

with mutual respect and honor in the long tradition that we have established with this great country.

I understand the good motives of the ranking member and the others who have supported this amendment. I understand their intentions and I respect that. I just think it is a strategy that may actually backfire on us in the region, and for that reason I urge rejection of this amendment and we continue to work with the Egyptian Government to encourage and support the many achievements they have made and to support future achievements as they move forward.

That is the message I heard on the ground in Egypt, and I hope my colleagues will share that and reject this amendment.

Mr. FORTENBERRY. Mr. Chairman, I move to strike the requisite number of words.

Mr. Chairman, thank you for this opportunity to support Mr. KOLBE in opposing this amendment to decrease economic support to the government of Egypt.

I think it is important to note that I fully appreciate the concerns raised by the sponsors of this amendment and their commitment to political and human rights reform in Egypt. The imprisonment of Mr. Noor, a presidential candidate, other prisoners of conscience, as well as serious violations of religious freedom, are very serious affronts to human dignity and freedom. I believe that we have a responsibility to raise the issue of reform with the Egyptian Government which the United States has done on numerous occasions and continues to do.

However, it is also important to note that Egypt has borne significant sacrifices for the cause of peace and freedom in the Middle East.

President Sadat paid a very high price for Egypt's rapprochement with Israel. More recently, Ambassador Ihab al-Sherif paid with his life for daring to defy the foes of peace in Iraq.

When I visited the Sinai as an 18-year-old in the aftermath of the 1973 war, I was struck by the graffiti scrawled on a twisted heap of concrete, a scene so typical throughout the Middle East. The message in Arabic and English read: "Here was the war. Here is the peace."

For close to 30 years now, Egypt has stood by a courageous choice, daring to chart a new course. President Sadat could have made another choice. While no government is perfect, this choice has been consistent with a march toward democratic reform. Much is left to do. Many challenges remain. But the loosening of our hand of friendship with Egypt will potentially harm that which this amendment seeks to achieve.

Egypt is one of our most important strategic allies in the Middle East, and a cultural and historical leader of the Arab world. I believe this amendment would achieve nothing short of damaging an important relationship at a critical time.

Mr. AL GREEN of Texas. Mr. Chairman, I move to strike the requisite number of words.

Mr. Chairman, I thank God that Members OBEY, HYDE and LANTOS have had the courage to bring this amendment. And I say so because, Mr. Chairman, a human crisis of the highest magnitude exists in Darfur. As we speak, we have had 2.5 million people displaced. Something has got to be done about that. We have had 3 million people put in a position such that they have to exist on emergency assistance. 400,000 people are dead. These are real people; these are real numbers. There is real suffering going on in Darfur.

I do not know what the headlines will read tomorrow in Egypt. I do not know what they are going to read here in my hometown of Houston or here in Washington, D.C., but I know this: at some point on the infinite continuum that we call time, the omniscient, the omnipresent, and the omnipotent will come together and every one of us will have to answer the question: Where were you when there was murder and rape and hunger in Darfur? Where were you when your brothers and your sisters were suffering?

I want to let you know that this is the least we can do for the people of Darfur.

Mr. Chairman, \$50 million will go to the World Food Program that needs help. It only has 32 percent of what it needs to meet the demands of this crisis.

Mr. Chairman, we have to ask ourselves the question: If not now, when? When will we give help and aid to those in need?

If not here, where? Where will the help come from?

If not us, who? Who will the help come from?

Mr. OBEY, God bless you. You have done the decent thing for people who have been suffering for too long. I thank you for what you have done.

The CHAIRMAN. The question is on the amendment offered by the gentleman from Wisconsin (Mr. OBEY).

The question was taken; and the Chairman announced that the yeas appeared to have it.

Mr. OBEY. Mr. Chairman, I demand a recorded vote.

The CHAIRMAN. Pursuant to clause 6 of rule XVIII, further proceedings on the amendment offered by the gentleman from Wisconsin will be postponed.

Mr. KOLBE. Mr. Chairman, I move to strike the last word.

Mr. Chairman, I hope in just a moment here that we will be able to have the committee rise and we will have a unanimous consent agreement to propound. But let me say before that moment that I do think this debate that we have just concluded has been a very constructive debate, a very productive one.

As I said in the committee, I hope that our friends in Egypt, whether they are here in the United States or wheth-

er they are listening to this abroad, have taken some message from this debate that we have just had on the question of our relationship with Egypt and the support and the strategic partnership which we all recognize as an important one. But I hope the message that our friends in Egypt take from this is that democracy is about this kind of a debate.

In a democracy, you not only allow this kind of debate, you encourage it. What we hope to be able to say to our friends in Egypt is that this debate is an important one, and we have had a very constructive debate that I believe is very important.

Mr. Chairman, I move that the Committee do now rise.

The motion was agreed to.

Accordingly, the Committee rose; and the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. BOOZMAN) having assumed the chair, Mr. THORNBERRY, 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. 5522) making appropriations for foreign operations, export financing, and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2007, and for other purposes, had come to no resolution thereon.

#### LIMITING AMENDMENTS DURING FURTHER CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 5522, FOREIGN OPERATIONS, EXPORT FINANCING, AND RELATED PROGRAMS APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2007

Mr. KOLBE. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that during further consideration of H.R. 5522 in the Committee of the Whole, pursuant to House Resolution 851, notwithstanding clause 11 of rule XVIII, no further amendment to the bill may be offered except:

Pro forma amendments offered at any point in the reading by the chairman or ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations or their designees for the purpose of debate;

An amendment by Mr. MCGOVERN regarding Andean counterdrug funding, which shall be debatable for 60 minutes;

An amendment by Mr. MCGOVERN regarding a funding limitation on Western Hemisphere Institute for Security Cooperation, which shall be debatable for 30 minutes;

An amendment by Ms. GINNY BROWN-WAITE of Florida regarding funding for Ireland;

An amendment by Ms. GINNY BROWN-WAITE of Florida regarding INCLE funding for Mexico;

An amendment by Mr. BROWN of Ohio regarding Child Survival and Health program;

An amendment by Ms. WATERS regarding funding for Haiti, which shall be debatable for 20 minutes;

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An amendment by Ms. HOOLEY regarding INCLE funding;

An amendment by Ms. BERKLEY to strike the waiver authority in section 544 of the bill;

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An amendment by Ms. BERKLEY to strike the waiver authority in section 555 of the bill;

An amendment by Mr. MCHENRY to strike the waiver authority in section 581 of the bill;

An amendment by Mr. DEAL of Georgia regarding section 583 of the bill and certain waiver authority;

An amendment by Mr. TERRY regarding funding limitation on importation of counterfeit goods and services;

An amendment by Mr. WEINER regarding funding limitation on Saudi Arabia, which shall be debatable for 20 minutes;

An amendment by Mr. KING of Iowa regarding funding limitation on ESF funds to Mexico;

An amendment by Mrs. MUSGRAVE regarding funding limitation on importation of U.S. beef;

An amendment by Mr. KUCINICH regarding funding limitation on Northern Transnational Highway in El Salvador;

An amendment by Mr. POE regarding funding limitation on countries that do not accept the transfer of certain individuals issued a Final Removal Order by ICE;

An amendment by Mr. POE regarding reduction of funds in the bill;

An amendment by Mr. SANDERS regarding funding limitation on Ex-Im Bank approval of an application related to oil and gas field development project, which shall be debatable for 20 minutes;

An amendment by Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas regarding funding limitation on IMET funds for the Government of Chad;

An amendment by Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas regarding funding limitation on Pakistanian enforcement of the Offence of Zina ordinance of 1979;

An amendment by Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas regarding authorization of funds for security activities in Afghanistan;

An amendment by Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas regarding funding limitation on IMET funds for child soldiers;

An amendment by Mr. DEAL of Georgia regarding funding limitation on the use of INCLE funds;

An amendment by Mr. CULBERSON regarding funding limitation on assistance to Mexico;

An amendment by Mr. HEFLEY regarding reduction of funds in the bill; and

An amendment or amendments by Mr. KOLBE regarding funding levels.

Each such amendment may be offered only by the Member named in this request or a designee, shall be considered as read, shall not be subject to amendment except that the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations and the Subcommittee on Foreign Operations, Ex-

port Programs, and Related Programs may each offer one pro forma amendment for the purpose of debate; and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question in the House or in the Committee of the Whole.

Except as otherwise specified, each amendment shall be debatable for 10 minutes, equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent. An amendment shall be considered to fit the description stated in this request if it addresses in whole or in part the object described.

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

There was no objection.

#### FOREIGN OPERATIONS, EXPORT FINANCING, AND RELATED PROGRAMS APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2007

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to House Resolution 851 and rule XVIII, the Chair declares the House in the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union for the further consideration of the bill, H.R. 5522.

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#### 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 further consideration of the bill (H.R. 5522) making appropriations for foreign operations, export financing, and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2007, and for other purposes, with Mr. THORNBERRY in the Chair.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The CHAIRMAN. When the Committee of the Whole rose earlier today, a request for a recorded vote on the amendment offered by the gentleman from Wisconsin (Mr. OBEY) had been postponed and the bill had been read through page 14, line 3.

Pursuant to the order of the House of today, no further amendment to the bill may be offered except those specified in the previous order of the House of today, which is at the desk.

#### AMENDMENT OFFERED BY MR. OBEY

The CHAIRMAN. Pursuant to clause 6 of rule XVIII, proceedings will now resume on one amendment on which further proceedings were postponed, the amendment by Mr. OBEY of Wisconsin.

The pending business is the demand for a recorded vote on the amendment offered by the gentleman from Wisconsin (Mr. OBEY) on which further proceedings were postponed and on which the noes prevailed by voice vote.

The Clerk will redesignate the amendment.

The Clerk redesignated the amendment.

#### RECORDED VOTE

The CHAIRMAN. A recorded vote has been demanded.

A recorded vote was ordered.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—ayes 198, noes 225, not voting 9, as follows:

[Roll No. 236]

#### AYES—198

Abercrombie	Gutierrez	Owens
Ackerman	Hall	Pallone
Allen	Harman	Pascarell
Andrews	Hastings (FL)	Paul
Baca	Hayworth	Payne
Baldwin	Hereth	Pelosi
Barrow	Higgins	Platts
Bean	Hinojosa	Poe
Becerra	Holden	Ramstad
Berkley	Holt	Rangel
Berman	Honda	Reichert
Berry	Hoolley	Renzi
Bishop (NY)	Hostettler	Rogers (AL)
Blumenauer	Hoyer	Ros-Lehtinen
Boswell	Hyde	Ross
Boucher	Israel	Rothman
Boyd	Jackson (IL)	Roybal-Allard
Bradley (NH)	Jefferson	Royce
Brady (PA)	Jindal	Rush
Brown (OH)	Johnson (IL)	Ryan (OH)
Butterfield	Keller	Sabo
Cantor	Kennedy (MN)	Salazar
Capuano	Kennedy (RI)	Sánchez, Linda T.
Cardin	Kildee	Sanders
Cardoza	Kind	Schakowsky
Carnahan	Langevin	Schiff
Carson	Lantos	Schwartz (PA)
Clay	Larsen (WA)	Scott (GA)
Clyburn	Larson (CT)	Scott (VA)
Conyers	LaTourette	Sensenbrenner
Cooper	Leach	Sherman
Costa	Lee	Simmons
Costello	Levin	Simpson
Crowley	Lewis (GA)	Slaughter
Cummings	LoBiondo	Smith (NJ)
Davis (AL)	Lowey	Snyder
Davis (CA)	Maloney	Solis
Davis (IL)	Markey	Souder
Davis (TN)	Matheson	Spratt
DeFazio	McCarthy	Stark
DeGette	McCaul (TX)	Stearns
Delahunt	McCollum (MN)	Strickland
DeLauro	McGovern	Stupak
Doggett	McHenry	Tancredo
Doyle	McIntyre	Tanner
Duncan	McNulty	Tauscher
Edwards	Meehan	Thompson (CA)
Emanuel	Meek (FL)	Thompson (MS)
Engel	Meeks (NY)	Tiberi
Eshoo	Melancon	Tierney
Etheridge	Mica	Towns
Farr	Michaud	Udall (CO)
Fattah	Millender	Udall (NM)
Ferguson	McDonald	Van Hollen
Filner	Miller (NC)	Velázquez
Fitzpatrick (PA)	Miller, George	Visclosky
Ford	Moore (KS)	Wasserman
Fox	Moran (KS)	Schultz
Frank (MA)	Moran (VA)	Watson
Gallegly	Musgrave	Watt
Gerlach	Nadler	Waxman
Gohmert	Napolitano	Weiner
Gonzalez	Neal (MA)	Wexler
Gordon	Northup	Wolf
Green (WI)	Oberstar	Woolsey
Green, Al	Obey	Wynn
Grijalva	Olver	

#### NOES—225

Aderholt	Boustany	Cole (OK)
Akin	Brady (TX)	Conaway
Alexander	Brown (SC)	Cramer
Bachus	Brown, Corrine	Crenshaw
Baird	Brown-Waite,	Cubin
Baker	Ginny	Cuellar
Barrett (SC)	Burgess	Culberson
Bartlett (MD)	Burton (IN)	Davis (KY)
Barton (TX)	Buyer	Davis, Jo Ann
Bass	Calvert	Davis, Tom
Beauprez	Camp (MI)	Deal (GA)
Biggart	Campbell (CA)	DeLay
Bilirakis	Cannon	Dent
Bishop (GA)	Capito	Diaz-Balart, L.
Bishop (UT)	Capps	Diaz-Balart, M.
Blackburn	Carter	Dicks
Blunt	Case	Dingell
Boehlert	Castle	Doolittle
Boehner	Chabot	Drake
Bonilla	Chandler	Dreier
Bonner	Chocola	Ehlers
Boozman	Cleaver	Emerson
Boren	Coble	English (PA)