

Vitter	Weiner	Wilson
Walden	Weldon (FL)	Wolf
Walsh	Weldon (PA)	Wynn
Wamp	Weller	Young (FL)
Watkins	Wexler	
Watts (OK)	Wicker	

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Aderholt	Frank (MA)	Pallone
Allen	Goode	Pascarell
Andrews	Graham	Pelosi
Bachus	Green (TX)	Peterson (MN)
Baldacci	Hall (OH)	Phelps
Ballenger	Hall (TX)	Pickering
Barcia	Hayes	Pickett
Barrett (WI)	Hill (IN)	Price (NC)
Berkley	Hinchev	Rahall
Berry	Hinojosa	Riley
Bishop	Hoefel	Rivers
Blagojevich	Holden	Rodriguez
Bonior	Holt	Rogers
Boswell	Hooley	Roybal-Allard
Boyd	Hunter	Rush
Brady (PA)	Inslee	Sanchez
Brown (OH)	Isakson	Sanders
Burr	Jackson (IL)	Sandlin
Capps	Jones (NC)	Sanford
Capuano	Kaptur	Schakowsky
Carson	Kennedy	Sherman
Chambliss	Kildee	Shows
Clayton	Klecza	Sisisky
Clement	Klink	Smith (TX)
Clyburn	Kucinich	Spratt
Collins	LaFalce	Stabenow
Condit	Lantos	Stenholm
Conyers	Largent	Strickland
Costello	Lee	Stupak
Cramer	Lipinski	Tanner
Cummings	Lucas (KY)	Taylor (MS)
Danner	Mascara	Taylor (NC)
Davis (IL)	McCarthy (NY)	Thompson (MS)
Deal	McGovern	Tierney
DeFazio	McIntyre	Traficant
DeGette	McKinney	Turner
Delahunt	Menendez	Velazquez
DeMint	Miller, George	Vento
Dicks	Minge	Visclosky
Dingell	Mink	Waters
Doggett	Moakley	Watt (NC)
Doyle	Mollohan	Waxman
Emerson	Moran (KS)	Weygand
Etheridge	Myrick	Wise
Evans	Nadler	Woolsey
Everett	Norwood	
Farr	Obey	
Filner	Owens	

NOT VOTING—31

Baldwin	Gordon	Rothman
Brown (CA)	Hansen	Serrano
Burton	Hastings (FL)	Stark
Chenoweth	Hefley	Tauzin
Coble	John	Thurman
Cooksey	Latham	Udall (NM)
Engel	Luther	Whitfield
Forbes	McDermott	Wu
Frost	McNulty	Young (AK)
Ganske	Peterson (PA)	
Gephardt	Porter	

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Mr. TURNER and Mr. OWENS changed their vote from "yea" to "nay."

So the resolution was agreed to.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Stated against:

Mr. WU. Mr. Speaker, during rollcall vote No. 306 on H. Res. 250, I was unavoidably detained. Had I been present, I would have voted "no."

ANNOUNCEMENT REGARDING AMENDMENT PROCESS FOR H.R. 1074, REGULATORY RIGHT-TO-KNOW ACT OF 1999

Mr. DREIER. Mr. Speaker, a "Dear Colleague" letter will go out today announcing that the Committee on Rules

is planning to meet the week of July 18 to grant a rule which may limit the amendment process for floor consideration of H.R. 1074, the Regulatory Right-to-Know Act of 1999.

The Committee on Government Reform ordered H.R. 1074 reported on May 19 and filed its committee report on June 7.

The Committee on Rules may meet on Wednesday, July 21 to grant a rule which may require that amendments be preprinted in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD. In this case, amendments to be preprinted would need to be signed by the Member and submitted to the Speaker's table by the close of legislative business next Wednesday.

Amendments should be drafted to the bill as reported on Committee on Government Reform. Members should also use the Office of Legislative Counsel to ensure that their amendments are properly drafted, and should check with the Office of the Parliamentarian to be certain that their amendments comply with the rules of the House.

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AFRICAN GROWTH AND OPPORTUNITY ACT

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. SHIMKUS). Pursuant to House Resolution 250 and rule XVIII, the Chair declares the House in the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union for the consideration of the bill, H.R. 434.

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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 consideration of the bill (H.R. 434) to authorize a new trade and investment policy for sub-Saharan Africa, with Mr. EWING in the chair.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The CHAIRMAN. Pursuant to the rule, the bill is considered as having been read the first time.

Under the rule, the gentleman from New York (Mr. GILMAN), the gentleman from Connecticut (Mr. GEJDENSON), the gentleman from Texas (Mr. ARCHER), and the gentleman from New York (Mr. RANGEL) each will control 22½ minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from New York (Mr. GILMAN).

PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRY

Mr. GRAHAM. Mr. Chairman, parliamentary inquiry.

The CHAIRMAN. The gentleman will state his inquiry.

Mr. GRAHAM. Mr. Chairman, does the rule provide for those in opposition to this bill an opportunity to speak against the bill?

The CHAIRMAN. The time is controlled by the chairmen and the ranking members of the Committee on Ways and Means and the Committee on International Relations.

Mr. GRAHAM. Mr. Chairman, I would ask unanimous consent that half the

time allotted for debate on this bill be given to those who are in opposition to the bill.

The CHAIRMAN. The Chair cannot entertain that request. Time must be yielded by the Members who control the time under the special order adopted by the House, the ranking members and the chairmen of the appropriate committees.

PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRY

Mr. TRAFICANT. Mr. Chairman, parliamentary inquiry.

The CHAIRMAN. The gentleman from Ohio (Mr. TRAFICANT) will state his parliamentary inquiry.

Mr. TRAFICANT. Mr. Chairman, there are a number of Members that do oppose this bill on certain grounds, and I believe they should be afforded an opportunity that the Chair could, in fact, make accommodations for, and I urge the House to do that.

Mr. RANGEL. Mr. Chairman, will the gentleman yield?

Mr. TRAFICANT. I yield to the gentleman from New York.

Mr. RANGEL. The gentleman asked for time and the gentleman was given time. What does the gentleman want the Chair to do?

Mr. TRAFICANT. I think there should be a reasonable amount of time presented for the opportunity for those who oppose this bill to be able to speak on this issue.

The CHAIRMAN. The gentleman from Ohio (Mr. TRAFICANT) and the gentleman from New York (Mr. RANGEL) will suspend.

The rule provides that the time will be yielded by the chairmen and the ranking members of the two appropriate committees, and that is the way the Committee of the whole will proceed under the rule approved by the House.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from New York (Mr. GILMAN).

Mr. GILMAN. Mr. Chairman, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

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

Mr. GILMAN. Mr. Chairman, I rise to express my strong support for H.R. 434, the African Growth and Opportunity Act.

This bill is the product of years of bipartisan congressional efforts to promote increased trade and investment between our Nation and sub-Saharan Africa. This measure authorizes a new trade and investment policy toward the countries of sub-Saharan Africa and expresses the willingness of our Nation to assist the eligible countries of that region with a reduction of trade barriers, the creation of an economic cooperation forum, the promotion of a free trade area, and a variety of other trade and related mechanisms.

This bill, the African Growth and Opportunity Act, has broad support in the Committee on International Relations and was ordered to be reported in February of this year.