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## AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. ISAKSON) at 5 o'clock and 30 minutes p.m.

APPOINTMENT OF CONFEREES ON  
H.R. 2904, MILITARY CONSTRUCTION APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2002

Mr. HOBSON. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to take from the Speaker's table the bill (H.R. 2904) making appropriations for military construction, family housing, and base realignment and closure for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2002, and for other purposes, with a Senate amendment thereto, disagree to the Senate amendment, and agree to the conference asked by the Senate.

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

There was no objection.

MOTION TO INSTRUCT OFFERED BY MR. OLVER

Mr. OLVER. Mr. Speaker, I offer a motion to instruct.

The Clerk read as follows:

Mr. OLVER moves that the managers on the part of the House at the conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the bill, H.R. 2904 insist on the House position regarding all items included in the House passed bill for overseas military construction.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman from Massachusetts (Mr. OLVER) will be recognized for 30 minutes, and the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. HOBSON) will be recognized for 30 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Massachusetts (Mr. OLVER).

Mr. OLVER. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, I offer this motion to instruct as a bipartisan effort to help the men and women serving overseas in the defense of our country.

The motion is simple. It tells the House conferees to hold the line and support the overseas requests made by the President and those added in the House.

Mr. Speaker, September 11 has taught us that our men and women must be ready, wherever in the world they are stationed. The President requested almost \$900 million in military construction projects overseas. The committee carefully reviewed those projects, and we have supported them. It meets needs for barracks, for maintenance facilities, for runways for our air forces, for warehousing, family housing, barracks, all of those. It all will make substantial contributions to our readiness.

But the House has added, in addition, several items. Through the leadership of the chairman, he and I have had an opportunity to visit several of the bases that are involved in this. Members of the subcommittee joined us,

and other Members of the House joined us in that. We have directly visited and can bear witness to the severe inadequacy of some of these facilities. The total of that is less than 1 percent of this military construction budget as it was passed through the House. They are all very badly needed projects, as both the chairman and I can attest.

Let me just give a couple of examples.

In Japan, actually in Okinawa, which is where most of our forces in Japan are, there is a what-was-never-adequate facility for the training of our Army Special Forces in urban warfare. It is now utterly worn out and virtually unusable. That is additionally in this legislation.

In Korea, there is a barracks replacement for singles in Korea. The conditions of housing in Korea up and down the line are well known as being abysmal. Families avoid, if at all possible, deployment in Korea, so the vast majority of our deployments are in fact singles, and their housing is anywhere from rundown to positively disgusting. So that has been funded in our bill.

Then, as another example, we have a modernization of the base engineering complex for engineering and maintenance, and all of the operational facilities at our largest Air Force base. In the process of that modernization, which is in Korea at our main air base, which is at the front line of protection for our substantial forces in Korea, that will allow hundreds of housing units to then be brought within the perimeter of the protection of that base.

Those are all extremely important things to be done, and they need to be done in this legislation. Mr. Speaker, they are badly needed. They are in direct support of the missions that we know will come, even if September 11 had not happened.

Mr. Speaker, I urge all Members to vote in favor of this motion to instruct.

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

Mr. HOBSON. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, I want to congratulate my ranking member for working with me on this bill, and working with me and the other members of the Committee on this issue.

We have seen what we ask our troops to do. We have asked them to do a lot of things for us, especially at this time. Today, the U.S. is blessed with the most well-trained military forces in our history. Soldiers, sailors, Marines, and airmen are ready and willing to accept any challenge presented by our adversaries.

Yet, for all their training, many of these facilities they work in are decrepit and falling apart. There is an increasing concern that the performance of our troops could be jeopardized by the conditions of the buildings in which they work.

As the Quadrennial Defense Review points out, the defense infrastructure

has suffered from underfunding and neglect. Facility sustainment has been funded at only 75 to 80 percent of the requirement, resulting in a backlog of repair bills estimated at almost \$60 billion. Likewise, the average rate of replacing existing facilities is 192 years, at a rate that is unacceptable, particularly with the technological changes needed to deal with today's security threats.

The result of neglecting the facilities is the decaying infrastructure that is less and less capable of supporting our troops, sailors, Marines, and airmen. The infrastructure needs of the facilities in the U.S. are important, but no less important than the infrastructure needs in bases located overseas.

Like bases in the U.S., there are antiterrorism and force protection measures we must take at all bases overseas. Similarly, housing must be decent, safe, and working conditions must not jeopardize the troops' performance.

One of the things that happened in our committee, for the first time that I can remember, is that three of the CINCs, General Ralston, General Blair, and General Schwartz, all came in and testified that overseas MILCON, and especially housing, was their number one priority on their list of priorities for their troops.

This is a time when we ask young people to go out and put their lives on the line. They should do that, and they will do that, with great honor and dignity for this country. This country owes them the same dignity in the places where they work every day and where they live.

So I want to thank my ranking member for putting up this motion, and I hope every Member of this House supports this motion.

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

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

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the previous question is ordered on the motion to instruct.

There was no objection.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion to instruct offered by the gentleman from Massachusetts (Mr. OLVER).

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

Mr. OLVER. 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 and the Chair's prior announcement, further proceedings on this motion will be postponed until 6 p.m.

## RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12 of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess until 6 p.m.

Accordingly (at 5 o'clock and 43 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess until 6 p.m.

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## AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. ISAKSON) at 6 p.m.

## ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the provisions of clause 8, rule XX, the Chair will now put the question on each motion to suspend the rules and then the motion to instruct conferees on which further proceedings were postponed earlier today.

Votes will be taken in the following order:

H.R. 169, by the yeas and nays;

H.J. Res. 42, by the yeas and nays;

Motion to Instruct Conferees on H.R. 2904, by the yeas and nays.

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

## NOTIFICATION AND FEDERAL EMPLOYEE ANTIDISCRIMINATION AND RETALIATION ACT OF 2001

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The pending business is the question of suspending the rules and passing the bill, H.R. 169, 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 Wisconsin (Mr. SENSENBRENNER) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 169, as amended, on which the yeas and nays are ordered.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 420, nays 0, not voting 10, as follows:

[Roll No. 360]

YEAS—420

Abercrombie	Bono	Conyers
Ackerman	Borski	Cooksey
Aderholt	Boswell	Costello
Akin	Boucher	Cox
Allen	Boyd	Coyne
Andrews	Brady (PA)	Cramer
Armey	Brady (TX)	Crane
Baca	Brown (FL)	Crenshaw
Bachus	Brown (OH)	Crowley
Baird	Brown (SC)	Cubin
Baker	Bryant	Culberson
Baldacci	Burr	Cummings
Baldwin	Burton	Cunningham
Ballenger	Buyer	Davis (CA)
Barcia	Callahan	Davis (FL)
Barr	Calvert	Davis (IL)
Barrett	Camp	Davis, Jo Ann
Bartlett	Cannon	Davis, Tom
Barton	Cantor	Deal
Bass	Capito	DeFazio
Becerra	Capps	DeGette
Bentsen	Capuano	Delahunt
Bereuter	Cardin	DeLauro
Berkley	Carson (IN)	DeLay
Berman	Carson (OK)	DeMint
Berry	Castle	Deutsch
Biggert	Chabot	Diaz-Balart
Bilirakis	Chambliss	Dicks
Bishop	Clay	Dingell
Blagojevich	Clayton	Doggett
Blumenauer	Clement	Dooley
Blunt	Clyburn	Doollittle
Boehlert	Coble	Doyle
Boehner	Collins	Dreier
Bonilla	Combest	Duncan
Bonior	Condit	Dunn

Edwards	Kirk	Pryce (OH)
Ehlers	Klecza	Putnam
Ehrlich	Knollenberg	Quinn
Emerson	Kolbe	Radanovich
English	Kucinich	Rahall
Eshoo	LaFalce	Ramstad
Etheridge	LaHood	Rangel
Evans	Lampson	Regula
Everett	Langevin	Rehberg
Farr	Lantos	Reyes
Fattah	Largent	Reynolds
Ferguson	Larsen (WA)	Riley
Filner	Larson (CT)	Rivers
Flake	Latham	Rodriguez
Fletcher	LaTourette	Roemer
Foley	Leach	Rogers (KY)
Forbes	Lee	Rogers (MI)
Ford	Levin	Rohrabacher
Fossella	Lewis (CA)	Ros-Lehtinen
Frank	Lewis (GA)	Ross
Frelinghuysen	Lewis (KY)	Rothman
Frost	Linder	Roukema
Gallegly	LoBiondo	Roybal-Allard
Ganske	Lofgren	Royce
Gekas	Lowey	Rush
Gephardt	Lucas (KY)	Ryan (WI)
Gibbons	Lucas (OK)	Ryun (KS)
Gilchrest	Luther	Sabo
Gillmor	Maloney (CT)	Sanchez
Gilman	Maloney (NY)	Sanders
Gonzalez	Manzullo	Sandlin
Goode	Markey	Sawyer
Goodlatte	Mascara	Saxton
Gordon	Matheson	Schakowsky
Goss	Matsui	Schiff
Graham	McCarthy (MO)	Schrock
Granger	McCarthy (NY)	Scott
Graves	McCollum	Sensenbrenner
Green (TX)	McCrery	Serrano
Green (WI)	McDermott	Sessions
Greenwood	McGovern	Shadegg
Grucci	McHugh	Shaw
Gutierrez	McInnis	Shays
Gutknecht	McIntyre	Sherman
Hall (OH)	McKeon	Sherwood
Hall (TX)	McKinney	Shimkus
Hansen	McNulty	Shows
Harman	Meehan	Shuster
Hart	Meek (FL)	Simmons
Hastings (FL)	Meeks (NY)	Simpson
Hastings (WA)	Menendez	Skeen
Hayes	Mica	Skelton
Hayworth	Millender-	Slaughter
Hefley	McDonald	Smith (MI)
Herger	Miller (FL)	Smith (NJ)
Hill	Miller, Gary	Smith (TX)
Hilleary	Miller, George	Smith (WA)
Hilliard	Mink	Snyder
Hinchey	Mollohan	Solis
Hinojosa	Moore	Souder
Hobson	Moran (KS)	Spratt
Hoefel	Moran (VA)	Stark
Hoekstra	Morella	Stearns
Holden	Murtha	Stenholm
Holt	Myrick	Strickland
Honda	Nadler	Stump
Hoolley	Napolitano	Stupak
Horn	Neal	Sununu
Hostettler	Nethercutt	Sweeney
Hoyer	Ney	Tancredo
Hulshof	Northup	Tanner
Hyde	Norwood	Tauscher
Inlee	Nussle	Tauzin
Isakson	Oberstar	Taylor (MS)
Israel	Obey	Terry
Issa	Oliver	Thomas
Istook	Ortiz	Thompson (CA)
Jackson (IL)	Osborne	Thompson (MS)
Jackson-Lee	Ose	Thornberry
(TX)	Otter	Thune
Jefferson	Owens	Thurman
Jenkins	Oxley	Tiahrt
John	Pallone	Tiberi
Johnson (CT)	Pascarell	Tierney
Johnson (IL)	Pastor	Toomey
Johnson, E. B.	Paul	Trafigant
Johnson, Sam	Payne	Turner
Jones (NC)	Pelosi	Udall (CO)
Kanjorski	Pence	Udall (NM)
Keller	Peterson (MN)	Upton
Kelly	Peterson (PA)	Velazquez
Kennedy (MN)	Petri	Visclosky
Kennedy (RI)	Phelps	Vitter
Kerns	Pitts	Walden
Kildee	Platts	Walsh
Kilpatrick	Pomboy	Wamp
Kind (WI)	Portman	Waters
King (NY)	Price (NC)	Watkins (OK)
Kingston		Watson (CA)

Watt (NC)	Weller	Woolsey
Watts (OK)	Wexler	Wu
Waxman	Whitfield	Wynn
Weiner	Wicker	Young (AK)
Weldon (FL)	Wilson	Young (FL)
Weldon (PA)	Wolf	

## NOT VOTING—10

Engel	Kaptur	Taylor (NC)
Houghton	Lipinski	Towns
Hunter	Pickering	
Jones (OH)	Schaffer	

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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.

The title of the bill was amended so as to read: "A bill to require that Federal agencies be accountable for violations of antidiscrimination and whistleblower protection laws; to require that each Federal agency post quarterly on its public Web site, certain statistical data relating to Federal sector equal employment opportunity complaints filed with such agency; and for other purposes."

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

## ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. ISAKSON). 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 and on the motion to instruct on which the Chair has postponed further proceedings.

## MEMORIALIZING FALLEN FIREFIGHTERS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The pending business is the question of suspending the rules and passing the joint resolution, H.J. Res. 42, as amended.

The Clerk read the title of the joint resolution.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Wisconsin (Mr. SENSENBRENNER) that the House suspend the rules and pass the joint resolution, H.J. Res. 42, as amended, on which the yeas and nays are ordered.

This will be a 5-minute vote.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 420, nays 0, not voting 10, as follows:

[Roll No. 361]

YEAS—420

Abercrombie	Barr	Blumenauer
Ackerman	Barrett	Blunt
Aderholt	Bartlett	Boehlert
Akin	Barton	Boehner
Allen	Bass	Bonilla
Andrews	Becerra	Bonior
Armey	Bentsen	Bono
Baca	Bereuter	Borski
Bachus	Berkley	Boswell
Baird	Berman	Boucher
Baker	Berry	Boyd
Baldacci	Biggert	Brady (PA)
Baldwin	Bilirakis	Brady (TX)
Ballenger	Bishop	Brown (FL)
Barcia	Blagojevich	Brown (OH)