

Unfortunately, unfortunately, the priorities that seem to be coming from the other side of the aisle in the majority of cases are not the appropriate priorities that the American public would set for themselves. Priority number one from the other side of the aisle is a budget which raises taxes, the largest tax increase in U.S. history upon the American family.

Priority number two from the other side of the aisle appears to be an increase in spending with little or no regard to accountability or cutting spending in any areas. We see that in this case.

When I hear the arguments made, both pro and con in this bill, I am taken aback. All this amendment simply does is to say that the American taxpayer dollars should not be there and spent to subsidize Big Oil.

We had similar language in legislation last year. I know I supported it saying that the American taxpayer, in light of oil now being sold at over \$60 a barrel, should not be forced into a situation anymore to support Big Oil in coal industries when it comes to these things through tax credits and tax cuts. I supported those, saying the American public in that regard.

But, now, today, when we have a Member, Congressman KLINE, saying let's at least rein in, let's at least set some priorities as to where our energy dollars should go, let's go to those areas, as the gentleman here said, perhaps some who support carbon capture issues; let's have some of those dollars, as a Member from the other side of the aisle says, go to renewable energy resources, whether it be wind, water or geothermal or et cetera. Let those dollars go to those areas, but let's set the priorities of those dollars to go specifically to those areas and not on extraneous purposes, as we saw in this bill.

Congressman KLINE gave a couple of examples that really just threw me when I heard them once again. The American public must really scratch their head, as I did, when they say, should we be giving, as Congressman KLINE said, given the record profits being made by oil, gas and coal, the research of oil and gas resources of the Russian Arctic should be done and paid for by those oil companies and not by American taxpayers. This amendment simply goes to make sure that occurs.

Likewise, again in the Arctic area, submersible deployed microdrill sampling, ultralight cement and oil and gas resource assessments in that area. Who should be paying for that? The American public?

We already pay for that when we go to the pump each time. Shouldn't it be the oil companies who should make it a private investment and not the American tax borrowers? This amendment simply says let's set those priorities, let's reduce spending on those areas and make sure that we have the dollars from the American public to spend on those other areas, be they renewable energy or otherwise.

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The Acting CHAIRMAN. The question is on the amendment offered by the gentleman from Minnesota (Mr. KLINE).

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

Mr. KLINE of Minnesota. Mr. Chairman, I demand a recorded vote.

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

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Chairman, I move that the Committee do now rise. The motion was agreed to.

Accordingly, the Committee rose; and the Speaker pro tempore (Mrs. JONES of Ohio) having assumed the chair, Mr. POMEROY, Acting 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. 2641) making appropriations for energy and water development and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008, and for other purposes, had come to no resolution thereon.

REPORT ON RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 2764, THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE, FOREIGN OPERATIONS AND RELATED PROGRAMS APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2008

Ms. SLAUGHTER, from the Committee on Rules, submitted a privileged report (Rept. No. 110-199) on the resolution (H. Res. 498) providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 2764) making appropriations for the Department of State, foreign operations, and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008, and for other purposes, which was referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed.

PROVIDING FOR FURTHER CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 2641, ENERGY AND WATER DEVELOPMENT AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2008

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Madam Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that during further consideration of H.R. 2641 in the Committee of the Whole pursuant to House Resolution 481, notwithstanding clause 11 of rule XVIII, no 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. FORBES regarding a study of certain river basins;

An amendment by Mr. WYNN regarding hydrogen research;

An amendment by Mr. HENSARLING regarding funding for DOE Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability;

An amendment by Mr. SHADEGG regarding funding for hydropower incentives;

An amendment by Mr. PORTER regarding Yucca Mountain;

An amendment by Mr. PRICE of Georgia regarding funding for the Advanced Fuel Cycle Initiative;

An amendment by Mr. BURGESS regarding funding for fossil energy;

An amendment by Mrs. WILSON of New Mexico regarding funding for medical imaging;

An amendment by Mr. UPTON or Mr. TOWNS regarding funding for nuclear energy loan guarantees;

An amendment by Mr. HENSARLING regarding funding for DOE Departmental Administration;

An amendment by Mr. MATHESON regarding funding for contract oversight;

An amendment by Mrs. TAUSCHER regarding weapons dismantlement activities;

An amendment by Mr. UDALL of New Mexico regarding funding for weapons activities;

An amendment by Mrs. SCHMIDT regarding a prohibition on Global Nuclear Energy Partnership funds for certain nuclear waste storage;

An amendment by Mr. SPACE regarding funding for the Appalachian Regional Commission;

An amendment by Mr. NEUGEBAUER regarding funding for the Appalachian Regional Commission;

An amendment by Mr. HENSARLING regarding funding for the Denali Commission;

An amendment by Ms. BERKLEY limiting use of funds for the Yucca Mountain Youth Website educational campaign;

An amendment by Mr. BISHOP of New York, Mr. COURTNEY, or Ms. DELAURO limiting use of Federal Energy Regulatory Commission funds to review a particular application;

An amendment by Mr. CONAWAY regarding use of reductions made through amendments for deficit reduction;

An amendment by Mr. KING of Iowa regarding actions to mitigate global warming;

An amendment by Mr. MURPHY of Connecticut limiting use of Federal Energy Regulatory Commission funds for certain permit actions;

An amendment by Mrs. MUSGRAVE regarding an across-the-board reduction in funding;

An amendment by Mr. PRICE of Georgia regarding an across-the-board reduction in funding, which shall be debatable for 30 minutes;

An amendment by Mr. UPTON or Ms. HARMAN regarding use of Energy Star certified light bulbs;

An amendment by Mr. SHADEGG limiting use of funds to breach or remove hydropower dams;

An amendment by Mr. HINCHEY or Mr. WOLF limiting use of funds for designation of transmission corridors, which shall be debatable for 20 minutes;

An amendment by Mr. GOHMERT limiting use of funds for a certain settlement regarding the National Resources Defense Council;

An amendment by Mr. CAMPBELL of California reducing funds in the bill, which shall be debatable for 30 minutes;

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An amendment by Mr. OBEY regarding earmarks;

An amendment by Mr. GARRETT of New Jersey limiting the use of funds for international conferences;

An amendment by Mr. HOBSON limiting use of funds for the Mental Illness and Neuroscience Discovery Institute in New Mexico; and

An amendment or amendments by Mr. VISCLOSKY 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 Energy and Water Development each may 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 Indiana?

Mr. HOBSON. Madam Speaker, reserving the right to object, I need a point of clarification on the amendment here on the UC. It's my understanding that this says that no amendment to the bill will be offered except the following; but that there will be another UC later that will come forward that will allow the additional supplemental, to allow that to come into the bill at a later date. Am I correct on that?

Mr. VISCLOSKY. My understanding is there would be an additional UC, a unanimous consent request, or a new rule for the supplemental report that would come up.

Mr. HOBSON. Well, I don't think they want a new rule. I think they just want the understanding that there will be the provision that comes forth with the supplemental material coming into the bill. That was the understanding I thought was reached in the UC. Am I correct?

Mr. VISCLOSKY. My understanding is that we would agree to a UC.

Mr. HOBSON. I don't think they want a new rule. I think the point is

they don't want to go back to Rules again to bring the supplemental material back into the bill at the later date, and that is basically the earmark provision of the bill. Am I correct?

Mr. VISCLOSKY. That's fine. Yes, sir.

Mr. HOBSON. Madam Speaker, I withdraw my reservation based on that understanding.

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

There was no objection.

ENERGY AND WATER DEVELOPMENT AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2008

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to House Resolution 481 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. 2641.

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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. 2641) making appropriations for energy and water development and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008, and for other purposes, with Mr. POMEROY (Acting Chairman) in the chair.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The Acting CHAIRMAN. When the Committee of the Whole rose earlier today, a request for a recorded vote on amendment No. 19 by the gentleman from Minnesota (Mr. KLINE) had been postponed.

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.

The Clerk will read.

The Clerk read as follows:

NAVAL PETROLEUM AND OIL SHALE RESERVES

For expenses necessary to carry out naval petroleum and oil shale reserve activities, including the hire of passenger motor vehicles, \$17,301,000, to remain available until expended: *Provided*, That, notwithstanding any other provision of law, unobligated funds remaining from prior years shall be available for all naval petroleum and oil shale reserve activities.

STRATEGIC PETROLEUM RESERVE

For necessary expenses for Strategic Petroleum Reserve facility development and operations and program management activities pursuant to the Energy Policy and Conservation Act (42 U.S.C. 6201 et seq.), including the hire of passenger motor vehicles, the hire, maintenance, and operation of aircraft, the purchase, repair, and cleaning of uniforms, the reimbursement to the General Services Administration for security guard services, \$163,472,000, to remain available until expended.

NORTHEAST HOME HEATING OIL RESERVE

For necessary expenses for Northeast Home Heating Oil Reserve storage, operation, and management activities pursuant

to the Energy Policy and Conservation Act, \$5,325,000, to remain available until expended.

ENERGY INFORMATION ADMINISTRATION

For necessary expenses in carrying out the activities of the Energy Information Administration, \$105,095,000, to remain available until expended.

NON-DEFENSE ENVIRONMENTAL CLEANUP

For Department of Energy expenses, including the purchase, construction, and acquisition of plant and capital equipment and other expenses necessary for non-defense environmental cleanup activities in carrying out the purposes of the Department of Energy Organization Act (42 U.S.C. 7101 et seq.), including the acquisition or condemnation of any real property or any facility or for plant or facility acquisition, construction, or expansion, and the purchase of not to exceed three passenger motor vehicles for replacement only, \$286,041,000, to remain available until expended, of which \$250,937,000 is for non-defense environmental cleanup and \$35,104,000 is for non-defense legacy management.

URANIUM ENRICHMENT DECONTAMINATION AND DECOMMISSIONING FUND

For necessary expenses in carrying out uranium enrichment facility decontamination and decommissioning, remedial actions, and other activities of title II of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954 and title X, subtitle A, of the Energy Policy Act of 1992, \$618,759,000, to be derived from the Fund, to remain available until expended, of which \$20,000,000 shall be available in accordance with title X, subtitle A, of the Energy Policy Act of 1992.

SCIENCE

For Department of Energy expenses including the purchase, construction and acquisition of plant and capital equipment, and other expenses necessary for science activities in carrying out the purposes of the Department of Energy Organization Act (42 U.S.C. 7101 et seq.), including the acquisition or condemnation of any real property or facility or for plant or facility acquisition, construction, or expansion, and purchase of not to exceed 30 passenger motor vehicles for replacement only, \$4,514,082,000, to remain available until expended.

NUCLEAR WASTE DISPOSAL

For nuclear waste disposal activities to carry out the purposes of the Nuclear Waste Policy Act of 1982, Public Law 97-425, as amended (the "Act"), including the acquisition of real property or facility construction or expansion, \$202,454,000, to remain available until expended, and to be derived from the Nuclear Waste Fund: *Provided*, That of the funds made available in this Act for Nuclear Waste Disposal, \$2,500,000 shall be provided to the State of Nevada solely for expenditures, other than salaries and expenses of State employees, to conduct scientific oversight responsibilities and participate in licensing activities pursuant to the Act: *Provided further*, That notwithstanding the lack of a written agreement with the State of Nevada under section 117(c) of the Nuclear Waste Policy Act of 1982, Public Law 97-425, as amended, not less than \$1,200,000 shall be provided to Nye County, Nevada, for on-site oversight activities under section 117(d) of that Act: *Provided further*, That \$4,000,000 shall be provided to affected units of local government, as defined in the Act, to conduct appropriate activities and participate in licensing activities: *Provided further*, That 7.5 percent of the funds provided shall be made available to affected units of local government in California with the balance made available to affected units of local government in Nevada for distribution as determined by the Nevada units of local government: *Provided further*, That notwithstanding