

Mr. Speaker, I withdraw my reservation of objection.

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

Mr. MENENDEZ. Reserving the right to object, can the distinguished chairman advise me when this debate is going to commence on Monday?

Mr. CALLAHAN. Mr. Speaker, will the gentleman yield?

Mr. MENENDEZ. I yield to the gentleman from Alabama.

Mr. CALLAHAN. I am informed that we will begin debate on this issue at 4 o'clock on Monday.

Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. Speaker, I withdraw my reservation of objection.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair would inquire if the unanimous consent request assumes that the amendment will be reoffered at a subsequent time when the Committee resumes its sitting on a subsequent day?

Mr. CALLAHAN. I felt, Mr. Speaker, that the pending amendment would be the order of business at that time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. At a subsequent time, not this evening; is that correct?

Mr. CALLAHAN. At a subsequent time, yes.

Ms. PELOSI. Mr. Speaker, reserving the right to object, and just in protecting the rights of the gentleman from New Jersey (Mr. ANDREWS), when we are talking about a subsequent time, so that he knows, will this debate on his amendment begin, the proceedings, at 4 o'clock on Monday; is that the correct understanding?

Mr. CALLAHAN. Mr. Speaker, will the gentleman yield?

Ms. PELOSI. I yield to the gentleman from Alabama.

Mr. CALLAHAN. The purpose of my unanimous consent is to come back into session at 4 o'clock on Monday next, at which time, when the Committee of the Whole is reestablished, we would then be on the Andrews amendment. At that point there would be 30 minutes divided, 15 minutes on each side, when the Committee of the Whole was regrouped.

Ms. PELOSI. Mr. Speaker, I withdraw my reservation of objection.

Mr. ANDREWS. Mr. Speaker, reserving the right to object, may I ask the chairman how the time would be allocated; who would control the time?

Mr. CALLAHAN. Mr. Speaker, will the gentleman yield?

Mr. ANDREWS. I yield to the gentleman from Alabama.

Mr. CALLAHAN. The Chair would have to answer that, but my understanding is that the sponsor of the amendment would have 15 minutes and someone else designated by the Chair would have 15 minutes to oppose the gentleman's amendment. I would assume that would be me.

Mr. ANDREWS. Mr. Speaker, I withdraw my reservation of objection.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The amendment is withdrawn without prejudice to it being reoffered whenever

the Committee resumes its setting under a 30-minute time limit for debate, equally divided.

Without objection, the unanimous consent request is granted.

There was no objection.

FOREIGN OPERATIONS, EXPORT FINANCING, AND RELATED PROGRAMS APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2000

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to House Resolution 263 and rule XVIII, the Chair declares the House in the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union for the further consideration of the bill, H.R. 2606.

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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. 2606) making appropriations for foreign operations, export financing, and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000, and for other purposes, with Mr. THORNBERRY in the chair.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The CHAIRMAN. When the Committee of the Whole rose earlier today, pending was amendment No. 6 offered by the gentleman from New Jersey (Mr. ANDREWS), which has now been withdrawn by order of the House.

SEQUENTIAL VOTES POSTPONED IN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

The CHAIRMAN. Pursuant to House Resolution 263, proceedings will now resume on those amendments on which further proceedings were postponed, in the following order:

The amendment offered by the gentleman from California (Mr. CAMPBELL), amendment No. 1 offered by the gentleman from Massachusetts (Mr. MOAKLEY), and Part B amendment No. 3 offered by the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. PITTS).

The Chair will reduce to 5 minutes the time for any electronic vote after the first vote in this series.

AMENDMENT OFFERED BY MR. CAMPBELL

The CHAIRMAN. The pending business is the demand for a recorded vote on the amendment offered by the gentleman from California (Mr. CAMPBELL) on which further proceedings were postponed and on which the noes prevailed by voice vote.

The Clerk will designate the amendment.

The Clerk designated the amendment.

RECORDED VOTE

The CHAIRMAN. A recorded vote has been demanded.

A recorded vote was ordered.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—ayes 13, noes 414, not voting 6, as follows:

[Roll No. 351]

AYES—13

Boucher
Campbell
Conyers
Hostettler
McKinney

Paul
Payne
Rohrabacher
Sanford
Sensenbrenner

Taylor (MS)
Thompson (MS)
Watt (NC)

NOES—414

Abercrombie
Ackerman
DeLauro
Aderholt
Allen
Andrews
Archer
Armey
Bachus
Baird
Baker
Baldacci
Baldwin
Ballenger
Barcia
Barr
Barrett (NE)
Barrett (WI)
Bartlett
Bass
Bateman
Becerra
Bentsen
Bereuter
Berkley
Berman
Berry
Biggert
Billbray
Bilirakis
Bishop
Blagojevich
Bliley
Blumenauer
Blunt
Boehlert
Boehner
Bonilla
Bonior
Bono
Borski
Boswell
Boyd
Brady (PA)
Brady (TX)
Brown (FL)
Brown (OH)
Bryant
Burr
Burton
Buyer
Callahan
Calvert
Camp
Canady
Cannon
Capps
Capuano
Cardin
Carson
Castle
Chabot
Chambliss
Chenoweth
Clay
Clayton
Clement
Clyburn
Coble
Coburn
Collins
Combest
Condit
Cook
Cooksey
Costello
Cox
Coyne
Cramer
Crane
Crowley
Cubin
Cummings
Cunningham
Danner
Davis (FL)
Davis (IL)
Davis (VA)
Deal
DeFazio

DeGette
Delahunt
DeLauro
DeLay
DeMint
Deutsch
Diaz-Balart
Dickey
Dicks
Dingell
Dixon
Doggett
Dooley
Doolittle
Doyle
Dreier
Duncan
Dunn
Edwards
Ehlers
Ehrlich
Emerson
Engel
English
Eshoo
Etheridge
Evans
Everett
Ewing
Farr
Fattah
Filner
Fletcher
Foley
Forbes
Ford
Fossella
Fowler
Frank (MA)
Franks (NJ)
Frelinghuysen
Frost
Gallegly
Ganske
Gejdenson
Gekas
Gephardt
Gibbons
Gilchrest
Gillmor
Gilman
Gonzalez
Goode
Goodlatte
Goodling
Gordon
Goss
Graham
Granger
Green (TX)
Green (WI)
Greenwood
Gutknecht
Hall (OH)
Hall (TX)
Hansen
Hastings (FL)
Hastings (WA)
Hayes
Hayworth
Hefley
Herger
Hill (IN)
Hill (MT)
Hilleary
Hilliard
Hinchev
Hinojosa
Hobson
Hoefel
Hoekstra
Holden
Holt
Hooley
Horn
Houghton
Hoyer
Hulshof
Hunter

Hutchinson
Hyde
Inslee
Isakson
Istook
Jackson (IL)
Jackson-Lee
(TX)
Jefferson
Jenkins
John
Johnson (CT)
Johnson, E. B.
Johnson, Sam
Jones (NC)
Jones (OH)
Kanjorski
Kaptur
Kasich
Kelly
Kennedy
Kildee
Kilpatrick
Kind (WI)
King (NY)
Kingston
Klecza
Klink
Knollenberg
Kolbe
Kucinich
Kuykendall
LaFalce
LaHood
Lampson
Lantos
Largent
Larson
Latham
LaTourette
Lazio
Leach
Lee
Levin
Lewis (CA)
Lewis (GA)
Lewis (KY)
Linder
Lipinski
LoBiondo
Lofgren
Lowe
Lucas (KY)
Lucas (OK)
Luther
Maloney (CT)
Maloney (NY)
Manzullo
Markey
Martinez
Mascara
Matsui
McCarthy (MO)
McCarthy (NY)
McCollum
McCrery
McGovern
McHugh
McInnis
McIntosh
McIntyre
McKeon
McNulty
Meehan
Meek (FL)
Meeks (NY)
Menendez
Metcalf
Mica
Millender-
McDonald
Miller (FL)
Miller, Gary
Miller, George
Minge
Mink
Moakley
Mollohan
Moore

Moran (KS)	Rogan	Sweeney
Moran (VA)	Rogers	Talent
Morella	Ros-Lehtinen	Tancredo
Murtha	Rothman	Tanner
Myrick	Tauscher	Tauscher
Nadler	Roybal-Allard	Tauzin
Napolitano	Royce	Taylor (NC)
Neal	Rush	Terry
Nethercutt	Ryan (WI)	Thomas
Ney	Ryun (KS)	Thompson (CA)
Northup	Sabo	Thornberry
Norwood	Salmon	Thune
Nussle	Sanchez	Thurman
Oberstar	Sanders	Tiahrt
Obey	Sandlin	Tierney
Olver	Sawyer	Toomey
Ortiz	Saxton	Towns
Ose	Scarborough	Trafigant
Owens	Shaffer	Turner
Oxley	Schakowsky	Udall (CO)
Packard	Scott	Udall (NM)
Pallone	Serrano	Upton
Pascrell	Sessions	Velazquez
Pastor	Shadegg	Vento
Pease	Shaw	Visclosky
Pelosi	Shays	Vitter
Peterson (MN)	Sherman	Walden
Petri	Sherwood	Walsh
Phelps	Shimkus	Wamp
Pickering	Shows	Waters
Pickett	Simpson	Watkins
Pitts	Sisisky	Watts (OK)
Pombo	Skeen	Waxman
Pomeroy	Slaughter	Weiner
Porter	Smith (MI)	Weldon (FL)
Portman	Smith (NJ)	Weldon (PA)
Price (NC)	Smith (TX)	Weller
Pryce (OH)	Smith (WA)	Wexler
Quinn	Snyder	Weygand
Radanovich	Souder	Whitfield
Rahall	Spence	Wicker
Ramstad	Spratt	Wilson
Rangel	Stabenow	Wise
Regula	Stark	Wolf
Reyes	Stearns	Woolsey
Reynolds	Stenholm	Wu
Riley	Strickland	Wynn
Rivers	Stump	Young (AK)
Rodriguez	Stupak	Young (FL)
Roemer	Sununu	

NOT VOTING—6

Barton	McDermott	Shuster
Gutierrez	Peterson (PA)	Skelton

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Ms. STABENOW, Mrs. CLAYTON, and Messrs. JACKSON of Illinois, SERRANO, BECERRA, SUNUNU, and RANGEL changed their vote from "aye" to "no."

So the amendment was rejected.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE CHAIRMAN

The CHAIRMAN. Pursuant to House Resolution 263, the Chair announces that he will reduce to a minimum of 5 minutes the period of time within which a vote by electronic device will be taken on each amendment on which the Chair has postponed further proceedings.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 OFFERED BY MR. MOAKLEY

The CHAIRMAN. The pending business is the demand for a recorded vote on amendment No. 1 offered by the gentleman from Massachusetts (Mr. MOAKLEY) on which further proceedings were postponed and on which the ayes prevailed by voice vote.

The Clerk will redesignate the amendment.

The Clerk redesignated the amendment.

RECORDED VOTE

The CHAIRMAN. A recorded vote has been demanded.

A recorded vote was ordered.

The CHAIRMAN. This will be a 5-minute vote.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—ayes 230, noes 197, not voting 6, as follows:

[Roll No. 352]

AYES—230

Abercrombie	Hall (OH)	Nussle
Ackerman	Hastings (FL)	Oberstar
Allen	Hayworth	Obey
Andrews	Hefley	Olver
Baird	Hill (IN)	Owens
Baldacci	Hilliard	Pallone
Baldwin	Hinchey	Pascrell
Barcia	Hinojosa	Pastor
Barrett (WI)	Hoeffel	Paul
Becerra	Holden	Payne
Bentsen	Holt	Pelosi
Berkley	Hooley	Peterson (MN)
Berman	Hulshof	Petri
Biggert	Inslee	Phelps
Blagojevich	Jackson (IL)	Pomeroy
Blumenauer	Jackson-Lee	Porter
Boehrlert	(TX)	Price (NC)
Boehner	Jefferson	Pryce (OH)
Bonior	Johnson (CT)	Quinn
Bono	Johnson, E. B.	Ramstad
Borski	Jones (OH)	Rangel
Boucher	Kanjorski	Regula
Brady (PA)	Kaptur	Rivers
Brown (FL)	Kelly	Rodriguez
Brown (OH)	Kennedy	Roemer
Camp	Kildee	Rothman
Campbell	Kilpatrick	Rush
Capps	Kind (WI)	Sabo
Capuano	Kleczka	Salmon
Cardin	Klink	Sanchez
Carson	Kucinich	Sanders
Chabot	LaHood	Sanford
Clay	Lampson	Sawyer
Clayton	Lantos	Scarborough
Clement	Largent	Schaffer
Coble	Larson	Schakowsky
Conyers	LaTourette	Scott
Costello	Lazio	Sensenbrenner
Coyne	Leach	Serrano
Crowley	Lee	Shays
Cummings	Levin	Sherman
Danner	Lewis (GA)	Slaughter
Davis (IL)	Lipinski	Smith (MI)
DeFazio	LoBiondo	Smith (NJ)
DeGette	Lofgren	Smith (WA)
Delahunt	Lowey	Stabenow
DeLauro	Lucas (KY)	Stark
Dicks	Luther	Strickland
Dixon	Maloney (CT)	Stupak
Doggett	Maloney (NY)	Talent
Dooley	Manzullo	Tancredo
Doyle	Markey	Tauscher
Duncan	Mascara	Taylor (NC)
Ehlers	Matsui	Thompson (CA)
Engel	McCarthy (MO)	Thompson (MS)
English	McCarthy (NY)	Thurman
Eshoo	McGovern	Tierney
Etheridge	McInnis	Towns
Evans	McKinney	Trafigant
Ewing	McNulty	Udall (CO)
Farr	Meehan	Udall (NM)
Fattah	Meek (FL)	Upton
Filner	Meeks (NY)	Velazquez
Foley	Menendez	Vento
Forbes	Metcalf	Walsh
Ford	Millender-	Wamp
Frank (MA)	McDonald	Waters
Franks (NJ)	Miller (FL)	Watt (NC)
Gejdenson	Miller, George	Waxman
Gephardt	Minge	Weiner
Gibbons	Mink	Weller
Gilchrist	Moakley	Wexler
Gonzalez	Moore	Weygand
Goode	Moran (KS)	Woolsey
Gordon	Moran (VA)	Wu
Green (TX)	Morella	Wynn
Greenwood	Nadler	
Gutknecht	Neal	

NOES—197

Aderholt	Bass	Bonilla
Archer	Bateman	Boswell
Armey	Bereuter	Boyd
Bachus	Berry	Brady (TX)
Baker	Billbray	Bryant
Ballenger	Bilirakis	Burr
Barr	Bishop	Burton
Barrett (NE)	Bliley	Buyer
Bartlett	Blunt	Callahan

Calvert	Hobson	Reynolds
Canady	Hoekstra	Riley
Cannon	Horn	Rogan
Castle	Hostettler	Rogers
Chambliss	Houghton	Rohrabacher
Chenoweth	Hoyer	Ros-Lehtinen
Clyburn	Hunter	Roukema
Coburn	Hutchinson	Roybal-Allard
Collins	Hyde	Royce
Combest	Isakson	Ryan (WI)
Condit	Istook	Ryun (KS)
Cook	Jenkins	Sandlin
Cooksey	John	Saxton
Cox	Johnson, Sam	Sessions
Cramer	Jones (NC)	Shadegg
Crane	Kasich	Shaw
Cubin	King (NY)	Sherwood
Cunningham	Kingston	Shimkus
Davis (FL)	Knollenberg	Shows
Davis (VA)	Kolbe	Simpson
Deal	Kuykendall	Sisisky
DeLay	LaFalce	Skeen
DeMint	Latham	Smith (TX)
Deutsch	Lewis (CA)	Snyder
Diaz-Balart	Lewis (KY)	Souder
Dickey	Linder	Spence
Dingell	Lucas (OK)	Spratt
Doolittle	Martinez	Stearns
Dreier	McCollum	Stenholm
Dunn	McCrary	Stump
Edwards	McHugh	Sununu
Ehrlich	McIntosh	Sweeney
Emerson	McIntyre	Tanner
Everett	McKeon	Tauzin
Fletcher	Mica	Taylor (MS)
Fossella	Miller, Gary	Terry
Fowler	Mollohan	Thomas
Frelinghuysen	Murtha	Thornberry
Frost	Myrick	Thune
Gallely	Napolitano	Tiahrt
Ganske	Nethercutt	Toomey
Gekas	Ney	Turner
Gillmor	Northup	Visclosky
Gilman	Norwood	Vitter
Goodlatte	Ortiz	Walden
Goodling	Oxley	Watkins
Goss	Packard	Watts (OK)
Graham	Pease	Weldon (FL)
Granger	Pickering	Weldon (PA)
Green (WI)	Pickett	Whitfield
Hall (TX)	Pitts	Wicker
Hansen	Pombo	Wilson
Hastings (WA)	Portman	Wise
Hayes	Radanovich	Wolf
Herger	Rahall	Young (AK)
Hill (MT)	Reyes	Young (FL)
Hilleary		

NOT VOTING—6

Barton	McDermott	Shuster
Gutierrez	Peterson (PA)	Skelton

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Mr. HOYER changed his vote from "aye" to "no."

Mr. HILL of Indiana and Mrs. BONO changed their vote from "no" to "aye."

So the amendment was agreed to.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

AMENDMENT NO. 3 OFFERED BY MR. PITTS

The CHAIRMAN. The pending business is the demand for a recorded vote on Part B Amendment No. 3 offered by the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. PITTS) on which further proceedings were postponed and on which the noes prevailed by voice vote.

The Clerk will redesignate the amendment.

The Clerk redesignated the amendment.

The CHAIRMAN. A recorded vote has been demanded.

A recorded vote was ordered.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—ayes 187, noes 237, not voting 9, as follows:

[Roll No. 353]

AYES—187

Aderholt Hall (TX) Petri
 Archer Hansen Phelps
 Armye Hastings (WA) Pickering
 Bachus Hayes Pitts
 Baker Hayworth Pombo
 Ballenger Hefley Portman
 Barcia Hergert Quinn
 Barr Hill (MT) Radanovich
 Barrett (NE) Hilleary Rahall
 Bartlett Hoekstra Reynolds
 Bilirakis Holden Riley
 Bliley Hostettler Rogan
 Blunt Hulshof Rogers
 Boehner Hunter Rohrabacher
 Bonilla Hutchinson Royce
 Bono Hyde Ryan (WI)
 Brady (TX) Istook Ryun (KS)
 Bryant Jenkins Salmon
 Burr John Sanford
 Burton Johnson, Sam Saxton
 Buyer Jones (NC) Scarborough
 Callahan Kasich Schaffer
 Calvert Kildee Sensenbrenner
 Camp King (NY) Sessions
 Canady Kingston Shadegg
 Cannon Knollenberg Sherwood
 Chabot LaFalce Shimkus
 Chambliss LaHood Shows
 Chenoweth Largent Smith (NJ)
 Coble Latham Smith (TX)
 Coburn Lewis (KY) Souder
 Collins Linder Spence
 Combust Lipinski Stearns
 Cook LoBiondo Stenholm
 Costello Lucas (KY) Stump
 Cox Lucas (OK) Stupak
 Crane Manzullo Sununu
 Cunningham Mascara Talent
 Deal McCollum Tancredo
 DeLay McCrery Tauzin
 DeMint McHugh Taylor (MS)
 Dickey McIntosh Taylor (NC)
 Doolittle McIntyre Terry
 Dreier McKeon Thornberry
 Duncan Metcalf Thune
 Ehlers Mica Tiahrt
 Emerson Miller (FL) Toomey
 English Miller, Gary Traficant
 Everett Mollohan Vitter
 Ewing Moran (KS) Walsh
 Fletcher Murtha Wamp
 Forbes Myrick Watkins
 Fossella Nethercutt Watts (OK)
 Franks (NJ) Ney Weldon (FL)
 Gekas Northup Weldon (PA)
 Goode Norwood Weller
 Goodlatte Nussle Whitfield
 Goodling Ortiz Wicker
 Goss Oxley Wolf
 Graham Packard Young (AK)
 Green (WI) Paul Young (FL)
 Gutknecht Pease
 Hall (OH) Peterson (MN)

NOES—237

Abercrombie Capps Doyle
 Ackerman Capuano Dunn
 Allen Cardin Edwards
 Andrews Carson Ehrlich
 Baird Castle Engel
 Baldacci Clay Eshoo
 Baldwin Clayton Etheridge
 Barrett (WI) Clement Evans
 Bass Clyburn Farr
 Bateman Condit Fattah
 Becerra Conyers Filner
 Bentsen Cooksey Foley
 Bereuter Coyne Fowler
 Berkley Cramer Frank (MA)
 Berman Crowley Frelinghuysen
 Berry Cummings Frost
 Biggert Danner Gallegly
 Bilbray Davis (FL) Ganske
 Bishop Davis (IL) Gejdenson
 Blagojevich Davis (VA) Gephardt
 Blumenauer DeFazio Gibbons
 Boehlert DeGette Gilchrist
 Bonior Delahunt Gillmor
 Borski DeLauro Gilman
 Boswell Deutsch Gonzalez
 Boucher Diaz-Balart Gordon
 Boyd Dicks Granger
 Brady (PA) Dingell Green (TX)
 Brown (FL) Dixon Greenwood
 Brown (OH) Doggett Hastings (FL)
 Campbell Dooley Hill (IN)

Hilliard
 Hinchey
 Hinojosa
 Hobson
 Hoeffel
 Holt
 Hooley
 Horn
 Houghton
 Hoyer
 Insee
 Isakson
 Jackson (IL)
 Jackson-Lee
 (TX)
 Jefferson
 Johnson (CT)
 Johnson, E. B.
 Jones (OH)
 Kanjorski
 Kaptur
 Kelly
 Kennedy
 Kilpatrick
 Kind (WI)
 Kleczka
 Klink
 Kolbe
 Kucinich
 Kuykendall
 Lampton
 Lantos
 Larson
 LaTourette
 Lazio
 Leach
 Lee
 Levin
 Lewis (CA)
 Lewis (GA)
 Lofgren
 Lowey
 Luther
 Maloney (CT)
 Maloney (NY)
 Markey
 Martinez
 Matsui
 McCarthy (MO)
 McCarthy (NY)
 McGovern
 McInnis
 McKinney
 McNulty
 Meehan
 Meek (FL)
 Meeks (NY)
 Menendez
 Millender-
 McDonald
 Miller, George
 Minge
 Mink
 Moakley
 Moore
 Moran (VA)
 Morella
 Nadler
 Napolitano
 Neal
 Oberstar
 Obey
 Olver
 Ose
 Owens
 Pallone
 Pascrell
 Pastor
 Payne
 Pelosi
 Pickett
 Pomeroy
 Porter
 Price (NC)
 Pryce (OH)
 Ramstad
 Rangel
 Regula
 Reyes
 Rivers
 Rodriguez
 Roemer
 Ros-Lehtinen
 Rothman
 Roukema
 Roybal-Allard
 Sabo
 Sanchez
 Sanders
 Sandlin
 Sawyer
 Schakowsky
 Scott
 Serrano
 Shaw
 Shays
 Sherman
 Simpson
 Sisisky
 Skeen
 Slaughter
 Smith (MI)
 Smith (WA)
 Snyder
 Spratt
 Stabenow
 Stark
 Strickland
 Sweeney
 Tanner
 Tauscher
 Thomas
 Thompson (CA)
 Thompson (MS)
 Thurman
 Tierney
 Towns
 Turner
 Udall (CO)
 Udall (NM)
 Upton
 Velazquez
 Vento
 Visclosky
 Walden
 Waters
 Watt (NC)
 Waxman
 Weiner
 Wexler
 Weygand
 Wilson
 Wise
 Woolsey
 Wu
 Wynn

NOT VOTING—9

Barton Gutierrez Rush
 Cubin McDermott Shuster
 Ford Peterson (PA) Skelton

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So the amendment was rejected.
 The result of the vote was announced
 as above recorded.

Mr. WALSH. Mr. Chairman, I move
 that the Committee do now rise.

The motion was agreed to.

Accordingly, the Committee rose;
 and the Speaker pro tempore (Mr.
 LAHOOD) having assumed the chair, Mr.
 THORNBERRY, Chairman of the Com-
 mittee of the Whole House on the State
 of the Union, reported that that Com-
 mittee, having had under consideration
 the bill (H.R. 2606) making appropri-
 ations for foreign operations, export fi-
 nancing, and related programs for the
 fiscal year ending September 30, 2000,
 and for other purposes, had come to no
 resolution thereon.

AN HONEST DEMOCRAT IN THE
 SENATE

(Mr. LARGENT asked and was given
 permission to address the House for 1
 minute and to revise and extend his re-
 marks and include therein extraneous
 material.)

Mr. LARGENT. Mr. Speaker, I would
 like to read some quotes from one of
 our senator colleagues in the Senate, a
 Democrat from the State of Nebraska.
 He said this:

I recently voted with Republican col-
 leagues for a sensible and realistic tax cut.

We are projected to run a \$2.9 trillion surplus
 over the next 10 years, and I strongly believe
 that we should return part of that money to
 hard-working Americans. This tax cut will
 provide Americans with broad-based tax re-
 lief and aim squarely at the middle class. To
 suggest that we cannot afford to cut income
 taxes when we are running a \$3 trillion sur-
 plus is ludicrous.

This coming from a Democrat.

To say that tax cuts stand in the way
 of needed domestic spending, Medicare,
 and debt relief is also folly. What is
 standing in the way of debt reduction
 and a shrinking discretionary spending
 budget is a refusal to make structural
 reforms to our entitlement programs.

Mr. Speaker, this comes from a Dem-
 ocrat colleague in the Senate who hap-
 pened to be one of the co-chairs of the
 Social Security Reform Committee,
 and I think when a Democrat is honest
 that we should tip our hat to him.

[From The Washington Post, July 27, 1999]

WHY I CROSSED PARTY LINES ON THE TAX CUT

(By Bob Kerrey)

As a member of the Senate Finance Com-
 mittee, I recently crossed party lines to vote
 with my Republican colleagues for a sensible
 and realistic tax cut. We are projected to run
 a \$2.9 trillion surplus over the next 10 years,
 and I strongly believe that we should return
 part of that money to hard-working Ameri-
 cans.

This tax cut will provide Americans with
 broad-based tax relief aimed squarely at the
 middle class. Not only will it encourage
 Americans to save more for their retire-
 ments, it will also encourage Americans to
 give more generously to charities.

I am proud to have participated in and
 voted for three budget acts—in 1990, 1993 and
 1997—which have radically altered the fiscal
 condition of the federal government and the
 debate about how the public's hard-earned
 tax dollars should be spent. After the enact-
 ment of these three budget acts—particu-
 larly the 1993 and 1997 budget acts—and on
 account of impressive gains in private-sector
 productivity and growth, we were able to re-
 verse the deficit trend.

Deficits have continued to shrink since
 1994—and we were able to celebrate our first
 unified budget surplus (counting Social Se-
 curity surpluses) of \$70 billion last year. The
 Congressional Budget Office (CBO) is now
 projecting surpluses of \$2.9 trillion over the
 next 10 years.

Since 1983 working Americans have been
 forced to shoulder a disproportionate
 amount of deficit reduction by paying larg-
 er-than-necessary payroll (FICA) taxes. Now
 they are being asked to shoulder a dispropor-
 tionate share of debt reduction. I strongly
 believe that a portion of these surpluses
 should be returned to the American people.

To put it in another context: If, over the
 next 10 years, Congress projected a balanced
 budget and I proposed a \$3 trillion tax in-
 crease, people would call it ridiculous. To
 suggest we can't afford to cut income taxes
 when we are running a \$3 trillion surplus is
 just as ludicrous.

To say that tax cuts stand in the way of
 needed domestic spending, Medicare and debt
 relief is also folly. What is standing in the
 way of debt reduction and a shrinking discre-
 tionary spending budget is our refusal to
 make structural reforms to our entitlement
 programs.

In 1970 entitlement spending accounted for
 only 35 percent of federal spending. By 2010,
 it will account for nearly 70 percent of fed-
 eral spending. During the same period, dis-
 cretionary spending will have fallen from 58