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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
Boehrlert	Castle	Doolittle
Boehner	Chabot	Drake
Bonilla	Chandler	Dreier
Bonner	Chocola	Ehlers
Boozman	Cleaver	Emerson
Boren	Coble	English (PA)

Everett	Kucinich	Putnam
Feeney	Kuhl (NY)	Radanovich
Flake	LaHood	Rahall
Foley	Latham	Regula
Forbes	Lewis (CA)	Rehberg
Fortenberry	Lewis (KY)	Reynolds
Fossella	Linder	Rogers (KY)
Franks (AZ)	Lipinski	Rogers (MI)
Frelinghuysen	Lofgren, Zoe	Rohrabacher
Garrett (NJ)	Lucas	Ruppersberger
Gilchrest	Lungren, Daniel	Ryan (WI)
Gillmor	E.	Ryun (KS)
Gingrey	Lynch	Sanchez, Loretta
Goode	Mack	Saxton
Goodlatte	Marchant	Schmidt
Granger	Marshall	Schwarz (MI)
Graves	Matsui	Serrano
Green, Gene	McCotter	Sessions
Gutknecht	McCrery	Shadegg
Harris	McDermott	Shaw
Hart	McHugh	Shays
Hastings (WA)	McKeon	Sherwood
Hayes	McKinney	Shimkus
Hefley	McMorris	Shuster
Hensarling	Miller (FL)	Skelton
Herger	Miller (MI)	Smith (TX)
Hinchey	Miller, Gary	Smith (WA)
Hobson	Mollohan	Sodrel
Hoekstra	Moore (WI)	Sullivan
Hulshof	Murphy	Sweeney
Hunter	Murtha	Taylor (MS)
Inglis (SC)	Myrick	Taylor (NC)
Inslee	Neugebauer	Terry
Issa	Ney	Thomas
Istook	Norwood	Thornberry
Jackson-Lee	Nunes	Tiahrt
(TX)	Ortiz	Turner
Jenkins	Osborne	Upton
Johnson (CT)	Otter	Walden (OR)
Johnson, E. B.	Oxley	Walsh
Johnson, Sam	Pastor	Wamp
Jones (NC)	Pearce	Waters
Jones (OH)	Pence	Weldon (FL)
Kanjorski	Peterson (MN)	Weldon (PA)
Kaptur	Petri	Weller
Kelly	Pickering	Westmoreland
Kilpatrick (MI)	Pitts	Whitfield
King (IA)	Pombo	Wicker
King (NY)	Pomeroy	Wilson (NM)
Kirk	Porter	Wilson (SC)
Kline	Price (GA)	Wu
Knollenberg	Price (NC)	Young (AK)
Kolbe	Pryce (OH)	Young (FL)

NOT VOTING—9

Bono	Gibbons	Nussle
Davis (FL)	Kingston	Peterson (PA)
Evans	Manzullo	Reyes

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Messrs. CLEAVER, DINGELL, ROHRBACHER, CUELLAR, FEENEY and WU, and Ms. MCKINNEY and Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas, changed their vote from "aye" to "no."

Messrs. EDWARDS, GALLEGLY, MCHENRY, FERGUSON, FORD and LOBIONDO changed their vote from "no" to "aye."

So the amendment was rejected.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

Mr. KOLBE. 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. SIMPSON) 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.

PERMISSION TO REDUCE TIME FOR ELECTRONIC VOTING DURING CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 5522, FOREIGN OPERATIONS, EXPORT FINANCING, AND RELATED PROGRAMS APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2007

Mr. BOEHNER. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that during further consideration of H.R. 5522 pursuant to House Resolution 851, the Chair may reduce to 2 minutes the minimum time for electronic voting under clause 6 of rule XVIII and clause 9 of rule XX.

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

There was no objection.

RESIGNATION AS MEMBER OF COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following resignation as a member of the Committee on Appropriations:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, June 8, 2006.

Hon. J. DENNIS HASTERT,
Speaker, U.S. House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: Please accept my resignation, effective immediately, from the House Committee on Appropriations.

It has been my great pleasure to serve on the committee under the fine leadership of Chairman Jerry Lewis and Chairman Bill Young.

Thank you for your attention to this request.

Sincerely,

TOM DELAY,
Member of Congress.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is, Shall the resignation be accepted?

The gentleman from Texas is recognized.

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Mr. DELAY. Mr. Speaker, political careers tend to end in one of three ways: defeat, death, or retirement. And despite the fervent and mostly noble exertions of my adversaries over the years, I rise today to bid farewell to this House under the happiest of the available options.

I wish to begin the end of my congressional career by publicly thanking for the last time as their Representative the people of the 22nd District of Texas. Everything I have ever been able to accomplish here I owe and dedicate to them. It has been an honor and a privilege to serve them here.

Mr. Speaker, the real Speaker, he is on his way. I want to tell the real Speaker it has been a real honor to serve with DENNY HASTERT, who is my good friend, my most trusted partner and colleague. I want to take just a moment to congratulate him myself on becoming the longest serving Republican Speaker in history.

What a blessing this place is, Mr. Speaker. What a castle of hope this building is, this institution is for the people of the world. It is one of those

things in political life that you always know, but seldom notice. The schedules we are forced to keep during our days in Washington are not always hospitable to sitting back and reflecting on the historical significance of our surroundings.

In the weeks since I announced my retirement, however, I have found myself doing just that. I notice things like I have not in years. I notice the monuments on the Mall. I notice that in Washington's obelisk, the Father of Our Country is represented not as an object of glory, but as a dutiful sentry at attention, minding his post for eternity.

I notice that under Jefferson's dome, the statue of the man is relatively understated, while his etched words still thunder from the marble with the power to drive history.

I notice that Lincoln's chair, the man who sought above all peace and reconciliation, keeps one of his hands in a perpetual fist. I walk these halls with a keener perspective. I notice now the statues of old and great, and in some cases almost forgotten, heroes that line the halls of this building, that stand in Statuary Hall.

In these halls I have also noticed in recent weeks the number of tourists in the Capitol who speak no English. They are not from America, most of these visitors, and yet, in a certain sense, of course they are. They may speak Italian or Polish or Japanese, but the freedoms they enjoy, both here and in their own country, have been inspired, won and secured by the ideals and the courage and the compassion of the American people.

These pilgrims come from all over the world to the House of Representatives to sit up in these galleries, photograph the statues, and stare up at the rotunda, to bear witness to the awesome feat of human liberty we have achieved right here.

The dome above us, Mr. Speaker, is a light house, a star even, by which all of the people in the world, no matter how oppressed, how impoverished, how seemingly without hope can chart a course towards security, prosperity, and freedom.

It is worth considering, though I will admit it is considerably easier to consider after you have announced your retirement, whether the days we lead here, the debates we wage, the work we do is always worthy of the elevated ideals embodied in that dome.

I submit that we could do better, as could all people in all things at all times, but perhaps not in the way some might think. In preparing for today, I found that it is customary in speeches such as these to reminisce about the good old days of political harmony, and across-the-aisle camaraderie, and to lament the bitter divisive partisan rancor that supposedly now weakens our democracy.

Well, I cannot do that, because partisanship, Mr. Speaker, properly understood, is not a symptom of democracy's