

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

CONSOLIDATED NATURAL RESOURCES ACT OF 2008

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The unfinished business is the vote on the motion to suspend the rules and pass the Senate bill, S. 2739, on which the yeas and nays were ordered.

The Clerk read the title of the Senate bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from West Virginia (Mr. RAHALL) that the House suspend the rules and pass the Senate bill, S. 2739.

This will be a 5-minute vote.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 291, nays 117, not voting 23, as follows:

[Roll No. 226]

YEAS—291

Abercrombie	Dicks	King (NY)
Ackerman	Dingell	Kirk
Allen	Donnelly	Klein (FL)
Altmire	Doolittle	Knollenberg
Arcuri	Doyle	Kucinich
Baca	Edwards	Kuhl (NY)
Baird	Ehlers	LaHood
Baldwin	Ellison	Lampson
Barrett (SC)	Ellsworth	Langevin
Barrow	Emanuel	Larsen (WA)
Bean	Emerson	Larson (CT)
Becerra	Engel	Latham
Berkley	English (PA)	LaTourette
Berman	Eshoo	Lee
Berry	Etheridge	Levin
Biggert	Farr	Lewis (CA)
Bilirakis	Fattah	Lewis (GA)
Bishop (GA)	Ferguson	Lipinski
Bishop (NY)	Filner	LoBiondo
Blumenauer	Fortenberry	Loeb
Bono Mack	Foster	Lofgren, Zoe
Boren	Frank (MA)	Lowe
Boswell	Frelinghuysen	Lynch
Boucher	Gerlach	Mahoney (FL)
Boyd (FL)	Giffords	Maloney (NY)
Boyd (KS)	Gilchrest	Manzullo
Brady (PA)	Gillibrand	Markey
Braley (IA)	Gohmert	Marshall
Brown, Corrine	Gonzalez	Matheson
Brown-Waite,	Gordon	Matsui
Ginny	Green, Al	McCarthy (NY)
Buchanan	Green, Gene	McCollum (MN)
Butterfield	Grijalva	McDermott
Calvert	Hall (NY)	McGovern
Capito	Hare	McHugh
Capps	Harman	McIntyre
Capuano	Hastings (FL)	McNerney
Cardoza	Heller	McNulty
Carnahan	Hereth Sandlin	Meek (FL)
Carney	Hill	Meeks (NY)
Carson	Hinchey	Melancon
Castle	Hinojosa	Michaud
Castor	Hirono	Miller (NC)
Chandler	Hobson	Miller, George
Clarke	Hodes	Mitchell
Clay	Holden	Mollohan
Clyburn	Holt	Moore (WI)
Cohen	Honda	Moran (VA)
Conyers	Hooley	Murphy (CT)
Cooper	Hoyer	Murphy, Patrick
Costa	Inslee	Murphy, Tim
Costello	Israel	Murtha
Courtney	Jackson (IL)	Musgrave
Cramer	Jackson-Lee	Nadler
Crowley	(TX)	Napolitano
Cuellar	Jefferson	Neal (MA)
Cummings	Johnson (GA)	Oberstar
Davis (AL)	Johnson (IL)	Obey
Davis (CA)	Johnson, E. B.	Olver
Davis (IL)	Jones (OH)	Ortiz
Davis, Lincoln	Kagen	Pallone
DeFazio	Kanjorski	Pastor
Delahunt	Kaptur	Payne
DeLauro	Kennedy	Perlmuter
Dent	Kildee	Peterson (MN)
Diaz-Balart, L.	Kilpatrick	Platts
Diaz-Balart, M.	Kind	Pomeroy

Porter	Serrano
Price (NC)	Sestak
Pryce (OH)	Shays
Radanovich	Shea-Porter
Rahall	Sherman
Ramstad	Shuster
Rangel	Simpson
Regula	Sires
Rehberg	Skellton
Reichert	Slaughter
Renzi	Smith (NE)
Reyes	Smith (NJ)
Richardson	Smith (WA)
Rodriguez	Snyder
Ros-Lehtinen	Space
Ross	Speier
Rothman	Spratt
Roybal-Allard	Stark
Ruppersberger	Stupak
Ryan (OH)	Sullivan
Salazar	Sutton
Sali	Tanner
Sánchez, Linda	Tauscher
T.	Terry
Sanchez, Loretta	Thompson (CA)
Sarbanes	Thompson (MS)
Saxton	Tiahrt
Schakowsky	Tiberi
Schiff	Tierney
Schwartz	Towns
Scott (GA)	Tsongas
Scott (VA)	Turner

Udall (CO)
Udall (NM)
Van Hollen
Velázquez
Visclosky
Walden (OR)
Walsh (NY)
Walz (MN)
Wamp
Wasserman
Schultz
Waters
Watson
Watt
Waxman
Weiner
Welch (VT)
Weller
Wexler
Whitfield (KY)
Wilson (NM)
Wilson (OH)
Wittman (VA)
Wolf
Woolsey
Wu
Wynn
Yarmuth
Young (AK)
Young (FL)

NAYS—117

Aderholt	Fossella	Mica
Akin	Fox	Miller (FL)
Alexander	Franks (AZ)	Miller (MI)
Bachmann	Gallagher	Miller, Gary
Bachus	Garrett (NJ)	Moran (KS)
Bartlett (MD)	Gingrey	Myrick
Barton (TX)	Goode	Neugebauer
Bilbray	Goodlatte	Nunes
Bishop (UT)	Graves	Paul
Boehner	Hall (TX)	Pearce
Bonner	Hastings (WA)	Pence
Boozman	Hayes	Peterson (PA)
Boustany	Hensarling	Petri
Brady (TX)	Herger	Pickering
Broun (GA)	Hoekstra	Pitts
Brown (SC)	Hunter	Poe
Burgess	Inglis (SC)	Price (GA)
Burton (IN)	Issa	Putnam
Buyer	Johnson, Sam	Reynolds
Camp (MI)	Jones (NC)	Rogers (AL)
Campbell (CA)	Jordan	Rogers (KY)
Cannon	Keller	Rogers (MI)
Cantor	King (IA)	Roskam
Carter	Kingston	Royce
Chabot	Kline (MN)	Ryan (WI)
Coble	Lamborn	Schmidt
Cole (OK)	Latta	Sensenbrenner
Conaway	Lewis (KY)	Sessions
Crenshaw	Lucas	Shadegg
Cubin	Lungren, Daniel	Shimkus
Culberson	E.	Smith (TX)
Davis (KY)	Mack	Souder
Davis, David	Marchant	Stearns
Deal (GA)	McCarthy (CA)	Tancredo
Dreier	McCaul (TX)	Thornberry
Duncan	McCotter	Upton
Everett	McHenry	Walberg
Fallin	McKeon	Westmoreland
Feeney	McMorris	Wilson (SC)
Flake	Rodgers	

NOT VOTING—23

Andrews	Forbes	Pascarell
Blackburn	Granger	Rohrabacher
Blunt	Gutierrez	Rush
Cleaver	Higgins	Shuler
Davis, Tom	Hulshof	Solis
DeGette	Linder	Taylor
Doggett	McCrery	Weldon (FL)
Drake	Moore (KS)	

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. There are 2 minutes remaining in this vote.

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Ms. MCCOLLUM of Minnesota and Mr. TIM MURPHY of Pennsylvania changed their vote from “no” to “aye.”

So (two-thirds being in the affirmative) the rules were suspended and the Senate bill was passed.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF INTENTION TO OFFER MOTION TO INSTRUCT CONFEREES ON H.R. 2419, FOOD AND ENERGY SECURITY ACT OF 2007

Mr. RYAN of Wisconsin. Madam Speaker, pursuant to clause 7(c) of rule XXII, I hereby give notice of my intention to offer a motion to instruct conferees on H.R. 2419, the Food and Energy Security Act.

The form of the motion is as follows:

Mr. Ryan of Wisconsin moves that the managers on the part of the House on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the Senate amendment to the bill H.R. 2419 be instructed, within the scope of the conference, to use the most recent baseline estimates supplied by the Congressional Budget Office when evaluating the costs of the provisions of the report.

TRIBUTE TO DON MYERS

(Mr. SPACE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. SPACE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a great man that worked tirelessly to improve the way of life of many Ohioans.

Don Myers was an extraordinary Executive Director of the Ohio Mid-Eastern Governments Association Development District, a position that is at the heart of economic development for one of the most underserved regions of Ohio. During his tenure, the organization helped secure over \$600 million in development and infrastructure improvement for the region. He was the embodiment of the meaning of “community.”

I knew Don Myers well. He was a kind gentleman who carried himself with a great degree of grace, and he will be missed very much by the people in Ohio, his family, his friends and his neighbors.

HONORING THE CITY OF CORAL SPRINGS, FLORIDA

(Mr. KLEIN of Florida asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. KLEIN of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the City of Coral Springs, Florida, on receiving the 2007 Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award, the Nation's highest presidential honor for excellence and organizational performance.

In 1993, city management implemented a Total Quality Management Program designed to overhaul operations and service delivery by becoming more customer-focused and quality-oriented. Today, Coral Springs was the first city to receive the award.

The National Institute of Standards and Technology said of the City of

Coral Springs that it “demonstrates a consistently high level of financial performance” and that its key strategic advantage is the “city’s effectiveness of running like a business.”

The city’s efforts to improve public safety have resulted in the city’s crime rate decreasing by nearly half over the last 10 years, the lowest crime rate in the State.

I rise to congratulate the City of Coral Springs, its citizens and its leadership for striving for the best and inspiring others to do the same.

SAVING STARVING CHILDREN AROUND THE WORLD

(Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise today as the Chair of the Congressional Children’s Caucus to emphasize the crisis in the lack of food for those around the world. As we have seen the rising food costs, we in America are suffering, but the rest of the world is in a crisis.

I believe it is imperative as we move into our appropriations process that we emphasize the importance of utilizing the food stock here in the United States to provide service and support around the world, and I believe it is even more important to focus on the impact on children.

I will convene a briefing that will draw upon the insight of food advocates from around the Nation to focus on how we can prioritize children in developing nations being provided food-stuffs and receiving priority over adults, for a malnourished child dies, a malnourished child has disease.

We are in a crisis. It is time for us to act to save the children.

THANK YOU TO THE 218TH

(Mr. WILSON of South Carolina asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, soldiers of the 218th Brigade Combat Team of the South Carolina Army National Guard, under the leadership of Brigadier General Bob Livingston, are successfully returning to South Carolina. For the past year they have been in Afghanistan as part of Task Force Phoenix working to build the Afghan military and police.

As a 28-year veteran of the 218th, I know firsthand of their competence and patriotism. These citizen soldiers have built one Afghan military battalion to be fully independent with 13 additional battalions to be operational by this summer. After overhauling the Afghani police forces to eliminate corruption, the 218th helped build an Afghan police force of 79,000.

Additionally, the 218th provided humanitarian relief, including the construction of schools, hospitals and

roads. They conducted 200 medical assistance missions and delivered 300 tons of food and supplies to the 37,000 Afghans.

At this time, we also remember the fallen. Staff Sergeant James D. Bullard, Sergeant Shawn F. Hill and Sergeant Edward O. Philpot lost their lives during the year-long deployment. These patriots gave the ultimate sacrifice in defense of American families by defeating terrorists overseas. Our thoughts and prayers are with their families.

In conclusion, God bless our troops, and we will never forget September the 11th.

In addition to the information provided above, the 218th Brigade Combat Team has had extraordinary success in working alongside the Afghan forces. During the past winter—a time when Taliban forces often regroup—soldiers from the 218th, along with Afghan soldiers, stayed in forwarding operating bases around Afghanistan and took the fight to the Taliban. This action kept the enemy from gathering strength.

Due to the commitment and professionalism of the men and women of the 218th, the Afghan army now has a reenlistment rate of 55 percent—more than double the 20 percent a year ago. The percentage of Afghan soldiers ready for duty has gone up from 55 percent to 85 percent. Their absent without leave percentage has dropped to eight percent, and they have 29,000 recruits that have completed basic training.

The Afghan police continue to grow in size and ability. As a sign of success, this winter the police were able to defend and hold their 364 district centers. This is something they have not been able to accomplish since the beginning of Operation Enduring Freedom in 2001.

I appreciate the above factual information provided by embedded reporter Chuck Crumbo from Kabul, Afghanistan, in The State of Columbia, South Carolina, on April 27, 2008.

GENERAL LEAVE

Ms. WOOLSEY. Madam Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material on House Resolution 1073 and House Resolution 49.

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

There was no objection.

SPECIAL ORDERS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. 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.

BRINGING RECONCILIATION TO THE PEOPLE OF IRAQ

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentle-

woman from California (Ms. WOOLSEY) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Ms. WOOLSEY. Madam Speaker, I rise to announce that Representative CHRIS SHAYS of Connecticut and I have introduced an important bipartisan bill in the House today that can help bring desperately needed reconciliation to the people of Iraq. The bill is called the International Partnership for Reconciliation in Iraq. By the standards of the Federal Government, it is a tiny outfit. But few government agencies have delivered more bang for their buck or done so much with so few people.

The USIP Institute has an impressive track record of conflict management and peace building in the Balkans, the Philippines, Nigeria, the Sudan, Rwanda and other parts of the world, including Iraq.

This bill is vitally important, because, as Ambassador Ryan Crocker has said, “reconciliation is perhaps the most critical challenge that Iraq faces right now.” Our bill would encourage reconciliation by supporting the work of a remarkable but unheralded organization called the United States Institute of Peace.

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The Institute was established by Congress 24 years ago today. It has 142 employees and a budget of \$32 million. It has been successful because it is unique. There is no other organization like it. It is a center and a clearing-house for best practices in preventing and dealing with conflict. Its staff includes many of the world’s top experts in conflict resolution and peacebuilding. These incredibly dedicated experts travel to some of the world’s most violent places to facilitate reconciliation efforts on the ground.

And the Institute is impartial, it is nonideological. Its only axe to grind is peace. That is why USIP has gained the respect and trust in all sides in conflict. In fact, you can say the Institute is one of the world’s top brand names when it comes to making peace.

In Iraq, the Institute has been working to inspire reconciliation at the regional, at the national, and at the community levels. It has been particularly effective in the city of Mahmoudiya, which has been called the Triangle of Death. There, it has worked to bring Sunni and Shiite factions together. Its work has been so effective that the U.S. Army’s provincial reconstruction teams have asked the Institute to help with reconciliation efforts in other parts of Iraq. Not bad for an organization whose annual budget is less than what we spend in Iraq every 3 hours.

There is an excellent article on the Institute’s work, Madam Speaker, in the current issue of the National Journal, and I urge all my colleagues to read it.

The bill that Representative SHAYS and I introduced today would provide assistance to the Institute to do the