

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.

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 RE- MARKS FROM CONGRESSIONAL RECORD

Mr. KLECZKA. 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 COM- MITTEE 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 DEVELOP- MENT 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'