

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	Gallegly
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 (WV)
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	DeLauro	Harman
Boehler	DeLay	Hart
Boehner	DeMint	Hastings (FL)
Bonilla	Deutsch	Hastings (WA)
Bonior	Diaz-Balart	Hayes
Bono	Dicks	Hayworth
Borski	Dingell	Hefley
Boswell	Doolley	Herger
Boucher	Doole	Hill
Boyd	Doole	Hilleary
Brady (PA)	Dreier	Hilliard
Brady (TX)	Duncan	Hinchee
Brown (FL)	Edwards	Hinojosa
Brown (SC)	Ehlers	Hobson
Bryant	Ehrlich	Hoefel
Burr	Emerson	Hoekstra
Burton	Engel	Holden
Buyer	English	Honda
Callahan	Eshoo	Hooley
Calvert	Evans	Horn
Camp	Everett	Houghton
Cannon	Farr	Hoyer
Cantor	Fattah	Hulshof
Capito	Ferguson	Hunter
Capps	Filner	Hyde
Capuano	Fletcher	Isakson
Cardin	Foley	Israel
Carson (IN)	Forbes	Issa
Carson (OK)		Istook

Jackson (IL) Miller, Dan
 Jackson-Lee Miller, Gary
 (TX) Miller, George
 Jefferson Miller, Jeff
 Jenkins Mink
 John Mollohan
 Johnson (CT) Moore
 Johnson (IL) Moran (KS)
 Johnson, E. B. Moran (VA)
 Johnson, Sam Morella
 Jones (NC) Murtha
 Jones (OH) Myrick
 Kanjorski Nadler
 Kaptur Napolitano
 Keller Neal
 Kelly Nethercutt
 Kennedy (MN) Ney
 Kennedy (RI) Northup
 Kildee Norwood
 Kilpatrick Nussle
 Kind (WI) Oberstar
 King (NY) Oliver
 Kingston Ortiz
 Kirk Osborne
 Kleczka Ose
 Knollenberg Otter
 Kolbe Oxley
 LaFalce Pallone
 LaHood Pascrell
 Lampson Pastor
 Langevin Pelosi
 Lantos Pence
 Largent Peterson (MN)
 Larsen (WA) Peterson (PA)
 Larson (CT) Petri
 Latham Phelps
 LaTourette Pickering
 Leach Platts
 Lee Pombo
 Levin Pomeroy
 Lewis (CA) Portman
 Lewis (GA) Price (NC)
 Lewis (KY) Pryce (OH)
 Linder Putnam
 Lipinski Quinn
 LoBiondo Radanovich
 Lofgren Rahall
 Lowey Ramstad
 Lucas (KY) Rangel
 Lucas (OK) Regula
 Luther Rehberg
 Lynch Reyes
 Maloney (CT) Reynolds
 Maloney (NY) Riley
 Manzullo Rivers
 Markey Rodriguez
 Mascara Roemer
 Matheson Rogers (KY)
 Matsui Rohrabacher
 McCarthy (MO) Ros-Lehtinen
 McCarthy (NY) Ross
 McCollum Rothman
 McCrery Roukema
 McGovern Roybal-Allard
 McHugh Rush
 McInnis Ryan (WI)
 McIntyre Ryan (KS)
 McKeon Sabo
 McNulty Sanchez
 Meehan Wilson
 Meek (FL) Sandlin
 Meeks (NY) Sawyer
 Menendez Saxton
 Mica Schakowsky
 Millender Schiff
 McDonald Schrock

NAYS—29

Andrews Hostettler
 Berkley Insee
 Brown (OH) Kerns
 Conyers Kucinich
 DeFazio McDermott
 Doggett Obey
 Etheridge Owens
 Flake Paul
 Gibbons Payne
 Holt Pitts

NOT VOTING—4

Cubin McKinney
 Dunn Thompson (MS)

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Messrs. CONYERS, BROWN of Ohio, and WU changed their vote from “yea” to “nay.”

Ms. SANCHEZ and Mr. TIBERI changed their vote from “nay” to “yea.”

So the conference report was agreed to.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

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

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The pending business is the question of agreeing to the conference report on the bill, H.R. 2647, 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.

This will be a 5-minute vote. The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 374, nays 52, not voting 6, as follows:

[Roll No. 417]
 YEAS—374

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

Dingell Dooley
 Doolittle Doolittle
 Doyle Dreier
 Duncan
 Edwards
 Ehlers
 Ehrlich Emerson
 Engel
 English
 Eshoo
 Etheridge
 Evans
 Everett
 Farr
 Fattah
 Ferguson
 Filner
 Fletcher
 Foley
 Forbes
 Ford
 Fossella
 Frank
 Frelinghuysen
 Frost
 Gallegly
 Ganske
 Gephardt
 Gibbons
 Gilchrest
 Gillmor
 Gilman
 Gonzalez
 Gordon
 Goss
 Graham
 Granger
 Greenwood
 Grucci
 Gutierrez
 Gutnecht
 Hall (OH)

Hansen
 Harman
 Hart
 Hastings (FL)
 Hastings (WA)
 Hayes
 Hayworth
 Hill
 Hilleary
 Hilliard
 Hinchey
 Hinojosa
 Hobson
 Hoeffel
 Hoekstra
 Holden
 Honda
 Hooley
 Horn
 Hostettler
 Houghton
 Hoyer
 Hunter
 Hyde
 Isakson
 Issa
 Istook
 Jackson (IL)
 Jackson-Lee
 (TX)
 Jefferson
 Jenkins
 John
 Johnson (CT)
 Johnson (IL)
 Johnson, E. B.
 Johnson, Sam
 Jones (OH)
 Kanjorski
 Kaptur
 Kelly
 Kennedy (MN)
 Kennedy (RI)
 Kildee
 Kilpatrick
 King (NY)
 Kingston
 Kirk
 Kleczka
 Knollenberg
 Kolbe
 LaFalce
 LaHood
 Lampson
 Langevin
 Lantos
 Largent
 Larsen (WA)
 Larson (CT)
 Latham
 LaTourette
 Leach
 Lee
 Levin
 Lewis (CA)
 Lewis (GA)
 Lewis (KY)
 Linder
 Lipinski
 LoBiondo
 Lofgren
 Lowey
 Lucas (KY)
 Lucas (OK)
 Luther
 Lynch
 Maloney (CT)
 Maloney (NY)
 Manzullo
 Markey
 Mascara
 Matheson

Matsui
 McCarthy (MO)
 McCarthy (NY)
 McCollum
 McCrery
 McGovern
 McHugh
 McInnis
 McIntyre
 McKeon
 McNulty
 Meehan
 Meek (FL)
 Meeks (NY)
 Menendez
 Mica
 Millender
 McDonald

Royal-Allard
 Rush
 Sabo
 Sanchez
 Sanders
 Sandlin
 Sawyer
 Saxton
 Schakowsky
 Schiff
 Schrock

Shaw
 Sherman
 Sherwood
 Shimkus
 Shows
 Shuster
 Simmons
 Skelton
 Sessions
 Shaw
 Sherman
 Sherwood
 Shimkus
 Shows
 Shuster
 Simmons
 Simpson
 Skeen
 Skelton
 Slaughter
 Smith (NJ)
 Smith (TX)
 Smith (WA)
 Snyder
 Solis
 Souder
 Spratt
 Stark
 Stenholm
 Strickland
 Stump
 Stupak
 Sununu
 Sweeney
 Tanner
 Tauscher
 Tauzin
 Taylor (MS)
 Taylor (NC)
 Terry
 Thomas
 Thompson (CA)
 Thornberry
 Thune
 Thurman
 Tiahrt
 Tiberi
 Tierney
 Toomey
 Towns
 Traficant
 Turner
 Udall (CO)
 Udall (NM)
 Upton
 Velazquez
 Visclosky
 Vitter
 Walsh
 Wamp
 Waters
 Watkins (OK)
 Watson (CA)
 Watt (NC)
 Watts (OK)
 Waxman
 Weiner
 Weldon (FL)
 Weldon (PA)
 Weller
 Wexler
 Whitfield
 Wicker
 Wilson
 Wolf
 Woolsey
 Wynn
 Young (AK)
 Young (FL)

NAYS—52

Barr
 Barrett
 Berry
 Brady (TX)
 Brown (OH)
 Chabot
 Costello
 Crane
 Deutsch
 Doggett
 Flake
 Goode
 Goodlatte
 Graves
 Green (TX)
 Green (WI)
 Hefley
 Herger
 Holt
 Hulshof
 Insee
 Israel
 Jones (NC)
 Keller
 Kerns
 Kind (WI)
 Kucinich
 Lucas (KY)
 Luther
 McInnis
 Menendez
 Moran (KS)

Paul
 Petri
 Pitts
 Rohrabacher
 Royce
 Ryan (WI)
 Ryan (KS)
 Schaffer
 Sensenbrenner
 Shadegg
 Shays
 Smith (MI)
 Stearns
 Strickland