

The material previously referred to by Mr. FROST is as follows:

PREVIOUS QUESTION FOR H. RES. 732: RULE FOR H.R. 4837, FY05 MILITARY CONSTRUCTION APPROPRIATIONS

In the resolution strike the following: "except: section 129"

Mrs. MYRICK. Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time, and I move the previous question on the resolution.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on ordering the previous question.

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

Mr. FROST. Mr. Speaker, on that I demand the yeas and nays.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX and the Chair's prior announcement, further proceedings on this motion will be postponed.

#### WAIVING POINTS OF ORDER AGAINST CONFERENCE REPORT ON H.R. 2443, COAST GUARD AND MARITIME TRANSPORTATION ACT OF 2004

Mr. LINCOLN DIAZ-BALART. Mr. Speaker, by direction of the Committee on Rules, I call up House Resolution 730 and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 730

*Resolved*, That upon adoption of this resolution it shall be in order to consider the conference report to accompany the bill (H.R. 2443) to authorize appropriations for the Coast Guard for fiscal year 2004, to amend various laws administered by the Coast Guard, and for other purposes. All points of order against the conference report and against its consideration are waived. The conference report shall be considered as read.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman from Florida (Mr. LINCOLN DIAZ-BALART) is recognized for 1 hour.

Mr. LINCOLN DIAZ-BALART. Mr. Speaker, for the purpose of debate only, I yield the customary 30 minutes to the gentleman from Florida (Mr. HASTINGS), pending which I yield myself such time as I may consume. During consideration of this resolution, all time yielded is for the purpose of debate only.

(Mr. LINCOLN DIAZ-BALART asked and was given permission to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. LINCOLN DIAZ-BALART. Mr. Speaker, House Resolution 730 is a rule that provides for the consideration of the conference report for H.R. 2443, the Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation Act of 2004. This is a standard rule for a conference report providing for 1 hour of general debate, evenly divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Transportation and the Infrastructure.

The legislation before us authorizes over \$8 billion for the Coast Guard, including a commitment to 45,500 active duty personnel in fiscal years 2004 and 2005. This is extremely important legislation to strengthen the Coast Guard in its ever-increasing role of defense of our homeland.

This bill makes a new commitment to the long-term effectiveness of the Coast Guard. The Department of Homeland Security has called on the Coast Guard to be the defender of American ports while at the same time sending needed resources, soldiers and vessels to the battles against terrorism far away.

I am pleased to highlight the Integrated Deepwater Acquisition Program. This program provides the needed capital to carry out effective acquisition of the cutters, computer equipment and other resources that the Coast Guard so desperately needs. The Deepwater System has not received the funding outlined in 1998, but this bill makes up for the delay. The conference report authorizes over \$1 billion for the program, accelerating the Deepwater System 5 years ahead of the original 20-year completion time line.

The Coast Guard is particularly important to the community and constituents that I am honored to represent in south Florida. The Coast Guard Integrated Support Command in Miami is essential to the safety and security of residents. The Coast Guard in south Florida coordinates integrated plans aimed at hurricane safety, recreational boater safety and, obviously, protection of our coastline.

The conference report before us was signed by every member of the conference. It is a good bill, essential really to our continued commitment to the security and safety of all citizens and residents of the United States.

I would like to thank the gentleman from Florida (Mr. YOUNG), the gentleman from New Jersey (Mr. LOBIONDO), as well as the ranking member, the gentleman from Minnesota (Mr. OBERSTAR) and the gentleman from California (Mr. FILNER) for their important work.

I urge my colleagues to support both the rule and the underlying legislation.

Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

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Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume, and I thank my colleague, my friend from south Florida (Mr. LINCOLN DIAZ-BALART), for yielding me the time.

While the two of us, my colleague and I, may have ideological differences from time to time, we are united in our support for the Coast Guard and the sometimes thankless work that they do every day to protect the ports and shores in our home State of Florida, as well as throughout this Nation.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of the conference report to the Coast Guard Reauthorization Act.

As my colleague from the majority previously mentioned, the conference report authorizes nearly \$8.2 billion in fiscal year 2005 for the Coast Guard. This amount is \$169 million more than originally approved by the House last October and more than \$400 million above what was approved by the other body. These increases are clear indications of this body's commitment to the Coast Guard's pressing needs.

The conference report also includes \$1.5 billion for the Coast Guard's acquisitions, construction and improvements account, a \$550 million increase above what was requested. This increase is to be used by the Coast Guard to improve its Integrated Deepwater System, as well as assist the Coast Guard to reduce the list of unfunded shore facilities that has grown significantly over the past 5 years.

Furthermore, the conference report increases the number of commissioned officers and includes significant authorizations which will assist the Coast Guard to better meet our port and maritime security needs.

The Department of Homeland Security is also directed in the conference report to provide Congress with reports regarding joint operational centers for port security and port compliance with security standards.

I mention these two reports because of the great work that is being done in my home county, Broward County, at Port Everglades. There are few ports in the country as innovative as Port Everglades when it comes to security. The Port of Palm Beach, located in the district I represent, has also made significant security improvement as a direct result of the port security grant authorized by this conference report.

Mr. Speaker, the Coast Guard is responsible for patrolling the more than 12,400 miles of coastline in the United States. Nearly 2,000 of these miles are located in mine and my colleague's, the gentleman from Florida (Mr. LINCOLN DIAZ-BALART), home State of Florida where the Coast Guard plays an integral role in patrolling our shores and protecting our citizens. The increase in funding provided in the underlying legislation for this important grant of the United States Armed Forces serves as a statement about the role of the Coast Guard in our global war on terrorism.

Reports have shown that America's ports remain susceptible to attack and infiltration by America's enemies. In the last year alone, south Florida's three major ports handled more than 13.2 million tons of cargo. In all, well over 1.5 million shipping containers were processed by south Florida long-shoremen during the last year.

Certainly, these statistics highlight the pressing need to increase the number of Customs agents working in America's ports, but they also suggest that the roles of the Coast Guard and Federal Maritime Commission in protecting our ports are greater than ever.

Mr. Speaker, when Congress created the Department of Homeland Security,

it recommitted itself to the security of America. The conference report for the Coast Guard Authorization Act is an extension of that commitment.

I urge my colleagues to support the underlying conference report.

Mr. Speaker, I have no further speakers, and I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. LINCOLN DIAZ-BALART of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time, and I move the previous question on this resolution that is very important and urge my colleagues to vote favorably on the underlying legislation as well.

The previous question was ordered.

The resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

#### ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. KIRK). Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, proceedings will resume on questions previously postponed. Votes will be taken in the following order:

Ordering the previous question on H. Res. 732, by the yeas and nays;

Adoption of H. Res. 732, if ordered;

H. Res. 723, by the yeas and nays; and

H.R. 4608, by the yeas and nays.

The first electronic vote will be conducted as a 15-minute vote. Remaining electronic votes will be conducted as 5-minute votes.

#### PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 4837, MILITARY CON- STRUCTION APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2005

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The pending business is the question of ordering the previous question on House Resolution 732 on which the yeas and nays were ordered.

The Clerk read the title of the resolution.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on ordering the previous question.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 217, nays 197, not voting 20, as follows:

[Roll No. 400]

YEAS—217

Aderholt	Bradley (NH)	Crane
Akin	Brady (TX)	Crenshaw
Bachus	Brown (SC)	Cubin
Baker	Brown-Waite,	Culberson
Ballenger	Ginny	Cunningham
Barrett (SC)	Burgess	Davis, Jo Ann
Bartlett (MD)	Burns	Davis, Tom
Barton (TX)	Burr	Deal (GA)
Bass	Burton (IN)	DeLay
Beauprez	Buyer	DeMint
Bereuter	Calvert	Diaz-Balart, L.
Biggart	Camp	Diaz-Balart, M.
Bilirakis	Cannon	Doolittle
Bishop (UT)	Cantor	Dreier
Blackburn	Capito	Duncan
Blunt	Carter	Dunn
Boehlert	Castle	Ehlers
Boehner	Chabot	Emerson
Bonilla	Chocola	English
Bonner	Coble	Everett
Bono	Cole	Feeney
Boozman	Cox	Flake

Foley	Kolbe	Reynolds
Forbes	LaHood	Rogers (AL)
Fossella	Latham	Rogers (KY)
Franks (AZ)	LaTourrette	Rogers (MI)
Frelinghuysen	Leach	Rohrabacher
Gallely	Lewis (CA)	Ros-Lehtinen
Garrett (NJ)	Lewis (KY)	Royce
Gerlach	Linder	Ryan (WI)
Gibbons	LoBiondo	Ryun (KS)
Gilchrest	Lucas (OK)	Schrock
Gillmor	Manzullo	Sensenbrenner
Gingrey	McCotter	Sessions
Goode	McCrery	Shadegg
Goodlatte	McHugh	Shaw
Goss	McInnis	Shays
Granger	McKeon	Sherwood
Graves	Mica	Shimkus
Green (WI)	Miller (FL)	Shuster
Greenwood	Miller (MI)	Simmons
Gutknecht	Miller, Gary	Simpson
Hall	Moran (KS)	Smith (MI)
Harris	Murphy	Smith (NJ)
Hart	Musgrave	Smith (TX)
Hastert	Myrick	Stearns
Hastings (WA)	Nethercutt	Sullivan
Hayes	Neugebauer	Sweeney
Hayworth	Ney	Tancredo
Hefley	Northup	Tauzin
Hensarling	Norwood	Taylor (NC)
Herger	Nunes	Terry
Hobson	Nussle	Thomas
Hoekstra	Osborne	Thornberry
Hostettler	Ose	Tiahrt
Houghton	Otter	Tiberi
Hulshof	Paul	Toomey
Hunter	Pearce	Turner (OH)
Hyde	Pence	Upton
Issa	Peterson (PA)	Vitter
Jenkins	Petri	Walden (OR)
Johnson (CT)	Pickering	Walsh
Johnson (IL)	Platts	Wamp
Johnson, Sam	Pombo	Weldon (FL)
Jones (NC)	Porter	Weldon (PA)
Keller	Portman	Weller
Kelly	Pryce (OH)	Whitfield
Kennedy (MN)	Putnam	Wicker
King (IA)	Radanovich	Wilson (SC)
Kingston	Ramstad	Wolf
Kirk	Regula	Young (AK)
Kline	Rehberg	Young (FL)
Knollenberg	Renzi	

#### NAYS—197

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

Owens	Sanchez, Loretta	Thompson (CA)
Pallone	Sanders	Thompson (MS)
Pascarella	Sandin	Tierney
Pastor	Schakowsky	Towns
Payne	Schiff	Turner (TX)
Pelosi	Scott (GA)	Udall (CO)
Peterson (MN)	Scott (VA)	Udall (NM)
Pomeroy	Serrano	Van Hollen
Rahall	Sherman	Velázquez
Rangel	Skelton	Visclosky
Reyes	Slaughter	Waters
Rodriguez	Smith (WA)	Watson
Ross	Snyder	Watt
Rothman	Solis	Waxman
Roybal-Allard	Spratt	Weiner
Ruppersberger	Stark	Wexler
Rush	Stenholm	Wilson (NM)
Ryan (OH)	Stupak	Woolsey
Sabo	Tanner	Wu
Sánchez, Linda	Tauscher	Wynn
T.	Taylor (MS)	

#### NOT VOTING—20

Bell	Isakson	Pitts
Carson (IN)	Istook	Price (NC)
Collins	King (NY)	Quinn
Deutsch	Lynch	Saxton
Ferguson	Majette	Souder
Frank (MA)	Mollohan	Strickland
Gordon	Oxley	

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Mr. UDALL of New Mexico changed his vote from “yea” to “nay.”

Mr. SHAYS changed his vote from “nay” to “yea.”

So the previous question was ordered.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. LAHOOD). The question is on the resolution.

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

#### RECORDED VOTE

Mr. FROST. Mr. Speaker, I demand a recorded vote.

A recorded vote was ordered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. This will be a 5-minute vote.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—ayes 212, noes 211, not voting 11, as follows:

[Roll No. 401]

AYES—212

Aderholt	Cantor	Gallely
Akin	Capito	Gerlach
Bachus	Carter	Gibbons
Baker	Castle	Gilchrest
Ballenger	Chabot	Gillmor
Barrett (SC)	Chocola	Gingrey
Bartlett (MD)	Coble	Goode
Barton (TX)	Cole	Goodlatte
Bass	Cox	Goss
Beauprez	Crane	Granger
Bereuter	Crenshaw	Graves
Biggart	Cubin	Green (WI)
Bilirakis	Culberson	Greenwood
Bishop (UT)	Cunningham	Hall
Blackburn	Davis, Jo Ann	Harris
Blunt	Davis, Tom	Hart
Boehlert	Deal (GA)	Hastert
Boehner	DeLay	Hastings (WA)
Bonilla	DeMint	Hayes
Bonner	Diaz-Balart, L.	Hayworth
Bono	Diaz-Balart, M.	Hefley
Boozman	Doolittle	Herger
Bradley (NH)	Dreier	Hobson
Brady (TX)	Duncan	Hoekstra
Brown (SC)	Dunn	Hostettler
Brown-Waite,	Ehlers	Houghton
Ginny	Emerson	Hulshof
Burgess	English	Hunter
Burns	Everett	Hyde
Burr	Feeney	Issa
Burton (IN)	Foley	Jenkins
Buyer	Forbes	Johnson (CT)
Calvert	Fossella	Johnson (IL)
Camp	Franks (AZ)	Johnson, Sam
Cannon	Frelinghuysen	Jones (NC)