,705	1,705	+53
Office of the Minority Floor Leader.....	1,675	2,071	2,071	2,071	2,071	+396
Office of the Majority Whip.....	1,043	1,423	1,423	1,423	1,423	+380
Office of the Minority Whip.....	1,020	1,060	1,057	1,057	1,057	+37
Speaker's Office for Legislative Floor Activities.....	397	410	406	406	406	+9
Republican Steering Committee.....	738	763	757	757	757	+19
Republican Conference.....	1,199	1,246	1,244	1,244	1,244	+45

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(Amounts in thousands)

	FY 1999 Enacted	FY 2000 Request	House	Senate	Conference	Conference vs. enacted
Democratic Steering and Policy Committee	1,295	1,343	1,337	1,337	1,337	+42
Democratic Caucus	642	668	664	664	664	+22
Nine minority employees	1,190	1,229	1,218	1,218	1,218	+28
Training and Development Program:						
Majority	290	290	290	290	290	
Minority	290	290	290	290	290	
Undistributed			-142		-142	-142
Subtotal, House Leadership Offices	13,117	14,251	14,060	14,202	14,060	+943
Members' Representational Allowances including Members' Clerk Hire, Official Expenses of Members, and Official Mail						
Expenses	385,279	421,403	385,279	413,576	406,279	+21,000
Committee Employees						
Standing Committees, Special and Select (except Appropriations)	89,743	96,570	93,878	93,878	93,878	+4,135
Committee on Appropriations (including studies and investigations)	19,373	22,255	21,095	21,308	21,095	+1,722
Subtotal, Committee employees	109,116	118,825	114,973	115,186	114,973	+5,857
Salaries, Officers and Employees						
Office of the Clerk	15,365	15,831	14,881	14,881	14,881	-484
Office of the Sergeant at Arms	3,501	3,812	3,746	3,746	3,746	+245
Office of the Chief Administrative Officer	57,211	60,112	57,289	57,289	57,289	+78
Y2K emergency supplemental (P.L. 105-277)	6,373					-6,373
Office of Inspector General	3,953	4,082	3,926	3,926	3,926	-27
Office of General Counsel	840	840	840	840	840	
Office of the Chaplain	133	137	136	136	136	+3
Office of the Parliamentarian	1,106	1,172	1,172	1,172	1,172	+66
Office of the Parliamentarian	(904)	(961)	(961)	(961)	(961)	(+57)
Compilation of precedents of the House of Representatives	(202)	(211)	(211)	(211)	(211)	(+9)
Office of the Law Revision Counsel of the House	1,912	2,045	2,045	2,045	2,045	+133
Office of the Legislative Counsel of the House	4,980	5,085	5,085	5,085	5,085	+105
Corrections Calendar Office	799	829	825	825	825	+26
Other authorized employees	191	688	205	688	205	+14
Former Speakers		(483)		(483)		
Technical Assistants, Office of the Attending Physician	(191)	(205)	(205)	(205)	(205)	(+14)
Subtotal, Salaries, Officers and Employees	96,364	94,633	90,150	90,633	90,150	-6,214
Allowances and Expenses						
Supplies, materials, administrative costs and Federal tort claims	2,575	2,855	2,741	2,741	2,741	+166
Official mail for committees, leadership offices, and administrative offices of the House	410	410	410	410	410	
Government contributions	132,832	132,333	131,595	131,595	131,595	-1,237
Miscellaneous items	651	676	676	676	676	+25
Subtotal, Allowances and expenses	136,468	136,074	135,422	135,422	135,422	-1,046
Total, salaries and expenses	740,344	785,186	739,884	769,019	760,884	+20,540
Total, House of Representatives	740,481	785,186	739,884	769,019	760,884	+20,403
JOINT ITEMS						
Joint Economic Committee	3,098	3,200	3,200	3,200	3,200	+104
Joint Committee on Printing	352					-352
Joint Committee on Taxation	5,965	6,256	6,186	6,456	6,456	+491
Trade Deficit Review Commission	2,000					-2,000
Joint Committee on the Library				500		
Office of the Attending Physician						
Medical supplies, equipment, expenses, and allowances	1,415	1,898	1,898	1,898	1,898	+483
Capitol Police Board						
Capitol Police						
Salaries:						
Sergeant at Arms of the House of Representatives	37,037	38,847	37,725	38,848	37,725	+688
Sergeant at Arms and Doorkeeper of the Senate	39,807	42,350	40,776	42,135	40,776	+969
Subtotal, salaries	76,844	81,197	78,501	80,783	78,501	+1,657
General expenses	6,237	8,990	6,711	7,913	6,574	+337
Emergency security enhancements (P.L. 105-277)	106,782					-106,782
Subtotal, Capitol Police	189,863	90,187	85,212	88,696	85,075	-104,788
Capitol Guide Service and Special Services Office	2,195	2,424	2,293	2,338	2,293	+98
Statements of Appropriations	30	30	30	30	30	
Total, Joint items	204,916	103,995	98,821	103,116	98,952	-105,964

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(Amounts in thousands)

	FY 1999 Enacted	FY 2000 Request	House	Senate	Conference	Conference vs. enacted
OFFICE OF COMPLIANCE						
Salaries and expenses	2,086	2,076	2,000	2,000	2,000	-86
CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE						
Salaries and expenses	25,671	26,821	26,221	26,221	26,221	+550
ARCHITECT OF THE CAPITOL						
Capitol Buildings and Grounds						
Capitol buildings, salaries and expenses	43,683	87,581	46,104	48,195	46,836	+3,153
Capitol Visitor Center, Emerg sup (P.L. 105-277)	100,000					-100,000
Capitol grounds	6,046	5,993	5,579	5,627	5,427	-619
Senate office buildings	54,144	71,392		64,038	84,038	+9,894
House office buildings	47,699	53,389	37,279	40,679	37,279	-10,420
Capitol Power Plant	42,174	49,075	38,780	49,008	42,054	-120
Offsetting collections	-4,000	-4,000	-4,000	-4,000	-4,000	
Net subtotal, Capitol Power Plant	38,174	45,075	34,780	45,008	38,054	-120
Total, Architect of the Capitol	289,746	263,430	123,742	203,545	191,634	-98,112
LIBRARY OF CONGRESS						
Congressional Research Service						
Salaries and expenses	67,124	71,255	70,940	71,244	71,244	+4,120
GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE						
Congressional printing and binding	74,485	82,214	73,577	77,704	73,577	-888
Total, title I, Congressional Operations	1,879,380	1,852,557	1,135,185	1,742,255	1,713,918	-165,462
TITLE II - OTHER AGENCIES						
BOTANIC GARDEN						
Salaries and expenses	3,052	3,972	3,536	3,428	3,425	+373
LIBRARY OF CONGRESS						
Salaries and expenses	238,373	254,013	256,285	250,491	256,779	+18,406
Authority to spend receipts	-6,850	-6,850	-6,850	-6,850	-6,850	
Net subtotal, Salaries and expenses	231,523	247,163	249,435	243,641	249,929	+18,406
Copyright Office, salaries and expenses	34,891	37,639	37,639	37,628	37,628	+2,737
Authority to spend receipts	-21,170	-26,254	-26,254	-26,254	-26,254	-5,084
Net subtotal, Copyright Office	13,721	11,385	11,385	11,374	11,374	-2,347
Books for the blind and physically handicapped, salaries and expenses	46,824	48,033	48,033	47,984	47,984	+1,160
Furniture and furnishings	4,448	5,827		5,415	5,415	+967
Total, Library of Congress (except CRS)	296,516	312,408	308,853	308,414	314,702	+18,186
ARCHITECT OF THE CAPITOL						
Congressional cemetery	1,000					-1,000
Library Buildings and Grounds						
Structural and mechanical care	12,672	19,671	13,410	17,327	16,033	+3,361
GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE						
Office of Superintendent of Documents						
Salaries and expenses	29,264	31,245	29,986	29,986	29,986	+722
Government Printing Office Revolving Fund						
GPO revolving fund		15,000		5,000		
Total, Government Printing Office	29,264	46,245	29,986	34,986	29,986	+722
GENERAL ACCOUNTING OFFICE						
Salaries and expenses	356,268	388,448	372,581	383,698	380,400	+24,132
Offsetting collections	-2,000	-1,400	-1,400	-1,400	-1,400	+600
Y2K emergency supplemental (P.L. 105-277)	5,000					-5,000
Total, General Accounting Office	359,268	387,048	371,181	382,298	379,000	+19,732
Total, title II, Other agencies	701,772	769,544	726,968	746,453	743,146	+41,374
Grand total	2,581,152	2,622,101	1,862,153	2,488,708	2,457,064	-124,088

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(Amounts in thousands)

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TITLE I - CONGRESSIONAL OPERATIONS						
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House of Representatives.....	740,481	785,186	739,884	769,019	760,864	+20,403
Joint Items	204,916	103,995	98,821	103,116	98,952	-105,964
Office of Compliance	2,086	2,076	2,000	2,000	2,000	-86
Congressional Budget Office	25,671	26,821	26,221	26,221	26,221	+550
Architect of the Capitol	289,746	263,430	123,742	203,545	191,634	-98,112
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Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. PASTOR. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, before I yield back the balance of my time, I would like to take a few minutes to thank the Subcommittee on Legislative staff on both sides of the aisle. They worked very hard to get this bill done. I also would like to thank the chairman, who was very fair as we worked this bill through from subcommittee to conference. We worked in a bipartisan manner. I want to thank the gentleman for doing that. I congratulate him on this conference.

I would also ask my colleagues to support and adopt the conference report.

Mr. Speaker, I yield 1 minute to the gentleman from Massachusetts (Mr. FRANK).

Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts. Mr. Speaker, I apologize, I had hoped to do this in a one minute today, but we did not have them.

Mr. Speaker, as Members know, I had surgery, and I just did not want to go home without acknowledging the extraordinary service I was the beneficiary of, not just from the medical staff, the attending physician and his people, but in particular the nurses and corpsmen.

I will have to confess that under the stress of illness, I slipped a bit from my usual level of congeniality, so I may not have been entirely pleasurable company for the entire stay, and the skill and graciousness with which they ignored that and administered to me deserves some attention. So I want to just thank the attending physician, the cardiologist, Dr. Ferguson, the cardiac surgeon, we are very well served, and the young men and women in uniform who performed extraordinarily well.

Finally, I want to thank my colleagues for a degree of graciousness, that probably would come as a surprise to people whose only knowledge of this place comes from the newspapers, but it would not be to any of us. Thank you.

Mr. PASTOR. Mr. Speaker, I urge an aye vote.

Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. TAYLOR of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I have no further requests for time, I yield back the balance of my time, and I move the previous question on the conference report.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the order of the House today, the previous question is ordered.

The question is on the conference report.

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

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 367, nays 49, not voting 17, as follows:

[Roll No. 389]

YEAS—367

Abercrombie	Edwards	LaFalce
Ackerman	Ehlers	LaHood
Allen	Ehrlich	Lampson
Andrews	Emerson	Largent
Archer	Engel	Larson
Armey	English	Latham
Bachus	Eshoo	LaTourette
Baker	Etheridge	Lazio
Baldacci	Evans	Lee
Baldwin	Everett	Levin
Ballenger	Ewing	Lewis (CA)
Barcia	Farr	Lewis (GA)
Barrett (NE)	Fattah	Lewis (KY)
Barrett (WI)	Filner	Lipinski
Bartlett	Fletcher	LoBiondo
Barton	Foley	Lofgren
Bass	Forbes	Lowey
Bateman	Ford	Lucas (OK)
Becerra	Fossella	Maloney (CT)
Bentsen	Fowler	Markey
Bereuter	Frank (MA)	Martinez
Berman	Franks (NJ)	Mascara
Biggert	Frelinghuysen	Matsui
Billakis	Frost	McCarthy (MO)
Bishop	Gallagher	McCarthy (NY)
Blagojevich	Ganske	McCollum
Bliley	Gedden	McCrery
Blumenauer	Gekas	McGovern
Blunt	Gibbons	McHugh
Boehlert	Gilchrest	McInnis
Boehner	Gillmor	McIntosh
Bonilla	Gilman	McIntyre
Bonior	Gonzalez	McKeon
Bono	Goodlatte	McKinney
Borski	Goodling	McNulty
Boswell	Gordon	Meehan
Boucher	Goss	Meek (FL)
Boyd	Granger	Meeks (NY)
Brady (PA)	Greenwood	Menendez
Brady (TX)	Gutierrez	Metcalfe
Brown (FL)	Gutknecht	Mica
Brown (OH)	Hall (OH)	Millender-
Bryant	Hall (TX)	McDonald
Burr	Hansen	Miller (FL)
Burton	Hastings (FL)	Miller, Gary
Buyer	Hastings (WA)	Miller, George
Callahan	Hayes	Minge
Calvert	Hayworth	Mink
Camp	Hefley	Moakley
Campbell	Herger	Moore
Canady	Hill (IN)	Moran (VA)
Cannon	Hill (MT)	Morella
Capps	Hilleary	Myrick
Capuano	Hilliard	Nadler
Cardin	Hinchey	Napolitano
Castle	Hinojosa	Neal
Chambliss	Hobson	Nethercutt
Clayton	Hoeffel	Ney
Clement	Hoekstra	Northup
Clyburn	Holden	Norwood
Collins	Holt	Nussle
Combest	Hooley	Oberstar
Condit	Horn	Obey
Conyers	Hostettler	Olver
Cook	Houghton	Ose
Cooksey	Hoyer	Owens
Costello	Hunter	Oxley
Cox	Hutchinson	Packard
Coyne	Hyde	Pallone
Cramer	Isakson	Pastor
Crane	Istook	Payne
Crowley	Jackson (IL)	Pease
Cubin	Jackson-Lee	Pelosi
Cummings	(TX)	Phelps
Cunningham	Jefferson	Pickering
Danner	Jenkins	Pickett
Davis (FL)	John	Pitts
Davis (IL)	Johnson (CT)	Pombo
Davis (VA)	Johnson, E. B.	Pomeroy
Deal	Johnson, Sam	Porter
DeFazio	Jones (OH)	Portman
DeGette	Kanjorski	Price (NC)
DeLaunt	Kaptur	Pryce (OH)
DeLauro	Kasich	Quinn
DeLay	Kelly	Rahall
Diaz-Balart	Kennedy	Ramstad
Dickey	Kilpatrick	Regula
Dicks	Kind (WI)	Reyes
Dingell	King (NY)	Reynolds
Dixon	Kingston	Riley
Dooley	Klecza	Rivers
Doolittle	Klink	Rodriguez
Doyle	Knollenberg	Roemer
Dreier	Kolbe	Rogan
Duncan	Kucinich	Rogers
Dunn	Kuykendall	Rohrabacher

Ros-Lehtinen
Rothman
Roukema
Roybal-Allard
Rush
Sabo
Salmon
Sanchez
Sanders
Sandlin
Sawyer
Saxton
Scarborough
Schakowsky
Scott
Serrano
Sessions
Shaw
Sherman
Sherwood
Shimkus
Shuster
Simpson
Sisisky
Skeen
Skeltion
Slaughter

Smith (MI)
Smith (NJ)
Smith (TX)
Snyder
Spence
Stabenow
Stearns
Stupak
Sununu
Sweeney
Talent
Tancredo
Tanner
Tauscher
Tauzin
Taylor (NC)
Terry
Thomas
Thompson (CA)
Thompson (MS)
Thornberry
Thurman
Tiahrt
Tierney
Towns
Traficant
Turner

Udall (CO)
Udall (NM)
Upton
Velazquez
Vento
Visclosky
Walden
Walsh
Wamp
Waters
Watkins
Watt (NC)
Watts (OK)
Weiner
Weldon (FL)
Weldon (PA)
Weller
Wexler
Weygand
Whitfield
Wicker
Wilson
Wise
Wolf
Woolsey
Wynn
Young (AK)

NAYS—49

Aderholt	Hulshof	Schaffer
Baird	Inslee	Sensenbrenner
Barr	Jones (NC)	Shadegg
Berkley	Kildee	Shays
Berry	Lucas (KY)	Shows
Carson	Luther	Smith (WA)
Chabot	Maloney (NY)	Souder
Chenoweth	Manzullo	Stenholm
Coble	Moran (KS)	Strickland
Coburn	Pascrell	Stump
DeMint	Paul	Taylor (MS)
Deusch	Peterson (MN)	Thune
Doggett	Petri	Toomey
Goode	Royce	Vitter
Graham	Ryan (WI)	Wu
Green (TX)	Ryun (KS)	
Green (WI)	Sanford	

NOT VOTING—17

Bilbray	McDermott	Rangel
Clay	Mollohan	Spratt
Gephardt	Murtha	Stark
Lantos	Ortiz	Waxman
Leach	Peterson (PA)	Young (FL)
Linder	Radanovich	

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So the conference report was agreed to.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

FURTHER MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A further message from the Senate by Mr. Lundregan, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate had passed with an amendment in which the concurrence of the House is requested, a bill of the House of the following title:

H.R. 1568. An act to provide technical, financial, and procurement assistance to veteran owned small businesses, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the Senate has passed a bill of the following title in which concurrence of the House is requested:

S. 1546. An act to amend the International Religious Freedom Act of 1998 to provide additional administrative authorities to the United States Commission on International Religious Freedom, and to make technical corrections to that Act, and for other purposes.