

billion more than the GOP budget over the next 10 years for Veterans' programs. It provides \$17 billion more for discretionary veterans' programs. It provides \$15 billion more for mandatory veterans' programs—where the GOP budget cuts \$15 billion from mandatory veterans' programs.

Finally, the Democrats budget call for spending \$34 billion more than the GOP budget on Homeland Security over the next 11 years. One the other hand, the GOP budget freezes homeland security funding at the 2003 level. The Democratic budget, for example, would ensure that \$3.5 billion in desperately-needed new money would be available for police officer, firefighters and emergency medical personnel. The GOP budget does not.

Mr. SHAYS. Mr. Chairman, I yield back the balance of my time.

The CHAIRMAN pro tempore (Mr. SIMPSON). The question is on the amendment in the nature of a substitute, as modified, offered by the gentleman from South Carolina (Mr. SPRATT).

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

RECORDED VOTE

Mr. SPRATT. Mr. Chairman, I demand a recorded vote.

A recorded vote was ordered.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—ayes 192, noes 236, not voting 6, as follows:

[Roll No. 81]

AYES—192

Abercrombie	Emanuel	Lowey
Ackerman	Engel	Lynch
Alexander	Eshoo	Majette
Allen	Etheridge	Maloney
Andrews	Evans	Markey
Baca	Farr	Matsui
Baird	Fattah	McCarthy (MO)
Baldwin	Filner	McCarthy (NY)
Ballance	Ford	McCollum
Becerra	Frank (MA)	McDermott
Bell	Frost	McGovern
Berkley	Gonzalez	McIntyre
Berman	Gordon	McNulty
Berry	Green (TX)	Meehan
Bishop (GA)	Grijalva	Meek (FL)
Bishop (NY)	Gutierrez	Meeks (NY)
Blumenauer	Hall	Menendez
Boswell	Harman	Michaud
Boucher	Hastings (FL)	Millender-
Boyd	Hill	McDonald
Brady (PA)	Hinchey	Miller (NC)
Brown (OH)	Hinojosa	Miller, George
Brown, Corrine	Hoefel	Mollohan
Capps	Holden	Moore
Capuano	Holt	Moran (VA)
Cardin	Honda	Nadler
Cardoza	Hooley (OR)	Napolitano
Carson (IN)	Hoyer	Neal (MA)
Case	Inslee	Oberstar
Clay	Israel	Obey
Clyburn	Jackson-Lee	Olver
Conyers	(TX)	Ortiz
Cooper	Jefferson	Owens
Crowley	John	Pallone
Cummings	Johnson, E. B.	Pascrell
Davis (AL)	Jones (OH)	Pastor
Davis (CA)	Kaptur	Payne
Davis (FL)	Kennedy (RI)	Pelosi
Davis (IL)	Kildee	Peterson (MN)
Davis (TN)	Kilpatrick	Pomeroy
DeFazio	Kind	Price (NC)
DeGette	Kleczka	Rahall
Delahunt	Kucinich	Rangel
DeLauro	Lampson	Reyes
Deutsch	Langevin	Rodriguez
Dicks	Lantos	Ross
Dingell	Larsen (WA)	Rothman
Doggett	Larson (CT)	Roybal-Allard
Dooley (CA)	Levin	Ruppersberger
Doyle	Lewis (GA)	Rush
Edwards	Loftgren	Ryan (OH)

Sabo	Smith (WA)
Sanchez, Linda T.	Snyder
Sanchez, Loretta	Solis
Sanders	Spratt
Sandlin	Stark
Schakowsky	Stenholm
Schiff	Strickland
Scott (GA)	Stupak
Scott (VA)	Tanner
Serrano	Tauscher
Sherman	Thompson (CA)
Skelton	Thompson (MS)
Slaughter	Tierney
	Towns

NOES—236

Aderholt	Gerlach	Norwood
Akin	Gibbons	Nunes
Bachus	Gilchrest	Nussle
Baker	Gillmor	Osborne
Ballenger	Gingrey	Ose
Barrett (SC)	Goode	Otter
Bartlett (MD)	Goodlatte	Oxley
Barton (TX)	Goss	Paul
Bass	Granger	Pearce
Beauprez	Graves	Pence
Bereuter	Green (WI)	Peterson (PA)
Biggert	Greenwood	Petri
Bilirakis	Gutknecht	Pickering
Bishop (UT)	Harris	Pitts
Blackburn	Hart	Platts
Blunt	Hastings (WA)	Pombo
Boehlert	Hayes	Porter
Boehner	Hayworth	Portman
Bonilla	Hefley	Pryce (OH)
Bonner	Hensarling	Putnam
Bono	Herger	Quinn
Boozman	Hobson	Radanovich
Bradley (NH)	Hoekstra	Ramstad
Brady (TX)	Hostettler	Regula
Brown (SC)	Houghton	Rehberg
Brown-Waite,	Hulshof	Renzi
Ginny	Hunter	Reynolds
Burgess	Isakson	Rogers (AL)
Burns	Issa	Rogers (KY)
Burr	Istook	Rogers (MI)
Burton (IN)	Jackson (IL)	Rohrabacher
Calvert	Janklow	Ros-Lehtinen
Camp	Jenkins	Royce
Cannon	Johnson (CT)	Ryan (WI)
Cantor	Johnson (IL)	Ryun (KS)
Capito	Johnson, Sam	Saxton
Carson (OK)	Jones (NC)	Schrock
Carter	Kanjorski	Sensenbrenner
Castle	Keller	Sessions
Chabot	Kelly	Shadegg
Chocola	Kennedy (MN)	Shaw
Coble	King (IA)	Shays
Cole	King (NY)	Sherwood
Collins	Kingston	Shimkus
Combest	Kirk	Shuster
Costello	Kline	Simmons
Cox	Knollenberg	Simpson
Cramer	Kolbe	Smith (MI)
Crane	LaHood	Smith (NJ)
Crenshaw	Latham	Smith (TX)
Cubin	LaTourette	Souder
Culberson	Leach	Stearns
Cunningham	Lee	Sullivan
Davis, Jo Ann	Lewis (CA)	Sweeney
Davis, Tom	Lewis (KY)	Tancredo
Deal (GA)	Linder	Tauzin
DeLay	LoBiondo	Taylor (MS)
DeMint	Lucas (KY)	Taylor (NC)
Diaz-Balart, L.	Lucas (OK)	Terry
Diaz-Balart, M.	Manzullo	Thomas
Doolittle	Marshall	Tiahrt
Dreier	Matheson	Tiberi
Duncan	McCotter	Toomey
Dunn	McCrery	Turner (OH)
Ehlers	McHugh	Upton
Emerson	McInnis	Vitter
English	McKeon	Walden (OR)
Everett	Mica	Walsh
Feeney	Miller (FL)	Wamp
Ferguson	Miller (MI)	Weldon (FL)
Flake	Miller, Gary	Weldon (PA)
Fletcher	Moran (KS)	Weller
Foley	Murphy	Whitfield
Forbes	Murtha	Wicker
Fossella	Musgrave	Wilson (NM)
Franks (AZ)	Myrick	Wilson (SC)
Frelinghuysen	Nethercutt	Wolf
Gallegly	Ney	Young (AK)
Garrett (NJ)	Northup	Young (FL)

NOT VOTING—6

Buyer	Hyde	Thornberry
Gephardt	Lipinski	Udall (CO)

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE CHAIRMAN PRO TEMPORE

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

□ 2305

Mr. BURGESS and Mr. SOUDER changed their vote from "aye" to "no." So the amendment in the nature of a substitute, as modified, was rejected.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

Mr. HUNTER. Mr. Chairman, I move that the Committee do now rise.

The motion was agreed to.

Accordingly, the Committee rose; and the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. ISAKSON) having assumed the chair, Mr. SIMPSON, Chairman pro tempore of the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union, reported that that Committee, having had under consideration the concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 95) establishing the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2004 and setting forth appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2003 and 2005 through 2013, had come to no resolution thereon.

HOPES AND PRAYERS FOR STEVE BUYER, MEMBER OF CONGRESS, AND HIS FAMILY AS HE DEPARTS FOR MILITARY DUTY

(Mr. HASTERT asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. HASTERT. Mr. Speaker, I would like to read into the RECORD a letter that I received today.

"Dear Mr. Speaker: I have been called to active duty in the United States Army. Pending further orders, I request immediate indefinite leave of the United States House of Representatives to accommodate my military duties.

"Respectfully, Steve Buyer, Member of Congress"

Mr. Speaker and my colleagues, the resolution we are considering affects one of our own today and may affect others in the near future. Our hopes and prayers are with STEVE and his family as he prepares to depart for Iraq.

OUR DUTY TO PROTECT AMERICA

Mr. HASTERT. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to address the House for 1 minute.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. SIMPSON). Without objection, the gentleman from Illinois is recognized?

There was no objection.

Mr. HASTERT. Mr. Speaker, we will be considering a very important resolution before us this evening. I rise in strong support of that resolution, and I expect that all of my colleagues would vote for it.

Our men and women in uniform are now engaged in an important conflict

in the country of Iraq. We are engaged with 30-some other nations, and it involves certainly a tyrant who has defined himself over the last 20 years.

Like my colleagues, I remember the day of September 11, 2001. I remember standing in the front of my office waiting to get a call from the Vice President and looking and watching an unfamiliar phenomenon, a roll of black smoke going across the mall that I can look down from my window and see. And I asked one of my staff, I said, find out; that black smoke is not supposed to be there. A minute and a half later they came in and said, well, the third plane had gone into the Pentagon.

Little knownst to me and the rest of us at that time, there was a fourth plane involved, and 9 or 10 or 11 brave young men and women brought that plane down into an empty field in southern Pennsylvania. We know now that if it had not been for the actions of those people, that plane would have been in the west front of the Capitol.

That being said, many of us visited right after the World Trade Center. We had walked the halls of the Pentagon and visited those folks who helped pull their comrades out, some to safety, some beyond help. We talked to the families who lost their folks in the Pentagon, the World Trade Towers; we passed some extraordinary legislation.

But this country suffered a huge loss that day. I think I speak for all of us when I say that that is something that we do not want to see visited upon this Nation again. We know that in Iraq Saddam Hussein has weapons of mass destruction. We know that he has a nexus to al Qaeda, and we know that that training has been going on over an extended period of time. I believe that it is our duty, this Nation's duty, to protect our Nation and to make sure that that is not visited upon this Nation ever again.

The men and women whom we are about to salute and wish well tonight and send our best thoughts and prayers to are doing a job that nobody wants to do. Nobody wishes this to have to happen. But in the tradition of this Nation, in the tradition of keeping this country free, and in the tradition of trying to stabilize the Middle East, we are doing this job. We are doing it with 30 other nations who have decided this is the right thing to do.

Mr. Speaker, as we go through this very sober debate tonight, I would ask for your positive consideration and positive vote.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE HONORABLE STEVE BUYER, MEMBER OF CONGRESS

The SPEAKER laid before the House the following communication from the Honorable STEVE BUYER, Member of Congress:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
March 20, 2003.

Hon. DENNIS HASTERT,
Speaker, House of Representatives, H-232, The
Capitol, Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: I have been called to active duty in the United States Army. Pending further orders, I request immediate indefinite leave of the House of Representatives to accommodate my military duties.

Respectfully,

STEVE BUYER,
Member of Congress

EXPRESSING SUPPORT AND APPRECIATION FOR THE PRESIDENT AND MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES PARTICIPATING IN OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM

Mr. HUNTER. Mr. Speaker, I offer a concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 104) expressing the support and appreciation of the Nation for the President and the members of the Armed Forces who are participating in Operation Iraqi Freedom, and ask unanimous consent for its immediate consideration pursuant to the following order:

Debate on the concurrent resolution shall be limited to 2 hours, equally divided and controlled by myself and the gentleman from Missouri (Mr. SKELTON), and the previous question shall be considered as ordered on the concurrent resolution to final adoption, without intervening motion or demand for a division of the question.

The Clerk read the title of the concurrent resolution.

The SPEAKER. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Texas?

Mr. DOGGETT. Mr. Speaker, reserving the right to object, the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. HASTERT), the Speaker of the House, has rightly reminded us tonight of the events of 9/11. I think all of us remember the time that we stood together singing "God bless America" on the steps of this Capitol, unified in recognizing that what is involved here is bigger than us as individuals or as political parties, and how we joined with near unanimity in supporting the President on the war on terrorism.

□ 2315

Thanks to the good efforts of the gentleman from California (Mr. HUNTER), we did this once again about 10 days ago, when he offered his resolution, H.J. Res. 27, "commending the continuing dedication, selfless service, and commitment of members of the Armed Forces and their families during the Global War on Terrorism." At that time I rose, along with many colleagues, to support that resolution honoring our service members and to commend the gentleman from California (Mr. HUNTER) for an effort that brought us together, rather than splitting us apart.

I doubt that we can offer too many resolutions for our servicemen and servicewomen, so I understand the gentleman's interest in offering a further

resolution tonight. I would like nothing more than to see a similar unanimous vote in support of that resolution.

I would ask the gentleman under my reservation, since we have not yet even had this resolution printed for our review, if he is familiar with a resolution commending our troops that was authored by Senators FRIST and WARNER and Senators DASCHLE and LEVIN, and which was passed unanimously today in the United States Senate?

Mr. HUNTER. Mr. Speaker, will the gentleman yield?

Mr. DOGGETT. I yield to the gentleman from California.

Mr. HUNTER. Mr. Speaker, is the gentleman asking me if I am aware that the other body passed a resolution?

Mr. DOGGETT. Yes.

Mr. HUNTER. Yes.

Mr. DOGGETT. Is it correct that the gentleman's resolution is not the same as resolution S. Con. Res. 26?

Mr. HUNTER. That is true.

Mr. DOGGETT. I believe the gentleman's resolution omits clause 5 of Senate resolution S. Con. Res. 26, which says that the Congress "joins all Americans in remembering those who lost their lives during Operation Desert Shield and Operation Desert Storm in 1991, and those still missing from that conflict, including Captain Scott Speicher of the United States Navy".

Would the gentleman be open to amending his resolution to include that language from clause 5 of the Senate Con. Res. 26?

Mr. HUNTER. If the gentleman will yield further, yes, we would be open to including it.

Mr. DOGGETT. The gentleman would be open to including that language?

Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to add clause 5 of the Senate version, S. Con. Res. 26.

Mr. HUNTER. Mr. Speaker, I would retract that and tell the gentleman that I would not be open to that. Would the gentleman yield further?

Mr. DOGGETT. Let me just ask, and then I will be very brief, because I know it is late and the gentleman wishes to proceed.

The Senate, I am sure, acted, and not every word did I agree with, but they did act unanimously. It was good enough for the majority leader, Senator FRIST and Senator WARNER, chairman of the Armed Services Committee. Could we not dispense with this debate and simply take up, with the gentleman's approval, the entire Senate resolution and adopt it, and have every one of us saying not only the same thing in this House chamber but saying the same thing throughout the Capitol, that with one voice, we, the House and Senate, approve and applaud and support our troops?

Mr. HUNTER. If the gentleman will continue to yield, Mr. Speaker, I just want to advise the gentleman that I read not only the resolution that was offered by the other body in 1991, but