VACATING PROCEEDINGS ON SEPTEMBER 13, 1995, APPOINTMENT OF CONFEREES ON H.R. 2126, DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 1996

Mr. YOUNG of Florida. Mr. Speaker I ask unanimous consent to vacate the proceedings of September 13, 1995, in which the House of Representatives disagreed to the Senate amendment to the bill, H.R. 2126, making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1996, and for other purposes and agreed to the conference requested by the Senate; provided that the order of the House of Representatives of the same day enabling closed meetings of the conference remain in effect.

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

There was no objection.

APPOINTMENT OF CONFEREES ON H.R. 2126, DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 1996

Mr. YOUNG of Florida. Mr. Speaker I ask unanimous consent to take from the Speaker's table the bill H.R. 2126, making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1996, and for other purposes, with a Senate amendment thereto, disagree to the Senate amendment, and agree to the conference asked by the Senate.

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

There was no objection.

MOTION TO INSTRUCT CONFEREES OFFERED BY MR. OBEY

Mr. OBEY. Mr. Speaker, I offer a motion.

The Clerk read as follows:

Mr. OBEY moves that the managers on the part of the House at the conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendment of the Senate to the bill H.R. 2126 be instructed to insist on Section 8075 of the House bill, limiting the allowable cost charged to the government for individual compensation to not more than $200,000 per year.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman from Wisconsin [Mr. OBEY] will be recognized for 30 minutes, and the gentleman from Florida [Mr. YOUNG] will be recognized for 30 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Wisconsin [Mr. OBEY].

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

Mr. Speaker, my motion to instruct is very simple. Last week the House adopted a motion which limited to $200,000 the amount that could be paid to any executive in any defense corporation from any contract which they had with the U.S. Government or any agency of the U.S. Government.

In plain language, this simply says that any dollars that any defense contractor wants to provide by way of compensation to any of their executives above the salary paid to the President of the United States should be paid out of their profits and not out of contract receipts with the U.S. Government.

If you take a look at the salaries of some of the CEO's of these corporations, you will see that, for instance, one of them was paid nearly $15 million in 1994. I do not really believe that, when we have the massive downsizing going on in the military, when we have the squeeze that we have not only in the military budget but on domestic budgets as well, I do not think we have any business encouraging the payment of those outlandish salaries. I do not see why anybody in this country ought to have to make more than the President of the United States.

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Mr. Speaker, I urge the adoption of this motion to instruct.

Mr. YOUNG of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I might consume and simply say that, when the bill was before the House, we accepted the gentleman's amendment, and we accept his motion to instruct today, and, unless he has further speakers, I am prepared to yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. OBEY. Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. (Mr. RADANOVICH). Without objection, the previous question is ordered on the motion to instruct.

There was no objection.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion to instruct offered by the gentleman from Wisconsin [Mr. OBEY].

The motion to instruct was agreed to.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the Chair appoints the following conferees: Messrs. YOUNG of Florida, MCDADE, LIVINGSTON, LEWIS of California, SKEEN, HOBSON, BONILLA, NETHERCUTT, NEUMANN, MURTHA, DICKS, WILSON, HEFNER, SABO, and OBEY.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. YOUNG of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend their remarks on H.R. 2126.

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

There was no objection.

PERMISSION TO FILE CONFERENCE REPORT ON H.R. 1817, MILITARY CONSTRUCTION APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 1996

Mr. YOUNG of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the managers on the part of the House may have until midnight tonight, September 14, 1995, to file a conference report on the bill (H.R. 1817) making appropriations for military construction, family housing, and base realignment and closure for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1996, and for other purposes.

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

There was no objection.

FEDERAL ACQUISITION REFORM ACT OF 1995

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to House Resolution 219 and rule XXIII, the Chair declares the House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union for the further consideration of the bill, H.R. 1670.

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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 further consideration of the bill (H.R. 1670) to revise and streamline the acquisition laws of the Federal Government, to reorganize the mechanisms for resolving Federal procurement disputes, and for other purposes, with Mr. WELLER in the chair.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The CHAIRMAN. When the Committee of the Whole rose on Wednesday, September 13, 1995, title III was open for amendment at any point.

Are there any amendments to title III?

AMENDMENT OFFERED BY MR. SPRATT

Mr. SPRATT. Mr. Chairman, I offer an amendment.

The Clerk read as follows:

Amendment offered by Mr. SPRATT: At the end of title III (page 100, after line 12), insert the following new section:

SEC. 319. DEMONSTRATION PROJECT RELATING TO CERTAIN PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT POLICIES AND PROCEDURES.

(a) COMMENCEMENT.—The Secretary of Defense is encouraged to take such steps as may be necessary to provide for the commencement of a demonstration project, the purpose of which would be to determine the feasibility or desirability of one or more proposals for improving the personnel management policies or procedures that apply with respect to the acquisition workforce of the Department of Defense.

(b) TERMS AND CONDITIONS.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, any demonstration project described in subsection (a) shall be subject to section 4703 of title 5, United States Code, and all other provisions of such title that apply with respect to any demonstration project under such section.

(2) EXCEPTIONS.—Subject to paragraph (3), in applying section 4703 of title 5, United States Code, with respect to a demonstration project described in subsection (a)—

(A) ''180 days'' in subsection (b)(4) of such section shall be deemed to read ''120 days'';

(B) ''90 days'' in subsection (b)(6) of such section shall be deemed to read ''30 days''; and

(C) subsection (d)(1)(A) of such section shall be disregarded.

(3) CONDITION.—Paragraph (2) shall not apply with respect to a demonstration project unless it—

(A) involves only the acquisition workforce of the Department of Defense (or any part thereof); and