

Mr. TRAFICANT. I thank the Chairman.

The CHAIRMAN. Does the gentleman withdraw his appeal at this time?

Mr. TRAFICANT. Mr. Chairman, pending the fact that when we return to this bill, I will be able to, in fact, offer my amendment.

The CHAIRMAN. The gentleman has that option under the rule when the Committee resumes its sitting.

Mr. TRAFICANT. Mr. Chairman, I withdraw the appeal of the ruling of the Chair.

The CHAIRMAN. The appeal is withdrawn. The point of order is sustained.

Mr. SHAYS. Mr. Chairman, I move to strike the last word.

Mr. Chairman, I rise in support of H.R. 4577, despite my concerns about the funding of certain critical programs.

I commend the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. PORTER) for his commitment and dedicated service to this body during his 11 years of service. The chairman has led the bipartisan effort to increase funding for the National Institutes of Health and so many other valuable, worthy, and important programs. He has been a champion of increasing biomedical research and has tirelessly worked to ensure that no child is left behind in our educational system.

I am particularly concerned about the Older Americans Act and, specifically, the congregate meal program funded under the act. I was disappointed, but not surprised, to learn that the congregate meal program was once again flat funded, at the President's requested amount, marking the fourth consecutive fiscal year without an increase.

Because the congregate meal program is unauthorized under H.R. 4577, given the failure of this body to reauthorize the Older American Act, I am unable to introduce an amendment to increase the earmark for the program included in the report language.

Mr. Chairman, funding for the congregate meal program has not kept pace with inflation, increasing only \$20 million over the past 10 years. In 1999 dollars, funding for the program has actually decreased by \$93 million over 10 years.

Congregate meal programs serve the nutrition and social needs of seniors and operate in senior centers, community centers, schools and adult day care centers across the country. Many sites provide a variety of social services in addition to meals, including education, health screening, and social activities which enrich the lives of seniors.

Mr. Chairman, this body has a responsibility to ensure that the program is funded adequately. A 1996 evaluation confirmed the senior nutrition program is an important part of ensuring our seniors are healthy. According to the evaluation, participants in the program are among our most vulnerable population. They are older, poorer, and

more likely to be members of minority groups compared to the total elderly population. The evaluation also indicated that for every Federal dollar spent in congregate meals, other funding sources contributed \$1.70.

The Federal Government must uphold its end of the bargain by recognizing the changing buying power of the dollar and increase funding for the congregate meal program accordingly.

I became deeply involved in this issue last November when I became aware that the Agency on Aging in my district began cutting back the congregate meal program after exhausting their reserve funds. In the face of a potential crisis, the State of Connecticut and local governments agreed to make up the financial shortfall for this fiscal year. The additional funds will allow the agency to temporarily overcome the financial shortfall and enable providers to serve the same number of meals this year as were served in 1999. While this financial contribution is significant and speaks volumes about the importance of the congregate meal program to seniors in Connecticut, it does nothing to prevent a similar funding shortfall from occurring next year and the year after that.

Mr. Chairman, I would conclude by thanking this body for allowing me the opportunity to provide my colleagues with my thoughts on this issue of great importance to my district.

It is my hope that the appropriators will work in conference to increase the earmark for congregate meal funding, above the President's requested level, in order to guarantee that seniors have access to the meals they need.

Mr. Chairman, I am prepared to vote this bill out. I believe that the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. PORTER) will be able to make it a better bill in conference. I know he has limited resources to work with, and I stand ready to help him in any way I can.

The CHAIRMAN. Are there further amendments to this portion of the bill?

If not, the Clerk will read.

The Clerk read as follows:

This title may be cited as the "Department of Labor Appropriations Act, 2001".

Mr. PORTER. Mr. Chairman, I move that the Committee do now rise.

The motion was agreed to.

Accordingly, the Committee rose; and the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. ISAKSON) having assumed the chair, Mr. BEREUTER, Chairman 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. 4577), making appropriations for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2001, and for other purposes, had come to no resolution thereon.

LIMITING CONSIDERATION OF CERTAIN AMENDMENTS DURING FURTHER CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 4577, DEPARTMENTS OF LABOR, HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, AND EDUCATION, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATION BILL, 2001

Mr. PORTER. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that during consideration of H.R. 4577, pursuant to House Resolution 518, it shall be in order only at the appropriate point in the reading of the bill to consider each of the amendments printed in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD and numbered 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17 and 18, pursuant to clause 8 of rule XVIII, if offered by the gentleman from Wisconsin (Mr. OBEY), or his designee; none of the designated amendments shall be liable to the point of order that a portion of the amendment addresses a portion of the bill not yet read for amendment; all other points of order against each of the designated amendments shall be considered as reserved pending completion of the debate thereon; each of the designated amendments shall be debatable only for 30 minutes, equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent; each of the designated amendments shall not be subject to amendment; and each of the designated amendments may be withdrawn by its proponent after debate thereon.

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

Mr. OBEY. Mr. Speaker, reserving the right to object, I simply would note under my reservation, Mr. Speaker, that I have no objection to this arrangement, with the understanding that when the House returns to this bill, it will not be at a time when Members are still flying back to Washington on their airplanes, and that it will not be debated in the dead of night.

Mr. PORTER. Mr. Chairman, will the gentleman yield?

Mr. OBEY. I yield to the gentleman from Illinois.

Mr. PORTER. Mr. Chairman, I would say to the gentleman that I will be flying back on an airplane late Monday afternoon, and hope that we would also be able to address this at a civil hour.

Mr. OBEY. Mr. Speaker, I withdraw my reservation of objection.

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

Mr. YOUNG of Florida. Mr. Speaker, reserving the right to object, about this time last year we had interfered substantially with a very personal matter relative to our ranking member on the Committee on Appropriations, so just in the event that that might happen again, and I hope it does not, I wanted to wish him a happy anniversary, and hopefully he will be able to get to do something proper with his

wife this year which he was prevented from last year.

Mr. OBEY. If the gentleman will yield, that will be tomorrow.

Mr. YOUNG of Florida. I understand it is tomorrow. Just in case something happens between now and then.

Mr. Speaker, I withdraw my reservation of objection.

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

There was no objection.

DEPARTMENTS OF LABOR, HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, AND EDUCATION, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATION ACT, 2001

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to House Resolution 518 and rule XVIII, the Chair declares the House in the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union for the further consideration of the bill, H.R. 4577.

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IN THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Accordingly, the House resolved itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union for the further consideration of the bill (H.R. 4577) making appropriations for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2001, and for other purposes, with Mr. BEREUTER in the chair.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The CHAIRMAN. When the Committee of the Whole rose earlier this evening, the Clerk had read through page 19, line 21.

Pursuant to the order of the House of today, it shall be in order only at the appropriate point in the reading of the bill to consider each of the amendments printed in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD and numbered 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, and 18 if offered by the gentleman from Wisconsin (Mr. OBEY) or his designee.

Each amendment shall be debatable for 30 minutes, equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to an amendment, and may be withdrawn by its proponent after debate thereon.

Pursuant to House Resolution 518, proceedings will now resume on the amendment on which further proceedings were postponed.

AMENDMENT OFFERED BY MR. TRAFICANT

The CHAIRMAN. The pending business is the demand for a recorded vote on the amendment offered by the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. TRAFICANT) on which further proceedings were postponed and on which the noes prevailed by voice vote.

The Clerk will designate the amendment.

The Clerk designated the amendment.

RECORDED VOTE

The CHAIRMAN. A recorded vote has been demanded.

A recorded vote was ordered.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—ayes 203, noes 220, not voting 12, as follows:

[Roll No. 250]

AYES—203

Abercrombie Hall (OH)  
Ackerman Hastings (FL)  
Allen Hill (IN)  
Andrews Hilliard  
Baca Hinchey  
Baird Hinojosa  
Baldacci Hoeffel  
Baldwin Holden  
Barrett (WI) Holt  
Becerra Hooley  
Bentsen Horn  
Berkley Hoyer  
Berman Inslee  
Bishop Jackson (IL)  
Blagojevich Jackson-Lee  
Blumenauer (TX)  
Boehlert Jefferson  
Bonior Johnson, E. B.  
Borski Jones (OH)  
Boswell Kanjorski  
Boucher Kaptur  
Brady (PA) Kennedy  
Brown (FL) Kildee  
Brown (OH) Kilpatrick  
Campbell Kind (WI)  
Capps King (NY)  
Capuano Kleczka  
Cardin Kucinich  
Carson LaFalce  
Clayton Lampson  
Clyburn Lantos  
Condit Larson  
Conyers Lee  
Costello Levin  
Coyne Lewis (GA)  
Cramer Lipinski  
Crowley LoBiondo  
Cummings Lofgren  
Davis (FL) Lowey  
Davis (IL) Lucas (KY)  
DeFazio Luther  
DeGette Maloney (CT)  
DeLahunt Maloney (NY)  
DeLauro Mascara  
Deutsch Matsui  
Dicks McCarthy (MO)  
Dingell McCarthy (NY)  
Dixon McDermott  
Doggett McGovern  
Doyle McHugh  
Edwards McKinney  
Engel McNulty  
English Meehan  
Eshoo Meeke (FL)  
Etheridge Meeks (NY)  
Evans Menendez  
Farr Metcalf  
Fattah Millender-  
Filner McDonald  
Forbes Miller, George  
Ford Minge  
Frank (MA) Mink  
Frost Moakley  
Gejdenson Mollohan  
Gephardt Moore  
Gonzalez Moran (VA)  
Gordon Murtha  
Green (TX) Nadler  
Gutierrez Napolitano

NOES—220

Aderholt Boehner  
Archer Bonilla  
Armey Bono  
Bachus Boyd  
Baker Brady (TX)  
Ballenger Bryant  
Barcia Burr  
Barr Burton  
Barrett (NE) Buyer  
Bartlett Callahan  
Barton Calvert  
Bass Camp  
Bateman Canady  
Bereuter Cannon  
Berry Castle  
Biggart Chabot  
Bilbray Chambliss  
Bilirakis Chenoweth-Hage  
Bliley Clement  
Blunt Coble

Ehlers  
Ehrlich  
Emerson  
Everett  
Ewing  
Fletcher  
Foley  
Fossella  
Fowler  
Franks (NJ)  
Frelinghuysen  
Gallegly  
Ganske  
Gekas  
Gibbons  
Gilchrest  
Gillmor  
Goode  
Goodlatte  
Goodling  
Goss  
Graham  
Granger  
Green (WI)  
Gutknecht  
Hall (TX)  
Hansen  
Hastert  
Hastings (WA)  
Hayes  
Hayworth  
Hefley  
Herger  
Hill (MT)  
Hilleary  
Hobson  
Hoekstra  
Hostettler  
Houghton  
Hulshof  
Hunter  
Hutchinson  
Hyde  
Isakson  
Sherman  
Jenkins  
John  
Johnson (CT)  
Johnson, Sam  
Jones (NC)  
Kasich  
Kelly  
Kingston  
Knollenberg  
Kolbe

Thompson (CA)  
Thompson (MS)  
Thurman  
Tierney  
Towns  
Traficant  
Udall (CO)  
Udall (NM)  
Velazquez  
Visclosky  
Waters  
Watt (NC)  
Waxman  
Weiner  
Weldon (PA)  
Weller  
Wexler  
Weygand  
Wise  
Woolsey  
Wu  
Wynn

Kuykendall  
LaHood  
Largent  
Latham  
LaTourette  
Leach  
Lewis (CA)  
Lewis (KY)  
Linder  
Lucas (OK)  
Manzullo  
McCollum  
McCrery  
McInnis  
McIntosh  
McIntyre  
McKeon  
Mica  
Miller (FL)  
Miller, Gary  
Moran (KS)  
Morella  
Myrick  
Nethercutt  
Ney  
Northup  
Norwood  
Nussle  
Ose  
Oxley  
Packard  
Paul  
Pease  
Peterson (PA)  
Pickering  
Pickett  
Pitts  
Pombo  
Porter  
Portman  
Pryce (OH)  
Radanovich  
Ramstad  
Regula  
Reynolds  
Riley  
Rogan  
Rogers  
Rohrabacher  
Ros-Lehtinen  
Roukema  
Royce  
Ryan (WI)  
Ryun (KS)

NOT VOTING—12

Istook  
Klink  
Lazio  
Martinez  
Smith (MI)  
Smith (WA)  
Vento

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Messrs. SOUDER, DUNCAN, BRADY of Texas and MORAN of Kansas changed their vote from “aye” to “no.”

Mr. DAVIS of Florida and Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas changed their vote from “no” to “aye.”

So the amendment was rejected.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

Mr. PORTER. Mr. Chairman, I move that the Committee do now rise.

The motion was agreed to.

Accordingly, the Committee rose; and the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. FLETCHER) having assumed the Chair, Mr. BEREUTER, Chairman 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. 4577), making appropriations for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2001, and for other purposes, had come to no resolution thereon.