

Ganske	Lowey	Royce
Gejdenson	Lucas (KY)	Rush
Gekas	Lucas (OK)	Ryan (WI)
Gephardt	Luther	Ryun (KS)
Gibbons	Maloney (CT)	Sabo
Gilchrest	Maloney (NY)	Salmon
Gillmor	Manzullo	Sanchez
Gilman	Markey	Sanders
Gonzalez	Martinez	Sandlin
Goode	Mascara	Sawyer
Goodlatte	Matsui	Saxton
Goodling	McCarthy (MO)	Scarborough
Gordon	McCarthy (NY)	Schaffer
Goss	McCrery	Scott
Graham	McDermott	Sensenbrenner
Granger	McGovern	Serrano
Green (TX)	McHugh	Sessions
Green (WI)	McInnis	Shadegg
Greenwood	McIntyre	Shaw
Gutknecht	McKeon	Shays
Hall (OH)	McKinney	Sherman
Hall (TX)	McNulty	Sherwood
Hansen	Meehan	Shimkus
Hastings (FL)	Meek (FL)	Shows
Hastings (WA)	Menendez	Shuster
Hayes	Metcalf	Simpson
Hayworth	Mica	Sisisky
Hefley	Millender-	Skeen
Henger	McDonald	Skelton
Hill (IN)	Miller, Gary	Slaughter
Hill (MT)	Minge	Smith (MI)
Hilleary	Moakley	Smith (NJ)
Hilliard	Mollohan	Smith (TX)
Hinchey	Moore	Smith (WA)
Hinojosa	Moran (KS)	Snyder
Hobson	Moran (VA)	Souder
Hoeffel	Morella	Spence
Holden	Murtha	Stabenow
Holt	Myrick	Stearns
Hooley	Nadler	Stenholm
Horn	Napolitano	Strickland
Hostettler	Neal	Stump
Houghton	Nethercutt	Stupak
Hoyer	Ney	Sununu
Hulshof	Northup	Sweeney
Hunter	Norwood	Tancredo
Hutchinson	Nussle	Tanner
Hyde	Oberstar	Tauscher
Inslee	Obey	Tauzin
Isakson	Olver	Taylor (MS)
Istook	Ortiz	Taylor (NC)
Jackson (IL)	Ose	Terry
Jackson-Lee	Owens	Thomas
(TX)	Oxley	Thompson (CA)
Jenkins	Packard	Thompson (MS)
John	Pallone	Thornberry
Johnson (CT)	Pascrell	Thune
Johnson, E. B.	Pastor	Thurman
Johnson, Sam	Payne	Tiahrt
Jones (NC)	Pease	Tierney
Jones (OH)	Pelosi	Toomey
Kanjorski	Peterson (MN)	Toombs
Kaptur	Peterson (PA)	Trafficant
Kelly	Petri	Turner
Kennedy	Phelps	Udall (CO)
Kildee	Pickering	Udall (NM)
Kilpatrick	Pickett	Upton
Kind (WI)	Pitts	Velazquez
King (NY)	Pomeroy	Visclosky
Kingston	Porter	Vitter
Kleccka	Portman	Walden
Kucinich	Price (NC)	Walsh
Kuykendall	Pryce (OH)	Wamp
LaFalce	Quinn	Waters
LaHood	Radanovich	Watkins
Lampson	Rahall	Watt (NC)
Lantos	Ramstad	Watts (OK)
Larson	Rangel	Waxman
Latham	Regula	Weiner
LaTourette	Reynolds	Weldon (FL)
Leach	Rivers	Weldon (PA)
Lee	Rodriguez	Weller
Levin	Roemer	Wexler
Lewis (CA)	Rogan	Whitfield
Lewis (GA)	Rogers	Wicker
Lewis (KY)	Rohrabacher	Wolf
Linder	Ros-Lehtinen	Woolsey
Lipinski	Rothman	Wynn
LoBiondo	Roukema	Young (AK)
Lofgren	Roybal-Allard	Young (FL)

NAYS—2

Paul Sanford

NOT VOTING—45

Archer	Bono	Coburn
Barr	Brown (FL)	Cook
Blagojevich	Campbell	Crane
Bliley	Carson	Danner

Eshoo	Klink	Pombo
Etheridge	Knollenberg	Reyes
Evans	Kolbe	Riley
Farr	Largent	Schakowsky
Fattah	Lazio	Spratt
Ford	McCollum	Stark
Franks (NJ)	McIntosh	Talent
Gutierrez	Meeks (NY)	Weygand
Hoekstra	Miller (FL)	Wilson
Jefferson	Miller, George	Wise
Kasich	Mink	Wu

1846

So (two-thirds having voted in favor thereof) the rules were suspended and the bill, as amended, was passed.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

REMOVAL OF NAME OF MEMBER AS COSPONSOR OF HOUSE RESOLUTION 184, H.R. 745, H.R. 1640, AND H.R. 3634

Mr. BRADY of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that my name be removed as a cosponsor from the following bills: House Resolution 184, H.R. 745, H.R. 1640, and H.R. 3634.

I believe there may have been some confusion with the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. BRADY).

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

There was no objection.

FURTHER MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A further message from the Senate by Mr. Lundregan, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate has passed with amendment in which the concurrence of the House of requested, a bill of the House of the following title:

H.R. 2389. An Act to restore stability and predictability to the annual payments made to States and counties containing National Forest System lands and public domain lands managed by the Bureau of Land Management for use by the counties for the benefit of public schools, roads, and other purposes.

REPORT ON RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF MOTIONS TO SUSPEND THE RULES

Mr. REYNOLDS, from the Committee on Rules, submitted a privileged report (Rept. No. 106-951) on the resolution (H. Res. 615) providing for consideration of motions to suspend the rules, which was referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed.

REPORT ON RESOLUTION WAIVING POINTS OF ORDER AGAINST CONFERENCE REPORT ON H.R. 4205, FLOYD D. SPENCE NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2001

Mr. REYNOLDS, from the Committee on Rules, submitted a privi-

leged report (Rept. No. 106-952) on the resolution (H. Res. 616) waiving points of order against the conference report to accompany the bill (H.R. 4205) to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2001 for military activities of the Department of Defense and for military construction, to prescribe military personnel strengths for fiscal year 2001, and for other purposes, which was referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed.

REPORT ON RESOLUTION WAIVING POINTS OF ORDER AGAINST CONFERENCE REPORT ON H.R. 4461, AGRICULTURE, RURAL DEVELOPMENT, FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2001

Mr. REYNOLDS, from the Committee on Rules, submitted a privileged report (Rept. No. 106-953) on the resolution (H. Res. 617) waiving points of order against the conference report to accompany the bill (H.R. 4461) making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2001, and for other purposes, which was referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed.

ENERGY AND WATER DEVELOPMENT APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2001—VETO MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES (H. DOC. NO. 106-299)

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following veto message from the President of the United States:

To the House of Representatives:

I am returning herewith without my approval, H.R. 4733, the "Energy and Water Development Appropriations Act, 2001." The bill contains an unacceptable rider regarding the Army Corps of Engineers' master operating manual for the Missouri River. In addition, it fails to provide funding for the California-Bay Delta initiative and includes nearly \$700 million for over 300 unrequested projects.

Section 103 would prevent the Army Corps of Engineers from revising the operating manual for the Missouri River that is 20 years old and needs to be updated based on the most recent scientific information. In its current form, the manual simply does not provide an appropriate balance among the competing interests, both commercial and recreational, of the many people who seek to use this great American river. The bill would also undermine implementation of the Endangered Species Act by preventing the Corps of Engineers from funding reasonable and much-needed changes to the operating manual for the Missouri River. The Corps and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service are entering a critical phase in their Section 7 consultation on the effects of reservoir project operations.

This provision could prevent the Corps from carrying out a necessary element of any reasonable and prudent alternative to avoid jeopardizing the continued existence of the endangered least tern and pallid sturgeon, and the threatened piping plover.

In addition to the objectionable restriction placed upon the Corps of Engineers, the bill fails to provide funding for the California-Bay Delta initiative. This decision could significantly hamper ongoing Federal and State efforts to restore this ecosystem, protect the drinking water of 22 million Californians, and enhance water supply and reliability for over 7 million acres of highly productive farmland and growing urban areas across California. The \$60 million budget request, all of which would be used to support activities that can be carried out using existing authorities, is the minimum necessary to ensure adequate Federal participation in these initiatives, which are essential to reducing existing conflicts among water users in California. This funding should be provided without legislative restrictions undermining key environmental statutes or disrupting the balanced approach to meeting the needs of water users and the environment that has been carefully developed through almost 6 years of work with the State of California and interested stakeholders.

The bill also fails to provide sufficient funding necessary to restore endangered salmon in the Pacific Northwest, which would interfere with the Corps of Engineers' ability to comply with the Endangered Species Act, and provides no funds to start the new construction project requested for the Florida Everglades. The bill also fails to fund the Challenge 21 program for environmentally friendly flood damage reduction projects, the program to modernize Corps recreation facilities, and construction of an emergency outlet at Devil's Lake. In addition, it does not fully support efforts to research and develop nonpolluting, domestic sources of energy through solar and renewable technologies that are vital to America's energy security.

Finally, the bill provides nearly \$700 million for over 300 unrequested projects, including: nearly 80 unrequested projects totaling more than \$330 million for the Department of Energy; nearly 240 unrequested projects totaling over \$300 million for the Corps of Engineers' and, more than 10 unrequested projects totaling in excess of \$10 million for the Bureau of Reclamation. For example, more than 80 unrequested Corps of Engineers construction projects included in the bill would have a long-term cost of nearly \$2.7 billion. These unrequested projects and earmarks come at the expense of other initiatives important to tax-paying Americans.

The American people deserve Government spending based upon a balanced approach that maintains fiscal discipline, eliminates the national debt,

extends the solvency of Social Security and Medicare, provides for an appropriately sized tax cut, establishes a new voluntary Medicare prescription drug benefit in the context of broader reforms, expands health care coverage to more families, and funds critical investments for our future. I urge the Congress to work expeditiously to develop a bill that addresses the needs of the Nation.

WILLIAM J. CLINTON.

THE WHITE HOUSE, October 7, 2000.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The objections of the President will be spread at large upon the Journal, and the message and bill will be printed as a House document.

Mr. PACKARD. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that further consideration of the veto message be postponed until Wednesday, October 11.

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

There was no objection.

EXPRESSING SORROW OF THE HOUSE AT THE DEATH OF THE HONORABLE BRUCE VENTO, MEMBER OF CONGRESS FROM THE STATE OF MINNESOTA

Mr. OBERSTAR. Mr. Speaker, I offer a privileged resolution (H. Res. 618) and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 618

Resolved, That the House has heard with profound sorrow of the death of the Honorable Bruce F. Vento, a Representative from the State of Minnesota.

Resolved, That a committee of such Members of the House as the Speaker may designate, together with such Members of the Senate as may be joined, be appointed to attend the funeral.

Resolved, That the Sergeant at Arms of the House be authorized and directed to take such steps as may be necessary for carrying out the provisions of these resolutions and that the necessary expenses in connection therewith be paid out of applicable accounts of the House.

Resolved, That the Clerk communicate these resolutions to the Senate and transmit a copy thereof to the family of the deceased.

Resolved, That when the House adjourns today, it adjourn as a further mark of respect to the memory of the deceased.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mrs. FOWLER). The gentleman from Minnesota (Mr. OBERSTAR) is recognized for 1 hour.

Mr. OBERSTAR. Madam Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Madam Speaker, it was with great sadness, a sense of personal loss, and a loss to this body that at the opening of session today I took the well to announce that at 11:20 this morning our colleague, our dear friend, BRUCE VENTO, succumbed to mesothelioma, asbestos-induced cancer of the lung and peritoneal cavity.

Madam Speaker, I will reserve my comments for this great and distinguished legislator, friend, hard-work-

ing great American until later in this 1-hour.

Madam Speaker, I yield such time as he may consume to the gentleman from Minnesota (Mr. SABO).

(Mr. SABO asked and was given permission to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. SABO. Madam Speaker, I thank my colleague, the gentleman from Minnesota (Mr. OBERSTAR), for yielding me this time.

It is a sad day. BRUCE VENTO and I have been friends for 30 years. I remember him when he came to the Minnesota State legislature as a new member. We served 6 years together there, then he preceded me by 2 years in Congress. I watched this young man, who came to the State legislature as an eager young freshman legislator, grow into one of our great national leaders on so many issues.

I want to offer my condolences to his wife, Susan, to his sons, his grandchildren, and the rest of the Vento family. BRUCE was always very close to his family and so proud of them. That was part of his being, just as being from the east side of St. Paul was part of his being. He never forgot those roots. He represented the people of that district with a passion.

BRUCE was a person with passion for many, many things: to make sure that the recent immigrants, the Hmong from his district, who had served our country, could become citizens.

1900

A broad array of housing legislation with little special emphasis on the homeless, but it really went to the totality of housing programs in this country because he felt people needed decent housing, to dealing with the complexity of how we deal with financial institutions in this country.

I always thought it was so fitting that BRUCE, the biology teacher in south Minneapolis, became chair of our Subcommittee on National Parks and Public Lands because this was another real passion for him. And he left a real legacy in terms of expanded public lands, expanded parks and a whole variety of other public facilities in this country that will be a legacy for many, many future generations to enjoy.

So it is a sad day. But I think, and most importantly, of simply a good friend.

Mr. OBERSTAR. Madam Speaker, I am now happy to yield to the gentleman from New York (Mr. GILMAN) the chairman of the Committee on International Relations.

(Mr. GILMAN asked and was given permission to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. GILMAN. Madam Speaker, I thank the gentleman for yielding.

Madam Speaker, I rise in support of the privileged resolution offered by the gentleman from Minnesota (Mr. OBERSTAR).

I want to express my deep sorrow regarding the passing of not only a good