

in the Senate did not pass it, and we were talking about oranges and apples and we could not get the appropriation process done until February. We need to pass a budget; the Senate needs to pass a budget; we need to get the appropriation process done. We need to talk about education. We need to talk about health care. We cannot do it unless we pass this budget.

So I say to my colleagues, it is late. We have had a lot of debate. It is time to get to work. I will make a prediction. We will have a lot of people vote against it, and we will have a few more vote for it. Let us get to it.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. All time for debate has expired.

Without objection, the previous question is ordered.

There was no objection.

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

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

This will be a 15-minute vote.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 216, nays 211, not voting 8, as follows:

[Roll No. 141]

YEAS—216

Aderholt	Ehlers	Latham
Akin	Emerson	LaTourette
Bachus	English	Leach
Baker	Everett	Lewis (CA)
Ballenger	Feeney	Lewis (KY)
Barrett (SC)	Ferguson	Linder
Bartlett (MD)	Flake	LoBiondo
Barton (TX)	Fletcher	Lucas (OK)
Bass	Foley	Manzullo
Beauprez	Forbes	McCotter
Bereuter	Fossella	McCreary
Biggert	Frelinghuysen	McHugh
Bilirakis	Galleghy	McInnis
Bishop (UT)	Gerlach	McKeon
Blackburn	Gibbons	Mica
Blunt	Gilchrest	Miller (FL)
Boehrlert	Gillmor	Miller (MI)
Bonilla	Gingrey	Miller, Gary
Bonner	Goode	Murphy
Bono	Goodlatte	Musgrave
Boozman	Goss	Myrick
Bradley (NH)	Granger	Nethercutt
Brady (TX)	Graves	Ney
Brown (SC)	Green (WI)	Northup
Brown-Waite,	Greenwood	Norwood
Ginny	Gutknecht	Nunes
Burgess	Harris	Nussle
Burns	Hart	Osborne
Burr	Hastert	Ose
Burton (IN)	Hastings (WA)	Otter
Buyer	Hayes	Oxley
Calvert	Hayworth	Pearce
Camp	Hensarling	Pence
Cannon	Herger	Peterson (PA)
Cantor	Hobson	Petri
Capito	Hoekstra	Pickering
Carter	Hulshof	Pitts
Chabot	Hunter	Pombo
Chocola	Hyde	Porter
Coble	Isakson	Portman
Cole	Issa	Pryce (OH)
Collins	Istook	Putnam
Cox	Janklow	Quinn
Crane	Jenkins	Radanovich
Crenshaw	Johnson (CT)	Ramstad
Cubin	Johnson (IL)	Regula
Culberson	Johnson, Sam	Rehberg
Cunningham	Jones (NC)	Renzi
Davis, Jo Ann	Keller	Reynolds
Davis, Tom	Kelly	Rogers (AL)
Deal (GA)	Kennedy (MN)	Rogers (KY)
DeLay	King (IA)	Rogers (MI)
DeMint	King (NY)	Rohrabacher
Diaz-Balart, L.	Kingston	Ros-Lehtinen
Diaz-Balart, M.	Kirk	Royce
Doolittle	Kline	Ryan (WI)
Dreier	Knollenberg	Ryun (KS)
Duncan	Kolbe	Saxton
Dunn	LaHood	Schrock

Sensenbrenner  
Sessions  
Shadegg  
Shaw  
Shays  
Sherwood  
Shimkus  
Shuster  
Simmons  
Simpson  
Smith (MI)  
Smith (NJ)  
Smith (TX)  
Souder

Abercrombie  
Ackerman  
Alexander  
Allen  
Andrews  
Baca  
Baird  
Baldwin  
Ballance  
Becerra  
Bell  
Berkley  
Berman  
Berry  
Bishop (GA)  
Bishop (NY)  
Blumenauer  
Boswell  
Boucher  
Boyd  
Brady (PA)  
Brown (OH)  
Brown, Corrine  
Capps  
Capuano  
Cardin  
Cardoza  
Carson (IN)  
Carson (OK)  
Case  
Castle  
Kucinich  
Clay  
Clyburn  
Conyers  
Cooper  
Costello  
Cramer  
Crowley  
Cummings  
Davis (AL)  
Davis (CA)  
Davis (FL)  
Davis (IL)  
Davis (TN)  
DeFazio  
DeGette  
DeLahunt  
DeLauro  
Deutsch  
Dicks  
Dingell  
Doggett  
Dooley (CA)  
Doyle  
Edwards  
Emanuel  
Engel  
Eshoo  
Etheridge  
Evans  
Farr  
Fattah  
Filner  
Ford  
Frank (MA)  
Franks (AZ)  
Frost  
Garrett (NJ)  
Gonzalez  
Gordon  
Green (TX)  
Grijalva

Boehner  
Combest  
Gephardt

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE  
The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. LATOURETTE) (during the vote). The Chair will advise Members there are 2 minutes remaining in this vote.

Vitter  
Walden (OR)  
Walsh  
Wamp  
Weldon (FL)  
Weller  
Whitfield  
Wicker  
Wilson (NM)  
Wilson (SC)  
Wolf  
Young (AK)

NAYS—211

Gutierrez  
Hall  
Harman  
Hastings (FL)  
Hefley  
Hill  
Hinchey  
Hinojosa  
Hoeffel  
Holden  
Holt  
Honda  
Hooley (OR)  
Hostettler  
Hoyer  
Inslee  
Israel  
Jackson (IL)  
Jackson-Lee (TX)  
Jefferson  
John  
Johnson, E. B.  
Jones (OH)  
Kanjorski  
Kaptur  
Kennedy (RI)  
Kildee  
Kilpatrick  
Kind  
Kleczka  
Kucinich  
Lampson  
Langevin  
Lantos  
Larsen (WA)  
Larson (CT)  
Lee  
Levin  
Lewis (GA)  
Lipinski  
Lofgren  
Lowey  
Lucas (KY)  
Lynch  
Majette  
Maloney  
Markey  
Marshall  
Matheson  
Matsui  
McCarthy (NY)  
McCollum  
McDermott  
McGovern  
McIntyre  
McNulty  
Meehan  
Meek (FL)  
Meeke (NY)  
Menendez  
Michaud  
Miller-  
    McDonald  
Miller (NC)  
Miller, George  
Mollohan  
Moore  
Moran (KS)  
Moran (VA)  
Murtha  
Nadler

NOT VOTING—8

Houghton  
McCarthy (MO)  
Paul  
Weldon (PA)  
Young (FL)

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So the conference report was agreed to.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

REMOVAL OF NAME OF MEMBER AS COSPONSOR OF H.R. 953

Mr. KENNEDY of Rhode Island. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to remove the name of the gentleman from Washington (Mr. HASTINGS) as a cosponsor of H.R. 953, the Paul Wellstone Mental Health Equitable Treatment Act.

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

There was no objection.

THANKING HOUSE AND COMMITTEE STAFF FOR HARD WORK ON HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 95

(Mr. NUSSLE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. NUSSLE. Mr. Speaker, there are obviously a number of people who have toiled here late tonight. We want to thank the House staff that have stayed with us here this evening, and the reporters and the Clerk's office. We appreciate their hard work and sticking with us through these things.

I would like to thank my staff of the Committee on the Budget on the majority side. Rich Meade is my chief of staff, and we have a number of very professional people who got us to this point in time.

The Members get to make the speeches and to cast the votes, but the staff do the hard work in getting us here. In both the House and in the other body, we have had a great working relationship with those professional staffs. We want to thank them and congratulate them for a job well done.

□ 0245

I would also like to thank the members of my committee who worked hard on this, as well as the members of my committee on the opposite side of the aisle.

I have no better competitor in this process and no one that I respect more than the gentleman from South Carolina (Mr. SPRATT); and while we have to differ so on substance tonight, we do share a love for the process and enjoyment in working through these issues even though we do not always get our way in the final analysis. But I want to congratulate the gentleman for his work. As I say, there is no one who knows this process and this budget issue better than my friend and colleague, the gentleman from South Carolina (Mr. SPRATT).

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

Mr. NUSSLE. I yield to the gentleman from South Carolina.

Mr. SPRATT. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for yielding, and I would say that on both sides of the aisle the staff are the unseen players in this process. They make an enormous effort, and we have a good working relationship on this committee, which we prize because we have mutual respect.

I would like to pay tribute to my staff who put a herculean effort to get this budget resolution on the floor through all the processes it has to go.

First, to my very able and loyal and energetic chief of staff, Tom Kahn; to Joe Minarik, who is our chief economist and is widely experienced; to Jim Klumpner, who is also an excellent economist on our staff; to Sheila McDowell; to Kimberly Overbeek, who is super with the numbers; to Andrea Weathers; to Linda Bywaters; to Arthur Burris, who is indefatigable; to Sarah Abernathy; and to Pepper Santalucia. I am looking at Antonio Santalucia and Pepper would not come to me. To some new additions to our staff: Mike McCord, who does defense work; Jennifer Friedman, who came over from OMB; Diana Meredith and Andy Smalian, a great group of people, a great team effort and very professional staff.

And last but not least, Lisa Venus, who has been with us for several years who is assistant counsel and a very, very able staff member who was here on the floor with us tonight.

Mr. Speaker, I appreciate the chairman allowing me the opportunity to pay tribute to my staff and to the effort they put in to making the budget process work this year.

#### SENATE BILL REFERRED

A bill of the Senate of the following title was taken from the Speaker's table and, under the rule, referred as follows:

S. Con. Res. 31. Concurrent resolution expressing the outrage of Congress at the treatment of certain American prisoners of war by the Government of Iraq; to the Committee on International Relations.

#### ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

Mr. Trandahl, Clerk of the House, reported and found truly an enrolled bill of the House of the following title, which was thereupon signed by the Speaker:

H.R. 273. An act to provide for the eradication and control of nutria in Maryland and Louisiana.

#### SENATE ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

The SPEAKER announced his signature to an enrolled bill of the Senate of the following title:

S. 380. An act to amend chapter 83 of title 5, United States Code, to reform the funding of benefits under the Civil Service Retirement System for employees of the United States Postal Service, and for other purposes.

#### ADJOURNMENT

Mr. NUSSLE. Mr. Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 2 o'clock and 48 minutes a.m.), the House adjourned until today, Friday, April 11, 2003, at 10 a.m.

#### EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 8 of rule XII, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

1753. A letter from the Under Secretary, Department of Defense, transmitting the National Defense Stockpile (NDS) Annual Materials Plan for FY 2004 along with revisions to the FY 03 Annual Materials Plan and AMPs for the succeeding four years, FY 05-08, pursuant to 50 U.S.C. 98h-5; to the Committee on Armed Services.

1754. A letter from the Assistant Secretary, Department of Defense, transmitting the Department's FY 2004 Summary of Amounts Report for Cooperative Threat Reduction (CTR) Programs in the former Soviet Union; to the Committee on Armed Services.

1755. A letter from the Under Secretary, Department of Defense, transmitting the Department's report entitled, "Distribution of DoD Depot Maintenance Workloads Fiscal Years 2001 and 2002"; to the Committee on Armed Services.

1756. A letter from the Assistant Secretary, Department of Defense, transmitting a report prescribed in Section 709 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2003; to the Committee on Armed Services.

1757. A letter from the Alternate Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense, transmitting the Department's final rule — TRICARE Program; Eligibility and Payment Procedures for Civilian Health and Medical Program of the Uniformed Services Beneficiaries Age 65 and Over (RIN: 0720-AA66) received April 8, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Armed Services.

1758. A letter from the President and Chairman, Export-Import Bank, transmitting a report on transactions involving U.S. exports to the Kingdom of the Netherlands pursuant to Section 2(b)(3) of the Export-Import Bank Act of 1945, as amended; to the Committee on Financial Services.

1759. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Department's interim report entitled, "Interim Evaluation Report: Congressionally Mandated Evaluation of the State Children's Health Insurance Program, pursuant to Public Law 105-33, section 4901 (111 Stat. 567); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

1760. A letter from the Acting Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Approval and Promulgation of State Air Quality Plans for Designated Facilities and Pollutants, State of West Virginia; Control of Emissions from Commercial and Industrial Solid Waste Incinerator Units [WV059-6027a; FRL-7479-9] received April 8, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

1761. A letter from the Acting Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Approval and Promulgation of State Plan for Designated Facilities and Pollutants: Florida [FL-094-200316a; FRL-7481-8] received April 8, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

1762. A letter from the Acting Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Control of Emissions From New Nonroad Diesel Engines: Amendments to the Nonroad Engine Definition [AMS-FRL-7482-1] received April 8, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

1763. A letter from the Acting Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Nebraska: Final Authorization of State Hazardous Waste Management Program Revision [FRL-7480-9] received April 8, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

1764. A letter from the Acting Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Oklahoma: Final Authorization of State Hazardous Waste Management Program Revisions [FRL-7479-1] received April 8, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

1765. A letter from the Acting Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Tennessee: Final Authorization of State Hazardous Waste Management Program Revision [FRL-7478-5] received April 8, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

1766. A letter from the Acting Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Text: Final Authorization of State Hazardous Waste Management Program Revisions [FRL-7482-3] received April 8, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

1767. A letter from the Acting Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Utah: Final Authorization of State Hazardous Waste Management Program Revision [FRL-7480-6] received April 8, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

1768. A letter from the Legal Advisor, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule — Amendment of Parts 2, 73, 74, 80, 90, and 97 of the Commission's Rules to Implement Decisions from World Radiocommunication Conferences Concerning Frequency Bands Below 28000 kHz [ET Docket No. 02-16] received April 7, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

1769. A letter from the Under Secretary for Industry and Security, Department of Commerce, transmitting the Department's report entitled, "Imposition of Foreign Policy Controls on Specially Designated Global Terrorists"; to the Committee on International Relations.

1770. A letter from the Under Secretary for Industry and Security, Department of Commerce, transmitting the Department's report entitled, "Expansion of Foreign Policy-Based Controls on Explosives Detection Equipment"; to the Committee on International Relations.

1771. A letter from the Staff Director, Commission On Civil Rights, transmitting the Commission's FY 2002 Government Performance and Results Act Report; to the Committee on Government Reform.

1772. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Labor, transmitting the FY 2002 Annual Report on Performance and Accountability; to the Committee on Government Reform.