

Some Senate Republicans oppose this Conference Report. They say it gives consumers too many rights and does not do enough to grease the wheels for the financial services industry. I could not disagree more.

The Conference Report demonstrates that Congress can facilitate electronic commerce at the same time that we protect consumers. I am confident that this is what is best for the Internet in the long run.

Mr. BLILEY. Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time, and I move the previous question on the conference report.

The previous question was ordered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. FOLEY). The question is on the conference report.

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

Mr. BLILEY. Mr. Speaker, on that I demand the yeas and nays.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, further proceedings on this motion will be postponed.

□ 1230

#### RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. FOLEY). Pursuant to clause 12 of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

Accordingly (at 12 o'clock and 30 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

□ 1531

#### AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. LAHOOD) at 3 o'clock and 31 minutes p.m.

#### MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

A message in writing from the President of the United States was communicated to the House by Ms. Wanda Evans, one of his secretaries.

#### CONFERENCE REPORT ON S. 761, ELECTRONIC SIGNATURES IN GLOBAL AND NATIONAL COMMERCE ACT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The pending business is the question of agreeing to the conference report on the Senate bill, S. 761, on which the yeas and nays are ordered.

The Clerk read the title of the Senate bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the conference report.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 426, nays 4, not voting 4, as follows:

Abercrombie  
Ackerman  
Aderholt  
Allen  
Andrews  
Archer  
Armey  
Baca  
Bachus  
Baird  
Baker  
Baldacci  
Baldwin  
Ballenger  
Barcia  
Barr  
Barrett (NE)  
Barrett (WI)  
Bartlett  
Barton  
Bass  
Bateman  
Becerra  
Bentsen  
Bereuter  
Berkley  
Berman  
Berry  
Biggert  
Bilbray  
Bilirakis  
Bishop  
Blagojevich  
Bliley  
Blumenauer  
Blunt  
Boehlert  
Boehner  
Bonilla  
Bonior  
Bono  
Borski  
Boswell  
Boucher  
Boyd  
Brady (PA)  
Brady (TX)  
Brown (FL)  
Brown (OH)  
Bryant  
Burr  
Burton  
Buyer  
Callahan  
Calvert  
Camp  
Campbell  
Canady  
Cannon  
Capps  
Capuano  
Cardin  
Carson  
Castle  
Chabot  
Chambliss  
Clay  
Clayton  
Clement  
Clyburn  
Coble  
Coburn  
Collins  
Combest  
Condit  
Conyers  
Cooksey  
Costello  
Cox  
Coyne  
Cramer  
Crane  
Crowley  
Cubin  
Cummings  
Cunningham  
Davis (FL)  
Davis (IL)  
Davis (VA)  
Deal  
DeFazio  
DeGette  
DeLauro  
DeLay  
DeMint

[Roll No. 271]

#### YEAS—426

Deutsch  
Diaz-Balart  
Dickey  
Dicks  
Dingell  
Dixon  
Doggett  
Dooley  
Doolittle  
Doyle  
Dreier  
Duncan  
Dunn  
Edwards  
Ehlers  
Ehrlich  
Emerson  
Engel  
English  
Eshoo  
Kelbo  
Etheridge  
Evans  
Everett  
Ewing  
Farr  
Fattah  
Filner  
Fletcher  
Foley  
Forbes  
Ford  
Fossella  
Fowler  
Frank (MA)  
Franks (NJ)  
Frelinghuysen  
Frost  
Gallegly  
Ganske  
Gardens  
Gekas  
Gephardt  
Gibbons  
Gilchrest  
Gillmor  
Gilman  
Gonzalez  
Goode  
Goodlatte  
Goodling  
Gordon  
Goss  
Graham  
Granger  
Green (TX)  
Green (WI)  
Greenwood  
Gutierrez  
Gutknecht  
Hall (OH)  
Hall (TX)  
Hansen  
Hastings (FL)  
Hastings (WA)  
Hayes  
Hayworth  
Hefley  
Herger  
Hill (IN)  
Hill (MT)  
Hilleary  
Hilliard  
Hinchey  
Hinojosa  
Hobson  
Hoeffel  
Hoekstra  
Holden  
Holt  
Hooley  
Horn  
Hostettler  
Houghton  
Hoyer  
Hulshof  
Hunter  
Hutchinson  
Hyde  
Inslee  
Isakson  
Istook  
Jackson (IL)  
Jackson-Lee  
(TX)  
Jefferson  
Jenkins

John  
Johnson (CT)  
Johnson, E. B.  
Johnson, Sam  
Jones (NC)  
Jones (OH)  
Kanjorski  
Kaptur  
Kasich  
Kelly  
Kennedy  
Kildee  
Kilpatrick  
Kind (WI)  
King (NY)  
Kingston  
Kleczka  
Klink  
Knollenberg  
Kolbe  
Kucinich  
Kuykendall  
LaFalce  
LaHood  
Lampson  
Lantos  
Largent  
Larson  
Latham  
LaTourette  
Lazio  
Leach  
Lee  
Levin  
Lewis (CA)  
Lewis (GA)  
Lewis (KY)  
Linder  
Lipinski  
LoBiondo  
Lofgren  
Lowey  
Lucas (KY)  
Lucas (OK)  
Luther  
Maloney (CT)  
Maloney (NY)  
Manzullo  
Markey  
Martinez  
Mascara  
Matsui  
McCarthy (MO)  
McCarthy (NY)  
McCollum  
McCrery  
McDermott  
McGovern  
McHugh  
McInnis  
McIntosh  
McIntyre  
McKeon  
McKinney  
McNulty  
Meehan  
Meek (FL)  
Meeks (NY)  
Menendez  
Metcalfe  
Mica  
Millender-  
McDonald  
Miller (FL)  
Miller, Gary  
Miller, George  
Minge  
Mink  
Moakley  
Mollohan  
Moore  
Moran (KS)  
Moran (VA)  
Morella  
Murtha  
Myrick  
Nadler  
Napolitano  
Neal  
Nethercutt  
Ney  
Northup  
Norwood  
Nussle  
Oberstar  
Obey

Olver  
Ortiz  
Ose  
Owens  
Oxley  
Packard  
Pallone  
Pascarella  
Pastor  
Payne  
Pease  
Pelosi  
Peterson (MN)  
Peterson (PA)  
Phelps  
Pickering  
Pickett  
Pitts  
Pombo  
Pomeroy  
Porter  
Portman  
Price (NC)  
Pryce (OH)  
Quinn  
Radanovich  
Rahall  
Rampstad  
Rangel  
Regula  
Reyes  
Reynolds  
Riley  
Rivers  
Rodriguez  
Roemer  
Rogan  
Rogers  
Rohrabacher  
Ros-Lehtinen  
Rothman  
Roukema  
Roybal-Allard  
Royce  
Rush  
Ryan (WI)

Ryun (KS)  
Sabo  
Salmon  
Sanchez  
Sanders  
Sandlin  
Sanford  
Sawyer  
Saxton  
Scarborough  
Schaffer  
Schakowsky  
Scott  
Serrano  
Sessions  
Shadegg  
Shaw  
Shays  
Sherman  
Sherwood  
Shimkus  
Shows  
Shuster  
Simpson  
Sisisky  
Skeen  
Skelton  
Slaughter  
Smith (MI)  
Smith (NJ)  
Smith (TX)  
Smith (WA)  
Snyder  
Souder  
Spence  
Spratt  
Stabenow  
Stark  
Stearns  
Stenholm  
Strickland  
Stupak  
Sununu  
Sweeney  
Talent  
Tancredo  
Tanner

Tauscher  
Tauzin  
Taylor (NC)  
Terry  
Thomas  
Thompson (CA)  
Thompson (MS)  
Thornberry  
Thune  
Thurman  
Tiahrt  
Tierney  
Toomey  
Towns  
Traffant  
Turner  
Udall (CO)  
Udall (NM)  
Upton  
Velazquez  
Visclosky  
Vitter  
Walden  
Walsh  
Wamp  
Waters  
Watkins  
Watt (NC)  
Watts (OK)  
Waxman  
Weiner  
Weldon (FL)  
Weldon (PA)  
Weller  
Wexler  
Weygand  
Whitfield  
Wicker  
Wilson  
Wise  
Wolf  
Woolsey  
Wu  
Wynn  
Young (AK)  
Young (FL)

#### NAYS—4

Chenoweth-Hage  
Paul  
Stump  
Taylor (MS)

#### NOT VOTING—4

Cook  
Danner  
Sensenbrenner  
Vento

□ 1553

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.

#### ANNOUNCEMENT REGARDING PLANS TO ATTEND "TO KILL A MOCKINGBIRD" AT KENNEDY CENTER

(Mr. CALLAHAN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. CALLAHAN. Mr. Speaker, many of my colleagues are interested tonight in attending the performance of "To Kill a Mocking Bird" at the Kennedy Center, and we are trying desperately to work out arrangements with the leadership to roll the votes. If votes are rolled, there will be three buses waiting at the foot of the Capitol steps between 6:30 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. to take my colleagues to the Kennedy Center and then bring them back after the performance.

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

□ 1600

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. LAHOOD). 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.

□ 1556

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. PEASE (Chairman pro tempore) in the chair.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The CHAIRMAN pro tempore. When the Committee of the Whole rose on Tuesday, June 13, 2000, the bill had been read through page 84, line 21.

Mr. PORTER. Mr. Chairman, I move to strike the last word for the purpose of entering into a colloquy with the gentleman from New York (Mr. QUINN).

Mr. Chairman, I yield to the gentleman from New York (Mr. QUINN) for an explanation of his concerns.

Mr. QUINN. Mr. Chairman, I want to begin by thanking the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. PORTER) for the fine job and the hard work he has done, not only for the job he has done this year in a very difficult year, but over the years for our Labor-HHS bill.

Mr. Chairman, as a former teacher, funding for elementary and secondary education programs is a top priority for me as well as many other Members here in the House. I have several concerns regarding education funding levels in this bill. I am particularly concerned that the title I education programs have been level funded at fiscal year 2000 levels. These title I programs are vital for school districts like the Buffalo area and many more. Title I educational assistance programs target low-income and disadvantaged areas providing accelerated instruction, smaller classes, extra time to learn after school and during the summer, and computer-based instruction. Buffalo receives approximately \$23 million a year in title I funding alone.

As my colleague can see, this is critical for many districts. I have been working closely with our colleague, the gentleman from New York (Mr. MCHUGH), to ensure full funding for this program.

Secondly, Mr. Chairman, I also want to talk with the gentleman for a moment about other programs we have discussed. It has been argued that a nearly \$200 million cut in the dislocated workers assistance program, run by the Department of Labor, can be justified by our Nation's strong economy. While that may be true in some parts of the country, unfortunately, in my district, in our area of the State and many other Rust Belt communities throughout the country, workers who are permanently separated from their jobs depend on this program to return to productive unsubsidized employment.

Lastly, the one-stop career centers were not funded in the bill this year. The elimination of these one-stop career centers would threaten the division of Veterans Employment and Training Services efforts toward establishing licensing and certification of military skills for the civilian economy. This would affect the licensing and certification language in the new Montgomery GI Bill legislation, which was passed in the House in May. It would also have a negative effect on Veterans Employment and Training legislation which the subcommittee will introduce later this summer. Everyone has worked extremely hard to ensure these programs exist for our Veterans.

These three concerns, Mr. Chairman, lead me to look forward to working closely with the gentleman from Illinois in the weeks to come so that these programs receive adequate funding in the final version of the legislation, and I appreciate the opportunity for this discussion.

Mr. PORTER. Mr. Chairman, reclaiming my time, I thank the gentleman for bringing this to my attention. Because of budget restraints, we were not able to provide an increase in these programs in the House bill.

However, I understand the gentleman's concerns and will assure him that I will do my best to work with my colleagues in conference to ensure that these programs receive adequate funding.

Mr. Chairman, I include the following material for the RECORD.