

House and the Minority Leader of the Senate, shall notify the Members of the House and the Senate, respectively, to reassemble at such place and time as they may designate if, in their opinion, the public interest shall warrant it.

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

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

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

The yeas and nays were ordered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, this 15-minute vote on adoption of House Concurrent Resolution 214 will be followed by 5-minute votes on ordering the previous question on House Resolution 909; and adoption of House Resolution 909, if ordered.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 243, nays 166, not voting 25, as follows:

[Roll No. 896]

YEAS—243

Abercrombie	Engel	Loebsack
Ackerman	Eshoo	Lofgren, Zoe
Andrews	Etheridge	Lowey
Baca	Farr	Lujan
Baird	Fattah	Lummis
Baldwin	Filner	Lynch
Barrow	Foster	Maffei
Bartlett	Frank (MA)	Markey (CO)
Bean	Fudge	Markey (MA)
Becerra	Garrett (NJ)	Marshall
Berkley	Gohmert	Massa
Berman	Gonzalez	Matheson
Berry	Gordon (TN)	Matsui
Bilbray	Grayson	McCarthy (NY)
Bishop (GA)	Green, Al	McCollum
Bishop (NY)	Green, Gene	McDermott
Blumenauer	Griffith	McGovern
Boccieri	Grijalva	McIntyre
Boswell	Hall (NY)	McMahon
Boucher	Halvorson	McNerney
Boyd	Hare	Meek (FL)
Brady (PA)	Harman	Meeks (NY)
Braley (IA)	Hastings (FL)	Melancon
Brown, Corrine	Heinrich	Michaud
Butterfield	Heller	Miller (NC)
Capps	Herseth Sandlin	Miller, George
Cardoza	Higgins	Mollohan
Carnahan	Hill	Moore (KS)
Carson (IN)	Hinchee	Moore (WI)
Castor (FL)	Hinojosa	Moran (VA)
Chaffetz	Hirono	Murphy (CT)
Chandler	Hodes	Murphy, Patrick
Childers	Holden	Murtha
Chu	Holt	Nadler (NY)
Clarke	Hoyer	Napolitano
Clay	Inlee	Neal (MA)
Cleaver	Israel	Nye
Clyburn	Jackson (IL)	Oberstar
Cohen	Jackson-Lee	Oberstar
Connolly (VA)	(TX)	Olson
Conyers	Johnson (GA)	Olver
Costello	Johnson, E. B.	Ortiz
Courtney	Jones	Owens
Cuellar	Kagen	Pallone
Cummings	Kanjorski	Pascarella
Dahlkemper	Kaptur	Pastor (AZ)
Davis (AL)	Kennedy	Paul
Davis (CA)	Kildee	Payne
Davis (IL)	Kilpatrick (MI)	Perlmutter
Davis (TN)	Kilroy	Perriello
DeFazio	Kind	Peters
DeGette	Kirkpatrick (AZ)	Peterson
Delahunt	Kissell	Pingree (ME)
DeLauro	Klein (FL)	Platts
Dent	Kucinich	Polis (CO)
Dicks	Langevin	Pomeroy
Doggett	Larsen (WA)	Price (NC)
Doyle	Larson (CT)	Quigley
Driehaus	Lee (CA)	Rahall
Edwards (MD)	Levin	Rangel
Edwards (TX)	Lewis (GA)	Reyes
Ehlers	Linder	Richardson
Ellison	Lipinski	Rodriguez

Ross	Sires
Roybal-Allard	Skelton
Ruppersberger	Slaughter
Rush	Smith (WA)
Ryan (OH)	Snyder
Sánchez, Linda	Space
T.	Speier
Sanchez, Loretta	Spratt
Sarbanes	Stark
Schakowsky	Stupak
Schiff	Sutton
Schrader	Taylor
Schwartz	Teague
Scott (GA)	Thompson (CA)
Scott (VA)	Thompson (MS)
Serrano	Tierney
Sestak	Titus
Shea-Porter	Tonko
Sherman	Towns

Tsongas
Van Hollen
Velázquez
Visclosky
Walden
Walz
Wasserman
Schultz
Waters
Watson
Watt
Waxman
Weiner
Welch
Wilson (OH)
Woolsey
Wu
Young (AK)
Young (FL)

NAYS—166

Aderholt	Frelinghuysen
Adler (NJ)	Gallely
Akin	Giffords
Alexander	Gingrey (GA)
Altmire	Goodlatte
Arcuri	Granger
Austria	Graves
Bachmann	Guthrie
Bachus	Hall (TX)
Barton (TX)	Harper
Biggart	Hastings (WA)
Bishop (UT)	Hensarling
Blackburn	Herger
Boehner	Himes
Bonner	Hoekstra
Bono Mack	Hunter
Boozman	Inglis
Boren	Issa
Boustany	Jenkins
Brady (TX)	Johnson (IL)
Brown (GA)	Johnson, Sam
Brown-Waite,	Jordan (OH)
Ginny	King (IA)
Buchanan	King (NY)
Burgess	Kingston
Burton (IN)	Kirk
Buyer	Kline (MN)
Calvert	Kosmas
Camp	Kratovil
Campbell	Lamborn
Cao	Lance
Capito	Latham
Carney	LaTourette
Carter	Latta
Cassidy	Lee (NY)
Castle	Lewis (CA)
Coble	LoBiondo
Coffman (CO)	Lucas
Cole	Luetkemeyer
Conaway	Lungren, Daniel
Crenshaw	E.
Culberson	Mack
Davis (KY)	Manzullo
Diaz-Balart, L.	Marchant
Diaz-Balart, M.	McCarthy (CA)
Donnelly (IN)	McCauley
Dreier	McClintock
Duncan	McCotter
Ellsworth	McHenry
Emerson	McKeon
Fallin	McMorris
Flake	Rodgers
Fleming	Mica
Forbes	Miller (FL)
Fortenberry	Miller (MI)
Fox	Miller, Gary
Franks (AZ)	Minnick

NOT VOTING—25

Barrett (SC)	Crowley	Pitts
Bilirakis	Deal (GA)	Rothman (NJ)
Blunt	Dingell	Salazar
Bright	Garamendi	Sullivan
Brown (SC)	Gerlach	Tanner
Cantor	Gutierrez	Wexler
Capuano	Honda	Yarmuth
Cooper	Maloney	
Costa	Murphy, Tim	

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

□ 1237

Messrs. WITTMAN, CAMPBELL,
Mrs. CAPITO, Ms. KOSMAS, Messrs.

ARCURI, and CASSIDY changed their vote from “yea” to “nay.”

Mr. GOHMERT changed his vote from “nay” to “yea.”

So the concurrent resolution was agreed to.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Stated for:

Mr. BRIGHT. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 896, had I been present, I would have voted “yea.”

PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 3791, FIRE GRANTS RE-AUTHORIZATION ACT OF 2009

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The unfinished business is the vote on ordering the previous question on House Resolution 909, 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.

This will be a 5-minute vote.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 242, nays 174, not voting 18, as follows:

[Roll No. 897]

YEAS—242

Abercrombie	Delahunt	Johnson (GA)
Ackerman	DeLauro	Johnson, E. B.
Adler (NJ)	Dicks	Kagen
Altmire	Doggett	Kanjorski
Andrews	Donnelly (IN)	Kaptur
Arcuri	Doyle	Kennedy
Baca	Driehaus	Kildee
Baldwin	Edwards (MD)	Kilpatrick (MI)
Barrow	Edwards (TX)	Kilroy
Bean	Ellison	Kind
Becerra	Ellsworth	Kirkpatrick (AZ)
Berkley	Engel	Kissell
Berman	Eshoo	Klein (FL)
Berry	Etheridge	Kosmas
Bishop (GA)	Farr	Kratovil
Bishop (NY)	Fattah	Langevin
Blumenauer	Filner	Larsen (WA)
Boccieri	Foster	Larson (CT)
Boren	Frank (MA)	Lee (CA)
Boswell	Fudge	Levin
Boucher	Garamendi	Lewis (GA)
Boyd	Giffords	Lipinski
Brady (PA)	Gonzalez	Loebsack
Braley (IA)	Gordon (TN)	Lofgren, Zoe
Brown, Corrine	Grayson	Lowey
Butterfield	Green, Al	Lujan
Capps	Green, Gene	Lynch
Cardoza	Griffith	Maffei
Carnahan	Grijalva	Maloney
Carney	Gutierrez	Markey (CO)
Carson (IN)	Hall (NY)	Markey (MA)
Castor (FL)	Halvorson	Marshall
Chandler	Hare	Massa
Childers	Harman	Matheson
Chu	Hastings (FL)	Matsui
Clarke	Heinrich	McCarthy (NY)
Clay	Herseth Sandlin	McCollum
Cleaver	Higgins	McDermott
Clyburn	Hill	McGovern
Cohen	Himes	McIntyre
Connolly (VA)	Hinchee	McMahon
Conyers	Hinojosa	McNerney
Costello	Hirono	Meek (FL)
Courtney	Hodes	Meeks (NY)
Cuellar	Holden	Melancon
Cummings	Holt	Michaud
Dahlkemper	Honda	Miller (NC)
Davis (AL)	Hoyer	Miller, George
Davis (CA)	Inlee	Mitchell
Davis (IL)	Israel	Mollohan
Davis (TN)	Jackson (IL)	Moore (KS)
DeFazio	Jackson-Lee	Moore (WI)
DeGette	(TX)	Moran (VA)

Murphy (CT) Rodriguez
 Murphy (NY) Ross
 Murphy, Patrick Roybal-Allard
 Murtha Ruppertsberger
 Nadler (NY) Rush
 Napolitano Ryan (OH)
 Neal (MA) Salazar
 Nye Sánchez, Linda
 Oberstar T.
 Obey Sanchez, Loretta
 Olver Sarbanes
 Ortiz Schakowsky
 Owens Schauer
 Pallone Schiff
 Pascarell Schrader
 Pastor (AZ) Schwartz
 Payne Scott (GA)
 Perlmutter Scott (VA)
 Perriello Serrano
 Peters Sestak
 Peterson Shea-Porter
 Pingree (ME) Sherman
 Polis (CO) Shuler
 Pomeroy Sires
 Price (NC) Skelton
 Quigley Slaughter
 Rahall Smith (WA)
 Reyes Snyder
 Richardson Space

NAYS—174

Aderholt Frelinghuysen
 Akin Gallegly
 Alexander Garrett (NJ)
 Austria Gingrey (GA)
 Bachmann Gohmert
 Bachus Goodlatte
 Baird Granger
 Bartlett Graves
 Barton (TX) Guthrie
 Biggert Hall (TX)
 Bilbray Harper
 Bilirakis Hastings (WA)
 Bishop (UT) Heller
 Blackburn Hensarling
 Blunt Herger
 Boehner Hoekstra
 Bonner Hunter
 Bono Mack Inglis
 Boozman Issa
 Boustany Jenkins
 Brady (TX) Johnson (IL)
 Bright Johnson, Sam
 Broun (GA) Jones
 Brown-Waite, Jordan (OH)
 Ginny King (IA)
 Buchanan King (NY)
 Burgess Kingston
 Burton (IN) Kirk
 Buyer Kline (MN)
 Calvert Kucinich
 Camp Lamborn
 Campbell Lance
 Cantor Latham
 Capito LaTourette
 Carter Latta
 Cassidy Lee (NY)
 Castle Lewis (CA)
 Chaffetz Linder
 Coble LoBiondo
 Coffman (CO) Lucas
 Cole Luetkemeyer
 Conaway Lummis
 Crenshaw Lungren, Daniel
 Culberson E.
 Davis (KY) Mack
 Dent Manzullo
 Diaz-Balart, L. Marchant
 Diaz-Balart, M. McCarthy (CA)
 Dreier McCaul
 Duncan McClintock
 Ehlers McCotter
 Emerson McHenry
 Fallon McKeon
 Flake McMorris
 Fleming Rodgers
 Forbes Mica
 Fortenberry Miller (FL)
 Foxx Miller (MI)
 Franks (AZ) Miller, Gary

NOT VOTING—18

Barrett (SC) Crowley
 Brown (SC) Deal (GA)
 Cao Dingell
 Capuano Gerlach
 Cooper Murphy, Tim
 Costa Pitts

Speier
 Spratt
 Stark
 Stupak
 Sutton
 Teague
 Thompson (CA)
 Thompson (MS)
 Tierney
 Titus
 Tonko
 Towns
 Tsongas
 Van Hollen
 Velázquez
 Visclosky
 Walz
 Wasserman
 Schultz
 Waters
 Watson
 Watt
 Waxman
 Weiner
 Welch
 Wilson (OH)
 Woolsey
 Wu

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (during the vote). Members are advised they have 2 minutes left to vote.

□ 1244

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. DREIER. 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 245, nays 173, not voting 16, as follows:

[Roll No. 898]

YEAS—245

Abercrombie
 Ackerman
 Adler (NJ)
 Altmire
 Andrews
 Arcuri
 Baca
 Baird
 Baldwin
 Barrow
 Bean
 Becerra
 Berkley
 Berman
 Berry
 Bishop (GA)
 Bishop (NY)
 Blumenauer
 Boccieri
 Boren
 Boswell
 Boucher
 Boyd
 Bradly (PA)
 Braley (IA)
 Bright
 Brown, Corrine
 Butterfield
 Capps
 Cardoza
 Carnahan
 Carney
 Carson (IN)
 Castor (FL)
 Chandler
 Childers
 Chu
 Clarke
 Clay
 Cleaver
 Clyburn
 Cohen
 Connolly (VA)
 Conyers
 Cooper
 Costello
 Courtney
 Cuellar
 Cummings
 Dahlkemper
 Davis (AL)
 Davis (CA)
 Davis (IL)
 Davis (TN)
 DeFazio
 DeGette
 Delahunt
 DeLauro
 Dicks
 Doggett
 Donnelly (IN)
 Doyle
 Driehaus
 Edwards (MD)
 Edwards (TX)
 Ellison
 Ellsworth
 Engel

Eshoo
 Etheridge
 Farr
 Fattah
 Filner
 Foster
 Frank (MA)
 Fudge
 Garamendi
 Giffords
 Gonzalez
 Grayson
 Green, Al
 Green, Gene
 Griffith
 Grijalva
 Gutierrez
 Hall (NY)
 Halvorson
 Hare
 Harman
 Hastings (FL)
 Heinrich
 Herseeth Sandlin
 Higgins
 Hill
 Himes
 Hinchey
 Hinojosa
 Hirono
 Hodes
 Holden
 Holt
 Honda
 Hoyer
 Inslee
 Israel
 Jackson (IL)
 Jackson-Lee
 (TX)
 Johnson (GA)
 Johnson, E. B.
 Kagen
 Kanjorski
 Kaptur
 Kennedy
 Kildee
 Kilpatrick (MI)
 Kilroy
 Kind
 Kirkpatrick (AZ)
 Kissell
 Klein (FL)
 Kosmas
 Kratovil
 Kucinich
 Langevin
 Larsen (WA)
 Larson (CT)
 Lee (CA)
 Levin
 Lewis (GA)
 Lipinski
 Loebsack
 Lofgren, Zoe
 Lowey
 Luján
 Lynch

Schakowsky
 Schauer
 Schiff
 Schrader
 Schwartz
 Scott (GA)
 Scott (VA)
 Sestak
 Shea-Porter
 Sherman
 Sires
 Skelton
 Slaughter
 Smith (WA)
 Snyder

Space
 Speier
 Spratt
 Stark
 Stupak
 Sutton
 Teague
 Thompson (CA)
 Thompson (MS)
 Tierney
 Titus
 Tonko
 Towns
 Tsongas
 Van Hollen

NAYS—173

Aderholt
 Akin
 Alexander
 Austria
 Bachmann
 Bachus
 Bartlett
 Barton (TX)
 Biggert
 Bilbray
 Bilirakis
 Bishop (UT)
 Blackburn
 Blunt
 Boehner
 Bonner
 Bono Mack
 Boozman
 Boustany
 Brady (TX)
 Broun (GA)
 Brown-Waite,
 Ginny
 Buchanan
 Burgess
 Burton (IN)
 Buyer
 Calvert
 Camp
 Campbell
 Cantor
 Cao
 Capito
 Carter
 Cassidy
 Castle
 Chaffetz
 Coble
 Coffman (CO)
 Cole
 Conaway
 Crenshaw
 Crenshaw
 Culberson
 Davis (KY)
 Dent
 Diaz-Balart, L.
 Diaz-Balart, M.
 Dreier
 Duncan
 Ehlers
 Emerson
 Fallon
 Flake
 Fleming
 Forbes
 Fortenberry
 Foxx
 Franks (AZ)
 Frelinghuysen

NOT VOTING—16

Barrett (SC)
 Brown (SC)
 Capuano
 Costa
 Crowley
 Deal (GA)
 Dingell
 Gerlach
 Gordon (TN)
 Granger
 Murphy, Tim
 Rothman (NJ)

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (during the vote). Two minutes remain in this vote.

□ 1251

So the resolution was agreed to.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. CROWLEY. Mr. Speaker, on November 18th, 2009, I was absent for three rollcall votes because I was attending the funeral of a family member. If I had been here, I would have voted: "yes" on rollcall vote 896; "yes" on rollcall vote 897; and "yes" on rollcall vote 898.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. TIM MURPHY of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall Nos. 896, 897, and 898 I was unavoidably detained.

Had I been present I would have voted "nay" on rollcall No. 896; "nay" on rollcall No. 897; and "nay" on rollcall No. 898.

PRIVILEGED REPORT ON RESOLUTION OF INQUIRY TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

Mr. CONYERS, from the Committee on the Judiciary, submitted a privileged report (Rept. No. 111-341) on the resolution (H. Res. 871) directing the Attorney General to transmit to the House of Representatives certain documents, records, memos, correspondence, and other communications regarding medical malpractice reform, which was referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed.

REMOVAL OF NAME OF MEMBER AS COSPONSOR OF H.R. 874

Mr. LATOURETTE. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that my name be removed as a cosponsor of H.R. 874.

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

There was no objection.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. GORDON of Tennessee. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material on the bill, H.R. 3791.

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

There was no objection.

FIRE GRANTS REAUTHORIZATION ACT OF 2009

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to House Resolution 909 and rule XVIII, the Chair declares the House in the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union for the consideration of the bill, H.R. 3791.

□ 1254

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 consideration of the bill (H.R. 3791) to amend sections 33 and 34 of the Federal Fire Prevention and Control Act of 1974, and for other purposes, with Mr. JACKSON of Illinois in the chair.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The CHAIR. Pursuant to the rule, the bill is considered read the first time.

The gentleman from Tennessee (Mr. GORDON) and the gentleman from Nebraska (Mr. SMITH) each will control 30 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Tennessee.

Mr. GORDON of Tennessee. Mr. Chairman, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Chairman, I rise today in support of H.R. 3791, the Fire Grants Reauthorization Act of 2009. This bill reauthorizes the Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) program and the Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) program. Over the past 9 years, these programs have provided over \$5 billion to purchase firefighting equipment and training, and for communities to hire additional firefighters. This Federal support for public safety is even more important in this tough economy as local officials struggle to provide services in the face of decreasing budgets.

The provisions in this bill make several changes to the program to enable more fire departments to apply for grants, and to ensure that the programs can benefit all types of communities, from small towns to our largest cities.

As part of this, the bill apportions the AFG funding between the career, volunteer, and combination fire departments according to a formula that authorizes a minimum of 25 percent of each year's total AFG dollars for each type of department.

The bill also authorizes the director to waive matching funds, budget maintenance requirements and other requirements for fire departments facing exceptional economic hardships. It further lowers the matching requirement for AFG and modifies the matching structure of SAFER to make it easier for communities to plan for the commitment of a SAFER grant.

The Science Committee heard testimony from fire service experts in July that, particularly in this economy, the current matching requirements dissuaded some departments from applying. These provisions enable those fire departments with the most need to apply.

Finally, H.R. 3791 also increases the amount of money larger jurisdictions may apply for under the AFG program. These amounts better reflect the needs of larger metropolitan areas as well as fire departments that have been consolidated to provide unified coverage to a large area.

H.R. 3791 is the product of much hard work by the International Association of Fire Chiefs, the International Association of Fire Fighters, the National Volunteer Fire Council, the National Fire Protection Association, and the Congressional Fire Services Institute. It has been endorsed by all of these groups. This bill has bipartisan support and passed out of the Science and Technology Committee by voice vote.

I would like to once again thank Mr. MITCHELL for sponsoring this important legislation. I would also like to recognize the efforts of our subcommittee chairman, Mr. WU, in getting the policy right in this bill and working to get a consensus piece of legislation. I also want to thank Mr. PASCRELL of New Jersey for being the father of the origination of these bills, as well as Majority Leader STENY HOYER for bringing all of the parties together and working together to get a good bill out.

Finally, I would like to recognize the staff who have been integral in crafting this legislation: Meghan Housewright and Mike Quear on the majority staff, and Dan Byers on the minority staff.

We have some amendments today. I look forward to working with my colleagues today to make a good bill better.

Mr. Chairman, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. SMITH of Nebraska. Mr. Chairman, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Chairman, I rise today in support of H.R. 3791, the Fire Grants Reauthorization Act of 2009. This bill reauthorizes both the Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) program and the Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) program, which both provide much-needed assistance to fire departments across the Nation.

As we learned through our committee work on this bill, and as I have heard firsthand in discussions with fire chiefs and firefighters in my district, the AFG program is frequently cited as a "life saver" and the only means by which many departments can acquire up-to-date equipment and training—which requires a significant portion of their budget—for their firefighters.

This is particularly true in rural areas such as my district in rural Nebraska, where many communities rely upon all-volunteer departments to respond to fires and other emergencies. The equipment needed to fight fires and save lives and property is costly, and required for departments to meet certain minimum response capabilities regardless of whether they are protecting a community of a few hundred people or a large city of a few hundred thousand people. As such, firefighter grants have proven absolutely vital for rural and volunteer fire departments, which have small tax bases and the least ability to acquire such equipment.

□ 1300

The bill before us today makes several modest changes to the AFG and SAFER programs, reflecting a compromise reached by the leading national fire service organizations who worked closely with the Science and Technology Committee to develop this legislation. I support these changes and the underlying reauthorization effort, and I want to call attention to two in particular which I offered as amendments during committee consideration