

Accordingly, the Committee rose; and the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. THORNBERRY) having assumed the chair, Mr. LATOURETTE, Chairman of the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union, reported that that Committee, having had under consideration the bill (H.R. 2660) making appropriations for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004, and for other purposes, pursuant to House Resolution 312, he reported the bill back to the House with sundry amendments adopted by the Committee of the Whole.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the rule, the previous question is ordered.

Is a separate vote demanded on any amendment? If not, the Chair will put them en gros.

The amendments were agreed to.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on engrossment and third reading of the bill.

The bill was ordered to be engrossed and read a third time, and was read the third time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the passage of the bill.

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

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 215, nays 208, not voting 12, as follows:

[Roll No. 353]

YEAS—215

Aderholt	Cunningham	Isakson
Akin	Davis, Jo Ann	Issa
Bachus	Davis, Tom	Istook
Baker	Deal (GA)	Jenkins
Ballenger	DeLay	Johnson (CT)
Barrett (SC)	DeMint	Johnson (IL)
Bartlett (MD)	Diaz-Balart, L.	Johnson, Sam
Barton (TX)	Diaz-Balart, M.	Keller
Bass	Doolittle	Kelly
Beauprez	Dreier	Kennedy (MN)
Bereuter	Duncan	King (IA)
Biggert	Dunn	King (NY)
Billirakis	Ehlers	Kingston
Bishop (UT)	Emerson	Kirk
Blackburn	English	Kline
Blunt	Everett	Knollenberg
Boehlert	Feeney	Kolbe
Boehner	Ferguson	LaHood
Bonilla	Foley	Latham
Bonner	Forbes	LaTourette
Bono	Frelinghuysen	Leach
Boozman	Gallely	Lewis (CA)
Bradley (NH)	Garrett (NJ)	Lewis (KY)
Brady (TX)	Gerlach	Linder
Brown (SC)	Gilchrest	LoBiondo
Brown-Waite,	Gillmor	Lucas (OK)
Ginny	Gingrey	Manzullo
Burgess	Goode	McCotter
Burns	Goodlatte	McCreery
Burr	Granger	McHugh
Burton (IN)	Graves	McInnis
Buyer	Green (WI)	McKeon
Calvert	Greenwood	Mica
Camp	Gutknecht	Miller (FL)
Cannon	Harris	Miller (MI)
Cantor	Hart	Miller, Gary
Capito	Hastert	Moran (KS)
Carter	Hastings (WA)	Murphy
Castle	Hayes	Musgrave
Chabot	Hayworth	Myrick
Chocola	Hensarling	Nethercutt
Coble	Herger	Neugebauer
Cole	Hobson	Ney
Collins	Hoekstra	Northup
Cox	Houghton	Norwood
Crenshaw	Hulshof	Nunes
Cubin	Hunter	Nussle
Culberson	Hyde	Osborne

Ose	Rogers (MI)	Sweeney
Otter	Rohrabacher	Tancredo
Oxley	Ros-Lehtinen	Tauzin
Pearce	Royce	Taylor (NC)
Pence	Ryan (WI)	Terry
Peterson (PA)	Ryun (KS)	Thomas
Petri	Saxton	Thornberry
Pickering	Schrock	Tiahrt
Pitts	Sensenbrenner	Tiberi
Platts	Sessions	Turner (OH)
Pombo	Shadegg	Upton
Porter	Shaw	Vitter
Portman	Shays	Walden (OR)
Pryce (OH)	Sherwood	Walsh
Putnam	Shimkus	Wamp
Quinn	Shuster	Weldon (FL)
Radanovich	Simmons	Weldon (PA)
Ramstad	Simpson	Weller
Regula	Smith (MI)	Whitfield
Rehberg	Smith (NJ)	Wicker
Renzi	Smith (TX)	Wilson (SC)
Reynolds	Souder	Wolf
Rogers (AL)	Stearns	Young (AK)
Rogers (KY)	Sullivan	Young (FL)

NAYS—208

Abercrombie	Grijalva	Nadler
Ackerman	Gutierrez	Napolitano
Alexander	Hall	Neal (MA)
Allen	Hastings (FL)	Oberstar
Andrews	Hefley	Obey
Baca	Hill	Olver
Baird	Hinchey	Ortiz
Baldwin	Hinojosa	Pallone
Ballance	Hoefel	Pascrell
Becerra	Holden	Pastor
Bell	Holt	Paul
Berkley	Honda	Pelosi
Berman	Hooley (OR)	Peterson (MN)
Berry	Hostettler	Pomeroy
Bishop (GA)	Hoyer	Price (NC)
Bishop (NY)	Inslee	Rahall
Blumenauer	Israel	Rangel
Boswell	Jackson (IL)	Reyes
Boucher	Jackson-Lee	Rodriguez
Boyd	(TX)	Ross
Brady (PA)	Jefferson	Rothman
Brown (OH)	John	Roybal-Allard
Brown, Corrine	Johnson, E. B.	Ruppersberger
Capps	Jones (NC)	Rush
Capuano	Jones (OH)	Ryan (OH)
Cardin	Kanjorski	Sabo
Cardoza	Kaptur	Sanchez, Linda
Carson (IN)	Kennedy (RI)	T.
Carson (OK)	Kildee	Sanders
Case	Kilpatrick	Sandlin
Clay	Kind	Schakowsky
Clyburn	Kleczka	Schiff
Conyers	Kucinich	Scott (GA)
Cooper	Lampson	Scott (VA)
Costello	Langevin	Serrano
Crane	Lantos	Sherman
Crowley	Larsen (WA)	Skelton
Cummings	Larson (CT)	Slaughter
Davis (AL)	Lee	Smith (WA)
Davis (CA)	Levin	Snyder
Davis (FL)	Lewis (GA)	Solis
Davis (IL)	Lipinski	Spratt
Davis (TN)	Lofgren	Stark
DeFazio	Lowey	Stenholm
DeGette	Lucas (KY)	Strickland
Delahunt	Lynch	Stupak
DeLauro	Majette	Tanner
Deutsch	Maloney	Tauscher
Dicks	Markey	Taylor (MS)
Dingell	Marshall	Thompson (CA)
Doggett	Matheson	Thompson (MS)
Dooley (CA)	Matsui	Tierney
Doyle	McCarthy (MO)	Toomey
Edwards	McCarthy (NY)	Towns
Emanuel	McCollum	Turner (TX)
Engel	McDermott	Udall (CO)
Eshoo	McGovern	Udall (NM)
Etheridge	McIntyre	Van Hollen
Evans	McNulty	Velazquez
Farr	Meehan	Visclosky
Fattah	Meek (FL)	Waters
Filner	Meeke (NY)	Watson
Flake	Menendez	Watt
Ford	Michaud	Waxman
Frank (MA)	Miller (NC)	Weiner
Franks (AZ)	Miller, George	Wexler
Frost	Mollohan	Wilson (NM)
Gonzalez	Moore	Woolsey
Gordon	Moran (VA)	Wu
Green (TX)	Murtha	Wynn

Cramer	Goss	Owens
Fletcher	Harman	Payne
Fossella	Janklow	Sanchez, Loretta
Gephardt	Millender-	
Gibbons	McDonald	

NOT VOTING—12

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE
The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. THORNBERRY) (during the vote). Two minutes remain in this vote.

□ 1836

So the bill was passed.
The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Stated for:
Mr. FLETCHER. Mr. Speaker, on Thursday, July 10, 2003, I was unavoidably detained due to weather grounding my commercial flight. Had I been present for rollcall vote No. 353 I would have voted the following way: Rollcall vote No. 353, Final passage of H.R. 2660—"yea."

ANNOUNCEMENT BY COMMITTEE
ON RULES REGARDING AMENDMENTS TO H.R. 2122, PROJECT BIOSHIELD ACT OF 2003

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

Mr. DREIER. Mr. Speaker, the Committee on Rules may meet the week of July 14, 2003, to grant a rule which could limit the amendment process for floor consideration of H.R. 2122, the Project BioShield Act of 2003.

Any Member wishing to offer an amendment should submit 55 copies of the amendment and one copy of a brief explanation of the amendment to the Committee on Rules up in room H-312 in the Capitol by 10 a.m. Tuesday morning, July 15, 2003. Members should draft their amendments to the text of the bill as reported by the Committee on Energy and Commerce on June 10, 2003.

Members should use the Office of Legislative Counsel to ensure that their amendments are drafted in the most appropriate format and should check with the Office of the Parliamentarian to be certain their amendments comply with the rules of the House.

REMOVAL OF NAME OF MEMBER
AS COSPONSOR OF H.R. 1472

Mr. BURTON of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that my name be removed as a cosponsor of H.R. 1472.

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

There was no objection.

LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM

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

Mr. LEWIS of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I wish to inquire of the leader the schedule of the House for next week.

Mr. ROGERS of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, will the gentleman yield?

Mr. LEWIS of Georgia. I yield to the gentleman from Michigan.

Mr. ROGERS of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for yielding to me.

Mr. Speaker, the House will convene on Monday at 10:30 a.m. for morning hour and 12 p.m. for legislative business. We will likely consider several measures under suspension of the rules. A final list of those bills will be sent to Members' offices by the end of the week. We will also consider the fiscal year 2004 agricultural appropriations bill on Monday. Any votes called on these measures will be rolled until 6:30 p.m.

For Tuesday and the balance of the week, we may consider additional legislation under suspension of the rules. We are also expected to consider several bills under a rule including the fiscal year 2004 through 2005 State Department authorization bill; H.R. 2122, the Project BioShield Act of 2003; the fiscal year 2004 Department of Interior appropriations bill; and H.R. 2210, the School Readiness Act of 2003.

Finally, Members should be aware that on Thursday Prime Minister Tony Blair will address a joint session of Congress at 4 p.m.

Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for yielding and will be happy to answer any questions he may have.

Mr. LEWIS of Georgia. Reclaiming my time, Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman from Michigan for responding, but I would like to continue to yield to him to find out if next week we are bringing up the Head Start reauthorization bill, and do you expect to have an open rule on this bill.

Mr. ROGERS of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, if the gentleman will continue to yield, I would defer to the Committee on Rules, but can assure the gentleman that the gentleman from California (Mr. DREIER) and his colleagues will work hard to address the concerns Members bring to that committee.

Mr. LEWIS of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, continuing to yield and to inquire, on Medicare prescription drugs, when does the gentleman expect we will appoint conferees on this legislation?

Mr. ROGERS of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for continuing to yield. We hope to appoint conferees to the bill on Monday and look forward to working fast and furiously on this issue.

In fact, I believe there have already been some informal conversations across the Capitol on this issue. Having said that, we do not intend to create any artificial time lines and, instead, will work as long and as hard as we can to get the best possible project.

Mr. LEWIS of Georgia. If this does occur on Monday, as the gentleman stated, when during the day would that

be scheduled? What time of day would it be scheduled?

Mr. ROGERS of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, it would most likely be after the ag appropriation bill in late afternoon.

Mr. LEWIS of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, when does the gentleman think we might see a conference report? Would it be before the August recess?

Mr. ROGERS of Michigan. Again, Mr. Speaker, if the gentleman will continue to yield, I would defer to those who are involved in the conference. We are not going to set any artificial time lines. We want to make sure we have the best possible product, and so we will move ahead on Monday with the conferees, and certainly after next week we can reassess where we are time-wise.

Mr. LEWIS of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I would continue to yield to my friend from Michigan on the child tax credit. When does he expect the conference committee to meet to report out a conference report? It has now been 27 days, 22 hours-plus since we appointed conferees. Does the gentleman have any idea when we can expect a report coming to this House?

Mr. ROGERS of Michigan. I thank the gentleman from Georgia for continuing to yield.

As we understand, there are some differences, and we hope the Senate conferees can quickly realize the sensible approach of the House and allow us to move a conference report before the end of July. Certainly that would be our hope.

Mr. LEWIS of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I will continue to yield to my friend from Michigan to inquire about trade agreements. Does the gentleman anticipate that we may have votes before the August recess on any trade agreements?

Mr. ROGERS of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, I understand that both the Committee on Ways and Means and the Committee on the Judiciary held markups of the proposed Chilean-Singapore trade agreements this week. And while we have a significant amount of work to do in the next 2 weeks, I am hopeful we can find some time to consider this legislation before August. But, again, we will not set any artificial time lines, although we do hope that can happen.

Mr. LEWIS of Georgia. Let me say to my friend from Michigan, Mr. Speaker, that it seems like we are going to be very busy during the next few days before the August recess.

Mr. ROGERS of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, we will have a 5-day work-week certainly both weeks before the recess.

Mr. LEWIS of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I want to thank my friend for responding to the questions.

ADJOURNMENT TO MONDAY, JULY 14, 2003

Mr. ROGERS of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that

when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 10:30 a.m. on Monday, July 14, 2003, for morning hour debates.

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

There was no objection.

DISPENSING WITH CALENDAR WEDNESDAY BUSINESS ON WEDNESDAY NEXT

Mr. ROGERS of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the business in order under the Calendar Wednesday rule be dispensed with on Wednesday next.

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

There was no objection.

AUTHORIZING THE SPEAKER TO DECLARE A RECESS ON THURSDAY, JULY 17, 2003, FOR THE PURPOSE OF RECEIVING IN JOINT MEETING THE RIGHT HONORABLE TONY BLAIR, PRIME MINISTER OF THE UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND

Mr. ROGERS of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that it may be in order at any time on Thursday, July 17, 2003, for the Speaker to declare a recess, subject to the call of the Chair, for the purpose of receiving in joint meeting the Right Honorable Tony Blair, Prime Minister of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

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

There was no objection.

APPOINTMENT OF CONFEREES ON H.R. 1474, CHECK TRUNCATION ACT OF 2003

Mr. TIBERI. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to take from the Speaker's table the bill (H.R. 1474) to facilitate check truncation by authorizing substitute checks, to foster innovation in the check collection system without mandating receipt of checks in electronic form, and to improve the overall efficiency of the Nation's payments system, and for other purposes, with a Senate amendment thereto, disagree to the Senate amendment, and request a conference with the Senate thereon.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Ohio? The Chair hears none and, without objection, appoints the following conferees:

Messrs. OXLEY, BACHUS, LATOURETTE, Ms. HART, and Messrs. TIBERI, FRANK of Massachusetts, SANDERS, and FORD.

There was no objection.