

legislation entitled the "Maritime Administration Authorization Act for Fiscal Years 1998 and 1999," pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 1110; jointly, to the Committees on National Security and Transportation and Infrastructure.

29.4 MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

A message in writing from the President of the United States was communicated to the House by Mr. Sherman Williams, one of his secretaries.

29.5 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A message from the Senate by Ms. McDevitt, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate had passed without amendment a bill of the House of the following title:

H.R. 412. An Act to approve a settlement agreement between the Bureau of Reclamation and the Oroville-Tonasket Irrigation District.

29.6 PROVIDING FOR THE CONSIDERATION OF CERTAIN MOTIONS TO SUSPEND THE RULES

Mr. DREIER, by direction of the Committee on Rules, called up the following resolution (H. Res. 107):

Resolved, That it shall be in order at any time on Wednesday, April 9, 1997, or on Thursday, April 10, 1997, for the Speaker to entertain motions that the House suspend the rules. The Speaker or his designee shall consult with the minority leader or his designee on the designation of any matter for consideration pursuant to this resolution.

When said resolution was considered,

29.7 WORDS TAKEN DOWN

Mr. MILLER of California during debate, addressed the House and, during the course of his remarks,

Mr. DELAY demanded that certain words be taken down.

The Clerk read the words taken down as follows:

If you give \$10,000, you can have a meeting. You know what you get, ladies and gentlemen? You get seats in the gallery. You the public get seats in the gallery. You know what big donors get? They get access to leadership power and decisions. That is under the existing system, and that is why we are saying it has to be reformed. Two years ago we watched as top lobbyists sat in the majority whip's office and drafted legislation to the Clean Water Act.

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. GUTKNECHT, held the words taken down not to be unparliamentary, and said:

"In the opinion of the Chair, there was no direct reference to a Member specifically performing a quid pro quo. Therefore, the Chair will rule that the words are not unparliamentary."

Accordingly,

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. GUTKNECHT, recognized Mr. MILLER of California to proceed in order.

After debate,

Mr. DREIER moved the previous question on the resolution to its adoption or rejection.

The question being put, viva voce,

Will the House now order the previous question?

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. GUTKNECHT, announced that the yeas had it.

Ms. SLAUGHTER objected to the vote on the ground that a quorum was not present and not voting.

A quorum not being present,

The roll was called under clause 4, rule XV, and the call was taken by electronic device.

When there appeared { Yeas 213
Nays 196

29.8 [Roll No. 74] YEAS—213

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| Aderholt | Gillmor | Oxley |
| Archer | Gilman | Packard |
| Armye | Goodlatte | Pappas |
| Bachus | Goodling | Parker |
| Baker | Goss | Paul |
| Barrett (NE) | Graham | Paxon |
| Bartlett | Greenwood | Pease |
| Bass | Gutknecht | Peterson (PA) |
| Bateman | Hansen | Petri |
| Bereuter | Hastert | Pickering |
| Bilbray | Hastings (WA) | Pitts |
| Bilirakis | Hayworth | Pombo |
| Bliley | Hefley | Portman |
| Blunt | Herger | Pryce (OH) |
| Boehlert | Hill | Quinn |
| Boehner | Hilleary | Radanovich |
| Bonilla | Hobson | Ramstad |
| Bono | Hoekstra | Regula |
| Brady | Horn | Riggs |
| Bryant | Hostettler | Riley |
| Bunning | Houghton | Rogan |
| Burr | Hulshof | Rogers |
| Burton | Hunter | Rohrabacher |
| Buyer | Hutchinson | Ros-Lehtinen |
| Callahan | Hyde | Roukema |
| Calvert | Inglis | Royce |
| Camp | Jenkins | Salmon |
| Campbell | Johnson (CT) | Sanford |
| Canady | Johnson, Sam | Saxton |
| Cannon | Jones | Scarborough |
| Castle | Kasich | Schaefer, Dan |
| Chabot | Kelly | Schaffer, Bob |
| Chenoweth | Kim | Sensenbrenner |
| Christensen | King (NY) | Sessions |
| Coble | Kingston | Shadegg |
| Coburn | Klug | Shaw |
| Collins | Knollenberg | Shays |
| Combust | Kolbe | Shimkus |
| Cook | LaHood | Shuster |
| Cooksey | Largent | Skeen |
| Cox | Latham | Smith (MI) |
| Crane | LaTourrette | Smith (NJ) |
| Crapo | Lazio | Smith (OR) |
| Cubin | Leach | Smith (TX) |
| Cunningham | Lewis (CA) | Smith, Linda |
| Davis (VA) | Lewis (KY) | Snowbarger |
| Deal | Linder | Solomon |
| DeLay | Livingston | Souder |
| Diaz-Balart | LoBiondo | Spence |
| Dickey | Lucas | Stearns |
| Dreier | Manzullo | Stump |
| Duncan | McCollum | Sununu |
| Dunn | McCrery | Talent |
| Ehlers | McDade | Tauzin |
| Ehrlich | McHugh | Taylor (NC) |
| Emerson | McInnis | Thomas |
| English | McIntosh | Thornberry |
| Ensign | McKeon | Thune |
| Everett | Metcalf | Tiaht |
| Ewing | Mica | Upton |
| Foley | Miller (FL) | Walsh |
| Forbes | Molinari | Wamp |
| Fowler | Moran (KS) | Watkins |
| Fox | Morella | Weldon (FL) |
| Franks (NJ) | Myrick | Weldon (PA) |
| Frelinghuysen | Nethercutt | Weller |
| Galleghy | Neumann | White |
| Ganske | Ney | Whitfield |
| Gekas | Northup | Wicker |
| Gibbons | Norwood | Wolf |
| Gilchrest | Nussle | Young (FL) |

NAYS—196

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| Abercrombie | Bonior | Clyburn |
| Ackerman | Borski | Condit |
| Allen | Boswell | Conyers |
| Baesler | Boucher | Costello |
| Baldacci | Brown (CA) | Coyne |
| Barcia | Brown (FL) | Cramer |
| Barrett (WI) | Brown (OH) | Cummings |
| Bentsen | Capps | Danner |
| Berman | Cardin | Davis (FL) |
| Berry | Clay | Davis (IL) |
| Blagojevich | Clayton | DeFazio |
| Blumenauer | Clement | DeGette |

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| DeLauro | Kildee | Pomeroy |
| Dellums | Kilpatrick | Poshard |
| Deutsch | Kind (WI) | Price (NC) |
| Dicks | Klecza | Rahall |
| Dingell | Klink | Rangel |
| Dixon | Kucinich | Reyes |
| Doggett | LaFalce | Rivers |
| Dooley | Lampson | Roemer |
| Doyle | Lantos | Rothman |
| Edwards | Levin | Roybal-Allard |
| Engel | Lewis (GA) | Rush |
| Eshoo | Lipinski | Sabo |
| Etheridge | Lofgren | Sanchez |
| Evans | Lowey | Sanders |
| Fattah | Luther | Sandlin |
| Fazio | Maloney (CT) | Sawyer |
| Flake | Maloney (NY) | Schumer |
| Foglietta | Manton | Scott |
| Ford | Markey | Serrano |
| Frank (MA) | Martinez | Sherman |
| Frost | Mascara | Sisisky |
| Furse | Matsui | Skaggs |
| Gejdenson | McCarthy (MO) | Skelton |
| Gephardt | McDermott | Slaughter |
| Gonzalez | McGovern | Smith, Adam |
| Goode | McHale | Snyder |
| Gordon | McIntyre | Spratt |
| Green | McKinney | Stabenow |
| Gutierrez | McNulty | Stenholm |
| Hall (OH) | Meehan | Stokes |
| Hall (TX) | Meek | Strickland |
| Hamilton | Menendez | Stupak |
| Harman | Millender- | Tanner |
| Hastings (FL) | McDonald | Tauscher |
| Hilliard | Miller (CA) | Taylor (MS) |
| Hinchee | Minge | Thompson |
| Hinojosa | Mink | Thurman |
| Holden | Moakley | Tierney |
| Hoolley | Mollohan | Torres |
| Hoyer | Moran (VA) | Towns |
| Jackson (IL) | Murtha | Trafficant |
| Jackson-Lee | Nadler | Turner |
| (TX) | Neal | Velazquez |
| Jefferson | Oberstar | Vento |
| John | Obey | Visclosky |
| Johnson (WI) | Olver | Waters |
| Johnson, E. B. | Ortiz | Watt (NC) |
| Kanjorski | Owens | Waxman |
| Kaptur | Pallone | Wexler |
| Kennedy (MA) | Pascarell | Weygand |
| Kennedy (RI) | Pastor | Wise |
| Kennelly | Payne | Woolsey |
| | Pelosi | Wynn |
| | Pickett | Yates |

NOT VOTING—23

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| Andrews | Chambliss | Peterson (MN) |
| Ballenger | Doolittle | Porter |
| Barr | Fawell | Ryun |
| Barton | Filner | Schiff |
| Becerra | Granger | Stark |
| Bishop | Hefner | Watts (OK) |
| Boyd | Istook | Young (AK) |
| Carson | McCarthy (NY) | |

So the previous question on the resolution was ordered.

The question being put, viva voce, Will the House agree to said resolution?

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. GUTKNECHT, announced that the yeas had it.

So the resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider the vote whereby said resolution was agreed to was, by unanimous consent, laid on the table.

29.9 VETERANS EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Mr. MICA moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 240) to amend title 5, United States Code, to provide that consideration may not be denied to preference eligibles applying for certain positions in the competitive service, and for other purposes; as amended.

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. GUTKNECHT, recognized Mr. MICA and Mr. HOLDEN, each for 20 minutes.

After debate,

The question being put, viva voce,