

In dozens of countries around the world, children have become direct participants in war. Denied a childhood and often subjected to horrific violence, some 300,00 children are serving as soldiers in current armed conflicts from Uganda to Colombia, from Sierra Leone to Lebanon. Hundreds of thousands more have been recruited into armed forces and could be sent into combat at any moment. Although most child soldiers are teenagers, some are as young as 7 years old.

Physically vulnerable and easily intimidated, children typically make obedient soldiers. Many are abducted or recruited by force, and often compelled to follow orders under threat of death.

The United States should support, and, where possible, lead efforts to establish and enforce international standards designed to end the use of child soldiers.

On January 21, 2000 in Geneva, a United Nations working group of the Commission on Human Rights reached agreement on the UN protocol on child soldiers. I commend President Clinton for signing this protocol and want to express my hope that the Senate will ratify it as soon as possible.

The House International Relations Committee approved H. Con. Res. 348 unanimously. As a cosponsor, I urge colleagues to give their full support to this important resolution.

Mr. PORTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of H. Con. Res. 348, expressing the concern of Congress regarding the use of child soldiers around the world.

The Congressional Human Rights Caucus, which I co-chair, has held a number of briefings on the use of child soldiers around the world. Nothing can be more heartbreaking than listening to stories of childhoods cut short—children's descriptions of how they were abducted in the night, made to fight with rebel groups, forced to kill their parents or best friends and commit other unspeakable atrocities. These very children should be in school learning, playing and enjoying their youth not carrying guns and fighting for causes about which they know nothing.

Child soldiers are currently being used in more than thirty countries around the world, including Angola, Colombia, Liberia, Sierra Leone, Sri Lanka, Sudan and Uganda. They serve in both government armies and in armed opposition groups. Some are forcibly recruited, other join hoping to support themselves or their families, or simply because they see it is their best chance for survival. Children sustain far higher casualty rates than their adult counterparts and those who survive often suffer trauma, injury, abuse, or psychological scarring.

I would like to thank the gentleman from Georgia (Mr. LEWIS) for sponsoring this resolution and the gentleman from California (Mr. LANTOS) who has been a leader on this issue for many years. It is vital that the United States Congress speak out against these human rights abuses which occur around the world against our most precious citizens, the children. We must join with the international community in condemning the countries and non-government groups which use children as soldiers. Finally, it is important to recognize this Administration for its role in signing the United Nations international protocol last week which prohibits the use of children in armed conflict.

Mr. HOFFEL. Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. GILMAN. Mr. Speaker, I have no further requests for time, and I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. HOFFEL. Mr. Speaker, I have no further requests for time, and I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. SIMPSON). The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from New York (Mr. GILMAN) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 348, as amended.

The question was taken; and (two-thirds having voted in favor thereof) the rules were suspended and the bill, as amended, was passed.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

#### ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Debate has concluded on all motions to suspend the rules.

Pursuant to the provisions of clause 8, rule XX, the Chair will now put the question on each motion to suspend the rules on which further proceedings were postponed earlier today, and then on those motions postponed from Monday, July 10, in the order in which that motion was entertained.

Votes will be taken in the following order:

House Concurrent Resolution 253, by the yeas and nays;

H.R. 4442, de novo; and

House Resolution 415, de novo.

The Chair will reduce to 5 minutes the time for any electronic vote after the first such vote in this series.

#### SENSE OF CONGRESS STRONGLY OBJECTING TO EFFORT TO EXPEL HOLY SEE FROM UNITED NATIONS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The pending business is the question of suspending the rules and agreeing to the concurrent resolution, H. Con. Res. 253.

The Clerk read the title of the concurrent resolution.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from New Jersey (Mr. SMITH) that the House suspend the rules and agree to the concurrent resolution, House Concurrent Resolution 253, on which the yeas and nays are ordered.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 416, nays 1, not voting 17, as follows:

[Roll No. 379]

YEAS—416

Abercrombie  
Ackerman  
Aderholt  
Allen  
Andrews  
Archer  
Armey  
Baca  
Bachus

Baird  
Baker  
Baldacci  
Baldwin  
Ballenger  
Barcia  
Barr  
Barrett (NE)  
Barrett (WI)

Bartlett  
Barton  
Bass  
Bateman  
Bentsen  
Bereuter  
Berkley  
Berman  
Berry

Biggett  
Billbray  
Billirakis  
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  
Canady  
Cannon  
Capps  
Capuano  
Cardin  
Carson  
Castle  
Chabot  
Chambliss  
Clay  
Clayton  
Clement  
Clyburn  
Coble  
Coburn  
Collins  
Combest  
Condit  
Conyers  
Cook  
Cooksey  
Costello  
Cox  
Coyne  
Cramer  
Crane  
Crowley  
Cubin  
Cummings  
Cunningham  
Danner  
Davis (FL)  
Davis (IL)  
Davis (VA)  
Deal  
DeFazio  
DeGette  
Delahunt  
DeLauro  
DeLay  
DeMint  
Deutsch  
Diaz-Balart  
Dickey  
Dicks  
Dingell  
Dixon  
Doggett  
Dooley  
Doolittle  
Doyle  
Dreier  
Duncan  
Dunn  
Edwards  
Ehlers  
Ehrlich  
Emerson  
Engel  
English  
Eshoo  
Etheridge  
Evans  
Everett  
Ewing  
Farr  
Fattah  
Filner  
Fletcher  
Foley  
Ford

Fossella  
Fowler  
Frank (MA)  
Franks (NJ)  
Frelinghuysen  
Frost  
Gallegly  
Ganske  
Gedensson  
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  
Hobson  
Hoeffel  
Hoekstra  
Holden  
Holt  
Hooley  
Horn  
Hostettler  
Houghton  
Hulshof  
Hunter  
Hutchinson  
Hyde  
Inslee  
Isakson  
Istook  
Jackson (IL)  
Jackson-Lee  
(TX)  
Jenkins  
John  
Johnson, E. B.  
Johnson, Sam  
Jones (NC)  
Jones (OH)  
Kanjorski  
Kaptur  
Kasich  
Kelly  
Kennedy  
Kildee  
Kilpatrick  
Kind (WI)  
King (NY)  
Kingston  
Klecicka  
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)  
McCrery  
McDermott  
McGovern  
McHugh  
McInnis  
McIntyre  
McKeon  
Meehan  
Meek (FL)  
Meeks (NY)  
Menendez  
Metcalfe  
Mica  
Millender-Donald  
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  
Oxley  
Packard  
Pallone  
Pascarelli  
Pastor  
Paul  
Pease  
Pelosi  
Peterson (MN)  
Peterson (PA)  
Petri  
Phelps  
Pickering  
Pickett  
Pitts  
Pombo  
Pomeroy  
Porter  
Portman  
Price (NC)  
Pryce (OH)  
Quinn  
Radanovich  
Rahall  
Ramstad  
Rangel  
Regula  
Reyes  
Reynolds  
Riley  
Rivers  
Rodriguez  
Roemer  
Rogan  
Rogers  
Rohrabacher  
Ros-Lehtinen  
Rothman  
Roukema  
Roybal-Allard  
Royce  
Rush

Ryan (WI) Smith (TX) Turner  
 Ryun (KS) Snyder Udall (CO)  
 Sabo Souder Udall (NM)  
 Salmon Spence Upton  
 Sanchez Spratt Velazquez  
 Sanders Stabenow Visclosky  
 Sandlin Stearns Vitter  
 Sanford Stenholm Walden  
 Sawyer Strickland Walsh  
 Saxton Stump Wamp  
 Scarborough Stupak Waters  
 Schaffer Sununu Watkins  
 Schakowsky Sweeney Watt (NC)  
 Scott Talent Watts (OK)  
 Sensenbrenner Tancredo Waxman  
 Serrano Tanner Weiner  
 Sessions Tauscher Weldon (FL)  
 Shadegg Tauzin Weldon (PA)  
 Shaw Taylor (MS) Weller  
 Shays Taylor (NC) Wexler  
 Sherman Terry Weygand  
 Sherwood Thomas Whitfield  
 Shimkus Thompson (CA) Wicker  
 Shows Thompson (MS) Wilson  
 Shuster Thornberry Wise  
 Simpson Thune Wolf  
 Sisisky Thurman Woolsey  
 Skeen Tiahrt Wu  
 Skelton Tierney Wynn  
 Slaughter Toomey Young (FL)  
 Smith (MI) Towns  
 Smith (NJ) Traficant

## NAYS—1

Stark

## NOT VOTING—17

Becerra Jefferson Owens  
 Campbell Johnson (CT) Payne  
 Chenoweth-Hage McCollum Smith (WA)  
 Forbes McIntosh Vento  
 Hinojosa McKinney Young (AK)  
 Hoyer McNulty

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So (two-thirds having voted in favor thereof) the rules were suspended and the concurrent resolution was agreed to.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER  
PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. SIMPSON). Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the Chair will reduce to 5 minutes the minimum time for electronic voting on each additional motion to suspend the rules on which the Chair has postponed further proceedings.

NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE  
SYSTEM CENTENNIAL ACT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The unfinished business is the question of suspending the rules and passing the bill, H.R. 4442, as amended.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Oregon (Mr. WALDEN) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 4442, as amended.

The question was taken.

## RECORDED VOTE

Mr. SCHAFFER. Mr. Speaker, I demand a recorded vote.

A recorded vote was ordered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. This will be a 5-minute vote.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—ayes 403, noes 15, not voting 16, as follows:

[Roll No. 380]

## AYES—403

Abercrombie Dixon Kilpatrick  
 Ackerman Doggett Kind (WI)  
 Aderholt Dooley King (NY)  
 Allen Doolittle Kingston  
 Andrews Doyle Kleczka  
 Archer Dreier Klink  
 Arney Dunn Knollenberg  
 Baca Edwards Kolbe  
 Bachus Ehlers Kucinich  
 Baird Ehrlich Kuykendall  
 Baker Emerson LaFalce  
 Baldacci Engel Lampson  
 Baldwin English Lantos  
 Ballenger Eshoo Largent  
 Barcia Etheridge Larson  
 Barrett (NE) Evans Latham  
 Barrett (WI) Everett LaTourette  
 Bartlett Ewing Lazio  
 Barton Farr Leach  
 Bass Fattah Lee  
 Bateman Filner Levin  
 Bentsen Fletcher Lewis (CA)  
 Bereuter Foley Lewis (GA)  
 Berkley Ford Lewis (KY)  
 Berman Fossella Linder  
 Berry Fowler Lipinski  
 Biggart Frank (MA) LoBiondo  
 Bilbray Franks (NJ) Lofgren  
 Bilirakis Frelinghuysen Lowey  
 Bishop Frost Lucas (KY)  
 Blagojevich Gallegly Lucas (OK)  
 Bliley Ganske Luther  
 Blumenauer Gejdenson Maloney (CT)  
 Blunt Gekas Maloney (NY)  
 Boehlert Gephardt Manzullo  
 Boehner Gibbons Markey  
 Bonior Gilchrest Martinez  
 Bono Gillmor Mascara  
 Borski Gilman Matsui  
 Boswell Gonzalez McCarthy (MO)  
 Boucher Goode McCarthy (NY)  
 Boyd Goodlatte McCrery  
 Brady (PA) Goodling McDermott  
 Brady (TX) Gordon McGovern  
 Brown (FL) Goss McHugh  
 Brown (OH) Graham McInnis  
 Bryant Granger McIntyre  
 Burr Green (TX) McKeon  
 Burton Green (WI) Meehan  
 Buyer Greenwood Meek (FL)  
 Callahan Gutierrez Meeks (NY)  
 Calvert Gutknecht Menendez  
 Camp Hall (OH) Metcalf  
 Canady Hall (TX) Mica  
 Cannon Hansen Millender-  
 Capps Hastings (FL) McDonald  
 Capuano Hastings (WA) Miller (FL)  
 Cardin Hayes Miller, Gary  
 Carson Hayworth Miller, George  
 Castle Hefley Minge  
 Chabot Hill (IN) Mink  
 Chambliss Hill (MT) Moakley  
 Clay Hilleary Mollohan  
 Clayton Hilliard Moore  
 Clement Hinchey Moran (KS)  
 Clyburn Hobson Moran (VA)  
 Collins Hoeft Morella  
 Combust Hoekstra Murtha  
 Condit Holden Myrick  
 Conyers Holt Nadler  
 Cook Hooley Napolitano  
 Cooksey Horn Neal  
 Costello Hostettler Nethercutt  
 Cox Houghton Ney  
 Coyne Hulshof Northup  
 Cramer Hunter Norwood  
 Crane Hyde Nussle  
 Crowley Inslee Oberstar  
 Cubin Isakson Obey  
 Cummings Istook Olver  
 Cunningham Jackson (IL) Ortiz  
 Danner Jackson-Lee Ose  
 Davis (FL) (TX) Oxley  
 Davis (IL) Jefferson Packard  
 Davis (VA) Jenkins Pallone  
 Deal John Pascrell  
 DeFazio Johnson (CT) Pastor  
 DeGette Johnson, E. B. Pease  
 Delahunt Jones (NC) Pelosi  
 DeLauro Jones (OH) Peterson (MN)  
 DeMint Kanjorski Peterson (PA)  
 Deutsch Kaptur Petri  
 Diaz-Balart Kasich Phelps  
 Dickey Kelly Pickering  
 Dicks Kennedy Pickett  
 Dingell Kildee Pitts

Pomeroy Serrano Thompson (CA)  
 Porter Sessions Thompson (MS)  
 Portman Shadegg Thune  
 Price (NC) Shaw Thurman  
 Pryce (OH) Shays Tiahrt  
 Quinn Sherman Tierney  
 Radanovich Sherwood Toomey  
 Rahall Shimkus Towns  
 Ramstad Shows Traficant  
 Rangel Shuster Turner  
 Regula Simpson Udall (CO)  
 Reyes Sisisky Udall (NM)  
 Reynolds Skeen Upton  
 Riley Skelton Velazquez  
 Rivers Slaughter Visclosky  
 Rodriguez Smith (MI) Vitter  
 Roemer Smith (NJ) Walden  
 Rogan Smith (TX) Walsh  
 Rogers Snyder Wamp  
 Ros-Lehtinen Souder Waters  
 Rothman Spence Watkins  
 Roukema Spratt Watt (NC)  
 Roybal-Allard Stabenow Watts (OK)  
 Rush Stark Waxman  
 Ryan (WI) Stearns Weiner  
 Ryun (KS) Stenholm Weldon (FL)  
 Sabo Strickland Weldon (PA)  
 Salmon Stupak Weller  
 Sanchez Sununu Wexler  
 Sanders Sweeney Weygand  
 Sandlin Talent Whitfield  
 Sanford Tancredo Wicker  
 Sawyer Tanner Wilson  
 Saxton Tauscher Wise  
 Scarborough Tauzin Wolf  
 Schaffer Taylor (MS) Woolsey  
 Schakowsky Taylor (NC) Wu  
 Scott Terry Wynn  
 Sensenbrenner Thomas Young (FL)

## NOES—15

Barr Duncan Pombo  
 Bonilla Herger Rohrabacher  
 Coble Johnson, Sam Royce  
 Coburn LaHood Stump  
 DeLay Paul Thornberry

## NOT VOTING—16

Becerra Hutchinson Payne  
 Campbell McCollum Smith (WA)  
 Chenoweth-Hage McIntosh Vento  
 Forbes McKinney Young (AK)  
 Hinojosa McNulty  
 Hoyer Owens

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So (two-thirds having voted in favor thereof) the rules were suspended and the bill, as amended, was passed.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

SENSE OF THE HOUSE REGARDING  
ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL  
OCEAN DAY

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. SIMPSON). The unfinished business is the question of suspending the rules and agreeing to the resolution, H. Res. 415, as amended.

The Clerk read the title of the resolution.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Oregon (Mr. WALDEN) that the House suspend the rules and agree to the resolution, H. Res. 415, as amended.

The question was taken.

## RECORDED VOTE

Mrs. MINK of Hawaii. Mr. Speaker, I demand a recorded vote.

A recorded vote was ordered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. This will be a 5-minute vote.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—ayes 387, noes 28,