

Mr. PAYNE. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to join my colleagues in paying tribute to one of the true heroes of our time, and a personal hero of mine, Judge Leon Higginbotham.

One of the proudest moments of my life was in January of 1989, after having won election to the U.S. House of Representatives for the first time, when Judge Higginbotham administered the oath of office to me at a ceremony in the Rayburn Foyer. Being sworn in as New Jersey's first African American Congressman by a man of Judge Higginbotham's Stature, who had achieved such a place in history, is an honor I will always remember. Earlier in my career, Judge Higginbotham nominated me for President of the National Council of YMCAs and I remain grateful for that honor as well.

It was characteristic of Judge Higginbotham that no matter how high he rose, he was always available whenever anyone needed his help or guidance. He never missed an opportunity to encourage young people to achieve their goals.

Judge Higginbotham was a man of great intellect, ability and passion for justice. He was a native of my home state of New Jersey, where he grew up in the segregated society of Trenton. With determination and fortitude, he forged ahead, graduating from Yale Law School in 1952. During President John Kennedy's Administration, he was appointed as the first African American to head the Federal Trade Commission.

In 1964, President Lyndon Johnson nominated him to the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania. He joined the Third Circuit Court of Appeals in Philadelphia in 1977, where he retired as Chief Judge in 1991.

President Clinton awarded Judge Higginbotham the Presidential Medal of Freedom in 1995 and in 1996, he was honored with the NAACP's Springarn Medal.

Mr. Speaker, Judge Higginbotham was truly larger than life. Let us honor his memory and carry forth his proud legacy.

GENERAL LEAVE

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks on this tribute to Judge Higginbotham.

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

There was no objection.

DISCRIMINATION CONTINUES AT AMERICA'S AIRPORTS

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

Mr. BONIOR. Mr. Speaker, let me just begin by echoing the comments of the gentlewoman from Houston, Texas (Ms. JACKSON-LEE) and the gentleman from North Carolina (Mr. WATT) about a real giant in our history, Judge Higginbotham, who was a noted defender of civil rights; who went on to

become one of the country's most prominent African American judges; and who, through his long and distinguished career, stood on the side of those who needed help.

He, as we have heard, was awarded numerous awards, including the Medal of Freedom for his work and also the Wallenberg Humanitarian award.

He was a giant, and he certainly will be missed, and I thank my colleagues for remembering him and bringing his spirit to light again so that the country can appreciate this remarkable man.

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It is with that that I would like to make a transition to another issue, but the transition is easy because it is a civil rights issue, Mr. Speaker.

In the Washington Post today, I read that five workers, all Muslim women, have filed a religious discrimination complaint with the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission. Apparently, according to this article, it was in the Metro section, I believe, of the Washington Post, they were fired from their jobs as screeners of passengers and luggage at Dulles International Airport because they refused to remove the head scarves they wear for religious reasons.

Their employer, Argenbright Security, Incorporated, told them they would have to give up their head scarves or give up their jobs. Now, faced with such a choice, they chose to honor their religious commitment.

As a result of the women's complaint to the EEOC, Argenbright Security is now backtracking. The company has issued a statement denying religious discrimination and inviting these five women to return to work.

What this incident does, though, is raise a larger issue, and, that is, of the widespread and systematic discrimination against Muslims and Arab Americans at airports all across this country. Under current procedures, security companies like Argenbright are used to enforce profiling standards to ensure airport security.

But you have to ask yourselves that if firms like Argenbright cannot even treat their Muslim employees fairly, how are we to believe they will treat Muslim passengers whom they do not even know in a fair and courteous manner?

Now, we all understand that airport security is a must. But the people who are responsible for it should be trained in a way that ensures cultural sensitivity and fairness as they carry out these important responsibilities. This profiling issue is a huge embarrassment and problem, especially in the Detroit metropolitan airport. We have, as many of my colleagues may know, in the State of Michigan a large Arab-American and Muslim population, almost 700,000, close to 8 percent of our State.

Because of the incidence of stopping these women and gentlemen as they come through the airport, I had a hearing at the airport, organized it, and I had Jane Garvey, the Director of the FAA, Federal Aviation Administration, come with her top people, and she heard stories from folks who told how they were stopped, denied passage because they fit a certain profile.

One family, a good family, friends of mine, Dr. Basha and his family have been stopped on several occasions as they traveled on vacation to the Middle East. Another woman told of her son who was an Olympic rower going to a meet for a trial for the Olympics in Cincinnati and he was detained, missed the flight, missed the opportunity for the Olympics, because he fit a certain profile. We had another person who was a police officer in the Detroit area who was stopped and detained because he fit a profile.

Now, let me say that this is not the first airport and this is not the first incident that led me to believe that airport security is being contracted out to companies who do not have a commitment to treat all Americans with fairness and dignity.

I just want to applaud these five women for standing up for their religious beliefs and for their rights, for their rights on the job. I intend to contact the FAA about this situation and to insist that companies providing security at our airports do so without discriminating against Americans regardless of their religious faith or their ethnic heritage.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE BUDGET REGARDING INTERIM BUDGET ALLOCATIONS AND AGGREGATES FOR FISCAL YEARS 1999-2003

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

Mr. KASICH. Mr. Speaker, pursuant to Section 2 of House Resolution 5, I submit for printing in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD interim budget aggregates and allocations for fiscal year 1999 and for the period of fiscal years 1999 through fiscal year 2003. This submission includes the budget aggregates and allocations to the Committee on Appropriations that were not included in my submission on February 25.

These interim levels will be used to enforce sections 302(f), 303(a) and 311(a) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974. Section 303(a) prohibits the consideration of legislation that provides new budget authority or changes in revenues until Congress has agreed to a budget resolution for the appropriate fiscal year. Sections 302(f) and 311(a) prohibit the consideration of legislation that exceeds the

appropriate budgetary levels set forth in budget resolution and the accompanying report.

Without these interim levels, the House would be prohibited under section 303(a) of the Budget Act from considering legislation with even negligible budgetary effects in certain fiscal years because a budget resolution is not in effect for the current fiscal year. There would be no levels to make determinations under sections 302(f) and 311(a) for fiscal year 1999 and such determinations for the five year period would be based on the now-obsolete levels set forth under H. Con. Res. 84 (H. Rept. 105–116) in 1997.

The interim allocations and aggregates are essentially set at current law levels. They reflect legislation enacted through the end of the 105th Congress as estimated by the Congressional Budget Office (CBO). In the case of the Committee on Appropriations, the allocations are identical to the levels set forth in H. Res.

477 (H. Rept. 105–585) except that they reflect adjustments for emergencies, arrearages and other items under section 314 of the Congressional Budget Act.

These levels are effective until they are superseded by a conference report on the concurrent budget resolution.

If there are any questions on these interim allocations and aggregates, please contact Jim Bates, Chief Counsel of the Budget Committee, at ext. 6–7270.

APPROPRIATE LEVELS

	Fiscal years	
	1999	1999–2003
Budget Authority	1,443,821	(¹)
Outlays	1,392,861	(¹)
Revenues	1,368,374	7,284,605

¹Not applicable because annual appropriations acts for Fiscal Years 2000–2003 will not be considered until future sessions of Congress.

ALLOCATIONS OF SPENDING AUTHORITY TO HOUSE COMMITTEES

Appropriations Committee

	Budget Authority	Outlays
Fiscal year 1999:		
Nondefense*	287,107	273,837
Defense*	279,891	271,403
Violent Crime Reduction*	5,800	4,953
Highways*	0	21,885
Mass Transit*	0	4,401
Total Discretionary Action	572,798	576,479
Current Law Mandatory	291,758	283,468

* Shown for display purposes only.

ALLOCATIONS OF SPENDING AUTHORITY TO HOUSE COMMITTEES

Committees Other than Appropriations

Budget year	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	Total 1999–2003
AGRICULTURE COMMITTEE						
Current Law:						
BA	17,337	9,727	8,499	6,967	2,738	45,268
OT	14,885	5,927	5,729	4,374	51	30,966
Reauthorizations:						
BA	0	0	0	0	28,328	28,328
OT	0	0	0	0	27,801	27,801
Total:						
BA	17,337	9,727	8,499	6,967	31,066	73,596
OT	14,885	5,927	5,729	4,374	27,852	58,767
ARMED SERVICES COMMITTEE						
Current Law:						
BA	47,809	49,218	50,895	52,579	54,366	254,867
OT	47,672	49,108	50,792	52,476	54,273	254,321
BANKING AND FINANCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE						
Current Law:						
BA	3,442	4,586	5,431	5,297	5,027	23,783
OT	874	–2,016	–473	–24	186	–1,453
COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND THE WORKFORCE						
Current Law:						
BA	3,303	4,503	5,061	5,495	5,424	23,786
OT	2,744	3,829	4,366	4,835	4,955	20,729
Discretionary Action:						
BA	0	0	0	305	305	610
OT	0	0	0	92	275	367
Total:						
BA	3,303	4,503	5,061	5,800	5,729	24,396
OT	2,744	3,829	4,366	4,927	5,230	21,096
COMMERCE COMMITTEE						
Current Law:						
BA	8,663	10,247	12,263	15,747	16,015	62,935
OT	5,421	8,351	10,963	16,458	16,942	58,135
INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE						
Current Law:						
BA	10,924	9,888	9,982	9,557	8,711	49,062
OT	12,162	11,516	10,860	10,415	9,698	54,651
GOVERNMENT REFORM COMMITTEE						
Current Law:						
BA	57,886	59,661	61,516	63,577	65,822	308,462
OT	56,644	58,365	60,164	62,174	64,396	301,743
Discretionary Action:						
BA	0	2	4	4	4	14
OT	0	2	4	4	4	14
Total:						
BA	57,886	59,663	61,520	63,581	65,826	308,476
OT	56,644	58,367	60,168	62,178	64,400	301,757
COMMITTEE ON HOUSE ADMINISTRATION						
Current Law:						
BA	93	90	90	90	93	456
OT	56	262	49	13	57	437
RESOURCES COMMITTEE						
Current Law:						
BA	2,296	2,391	2,370	2,319	2,351	11,727
OT	2,253	2,254	2,332	2,205	2,326	11,370
JUDICIARY COMMITTEE						
Current Law:						
BA	4,759	4,548	4,550	4,539	4,631	23,027
OT	4,578	4,371	4,461	4,617	4,622	22,649
TRANSPORTATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE						
Current Law:						
BA	49,121	48,697	49,721	50,714	51,714	249,967
OT	16,114	16,021	16,026	15,834	15,722	79,717
Discretionary Action:						
BA	1,205	2,410	2,410	2,410	2,410	10,845
OT	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total:						
BA	50,326	51,107	52,131	53,124	54,124	260,812

ALLOCATIONS OF SPENDING AUTHORITY TO HOUSE COMMITTEES—Continued

Committees Other than Appropriations

Budget year	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	Total 1999–2003
OT	16,114	16,021	16,026	15,834	15,722	79,717
SCIENCE COMMITTEE						
Current Law:						
BA	38	38	35	32	32	175
OT	33	36	36	36	34	175
SMALL BUSINESS COMMITTEE						
Current Law:						
BA	–414	0	0	0	0	–414
OT	–585	–156	–140	–125	–110	–1,116
VETERANS' AFFAIRS COMMITTEE						
Current Law:						
BA	1,182	1,144	1,077	990	931	5,324
OT	1,296	1,358	1,331	1,316	1,355	6,656
Discretionary Action:						
BA	0	394	874	1,367	1,868	4,503
OT	0	360	833	1,325	1,824	4,342
Total:						
BA	1,182	1,538	1,951	2,357	2,799	9,827
OT	1,296	1,718	2,164	2,641	3,179	10,998
WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE						
Current Law:						
BA	671,063	676,265	692,412	705,685	728,575	3,474,000
OT	659,770	666,279	684,407	696,184	721,486	3,428,126
Reauthorizations:						
BA	0	0	0	0	19,553	19,553
OT	0	0	0	0	17,312	17,312
Discretionary Action:						
BA	0	–2	0	0	0	–2
OT	0	–2	0	0	0	–2
Total:						
BA	671,063	676,263	692,412	705,685	728,575	3,473,998
OT	659,770	666,277	684,407	696,184	721,486	3,428,124

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Mr. EVANS (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT), for today and for the balance of the week, on account of a death in the family.

Ms. SANCHEZ (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT), for today and March 4, on account of official business.

Ms. CARSON (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT), for today, on account of personal business.

SPECIAL ORDERS GRANTED

By unanimous consent, permission to address the House, following the legislative program and any special orders heretofore entered, was granted to:

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. McNULTY) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. BOSWELL, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. NORTON, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. BLUMENAUER, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. FILNER, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. SMITH of Washington, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. HOEFFEL, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. PALLONE, for 5 minutes, today.

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. MORAN of Kansas) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN, for 5 minutes today.

Mr. MILLER of Florida, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. GUTKNECHT, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. SOUDER, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. WOLF, for 5 minutes each, today and March 4.

Mr. SHIMKUS, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. CUNNINGHAM, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. GEKAS, for 5 minutes, today.

(The following Member (at his own request) to revise and extend his remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. BONIOR, for 5 minutes, today.

SENATE BILL REFERRED

A bill of the Senate of the following title was taken from the Speaker's table and, under the rule, referred as follows:

S. 314. An act to provide for a loan guarantee program to address the Year 2000 computer problems of small business concerns, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Small Business.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. BONIOR. Mr. Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 5 o'clock and 34 minutes p.m.), the House adjourned until tomorrow, Thursday, March 4, 1999, at 10 a.m.

EXPENDITURE REPORTS CONCERNING OFFICIAL FOREIGN TRAVEL

Reports and amended reports concerning the foreign currencies and U.S. dollars utilized for official foreign travel during the third and fourth quarters of 1998 by Committees of the House of Representatives, as well as a consolidated report of foreign currencies and U.S. dollars utilized for speaker-authorized official travel during first quarter of 1999, pursuant to Public Law 95–384, are as follows:

AMENDED REPORT OF EXPENDITURES FOR OFFICIAL FOREIGN TRAVEL, COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, EXPENDED BETWEEN JULY 1 AND SEPT. 30, 1998

Name of Member or employee	Date		Country	Per diem ¹		Transportation		Other purposes		Total	
	Arrival	Departure		Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²
Hon. Gary Condit	8/21	8/26	Egypt		1,254.00		(3)		679.84		1,933.84
Hon. Bob Smith	8/21	8/26	Egypt				(3)		559.84		559.84
Hon. Tom Ewing	8/21	8/26	Egypt				(3)		559.84		559.84
Hon. Bill Barrett	8/21	8/26	Egypt				(3)		559.84		559.84
Hon. Collin Peterson	8/21	8/26	Egypt				(3)		559.84		559.84
Paul Unger	8/21	8/26	Egypt				(3)		559.84		559.84
Lynn Gallagher	8/21	8/26	Egypt				(3)		559.84		559.84
Jason Vaillancourt	8/21	8/26	Egypt				(3)		559.84		559.84