

Shuster	Tauzin	Walsh	Brown, Corrine	Goss	McCotter	Schrock	Stearns	Upton
Simmons	Taylor (MS)	Wamp	Brown-Waite,	Granger	McCrery	Scott (GA)	Stenholm	Van Hollen
Simpson	Taylor (NC)	Waters	Ginny	Graves	McDermott	Scott (VA)	Strickland	Velázquez
Skelton	Terry	Watson	Burgess	Green (TX)	McGovern	Sensenbrenner	Stupak	Visclosky
Slaughter	Thomas	Watt	Burns	Green (WI)	McHugh	Serrano	Sullivan	Vitter
Smith (MI)	Thompson (CA)	Waxman	Burr	Grijalva	McInnis	Sessions	Sweeney	Walden (OR)
Smith (NJ)	Thompson (MS)	Weiner	Burton (IN)	Gutiérrez	McIntyre	Shadegg	Tancredo	Walsh
Smith (TX)	Thornberry	Weldon (FL)	Butterfield	Gutknecht	McKeon	Shaw	Tanner	Wamp
Smith (WA)	Tiahrt	Weldon (PA)	Buyer	Hall	McNulty	Shays	Tauscher	Watson
Snyder	Tiberi	Wexler	Camp	Harman	Meek (FL)	Sherman	Tauzin	Watt
Solis	Tierney	Wicker	Cannon	Harris	Meeks (NY)	Sherwood	Taylor (MS)	Waxman
Souder	Toomey	Whitfield	Cantor	Hart	Menendez	Shimkus	Taylor (NC)	Weiner
Spratt	Towns	Wick	Capito	Hastings (FL)	Mica	Shuster	Terry	Weldon (FL)
Stark	Turner (OH)	Wilson (NM)	Capps	Hastings (WA)	Michaud	Simmons	Thomas	Weldon (PA)
Stearns	Turner (TX)	Wilson (SC)	Capuano	Hayes	Millender-	Simpson	Thompson (CA)	Weller
Stenholm	Udall (CO)	Wolf	Cardin	Hayworth	McDonald	Skelton	Thompson (MS)	Wexler
Strickland	Udall (NM)	Woolsey	Cardoza	Hefley	Miller (FL)	Slaughter	Thornberry	Whitfield
Stupak	Upton	Wu	Carson (OK)	Hensarling	Miller (MI)	Smith (MI)	Tiahrt	Wicker
Sullivan	Van Hollen	Wynn	Carter	Herger	Miller (NC)	Smith (NJ)	Tiberi	Wilson (NM)
Sweeney	Velázquez	Young (AK)	Case	Herse	Miller, Gary	Smith (TX)	Tierney	Wilson (SC)
Tancredo	Visclosky	Young (FL)	Castle	Hill	Miller, George	Smith (WA)	Toomey	Wolf
Tanner	Vitter		Chabot	Hinche	Mollohan	Snyder	Towns	Woolsey
Tauscher	Walden (OR)		Chandler	Hinojosa	Moore	Solis	Turner (OH)	Wu
			Chocola	Hoeffel	Moran (KS)	Souder	Turner (TX)	Wynn
			Clay	Hoekstra	Moran (VA)	Spratt	Udall (CO)	Young (AK)
			Clyburn	Holden	Murphy	Stark	Udall (NM)	Young (FL)
			Coble	Holt	Murtha			
			Cole	Honda	Musgrave			
			Cooper	Hooley (OR)	Myrick			
			Costello	Hostettler	Nadler			
			Cox	Houghton	Napolitano			
			Cramer	Hoyer	Neal (MA)			
			Crane	Hulshof	Nethercutt			
			Crenshaw	Hunter	Neugebauer			
			Crowley	Hyde	Ney			
			Cubin	Inslee	Northup			
			Culberson	Isakson	Norwood			
			Cummings	Israel	Nunes			
			Cunningham	Issa	Nussle			
			Davis (AL)	Istook	Oberstar			
			Davis (CA)	Jackson (IL)	Obe			
			Davis (FL)	Jackson-Lee	Oliver			
			Davis (IL)	(TX)	Ortiz			
			Davis (TN)	Jefferson	Osborne			
			Davis, Jo Ann	Jenkins	Ose			
			Davis, Tom	John	Otter			
			Deal (GA)	Johnson (CT)	Owens			
			DeFazio	Johnson (IL)	Oxley			
			DeGette	Johnson, E. B.	Pallone			
			Delahunt	Johnson, Sam	Pascarell			
			DeLauro	Jones (NC)	Pastor			
			DeLay	Jones (OH)	Payne			
			DeMint	Kanjorski	Pearce			
			Deutsch	Kaptur	Pelosi			
			Diaz-Balart, L.	Keller	Pence			
			Diaz-Balart, M.	Kelly	Peterson (MN)			
			Dicks	Kennedy (MN)	Peterson (PA)			
			Dingell	Kennedy (RI)	Petri			
			Doggett	Kildee	Pickering			
			Dooley (CA)	Kilpatrick	Pitts			
			Doolittle	Kind	Platts			
			Doyle	King (IA)	Pombo			
			Dreier	King (NY)	Pomeroy			
			Duncan	Kingston	Porter			
			Dunn	Klecza	Portman			
			Edwards	Kline	Price (NC)			
			Ehlers	Knollenberg	Pryce (OH)			
			Emanuel	Kolbe	Putnam			
			Emerson	LaHood	Radanovich			
			Engel	Lampson	Rahall			
			English	Langevin	Ramstad			
			Eshoo	Lantos	Rangel			
			Etheridge	Larsen (WA)	Regula			
			Evans	Larson (CT)	Rehberg			
			Everett	Latham	Renzi			
			Farr	LaTourette	Reyes			
			Fattah	Leach	Reynolds			
			Feeney	Lee	Rodriguez			
			Ferguson	Levin	Rogers (AL)			
			Filner	Lewis (CA)	Rogers (KY)			
			Flake	Lewis (GA)	Rogers (MI)			
			Foley	Lewis (KY)	Rohrabacher			
			Forbes	Linder	Ros-Lehtinen			
			Fossella	Lipinski	Ross			
			Frank (MA)	LoBiondo	Rothman			
			Franks (AZ)	Lofgren	Roybal-Allard			
			Frelinghuysen	Lucas (KY)	Royce			
			Frost	Lucas (OK)	Ruppersberger			
			Gallely	Lynch	Rush			
			Garrett (NJ)	Majette	Ryan (OH)			
			Gerlach	Maloney	Ryan (WI)			
			Gibbons	Manullo	Ryun (KS)			
			Gilchrest	Markey	Sánchez, Linda			
			Gillmor	Marshall	T.			
			Gingrey	Matheson	Sanchez, Loretta			
			Gonzalez	Matsui	Sanders			
			Goode	McCarthy (MO)	Sandlin			
			Goodlatte	McCarthy (NY)	Saxton			
			Gordon	McCollum	Schakowsky			

NOT VOTING—12

Ackerman	Gephardt	Lowey
Carson (IN)	Greenwood	Meehan
Collins	Kirk	Paul
Ford	Kucinich	Quinn

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. BASS) (during the vote). Members are advised there are 2 minutes remaining in this vote.

□ 1841

So (two-thirds having voted in favor thereof) the rules were suspended and the concurrent resolution, as amended, was agreed to.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

RECOGNIZING IMPORTANCE IN HISTORY OF 150TH ANNIVERSARY OF ESTABLISHMENT OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS BETWEEN UNITED STATES AND JAPAN

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The unfinished business is the question of suspending the rules and agreeing to the concurrent resolution, H. Con. Res. 418.

The Clerk read the title of the concurrent resolution.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Iowa (Mr. LEACH) that the House suspend the rules and agree to the concurrent resolution, H. Con. Res. 418, 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 416, nays 0, not voting 18, as follows:

[Roll No. 415]

YEAS—416

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

NOT VOTING—18

Ackerman	Gephardt	Meehan
Calvert	Greenwood	Paul
Carson (IN)	Hobson	Quinn
Collins	Kirk	Sabo
Conyers	Kucinich	Schiff
Ford	Lowey	Waters

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

□ 1849

So (two-thirds having voted in favor thereof) the rules were suspended and the concurrent resolution was agreed to.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

FURTHER MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A further message from the Senate by Mr. Monahan, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate has passed a bill of the following title in which the concurrence of the House is requested:

S. 2724. An act to amend section 33(a) of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 657c(a)) to clarify that the National Veterans Business Development Corporation is a private entity.

ELECTION OF MEMBER TO CERTAIN STANDING COMMITTEE OF THE HOUSE

Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. Speaker, by direction of the Democratic Caucus, I offer a privileged resolution (H. Res. 741) and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 741

Resolved, That the following named Member be and is hereby elected to the following standing committees of the House of Representatives:

COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE: Mr. Butterfield (to rank immediately after Ms. Herseth).

COMMITTEE ON SMALL BUSINESS: Mr. Butterfield (to rank immediately after Mr. Udall of New Mexico).

The resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

CONFERENCE REPORT ON H.R. 4613,
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE AP-
PROPRIATIONS ACT, 2005

Mrs. MYRICK. Mr. Speaker, by direction of the Committee on Rules, I call up House Resolution 735, and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 735

Resolved, That upon adoption of this resolution it shall be in order to consider the conference report to accompany the bill (H.R. 4613) making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2005, 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 gentlewoman from North Carolina (Mrs. MYRICK) is recognized for 1 hour.

Mrs. MYRICK. Mr. Speaker, for the purpose of debate only, I yield the customary 30 minutes to the gentleman from Texas (Mr. FROST), 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.

The Defense Appropriations Conference Report provides the tools and the resources for our military to wage an aggressive war against terrorism, while defending our Nation against ever-changing military threats.

Each generation of Americans has been called to defend our freedom, and each time our forefathers and -mothers have answered that call. Our generation's time of national trial has come, and we are being called to stop a new kind of enemy, different from any that we have ever fought before. This enemy is patient, building resources and striking where and when we are least prepared.

The enemy uses a different method each time, and this enemy requires a new kind of defense. And this is what the conference report is continuing to build.

I agree with President Bush when he says that our Armed Forces must be ready to confront every threat from any source that can bring sudden terror and suffering to America.

Our forces must be ready to deploy to any point of the globe on short notice, and this bill provides \$416.2 billion in new discretionary spending authority for the Department of Defense. It also includes \$25 billion in emergency spending, requested by the President for early fiscal year 2005 costs associated with operations in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Our Nation must have, and we will have, ready forces that can bring victory to our country and safety to our people. The world's best soldiers, sailors, airmen and Marines also deserve the world's best weaponry; and to ensure that, we must invest in procure-

ment accounts. And this report contains \$77.6 billion for procurement. We need to give our military the weapons that they need for the future threats.

If this war against terror means that we must find it wherever it exists and pull it out by the roots and bring people to justice, our military must have the means to achieve this.

This bill also makes significant improvements in the quality of life for our men and women who serve in the Armed Forces, including a 3.5 percent pay raise and targeted pay raises to mid-grade noncommissioned officers, generous housing allowances that will significantly decrease the out-of-pocket housing expenses of our service personnel, and provide access to high quality health care. We can never pay our men and women in uniform on the scale that matches the magnitude of their sacrifice, but this bill reflects our respect for their selfless service.

I feel strongly that we need a strong national defense, and we need to be prepared. And with this conference report, we will be. The primary responsibility for us as elected officials is to provide for the common defense of our fellow countrymen; and to that end, I urge my colleagues to support the rule and support the underlying bill, because now, more than ever, we must improve our national security.

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

Mr. FROST. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume, and I thank the gentlewoman for yielding me the customary 30 minutes.

(Mr. FROST asked and was given permission to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. FROST. Mr. Speaker, just yesterday, the gentlewoman from North Carolina and I were here on the floor debating another very important bill for our soldiers, the Military Construction Appropriations bill. Like the Defense appropriations bill, that bill funds vital programs for our troops. Unfortunately, this House's leadership made what I think was a terrible mistake by allowing a provision to improve housing for our troops and their families to potentially be completely stripped from that bill. If that happens, almost 50,000 military families will be affected and continue to live in substandard housing. I think that shows real disregard and disrespect for our soldiers; and frankly, I find it disgraceful.

I understand that we will be continuing debate on the Military Construction bill in just a few minutes, so I suppose we will see shortly how the matter is resolved, but the conference report on the Defense Appropriations bill is a different matter.

I am pleased to join the gentlewoman in support of the conference report and the rule providing for its conversation. Throughout my 26 years in Congress, I have always worked hard to keep our military strong and our troops safe. I believe that providing for our national

defense is one of our most important duties as Members of Congress and that providing funding for our troops to ensure their safety and the success of the war on terror is our obligation.

I am proud to say, Mr. Speaker, that the bill before us now does a good job of providing vital support for our troops. The bill gives our troops a much-deserved 3.5 percent pay raise and gives the Department of Defense \$25 billion in emergency supplemental funding for the war on terror.

These funds directly and significantly aid our servicemen and -women by providing them with the tools they need to fight the war on terror and return home safely. It will provide every soldier with body armor, provide our troops with more armored Humvees and increase the size of the Army to relieve the burden on our overworked soldiers. It is a good bill, and I support its passage wholeheartedly.

I note also that the conference report provides very substantial funding for the F-22 Raptor, for the V-22 Osprey and for the Joint Strike Fighter. These are fine weapon systems. Much of the work is done in the north Texas area that I represent, and I commend the committee for continuing to support those systems. I am glad we were able to get it right in this bill.

Mr. Speaker, I urge adoption of the rule and adoption of the conference report.

Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

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

The previous question was ordered.

The resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Mr. LEWIS of California. Mr. Speaker, pursuant to House Resolution 735, I call up the conference report on the bill (H.R. 4613) making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2005, and for other purposes.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the conference report is considered as having been read.

(For conference report and statement, see proceedings of the House on July 20, 2004, Book II at page H 6129.)

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman from California (Mr. LEWIS) and the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. MURTHA) each will control 30 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from California (Mr. LEWIS).

Mr. LEWIS of California. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

We will not take a great deal of time of our colleagues in the House. Following the tradition of the ranking member of the full committee and my colleague, the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. MURTHA), we certainly want to extend our great thanks to all of our colleagues and staff.