

programs had no impact at all on whether participants had sex. They had no impact on the age of first sex. They had no impact on the number of partners. And they had no impact on rates of pregnancy or sexually transmitted disease.

There is no evidence to support these programs, and they should get no Federal funding. It is an outrage that instead they are receiving an increase.

Defenders of abstinence-only like to claim that parents support abstinence education. It's true that surveys show parents want programs to promote abstinence as the healthiest choice for young people. We all want that. But the surveys also show that parents overwhelmingly want a full range of age-appropriate information taught, so that youth are best prepared to stay healthy.

Parents care more about the health of their children than about politics or ideology. I think that's probably why they understand that the abstinence-only programs we've been funding are a mistake. They contain serious misinformation and, most importantly, are not effective in improving adolescent health. After putting more than a billion Federal dollars into these programs, we have seen no results.

I know it's critical that we pass this appropriations bill. But it's wrong to spend scarce dollars on programs that we know don't work. It's wrong to put our children at risk of health problems and unwanted pregnancies because we've withheld essential health information. And it's indefensible to use adolescents as political pawns instead of taking an honest, evidence-based look at their health and well-being.

Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise in support of the conference report accompanying the fiscal year 2008 appropriations bill funding the Departments of Labor, HHS, and Education, as well as Military Construction and the Department of Veterans Affairs.

On the domestic side, this legislation makes important investments in our health care and education programs. After many years of flat funding and small increases that have resulted in funding reductions when taking inflation into account, the National Institutes of Health would receive a 4 percent increase over current funding levels. This legislation provides \$30 billion for life-saving medical research, much of which is performed in my back yard at the Baylor College of Medicine, the MD Anderson Cancer Center, UT Health Science Center, and many other impressive research facilities located in the Texas Medical Center.

I am also pleased that the bill provides a 35 percent increase for the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program. The \$2.4 billion in LIHEAP funding that this bill provides will better ensure that LIHEAP funding is more equitably distributed among cold weather and hot weather states. By providing LIHEAP funding above the threshold of \$1.975 billion, this legislation ensures that the funding will be sufficient to meet the historical needs of cold weather states while also recognizing the unmet needs of hot weather states, which experience higher levels of weather-related deaths.

I would also like to thank the conference committee for retaining House-passed funding for two projects in our district. The conference committee generously provided funding for Gateway to Care, the community health care

access collaborative in Harris County. Gateway to Care will utilize this funding to help coordinate the deployment of health information technology among the county's health care clinics. The bill also provides much-needed funding for the Harris County Hospital District's Diabetes Program, which offers a culturally-sensitive, interdisciplinary, and educational approach to the treatment of diabetes in our community, which experiences higher than normal rates of this devastating disease.

As Veterans' Day approaches, we should also highlight the significant funding increases made in the Military Construction/VA portion of the bill. The conference agreement provides a total of \$109.2 billion for veterans' affairs and military construction programs, roughly \$18 billion more than the current level and \$4 billion more than the president's request. For the last 11 months, this Congress has demonstrated its commitment to fulfilling the promises made to our veterans, and this bill reaffirms that commitment in the strongest terms by providing the largest funding increase in VA history. With the current wars in Iraq and Afghanistan creating hundreds of thousands of new veterans, this level of funding reassures our veterans, our troops, and their families that this Congress will fulfill the promises we made to those who fight for our country, even after they are done with their service.

I would also like to offer my thanks for the inclusion of funding for a new fire station at Ellington Field. I have supported this project for several years, and am glad to see it funded in this bill. The existing fire station at Ellington field is in a rapidly deteriorating condition and does not meet OSHA or Air Force Standards. Roof leaks and lack of insulation have resulted in equipment being destroyed and extremely high operating costs. New firefighting apparatus must be parked outside the station because they will not fit into the truck bays. This fire station supports all flying operations at Ellington Field including Air National Guard, Army National Guard, US Coast Guard, NASA, and civilian aircraft. Construction of the new fire station at Ellington is critical for the Texas Air National Guard and all units stationed at Ellington Field, and I am pleased funding for this project was included.

Madam Speaker, I again urge my colleagues to join me in supporting this conference report.

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

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the previous question is ordered on the conference report.

There was no objection.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Mr. PUTNAM. Madam Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion to adjourn.

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

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

PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRY

Mr. OBEY. Madam Speaker, parliamentary inquiry.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman from Wisconsin will state his parliamentary inquiry.

Mr. OBEY. Are we participating in Little League politics or doing the country's business tonight?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman is not stating a parliamentary inquiry.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 158, nays 248, not voting 26, as follows:

[Roll No. 1049]

YEAS—158

Aderholt	Franks (AZ)	Murphy, Tim
Akin	Frelinghuysen	Musgrave
Alexander	Gallagher	Myrick
Bachmann	Garrett (NJ)	Neugebauer
Baker	Gingrey	Nunes
Barrett (SC)	Gohmert	Pearce
Bartlett (MD)	Goode	Pence
Barton (TX)	Goodlatte	Peterson (PA)
Biggert	Granger	Petri
Bilbray	Graves	Pickering
Bilirakis	Hall (TX)	Pitts
Bishop (UT)	Hastert	Poe
Blackburn	Hastings (WA)	Porter
Blunt	Hayes	Price (GA)
Boehner	Heller	Putnam
Bonner	Hensarling	Rehberg
Bono	Herger	Renzi
Boustany	Hobson	Rogers (AL)
Brady (TX)	Hunter	Rogers (KY)
Broun (GA)	Ingilis (SC)	Rogers (MI)
Brown-Waite,	Issa	Rohrabacher
Ginny	Johnson (IL)	Ros-Lehtinen
Buchanan	Johnson, Sam	Roskam
Burton (IN)	Jordan	Royce
Calvert	Keller	Ryan (WI)
Camp (MI)	King (IA)	Sali
Campbell (CA)	Kingston	Saxton
Cannon	Kline (MN)	Schmidt
Cantor	Knollenberg	Sensenbrenner
Capito	Lamborn	Sessions
Carter	Latham	Shadegg
Coble	LaTourette	Shays
Cole (OK)	Lewis (CA)	Shimkus
Conaway	Lewis (KY)	Smith (NE)
Crenshaw	Linder	Smith (TX)
Culberson	Lucas	Souder
Davis (KY)	Lungren, Daniel	Sullivan
Davis, David	E.	Taylor
Davis, Tom	Mack	Terry
Deal (GA)	Manzullo	Thornberry
Diaz-Balart, L.	Marchant	Tiahrt
Diaz-Balart, M.	McCarthy (CA)	Turner
Doolittle	McCaull (TX)	Upton
Drake	McCrery	Walberg
Dreier	McHenry	Walsh (NY)
Duncan	McKeon	Wamp
Emerson	McMorris	Weldon (FL)
English (PA)	Rodgers	Whitfield
Fallin	Mica	Wicker
Feeney	Miller (FL)	Wilson (NM)
Flake	Miller (MI)	Wilson (SC)
Forbes	Miller (NC)	Wu
Fortenberry	Miller, Gary	Young (FL)
Foxx	Moran (KS)	

NAYS—248

Abercrombie	Burgess	DeGette
Ackerman	Capps	Delahunt
Allen	Capuano	DeLauro
Altman	Cardoza	Dent
Andrews	Carnahan	Dicks
Arcuri	Carney	Dingell
Baca	Castle	Doggett
Bachus	Castor	Donnelly
Baird	Chabot	Doyle
Baldwin	Clarke	Edwards
Barrow	Clay	Ehlers
Bean	Cleaver	Ellison
Becerra	Clyburn	Ellsworth
Berman	Cohen	Emanuel
Berry	Conyers	Engel
Bishop (GA)	Cooper	Eshoo
Bishop (NY)	Costello	Etheridge
Blumenauer	Courtney	Everett
Boozman	Cramer	Farr
Boren	Crowley	Fattah
Boswell	Cuellar	Filner
Boucher	Cummings	Frank (MA)
Boyd (FL)	Davis (AL)	Gerlach
Boyd (KS)	Davis (CA)	Giffords
Braley (IA)	Davis (IL)	Gilchrest
Brown (SC)	Davis, Lincoln	Gillibrand
Brown, Corrine	DeFazio	Gonzalez

Green, Al Mahoney (FL) Sánchez, Linda
 Green, Gene Maloney (NY) T.
 Grijalva Markey Sanchez, Loretta
 Gutierrez Marshall Sarbanes
 Hall (NY) Matheson Schakowsky
 Hare Matsui Schiff
 Harman McCarthy (NY) Schwartz
 Hastings (FL) McCollum (MN) Scott (GA)
 Herseth Sandlin McCotter Scott (VA)
 Higgins McDermott Serrano
 Hill McGovern Sestak Abercrombie
 Hinchey McHugh Shea-Porter Green, Gene
 Hinojosa McIntyre Sherman Altmore
 Hirono McNeerney Shuler Andrews
 Hodes Meek (FL) Shuster Arcuri
 Hoekstra Meeks (NY) Simpson Baca
 Holden Melancon Sires Baird
 Holt Michaud Skelton Baldwin
 Honda Miller, George Slaughter Barrow
 Hooley Mitchell Smith (NJ) Higgins
 Hoyer Mollohan Smith (WA) Bean
 Inslee Moore (KS) Snyder Bercera
 Israel Moore (WI) Solis Berkley
 Jackson (IL) Moran (VA) Space Berry
 Jackson-Lee Murphy (CT) Spratt Biggert
 (TX) Murphy, Patrick Stark
 Jefferson Murtha Stearns Bishop (GA)
 Johnson (GA) Nadler Stupak Bishop (NY)
 Johnson, E. B. Napolitano Sutton Blumenauer
 Jones (NC) Neal (MA) Tanner Boren
 Jones (OH) Obey Tauscher Boswell
 Kagen Olver Thompson (CA) Boucher
 Kanjorski Ortiz Thompson (MS) Boyd (FL)
 Kaptur Pallone Thompson (MS) Tiberi
 Kennedy Pascrell Tierney Braley (IA)
 Kildee Perlmutter Towns Brown, Corrine
 Kilpatrick Peterson (MN) Platts Tsongas
 Kind Platts Udal (CO) Brown-Waite
 King (NY) Pomeroy Udall (CO) Johnson (GA)
 Kirk Price (NC) Udall (NM) Buchanan
 Klein (FL) Radanovich Van Hollen
 Kucinich Rahall Velázquez
 Kuhl (NY) Ramstad Visclosky
 Lampson Rangel Walden (OR) Cardoza
 Langevin Regula Walz (MN) Carnahan
 Lantos Reichert Wasserman Carney
 Larsen (WA) Reyes Schultz Castle
 Larson (CT) Reynolds Watson Castor
 Lee Richardson Watt Clarke
 Levin Rodriguez Waxman Clay
 Lewis (GA) Ross Weiner Cleaver
 Lipinski Rothman Welch (VT) Clyburn
 LoBiondo Roybal-Allard Weller Cohen
 Loebssack Ruppersberger Wexler Conyers
 Lofgren, Zoe Rush Wolf Kuhl (NY)
 Lowey Ryan (OH) Woolsey Cooper
 Lynch Salazar Wynn
 NOT VOTING—26

Berkley Fossella Payne
 Brady (PA) Gordon Pryce (OH)
 Butterfield Hulshof Tancredo
 Buyer Jindal Waters
 Carson LaHood Westmoreland
 Chandler McNulty Wilson (OH)
 Costa Oberstar Yarmuth
 Cubin Pastor Young (AK)
 Ferguson Paul

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE
 The SPEAKER pro tempore (during the vote). Members are advised there are 2 minutes remaining in the vote.

□ 2233

Messrs. MELANCON, HINOJOSA and HINCHEY changed their vote from "yea" to "nay."

Mr. BILBRAY changed his vote from "nay" to "yea."

So the motion to adjourn was rejected.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

DEPARTMENTS OF LABOR, HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, AND EDUCATION, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2008

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the conference report.

Pursuant to clause 10 of rule XX, the yeas and nays are ordered.
 The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 269, nays 142, not voting 22, as follows:

[Roll No. 1050]

YEAS—269

Green, Gene Obey
 Grijalva Olver
 Gutierrez Ortiz
 Hirono Hall (NY) Pallone
 Hodes Andrews Hare
 Hoekstra Simpson Hastings (FL)
 Holden Melancon Baca
 Holt Michaud Sires Baird
 Honda Miller, George Skelton Baldwin
 Hooley Mitchell Slaughter Serrano
 Hoyer Mollohan Smith (NJ) Shuler
 Inslee Moore (KS) Smith (WA) Andrews
 Israel Moore (WI) Snyder Bercera
 Jackson (IL) Moran (VA) Space Berry
 Jackson-Lee Murphy (CT) Spratt Biggert
 (TX) Murphy, Patrick Stark
 Jefferson Murtha Stearns Bishop (GA)
 Johnson (GA) Nadler Stupak Bishop (NY)
 Johnson, E. B. Napolitano Sutton Blumenauer
 Jones (NC) Neal (MA) Tanner Boren
 Jones (OH) Obey Tauscher Boswell
 Kagen Olver Thompson (CA) Boucher
 Kanjorski Ortiz Thompson (MS) Boyd (FL)
 Kaptur Pallone Thompson (MS) Tiberi
 Kennedy Pascrell Tierney Braley (IA)
 Kildee Perlmutter Towns Brown, Corrine
 Kilpatrick Peterson (MN) Platts Tsongas
 Kind Platts Udal (CO) Brown-Waite
 King (NY) Pomeroy Udall (CO) Johnson (GA)
 Kirk Price (NC) Udall (NM) Buchanan
 Klein (FL) Radanovich Van Hollen
 Kucinich Rahall Velázquez
 Kuhl (NY) Ramstad Visclosky
 Lampson Rangel Walden (OR) Cardoza
 Langevin Regula Walz (MN) Carnahan
 Lantos Reichert Wasserman Carney
 Larsen (WA) Reyes Schultz Castle
 Larson (CT) Reynolds Watson Castor
 Lee Richardson Watt Clarke
 Levin Rodriguez Waxman Clay
 Lewis (GA) Ross Weiner Cleaver
 Lipinski Rothman Welch (VT) Clyburn
 LoBiondo Roybal-Allard Weller Cohen
 Loebssack Ruppersberger Wexler Conyers
 Lofgren, Zoe Rush Wolf Kuhl (NY)
 Lowey Ryan (OH) Woolsey Cooper
 Lynch Salazar Wynn
 NOT VOTING—26

Wilson (NM) Wolf
 Woolsey Wu
 Yawn Young (FL)
 NAYS—142
 Aderholt Forbes
 Akin Gohmert
 Alexander Franks (AZ)
 Bachmann Gallegly
 Bachus Garrett (NJ)
 Baker Gingrey
 Barret (SC) Myrick
 Bartlett (MD) Neugebauer
 Barton (TX) Nunes
 Bilbray Pearce
 Blumenauer Pickering
 Blunt Pitts
 Boehner Poe
 Bonner Hensarling
 Bono Putnam
 Bormann Radanovich
 Boustany Rehberg
 Brady (TX) Renzi
 Broun (GA) Rogers (AL)
 Brown (SC) Rogers (KY)
 Brown, Sam Rohrabacher
 Burgess Ros-Lehtinen
 Burton (IN) Radtke
 Boozman Hobson
 Boustan Hoekstra
 Brady (TX) Hunter
 Broun (GA) Inglis (SC)
 Brown (SC) Ryan (WI)
 Brown, Sam Rohrabacher
 Burgess Ros-Lehtinen
 Burton (IN) Radtke
 Burton (IN) Keller
 Calvert Camp (MI)
 Brady (TX) King (IA)
 Broun (GA) Kingston
 Brown (SC) Kline (MN)
 Brown, Sam Rohrabacher
 Burgess Sali
 Burton (IN) Schmidt
 Burton (IN) Sensenbrenner
 Burton (IN) Sessions
 Burton (IN) Shadegg
 Burton (IN) Lewis (CA)
 Burton (IN) Shimkus
 Burton (IN) Shuster
 Burton (IN) Smith (NE)
 Burton (IN) Smith (TX)
 Burton (IN) Souder
 Burton (IN) Sullivan
 Burton (IN) Terry
 Burton (IN) Thorneberry
 Burton (IN) Diaz-Balart, L.
 Burton (IN) Diaz-Balart, M.
 Burton (IN) Doolittle
 Burton (IN) Drake
 Burton (IN) Culberson
 Burton (IN) Davis (KY)
 Burton (IN) Davis, David
 Burton (IN) Davis, Tom
 Burton (IN) Mack
 Burton (IN) Manzullo
 Burton (IN) Diaz-Balart, L.
 Burton (IN) Diaz-Balart, M.
 Burton (IN) Doolittle
 Burton (IN) Drake
 Burton (IN) Culberson
 Burton (IN) Duncan
 Burton (IN) McHenry
 Burton (IN) Fallin
 Burton (IN) McKeon
 Burton (IN) Feeney
 Burton (IN) Rodgers
 Burton (IN) Brady (PA)
 Burton (IN) Butterfield
 Burton (IN) Buyer
 Burton (IN) Carson
 Burton (IN) McNulty
 Burton (IN) Chandler
 Burton (IN) Cubin
 Burton (IN) Ferguson
 Burton (IN) Fossella
 Burton (IN) Gordon
 Burton (IN) Jindal
 Burton (IN) LaHood
 Burton (IN) Oberstar
 Burton (IN) Paul
 Burton (IN) Payne
 NOT VOTING—22

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE
 The SPEAKER pro tempore (during the vote). Members are advised there are 2 minutes remaining on this vote.

□ 2250

Mr. WHITFIELD changed his vote from "yea" to "nay."

So the conference report was agreed to.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

SPECIAL ORDERS

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. ALTMIRE). Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 18, 2007, and under a previous order of the House, the following Members will be recognized for 5 minutes each.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Texas (Mr. POE) is recognized for 5 minutes.