

Shows	Sweeney	Walsh
Shuster	Talent	Wamp
Simpson	Tancredo	Watkins
Sisisky	Tauscher	Watts (OK)
Skeen	Tauzin	Weldon (FL)
Skelton	Taylor (NC)	Weldon (PA)
Smith (MI)	Terry	Weller
Smith (NJ)	Thomas	Whitfield
Smith (TX)	Thompson (MS)	Wicker
Souder	Thornberry	Wilson
Spence	Thune	Wise
Spratt	Tiahrt	Wolf
Stabenow	Toomey	Wu
Stearns	Traficant	Young (AK)
Stump	Upton	Young (FL)
Stupak	Vitter	
Sununu	Walden	

NAYS—156

Ackerman	Hall (OH)	Oberstar
Allen	Hastings (FL)	Obey
Andrews	Hill (IN)	Oliver
Baldacci	Hilliard	Ortiz
Baldwin	Hinchey	Owens
Barrett (WI)	Hinojosa	Pallone
Becerra	Hoefel	Pastor
Bentsen	Hoyer	Payne
Berman	Jackson (IL)	Pelosi
Berry	Jackson-Lee	Peterson (MN)
Blumenauer	(TX)	Pomeroy
Bonior	Jefferson	Price (NC)
Borski	Johnson, E. B.	Rahall
Boyd	Jones (OH)	Rangel
Brady (PA)	Kanjorski	Reyes
Brown (FL)	Kennedy	Rivers
Brown (OH)	Kildee	Rodriguez
Capuano	Kind (WI)	Rothman
Cardin	Kleczka	Roybal-Allard
Carson	Klink	Rush
Clay	Kucinich	Sabo
Clayton	LaFalce	Sanchez
Conyers	Lampson	Sanders
Coyne	Lantos	Sawyer
Crowley	Larson	Schakowsky
Cummings	Lee	Scott
Davis (FL)	Levin	Serrano
Davis (IL)	Lewis (GA)	Sherman
DeFazio	Lofgren	Slaughter
DeGette	Lowey	Snyder
Delahunt	Luther	Stark
DeLauro	Maloney (NY)	Stenholm
Deutsch	Markey	Strickland
Dicks	Matsui	Tanner
Dingell	McCarthy (MO)	Taylor (MS)
Dixon	McDermott	Thompson (CA)
Doggett	McGovern	Thurman
Dooley	McNulty	Tierney
Edwards	Meehan	Towns
Engel	Meek (FL)	Turner
Eshoo	Meeks (NY)	Udall (CO)
Evans	Menendez	Udall (NM)
Farr	Millender	Velazquez
Fattah	McDonald	Visclosky
Filner	Miller, George	Waters
Ford	Minge	Watt (NC)
Frank (MA)	Moakley	Waxman
Frost	Mollohan	Weiner
Gejdenson	Moran (VA)	Wexler
Gephardt	Murtha	Weygand
Gonzalez	Nadler	Woolsey
Green (TX)	Napolitano	Wynn
Gutierrez	Neal	

NOT VOTING—8

Baca	Cooksey	Smith (WA)
Barton	Kilpatrick	Vento
Campbell	Roemer	

□ 1253

Ms. CARSON and Messrs. FARR of California, GEJDENSON, DICKS, THOMPSON of California and MINGE changed their vote from "yea" to "nay."

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.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. LAHOOD). 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 54 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

□ 1339

AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. LATOURETTE) at 1 o'clock and 39 minutes p.m.

PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 4871, TREASURY AND GENERAL GOVERNMENT APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2001

Mr. LINDER. Mr. Speaker, by direction of the Committee on Rules, I call up House Resolution 560 and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 560

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. 4871) making appropriations for the Treasury Department, the United States Postal Service, the Executive Office of the President, and certain Independent Agencies, for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2001, 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 62, line 17, through page 63, line 2. During the consideration of the bill for 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 electronic voting on any postponed question that follows another electronic vote without intervening business, provided that the minimum time for electronic voting on the first in any series of questions shall be 15 minutes. At the conclusion of consideration of the bill for amendment the Committee shall rise and report the bill to the House with such amendments as may have been adopted. The previous question shall be considered as ordered on the bill and amendments thereto to final passage without intervening motion except one motion to recommit with or without instructions.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman from Georgia (Mr. LINDER) is recognized for 1 hour.

Mr. LINDER. Mr. Speaker, for the purpose of debate only, I yield the cus-

tomary 30 minutes to the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. HALL), pending which I yield myself such time as I may consume. During consideration of this resolution, all time yielded is for the purpose of debate only.

Mr. Speaker, House Resolution 560 is an open rule providing for the consideration of H.R. 4871, the Treasury and General Government Appropriations Bill for fiscal year 2001.

The rule provides for 1 hour of general debate divided equally between the chairman and ranking minority Member of the Committee on Appropriations.

The rule also waives clause 2 of rule XXI, which prohibits unauthorized appropriations and legislation on an appropriations bills, with regard to the bill.

Additionally, this rule accords priority in recognition to Members who have preprinted their amendments in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD. This encourages Members to take advantage of the option to facilitate consideration of amendments and to inform Members of the details of pending amendments.

The rule also provides that the Chairman of the Committee of the Whole may postpone recorded votes on any amendment and that the Chairman may reduce voting time on postponed questions to 5 minutes, provided that the votes immediately follow another recorded vote, and that the voting time on the first in a series of votes is not less than 15 minutes.

House Resolution 560 also provides for one motion to recommit, with or without instructions, as is the right of minority Members of the House.

Mr. Speaker, H.R. 560 is an open rule, similar to those considered for other appropriations bills. It will afford a fair and complete debate on the issues surrounding the underlying legislation.

H.R. 4871 continues the trend of this Congress by funding our national priorities while ensuring fiscal responsibility and a balanced budget. The bill increases funding for \$678 million over last year's appropriation, placing a priority on enhancing law enforcement priorities such as school violence prevention, international child pornography trafficking, and strict enforcement of our existing gun laws.

The bill also continues our commitment to the war on drugs by maintaining spending for drug technology transfers to our allies in the fight against narcotraffickers; ensuring ongoing efforts to partner with local law enforcement and providing an additional \$12.5 million to attack drug smuggling across our borders.

Mr. Speaker, H.R. 4871 funds 40 percent of the law enforcement activities of the Federal Government, and it successfully maximizes the impact of America's investment in those worthy initiatives.

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate the gentleman from Arizona (Mr. KOLBE) for his hard work on this legislation. I urge my colleagues to support this fair, open rule and the underlying bill.

Mr. Speaker, I yield such time as he might consume to the gentleman from Kentucky (Mr. FLETCHER) for a parliamentary inquiry.

PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRY

Mr. FLETCHER. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman from Georgia (Mr. LINDER) for yielding me the time.

Mr. Speaker, I have a parliamentary inquiry.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman will state it.

Mr. FLETCHER. Mr. Speaker, if the previous question on the rule is defeated, would it be in order for a Member to offer an amendment to the rule?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair would recognize the Member who led the opposition to ordering the previous question for the purposes of offering an amendment to the resolution, if the previous question were not ordered.

Mr. FLETCHER. Mr. Speaker, as I continue, I plan on leading the fight against the previous question. I want to inform my colleagues that I intend to oppose the previous question and encourage them to do so. If it is defeated, I intend to offer an amendment to rescind the Member COLA.

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

Mr. HALL of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, I want to thank the gentleman from Georgia (Mr. LINDER) for yielding me the time.

Mr. Speaker, this is an open rule which will allow for the consideration of H.R. 4871. As my colleague from Georgia has explained, this rule provides for 1 hour of general debate to be equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority Member on the Committee on Appropriations.

This allows germane amendments under the 5-minute rule, which is the normal amending process in the House. All Members on both sides of the aisle will have the opportunity to offer amendments that do not violate the rules for appropriations bills.

□ 1345

Mr. Speaker, this is an important bill. It is one that funds executive branch agencies important to the ongoing activities of the Government and through the Treasury Department funds are provided to bureaus and offices that make our money, that pay our debts and collect our taxes.

I am disappointed that overall the bill provides for \$2.1 billion below the administration's request. There are significant funding shortfalls in a number of important areas, including our government's counterterrorism programs and the Internal Revenue Service's restructuring efforts.

However, there are a number of significant provisions in this bill. The measure provides for \$76 million to expand the Youth Crime Gun Interdiction Initiative and to assist State and local governments in tracing firearms. It

provides \$185 million to the National Youth Antidrug Media Campaign, which has been a proven campaign to prevent drug abuse among our Nation's young people, and it provides an increase in funds for the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children.

In addition, Mr. Speaker, this bill contains an immensely important provision that I have worked on for some time with my colleague, the gentleman from Virginia (Mr. WOLF). The Wolf amendment addresses the widespread problem of conflict diamonds in Africa.

The language prohibits the U.S. Customs Service from using any funds in the bill to allow diamonds from certain conflict regions in Africa from entering the stream of U.S. commerce.

Mr. Speaker, this provision was not protected against a point of order by the Committee on Rules due to jurisdictional concerns raised by my colleagues on the Committee on Ways and Means. I have received assurances, as the gentleman from Virginia (Mr. WOLF) has, too, however, that the Committee on Ways and Means will hold a hearing on this subject prior to final enactment of the treasury postal appropriations bill.

Based on these good-faith assurances and a commitment by my colleague, the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. CRANE), I did not offer a motion to the rule last night to waive points of order against the Wolf provision. I appreciate my colleagues' cooperation in holding a hearing, and I urge them to schedule it without delay.

This is important because rebel groups, particularly those in Sierra Leone, are killing and maiming their own people in a battle to control the diamond mines, and these groups are becoming rich overnight by trading illegally seized diamonds for arms and then brutalizing their people. In Sierra Leone, these rebels transformed themselves from a ragtag group of people of 400 to a force of 25,000 soldiers that has made hundreds of millions of dollars from these diamonds, and they have killed more than 70,000 people.

Mr. Speaker, I visited Sierra Leone last year where I personally witnessed the atrocities committed by rebels. I met with victims who had their arms and hands cut off because they supported democracy; children who were drugged and forced to kill their parents and others; girls who were routinely raped. Atrocities like these are funded through illegal diamond smuggling, and by allowing the importation of these conflict diamonds from Sierra Leone and other countries who are involved in diamond smuggling, we are turning a blind eye to a situation most law-abiding citizens would abhor.

American consumers buy diamonds as tokens of love and commitment and not as parties to atrocities. Last year my colleague, the gentleman from Virginia (Mr. WOLF), and I introduced legislation to require the disclosure of a diamond's country of origin. The measure was intended to provide American

consumers, who buy 70 percent of all the diamonds in the world, the information they need and want in order to buy legitimate diamonds.

Two weeks ago the United States voted for a U.N. resolution calling for an embargo on conflict diamonds from Sierra Leone and the language in the bill before us today implements that policy by barring these black market diamonds from entering our country. It is a bold step, of course, and one that I support.

Again, I would emphasize the importance of congressional hearings on conflict diamonds by the Committee on Ways and Means. Mr. Speaker, we cannot allow jurisdictional issues in the House to supersede the fact that innocent people are losing their lives in Sierra Leone and other African countries.

Mr. Speaker, the rule was approved by voice vote in the Committee on Rules last night.

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

Mr. LINDER. Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the gentleman from Kentucky (Mr. FLETCHER).

(Mr. FLETCHER asked and was given permission to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. FLETCHER. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman from Georgia (Mr. LINDER) for yielding me this time.

Mr. Speaker, I rise to express my opposition to the rule on the Treasury Postal appropriations bill because it does not make in order an amendment to disallow the cost of living adjustment for Members of Congress. It is my intention to ask my colleagues to defeat the previous question on this rule so that we will have an opportunity to amend the rule and make this amendment in order.

The pay raise, I believe, is inappropriate at this time and unnecessary. A 2.7 percent pay increase would increase the salaries of Members by almost \$4,000. The total price tag to American taxpayers is \$2.1 million.

Now where I come from, the average salary for a family in my district is about \$25,000, and this \$2.1 million in the pay increase that would occur here is a lot of money to the folks back in Kentucky.

Now we have come a long way in Washington over the last few years, balancing the budget, preserving Social Security and Medicare and reducing the debt; and yet I believe there is still a lot more that can be done.

With a balanced budget and surpluses as far as the eye can see, I believe we must focus on strengthening America, paying down the debt, and giving more money back to the American worker.

I've worked closely with the folks in the 6th District to accomplish a great deal these past two short years. That's because I came to Washington to fight for their needs, concerns, and issues, not for another pay raise.

I find it very disturbing when we just had a vote on eliminating the marriage penalty tax, when I see 155 Democrat

Members who voted against giving families, married couples, a \$1,400 average tax reduction a year and yet those same individuals will probably vote to increase the COLA and give themselves a \$4,000-a-year increase in pay. I find that very disturbing.

That is the reason I am rising, Mr. Speaker, to oppose the previous question; would ask my colleagues to vote against the previous question, and I want them to understand that a vote against the previous question is a vote to rescind the COLA and to allow an amendment to be in order.

Mr. HALL of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the gentlewoman from Michigan (Ms. RIVERS).

(Ms. RIVERS asked and was given permission to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. RIVERS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to speak about the Members' annual cost of living allowance, not to oppose it but to talk about the procedure we are using to consider it.

During my time in Congress, we have addressed this issue several times. In 1997, I opposed the increase because the Federal budget was in deficit, and we were proposing massive cuts to programs that everyday people rely upon. I was also concerned about the process the House employed in considering the COLA. I was unhappy that there was little public debate on the issue and only a procedural rather than a straight yes or no vote.

In 1999, the procedure was the same. Again, I was uncomfortable; and as I did with the 1996 COLA, I did not accept the increase and returned the net amount to the Treasury.

Now, many Members argue that COLA is not a raise per se and that the statute automatically authorizes implementation without requirement of debate or vote. Several point out that COLAs for other workers operate in just this fashion. This is true. It is absolutely correct. However, we are not like other workers. One hundred percent of our costs, both for employment and office expenses, are borne by the taxpayers. We also set our own salaries, and we have no direct employer or supervisor, except the public in the collective.

Few workers in this country enjoy such circumstances. We have the luxury through our own action, or in this case inaction, to alter the amount of money we earn. Given that, I believe a substantive vote on the COLA is the appropriate way to handle the annual increases. Nevertheless, it does not appear that my views are likely to prevail on this issue, although I will continue to promote a direct vote.

Mr. Speaker, I am not opposed to the COLA itself. I believe that Members can justify a 2.7 percent increase in their wages, but I also believe that the taxpayers who pay our salaries have a right to ask for that justification. In order to do so, however, they must be able to understand the House's action relative to its compensation.

I am not here to criticize or demean the hard work of the good people with whom I serve in this body. Nor do I wish to disparage the views of those who disagree with me. I have a personal sense of propriety that we should be doing this publicly. I am making it clear to my constituents that we are indeed voting to raise our salary.

Mr. LINDER. Mr. Speaker, I yield 3 minutes to the gentleman from Montana (Mr. HILL).

Mr. HILL of Montana. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman from Georgia (Mr. LINDER) for yielding me the time.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today to join with others to protest the process that we are using here with regard to the issue of the pay raise, so I intend to vote no on the previous question. I also intend to vote no on the rule.

I oppose the rule because it is in the process of making the rule that we were denied the opportunity of whether or not we would be able to vote on this pay raise or not. Those who are opposed to the pay raise would probably then want to vote no on the previous question, which I intend to do as well. This really is not a debate about whether we should get a pay raise or not. In fact, I think one could make a case for why we ought to have a pay raise.

This has been a very, very productive Congress, particularly this year. We have balanced the budget I think the third year in a row. We have reformed welfare. We have extended the life of Social Security and Medicare. We passed a prescription drug benefit, several tax reduction bills. We passed the appropriation bills in record time and the budget as well, but the real issue here is whether or not we ought to vote every year on whether we get this pay raise or we do not.

I think the point here is that there are very few Americans who get an automatic pay raise, and there are even fewer Americans who get to decide whether or not their pay is going to go up or it is going to go down. The rule did not make in order an opportunity for us to vote on this.

Now, when I was an employee, I never went to my employer and said, I did not do a good job but I want a pay raise. No, I went to them and said, I think I have been doing a good job. I think I have earned it, and I think I deserve a pay raise.

I never, as an employer, had an employee come to me and say, I want a pay raise but I do not think I earned it. If they did, I do not think I would have granted them a pay raise.

No, we have an obligation to convince the person who controls our pay that we deserve it, and we ought to do that with our constituents. We ought to go back to our constituents and say, look, I think I have earned a pay raise, and justify it to the people who hired us, the people who elect us to be here. So I think it is wrong for us to avoid the opportunity to vote on whether or not we ought to have a pay raise or

not, and so I intend to vote against the previous question.

I also intend to vote against the rule.

Mr. HALL of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. LINDER. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume to urge Members to support both the previous question and the rule.

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

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. LATOURETTE). The question is on ordering the previous question.

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

Mr. FLETCHER. 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 250, nays 173, not voting 12, as follows:

[Roll No. 419]

YEAS—250

Abercrombie	DeLay	Jackson-Lee
Ackerman	Diaz-Balart	(TX)
Andrews	Dickey	Jefferson
Archer	Dicks	John
Armey	Dingell	Johnson, E. B.
Bachus	Dixon	Johnson, Sam
Ballenger	Doggett	Jones (OH)
Barr	Dooley	Kanjorski
Barrett (NE)	Doolittle	Kennedy
Bass	Doyle	King (NY)
Bateman	Dreier	Klink
Bentsen	Dunn	Knollenberg
Bereuter	Ehlers	Kolbe
Berman	Engel	Kuykendall
Biggert	Eshoo	LaFalce
Bilbray	Everett	Lampson
Bilirakis	Ewing	Lantos
Blagojevich	Farr	Larson
Bliley	Fattah	Latham
Blumenauer	Foley	LaTourette
Blunt	Fowler	Leach
Boehlert	Frank (MA)	Lee
Boehner	Frost	Levin
Bonilla	Ganske	Lewis (CA)
Bonior	Gephardt	Lewis (GA)
Bono	Gilchrest	Linder
Borski	Gillmor	Lipinski
Boucher	Gilman	Lowe
Boyd	Gonzalez	Markey
Brady (PA)	Goodlatte	Martinez
Brown (FL)	Goodling	Matsui
Brown (OH)	Goss	McCarthy (MO)
Burr	Graham	McCollum
Burton	Granger	McCrery
Callahan	Green (TX)	McDermott
Calvert	Greenwood	McGovern
Camp	Gutierrez	McHugh
Canady	Gutknecht	McInnis
Cannon	Hall (OH)	McKeon
Capuano	Hansen	McNulty
Cardin	Hastert	Meehan
Clayton	Hastings (FL)	Meek (FL)
Clement	Hastings (WA)	Meeks (NY)
Condit	Hefley	Menendez
Conyers	Hilliard	Millender
Cox	Hinchey	McDonald
Coyne	Hinojosa	Miller (FL)
Crane	Hobson	Miller, Gary
Cubin	Hoekstra	Miller, George
Cummings	Holden	Mink
Cunningham	Houghton	Moakley
Davis (FL)	Hoyer	Moran (VA)
Davis (IL)	Hunter	Morella
Davis (VA)	Hyde	Murtha
DeGette	Isakson	Myrick
Delahunt	Istook	Nadler
DeLauro	Jackson (IL)	Neal

Ney	Rothman	Sweeney
Norwood	Roybal-Allard	Tancredo
Nussle	Rush	Tauscher
Oberstar	Sabo	Tauzin
Obey	Salmon	Taylor (NC)
Olver	Sawyer	Thomas
Ortiz	Schakowsky	Thompson (CA)
Owens	Scott	Thompson (MS)
Oxley	Serrano	Thornberry
Packard	Shadegg	Towns
Pallone	Shaw	Trafficant
Pastor	Shays	Turner
Payne	Shuster	Upton
Pease	Simpson	Walsh
Pelosi	Sisisky	Watkins
Pickett	Skeen	Watt (NC)
Pombo	Skelton	Waxman
Porter	Slaughter	Weiner
Pryce (OH)	Smith (MI)	Weldon (FL)
Quinn	Smith (NJ)	Weldon (PA)
Rahall	Smith (TX)	Wexler
Rangel	Souder	Wicker
Regula	Spence	Wolf
Rodriguez	Stark	Woolsey
Rogers	Stenholm	Wynn
Rohrabacher	Stupak	Young (AK)
Ros-Lehtinen	Sununu	Young (FL)

NAYS—173

Aderholt	Hayworth	Pomeroy
Allen	Herger	Portman
Baird	Hill (IN)	Price (NC)
Baker	Hill (MT)	Radanovich
Baldacci	Hilleary	Ramstad
Baldwin	Hoeffel	Reyes
Barcia	Holt	Reynolds
Barrett (WI)	Hooley	Riley
Bartlett	Horn	Rivers
Becerra	Hostettler	Rogan
Berkley	Hulshof	Roukema
Berry	Hutchinson	Royce
Bishop	Inslee	Ryan (WI)
Boswell	Jenkins	Ryun (KS)
Brady (TX)	Johnson (CT)	Sanchez
Bryant	Jones (NC)	Sanders
Buyer	Kaptur	Sandlin
Capps	Kasich	Sanford
Carson	Kelly	Saxton
Castle	Kildee	Scarborough
Chabot	Kind (WI)	Schaffer
Chambliss	Kingston	Sensenbrenner
Chenoweth-Hage	Klecza	Sessions
Coble	Kucinich	Sherman
Coburn	LaHood	Sherwood
Collins	Largent	Shinkus
Combest	Lazio	Shows
Cook	Lewis (KY)	Snyder
Costello	LoBiondo	Spratt
Cramer	Lofgren	Stabenow
Crowley	Lucas (KY)	Stearns
Danner	Lucas (OK)	Strickland
Deal	Luther	Stump
DeFazio	Maloney (CT)	Talent
DeMint	Maloney (NY)	Tanner
Deutsch	Manzullo	Taylor (MS)
Duncan	Mascara	Terry
Edwards	McCarthy (NY)	Thune
Emerson	McIntosh	Thurman
English	McIntyre	Tiahrt
Etheridge	McKinney	Tierney
Evans	Metcalf	Toomey
Filner	Mica	Udall (CO)
Fletcher	Minge	Udall (NM)
Forbes	Moore	Velazquez
Ford	Moran (KS)	Visclosky
Fossella	Napolitano	Vitter
Franks (NJ)	Nethercutt	Walden
Frelinghuysen	Northup	Wamp
Gallely	Ose	Waters
Gejdenson	Pascrell	Watts (OK)
Gekas	Paul	Weller
Gibbons	Peterson (MN)	Weygand
Goode	Peterson (PA)	Whitfield
Gordon	Petri	Wilson
Green (WI)	Phelps	Wise
Hall (TX)	Pickering	Wu
Hayes	Pitts	

NOT VOTING—12

Baca	Clyburn	Mollohan
Barton	Cooksey	Roemer
Campbell	Ehrlich	Smith (WA)
Clay	Kilpatrick	Vento

□ 1420

Mrs. NORTHUP, Ms. DANNER, Ms. VELAZQUEZ, and Messrs. DEUTSCH, PETERSON of Pennsylvania, BAKER,

KINGSTON, SHERMAN, THUNE, DEAL of Georgia, and HORN changed their vote from “yea” to “nay.”

Mrs. CUBIN, Ms. SLAUGHTER, and Messrs. FARR of California, CAMP, CONYERS, and ROHRABACHER changed their vote from “nay” to “yea.”

So the previous question was ordered.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Stated for:

Mr. EHRlich. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 419, I was away from the floor and neither the bell system nor my beeper notified me of the vote. Had I been present, I would have voted “yea.”

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. LATOURETTE). The question is on the resolution.

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

RECORDED VOTE

Mr. HILL of Montana. Mr. Speaker, I demand a recorded vote.

A recorded vote was ordered.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—ayes 282, noes 141, not voting 11, as follows:

[Roll No. 420]

AYES—282

Abercrombie	Crane	Hefley
Ackerman	Cubin	Hinchey
Allen	Cummings	Hinojosa
Andrews	Cunningham	Hobson
Archer	Davis (FL)	Hoekstra
Armey	Davis (VA)	Holden
Bachus	Delahunt	Horn
Baldacci	DeLauro	Houghton
Ballenger	DeLay	Hoyer
Barr	DeMint	Hunter
Barrett (NE)	Diaz-Balart	Hutchinson
Bartlett	Dickey	Hyde
Bass	Dicks	Isakson
Bateman	Dingell	Istook
Bentsen	Dixon	Jackson-Lee
Bereuter	Doggett	(TX)
Berman	Dooley	Jefferson
Biggett	Doolittle	John
Billbray	Doyle	Johnson (CT)
Bilirakis	Dreier	Johnson, E. B.
Bishop	Dunn	Johnson, Sam
Blagojevich	Ehlers	Jones (OH)
Bliley	Emerson	Kanjorski
Blumenauer	Engel	Kelly
Blunt	Eshoo	Kennedy
Boehlert	Etheridge	King (NY)
Boehner	Ewing	Klink
Bonilla	Farr	Knollenberg
Bonior	Fattah	Kolbe
Borski	Foley	Kuykendall
Boucher	Fowler	LaHood
Boyd	Frank (MA)	Lampson
Brady (PA)	Franks (NJ)	Lantos
Brady (TX)	Frelinghuysen	Larson
Brown (FL)	Frost	Latham
Burr	Gallely	LaTourette
Burton	Ganske	Lazio
Buyer	Gephardt	Leach
Callahan	Gilchrest	Lee
Calvert	Gillmor	Levin
Camp	Gilman	Lewis (CA)
Canady	Goodlatte	Lewis (GA)
Cannon	Goodling	Linder
Capuano	Goss	Lipinski
Cardin	Graham	Lofgren
Castle	Granger	Lowey
Chenoweth-Hage	Green (WI)	Lucas (OK)
Clayton	Greenwood	Maloney (NY)
Clement	Gutierrez	Manzullo
Clyburn	Gutknecht	Markay
Combest	Hall (OH)	Martinez
Condit	Hansen	Mascara
Conyers	Hastings (FL)	Matsui
Cox	Hastings (WA)	McCarthy (MO)
Coyne	Hayes	McCarthy (NY)

McCollum	Peterson (PA)
McCrery	Pickering
McDermott	Pickett
McHugh	Pitts
McInnis	Pombo
McKeon	Porter
McNulty	Portman
Meek (FL)	Price (NC)
Meeks (NY)	Pryce (OH)
Menendez	Quinn
Mica	Radanovich
Millender-	Rahall
McDonald	Rangel
Miller (FL)	Regula
Miller, Gary	Reynolds
Miller, George	Rodriguez
Mink	Rogers
Moakley	Rohrabacher
Mollohan	Ros-Lehtinen
Moran (VA)	Roybal-Allard
Morella	Ryan (WI)
Murtha	Ryun (KS)
Myrick	Sabo
Nadler	Salmon
Neal	Sanchez
Nethercutt	Sawyer
Ney	Saxton
Northup	Schakowsky
Norwood	Scott
Nussle	Serrano
Olver	Sessions
Ortiz	Shaw
Ose	Shays
Oxley	Sherman
Packard	Shuster
Pallone	Simpson
Payne	Sisisky
Pease	Skeen
Pelosi	Skelton
Peterson (MN)	Smith (MI)

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Aderholt	Hall (TX)	Phelps
Baird	Hayworth	Pomeroy
Baker	Herger	Ramstad
Baldwin	Hill (IN)	Reyes
Barcia	Hill (MT)	Riley
Barrett (WI)	Hilleary	Rivers
Becerra	Hilliard	Rogan
Berkley	Hoeffel	Rothman
Berry	Holt	Roukema
Bono	Hooley	Royce
Boswell	Hostettler	Rush
Brown (OH)	Hulshof	Sanders
Bryant	Inslee	Sandlin
Capps	Jackson (IL)	Sanford
Carson	Jenkins	Scarborough
Chabot	Jones (NC)	Schaffer
Chambliss	Kaptur	Sensenbrenner
Coble	Kasich	Shadegg
Coburn	Kildee	Sherwood
Collins	Kind (WI)	Shows
Cook	Kingston	Slaughter
Costello	Klecza	Snyder
Cramer	Kucinich	Stabenow
Crowley	LaFalce	Stearns
Danner	Largent	Strickland
Davis (IL)	Lewis (KY)	Stupak
Deal	LoBiondo	Tancredo
DeFazio	Lucas (KY)	Tanner
DeGette	Luther	Taylor (MS)
Deutsch	Maloney (CT)	Thompson (MS)
Duncan	McGovern	Thornberry
Edwards	McIntosh	Thune
English	McIntyre	Thurman
Evans	McKinney	Tiahrt
Everett	Meehan	Tierney
Filner	Metcalf	Toomey
Fletcher	Minge	Udall (CO)
Forbes	Moore	Udall (NM)
Ford	Moran (KS)	Velazquez
Fossella	Napolitano	Visclosky
Gejdenson	Oberstar	Wamp
Gekas	Obey	Weygand
Gibbons	Owens	Whitfield
Gonzalez	Pascrell	Wilson
Goode	Pastor	Wise
Gordon	Paul	Wu
Green (TX)	Petri	

NOT VOTING—11

Baca	Cooksey	Smith (WA)
Barton	Ehrlich	Vento
Campbell	Kilpatrick	Woolsey
Clay	Roemer	

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Mr. MORAN of Kansas and Mr. BROWN of Ohio changed their vote from "aye" to "no."

Ms. DELAURO changed her vote from "no" to "aye."

So the resolution was agreed to.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Stated for:

Mr. EHRLICH. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 420, I was away from the floor and neither the bell system nor my beeper notified me of the vote. Had I been present, I would have voted "aye."

CONGRATULATIONS TO TIM AND SALLY ROEMER ON THE BIRTH OF GRACE ELIZABETH

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

Mr. DOOLEY of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise just to announce to my colleagues that the gentleman from Indiana (Mr. ROEMER), our good friend, and his wife, Sally, had a baby this morning, a little girl.

I think it is important, when we have spent some time talking about marriage today, that we talk about a product of a very great marriage, and that is TIM and Sally ROEMER, who, this morning, at 3:30, had their fourth child, a girl, Grace Elizabeth, who is 7 pounds 11 ounces. I just want to announce this to my colleagues, and we all join them in wishing them the best.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. KOLBE. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks on consideration of H.R. 4871 and that I may include tabular and extraneous material.

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

There was no objection.

TREASURY AND GENERAL GOVERNMENT APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2001

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to House Resolution 560 and rule XVIII, the Chair declares the House in the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union for the consideration of the bill, H.R. 4871.

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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 consideration of the bill (H.R. 4871) making appropriations for the Treasury Department, the United States Postal Service, the Executive Office of

the President, and certain Independent Agencies, for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2001, and for other purposes, with Mr. DREIER in the chair.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The CHAIRMAN. Pursuant to the rule, the bill is considered as having been read the first time.

Under the rule, the gentleman from Arizona (Mr. KOLBE) and the gentleman from Maryland (Mr. HOYER) each will control 30 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Arizona (Mr. KOLBE).

Mr. KOLBE. Mr. Chairman, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Chairman, I am very pleased today to present H.R. 4871, the Treasury and General Government Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2001. As reported to the floor, this bill contains \$14.4 billion in discretionary budget authority for the Department of Treasury, the Executive Office of the President, the Postal Service, and other independent agencies. This represents an increase of \$678 million above the current year levels. That is about 5 percent.

Mr. Chairman, in a few moments, I suspect we will hear from some of our colleagues that this bill fails to meet its critical responsibilities for agencies under this subcommittee's jurisdiction. I do not disagree with that. I disagree, however, that we are not meeting our priorities, because we do meet the priorities in this bill.

We do not fund everything, but we meet the priorities. Do we fund everything that was requested by the President? No. But being below the President's request by \$2.1 billion does not make this bill or this subcommittee irresponsible. It means we have somewhat different priorities.

Do we provide \$225 million to hire an additional 2,835 IRS employees? No. Do we fund seven new courthouses for a cost of \$488 million? No, we do not.

The bottom line is this, in putting together this bill, choices had to be made.

Some of my colleagues on the other side of the aisle have called this bill half empty. I, on the other hand, believe the bill presented here today is more than half full.

Mr. Chairman, the bill before us today provides \$4.9 billion for Federal law enforcement, and that supports 30 percent of all Federal law enforcement. This includes funds for the U.S. Customs Service to protect our borders from drugs and other contraband as well as to protect our burgeoning trade; funds for the Secret Service to protect, not only our Nation's dignitaries, but also our currency and our children through their school violence program; and funds for the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms to enforce our gun laws.

As my colleagues are aware, one of the greatest challenges with this bill is keeping it free of controversial legislative riders. We seem to have a great talent for attracting controversy for a whole host of reasons.

It is unfortunate that so much time gets spent debating not appropriations matters on this bill. From my perspective, it is even more unfortunate the passage of this measure has nothing to do with the programs and activities that are funded here but rather with legislative items that either are attached or perhaps not attached.

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And what gets lost in the debate is the good things that are accomplished by this bill.

For those who may in the end decide to vote against this measure, let me tell them what they are opposing. They would be opposed to \$185 million for ONDCP, the Office of National Drug Control Policy, for that youth media campaign that keeps kids off drugs and helps parents learn how to teach children just to say no.

They would be opposed to \$30 million for Drug Free Community Grants, partnerships between community coalitions and the Federal Government for the purpose of reducing drug use.

They would be opposed to \$192 million for High Intensity Drug Trafficking Programs, providing assistance to State and local law enforcement in areas most adversely affected by drug trafficking.

They would be opposed to \$13 million to keep children out of gangs through the GREAT program that is administered through the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms.

They would be opposed to \$76 million for the Youth Crime Gun Interdiction Initiative, called YCGII, to take guns out of the hands of our Nation's youth.

They would be opposed to \$3.6 million for the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children, reuniting children with their families and supporting the child exploitation unit.

They would be opposed to \$1.7 million for a new program for the Secret Service's National Threat Assessment Center, a project designed to prevent targeted violence from occurring in schools by helping schoolteachers and administrators identify problems in advance.

And, yes, \$4 million for the Customs Cybersmuggling Center to target international child pornography trafficking and child exploitation via the Internet.

The list I have just shared with my colleagues is a small sampling of what is included in this bill. I could continue. I could tell my colleagues about the \$233 million that is in here for Customs Automation, including \$105 million for the much-awaited and even more needed Customs information technology modernization program that is known as ACE, and I know that many of my colleagues have a strong interest in this program.

I could also stand here and inform Members about the reporting requirements that we have included regarding the First Lady's use of government aircraft for the Senate campaign, and funding for the National Archives to