

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

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.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. ALLRED. Mr. Speaker, as I am back home in Dallas, Texas, on paternity leave with my family, I submit the following vote explanation. Had I been present, I would have voted “yea” on rollcall No. 85, “yea” on rollcall No. 86, and “yea” on rollcall No. 87.

LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM

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

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, Members are advised that, with House and Senate passage of the fiscal year '19 conference report, votes are no longer expected in the House on Friday, February 15.

Next votes are expected on Monday, February 25, 2019, at 6:30 p.m.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the unfinished business is the question on agreeing to the Speaker's approval of the Journal, which the Chair will put de novo.

The question is on the Speaker's approval of the Journal.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

PROVIDING FOR A CORRECTION IN THE ENROLLMENT OF H.J. RES. 31

Mrs. LOWEY. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to take from the Speaker's table the concurrent resolution (S. Con. Res. 4) making consolidated appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2019, and for other purposes, and ask for its immediate consideration in the House.

The Clerk read the title of the concurrent resolution.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentlewoman from New York?

There was no objection.

The text of the concurrent resolution is as follows:

S. CON. RES. 4

Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives concurring), That, in the enrollment of the joint resolution H.J. Res. 31, the Clerk of the House of Representatives shall amend the long title so as to read: “Making consolidated appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2019, and for other purposes.”

The concurrent resolution was concurred in.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

REQUEST TO CONSIDER H.R. 962, BORN-ALIVE ABORTION SURVIVORS PROTECTION ACT

Mr. COLE. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on the Judiciary be discharged from further consideration of H.R. 962, the Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act, and I ask for its immediate consideration in the House so we can defend life.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under guidelines consistently issued by successive Speakers, as recorded in section 956 of the House Rules and Manual, the Chair is constrained not to entertain the request unless it has been cleared by the bipartisan floor and committee leaderships.

Mr. COLE. Mr. Speaker, I ask for immediate consideration.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Does the gentleman from Oklahoma continue to seek recognition?

Mr. COLE. Mr. Speaker, we have had a bill that has been tied up in Judiciary for a long time. It is about defending life. It is about making sure that we do not take away life from people that are unborn. I just ask for its immediate consideration.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman has not been recognized for debate.

HOUR OF MEETING ON TOMORROW

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 10 a.m. tomorrow. There will be no votes expected.

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

There was no objection.

CONGRATULATING SPIKE LEE ON HIS ACADEMY AWARD NOMINATION

(Ms. CLARKE of New York asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. CLARKE of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise today during Black History Month to honor a man who represents Brooklyn, New York, to the fullest, a trailblazer, an innovator, and a cinematic genius: Brooklyn's own Spike Lee.

On behalf of the people of the Ninth Congressional District of New York, I would like to congratulate Spike Lee, a son of Brooklyn, on receiving the first-ever best director Oscar nomination despite a more than 30-year career in film.

He joins the ranks of only six other African Americans to ever be nominated for the category.

Mr. Lee was raised in Brooklyn and attended Morehouse College, where he received a bachelor of arts in mass communications. He received a fine arts degree from NYU's Tisch School of the Arts.

Many of Mr. Lee's films have examined race relations, colorism in the Black community, and the role of the media in contemporary life and political issues.

Spike has never ceased to speak out against injustice in the Black community.

He has been outspoken on police brutality, environmental injustice, and other issues that affect communities in Brooklyn and beyond.

His love of Brooklyn is reflected in his activism and his work.

Forty Acres and a Mule, Spike's production company, is based in Brooklyn, contributing in part to the economy that keeps our city running.

He shot films like “Do the Right Thing” and “Crooklyn” in Brooklyn, allowing viewers to experience all that we know and love about Brooklyn.

Spike Lee continues to produce work that pushes the envelope on topics that need to be discussed. “BlacKkKlansman,” for which he is being nominated, has received praise and adoration for its topics around combating racism.

REMEMBERING THE HON. WALTER B. JONES, JR.

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

Mr. BUDD. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life, service and legacy of my friend and colleague from North Carolina, Walter B. Jones, Jr.

Congressman Jones served the people of North Carolina's Third District honorably for more than two decades, being elected 13 times, starting in 1994.

He passed away on Sunday in Greenville, on his birthday.

Congressman Jones will be remembered for his courage, conviction, and character. He was a man led by his faith, never wavering in his support for the unborn. He was known as a staunch pro-life advocate.

He was just as tough when it came to his support of the military. His district covered both the Marine Corps' Camp Lejeune and Marine Corps Air Station Cherry Point, and he worked hard to give our servicemen and -women a better quality of life.

Our country is better off when people like Walter Jones are serving in this body. Please join me in praying for his family and loved ones throughout this difficult time.

THE REAL NATIONAL EMERGENCY

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

Mr. GALLEGU. Mr. Speaker, let's be clear. Donald Trump's Presidency is the real national emergency.

President Trump fired the FBI director to protect his national security adviser. He tried to rip healthcare from millions of Americans and destroy protections for people with preexisting

conditions. He orchestrated the largest transfer of wealth from middle class families to rich families.

And Trump has done nothing in the face of epidemic levels of gun violence and devastating impacts of climate change.

Why is Trump lying about a national emergency at the border? He is doing it to distract the American people from the fact that he has no plan to improve healthcare, improve our schools, or do one damn thing for working people in this country.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Ms. SHERRILL). Members are reminded to refrain from engaging in personalities toward the President.

REMEMBERING THE HON. WALTER B. JONES, JR.

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

Mr. LAMALFA. Madam Speaker, I rise tonight in memory of our friend, Walter Jones, congressman from North Carolina.

Walter was a kind, gentle, sweet soul of a man, who I admired even in the brief time we had to serve here together.

I found him to be a man of integrity who always put what he thought was right for the people of his district and this country first.

Sometimes he had a vote he might regret, but he did everything he could to make that right.

He went so far as to make the families of a fallen soldier feel that much more comfortable with a letter—to every one that he could possibly do—showing compassion and showing that at least one congressman knows what their pain is.

So, to his family; his wife, Joe Anne; and his daughter Ashley; all his constituents and friends and neighbors in North Carolina, our hearts are with you at the loss of a man whose main goal was to please God and walk with Jesus Christ. We admire him, and we will miss him.

BIPARTISAN CONSENSUS

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

Mr. KILMER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to express my relief that the House of Representatives has passed a bipartisan compromise that keeps our government open, secures our border, and upholds our values.

Now, this is not an agreement that either party would have written on its own, but rather than funding for an ineffective border wall, this bill, instead, prioritizes border security funding for methods and technologies that have proven effective.

This bill also rejects irresponsible budget cuts and, instead, invests additional dollars in important priorities

like funding for economic development assistance programs, environmental protection, and transportation infrastructure.

I want to thank all of the conferees for working together to forge a bipartisan consensus to fund government, invest in our priorities, and keep our country safe.

It is about time that Congress gets to work on more legislative priorities that will strengthen our families, strengthen our communities, and strengthen our economy. That is what the American people elected us to do, and I hope my colleagues will join me in these efforts going forward.

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ISSUES OF THE DAY

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

Mr. GOHMERT. Madam Speaker, I, too, miss my friend Walter Jones. I just greatly treasured the hour each week we spent together visiting. It was a fitting tribute today at his funeral.

I do want to address this bill we just passed. I had hoped to vote for it after I was hearing, well, it is not much money; it is less than \$2 billion. But the trouble is there are provisions in here that are going to make it difficult to remove anybody who is here if they have got a child in there.

And, yes, I know, there is language that says if it is based on information shared by HHS, so that means they are going to be covered up with discovery requests, FOIA requests, probably people will find Obama judges who let people out.

This was not a good bill in the end. That is why I had to vote "no."

HUMANITARIAN COMPROMISE

(Ms. JACKSON LEE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Madam Speaker, this bill that we came to have to fix as a Republican bill was a compromise, but it was a compromise with humanitarians and passion and compassion.

This border security and funding bill that Democrats fixed did some good things. In particular, it raised the number to 100,000 alternative detention sites for women and children; it provided healthcare where there was no healthcare so that little children would not die at the border; and it prevented ICE from using data to deport people who are trying to pick up their children.

The good news is our Federal employees will not be held as hostages, and we have given them a 1.9 percent raise. As well, we provided for Food for Peace, for people who are struggling around the world, \$1.7 billion.

As a member of the Judiciary Committee, we provided \$423 million for the Byrne Grant; \$178 million to address

sexual assault kits and other DNA; \$100 million for STOP School Violence; \$497 million, Madam Speaker, for the Violence Against Women Act; and \$75 million for gun control, or at least the checks for background.

Madam Speaker, this is a humanitarian bill, and I ask my colleagues to recognize it.

PASS UNIVERSAL BACKGROUND CHECK LEGISLATION

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

Mr. HIMES. Madam Speaker, it is Valentine's Day, and we have all spent the evening together, which is kind of funny. We did it in the service of keeping the government open with a bill that funds the government in a strong, bipartisan vote, and that is a good thing.

But, Madam Speaker, Valentine's Day will never again be a truly happy day because, of course, it is the 1-year anniversary of the Douglas shootings in Florida in which 17 young people, with their lives ahead of them, had those lives snuffed out at the end of a gun.

It is a particularly poignant moment for me and for those of us from Connecticut because we still can't forget, of course, the 20 children, 6 to 7 years old, and six adult staff who lost their lives in December of 2012 at the Sandy Hook Elementary School.

So, Madam Speaker, I just rise to point out that we are hearing a lot tonight about an emergency declaration; and if 30,000 to 40,000 Americans, including these young angels, losing their lives every single year is not an emergency, I don't know what is.

This House, after 8 years of inaction and pathetic moments of silence, moved a bill, H.R. 8, for universal background checks out of committee yesterday. The least we can do as an institution is to take the small step of passing that bill into law to keep young and all Americans safe.

OMNIBUS SPENDING BILL

(Ms. KUSTER of New Hampshire asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. KUSTER of New Hampshire. Madam Speaker, I rise today to express my relief that Democrats and Republicans have come together to advance a bipartisan spending measure to keep the government open and deliver for the American people.

President Trump's recent irresponsible government shutdown over his demand for an unnecessary, medieval wall was misguided and hurt our dedicated Federal employees and their families and threatened our economy.

I want to applaud my colleagues, the incredible Chairman LOWEY, Representative PETE AGUILAR, Representative