

Delahunt Johnson, Sam  
 DeLauro Jones (NC)  
 DeLay Jones (OH)  
 DeMint Kanjorski  
 Deutsch Kaptur  
 Diaz-Balart, L. Keller  
 Diaz-Balart, M. Kelly  
 Dicks Kennedy (MN)  
 Dingell Kennedy (RI)  
 Doggett Kildee  
 Dooley (CA) Kilpatrick  
 Doolittle Kind  
 Doyle King (IA)  
 Dreier King (NY)  
 Dunn Kingston  
 Edwards Kirk  
 Ehlers Kleczka  
 Emanuel Kline  
 Emerson Knollenberg  
 Engel Kolbe  
 English Kucinich  
 Eshoo LaHood  
 Etheridge Lampson  
 Evans Langevin  
 Everett Lantos  
 Farr Larsen (WA)  
 Fattah Rangel  
 Ferguson LaTourette  
 Filner Leach  
 Fletcher Lee  
 Foley Levin  
 Forbes Lewis (CA)  
 Ford Lewis (GA)  
 Fossella Lewis (KY)  
 Frank (MA) Linder  
 Franks (AZ) Lipinski  
 Frelinghuysen LoBiondo  
 Frost Lofgren  
 Gallegly Lowey  
 Garrett (NJ) Lucas (KY)  
 Gerlach Lucas (OK)  
 Gibbons Lynch  
 Gilchrest Majette  
 Gillmor Maloney  
 Gingrey Manzullo  
 Gonzalez Markey  
 Goode Marshall  
 Goodlatte Matheson  
 Gordon Matsui  
 Goss McCarthy (MO)  
 Granger McCarthy (NY)  
 Graves McCollum  
 Green (TX) McCotter  
 Green (WI) McCrery  
 Greenwood McDermott  
 Grijalva McGovern  
 Gutierrez McHugh  
 Gutknecht McInnis  
 Hall McIntyre  
 Harman McKeon  
 Harris McNulty  
 Hart Meehan  
 Hastings (FL) Meek (FL)  
 Hastings (WA) Meeks (NY)  
 Hayes Menendez  
 Hayworth Mica  
 Hefley Michaud  
 Hensarling Millender  
 Hergert McDonald  
 Hill Miller (FL)  
 Hinchey Miller (MI)  
 Hinojosa Miller (NC)  
 Hobson Miller, Gary  
 Hoeffel Miller, George  
 Hoekstra Mollohan  
 Holden Moore  
 Holt Moran (KS)  
 Honda Moran (VA)  
 Hooley (OR) Murphy  
 Hostettler Murtha  
 Houghton Musgrave  
 Hoyer Myrick  
 Hunter Strickland  
 Hyde Napolitano  
 Inslee Neal (MA)  
 Isakson Nethercutt  
 Israel Neugebauer  
 Issa Ney  
 Istook Northup  
 Jackson (IL) Norwood  
 Jackson-Lee Nunes  
 (TX) Nussle  
 Janklow Oberstar  
 Jefferson Obey  
 Jenkins Olver  
 John Ortiz  
 Johnson (CT) Osborne  
 Johnson (IL) Ose  
 Johnson, E. B. Otter

Owens Oxley  
 Pallone  
 Pascrell  
 Pastur  
 Payne  
 Pearce  
 Pelosi  
 Pence  
 Peterson (MN)  
 Peterson (PA)  
 Petri  
 Pickering  
 Pitts  
 Platts  
 Pomo  
 Pomeroy  
 Porter  
 Portman  
 Price (NC)  
 Pryce (OH)  
 Putnam  
 Quinn  
 Radanovich  
 Rahall  
 Ramstad  
 Rangel  
 Regula  
 Rehberg  
 Renzi  
 Reyes  
 Reynolds  
 Rodriguez  
 Rogers (AL)  
 Rogers (KY)  
 Rogers (MI)  
 Rohrabacher  
 Ros-Lehtinen  
 Ross  
 Rothman  
 Roybal-Allard  
 Royce  
 Ruppersberger  
 Rush  
 Ryan (OH)  
 Ryan (WI)  
 Sabo  
 Sanchez, Linda  
 T.  
 Sanchez, Loretta  
 Sanders  
 Sandlin  
 Saxton  
 Schakowsky  
 Schiff  
 Schrock  
 Scott (GA)  
 Scott (VA)  
 Sensenbrenner  
 Serrano  
 Sessions  
 Shadegg  
 Shaw  
 Shays  
 Sherman  
 Sherwood  
 Shimkus  
 Shuster  
 Simmons  
 Simpson  
 Skelton  
 Slaughter  
 Smith (MI)  
 Smith (NJ)  
 Smith (TX)  
 Snyder  
 Solis  
 Souder  
 Spratt  
 Stark  
 Stearns  
 Stenholm  
 Strickland  
 Stupak  
 Sullivan  
 Sweeney  
 Tancredo  
 Ballenger  
 Barrett (SC)  
 Bartlett (MD)  
 Barton (TX)  
 Bass  
 Beauprez  
 Becerra  
 Bell  
 Bereuter  
 Berkeley  
 Berman  
 Berry  
 Biggart

NAYS—3

Duncan Flake  
 Ackerman Cramer  
 Brown, Corrine Cubin  
 Brown-Waite, Feeney  
 Ginny Gephardt  
 Burton (IN) Hulshof  
 Conyers Larson (CT)

NOT VOTING—15

Witter Walden (OR)  
 Walsh  
 Wamp  
 Waters  
 Watson  
 Watt  
 Waxman  
 Weiner  
 Weldon (FL)  
 Weldon (PA)  
 Wexler  
 Whitfield  
 Wicker  
 Wilson (NM)  
 Wilson (SC)  
 Wolf  
 Woolsey  
 Wu  
 Wynn  
 Young (FL)  
 Paul  
 Ryun (KS)  
 Smith (WA)  
 Weller  
 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.

□ 1319

Mr. UDALL of New Mexico changed his vote from "nay" to "yea."  
 So (two-thirds having voted in favor thereof) the rules were suspended and the bill, as amended, was passed.  
 The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.  
 A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

VETERANS ENTREPRENEURSHIP AND BENEFITS IMPROVEMENT ACT OF 2003

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The unfinished business is the question of suspending the rules and passing the bill, H.R. 1460, as amended.  
 The Clerk read the title of the bill.  
 The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from New Jersey (Mr. SMITH) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 1460, as amended, 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 421, nays 0, not voting 13, as follows:

[Roll No. 304] YEAS—421

Abercrombie Bilirakis  
 Aderholt Bishop (GA)  
 Akin Bishop (NY)  
 Alexander Bishop (UT)  
 Allen Blackburn  
 Andrews Blumenauer  
 Baca Blunt  
 Bachus Boehlert  
 Baird Boehner  
 Baker Bonilla  
 Baldwin Bonner  
 Ballance Bono  
 Ballenger Boozman  
 Barrett (SC) Boswell  
 Bartlett (MD) Boucher  
 Barton (TX) Boyd  
 Bass Bradley (NH)  
 Beauprez Brady (PA)  
 Becerra Brady (TX)  
 Bell Brown (OH)  
 Bereuter Brown (SC)  
 Berkeley Burgess  
 Berman Burns  
 Berry Burr  
 Biggart Burton (IN)

Crane Hunter  
 Crenshaw Hyde  
 Crowley Inslee  
 Culberson Isakson  
 Cummings Israel  
 Cunningham Issa  
 Davis (AL) Istook  
 Davis (CA) Jackson (IL)  
 Davis (FL) Jackson-Lee  
 Davis (IL) (TX)  
 Davis (TN) Janklow  
 Davis, Jo Ann Jefferson  
 Davis, Tom Jenkins  
 Deal (GA) John  
 DeFazio Johnson (CT)  
 DeGette Johnson (IL)  
 Delahunt Johnson, E. B.  
 DeLauro Johnson, Sam  
 DeLay Jones (NC)  
 DeMint Jones (OH)  
 Deutsch Kanjorski  
 Diaz-Balart, L. Kaptur  
 Diaz-Balart, M. Keller  
 Dicks Kelly  
 Dingell Kennedy (MN)  
 Doggett Kennedy (RI)  
 Dooley (CA) Kildee  
 Doolittle Kilpatrick  
 Doyle Kind  
 Dreier King (IA)  
 Duncan King (NY)  
 Dunn Kingston  
 Edwards Kirk  
 Ehlers Kleczka  
 Emanuel Kline  
 Emerson Knollenberg  
 Engel Kolbe  
 English Kucinich  
 Eshoo LaHood  
 Etheridge Lampson  
 Evans Langevin  
 Everett Lantos  
 Farr Larsen (WA)  
 Fattah Larson (CT)  
 Ferguson Latham  
 Filner LaTourette  
 Flake Leach  
 Fletcher Lee  
 Foley Levin  
 Forbes Lewis (CA)  
 Ford Lewis (GA)  
 Fossella Lewis (KY)  
 Frank (MA) Linder  
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 Gibbons Lynch  
 Gilchrest Majette  
 Gillmor Maloney  
 Gingrey Manzullo  
 Gonzalez Markey  
 Goode Marshall  
 Goodlatte Matheson  
 Gordon Matsui  
 Goss McCarthy (MO)  
 Graves McCarthy (NY)  
 Green (TX) McCollum  
 Green (WI) McCotter  
 Greenwood McCrery  
 Grijalva McDermott  
 Gutierrez McGovern  
 Gutknecht McHugh  
 Hall McInnis  
 Harman McIntyre  
 Harris McKeon  
 Hart McNulty  
 Hastings (FL) Meehan  
 Hastings (WA) Meek (FL)  
 Hayes Meeks (NY)  
 Hayworth Menendez  
 Hefley Mica  
 Hensarling Michaud  
 Hergert Millender  
 Hill McDonald  
 Hinchey Miller (FL)  
 Hinojosa Miller (MI)  
 Hobson Miller (NC)  
 Hoeffel Miller, Gary  
 Hoekstra Miller, George  
 Holden Mollohan  
 Holt Moore  
 Honda Moran (KS)  
 Hooley (OR) Moran (VA)  
 Hostettler Murphy  
 Houghton Murtha  
 Hoyer Musgrave  
 Myrick Nadler  
 Napolitano  
 Neal (MA)  
 Nethercutt  
 Neugebauer  
 Ney  
 Northup  
 Norwood  
 Nunes  
 Nussle  
 Oberstar  
 Obey  
 Olver  
 Ortiz  
 Osborne  
 Ose  
 Otter

Stenholm	Tierney	Waxman
Strickland	Toomey	Weiner
Stupak	Towns	Weldon (FL)
Sullivan	Turner (OH)	Weldon (PA)
Sweeney	Turner (TX)	Weller
Tancredo	Udall (CO)	Wexler
Tanner	Udall (NM)	Whitfield
Tauscher	Upton	Wicker
Tauzin	Van Hollen	Wilson (NM)
Taylor (MS)	Velazquez	Wilson (SC)
Taylor (NC)	Visclosky	Wolf
Terry	Vitter	Woolsey
Thomas	Walden (OR)	Wu
Thompson (CA)	Walsh	Wynn
Thompson (MS)	Wamp	Young (AK)
Thornberry	Waters	Young (FL)
Tiahrt	Watson	
Tiberi	Watt	

## NOT VOTING—13

Ackerman	Cramer	Hulshof
Brown, Corrine	Cubin	Radanovich
Brown-Waite,	Feeney	Ryun (KS)
Ginny	Gephardt	Smith (WA)
Conyers	Granger	

## ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

□ 1331

So (two-thirds having voted in favor thereof) the rules were suspended and the bill, as amended, was passed.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

The title of the bill was amended so as to read: "A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve education and entrepreneurship benefits, housing benefits, and certain other benefits for veterans, and for other purposes."

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

## PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. RYUN of Kansas. Mr. Speaker, unfortunately, I missed four votes in the House of Representatives on June 24, 2003. Had I been in attendance I would have made the following votes:

The Previous Question on H.R. 293, the Rule for H.R. 2555, Homeland Security Appropriations Act for FY04. Had I been in attendance, I would have voted "yea."

Passage of H. Res. 293, Rule for H.R. 2555, Homeland Security Appropriations Act for FY04. Had I been in attendance, I would have voted "yea."

Passage of H.R. 923, Premier Certified Lenders Program Improvement Act of 2003. Had I been in attendance, I would have voted "yea."

Passage of H.R. 1460, Veterans Entrepreneurship Act of 2003. Had I been in attendance, I would have voted "yea."

## GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. ROGERS of Kentucky. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks and that I may include tabular and extraneous material on H.R. 2555.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. SIMPSON). Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Kentucky?

There was no objection.

## DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2004

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to House Resolution 293 and rule XVIII, the Chair declares the House in the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union for the consideration of the bill, H.R. 2555.

□ 1334

## IN THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Accordingly, the House resolved itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union for the consideration of the bill (H.R. 2555) making appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004, and for other purposes, with Mr. GILLMOR in the chair.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The CHAIRMAN. Pursuant to the rule, the bill is considered as having been read the first time.

Under the rule, the gentleman from Kentucky (Mr. ROGERS) and the gentleman from Minnesota (Mr. SABO) each will control 30 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Kentucky (Mr. ROGERS).

Mr. ROGERS of Kentucky. Mr. Chairman, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Chairman, this is a historic day. Only 4 months after the Department of Homeland Security was stood up, we now consider in the Congress the very first ever Homeland Security appropriations bill on the House floor.

The creation of the Department is by far the largest reorganization of the Federal Government in its history. Mr. Chairman, 180,000 employees, 22 security-related agencies merged into a single unit, agencies as diverse as the new Transportation Security Administration, FEMA, the Customs Service, the Secret Service, the Coast Guard, and some 18 other agencies throughout the government.

But, Mr. Chairman, I want to spend a couple of minutes talking about the breadth of the problem that we face.

On our borders, we have to protect ourselves: 2,000 miles of border with Mexico; 5,500 miles of border with Canada. There are 9,500 miles of shoreline. We have 157 ports of entry, 361 seaports. There are 440 million visitors who arrive in our country by land, sea, and air each year. There are 118 million vehicles that come here, 11 million of them trucks; 2.5 million railcars; and 17 million cargo containers that cross through our ports every year.

In transportation, there are some 768,000 commercial flights that enter the U.S. at 429 commercial airports, carrying some 635 million passengers a year. We have 18,000 general aviation airports. We have 143,000 miles of freight railways, 3.9 million miles of highways, and 550 major public transportation systems throughout our country. There are 590,000 bridges. There are 526,000 interstate trucking companies, 43,000 of them certified to carry hazardous materials.

We have 150 oil refineries, 86,000 miles of crude oil pipelines, 278,000 miles of natural gas pipelines. There are 66,000 chemical and hazardous materials plants. There are 1,800 Federal reservoirs. There are 9,300 power plants, including 104 nuclear, in our country.

And then there are all sorts of high-target, high-risk symbols of our Nation. We are speaking from one even as I talk now: the Capitol. We have the White House, the Washington Monument, the Lincoln Memorial, the Statue of Liberty, the St. Louis Arch, the Golden Gate Bridge, and on and on and on, including some 463 skyscrapers in our land.

I mention those facts, Mr. Chairman, to highlight the enormous challenge that we face as we begin to tackle our homeland security needs. Protecting American citizens from harm is the first and foremost duty of the Federal Government, and this awesome task largely falls upon the shoulders of the Department of Homeland Security.

This bill, Mr. Chairman, provides \$29.4 billion for the Department. That is an increase of just over \$1 billion above what we were asked by the President, and \$535 million more than the current-year levels.

The bill recognizes that while the Department of Homeland Security has the lead in developing our national Homeland Security strategy, implementation of that strategy requires the active participation of State and local governments and the private sector.

When it comes down to it, homeland security, Mr. Chairman, is essentially hometown security; and it requires the active engagement of all Americans and all branches of government.

The bill before us today recognizes the role each stakeholder must play in this big mission. It funds not only the Department's first full year of operations, but also anticipated efforts of State and local governments and the private sector.

As we debate this bill today, I urge my colleagues to remember everything that has been accomplished since September 11. While some might suggest that we are not doing enough, I would say we are making tremendous progress in our war on terror. The glass is not half empty; it is half full.

Since September 11, we have provided \$75.8 billion for homeland security funding across the entire government. For these 22 agencies that now make up the new Department of Homeland Security, we have provided \$43.9 billion through fiscal year 2003; and in this bill, we add an additional \$29.4 billion, bringing the total provided to the Department to \$73.3 billion for fiscal years 2002 through 2004.

Protecting the Nation's borders is our first line of defense against terrorism. We include in the bill a total of \$9 billion for border protection and related activities. That is an increase of \$400 million over the current enacted levels, including \$2 billion for the U.S.