

Rogers (KY) Simmons
 Rogers (MI) Simpson
 Rohrabacher Smith (MI)
 Ros-Lehtinen Smith (NJ)
 Royce Smith (TX)
 Ryan (WI) Souder
 Ryun (KS) Stearns
 Saxton Sullivan
 Schrock Tancredo
 Sensenbrenner Tauzin
 Sessions Taylor (NC)
 Shadegg Terry
 Shaw Thomas
 Sherwood Thornberry
 Shimkus Tiahrt
 Shuster Tiberi

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE
 The SPEAKER pro tempore (during the vote). Members are advised that 2 minutes remain in this vote.

□ 1857

Mr. HOUGHTON changed his vote from "no" to "aye."
 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.

Green (TX) Maloney
 Green (WI) Manzullo
 Greenwood Markey
 Grijalva Marshall
 Gutknecht Matheson
 Hall Matsui
 Harman McCarthy (MO)
 Harris McCarthy (NY)
 Hart McCrery
 Hastings (FL) McDermott
 Hastings (WA) McGovern
 Hayes McHugh
 Hayworth McInnis
 Hefley McIntyre
 Hensarling McKeon
 Herger McNulty
 Hill Meehan
 Hinojosa Meek (FL)
 Hobson Meeks (NY)
 Hoefel Menendez
 Hoekstra Mica
 Holden Michaud
 Holt Millender-
 Honda McDonald
 Hooley (OR) Miller (FL)
 Hostettler Miller (MI)
 Houghton Miller, Gary
 Hoyer Miller, George
 Hulshof Mollohan
 Hunter Moore
 Hyde Moran (KS)
 Inslee Moran (VA)
 Isakson Murphy
 Israel Murtha
 Issa Musgrave
 Istook Myrick
 Jackson (IL) Nadler
 Jackson-Lee Napolitano
 (TX) Neal (MA)
 Janklow Nethercutt
 Jefferson Neugebauer
 Jenkins Ney
 John Northrup
 Johnson (CT) Norwood
 Johnson (IL) Nunes
 Johnson, E. B. Nussle
 Johnson, Sam Oberstar
 Jones (NC) Obey
 Jones (OH) Olver
 Kanjorski Ortiz
 Kaptur Osborne
 Keller Ose
 Kelly Otter
 Kennedy (MN) Owens
 Kennedy (RI) Oxley
 Kildee Pallone
 Kilpatrick Pascrell
 Kind Pastor
 King (IA) Payne
 King (NY) Pelosi
 Kingston Pence
 Kirk Peterson (MN)
 Kleczka Peterson (PA)
 Kline Petri
 Knollenberg Pickering
 Kolbe Pitts
 Kucinich Platts
 LaHood Pombo
 Lampson Pomeroy
 Langevin Porter
 Lantlos Portman
 Larsen (WA) Price (NC)
 Larson (CT) Pryce (OH)
 Lee Putnam
 Levin Radanovich
 Lewis (CA) Rahall
 Lewis (GA) Ramstad
 Lewis (KY) Rangel
 Linder Rehberg
 Lipinski Reyes
 LoBiondo Reynolds
 Lofgren Rodriguez
 Lowey Rogers (AL)
 Lucas (KY) Rogers (KY)
 Lucas (OK) Rogers (MI)
 Lynch Rohrabacher
 Majette Ros-Lehtinen

NOES—207

Abercrombie Hill
 Ackerman Hinchey
 Alexander Hinojosa
 Allen Hoefel
 Andrews Holden
 Baca Holt
 Baird Honda
 Baldwin Hooley (OR)
 Ballance Hoyer
 Becerra Inslee
 Bell Israel
 Berkley Jackson (IL)
 Berman Jackson-Lee
 Berry (TX)
 Bishop (GA) Janklow
 Bishop (NY) Jefferson
 Blumenauer John
 Boswell Johnson (IL)
 Boucher Johnson, E. B.
 Boyd Jones (OH)
 Brady (PA) Kanjorski
 Brown, Corrine Kaptur
 Capps Kennedy (RI)
 Capuano Kildee
 Cardin Kilpatrick
 Cardoza Kind
 Carson (IN) Kleczka
 Carson (OK) Kucinich
 Clay LaHood
 Clyburn Lampson
 Conyers Langevin
 Cooper Lantos
 Costello Larsen (WA)
 Cramer Larson (CT)
 Crowley Lee
 Cummings Levin
 Davis (AL) Lewis (GA)
 Davis (CA) Lipinski
 Davis (FL) Lofgren
 Davis (IL) Lowey
 Davis (TN) Lucas (KY)
 Davis, Tom Lynch
 DeFazio Majette
 DeGette Maloney
 Delahunt Markey
 DeLauro Marshall
 Deutsch Matheson
 Dicks Matsui
 Dingell McCarthy (MO)
 Doggett McCarthy (NY)
 Dooley (CA) McDermott
 Doyle McGovern
 Edwards McHugh
 Emanuel McIntyre
 Engel McNulty
 Eshoo Meehan
 Etheridge Meek (FL)
 Evans Meeks (NY)
 Farr Menendez
 Fattah Michaud
 Filner Millender-
 Ford McDonald
 Frank (MA) Miller, George
 Frost Mollohan
 Gonzalez Moore
 Gordon Moran (VA)
 Green (TX) Murtha
 Grijalva Nadler
 Harman Napolitano
 Hastings (FL) Neal (MA)

REPUDIATING ANTI-SEMITIC SENTIMENTS EXPRESSED BY DR. MAHATHIR MOHAMAD, OUTGOING PRIME MINISTER OF MALAYSIA

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The unfinished business is the question of suspending the rules and agreeing to the resolution, H. Res. 409.

The Clerk read the title of the resolution.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Iowa (Mr. LEACH) that the House suspend the rules and agree to the resolution, H. Res. 409, 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 411, nays 0, answered "present" 1, not voting 22, as follows:

[Roll No. 593]

YEAS—411

Abercrombie Burton (IN)
 Ackerman Buyer
 Aderholt Calvert
 Alexander Camp
 Andrews Cantor
 Baca Capito
 Bachus Capps
 Baird Capuano
 Baker Cardin
 Baldwin Cardoza
 Ballance Carson (IN)
 Ballenger Carson (OK)
 Barrett (SC) Carter
 Bartlett (MD) Castle
 Barton (TX) Chabot
 Bass Chocola
 Beauprez Clay
 Becerra Clyburn
 Bell Coble
 Bereuter Cole
 Berkeley Collins
 Berry Conyers
 Biggett Cooper
 Bilirakis Costello
 Bishop (GA) Cox
 Bishop (NY) Cramer
 Bishop (UT) Crane
 Blackburn Crenshaw
 Blumenauer Crowley
 Blunt Cubin
 Boehlert Culberson
 Boehner Cummings
 Bonilla Cunningham
 Bonner Davis (AL)
 Bono Davis (CA)
 Boozman Davis (FL)
 Boswell Davis (IL)
 Boucher Davis (TN)
 Boyd Davis, Jo Ann
 Brady (PA) Davis, Tom
 Brady (TX) Deal (GA)
 Brown (SC) DeFazio
 Brown, Corrine DeGette
 Brown-Waite, Delahunt
 Ginny DeLauro
 Burgess DeLay
 Burns DeMint
 Burr Deutsch

Diaz-Balart, L.
 Diaz-Balart, M.
 Dicks
 Dingell
 Doggett
 Dooley (CA)
 Doolittle
 Doyle
 Dreier
 Duncan
 Dunn
 Edwards
 Ehlers
 Emanuel
 Emerson
 Engel
 English
 Eshoo
 Etheridge
 Evans
 Everett
 Farr
 Feeney
 Ferguson
 Filner
 Flake
 Foley
 Forbes
 Ford
 Fossella
 Frank (MA)
 Franks (AZ)
 Frelinghuysen
 Frost
 Gallegly
 Garrett (NJ)
 Gerlach
 Gibbons
 Gilchrist
 Gillmor
 Gingrey
 Gonzalez
 Goode
 Goodlatte
 Gordon
 Goss
 Granger
 Graves

NOT VOTING—17

Akin Fletcher
 Bradley (NH) Gephardt
 Brown (OH) Gutierrez
 Cannon McCollum
 Case McCotter
 English Miller (NC)

Pearce Sanchez, Linda
 T.
 Stupak
 Waxman
 Whitfield

ANSWERED "PRESENT"—1

Paul

NOT VOTING—22

Akin Brown (OH)
 Allen Cannon
 Berman Case
 Bradley (NH) Fattah
 Fletcher
 Gephardt
 Gutierrez
 Hinchey

McCollum
McCotter
Miller (NC)
Pearce

Sanchez, Linda
T.
Slaughter
Stupak

Waxman
Whitfield
Young (AK)

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. SIMPSON) (during the vote). Members are advised that 2 minutes remain in this vote.

□ 1904

So (two-thirds having voted in favor thereof) the rules were suspended and the resolution was agreed to.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. BROWN of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, had I been present, I would have voted on rollcall Nos. 591 "aye"; 592 "no"; 593 "aye".

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. MICA. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material on the conference report for H.R. 2115.

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

There was no objection.

FURTHER MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A further message from the Senate by Mr. Monahan, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate has passed without amendment a joint resolution of the House of the following title:

H.J. Res. 75. Joint resolution making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2004, and for other purposes.

CONFERENCE REPORT ON H.R. 2691, DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2004

Mr. TAYLOR of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, pursuant to House Resolution 418, I call up the conference report on the bill (H.R. 2691) making appropriations for the Department of the Interior and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004, and for other purposes.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to House Resolution 418, the conference report is considered as having been read.

(For conference report and statement, see proceedings of the House of October 28, 2003, at page H9898.)

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

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

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 conference report to accompany H.R. 2691, and that I may include tabular and extraneous material.

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

There was no objection.

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

Mr. Speaker, we bring to the House the conference agreement on H.R. 2691, the Interior and Related Agencies Appropriations Act for fiscal year 2004.

Let me take a moment to thank the members of the Interior subcommittees for their support and guidance this year. I want to especially and personally thank the ranking minority member, the gentleman from Washington (Mr. DICKS), for the extraordinary assistance that he has given in helping us to shape this bill.

This conference report balances many competing needs and stays within the 302(b) allocation for budget authority and outlays. It is fiscally responsible, providing \$19.6 billion for our public lands, Indian programs, and critical science and energy research programs, and for cultural institutions like the Smithsonian Institution. It also provides \$400 million as requested by the administration to repay partial funds borrowed from the program accounts to pay fire suppression. Also, another \$289 million for wild fires and I will talk about that again.

You may hear that we are not doing enough for conservation programs in this bill. I disagree. Given the constraints allocated, we have provided over \$1 billion for programs in the conservation spending category. But more to the point, there are a number of critically important conservation programs in this bill that have never been included in the conservation spending category, but are equally important. We provide increases of \$65 million for national parks, \$47 million for national wildlife refuges, \$27 million for forest health, \$10 million for hazardous fuel reduction. And I would like to argue that most of the funding of this bill is for conservation activities.

Some Members will argue that we need to buy a lot more Federal land. What we really need to do is a better job of taking care of the lands we have, and this bill does that by providing additional operation increases and funds for critically backlogged maintenance activities.

Firefighting needs are addressed in this bill as I mentioned before, \$400 million in the President's requested amount and another \$289 million above

the enacted level for suppressing the wild fires. That is almost \$700 million for the fire programs. We continue to provide support for the national fire plan with the investment of \$2.5 billion. We support preparedness activities so that we have the people and the equipment in place to handle wild fires. We provide funding increases for hazardous fuel reduction, State fire assistance and forest health programs. And with the passage of that bill, I think we can stop many of the fires that we will have to contend with this past year.

We have provided substantial new resources to handle the Southern pine beetle and mountain pine beetle outbreaks in the West. I am proud of the balance we have achieved in these critical programs that are important to all Americans.

The bill ensures that energy research programs are appropriately funded and that we maintain a proper mix between research on improvements to existing technologies and longer-term higher risk on new technologies. We need to keep all of our options open and not fall into the trap of picking winners and losers.

When it comes to energy resources, ultimately the consumer, not the government, will determine what energy technologies will be successful in the marketplace.

The bill provides for the continued crux of critically needed schools and hospitals for American Indians and Alaskan natives. It also includes a 1-year limitation of funds for historical accounting.

The September 25, 2003, court order would require the Department of the Interior to spend an estimated \$9 billion for an accounting that benefits attorneys and accountants. This subcommittee has maintained that this lawsuit continues to divert scarce resources away from critical programs that benefit Indian people and other programs in the bill. If we were to fund this court-required historical accounting, we would have to shut down one-third of the U.S. Department of the Interior. We would critically underfund education for Indians and health care for Indians. This is not worth the recommendation of the accountants and lawyers.

Finally, the bill takes care of our cultural agencies and provides the funding needed to ensure that the Smithsonian Institute maintains its responsibility for providing quality visitor services and world-renowned research. It provides increases above the enacted level for the National Gallery of Art and for the National Endowment for the Arts and the Humanities. The conference agreement for the interior and related agencies appropriations bill for fiscal year 2004 strikes an appropriate balance among competing funds needs, and I ask for support for this bill.