

some of those cuts—including the 10 percent tax bracket, the increased child credit, and relief from the marriage penalty—all of which should be made permanent, but this conference report is not the place for an all-or-nothing approach to the entire list. We will have time later to consider which of the rest of President Bush's tax cuts should be extended.

Consistent with that more responsible approach, this conference report allows for only a small increase in revenues above the levels assumed in the President's budget—an increase that can be accomplished through closing loopholes that enable some corporations and affluent taxpayers to take advantage of offshore tax havens, and by doing a better job of collecting taxes that are already due under current law.

Mr. Speaker, seven years of fiscal irresponsibility have left a legacy of deficits and debt that it will take time and work to overcome. But the sooner we begin, the sooner we will complete the job of restoring fiscal responsibility and reordering our national priorities—and now is the time to take an essential step forward by approving this conference report.

Mr. OBERSTAR. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased that the conference report on the fiscal year (FY) 2009 Budget Resolution recognizes the importance of meeting our nation's infrastructure investment needs. Adequate investment in our transportation and other public infrastructure is critical to our nation's economic growth, our competitiveness in the world marketplace, and the quality of life in our communities. Despite the importance of these investments, many of our nation's infrastructure needs are going unmet.

Rather than addressing these unmet needs, the administration's FY 2009 budget proposed to cut virtually every infrastructure investment program within the jurisdiction of the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, including highways, public transit, airports, Amtrak, wastewater treatment, and water resources development.

In contrast to the harmful cuts proposed by the administration, the conference report before us today fully funds highway, transit, and highway safety programs at the levels originally authorized in the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU). The conference report rejects both the negative \$1 billion adjustment for Revenue Aligned Budget Authority, and the administration's proposal to cut highway and transit funding by an additional \$1 billion below the authorized levels, which would be detrimental to short-term economic stimulus efforts, as well as long-term economic growth.

For the Airport Improvement Program (AIP), the conference report rejects the \$765 million cut proposed by the administration, and instead provides the full amounts authorized in the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2007 (H.R. 2881), as approved by the House last year. Specifically, the conference agreement allocates \$3.8 billion for AIP in FY 2008, increasing to \$3.9 billion in FY 2009, and to \$4.1 billion by FY 2011. This funding will allow the AIP program to keep pace with inflationary cost increases, and begin to address the investment gap in airport safety and capacity needs.

For Amtrak, the conference report rejects the \$525 million cut proposed by the adminis-

tration, which would essentially shut-down our national passenger rail system, and instead increases funding to meet the costs of Amtrak's new labor agreement, pursuant to Presidential Emergency Board 242.

For environmental infrastructure, the conference report rejects the administration's proposed cut to the Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) program, the primary Federal program for funding wastewater infrastructure projects throughout the nation. A year ago, the President requested \$687.5 million in capitalization grants for CWSRFs for FY 2008. At that time, it was the lowest level requested by any administration since the creation of the program. For FY 2009, the administration requested a pitiful \$555 million, a 20 percent cut from last year's appropriation of \$689 million. The administration's proposal puts at risk the water quality gains achieved in recent decades, and the conference report correctly rejects this cut.

Finally, the conference report rejects the administration's proposal to cut funding for the Army Corps of Engineers by \$845 million in FY 2009, and instead provides increased funding to begin to address the growing backlog of water resources development projects, including those authorized by the Water Resources Development Act of 2007.

I am also pleased that the conference report includes an Infrastructure Investment Reserve Fund, which provides the flexibility necessary to accommodate legislation to increase investment in our nation's infrastructure in FY 2009.

I look forward to working with Chairman SPRATT on continued improvements to our nation's infrastructure, and I urge my colleagues to support the conference report.

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in opposition to the FY2009 budget resolution. This budget includes nearly \$179 billion to fund the war.

Congress should not in good conscience vote to continue the Administration's illegal occupation of Iraq. The greatest tragedy of this war is the staggering loss of life, starting with the 4,091 brave men and women in U.S. military uniform. Tens of thousands more have been injured. Both of these numbers will continue to rise.

The U.S. policies in Iraq have failed as is evidenced by the fact that close to half of the population is struggling in extreme poverty. Estimates are that 1,000,000 innocent Iraqis have died as a result of the U.S. invasion. A reported 70 percent of Iraqis—nearly three quarters of the population—are without clean water; 80 percent lack effective sanitation; and 90 percent of hospitals lack essential surgical and medical supplies needed for Iraqi health and wellbeing.

Iraq's ability to meet the basic needs of its people is in shambles and our beloved troops remain in harms way. This body should act on the mandate of the American public given last November and bring our troops home now. Instead we continue to forfeit the public's trust with this unrelenting commitment to keep the war going when we have the power to end it. All it requires is a refusal to consider any legislation that contains or implies continued funding for this war.

The grand total for all defense related spending, including war funds and nuclear activities, is \$607.8 billion. This is 56% of all discretionary spending in the budget for FY09. In other words, this budget continues the same

failed policies that dedicate the majority of tax payer funds to defense spending while hard working Americans continue to struggle to afford basic necessities such as food, health care, homes and good schools for their kids.

The money in this budget that will go to fund war could be used to provide 39,912,404 people with healthcare; it could be used to offer an additional 1,053,429 affordable housing units; it could be used to provide 20,937,104 college level scholarships to the young minds of America. The budget should be reflective of America's priorities, but this budget falls far short of reflecting the priorities of the majority of Americans, so I oppose it.

Ms. LEE. Mr. Speaker, first let me thank Chairman SPLATT for his leadership and for his hard work on this budget. I also want to thank all the staff, especially Tom Kahn and Scott Russell.

They have put together a very good budget that we should all support.

The Democratic budget restores vital funding to programs that will help American families during these difficult economic times.

The Democratic budget rejects the President's cuts to Medicare and Medicaid, rejects his cuts to food assistance and rejects his cuts to higher education.

Our budget will expand children's healthcare, increase support for first responders and for veterans, expand support for renewable energy initiatives and fund new green job training programs.

I'm also very pleased that the budget retains language that I and Republican WOOLSEY worked on with Chairman SPRATT to address the continuing waste fraud and abuse at the Department of Defense.

Again I want to thank and commend Chairman SPRATT for his work on this budget and I urge my colleagues to support it.

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

There was no objection.

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

Pursuant to clause 10 of rule XX, the yeas and nays are ordered.

Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, further proceedings on this question will be postponed.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. EDWARDS. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material on the conference report to accompany Senate Concurrent Resolution 70.

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

There was no objection.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, proceedings will resume on questions previously postponed.

Votes will be taken in the following order: ordering the previous question on House Resolution 1233; adopting

House Resolution 1233, if ordered; adopting the conference report to accompany Senate Concurrent Resolution 70; and suspending the rules and passing H.R. 5940.

The first and third electronic votes will be conducted as 15-minute votes. Remaining electronic votes will be conducted as 5-minute votes.

PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 5540, CHESAPEAKE BAY GATEWAYS AND WATERTRAILS NETWORK CONTINUING AUTHORIZATION ACT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The unfinished business is the vote on ordering the previous question on House Resolution 1233, on which the yeas and nays were ordered.

The Clerk read the title of the resolution.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on ordering the previous question.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 221, nays 194, not voting 18, as follows:

[Roll No. 380]

YEAS—221

Abercrombie	Doyle	Lofgren, Zoe
Ackerman	Edwards	Lowey
Allen	Ellison	Lynch
Altmire	Ellsworth	Mahoney (FL)
Andrews	Emanuel	Maloney (NY)
Arcuri	Engel	Markey
Baca	Eshoo	Matheson
Baird	Etheridge	Matsui
Baldwin	Farr	McCarthy (NY)
Barrow	Filner	McCollum (MN)
Becerra	Foster	McDermott
Berkley	Frank (MA)	McGovern
Berman	Giffords	McIntyre
Berry	Gonzalez	McNerney
Bishop (GA)	Gordon	McNulty
Bishop (NY)	Green, Al	Meek (FL)
Blumenauer	Green, Gene	Meeks (NY)
Boren	Grijalva	Melancon
Boswell	Gutierrez	Michaud
Boyd (FL)	Hall (NY)	Miller (NC)
Boyd (KS)	Hare	Miller, George
Brady (PA)	Harman	Mitchell
Braley (IA)	Hastings (FL)	Mollohan
Brown, Corrine	Herseth Sandlin	Moore (KS)
Butterfield	Higgins	Moore (WI)
Capps	Hill	Moran (VA)
Capuano	Hinojosa	Murphy (CT)
Carnahan	Hirono	Murphy, Patrick
Carney	Hodes	Murtha
Carson	Holden	Nadler
Castor	Holt	Napolitano
Cazayoux	Honda	Neal (MA)
Chandler	Hookey	Oberstar
Childers	Hoyer	Obey
Clarke	Inslee	Oliver
Clay	Israel	Ortiz
Cleaver	Jackson (IL)	Pallone
Clyburn	Jefferson	Pascarell
Cohen	Johnson (GA)	Pastor
Conyers	Johnson, E. B.	Payne
Cooper	Jones (OH)	Perlmutter
Costa	Kagen	Peterson (MN)
Costello	Kanjorski	Pomeroy
Courtney	Kaptur	Price (NC)
Cramer	Kennedy	Rahall
Crowley	Kildee	Rangel
Cuellar	Kilpatrick	Reyes
Cummings	Kind	Richardson
Davis (AL)	Klein (FL)	Rodriguez
Davis (CA)	Kucinich	Ross
Davis (IL)	Langevin	Rothman
Davis, Lincoln	Larsen (WA)	Roybal-Allard
DeFazio	Larson (CT)	Ruppersberger
DeGette	Lee	Ryan (OH)
Delahunt	Levin	Salazar
DeLauro	Lewis (GA)	Sanchez, Linda
Dicks	Lipinski	T.
Doggett	Loeb sack	Sanchez, Loretta

Sarbanes	Speier
Schakowsky	Spratt
Schiff	Stark
Schwartz	Stupak
Scott (GA)	Sutton
Scott (VA)	Tanner
Serrano	Tauscher
Sestak	Taylor
Shea-Porter	Thompson (CA)
Sherman	Thompson (MS)
Sires	Tierney
Skelton	Towns
Slaughter	Tsongas
Smith (WA)	Udall (CO)
Snyder	Udall (NM)
Solis	Van Hollen
Space	Velázquez

NAYS—194

Aderholt	Gallegly	Neugebauer
Akin	Gerlach	Nunes
Alexander	Gilchrest	Paul
Bachmann	Gingrey	Pearce
Barrett (SC)	Gohmert	Pence
Bartlett (MD)	Goode	Peterson (PA)
Barton (TX)	Goodlatte	Petri
Biggert	Granger	Pickering
Blibray	Graves	Pitts
Bilirakis	Hall (TX)	Platts
Bishop (UT)	Hastings (WA)	Poe
Blackburn	Hayes	Porter
Blunt	Heller	Price (GA)
Boehner	Hensarling	Putnam
Bonner	Herger	Radanovich
Bono Mack	Hobson	Ramstad
Boozman	Hoekstra	Regula
Boustany	Hulshof	Rehberg
Brady (TX)	Hunter	Reichert
Broun (GA)	Inglis (SC)	Reynolds
Brown (SC)	Issa	Rogers (AL)
Brown-Waite,	Johnson (IL)	Rogers (KY)
Ginny	Johnson, Sam	Rogers (MI)
Buchanan	Jones (NC)	Rohrabacher
Burgess	Jordan	Ros-Lehtinen
Burton (IN)	Keller	Roskam
Buyer	King (IA)	Royce
Calvert	King (NY)	Ryan (WI)
Camp (MI)	Kingston	Sali
Cannon	Kirk	Saxton
Cantor	Kline (MN)	Scalise
Carter	Knollenberg	Schmidt
Castle	Kuhl (NY)	Sensenbrenner
Chabot	LaHood	Sessions
Coble	Lamborn	Shadegg
Cole (OK)	Lampson	Shays
Conaway	Latham	Shimkus
Crenshaw	LaTourette	Shuster
Cubin	Latita	Simpson
Culberson	Lewis (CA)	Smith (NE)
Davis (KY)	Lewis (KY)	Smith (NJ)
Davis, David	Linder	Smith (TX)
Davis, Tom	LoBiondo	Souder
Deal (GA)	Lucas	Stearns
Dent	Lungren, Daniel	Sullivan
Diaz-Balart, L.	E.	Tancredo
Diaz-Balart, M.	Mack	Terry
Donnelly	Manzullo	Thornberry
Doolittle	Marchant	Tiahrt
Drake	McCarthy (CA)	Tiberi
Dreier	McCaul (TX)	Turner
Duncan	McCotter	Upton
Ehlers	McCrery	Walberg
Emerson	McHenry	Walder (OR)
English (PA)	McHugh	Walsh (NY)
Everett	McKeon	Wamp
Fallin	McMorris	Weldon (FL)
Feeney	Rodgers	Weller
Ferguson	Mica	Westmoreland
Flake	Miller (FL)	Whitfield (KY)
Forbes	Miller (MI)	Wilson (NM)
Fortenberry	Miller, Gary	Wilson (SC)
Fossella	Moran (KS)	Wittman (VA)
Fox	Murphy, Tim	Young (AK)
Franks (AZ)	Musgrave	Young (FL)
Frelinghuysen	Myrick	

NOT VOTING—18

Bachus	Fattah	Pryce (OH)
Bean	Garrett (NJ)	Renzi
Boucher	Gillibrand	Rush
Campbell (CA)	Hinchey	Shuler
Capito	Jackson-Lee	Wolf
Cardoza	(TX)	
Dingell	Marshall	

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Messrs. WHITFIELD of Kentucky and MARCHANT changed their vote from “yea” to “nay.”

So the previous question was ordered. The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the resolution.

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

Mr. HASTINGS of Washington. Mr. Speaker, on that I demand the yeas and nays.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. This will be a 5-minute vote.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 225, nays 195, not voting 13, as follows:

[Roll No. 381]

YEAS—225

Abercrombie	Filner	Michaud
Ackerman	Foster	Miller (NC)
Allen	Giffords	Miller, George
Altmire	Gillibrand	Mitchell
Andrews	Gonzalez	Mollohan
Arcuri	Gordon	Moore (KS)
Baca	Green, Al	Moore (WI)
Baird	Green, Gene	Moran (VA)
Baldwin	Grijalva	Murphy (CT)
Barrow	Gutierrez	Murphy, Patrick
Becerra	Hall (NY)	Murtha
Berkley	Hare	Nadler
Berman	Harman	Napolitano
Berry	Hastings (FL)	Neal (MA)
Bishop (GA)	Herseth Sandlin	Oberstar
Bishop (NY)	Higgins	Obey
Blumenauer	Hill	Oliver
Boren	Hinchey	Ortiz
Boswell	Hinojosa	Pallone
Boyd (FL)	Hirono	Pascarell
Boyd (KS)	Hodes	Pastor
Brady (PA)	Holden	Payne
Braley (IA)	Holt	Perlmutter
Brown, Corrine	Honda	Peterson (MN)
Butterfield	Hookey	Pomeroy
Capps	Hoyer	Price (NC)
Capuano	Inslee	Rahall
Carnahan	Israel	Rangel
Carney	Jackson (IL)	Reyes
Carson	Jefferson	Richardson
Castor	Johnson (GA)	Rodriguez
Cazayoux	Johnson, E. B.	Ross
Chandler	Jones (OH)	Rothman
Childers	Kagen	Roybal-Allard
Clarke	Kanjorski	Ruppersberger
Clay	Kaptur	Ryan (OH)
Cleaver	Kennedy	Salazar
Clyburn	Kildee	Sanchez, Linda
Cohen	Kilpatrick	T.
Conyers	Kind	Sanchez, Loretta
Cooper	Klein (FL)	Sarbanes
Costa	Kucinich	Schakowsky
Costello	Lampson	Schiff
Courtney	Langevin	Schwartz
Cramer	Larsen (WA)	Scott (GA)
Crowley	Larson (CT)	Scott (VA)
Cuellar	Lee	Serrano
Cummings	Levin	Sestak
Davis (AL)	Lewis (GA)	Shea-Porter
Davis (CA)	Lipinski	Sherman
Davis (IL)	Loeb sack	Sires
Davis, Lincoln	Lofgren, Zoe	Skelton
DeFazio	Lowey	Slaughter
DeGette	Lynch	Smith (WA)
Delahunt	Mahoney (FL)	Snyder
DeLauro	Maloney (NY)	Solis
Dicks	Markey	Space
Doggett	Matheson	Speier
	Matsui	Spratt
	McCarthy (NY)	Sutton
	McCollum (MN)	Tanner
	McDermott	Tauscher
	McGovern	Thompson (CA)
	McIntyre	Thompson (MS)
	McNerney	
	McNulty	
	Meek (FL)	
	Meeks (NY)	
	Melancon	