

I am that we have established the National Task Force on Children and Terrorism and the Emergency Public Information Communications Task Force. One of the greater or silent victims of September 11 was all of the children that were impacted by terrorism.

I am interested also in the funding source, and I might raise this, I am concerned with first responders and local government. If someone comes out of local government, I am a former city council member, and I would like to make sure that those dollars get to the first responders and local governments. I know that we are dealing with block grants, and if I might put on the RECORD that it is very important that our mayors and county commissioners and those who are first responders are the ones that actually get those dollars.

I hope as we are resolving this legislation that we can assure that the ground firefighters and police and the emergency paramedics and hospitals get those dollars. As I met with those groups in my own congressional district, I can assure my colleagues that that is an important issue to us.

As I close, let me say that in my community we are establishing a biomedical center. Also, NASA is very much involved in biomedicine, and I believe we have a lot of good collaborators that can work with us on this issue, and I simply hope that, as we work together on these particular issues, we will make sure that those dollars get to those who need it.

Finally, might I say the food safety and security is extremely important. I do not know if we realize that the food supply of our farm animals even, the seed, needs to be protected, because that then generates into a potential for devastation among our population.

I rise again to ask support for this legislation, hope in conference some of my concerns will be addressed.

Mr. TAUZIN. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to yield 2 minutes to the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. SHIMKUS) from the Committee on Energy and Commerce who played an instrumental role in fashioning the very important frame upon which H.R. 3448 was built and who will be joining us on the conference committee with the Senate.

Mr. SHIMKUS. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman from Louisiana (Mr. TAUZIN) for yielding me the time. I appreciate the ranking member and this motion to recommit, and I want to associate with my colleague, the gentleman from Texas (Ms. JACKSON-LEE).

On Monday I met with over 150 firefighters as they tried to figure out how to competitively complete work on the fire grant acts and try to get up to snuff to be able to respond. Of great concern to them is responding to bioterrorism. And I am a Federalist, I believe in Federal responsibilities and local responsibilities, but this new world, there is something new that has emerged.

We have a responsibility if we want to rely on these people to respond to these great crises that could face our country. They have to be trained. They have to be equipped. They have to be able to be there. Because no matter, as an Army officer, no matter how we drop in a field medical office, those firefighters, those police officers, those local sheriffs are going to be there and they better be equipped and trained and be able to perform the mission, not only them but our local hospitals.

This whole health care debate and the changing from hospital rooms, I think now there is a big gap. If there is a great crisis, where are these sick people going to go? How are we going to be able to respond? So the local hospitals, the community health clinics and those things are just critical, and I know this is a way that we are going to try to wrestle out some of those problems and get a way that we can help the local responders, and I am honored to be able to serve on the conference.

I look forward to working hard.

Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker, I have no further speakers; and I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. TAUZIN. Mr. Speaker, I have no further speakers; and I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. SIMPSON). 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 gentlewoman from California (Ms. ESHOO).

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

Mr. TAUZIN. 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, further proceedings on this motion will be postponed.

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APPOINTMENT OF CONFEREES ON H.R. 2646, FARM SECURITY ACT OF 2001

Mr. COMBEST. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to take from the Speaker's table the bill (H.R. 2646) to provide for the continuation of agricultural programs through fiscal year 2011, with a Senate amendment thereto, disagree to the Senate amendment, and agree to the conference asked by the Senate.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. SIMPSON). Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Texas? The Chair hears none and, without objection, appoints the following conferees: MESSRS. COMBEST, BOEHNER, GOODLATTE, POMBO, EVERETT, LUCAS of Oklahoma, CHAMBLISS, MORAN of Kansas, STENHOLM, CONDIT, PETERSON of Minnesota, DOOLEY of California, Mrs. CLAYTON and Mr. HOLDEN.

There was no objection.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Speaker may supplement the appointment at a future time.

MOTION TO INSTRUCT CONFEREES ON H.R. 3448, PUBLIC HEALTH SECURITY AND BIOTERRORISM RESPONSE ACT OF 2001

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The pending business is the question on the motion to instruct conferees on H.R. 3448 on which further proceedings were postponed and on which the yeas and nays were ordered.

The Clerk will redesignate the motion.

The Clerk redesignated the motion.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion to instruct conferees offered by the gentlewoman from California (Ms. ESHOO).

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 412, nays 0, not voting 22, as follows:

[Roll No. 46]

YEAS—412

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

Johnson, Sam	Moran (VA)	Shadegg
Jones (NC)	Morella	Shaw
Jones (OH)	Murtha	Shays
Kanjorski	Myrick	Sherman
Kaptur	Nadler	Sherwood
Keller	Napolitano	Shimkus
Kelly	Neal	Shows
Kennedy (MN)	Nethercutt	Shuster
Kennedy (RI)	Ney	Simmons
Kerns	Northup	Simpson
Kildee	Nussle	Skeen
Kilpatrick	Oberstar	Skelton
Kind (WI)	Obey	Slaughter
King (NY)	Oliver	Smith (MI)
Kingston	Ortiz	Smith (NJ)
Kirk	Osborne	Smith (TX)
Klecza	Ose	Smith (WA)
Knollenberg	Otter	Snyder
Kolbe	Owens	Solis
Kucinich	Oxley	Souder
LaFalce	Pallone	Spratt
LaHood	Pascarell	Stark
Lampson	Pastor	Stearns
Langevin	Paul	Stenholm
Lantos	Payne	Strickland
Larsen (WA)	Pelosi	Stump
Larson (CT)	Pence	Stupak
Latham	Peterson (MN)	Sullivan
LaTourette	Peterson (PA)	Sununu
Leach	Petri	Sweeney
Lee	Phelps	Tancredo
Levin	Pickering	Tanner
Lewis (CA)	Pitts	Tauscher
Lewis (GA)	Platts	Tauzin
Lewis (KY)	Pombo	Taylor (MS)
Lipinski	Pomeroy	Taylor (NC)
LoBiondo	Portman	Terry
Lofgren	Price (NC)	Thomas
Lowey	Pryce (OH)	Thompson (CA)
Lucas (KY)	Putnam	Thompson (MS)
Lucas (OK)	Quinn	Thornberry
Luther	Radanovich	Thune
Maloney (CT)	Rahall	Thurman
Maloney (NY)	Ramstad	Tiahrt
Manzulio	Rangel	Tiberi
Markey	Regula	Tierney
Mascara	Rehberg	Toomey
Matheson	Reyes	Towns
Matsui	Reynolds	Turner
McCarthy (MO)	Riley	Udall (CO)
McCarthy (NY)	Rivers	Udall (NM)
McCollum	Rodriguez	Upton
McCrery	Roemer	Velazquez
McDermott	Rogers (KY)	Visclosky
McGovern	Rogers (MI)	Walden
McHugh	Rohrabacher	Walsh
McInnis	Ros-Lehtinen	Wamp
McIntyre	Ross	Waters
McKeon	Rothman	Watkins (OK)
McKinney	Roybal-Allard	Watson (CA)
McNulty	Royce	Watt (NC)
Meehan	Ryan (WI)	Watts (OK)
Meek (FL)	Ryun (KS)	Waxman
Meeks (NY)	Sabo	Weldon (FL)
Menendez	Sanchez	Weldon (PA)
Mica	Sanders	Weller
Millender-	Sawyer	Wexler
McDonald	Saxton	Whitfield
Miller, Dan	Schaffer	Wicker
Miller, Gary	Schakowsky	Wilson (NM)
Miller, George	Schiff	Wilson (SC)
Miller, Jeff	Schrock	Wolf
Mink	Scott	Woolsey
Mollohan	Sensenbrenner	Wu
Moore	Serrano	Wynn
Moran (KS)	Sessions	Young (FL)

NOT VOTING—22

Ackerman	Fattah	Rush
Baldacci	Gallely	Sandlin
Blagojevich	Gilman	Trafficant
Clay	Hinojosa	Vitter
Clayton	Linder	Weiner
Condit	Lynch	Young (AK)
Cubin	Norwood	
DeFazio	Roukema	

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Mr. Jefferson changed his vote from "nay" to "yea."

So the motion to instruct was agreed to.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Stated for:

Mrs. CLAYTON. Mr. Speaker, I missed the last vote, rollcall 46. If I had been here, I would have voted "yea."

Mr. SANDLIN. Mr. Speaker, I ask that it be entered in the RECORD that if I had been present today I would have voted "yea" on rollcall No. 46, the motion to instruct conferees on H.R. 3448, the Public Health Security and Bioterrorism Response Act of 2002.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. GILMAN. Mr. Speaker, this week, due to personal matters, I was unable to vote on rollcall No. 44. If I had been present I would have voted "no."

In addition, I was not present to vote on rollcall Nos. 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 45, and 46. If I had been present I would have voted "yes."

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. SIMPSON). Without objection, the Chair appoints the following conferees:

From the Committee on Energy and Commerce, for consideration of the House bill and the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conferences: Messrs. TAUZIN, BILIRAKIS, GILLMOR, BURR of North Carolina, SHIMKUS, DINGELL, WAXMAN, and BROWN of Ohio.

Provided that Mr. PALLONE is appointed in lieu of Mr. BROWN of Ohio for consideration of Title IV of the House bill, and modifications committed to conference.

From the Committee on Agriculture, for consideration of Title II of the House bill and section 216 and Title V of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference:

Messrs. COMBEST, LUCAS of Oklahoma, CHAMBLISS, STENHOLM and HOLDEN.

From the Committee on the Judiciary, for consideration of Title II of the House bill and sections 216 and 401 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference:

Messrs. SENSENBRENNER, SMITH of Texas, and CONYERS.

There was no objection.

LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM

(Ms. PELOSI asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. PELOSI. Mr. Speaker, I have an inquiry of the distinguished majority leader about the schedule for next week.

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, will the gentlewoman yield?

Ms. PELOSI. I yield to the gentleman from Texas.

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Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to announce that the House has completed its legislative business for the week.

The House will next meet for legislative business on Tuesday, March 5, at 12:30 p.m. for morning hour and 2 p.m. for legislative business. The House will

consider a number of measures under suspension of the rules, a list of which will be distributed to Members' offices tomorrow.

Mr. Speaker, Members should make special note that on Tuesday, recorded votes will be postponed until 6 p.m.; and that 6 p.m. is for next week only.

On Wednesday and Thursday, the House will consider the following measures subject to rules:

Networking and Information Technology Research Advancement Act; and

The Department of Justice authorization conference report, if it is available.

Mr. Speaker, I am also talking with Chairman OXLEY about the possibility of moving H.R. 2604, the Multinational Bank Reauthorization Act, next week.

I thank the gentlewoman for yielding.

Ms. PELOSI. I thank the majority leader.

I had some further questions about the schedule. Is there any Social Security legislation that will be scheduled on the floor next Tuesday or any other day next week?

Mr. ARMEY. I thank the gentlewoman for that inquiry.

At this point, I see no legislation on that subject that would be available for the floor next week.

Ms. PELOSI. It is my understanding that the Committee on Ways and Means today is holding hearings on Social Security certificates legislation. When would that legislation be expected to come to the floor?

Mr. ARMEY. Again I thank the gentlewoman for her inquiry.

I do know that the hearings were held today, but I have not been requested to provide floor time to the committee for any pending legislation.

Ms. PELOSI. Mr. Leader, once again I am disappointed that there is no legislation addressing unemployment assistance. We all know that there is an urgent need for that.

Will we be appointing conferees on that legislation next week? If so, when might that occur?

Mr. ARMEY. Again let me thank the gentlewoman for the inquiry.

The Speaker and I have spoken about this only briefly, but at this point he has not asked me to schedule any appointment of conferees.

Ms. PELOSI. I find that disappointing because, as the gentleman knows, we have people who are suffering in our country. We passed the airline bailout bill in a matter of days of September 11, and that was appropriate. We should have at that time passed unemployment benefits for those who are affected by September 11. Now we are 6 months later, and we still do not have the conferees appointed.

Mr. ARMEY. If the gentlewoman will yield, and I do appreciate her concern. In fact, we, too, share this concern. The frustration that she feels is felt over here, too. Having passed unemployment insurance extensions three