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NOT VOTING—14

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So the amendment was agreed to.

12.13 RECORDED VOTE

A recorded vote by electronic device was ordered in the Committee of the Whole on the following amendments, en bloc, submitted by Mr. VENTO:

Page 19, after line 20, insert the following:
“(5) Research and identification of medicinal uses of tropical forest plant life to treat human diseases and illnesses and other health-related concerns.

Page 19, line 21, strike “(5)” and insert “(6)”.

Page 19, line 23, strike “(6)” and insert “(7)”.

Page 23, line 12, after “scientific” insert “indigenous.”.

Page 23, line 14, after “scientific,” insert “indigenous.”.

It was decided in the { Yeas 335
affirmative } Nays 79

12.14 [Roll No. 62]
AYES—335

Abercrombie Conyers Gilchrist
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Bentsen DeFazio Hamilton
Bereuter DeGette Harman
Berman Delahunt Hastert
Berry DeLauro Hastings (FL)
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Burr Etheridge Jefferson
Buyer Evans John
Calvert Ewing Johnson (CT)
Camp Farr Johnson (WI)
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Canady Fawell Kanjorski
Capps Fazio Kaptur
Cardin Filner Kasich
Carson Forbes Kelly
Castle Ford Kennedy (MA)
Chambliss Fowler Kennedy (RI)
Christensen Fox Kennelly
Clay Frank (MA) Kildee
Clayton Franks (NJ) Kilpatrick
Clement Frelinghuysen Kim
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Kolbe Ney Skeen
Kucinich Northup Skelton
LaFalce Norwood Slaughter
LaHood Nussle Smith (MI)
Lampson Oberstar Smith (NJ)
Lantos Obey Smith (TX)
Largent Olver Smith, Adam
Latham Ortiz Smith, Linda
LaTourette Owens Snyder
Lazio Oxley Spence
Leach Packard Spratt
Levin Pallone Stabenow
Lewis (CA) Pappas Stark
Linder Pascrell Stenholm
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Lucas Pickett Tauscher
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McDonald Scarborough Wolf
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NOES—79

Aderholt Gibbons Pombo
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Bachus Baesler Riley
Baker Hansen Rogan
Barr Hastings (WA) Ryun
Bartlett Hayworth Salmon
Barton Herger Sanford
Bonilla Hilleary Schaffer, Bob
Brady Hoekstra Sensenbrenner
Bunning Hostettler Sessions
Burton Hutchinson Shadegg
Callahan Inglis Smith (OR)
Cannon Jenkins Snowbarger
Chabot Johnson, Sam Solomon
Chenoweth Jones Souder
Coble McKeon Stearns
Coburn Mica Stump
Collins Moran (KS) Sununu
Combest Myrick Taylor (NC)
Crane Nethercutt Thomas
Crapo Neumann Thornberry
Cubin Parker Tiahrt
DeLay Paul Wamp
Doolittle Paxon Wicker
Emerson Peterson (PA) Young (AK)
Everett Petri
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NOT VOTING—17

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Gekas Martinez

So the amendments, en bloc, were agreed to.

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. QUINN, assumed the Chair.

When Mr. LAHOOD, Chairman, pursuant to House Resolution 388, reported the bill back to the House with an amendment adopted by the Committee.

The previous question having been ordered by said resolution.

The following amendment, reported from the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union, was agreed to:

Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert:

SECTION 1. DEBT REDUCTION FOR DEVELOPING COUNTRIES WITH TROPICAL FORESTS.

The Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 (22 U.S.C. 2151 et seq.) is amended by adding at the end the following:

“PART V—DEBT REDUCTION FOR DEVELOPING COUNTRIES WITH TROPICAL FORESTS

“SEC. 801. SHORT TITLE.

“This part may be cited as the ‘Tropical Forest Conservation Act of 1998’.

“SEC. 802. FINDINGS AND PURPOSES.

“(a) FINDINGS.—The Congress finds the following:

“(1) It is the established policy of the United States to support and seek protection of tropical forests around the world.

“(2) Tropical forests provide a wide range of benefits to humankind by—

“(A) harboring a major share of the Earth’s biological and terrestrial resources, which are the basis for developing pharmaceutical products and revitalizing agricultural crops;

“(B) playing a critical role as carbon sinks in reducing greenhouse gases in the atmosphere, thus moderating potential global climate change; and

“(C) regulating hydrological cycles on which far-flung agricultural and coastal resources depend.

“(3) International negotiations and assistance programs to conserve forest resources have proliferated over the past decade, but the rapid rate of tropical deforestation continues unabated.

“(4) Developing countries with urgent needs for investment and capital for development have allocated a significant amount of their forests to logging concessions.

“(5) Poverty and economic pressures on the populations of developing countries have, over time, resulted in clearing of vast areas of forest for conversion to agriculture, which is often unsustainable in the poor soils underlying tropical forests.

“(6) Debt reduction can reduce economic pressures on developing countries and result in increased protection for tropical forests.

“(b) PURPOSES.—The purposes of this part are—

“(1) to recognize the values received by United States citizens from protection of tropical forests;

“(2) to facilitate greater protection of tropical forests (and to give priority to protecting tropical forests with the highest levels of biodiversity and under the most severe threat) by providing for the alleviation of debt in countries where tropical forests are located, thus allowing the use of additional resources to protect these critical resources and reduce economic pressures that have led to deforestation;

“(3) to ensure that resources freed from debt in such countries are targeted to protection of tropical forests and their associated values; and

“(4) to rechannel existing resources to facilitate the protection of tropical forests.

“SEC. 803. DEFINITIONS.

“As used in this part:

“(1) ADMINISTERING BODY.—The term ‘administering body’ means the entity provided for in section 809(c).

“(2) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES.—The term ‘appropriate congressional committees’ means—

“(A) the Committee on International Relations and the Committee on Appropriations of the House of Representatives; and

“(B) the Committee on Foreign Relations and the Committee on Appropriations of the Senate.

“(3) BENEFICIARY COUNTRY.—The term ‘beneficiary country’ means an eligible country with respect to which the authority of section 806(a)(1), section 807(a)(1), or paragraph (1) or (2) of section 808(a) is exercised.

“(4) BOARD.—The term ‘Board’ means the board referred to in section 811.

“(5) DEVELOPING COUNTRY WITH A TROPICAL FOREST.—The term ‘developing country with a tropical forest’ means—

“(A)(i) a country that has a per capita income of \$725 or less in 1994 United States dollars (commonly referred to as ‘low-income country’), as determined and adjusted on an annual basis by the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development in its World Development Report; or

“(ii) a country that has a per capita income of more than \$725 but less than \$8,956 in 1994 United States dollars (commonly referred to as ‘middle-income country’), as determined and adjusted on an annual basis by the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development in its World Development Report; and

“(B) a country that contains at least one tropical forest that is globally outstanding in terms of its biological diversity or represents one of the larger intact blocks of tropical forests left, on a regional, continental, or global scale.

“(6) ELIGIBLE COUNTRY.—The term ‘eligible country’ means a country designated by the President in accordance with section 805.

“(7) TROPICAL FOREST AGREEMENT.—The term ‘Tropical Forest Agreement’ or ‘Agreement’ means a Tropical Forest Agreement provided for in section 809.

“(8) TROPICAL FOREST FACILITY.—The term ‘Tropical Forest Facility’ or ‘Facility’ means the Tropical Forest Facility established in the Department of the Treasury by section 804.

“(9) TROPICAL FOREST FUND.—The term ‘Tropical Forest Fund’ or ‘Fund’ means a Tropical Forest Fund provided for in section 810.

“SEC. 804. ESTABLISHMENT OF THE FACILITY.

“There is established in the Department of the Treasury an entity to be known as the ‘Tropical Forest Facility’ for the purpose of providing for the administration of debt reduction in accordance with this part.

“SEC. 805. ELIGIBILITY FOR BENEFITS.

“(a) IN GENERAL.—To be eligible for benefits from the Facility under this part, a country shall be a developing country with a tropical forest—

“(1) whose government meets the requirements applicable to Latin American or Caribbean countries under paragraphs (1) through (5) and (7) of section 703(a) of this Act;

“(2) that has put in place major investment reforms, as evidenced by the conclusion of a bilateral investment treaty with the United States, implementation of an investment sector loan with the Inter-American Development Bank, World Bank-supported investment reforms, or other measures, as appropriate; and

“(3) whose government meets other requirements related to its environmental policies and practices, as determined by the President.

“(b) ELIGIBILITY DETERMINATIONS.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—Consistent with subsection (a), the President shall determine whether a country is eligible to receive benefits under this part.

“(2) CONGRESSIONAL NOTIFICATION.—The President shall notify the appropriate congressional committees of his intention to designate a country as an eligible country at least 15 days in advance of any formal determination.

“SEC. 806. REDUCTION OF DEBT OWED TO THE UNITED STATES AS A RESULT OF CONCESSIONAL LOANS UNDER THE FOREIGN ASSISTANCE ACT OF 1961.

“(a) AUTHORITY TO REDUCE DEBT.—

“(1) AUTHORITY.—The President may reduce the amount owed to the United States (or any agency of the United States) that is outstanding as of January 1, 1997, as a result of concessional loans made to an eligible country by the United States under part I of this Act, chapter 4 of part II of this Act, or predecessor foreign economic assistance legislation.

“(2) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—For the cost (as defined in section 502(5) of the Federal Credit Reform Act of 1990) for the reduction of any debt pursuant to this section, there are authorized to be appropriated to the President—

“(A) \$25,000,000 for fiscal year 1999;

“(B) \$75,000,000 for fiscal year 2000; and

“(C) \$100,000,000 for fiscal year 2001.

“(3) CERTAIN PROHIBITIONS INAPPLICABLE.—

“(A) IN GENERAL.—A reduction of debt pursuant to this section shall not be considered assistance for purposes of any provision of law limiting assistance to a country.

“(B) ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENT.—The authority of this section may be exercised notwithstanding section 620(r) of this Act or section 321 of the International Development and Food Assistance Act of 1975.

“(b) IMPLEMENTATION OF DEBT REDUCTION.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—Any debt reduction pursuant to subsection (a) shall be accomplished at the direction of the Facility by the exchange of a new obligation for obligations of the type referred to in subsection (a) outstanding as of the date specified in subsection (a)(1).

“(2) EXCHANGE OF OBLIGATIONS.—

“(A) IN GENERAL.—The Facility shall notify the agency primarily responsible for administering part I of this Act of an agreement entered into under paragraph (1) with an eligible country to exchange a new obligation for outstanding obligations.

“(B) ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENT.—At the direction of the Facility, the old obligations that are the subject of the agreement shall be canceled and a new debt obligation for the country shall be established relating to the agreement, and the agency primarily responsible for administering part I of this Act shall make an adjustment in its accounts to reflect the debt reduction.

“(c) NOTIFICATION REQUIREMENT.—The President shall notify the congressional committees specified in section 634A of this Act at least 15 days in advance of each reduction of debt pursuant to this section in accordance with the procedures applicable to reprogramming notifications under such section 634A.

“(d) ADDITIONAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS.—The following additional terms and conditions shall apply to the reduction of debt under subsection (a)(1) in the same manner as such terms and conditions apply to the reduction of debt under section 704(a)(1) of this Act:

“(1) The provisions relating to repayment of principal under section 705 of this Act.

“(2) The provisions relating to interest on new obligations under section 706 of this Act.

“SEC. 807. REDUCTION OF DEBT OWED TO THE UNITED STATES AS A RESULT OF CREDITS EXTENDED UNDER TITLE I OF THE AGRICULTURAL TRADE DEVELOPMENT AND ASSISTANCE ACT OF 1954.

“(a) AUTHORITY TO REDUCE DEBT.—

“(1) AUTHORITY.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the President may reduce the amount owed to the United States (or any agency of the United States) that is outstanding as of January 1, 1997, as a result of any credits extended under title I of the Agricultural Trade Development and Assistance Act of 1954 (7 U.S.C. 1701 et seq.) to a country eligible for benefits from the Facility.

“(2) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—

“(A) IN GENERAL.—For the cost (as defined in section 502(5) of the Federal Credit Reform Act of 1990) for the reduction of any debt pursuant to this section, there are authorized to be appropriated to the President—

“(i) \$25,000,000 for fiscal year 1999;

“(ii) \$50,000,000 for fiscal year 2000; and

“(iii) \$50,000,000 for fiscal year 2001.

“(B) LIMITATION.—The authority provided by this section shall be available only to the extent that appropriations for the cost (as defined in section 502(5) of the Federal Credit Reform Act of 1990) of the modification of any debt pursuant to this section are made in advance.

“(b) IMPLEMENTATION OF DEBT REDUCTION.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—Any debt reduction pursuant to subsection (a) shall be accomplished at the direction of the Facility by the exchange of a new obligation for obligations of the type referred to in subsection (a) outstanding as of the date specified in subsection (a)(1).

“(2) EXCHANGE OF OBLIGATIONS.—

“(A) IN GENERAL.—The Facility shall notify the Commodity Credit Corporation of an agreement entered into under paragraph (1) with an eligible country to exchange a new obligation for outstanding obligations.

“(B) ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENT.—At the direction of the Facility, the old obligations that are the subject of the agreement shall be canceled and a new debt obligation shall be established for the country relating to the agreement, and the Commodity Credit Corporation shall make an adjustment in its accounts to reflect the debt reduction.

“(c) NOTIFICATION REQUIREMENT.—The President shall notify the congressional committees specified in section 634A of this Act at least 15 days in advance of each reduction of debt pursuant to this section in accordance with the procedures applicable to reprogramming notifications under such section 634A.

“(d) ADDITIONAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS.—The following additional terms and conditions shall apply to the reduction of debt under subsection (a)(1) in the same manner as such terms and conditions apply to the reduction of debt under section 604(a)(1) of the Agricultural Trade Development and Assistance Act of 1954 (7 U.S.C. 1738c):

“(1) The provisions relating to repayment of principal under section 605 of such Act.

“(2) The provisions relating to interest on new obligations under section 606 of such Act.

“SEC. 808. AUTHORITY TO ENGAGE IN DEBT-FOR-NATURE SWAPS AND DEBT BUYBACKS.

“(a) LOANS AND CREDITS ELIGIBLE FOR SALE, REDUCTION, OR CANCELLATION.—

“(1) DEBT-FOR-NATURE SWAPS.—

“(A) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the President may, in accordance with this section, sell to any eligible purchaser described in subparagraph (B) any concessional loans described in section 806(a)(1) or any credits described in sec-

tion 807(a)(1), or on receipt of payment from an eligible purchaser described in subparagraph (B), reduce or cancel such loans (or credits) or portion thereof, only for the purpose of facilitating a debt-for-nature swap to support eligible activities described in section 809(d).

“(B) ELIGIBLE PURCHASER DESCRIBED.—A loan or credit may be sold, reduced, or canceled under subparagraph (A) only to a purchaser who presents plans satisfactory to the President for using the loan or credit for the purpose of engaging in debt-for-nature swaps to support eligible activities described in section 809(d).

“(C) CONSULTATION REQUIREMENT.—Before the sale under subparagraph (A) to any eligible purchaser described in subparagraph (B), or any reduction or cancellation under such subparagraph (A), of any loan or credit made to an eligible country, the President shall consult with the country concerning the amount of loans or credits to be sold, reduced, or canceled and their uses for debt-for-nature swaps to support eligible activities described in section 809(d).

“(D) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—For the cost (as defined in section 502(5) of the Federal Credit Reform Act of 1990) for the reduction of any debt pursuant to subparagraph (A), amounts authorized to be appropriated under sections 806(a)(2) and 807(a)(2) shall be made available for such reduction of debt pursuant to subparagraph (A).

“(2) DEBT BUYBACKS.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the President may, in accordance with this section, sell to any eligible country any concessional loans described in section 806(a)(1) or any credits described in section 807(a)(1), or on receipt of payment from an eligible country, reduce or cancel such loans (or credits) or portion thereof, only for the purpose of facilitating a debt buyback by an eligible country of its own qualified debt, only if the eligible country uses an additional amount of the local currency of the eligible country, equal to not less than the lesser of 40 percent of the price paid for such debt by such eligible country, or the difference between the price paid for such debt and the face value of such debt, to support eligible activities described in section 809(d).

“(3) LIMITATION.—The authority provided by paragraphs (1) and (2) shall be available only to the extent that appropriations for the cost (as defined in section 502(5) of the Federal Credit Reform Act of 1990) of the modification of any debt pursuant such paragraphs are made in advance.

“(4) TERMS AND CONDITIONS.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the President shall, in accordance with this section, establish the terms and conditions under which loans and credits may be sold, reduced, or canceled pursuant to this section.

“(5) ADMINISTRATION.—

“(A) IN GENERAL.—The Facility shall notify the administrator of the agency primarily responsible for administering part I of this Act or the Commodity Credit Corporation, as the case may be, of eligible purchasers described in paragraph (1)(B) that the President has determined to be eligible under paragraph (1), and shall direct such agency or Corporation, as the case may be, to carry out the sale, reduction, or cancellation of a loan pursuant to such paragraph.

“(B) ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENT.—Such agency or Corporation, as the case may be, shall make an adjustment in its accounts to reflect the sale, reduction, or cancellation.

“(b) NOTIFICATION REQUIREMENT.—The President shall notify the congressional committees specified in section 634A of this Act at least 15 days in advance of each sale, reduction, or cancellation of loans or credits

pursuant to this section in accordance with the procedures applicable to reprogramming notifications under such section 634A.

“(c) DEPOSIT OF PROCEEDS.—The proceeds from the sale, reduction, or cancellation of any loan sold, reduced, or canceled pursuant to this section shall be deposited in the United States Government account or accounts established for the repayment of such loan.

“SEC. 809. TROPICAL FOREST AGREEMENT.

“(a) AUTHORITY.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of State is authorized, in consultation with other appropriate officials of the Federal Government, to enter into a Tropical Forest Agreement with any eligible country concerning the operation and use of the Fund for that country.

“(2) CONSULTATION.—In the negotiation of such an Agreement, the Secretary shall consult with the Board in accordance with section 811.

“(b) CONTENTS OF AGREEMENT.—The requirements contained in section 708(b) of this Act (relating to contents of an agreement) shall apply to a Agreement in the same manner as such requirements apply to an Americas Framework Agreement.

“(c) ADMINISTERING BODY.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—Amounts disbursed from the Fund in each beneficiary country shall be administered by a body constituted under the laws of that country.

“(2) COMPOSITION.—

“(A) IN GENERAL.—The administering body shall consist of—

“(i) one or more individuals appointed by the United States Government;

“(ii) one or more individuals appointed by the government of the beneficiary country; and

“(iii) individuals who represent a broad range of—

“(I) environmental nongovernmental organizations of, or active in, the beneficiary country;

“(II) local community development nongovernmental organizations of the beneficiary country; and

“(III) scientific or academic organizations or institutions of the beneficiary country.

“(B) ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENT.—A majority of the members of the administering body shall be individuals described in subparagraph (A)(iii).

“(3) RESPONSIBILITIES.—The requirements contained in section 708(c)(3) of this Act (relating to responsibilities of the administering body) shall apply to an administering body described in paragraph (1) in the same manner as such requirements apply to an administering body described in section 708(c)(1) of this Act.

“(d) ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES.—Amounts deposited in a Fund shall be used to provide grants to preserve, maintain, and restore the tropical forests in the beneficiary country, including one or more of the following activities:

“(1) Establishment, restoration, protection, and maintenance of parks, protected areas, and reserves.

“(2) Development and implementation of scientifically sound systems of natural resource management, including land and ecosystem management practices.

“(3) Training programs to strengthen conservation institutions and increase scientific, technical, and managerial capacities of individuals and organizations involved in conservation efforts.

“(4) Restoration, protection, or sustainable use of diverse animal and plant species.

“(5) Research and identification of medicinal uses of tropical forest plant life to treat human diseases and illnesses and other health-related concerns.

“(6) Mitigation of greenhouse gases in the atmosphere.

“(7) Development and support of the livelihoods of individuals living in or near a tropical forest, including the cultures of such individuals, in a manner consistent with protecting such tropical forest.

“(e) GRANT RECIPIENTS.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—Grants made from a Fund shall be made to—

“(A) nongovernmental environmental, conservation, and indigenous people organizations of, or active in, the beneficiary country;

“(B) other appropriate local or regional entities of, or active in, the beneficiary country; and

“(C) in exceptional circumstances, the government of the beneficiary country.

“(2) PRIORITY.—In providing grants under paragraph (1), priority shall be given to projects that are run by nongovernmental organizations and other private entities and that involve local communities in their planning and execution.

“(f) REVIEW OF LARGER GRANTS.—Any grant of more than \$100,000 from a Fund shall be subject to veto by the Government of the United States or the government of the beneficiary country.

“(g) ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA.—In the event that a country ceases to meet the eligibility requirements set forth in section 805(a), as determined by the President pursuant to section 805(b), then grants from the Fund for that country may only be made to nongovernmental organizations until such time as the President determines that such country meets the eligibility requirements set forth in section 805(a).

“SEC. 810. TROPICAL FOREST FUND.

“(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—Each beneficiary country that enters into a Tropical Forest Agreement under section 809 shall be required to establish a Tropical Forest Fund to receive payments of interest on new obligations undertaken by the beneficiary country under this part.

“(b) REQUIREMENTS RELATING TO OPERATION OF FUND.—The following terms and conditions shall apply to the Fund in the same manner as such terms and conditions apply to an Enterprise for the Americas Fund under section 707 of this Act:

“(1) The provision relating to deposits under subsection (b) of such section.

“(2) The provision relating to investments under subsection (c) of such section.

“(3) The provision relating to disbursements under subsection (d) of such section.

“SEC. 811. BOARD.

“(a) ENTERPRISE FOR THE AMERICAS BOARD.—The Enterprise for the Americas Board established under section 610(a) of the Agricultural Trade Development and Assistance Act of 1954 (7 U.S.C. 1738i(a)) shall, in addition to carrying out the responsibilities of the Board under section 610(c) of such Act, carry out the duties described in subsection (c) of this section for the purposes of this part.

“(b) ADDITIONAL MEMBERSHIP.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—The Enterprise for the Americas Board shall be composed of an additional four members appointed by the President as follows:

“(A) Two representatives from the United States Government.

“(B) Two representatives from private nongovernmental environmental, scientific, and academic organizations with experience and expertise in preservation, maintenance, and restoration of tropical forests.

“(2) CHAIRPERSON.—Notwithstanding section 610(b)(2) of the Agricultural Trade Development and Assistance Act of 1954 (7 U.S.C. 1738i(b)(2)), the Enterprise for the Americas Board shall be headed by a chairperson who shall be appointed by the President from among the representatives ap-

pointed under section 610(b)(1)(A) of such Act or paragraph (1)(A) of this subsection.

“(c) DUTIES.—The duties described in this subsection are as follows:

“(1) Advise the Secretary of State on the negotiations of Tropical Forest Agreements.

“(2) Ensure, in consultation with—

“(A) the government of the beneficiary country;

“(B) nongovernmental organizations of the beneficiary country;

“(C) nongovernmental organizations of the region (if appropriate);

“(D) environmental, scientific, indigenous, and academic leaders of the beneficiary country; and

“(E) environmental, scientific, indigenous, and academic leaders of the region (as appropriate),

that a suitable administering body is identified for each Fund.

“(3) Review the programs, operations, and fiscal audits of each administering body.

“SEC. 812. CONSULTATIONS WITH THE CONGRESS.

“The President shall consult with the appropriate congressional committees on a periodic basis to review the operation of the Facility under this part and the eligibility of countries for benefits from the Facility under this part.

“SEC. 813. ANNUAL REPORTS TO THE CONGRESS.

“(a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than December 31 of each fiscal year, the President shall prepare and transmit to the Congress an annual report concerning the operation of the Facility for the prior fiscal year. Such report shall include—

“(1) a description of the activities undertaken by the Facility during the previous fiscal year;

“(2) a description of any Agreement entered into under this part;

“(3) a report on any Funds that have been established under this part and on the operations of such Funds; and

“(4) a description of any grants that have been provided by administering bodies pursuant to Agreements under this part.

“(b) SUPPLEMENTAL VIEWS IN ANNUAL REPORT.—Not later than December 15 of each fiscal year, each member of the Board shall be entitled to receive a copy of the report required under subsection (a). Each member of the Board may prepare and submit supplemental views to the President on the implementation of this part by December 31 for inclusion in the annual report when it is transmitted to Congress pursuant to this section.”.

The bill, as amended, was ordered to be engrossed and read a third time, was read a third time by title.

The question being put, *viva voce*, Will the House pass said bill?

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

Mr. GILMAN demanded a recorded vote on passage of said bill, which demand was supported by one-fifth of a quorum, so a recorded vote was ordered.

The vote was taken by electronic device.

It was decided in the { Yeas 356
affirmative } Nays 61

¶22.15 [Roll No. 63]
AYES—356

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Archer	Baldacci	Barton

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Bateman	Gilman	McInnis
Becerra	Goode	McIntosh
Bentsen	Goodlatte	McIntyre
Bereuter	Goodling	McKeon
Berman	Gordon	McKinney
Berry	Goss	McNulty
Bilbray	Graham	Meehan
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Bishop	Green	Meeks (NY)
Blagojevich	Greenwood	Menendez
Bliley	Gutierrez	Metcalf
Blumenauer	Gutknecht	Mica
Blunt	Hall (OH)	Millender-
Boehlert	Hall (TX)	McDonald
Boehner	Hamilton	Miller (CA)
Borski	Harman	Miller (FL)
Boswell	Hastert	Minge
Boucher	Hastings (FL)	Mink
Boyd	Hastings (WA)	Moakley
Brown (CA)	Hayworth	Mollohan
Brown (FL)	Hefley	Moran (KS)
Brown (OH)	Hefner	Moran (VA)
Bryant	Hill	Morella
Bunning	Hilliard	Murtha
Burr	Hinchey	Myrick
Buyer	Hinojosa	Nadler
Callahan	Hobson	Neal
Calvert	Hoekstra	Nethercatt
Camp	Holden	Northup
Campbell	Hooley	Norwood
Canady	Horn	Nussle
Capps	Houghton	Oberstar
Cardin	Hoyer	Obey
Carson	Hulshof	Olver
Castle	Hunter	Ortiz
Chabot	Hutchinson	Owens
Chambliss	Hyde	Oxley
Christensen	Inglis	Packard
Clay	Istook	Pallone
Clayton	Jackson (IL)	Pappas
Clement	Jackson-Lee	Pascroll
Clyburn	(TX)	Pastor
Condit	Jefferson	Payne
Conyers	John	Pease
Cook	Johnson (CT)	Pelosi
Cooksey	Johnson (WI)	Peterson (MN)
Costello	Johnson, E. B.	Pickering
Cox	Kanjorski	Pickett
Coyne	Kaptur	Pitts
Cramer	Kasich	Pomeroy
Crapo	Kelly	Porter
Cummings	Kennedy (MA)	Portman
Cunningham	Kennedy (RI)	Price (NC)
Davis (FL)	Kennelly	Pryce (OH)
Davis (IL)	Kildee	Quinn
Davis (VA)	Rahall	Rahall
Deal	Kim	Ramstad
DeFazio	Kind (WI)	Redmond
DeGette	King (NY)	Regula
Delahunt	Kingston	Reyes
DeLauro	Klecza	Rivers
Deutsch	Klink	Rodriguez
Diaz-Balart	Klug	Roemer
Dickey	Knollenberg	Rogan
Dicks	Kolbe	Rogers
Dingell	Kucinich	Rohrabacher
Dixon	LaFalce	Ros-Lehtinen
Doggett	LaHood	Rothman
Dooley	Lampson	Roukema
Dreier	Lantos	Roybal-Allard
Dunn	Largent	Royce
Edwards	Latham	Rush
Ehlers	LaTourrette	Sabo
Ehrlich	Lazio	Sanchez
Engel	Leach	Sanders
English	Levin	Sandlin
Ensign	Lewis (CA)	Sawyer
Eshoo	Linder	Saxton
Etheridge	Lipinski	Scarborough
Evans	Livingston	Schumer
Ewing	LoBiondo	Scott
Farr	Lofgren	Serrano
Fattah	Lowe	Shaw
Fawell	Luther	Shays
Fazio	Maloney (CT)	Sherman
Filner	Maloney (NY)	Shimkus
Foley	Manton	Shuster
Forbes	Manzullo	Sisisky
Ford	Markey	Skaggs
Fowler	Mascara	Skeen
Fox	Matsui	Skelton
Frank (MA)	McCarthy (MO)	Slaughter
Franks (NJ)	McCarthy (NY)	Smith (MI)
Frelinghuysen	McCollum	Smith (NJ)
Furse	McCrery	Smith (TX)
Ganske	McDade	Smith, Adam
Gedjenson	McDermott	Snyder
Gibbons	McGovern	Souder
Gilchrist	McHale	Spence

Spratt	Thune	Weldon (FL)
Stabenow	Thurman	Weldon (PA)
Stark	Tierney	Weller
Stenholm	Torres	Wexler
Stokes	Towns	Weygand
Strickland	Traficant	Whitfield
Stupak	Turner	Wicker
Sununu	Upton	Wise
Talent	Velazquez	Wolf
Tanner	Vento	Woolsey
Tauscher	Visclosky	Wynn
Tauzin	Walsh	Yates
Taylor (MS)	Waters	Young (FL)
Thomas	Watt (NC)	
Thompson	Waxman	

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Aderholt	Gekas	Salmon
Barr	Hansen	Sanford
Bartlett	Herger	Schaefer, Dan
Bonilla	Hillery	Schaffer, Bob
Brady	Hostettler	Sensenbrenner
Burton	Jenkins	Sessions
Cannon	Johnson, Sam	Shadegg
Chenoweth	Jones	Smith (OR)
Coble	Lewis (KY)	Snowbarger
Coburn	Lucas	Solomon
Collins	Neumann	Stearns
Combest	Ney	Stump
Crane	Parker	Taylor (NC)
Cubin	Paul	Thornberry
Danner	Paxon	Tiahrt
DeLay	Peterson (PA)	Wamp
Doolittle	Petri	Watkins
Duncan	Pombo	Watts (OK)
Emerson	Radanovich	Young (AK)
Everett	Riley	
Fossella	Ryun	

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Bonior	Gonzalez	Riggs
Doyle	Lewis (GA)	Schiff
Frost	Martinez	Smith, Linda
Gallegly	Poshard	White
Gephardt	Rangel	

So the bill was passed.

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

Ordered, That the Clerk request the concurrence of the Senate in said bill.

¶22.16 ADJOURNMENT OVER

On motion of Mr. TIAHRT, by unanimous consent,

Ordered, That when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet on Monday, March 23, 1998, at 2:00 p.m.

¶22.17 HOUR OF MEETING

On motion of Mr. TIAHRT, by unanimous consent,

Ordered, That when the House adjourns on Monday, March 23, 1998, it adjourn to meet at 12:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 24, 1998 for “morning-hour debate”.

¶22.18 CALENDAR WEDNESDAY BUSINESS

DISPENSED WITH

On motion of Mr. TIAHRT, by unanimous consent,

Ordered, That business in order for consideration on Wednesday, March 25, 1998, under clause 7, rule XXIV, the Calendar Wednesday rule, be dispensed with.

¶22.19 MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT—

NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE AMENDMENTS

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. GILLMOR, laid before the House a message from the President, which was read as follows:

To the Congress of the United States:

I am pleased to transmit for your immediate consideration and enactment