

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	Ros-Lehtinen	Smith (MI)	Udall (CO)
Ackerman	Ehlers	LaHood	Rothman	Smith (NJ)	Udall (NM)
Allen	Ehrlich	Lampson	Roukema	Smith (TX)	Upton
Andrews	Emerson	Largent	Royal-Allard	Snyder	Velazquez
Archer	Engel	Larson	Rush	Spence	Vento
Armey	English	Latham	Sabo	Stabenow	Visclosky
Bachus	Eshoo	LaTourette	Salmon	Stearns	Walden
Baker	Etheridge	Lazio	Sanchez	Stupak	Walsh
Baldacci	Evans	Lee	Sanders	Sununu	Wamp
Baldwin	Everett	Levin	Saxton	Sweeney	Waters
Ballenger	Ewing	Lewis (CA)	Scarborough	Talent	Watkins
Barcia	Farr	Lewis (GA)	Schakowsky	Tancredo	Watt (NC)
Barrett (NE)	Fattah	Lewis (KY)	Scott	Tanner	Watts (OK)
Barrett (WI)	Filner	Lipinski	Serrano	Tauscher	Weiner
Bartlett	Fletcher	LoBiondo	Taylor (NC)	Tauzin	Weldon (FL)
Barton	Foley	Lofgren	Sessions	Taylor (NC)	Weldon (PA)
Bass	Forbes	Lowey	Shaw	Terry	Weller
Bateman	Ford	Lucas (OK)	Sherman	Thomas	Wexler
Becerra	Fossella	Maloney (CT)	Thompson (CA)	Thompson (MS)	Weygand
Bentsen	Fowler	Markey	Sherwood	Thornberry	Whitfield
Bereuter	Frank (MA)	Martinez	Shimkus	Thurman	Wicker
Berman	Franks (NJ)	Mascara	Shuster	Tiahrt	Wilson
Biggert	Frelinghuysen	Matsui	Simpson	Tierney	Wise
Bilirakis	Frost	McCarthy (MO)	Sisisky	Traficant	Wolf
Bishop	Gallagly	McCarthy (NY)	Skeen	Towns	Woolsey
Blagojevich	Ganske	McCollum	Slaughter	Turner	Wynn
Bliley	Gejdenson	McGovern	NAYS—49	Young (AK)	
Blumenauer	Gekas	McCryer	Aderholt		
Blunt	Gibbons	McHugh	Baird		
Boehlert	Gilchrest	McInnis	Barr		
Boehner	Gillmor	McIntosh	Kildee		
Bonilla	Gilman	McIntyre	Berry		
Bonior	Gonzalez	McKeon	Carson		
Bono	Goodlatte	McKinney	Chabot		
Borski	Goodling	McNulty	Chenoweth		
Boswell	Gordon	Meehan	Manzullo		
Boucher	Goss	Meek (FL)	Coble		
Boyd	Granger	Meeks (NY)	Moran (KS)		
Brady (PA)	Greenwood	Menendez	DeMint		
Brady (TX)	Gutierrez	Metcalf	Deutsch		
Brown (FL)	Gutknecht	Mica	Doggett		
Brown (OH)	Hall (OH)	Millender-	Goode		
Bryant	Hall (TX)	McDonald	Graham		
Burr	Hansen	Miller (FL)	Green (TX)		
Burton	Hastings (FL)	Miller, Gary	Green (WI)		
Buyer	Hastings (WA)	Miller, George	NOT VOTING—17		
Callahan	Hayes	Minge	Bilbray		
Calvert	Hayworth	Mink	Clay		
Camp	Heffley	Moakley	Gephardt		
Campbell	Herger	Moore	Lantos		
Canady	Hill (IN)	Moran (VA)	Leach		
Cannon	Hill (MT)	Morella	Linder		
Capps	Hilleary	Myrick	McDermott		
Capuano	Hilliard	Nadler	Mollohan		
Cardin	Hinchey	Napolitano	Murtha		
Castle	Hinojosa	Neal	Ortiz		
Chambliss	Hobson	Nethercutt	Peterson (PA)		
Clayton	Hoefel	Ney	Radanovich		
Clement	Hoekstra	Northup	Rangel		
Clyburn	Holden	Norwood	Spratt		
Collins	Holt	Nussle	Stark		
Combest	Hooley	Oberstar	Waxman		
Condit	Horn	Obey	Young (FL)		
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	Karjorski	Price (NC)			
Delahunt	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	Kleckza	Rivers			
Doolittle	Klink	Rodriguez			
Doyle	Knollenberg	Roemer			
Dreier	Kolbe	Rogan			
Duncan	Kucinich	Rogers			
Dunn	Kuykendall	Rohrabacher			

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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.

REMOVAL OF NAME OF MEMBER AS COSPONSOR OF H.R. 850

Mr. LAHOOD. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to have my name removed as a sponsor of the bill, H.R. 850.

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

There was no objection.

REMOVAL OF NAME OF MEMBER AS COSPONSOR OF H.R. 1621

Mr. RILEY. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to remove my name as cosponsor of the bill, H.R. 1621.

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

There was no objection.

PERMISSION TO DELETE REMARKS FROM CONGRESSIONAL RECORD

Mr. KLECKZA. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that I may be permitted to delete from the RECORD my remarks in debate on the conference report to accompany H.R. 2488 earlier today.

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

There was no objection.

RESIGNATION AS MEMBER OF COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

The Speaker pro tempore laid before the House the following resignation as a member of the Committee on Appropriations:

JAMES E. CLYBURN,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, August 5, 1999.

Hon. J. DENNIS HASTERT,
U.S. House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER:

Please accept this correspondence as my resignation from the House Committee on Appropriations for the 106th Congress, effective this date.

With kindest regards, I am

Sincerely,

JAMES E. CLYBURN,
Member of Congress.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the resignation is accepted.

There was no objection.

RESIGNATION AS MEMBER OF COMMITTEE ON BANKING AND FINANCIAL SERVICES

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following resignation as a member of the Committee on Banking and Financial Services:

GARY L. ACKERMAN,
CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES,
5th District, New York, August 5, 1999.

Hon. J. DENNIS HASTERT,
Speaker, House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: This letter is to inform you of that I do hereby resign from the Com-

mittee on Banking and Financial Services, effective immediately.

Sincerely,
GARY L. ACKERMAN,
Member of Congress.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the resignation is accepted.

There was no objection.

ELECTION OF MEMBER TO COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS AND COMMITTEE ON BANKING AND FINANCIAL SERVICES

Mr. FROST. Mr. Speaker, by direction of the Democratic Caucus, I offer a privileged resolution (H. Res. 277) and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

HOUSE RESOLUTION 277

Resolved, that the following named Member be, and is hereby, elected to the following standing committees of the House of Representatives:

Committee on Appropriations: Mr. Forbes of New York, to rank immediately after Mr. Price of North Carolina; and

Committee on Banking and Financial Services: Mr. Forbes of New York.

The resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

CONFERENCE REPORT ON S. 507, WATER RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT ACT OF 1999

Mr. SHUSTER. Mr. Speaker, I call up the conference report on the Senate bill (S. 507) to provide for the conservation and development of water and related resources, to authorize the Secretary of the Army to construct various projects for improvements to rivers and harbors of the United States, and for other purposes and ask unanimous consent for its immediate consideration and that the conference report be considered as read and adopted.

The Clerk read the title of the Senate bill.

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

Mr. OBERSTAR. Reserving the right to object, Mr. Speaker, I am very pleased that we are bringing to the House a conference report on the Water Resources Development Act of 1999, a culmination of 3 years work of the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. SHUSTER) for any comment that he may make.

(Mr. SHUSTER asked and was given permission to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. SHUSTER. Mr. Speaker, I support this wonderful product.

Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong support of the conference report accompanying S. 507, the Water Resources Development Act of 1999.

This bill is a comprehensive authorization of the Water Resources Programs of the Army Corps of Engineers. It represents two and a half years of bi-partisan effort to preserve and

develop the water infrastructure that is vital to the nation's safety and economic well-being.

First, let me congratulate my colleagues on the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure for their vision and tireless efforts in helping move this legislation. I want to give special thanks to committee ranking member JIM OBERSTAR, subcommittee chairman SHERRY BOEHLERT, and subcommittee ranking member BOB BORSKI. Their leadership and contributions have been outstanding.

These members and the other House conferees from the committee provided invaluable assistance.

Mr. Speaker, in the 105th Congress, the House and Senate worked tirelessly to enact a Water Resources Development Act of 1998. Unfortunately, that bill did not become law, essentially because of the lingering controversies surrounding the American River in California.

This year we committed ourselves to moving a WRDA '99, resolving any remaining issues, and charting a course for a WRDA 2000, as well.

I am proud to say we have delivered: first by passing a bill in April by a vote of 418 to 5 and second, by bringing this conference report to the floor today.

Mr. Speaker, S. 507 accomplishes three important objectives:

First, it reflects the committee's continued commitment to improving the Nation's water infrastructure.

Second, it responds to policy initiatives to modernize Corps of Engineers activities and to achieve programmatic reforms.

Third, and this is very important, it takes advantage of the Corps capabilities and recognizes evolving national priorities by expanding and creating new authorities for protecting and enhancing the environment.

S. 507 is a strong bipartisan bill. It reflects a balanced, responsible approach to developing water infrastructure, preserving and enhancing the environment and strengthening federal-state-and-local partnerships.

Several provisions merit particular attention and, in some cases, clarification:

We are modifying current cost-sharing requirements on shore protection and, as a result, expect the administration to budget accordingly for shore protection projects.

We are making several important changes to the Environmental Dredging Program authorized in section 312 of WRDA 1992. Section 312, as amended by section 205 of the Water Resources Development Act of 1996, created a partnership with the expectation that the Corps' authority would supplement EPA CERCLA actions. We believe the Corps policy guidance letter no. 49 inappropriately attempts to limit opportunities for Corps participation at sites that could benefit from the section 312 program.

We are authorizing a new program for flood mitigation and riverine restoration, with 23 sites listed for priority consideration. One of those sites, Coachella Valley, Riverside California, includes a project for flood protection and environmental restoration at the delta area of the Whitewater River as it flows into the Salton sea. The \$8.5 million project includes restoration of Salton Sea Wetlands. I thank Rep. MARY BONO for her efforts in sponsoring this provision.

Section 357 authorizes the locally preferred project for flood control along the Upper Jordan River, Utah, notwithstanding the Corps'