

Accordingly, the Committee rose; and the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. McHUGH) having assumed the chair, Mr. QUINN, Chairman pro tempore 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. 2506) a bill to amend title IX of the Public Health Service Act to revise and extend the Agency for Health Care Policy and Research, pursuant to House Resolution 299, he reported the bill back to the House with an amendment adopted by the Committee of the Whole.

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

Is a separate vote demanded on any amendments to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute adopted by the Committee of the Whole? If not, the question is on the amendment.

The amendment was agreed to.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. 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. BILIRAKIS. 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 417, nays 7, not voting 9, as follows:

[Roll No. 457]

YEAS—417

Abercrombie	Boyd	Danner
Ackerman	Brady (PA)	Davis (FL)
Aderholt	Brady (TX)	Davis (IL)
Allen	Brown (FL)	Davis (VA)
Andrews	Brown (OH)	Deal
Armey	Bryant	DeFazio
Bachus	Burr	DeGette
Baird	Burton	Delahunt
Baker	Buyer	DeLauro
Baldacci	Callahan	DeLay
Baldwin	Calvert	DeMint
Ballenger	Camp	Deutsch
Barcia	Campbell	Diaz-Balart
Barr	Canady	Dickey
Barrett (NE)	Cannon	Dicks
Barrett (WI)	Capps	Dingell
Bartlett	Capuano	Dixon
Barton	Cardin	Doggett
Bass	Carson	Dooley
Bateman	Castle	Doolittle
Becerra	Chabot	Doyle
Bentsen	Chambliss	Dreier
Bereuter	Clay	Dunn
Berkley	Clayton	Edwards
Berman	Clement	Ehlers
Berry	Clyburn	Ehrlich
Biggert	Coble	Emerson
Bilbray	Collins	Engel
Bilirakis	Combest	English
Bishop	Condit	Eshoo
Blagojevich	Conyers	Etheridge
Bliley	Cook	Evans
Blumenauer	Cooksey	Everett
Blunt	Costello	Ewing
Boehlert	Cox	Farr
Boehner	Coyne	Fattah
Bonilla	Cramer	Filner
Bonior	Crane	Fletcher
Bono	Crowley	Foley
Borski	Cubin	Forbes
Boswell	Cummings	Ford
Boucher	Cunningham	Fossella

Fowler	Lewis (KY)	Rothman
Frank (MA)	Linder	Roukema
Franks (NJ)	Lipinski	Roybal-Allard
Frelinghuysen	LoBiondo	Rush
Frost	Lofgren	Ryan (WI)
Gallegly	Lowey	Ryun (KS)
Ganske	Lucas (KY)	Sabo
Gejdenson	Lucas (OK)	Salmon
Gekas	Luther	Sanchez
Gephardt	Maloney (CT)	Sanders
Gibbons	Maloney (NY)	Sandlin
Gilchrest	Manzullo	Sawyer
Gillmor	Markey	Saxton
Gilman	Martinez	Schaffer
Gonzalez	Mascara	Schakowsky
Goode	Matsui	Scott
Goodlatte	McCarthy (MO)	Sensenbrenner
Goodling	McCollum	Serrano
Gordon	McCrery	Shadegg
Goss	McDermott	Shaw
Graham	McGovern	Shays
Granger	McHugh	Sherman
Green (TX)	McInnis	Sherwood
Green (WI)	McIntosh	Shimkus
Greenwood	McIntyre	Shows
Gutierrez	McKeon	Shuster
Gutknecht	McNulty	Simpson
Hall (OH)	Meehan	Sisisky
Hall (TX)	Meek (FL)	Skeen
Hansen	Meeks (NY)	Skelton
Hastings (FL)	Menendez	Slaughter
Hastings (WA)	Metcalfe	Smith (MI)
Hayes	Mica	Smith (NJ)
Hayworth	Millender-McDonald	Smith (TX)
Hefley	Miller (FL)	Smith (WA)
Herger	Miller, Gary	Snyder
Hill (IN)	Miller, George	Souder
Hill (MT)	Minge	Spence
Hilleary	Mink	Spratt
Hilliard	Moakley	Stabenow
Hinchey	Mollohan	Stark
Hinojosa	Moore	Stearns
Hobson	Moran (KS)	Stenholm
Hoeffel	Moran (VA)	Strickland
Hoeckstra	Morella	Stump
Holden	Murtha	Stupak
Holt	Myrick	Stupak
Hooley	Nadler	Sununu
Horn	Napolitano	Sweeney
Houghton	Neal	Talent
Hoyer	Nethercutt	Tancredo
Hulshof	Ney	Tanner
Hunter	Northup	Tauscher
Hutchinson	Norwood	Tauzin
Hyde	Nussle	Taylor (MS)
Inslee	Oberstar	Taylor (NC)
Isakson	Obey	Terry
Istook	Oliver	Thompson (CA)
Jackson (IL)	Ortiz	Thompson (MS)
Jackson-Lee	Ose	Thornberry
(TX)	Owens	Thune
Jefferson	Oxley	Thurman
Jenkins	Packard	Tiahrt
John	Pallone	Tierney
Johnson (CT)	Pascarell	Toomey
Johnson, E. B.	Pastor	Towns
Jones (NC)	Payne	Traficant
Jones (OH)	Pease	Turner
Kanjorski	Pelosi	Udall (CO)
Kaptur	Peterson (MN)	Udall (NM)
Kasich	Peterson (PA)	Upton
Kelly	Petri	Velazquez
Kennedy	Phelps	Vento
Kildee	Pickering	Visclosky
Kilpatrick	Pickett	Vitter
Kind (WI)	Pitts	Walden
King (NY)	Pombo	Walsh
Kingston	Pomeroy	Wamp
Klecza	Porter	Waters
Klink	Portman	Watkins
Knollenberg	Price (NC)	Watt (NC)
Kolbe	Pryce (OH)	Watts (OK)
Kucinich	Quinn	Waxman
Kuykendall	Radanovich	Weiner
LaFalce	Rahall	Weldon (FL)
LaHood	Ramstad	Weldon (PA)
Lampson	Rangel	Weller
Lantos	Regula	Wexler
Largent	Reyes	Weygand
Larson	Reynolds	Whitfield
Latham	Rivers	Wicker
LaTourette	Rodriguez	Wilson
Lazio	Roemer	Wise
Leach	Rogan	Wolf
Lee	Rogers	Woolsey
Levin	Rohrabacher	Wynn
Lewis (CA)	Ros-Lehtinen	Young (AK)
Lewis (GA)		Young (FL)

NAYS—7

Chenoweth	Hostettler	Royce
Coburn	Johnson, Sam	
Duncan	Paul	

NOT VOTING—9

Archer	Riley	Sessions
McCarthy (NY)	Sanford	Thomas
McKinney	Scarborough	Wu

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Mr. ROYCE changed his vote from "yea" to "nay."

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:

Mr. THOMAS. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 457, had I been present, I would have voted "yea."

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. BILIRAKIS. Madam Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks and to include extraneous material on H.R. 2506, the bill just passed.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mrs. BIGGERT). Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Florida?

There was no objection.

AUTHORIZING CLERK TO MAKE CHANGES IN THE ENGROSSMENT OF H.R. 2506, HEALTH RESEARCH AND QUALITY ACT OF 1999

Mr. BILIRAKIS. Madam Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that, in the engrossment of the bill, H.R. 2506, the Clerk be authorized to correct section numbers, punctuation, and cross references and to make such other technical and conforming changes as may be necessary to reflect the actions of the House.

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

There was no objection.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2000—VETO MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES (H. DOC. NO. 106-135)

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following veto message from the President of the United States; which was read and, without objection, referred to the Committee on Appropriations and ordered to be printed:

To the House of Representatives:

I am returning herewith without my approval, H.R. 2587, the "District of Columbia Appropriations Act, 2000." Although the bill provides important funding for the District of Columbia, I am vetoing this bill because it includes a number of highly objectionable provisions that are unwarranted intrusions into local citizens' decisions about local matters.

I commend the Congress for developing a bill that includes requested funding for the District of Columbia. The bill includes essential funding for District Courts and Corrections and the D.C. Offender Supervision Agency and goes a long way toward providing requested funds for a new tuition assistance program for District of Columbia residents. I appreciate the additional funding included in the bill to promote the adoption of children in the District's foster care system, to support the Children's National Medical Center, to assist the Metropolitan Police Department in eliminating open-air drug trafficking in the District, and for drug testing and treatment, among other programs.

However, I am disappointed that the Congress has added to the bill a number of highly objectionable provisions that would interfere with local decisions about local matters. Were it not for these provisions, I would sign the bill into law. Many of the Members who voted for this legislation represent States and localities that do not impose similar restrictions on their own citizens. I urge the Congress to remove the following provisions expeditiously to prevent the interruption of important funding for the District of Columbia:

—*Voting Representation.* H.R. 2587 would prohibit not only the use of Federal, but also District funds to provide assistance for petition drives or civil actions that seek to obtain voting representation in the Congress for residents of the District of Columbia.

—*Limit on Access to Representation in Special Education Cases.* The bill would cap the award of plaintiffs' attorneys' fees in cases brought by parents of District schoolchildren against the District of Columbia Public Schools under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA). In the long run, this provision would likely limit the access of the District's poor families to quality legal representation, thus impairing their due process protections provided by the IDEA.

—*Abortion.* The bill would prohibit the use of not only Federal, but also District funds to pay for abortions except in those cases where the life of the mother is endangered or in situations involving rape or incest.

—*Domestic Partners Act.* The bill would prohibit the use of not only Federal, but also District funds to implement or enforce the Health Care Benefits Expansion Act of 1992.

—*Needle Exchange Programs.* The bill contains a ban that would seriously disrupt current AIDS/HIV prevention efforts by prohibiting the use of Federal and local funds for needle exchange programs. H.R. 2587 denies not only Federal, but also District funding to any public or private agency, including providers

of HIV/AIDS-related services, in the District of Columbia that uses the public or private agency's own funds for needle exchange programs, undermining the principle of home rule in the District.

—*Controlled Substances.* The bill would prohibit the District from legislating with respect to certain controlled substances, in a manner that all States are free to do.

—*Restriction on City Council Salaries.* The bill would limit the amount of salary that can be paid to members of the District of Columbia Council.

I urge the Congress to send me a bill that maintains the important funding for the District provided in this bill and that eliminates these highly objectionable provisions as well as other provisions that undermine the ability of residents of the District of Columbia to make decisions about local matters.

WILLIAM J. CLINTON.

THE WHITE HOUSE, September 28, 1999.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The objections of the President will be spread at large upon the Journal, and the message and bill will be printed as a House document.

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

Mr. ISTOOK. Madam Speaker, President Clinton has just surrendered in America's war against drugs. I'm deeply disturbed by this veto, and every parent, teacher and police officer should be, too.

His veto throws away all the good things this bill does: help D.C. kids go to college, get foster kids into permanent homes, clean up the foul Anacostia River, crack down on drug offenders, and reduce the size of D.C.'s bloated government.

And for what?

I'm appalled that the President of the United States would throw away all these good things just to support legalizing marijuana.

This is about legalizing drugs in the nation's capital, and using that as a stepping-stone for the rest of the country. Nobody should be fooled by the pretense that this is a medical issue. That's a smoke screen. Anyone who reads D.C.'s proposed new law knows:

It wouldn't even require an actual doctor's prescription.

People who claim they have approval to use marijuana are allowed to authorize their friends to grow and keep it for them.

It even requires government to provide the marijuana in some cases, at taxpayers' expense.

It's wide-open for abuse. It conflicts with our national law making marijuana illegal.

It's also a smokescreen for the President to pretend this is about local control. The Constitution (Article I, Section 8) puts Congress in charge of the laws in D.C. Furthermore, the items of which the President complains were all approved by him in last year's bill. They are not new. The only new thing

is that now D.C. wants to legalize marijuana, and President Clinton wants to help them.

Everyone who cares about combating drugs should be sickened by the Clinton veto. You can't have a war on drugs if the President turns the nation's capital into a sanctuary. This ends any hope of drug-free zones around D.C.'s schools.

Every police officer, every teacher, and every parent who has ever fought against drugs should be crying today. The President is sending the worst possible message to our children.

Not only that, he's exposing our nation's capitol to renewed ridicule over drug abuse and hijacking D.C.'s progress on the road to recovery from the Marion Barry days. I'm shocked that he would sacrifice everything just to promote a pro-drug agenda. Neither the Congress nor the country will accept what the President has done."

Madam Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the veto message of the President, together with the accompanying bill, H.R. 2587, be referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

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

There was no objection.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The veto message and the bill will be referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A message from the Senate by Mr. Lundregan, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate had passed without amendment a joint resolution of the House of the following title:

H.J. Res. 68. Joint Resolution making continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2000, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the Senate agrees to the report of the Committee of Conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 2605) "An Act making appropriations for energy and water development for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000, and for other purposes."

NAVY ENSIGN DAN JOHNSON, A TRUE HERO

(Mr. BALLENGER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks and include therein extraneous material.)

Mr. BALLENGER. Madam Speaker, some say that America lacks true heroes, and I disagree. Last Friday, I had the privilege to see a young man, a constituent of mine, Navy Ensign Dan Johnson receive the Navy/Marine Corps medal for heroism.

On August 23, Ensign Johnson, a safety officer aboard the USS Blue Ridge, was working on a deck as the ship prepared to leave Pusan Harbor. During