

short form, is impressively short. It takes less than 10 minutes to fill out. I urge Members to help raise consciousness and raise the heat to get these forms back.

I am having a job fair in my district today at the Convention Center from 4 to 10 p.m. to recruit Census enumerators at a rate of \$15 to \$17 per hour. It may sound like a lot, but actually, the cost to send live bodies out to count live bodies is about twice that.

To save the government money, Members need to be visible in urging constituents to return their forms, and at least have a job fair for good jobs for people to help us correct the undercount.

URGING CAUTION ON FURTHER AMERICAN INVOLVEMENT IN COLOMBIA

(Mr. WICKER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. WICKER. Mr. Speaker, this is the day! March 29, 2000, is the day that, unless something changes, this House of Representatives will decide to become involved in a lengthy and expensive military action in the country of Colombia.

There are a lot of questions that we do not know about plan Colombia, but we do know this, that at best it will take us 6 years to do the job, and probably twice that length. It will involve us in supporting a military action against guerillas on the left and narco terrorists on the right. Also, it will cost billions and billions of dollars, all without a full hearing and all without a full national debate.

This should not be a partisan issue, Mr. Speaker. Today I will vote for the Obey amendment which will say, at least let's put the brakes on \$500 million of this appropriation until we know what we are doing. We ought to be fully informed, and the American people ought to be fully informed, before we embark on a course of action which will last for decades and cost billions of American dollars with doubtful results.

CONGRESS MUST PASS SENSIBLE GUN SAFETY LEGISLATION

(Ms. LEE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to support the passage of sensible gun safety legislation. These laws would help bring an end to the many unnecessary deaths occurring at the hands of our children and upon our children.

We promised the American people commonsense gun control. We have not delivered on that promise. In fact, we have gone in the other direction, engaging in a war of words only. Now the Congress must act responsibly and at least insist that the conferees to the juvenile justice bill meet immediately.

In my district in Northern California, the Oakland City Council has taken a strong stance on gun safety. They are putting human lives first by prohibiting the sale of compact handguns, penalizing firearms straw sales, and prohibiting people under the age of 18 from entering establishments that display firearms.

Yet here in Congress we will not even take the minimum steps, such as child safety trigger locks, to ensure the safety of our children. We can no longer afford to play partisan politics while so many children's lives remain at stake. We must pass gun safety legislation, and demand that the conferees to the juvenile justice bill meet immediately.

LET US PASS H.R. 7 AND PROVIDE AMERICAN CHILDREN A GOOD BASIC EDUCATION

(Mr. BARTLETT of Maryland asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. BARTLETT of Maryland. Mr. Speaker, the airplane, the theory of relativity, the polio vaccine, Mr. Speaker, all of these discoveries occurred during the 20th century, and they have changed our society. None of these extraordinary accomplishments would have been possible without a basic education.

Yet, as we begin a new century, American children striving to achieve great things already start at a disadvantage. Our Nation's education system ranks well below other industrialized nations. In fact, in math and science, our 12th graders rank among the lowest in the world.

In a nation as great as America, there is no excuse for this. American children deserve more. That is why I support H.R. 7, legislation that allows family to set aside money tax-free for proven education improvements such as tutors, computers, and books. Fifty-two million families of school-age children, 76 percent of whom attend public schools, would benefit from this bill. It is time we prepared our children to succeed in the 21st century. Let us pass H.R. 7.

MEMBERS SHOULD SUPPORT AMENDMENT TO SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS BILL TO ADDRESS GROUNDFISHING DISASTER FOR WEST COAST FAMILIES

(Mr. WU asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. WU. Mr. Speaker, the House today will take up a supplemental appropriations bill which shows tremendous disrespect for hard-working rural coastal community families on the West Coast of the United States. There is a groundfish disaster occurring on the West Coast because a Federal agency has basically shut down groundfishing on the West Coast, causing several thousand families hardship.

There were funds in this bill which have been removed, and despite a bipartisan amendment proposed to restore those funds sponsored by the gentleman from Oregon (Mr. WALDEN) and I, by the gentlewoman from California (Mrs. CAPPS) and the gentleman from California (Mr. KUYKENDALL), this amendment was not made in order.

I intend to bring this amendment to the floor of the House today. I ask the support of my fellow Members to address this groundfish disaster that is drastically affecting West Coast hard-working rural community fishing families. It is a commonsense bipartisan proposal to address a true emergency that is occurring today.

UNNECESSARY SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS AND UNWISE MILITARY ADVENTURISM IN COLOMBIA

(Mr. PAUL asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. PAUL. Mr. Speaker, the current budget this year authorizes an expenditure of \$1.789 trillion. We would think that would be enough. The President has asked for an additional \$4 billion. After the House leadership thought about this, they decided to give him \$9 billion.

Quite frankly, I think there is enough waste and fraud in the current budget that we could find the \$4 billion if this expenditure were necessary. If we ever considered cutting back on some unconstitutional spending, we would have plenty of funds to take care of additional expenditures and have a lot left over.

But we should be very cautious about what we are doing today by expanding our involvement in Colombia. We are now moving into Colombia and spending a lot of money and expanding our war in this area. We should not be spending our money on military adventurism. We should be taking this money and spending it to build up our military defenses. We should be using this money to pay our military personnel more money, give them better housing and better education and better medical care.

What we are doing today, if we pass this bill, is we are going to move into an another area of the world where we have no constitutional interest.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. NUSSLE). Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the pending business is the question of agreeing to the Speaker's approval of the Journal of the last day's proceedings.

The question is on the Speaker's approval of the Journal.

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

Mr. FOLEY. 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.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 356, nays 47, answered “present” 1, not voting 30, as follows:

[Roll No. 80]

YEAS—356

Abercrombie	Diaz-Balart	Jones (NC)	Oxley	Sanchez	Taylor (NC)
Ackerman	Dickey	Jones (OH)	Packard	Sanford	Terry
Allen	Dicks	Kanjorski	Pascrell	Sawyer	Thomas
Andrews	Dingell	Kaptur	Pastor	Saxton	Thornberry
Archer	Dixon	Kelly	Paul	Scarborough	Thune
Armey	Doggett	Kennedy	Payne	Schakowsky	Thurman
Baca	Dooley	Kildee	Pease	Sensenbrenner	Tiahrt
Bachus	Doolittle	Kilpatrick	Pelosi	Serrano	Tierney
Baker	Doyle	Kind (WI)	Peterson (PA)	Sessions	Toomey
Baldacci	Dreier	King (NY)	Petri	Shadegg	Towns
Baldwin	Duncan	Kleczka	Phelps	Shaw	Traficant
Ballenger	Dunn	Knollenberg	Pickering	Shays	Turner
Barcia	Edwards	Kolbe	Pitts	Sherman	Udall (CO)
Barr	Ehlers	Kuykendall	Pombo	Sherwood	Upton
Barrett (WI)	Ehrlich	LaFalce	Pomeroy	Shimkus	Velazquez
Bartlett	Emerson	LaHood	Porter	Shows	Vento
Barton	Engel	Lampson	Portman	Shuster	Walden
Bass	Eshoo	Lantos	Price (NC)	Simpson	Walsh
Becerra	Etheridge	Largent	Pryce (OH)	Sisisky	Wamp
Bentsen	Evans	Larson	Radanovich	Skeen	Watkins
Bereuter	Ewing	Latham	Rahall	Skelton	Watt (NC)
Berkley	Farr	Lazio	Regula	Smith (MI)	Watts (OK)
Berman	Fattah	Leach	Rothschild	Smith (NJ)	Waxman
Berry	Fletcher	Lee	Rodriguez	Smith (TX)	Weiner
Biggert	Foley	Levin	Roukema	Smith (WA)	Weldon (FL)
Bilirakis	Forbes	Lewis (CA)	Rohrabacher	Snyder	Weldon (PA)
Bishop	Ford	Lewis (KY)	Rohrback	Souder	Wexler
Blagojevich	Fossella	Linder	Rohrabacher	Spratt	Weygand
Biley	Fowler	Lipinski	Ros-Lehtinen	Stabenow	Whitfield
Blumenauer	Frank (MA)	LoFGREN	Rothman	Stearns	Wicker
Blunt	Frelinghuysen	Lowey	Roukema	Stenholm	Wilson
Boehlert	Frost	Lucas (KY)	Rush	Stump	Wolf
Boehner	Gallegher	Lucas (OK)	Ryan (WI)	Sununu	Woolsey
Bonilla	Ganske	Luther	Ryan (KS)	Talent	Wynn
Bono	Gejdenson	Maloney (CT)	Tauscher	Tanner	Young (FL)
Boswell	Gephardt	Maloney (NY)	Tauzin		
Boucher	Gilchrest	Manzullo			
Boyd	Gillmor	Martinez			
Brady (TX)	Gilman	Mascara			
Bryant	Gonzalez	Matsui			
Burr	Goode	McCarthy (MO)			
Burton	Goodlatte	McCarthy (NY)			
Buyer	Goodling	McCullom			
Callahan	Gordon	McGovern			
Calvert	Goss	McHugh			
Camp	Graham	McInnis			
Campbell	Green (TX)	McIntosh			
Canady	Green (WI)	McIntyre			
Cannon	Greenwood	McKeon			
Capps	Hall (OH)	McKinney			
Capuano	Hall (TX)	McNulty			
Cardin	Hansen	Meahan			
Carson	Hastings (FL)	Meek (FL)			
Castle	Hastings (WA)	Meeks (NY)			
Chabot	Hayes	Menendez			
Chambliss	Hayworth	Metcalf			
Clayton	Herger	Mica			
Clement	Hill (IN)	Millender-McDonald			
Clyburn	Hinchey	Miller (FL)			
Coble	Hinojosa	Miller, Gary			
Collins	Hobson	Miller, George			
Combest	Hoefel	Minge			
Condit	Hoekstra	Mink			
Conyers	Holden	Moakley			
Cook	Holt	Mollohan			
Cooksey	Hooley	Moore			
Cox	Horn	Moran (VA)			
Coyne	Hostettler	Morella			
Cramer	Houghton	Murtha			
Cubin	Hoyer	Myrick			
Cummings	Hunter	Nadler			
Cunningham	Hutchinson	Napolitano			
Danner	Inslee	Isakson			
Davis (FL)	Istook	Neal			
Davis (IL)	Jackson (IL)	Nethercutt			
Davis (VA)	Jackson-Lee (TX)	Ney			
Deal	Jenkins	Northup			
DeGette	John	Nussle			
Delahunt	Johnson (CT)	Obey			
DeLauro	Johnson, E.B.	Olver			
DeLay	Johnson, Sam	Ortiz			
DeMint		Ose			
Deutsch		Owens			

ANSWERED “PRESENT”—1

NOT VOTING—30

and a brief explanation of the amendment by 12 noon on Monday, April 3, to the Committee on Rules in room H-312 in the Capitol. Amendments should be drafted to the text of the bill as reported by the Committee on Commerce.

Members should use the Office of Legislative Counsel to assure that their amendments are properly drafted and should check with the Office of the Parliamentarian to be certain their amendments comply with the rules of the House.

PROVIDING FOR THE CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 3908, 2000 EMERGENCY SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT

Mr. GOSS. Mr. Speaker, by direction of the Committee on Rules, I call up House Resolution 450 and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 450

Resolved, That at any time after the adoption of this resolution the Speaker may, pursuant to clause 2(b) of rule XVIII, declare the House resolved into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union for consideration of the bill (H.R. 3908) making emergency supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000, and for other purposes. The first reading of the bill shall be dispensed with. All points of order against consideration of the bill are waived. General debate shall be confined to the bill and shall not exceed one hour equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations. After general debate the bill shall be considered for amendment under the five-minute rule. Points of order against provisions in the bill for failure to comply with clause 2 of rule XXI are waived except as follows: page 58, lines 9 through 17. Before consideration of any other amendment it shall be in order to consider the amendments printed in part A of the report of the Committee on Rules accompanying this resolution. Each amendment printed in part A of the report may be considered only in the order printed in the report. The amendments printed in part B of the report of the Committee on Rules may be offered only at the appropriate point in the reading of the bill. The amendments printed in the report of the Committee on Rules may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question in the House or in the Committee of the Whole. All points of order against the amendments printed in the report are waived. During consideration of the bill for further amendment, the Chairman of the Committee of the Whole may accord priority in recognition on the basis of whether the Member offering an amendment has caused it to be printed in the portion of the Congressional Record designated for that purpose in clause 8 of rule XVIII. Amendments so printed shall be considered as read. The Chairman of the Committee of the Whole may: (1) postpone until a time during further consideration in the Committee of the Whole a request for a recorded vote on any amendment; and (2) reduce to five minutes the minimum time for

So the Journal was approved.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

ANNOUNCEMENT REGARDING AMENDMENT PROCESS FOR H.R. 2418, ORGAN PROCUREMENT AND TRANSPLANTATION NETWORK AMENDMENTS OF 1999

Mr. GOSS. Mr. Speaker, Members will want to know that this afternoon a Dear Colleague letter will be sent to all Members informing them that the Committee on Rules is planning to meet the week of April 3 to grant a rule which may limit the amendment process on H.R. 2418, the Organ Procurement and Transplantation Network Amendments of 1999.

Any Member who wishes to offer an amendment should submit 55 copies