

move the previous question on the conference report.

The previous question was ordered.

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

Pursuant to clause 10 of rule XX, the yeas and nays are ordered.

Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, further proceedings on this question will be postponed.

REMOVAL OF NAME OF MEMBER AS COSPONSOR OF H.R. 981

Mr. CALLAHAN. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that my name be removed as a cosponsor of H.R. 981.

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

There was no objection.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. TAYLOR of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks on the consideration of the conference report on the bill (H.R. 2647) making appropriations for the Legislative Branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2002, and for other purposes, and that I may include extraneous and tabular material.

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

There was no objection.

CONFERENCE REPORT ON H.R. 2647, LEGISLATIVE BRANCH APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2002

Mr. TAYLOR of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, pursuant to House Resolution 273, I call up the conference report on the bill (H.R. 2647) making appropriations for the Legislative Branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2002, and for other purposes.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to House Resolution 273, the conference report is considered as having been read.

(For conference report and statement, see proceedings of the House of October 30, 2001 at page H7512.)

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman from North Carolina (Mr. TAYLOR) and the gentleman from Virginia (Mr. MORAN) each will control 30 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from North Carolina from North Carolina (Mr. TAYLOR).

(Mr. TAYLOR of North Carolina asked and was given permission to revise and extend his remarks and include extraneous material.)

Mr. TAYLOR of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

I rise today to present the Legislative Branch Appropriations Conference Report for Fiscal Year 2002 to the House for consideration. I would like to thank the ranking member, the gentleman from Virginia (Mr. MORAN) and all of the members of the subcommittee, for their support in crafting this legislation. I would like to also say thank you to the staff for all of their hard work during these times, especially to Chuck Turner, Manny Crupi, Ed Lombard, Liz Dawson, Mark Murray and Tim Aiken. All Members owe them a special thanks for their work.

I would like to say a special thank you to the Capitol police who are listed under this bill. We have gone through unusual times in the last almost 60 days, and we owe them a special thanks for their undying efforts to maintain protection for the Members of the House, our staff, and our guests who come to the Capitol.

Mr. Speaker, we have a non-controversial, bipartisan bill. With respect to the items that were sent to the Senate in the House passed bill, we have held the increase over the 2001 bill to 4.6 percent. Now, that is an increase which is well below the President's request for 2002 appropriations.

And the committee bill meets our 302(b) allocations for budget authority and is \$15 million below our outlay target.

Mr. Speaker, the House has approved the rule for this report. The committee has done its job and it has done its job well, I believe, and this bill deserves the overwhelming support of the House. I do not intend to extend the debate, and I will include a summary of comparison of accounts in the RECORD.

Mr. Speaker, this bill does contain the funds and language to implement the tuition loan reimbursement plan for our agencies, for the Congressional Budget Office and the Senate, and the bill contains funds from committee and members' representational allowances accounts to fund the program for House employees. We are awaiting the Committee on House Administration to respond to our call for rules and regulations in this area, and we feel that will be forthcoming.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to support this bill.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today to present the Legislative Branch Appropriations Conference Report for Fiscal Year 2002 to the House for consideration.

I'd like to thank the ranking member, Mr. MORAN, and all the members of the subcommittee for their support in crafting this legislation.

I would like also to say a thank you to the staff for all their hard work during these times. Especially to Chuck Turner, Manny Crupi, Ed Lombard, Liz Dawson, Mark Murray, and Tim Siken—all members owe them special thanks.

And, Mr. Speaker a special thanks to the Capitol police who risk their lives daily, and have been doing so diligently, since the September 11 attacks, to protect House members and staff, and our visitors. They are heroes to all of us.

Mr. Speaker, we have a non-controversial, bipartisan bill. With respect to the items that were sent to the Senate in the House passed bill, we have held the increase over FY2001 to 4.6 percent. That's an increase which is well below the President's request for 2002 appropriations.

And the Committee bill meets our 302(b) allocation in budget authority and is \$15 million below our outlay target.

We have had some questions about a student loan repayment program for House staff. The Committee has no objection to including the appropriate legislation in the Legislative bill. But it is a complicated technical matter that involves internal House policy and must be integrated into the legislative authority for allowable uses of members' allowances and committee funding. Under the rules, those matters are within the jurisdiction of the Administration Committee.

We have received no requests from the Administration Committee to include such authority. Therefore, the joint statement of the managers that accompanies this conference report encourages the House Administration Committee to develop and recommend guidelines and appropriate legislative language to establish a student loan repayment program. The funds to carry this out are included in the bill. The Appropriations Committee will be happy to carry such authorizing language in the appropriations bill. That is in accord with long standing practice of the Appropriations Committee to assist House Administration and the Leadership in achieving administrative improvements in the operations of the House.

Mr. Speaker, the House has approved the rule for this conference report by unanimous vote.

The Committee has done its job; it has done a good job. This bill deserves the overwhelming support of the House. I do not intend to extend the debate and will include a summary of the comparisons of accounts in the record.

I urge my colleagues to support the bill.

H.R. 2647 - LEGISLATIVE BRANCH APPROPRIATIONS BILL, 2002

(Amounts in thousands)

	FY 2001 Enacted	FY 2002 Request	House	Senate	Conference	Conference vs. enacted
TITLE I - CONGRESSIONAL OPERATIONS						
SENATE						
Payments to Widows and Heirs of Deceased Members of Congress						
Gratuities, deceased Members.....	141					-141
Expense Allowances						
Expense allowances:						
Vice President	10	10		10	10	
President Pro Tempore of the Senate	10	10		10	10	
Majority Leader of the Senate	10	10		10	10	
Minority Leader of the Senate	10	10		10	10	
Majority Whip of the Senate	5	5		5	5	
Minority Whip of the Senate	5	5		5	5	
Chairman of the Majority Conference Committee	3	3		3	3	
Chairman of the Minority Conference Committee	3	3		3	3	
Chairman of the Majority Policy Committee	3	3		3	3	
Chairman of the Minority Policy Committee	3	3		3	3	
Subtotal, expense allowances.....	62	62		62	62	
Representation allowances for the Majority and Minority Leaders	30	30		30	30	
Total, Expense allowances and representation	92	92		92	92	
Salaries, Officers and Employees						
Office of the Vice President	1,785	1,867		1,867	1,867	+82
Office of the President Pro Tempore	453	473		473	473	+20
Offices of the Majority and Minority Leaders	2,742	2,868		2,868	2,868	+126
Offices of the Majority and Minority Whips	1,722	1,912		1,912	1,912	+190
Committee on Appropriations	8,747	9,875		9,875	9,875	+1,128
Conference committees	2,304	2,500		2,500	2,500	+196
Offices of the Secretaries of the Conference of the Majority and the Conference of the Minority	590	618		618	618	+28
Policy Committees	2,342	2,550		2,550	2,550	+208
Office of the Chaplain	288	301		301	301	+13
Office of the Secretary	14,738	15,424		15,424	15,424	+686
Office of the Sergeant at Arms and Doorkeeper	34,811	39,082		39,082	39,082	+4,271
Offices of the Secretaries for the Majority and Minority	1,292	1,350		1,350	1,350	+58
Agency contributions and related expenses	20,507	25,219		25,219	25,219	+4,712
Total, salaries, officers and employees	92,321	104,039		104,039	104,039	+11,718
Office of the Legislative Counsel of the Senate						
Salaries and expenses	4,046	4,306		4,306	4,306	+260
Office of Senate Legal Counsel						
Salaries and expenses	1,069	1,109		1,109	1,109	+40
Expense Allowances of the Secretary of the Senate, Sergeant at Arms and Doorkeeper of the Senate, and Secretaries for the Majority and Minority of the Senate						
Expenses allowances	12	12		12	12	
Contingent Expenses of the Senate						
Inquiries and investigations	83,000	107,264		107,264	107,264	+24,264
Expenses of United States Senate Caucus on International Narcotics Control	370	370		370	520	+150
Secretary of the Senate	2,077	3,511		8,571	8,571	+6,494
Sergeant at Arms and Doorkeeper of the Senate	71,511	95,904		95,904	95,904	+24,393
Miscellaneous items	8,655	10,274		11,274	14,274	+5,619
Miscellaneous appropriations (P.L. 106-554)	6,500					-6,500
Senators' Official Personnel and Office Expense Account	251,929	285,494		270,494	270,494	+18,565
Town Meeting notices				3,000		
Official Mail Costs						
Expenses	300	300		300	300	
Total, contingent expenses of the Senate	424,342	503,117		497,177	497,327	+72,985
Total, Senate	522,023	612,675		606,735	608,885	+84,862

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(Amounts in thousands)

	FY 2001 Enacted	FY 2002 Request	House	Senate	Conference	Conference vs. enacted
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES						
Payments to Widows and Heirs of Deceased Members of Congress						
Gratuities, deceased Members.....	714				145	-569
Salaries and Expenses						
House Leadership Offices						
Office of the Speaker.....	1,759	1,866	1,866	1,866	1,866	+107
Office of the Majority Floor Leader.....	1,726	1,830	1,830	1,830	1,830	+104
Office of the Minority Floor Leader.....	2,096	2,224	2,224	2,224	2,224	+128
Office of the Majority Whip.....	1,466	1,562	1,562	1,562	1,562	+96
Office of the Minority Whip.....	1,096	1,168	1,168	1,168	1,168	+72
Speaker's Office for Legislative Floor Activities.....	410	431	431	431	431	+21
Republican Steering Committee.....	765	806	806	806	806	+41
Republican Conference.....	1,255	1,342	1,342	1,342	1,342	+87
Democratic Steering and Policy Committee.....	1,352	1,435	1,435	1,435	1,435	+83
Democratic Caucus.....	668	713	713	713	713	+45
Nine minority employees.....	1,229	1,293	1,293	1,293	1,293	+64
Training and Development Program:						
Majority.....	278	290	290	290	290	+12
Minority.....	278	290	290	290	290	+12
Cloakroom Personnel:						
Majority.....			330	330	330	+330
Minority.....			330	330	330	+330
Subtotal, House Leadership Offices.....	14,378	15,250	15,910	15,910	15,910	+1,532
Members' Representational Allowances Including Members' Clerk Hire, Official Expenses of Members, and Official Mail						
Expenses.....	430,877	479,339	479,472	479,472	479,472	+48,595
Committee Employees						
Standing Committees, Special and Select (except Appropriations).....	100,272	104,492	104,514	104,514	104,514	+4,242
Committee on Appropriations (including studies and investigations).....	22,328	23,000	23,002	23,002	23,002	+674
Subtotal, Committee employees.....	122,600	127,492	127,516	127,516	127,516	+4,916
Salaries, Officers and Employees						
Office of the Clerk.....	17,740	16,025	15,408	15,408	15,408	-2,332
Office of the Sergeant at Arms.....	3,692	4,083	4,139	4,139	4,139	+447
Office of the Chief Administrative Officer.....	72,848	67,480	67,495	67,495	67,495	-5,353
Office of Inspector General.....	3,249	3,754	3,756	3,756	3,756	+507
Office of General Counsel.....	806	892	894	894	894	+88
Office of the Chaplain.....	140	144	144	144	144	+4
Office of the Parliamentarian.....	1,201	1,344	1,344	1,344	1,344	+143
Office of the Parliamentarian.....	(1,035)	(1,168)	(1,168)	(1,168)	(1,168)	(+133)
Compilation of precedents of the House of Representatives.....	(166)	(176)	(176)	(176)	(176)	(+10)
Office of the Law Revision Counsel of the House.....	2,045	2,104	2,107	2,107	2,107	+62
Office of the Legislative Counsel of the House.....	5,085	5,454	5,456	5,456	5,456	+371
Corrections Calendar Office.....	832	883	883	883	883	+51
Other authorized employees.....	213	230	140	140	140	-73
Technical Assistants, Office of the Attending Physician.....	(213)	(230)	(140)	(140)	(140)	(-73)
Subtotal, Salaries, Officers and Employees.....	107,851	102,393	101,766	101,766	101,766	-6,085
Allowances and Expenses						
Supplies, materials, administrative costs and Federal tort claims.....	2,235	3,359	3,379	3,379	3,379	+1,144
Official mail for committees, leadership offices, and administrative offices of the House.....	410	410	410	410	410	
Government contributions.....	150,776	153,167	152,957	152,957	152,957	+2,181
Miscellaneous items.....	393	690	690	690	690	+297
Special education needs.....	215					-215
Subtotal, Allowances and expenses.....	154,029	157,626	157,436	157,436	157,436	+3,407
Total, salaries and expenses.....	829,735	882,100	882,100	882,100	882,100	+52,365
Undistributed reduction.....					-4,050	-4,050
Total, House of Representatives.....	830,449	882,100	882,100	882,100	878,195	+47,746

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(Amounts in thousands)

	FY 2001 Enacted	FY 2002 Request	House	Senate	Conference	Conference vs. enacted
JOINT ITEMS						
Joint Congressional Committee on Inaugural Ceremonies of 2001	1,000					-1,000
Joint Economic Committee	3,315	3,424	3,424	3,424	3,424	+109
Joint Committee on Taxation	6,416	6,733	6,733	6,733	6,733	+317
Office of the Attending Physician						
Medical supplies, equipment, expenses, and allowances	1,831	1,765	1,865	1,765	1,865	+34
Capitol Police Board						
Capitol Police						
Salaries:						
Sergeant at Arms of the House of Representatives	47,206	54,946	55,013	55,296	55,239	+8,033
Sergeant at Arms and Doorkeeper of the Senate	50,346	56,976	57,579	57,626	57,805	+7,459
Subtotal, salaries	97,552	111,922	112,592	112,922	113,044	+15,492
Security enhancements (emergency funding)	2,102					-2,102
General expenses	7,243	10,394	11,061	12,394	13,146	+5,903
Subtotal, Capitol Police	106,897	122,316	123,673	125,316	126,190	+19,293
Capitol Guide Service and Special Services Office	2,371	2,512	2,512	2,512	2,512	+141
Statements of Appropriations	30	30	30	30	30	
Total, Joint items	121,860	136,780	138,237	139,780	140,754	+18,894
OFFICE OF COMPLIANCE						
Salaries and expenses	1,851	2,059	2,059	2,059	2,059	+208
CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE						
Salaries and expenses	28,430	30,680	30,780	30,680	30,780	+2,350
ARCHITECT OF THE CAPITOL						
Capitol Buildings and Grounds						
General and administration, salaries and expenses			46,705		51,371	+51,371
Minor construction			9,482			
Capitol buildings	44,624	111,835	17,674	54,000	15,194	-29,430
Capitol grounds	5,350	7,754	6,904	6,000	6,009	+659
Senate office buildings	63,833	53,551		47,500	42,126	-21,707
House office buildings	41,678	51,187	49,006	49,006	54,006	+12,328
Capitol Power Plant	43,728	51,499	49,724	51,803	56,983	+13,255
Offsetting collections	-4,400	-4,400	-4,400	-4,400	-4,400	
Net subtotal, Capitol Power Plant	39,328	47,099	45,324	47,403	52,583	+13,255
Total, Architect of the Capitol	194,813	271,426	175,085	203,909	221,289	+26,476
LIBRARY OF CONGRESS						
Congressional Research Service						
Salaries and expenses	73,430	81,139	81,454	81,139	81,454	+8,024
GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE						
Congressional printing and binding	81,205	90,900	81,000	81,000	81,000	-205
Total, title I, Congressional Operations	1,854,061	2,107,759	1,390,725	2,027,402	2,042,416	+188,355
TITLE II - OTHER AGENCIES						
BOTANIC GARDEN						
Salaries and expenses	3,321	6,129	5,946	5,829	5,646	+2,325
LIBRARY OF CONGRESS						
Salaries and expenses	382,596	297,275	304,692	297,775	306,692	-75,904
Authority to spend receipts	-6,850	-6,850	-6,850	-6,850	-6,850	
Subtotal, Salaries and expenses	375,746	290,425	297,842	290,925	299,842	-75,904
Copyright Office, salaries and expenses	38,438	43,322	40,896	40,701	40,896	+2,458
Authority to spend receipts	-29,270	-28,964	-27,864	-27,864	-27,864	+1,406
Subtotal, Copyright Office	9,168	14,358	13,032	12,837	13,032	+3,864
Books for the blind and physically handicapped, salaries and expenses	48,502	49,765	49,788	49,765	49,788	+1,286
Furniture and furnishings	4,881	8,599	7,932	8,532	7,932	+3,051
Total, Library of Congress (except CRS)	438,297	363,147	368,594	362,059	370,594	-67,703

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	FY 2001 Enacted	FY 2002 Request	House	Senate	Conference	Conference vs. enacted
ARCHITECT OF THE CAPITOL						
Capitol Visitors Center				1,000	70,000	+70,000
Congressional Cemetery						
Congressional Cemetery				2,500	1,250	+1,250
Library Buildings and Grounds						
Structural and mechanical care	15,935	21,402	22,252	18,753	21,753	+5,818
Total, Architect of the Capitol	15,935	21,402	22,252	22,253	93,003	+77,068
GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE						
Office of Superintendent of Documents						
Salaries and expenses	27,893	29,639	29,639	28,728	29,639	+1,746
Government Printing Office Revolving Fund						
GPO revolving fund	6,000	6,000				-6,000
Total, Government Printing Office	33,893	35,639	29,639	28,728	29,639	-4,254
GENERAL ACCOUNTING OFFICE						
Salaries and expenses	387,020	430,295	424,345	420,344	424,345	+37,325
Offsetting collections	-3,000	-2,501	-2,501	-2,501	-2,501	+499
Total, General Accounting Office	384,020	427,794	421,844	417,843	421,844	+37,824
CENTER FOR RUSSIAN LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT						
Payment to Russian Leadership development trust funds				10,000	8,000	+8,000
Total, title II, Other agencies	875,466	854,111	848,275	846,712	928,726	+53,260
Grand total	2,729,527	2,961,870	2,239,000	2,874,114	2,971,142	+241,615
TITLE I - CONGRESSIONAL OPERATIONS						
Senate	522,023	612,675		606,735	606,885	+84,862
House of Representatives	830,449	882,100	882,100	882,100	878,195	+47,746
Joint Items	121,860	136,780	138,237	139,780	140,754	+18,894
Office of Compliance	1,851	2,059	2,059	2,059	2,059	+208
Congressional Budget Office	28,430	30,680	30,780	30,680	30,780	+2,350
Architect of the Capitol	194,813	271,426	175,095	203,909	221,289	+26,476
Library of Congress: Congressional Research Service	73,430	81,139	81,454	81,139	81,454	+8,024
Congressional printing and binding, Government Printing Office	81,205	90,900	81,000	81,000	81,000	-205
Total, title I, Congressional operations	1,854,061	2,107,759	1,390,725	2,027,402	2,042,416	+188,355
TITLE II - OTHER AGENCIES						
Botanic Garden	3,321	6,129	5,946	5,829	5,646	+2,325
Library of Congress (except CRS)	438,297	363,147	368,594	362,059	370,594	-67,703
Architect of the Capitol	15,935	21,402	22,252	22,253	93,003	+77,068
Government Printing Office (except congressional printing and binding)	33,893	35,639	29,639	28,728	29,639	-4,254
General Accounting Office	384,020	427,794	421,844	417,843	421,844	+37,824
Center for Russian Leadership Development				10,000	8,000	+8,000
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Grand total	2,729,527	2,961,870	2,239,000	2,874,114	2,971,142	+241,615

NOTE: FY 2001 enacted includes 0.22% rescissions.

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

Mr. MORAN of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I yield such time as he may consume to the gentleman from Maryland (Mr. HOYER), the ranking member of the Committee on House Administration.

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for yielding me this time, who is doing such an outstanding job as the ranking member, and I thank the gentleman from North Carolina (Mr. TAYLOR), and I thank Ed and Liz for the outstanding job they are doing. We are glad to have Liz Dawson with us. She is doing an outstanding job, and now doing an outstanding job with the security of our Capitol. I appreciate our former Staff Director's assistance as well.

Mr. Speaker, I am not going to take a long time, but I want to talk about just a couple of things, actually three things that are in this bill with which I am very pleased.

First of all, we are moving ahead on enhancing security in this complex. That is absolutely essential. I have been talking about that for some years. I appreciate the fact that the committee has now provided the Capitol police with all of the officers that they can train within the next year to fully fund the security requirements and the Capitol police in terms of their safety as well as the safety of this complex, both from a physical standpoint and from an individual personal standpoint. I do not mean us personally, but the individuals in the Capitol.

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It also restores pay parity of the Capitol Police with the Park Police and Secret Service. I think that is important, because we do not want to spend a lot of money training people simply to have them go off to other agencies. So I thank the committee for their efforts in that regard.

Let me mention two additional provisions, and then I will cease. Both of these provisions are related to legislative branch workers.

First, section 133 of the bill will finally end the practice of employing temporary workers for long periods without providing them access to the same valuable Federal benefits that permanent employees enjoy from the first days on the job. I think that is important as a personnel policy, and I think it is important, from a fairness point of view, to our personnel.

The Architect now employs more than 300 such workers, mostly on construction projects. Many have been employed almost continually for years, and in some cases over 15 years, and still have not had benefits: no retirement, no health care. That is obviously, when one is 25 years of age, thought to be not of much consequence; when one gets to be 50 years of age and one looks back, it is of great consequence. These workers will now have access to benefits, and no new

hires can work more than 1 year without getting them.

Secondly, section 310 will ensure that the House telephone operators, who have played a key role in assuring continuity of operations during the instant crisis, will always receive the same annual wage adjustment ordered by House administration for all classified House employees.

We found a discrepancy existed. I will not go into the reasons that discrepancy existed, but it is now resolved.

There are a lot of other excellent provisions in this bill. I agree with the chairman and with the ranking member, this is not a controversial bill. It is a good bill.

Again, I thank both the chairman and the ranking member and our staffs for working so hard to make it so.

Mr. Speaker, this is an excellent bill that every member should support.

It fully funds a number of accounts, including the Government Printing Office, the Congressional Budget Office, and the Congressional Research Service, key agencies that directly support the Congress.

It fully funds the American Folklife Center in the Library, including the veterans' oral history project. It funds the new sound-recording preservation program. It provides needed funds to improve services in the law library.

To enhance security in the complex, it funds all the extra Capitol Police officers that the department can hire and train during fiscal 2002. I've fought for over two years for enough police manpower to assure adequate security. A key measure of adequate security is deployment of a minimum of two officers on every door.

We're not there yet, but this bill moves us in that direction and I hope we will move still further next year.

The bill does restore pay parity for the Capitol Police with the Park Police and Secret Service Uniformed officers.

The bill extends GPO's early-out/buy-out authority for 3 years, and funds a 4.6 percent COLA.

The bill otherwise provides sufficient funds for the operation of member offices, committees, and the officers of the House.

Mr. Speaker, there are two provisions that I want to mention in particular, both related to legislative-branch workers.

It funds the same \$65 transit benefit available in the executive branch for every legislative-branch agency. I especially want to compliment my friend from Virginia for making this a priority. I will work with Chairman NEY in House Administration to authorize the increased benefit promptly for House employees.

First, section 133 will finally end the Architect of the Capitol's practice of employing temporary workers for long periods without providing them access to the same valuable Federal benefits that permanent employees enjoy from their first days on the job.

The Architect now employs more than 300 such workers, mostly on construction projects. Many have been employed almost continuously for years, as "temporary" workers. Under my provision, these workers will have access to benefits, and no new hires can work more than 1 year without benefits.

Second, section 310 will ensure that the house telephone operators, who have played

a key role in assuring continuity of operations during the instant crisis, will always receive the same annual wage adjustment ordered by House Administration for all classified House employees. That initially didn't happen this year.

Mr. Speaker, there are many other excellent provisions in this bill, far too many to list in the time allotted. Suffice it to say that it has been a joy to work this year with the gentlemen from North Carolina and Virginia, and with the able new subcommittee clerk, Elizabeth Dawson, all of whom I sincerely thank.

I also want to thank Mark Murray, the minority subcommittee clerk, Tim Aiken of Mr. MORAN's staff, and Roger Szemraj ["Shemrye"] and Julie Little of Ms. KAPTUR's staff, for their fine work. I urge an "aye" vote.

Mr. MORAN of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for his cogent, concise, and very substantive statement.

Mr. Speaker, this is a good bill. I thank the gentleman for his statement. It is largely the same bill that got 380 votes in the House last time. I am going to thank the appropriate people, after I just say a few words or make a few points about the bill.

Mr. Speaker, it is important to make it clear that the Library of Congress, the General Accounting Office, the Government Printing Office, the Congressional Budget Office, all largely received whatever they requested; the joint committees and leadership accounts, as well.

There are a number of provisions that will enable us to be better prepared to counter this new terrorist threat. Security and the need to preserve the ability of this institution to continue to function have been our paramount concern in putting this bill together.

Mr. Speaker, this does provide funds to hire an additional 79 Capitol Police officers. It will bring the total force up to 1,481 full-time equivalents, and it will fund all their benefit increases.

Several long-standing problems were resolved. The gentleman from Maryland (Mr. HOYER) had raised the issue of temporary workers being involved in long-term projects. These temporary workers have been working an average of 4½ years, but they were not getting health and pension benefits because they were still given that classification. That has been resolved.

The gentlewoman from Ohio (Ms. KAPTUR) was concerned about the contract cafeteria employees. They have been without pay since the closure of the Ford and Longworth cafeterias, so this bill would enable them to be compensated for their lost wages. We did not want them to find other jobs; we wanted them to be available when these office buildings reopen. But these people are not getting paid a whole lot, and so they were really suffering.

There is a provision here that provides \$65 per month for an employee transit benefit for the employees of the legislative branch if they use public

transportation. They can get \$65 a month tax-free. By next year, it goes up to \$100 a month.

The executive branch has provided this to their employees; we felt it was the appropriate thing to do it here. We have done that.

There are provisions that will help us implement a teleworking policy, telecommuting. That is something the gentleman from Virginia (Mr. WOLF) has been pushing. And particularly during this period of time when the House offices were closed, we realized that we have to figure out ways to be able to continue functioning, albeit sometimes from remote locations. We will try to do that with home laptop computers, in some cases.

Mr. Speaker, I think those are most of the issues. There was an issue with regard to student loans. We hope that the Committee on House Administration can provide the same kind of student loan payback incentive that the Senate has, where we may be losing some well-qualified people to the Senate, of all places, because we do not provide the same kind of incentive they do. So we would hope that the authorizing committee would take care of that.

Having said all of this, let me first of all thank the gentleman from North Carolina (Mr. TAYLOR), the chairman. He has been very good to work with. As I say, this is a good bill. Every request that was even remotely reasonable has been met.

I want to recognize Mark Murray, Liz Dawson, and certainly Ed Lombard, who has been brought into service. He is the repository of all institutional knowledge on the legislative branch appropriations bill. I remember when Vic Fazio was the Chair and I was on the committee, and Ed had been a senior pro even then, so we appreciate him.

I know Liz, as the gentleman from Maryland (Mr. HOYER), said, has been very much involved in all of the security functions that are going on. We thank Liz for doing that.

As well, Mike Harrison of the office of the gentleman from Maryland (Mr. HOYER), Roger France of the office of the gentleman from North Carolina (Mr. TAYLOR), we thank them for his help. Manny Crupi and Chuck Turner, and of course Tim Aiken of my staff, they all deserve credit for their assistance.

Mr. Speaker, this is a good bill. There is no good reason not to support it. It ought to be supported unanimously.

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong support of this Legislative Branch Appropriations Conference Report and as a new member of the subcommittee this year, I wish to thank Chairman TAYLOR, Ranking Member JIM MORAN, my esteemed colleague STENY HOYER, and the entire subcommittee for welcoming me so warmly and for their hard work in crafting this outstanding bill.

I also rise to highlight a provision in the bill that I worked to have placed in the conference

report and wish to thank the Majority for their assistance in this effort, along with Chief Administrative Officer Jay Eagen.

This provision permits the women and men who provide food service in our House office buildings to be paid for the time they were unable to come to work. It allows them to collect at least some of the wages they lost—through no fault of their own—during recent shutdowns of House office buildings.

The genesis of this provision is particularly interesting—the result of one of my staff asking cafeteria workers how the shutdowns had affected them. The reply was: it hit home and it hit hard.

Food service workers in the Ford building have not been paid since October 17. Food service workers in the other House buildings were paid for the first three days of the shutdown, but after that were forced to take leave or assume leave without pay status. We are all acutely aware that not only the Ford building but also the Longworth building and therefore the Longworth Food Court remain closed today.

These women and men are neither salaried employees, nor federal employees like their counterparts in the Senate. Thanks to the great wave of privatization in 1995, these women and men instead earn hourly wages and many rely on and are challenged to stretch every penny of their paychecks to support themselves and their families. Quite literally, every dime counts.

Many of us through the years have come to know these women and men quite well. We know them by name and have come to rely not only on their service, but also their smiles.

Whether it be a cup of coffee, lunch, or just a mid afternoon snack people like Betty, Pat, Maria, and Doris play a meaningful and consistent role in our lives.

They work hard. They help keep us going.

They deserve compensation for the days they were unable to work, just like any member of our salaried staffs and I am very pleased that as a result of this provision and bill they will indeed receive at least some of it.

Once again, I wish to thank my colleagues on the subcommittee for their work in bringing the conference report before us today and would once again encourage all my colleagues to join me in supporting its passage.

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

Mr. TAYLOR of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I have no further requests for time, 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. SIMPSON). The question is on the conference report.

Pursuant to clause 10 of rule XX, the yeas and nays are ordered.

Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, further proceedings on this question will be postponed.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX and the Chair's prior announcement, the Chair will now put each question on which further proceedings were postponed earlier today in the following order:

conference report on H.R. 2311, by the yeas and nays;

conference report on H.R. 2647, by the yeas and nays;

agreeing to the Speaker's approval of the Journal, de novo.

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

CONFERENCE REPORT ON H.R. 2311, ENERGY AND WATER DEVELOPMENT APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2002

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The pending business is the question of agreeing to the conference report on the bill, H.R. 2311, on which the yeas and nays are ordered.

The Clerk read the title of the bill. The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the conference report.

Pursuant to the provisions of clause 10 of rule XX, the yeas and nays are ordered.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 399, nays 29, not voting 4, as follows:

[Roll No. 416]

YEAS—399

Abercrombie	Castle	Ford
Ackerman	Chabot	Fossella
Aderholt	Chambliss	Frank
Akin	Clay	Frelinghuysen
Allen	Clayton	Frost
Armey	Clement	Galleghy
Baca	Clyburn	Ganske
Bachus	Coble	Gekas
Baird	Collins	Gephardt
Baker	Combest	Gilchrest
Baldacci	Condit	Gillmor
Baldwin	Cooksey	Gilman
Ballenger	Costello	Gonzalez
Barcia	Cox	Goode
Barr	Coyne	Goodlatte
Barrett	Cramer	Gordon
Bartlett	Crane	Goss
Barton	Crenshaw	Graham
Bass	Crowley	Granger
Becerra	Culberson	Graves
Bentsen	Cummings	Green (TX)
Bereuter	Cunningham	Green (WI)
Berman	Davis (CA)	Greenwood
Berry	Davis (FL)	Grucci
Biggert	Davis (IL)	Gutierrez
Bilirakis	Davis, Jo Ann	Gutknecht
Bishop	Davis, Tom	Hall (OH)
Blagojevich	Deal	Hall (TX)
Blumenauer	DeGette	Hansen
Blunt	Delahunt	Harman
Boehlert	DeLauro	Hart
Boehner	DeLay	Hastings (FL)
Bonilla	DeMint	Hastings (WA)
Bonior	Deutch	Hayes
Bono	Diaz-Balart	Hayworth
Borski	Dicks	Hefley
Boswell	Dingell	Herger
Boucher	Dooley	Hill
Boyd	Doolittle	Hilleary
Brady (PA)	Doyle	Hilliard
Brady (TX)	Dreier	Hinchey
Brown (FL)	Duncan	Hinojosa
Brown (SC)	Edwards	Hobson
Bryant	Ehlers	Hoeffel
Burr	Ehrlich	Hoekstra
Burton	Emerson	Holden
Buyer	Engel	Honda
Callahan	English	Hooley
Calvert	Eshoo	Horn
Camp	Evans	Houghton
Cannon	Everett	Hoyer
Cantor	Farr	Hulshof
Capito	Fattah	Hunter
Capps	Ferguson	Hyde
Capuano	Filner	Isakson
Cardin	Fletcher	Israel
Carson (IN)	Foley	Issa
Carson (OK)	Forbes	Istook