

Some Senate Republicans oppose this Conference Report. They say it gives consumers too many rights and does not do enough to grease the wheels for the financial services industry. I could not disagree more.

The Conference Report demonstrates that Congress can facilitate electronic commerce at the same time that we protect consumers. I am confident that this is what is best for the Internet in the long run.

Mr. BLILEY. Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time, and I move the previous question on the conference report.

The previous question was ordered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. FOLEY). The question is on the conference report.

The question was taken; and the Speaker pro tempore announced that the ayes appeared to have it.

Mr. BLILEY. Mr. Speaker, on that I demand the yeas and nays.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, further proceedings on this motion will be postponed.

□ 1230

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. FOLEY). Pursuant to clause 12 of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

Accordingly (at 12 o'clock and 30 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

□ 1531

AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. LAHOOD) at 3 o'clock and 31 minutes p.m.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

A message in writing from the President of the United States was communicated to the House by Ms. Wanda Evans, one of his secretaries.

CONFERENCE REPORT ON S. 761, ELECTRONIC SIGNATURES IN GLOBAL AND NATIONAL COMMERCE ACT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The pending business is the question of agreeing to the conference report on the Senate bill, S. 761, on which the yeas and nays are ordered.

The Clerk read the title of the Senate bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the conference report.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 426, nays 4, not voting 4, as follows:

[Roll No. 271]

YEAS—426

Abercrombie	Deutsch	John
Ackerman	Diaz-Balart	Johnson (CT)
Aderholt	Dickey	Johnson, E. B.
Allen	Dicks	Johnson, Sam
Andrews	Dingell	Jones (NC)
Archer	Dixon	Jones (OH)
Armey	Doggett	Kanjorski
Baca	Dooley	Kaptur
Bachus	Doolittle	Kasich
Baird	Doyle	Kelly
Baker	Dreier	Kennedy
Baldacci	Duncan	Kildee
Baldwin	Dunn	Kilpatrick
Ballenger	Edwards	Kind (WI)
Barcia	Ehlers	King (NY)
Barr	Ehrlich	Kingston
Barrett (NE)	Emerson	Kleczka
Barrett (WI)	Engel	Klink
Bartlett	English	Knollenberg
Barton	Eshoo	Kolbe
Bass	Etheridge	Kucinich
Bateman	Evans	Kuykendall
Becerra	Everett	LaFalce
Bentsen	Ewing	LaHood
Bereuter	Farr	Lampson
Berkley	Fattah	Lantos
Berman	Filner	Largent
Berry	Fletcher	Larson
Biggert	Foley	Latham
Bilbray	Forbes	LaTourette
Bilirakis	Ford	Lazio
Bishop	Fossella	Leach
Blagojevich	Fowler	Lee
Bliley	Frank (MA)	Levin
Blumenauer	Franks (NJ)	Lewis (CA)
Blunt	Frelinghuysen	Lewis (GA)
Boehlert	Frost	Lewis (KY)
Boehner	Gallegly	Linder
Bonilla	Ganske	Lipinski
Bonior	Gejdenson	LoBiondo
Bono	Gekas	Lofgren
Borski	Gephardt	Lowe
Boswell	Gibbons	Lucas (KY)
Boucher	Gilchrest	Lucas (OK)
Boyd	Gillmor	Luther
Brady (PA)	Gilman	Maloney (CT)
Brady (TX)	Gonzalez	Maloney (NY)
Brown (FL)	Goode	Manzullo
Brown (OH)	Goodlatte	Markey
Bryant	Goodling	Martinez
Burr	Gordon	Mascara
Burton	Goss	Matsui
Buyer	Graham	McCarthy (MO)
Callahan	Granger	McCarthy (NY)
Calvert	Green (TX)	McCollum
Camp	Green (WI)	McCrery
Campbell	Greenwood	McDermott
Canady	Gutierrez	McGovern
Cannon	Gutknecht	McHugh
Capps	Hall (OH)	McInnis
Capuano	Hall (TX)	McIntosh
Cardin	Hansen	McIntyre
Carson	Hastings (FL)	McKeon
Castle	Hastings (WA)	McKinney
Chabot	Hayes	McNulty
Chambliss	Hayworth	Meehan
Clay	Hefley	Meek (FL)
Clayton	Herger	Meeks (NY)
Clement	Hill (IN)	Menendez
Clyburn	Hill (MT)	Metcalfe
Coble	Hilleary	Mica
Coburn	Hilliard	Millender-
Collins	Hinche	McDonald
Combest	Hinojosa	Miller (FL)
Condit	Hobson	Miller, Gary
Conyers	Hoefel	Miller, George
Cooksey	Hoekstra	Minge
Costello	Holden	Mink
Cox	Holt	Moakley
Coyne	Hooley	Mollohan
Cramer	Horn	Moore
Crane	Hostettler	Moran (KS)
Crowley	Houghton	Moran (VA)
Cubin	Hoyer	Morella
Cummings	Hulshof	Murtha
Cunningham	Hunter	Myrick
Davis	Hutchinson	Nadler
Davis (IL)	Hyde	Napolitano
Davis (VA)	Inslee	Neal
Deal	Isakson	Nethercutt
DeFazio	Istook	Ney
DeGette	Jackson (IL)	Northup
DeLahunt	Jackson-Lee	Norwood
DeLauro	(TX)	Nussle
DeLay	Jefferson	Oberstar
DeMint	Jenkins	Obey

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

NAYS—4

Chenoweth-Hage	Stump
Paul	Taylor (MS)

NOT VOTING—4

Cook	Sensenbrenner
Danner	Vento

□ 1553

So the conference report was agreed to.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

ANNOUNCEMENT REGARDING PLANS TO ATTEND "TO KILL A MOCKINGBIRD" AT KENNEDY CENTER

(Mr. CALLAHAN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. CALLAHAN. Mr. Speaker, many of my colleagues are interested tonight in attending the performance of "To Kill a Mocking Bird" at the Kennedy Center, and we are trying desperately to work out arrangements with the leadership to roll the votes. If votes are rolled, there will be three buses waiting at the foot of the Capitol steps between 6:30 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. to take my colleagues to the Kennedy Center and then bring them back after the performance.

DEPARTMENTS OF LABOR,
HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES,
AND EDUCATION, AND RELATED
AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS
ACT, 2001

□ 1600

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. LAHOOD). Pursuant to House Resolution 518 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. 4577.

□ 1556

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. 4577) making appropriations for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2001, and for other purposes, with Mr. PEASE (Chairman pro tempore) in the chair.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The CHAIRMAN pro tempore. When the Committee of the Whole rose on Tuesday, June 13, 2000, the bill had been read through page 84, line 21.

Mr. PORTER. Mr. Chairman, I move to strike the last word for the purpose of entering into a colloquy with the gentleman from New York (Mr. QUINN).

Mr. Chairman, I yield to the gentleman from New York (Mr. QUINN) for an explanation of his concerns.

Mr. QUINN. Mr. Chairman, I want to begin by thanking the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. PORTER) for the fine job and the hard work he has done, not only for the job he has done this year in a very difficult year, but over the years for our Labor-HHS bill.

Mr. Chairman, as a former teacher, funding for elementary and secondary education programs is a top priority for me as well as many other Members here in the House. I have several concerns regarding education funding levels in this bill. I am particularly concerned that the title I education programs have been level funded at fiscal year 2000 levels. These title I programs are vital for school districts like the Buffalo area and many more. Title I educational assistance programs target low-income and disadvantaged areas providing accelerated instruction, smaller classes, extra time to learn after school and during the summer, and computer-based instruction. Buffalo receives approximately \$23 million a year in title I funding alone.

As my colleague can see, this is critical for many districts. I have been working closely with our colleague, the gentleman from New York (Mr. MCHUGH), to ensure full funding for this program.

Secondly, Mr. Chairman, I also want to talk with the gentleman for a moment about other programs we have discussed. It has been argued that a nearly \$200 million cut in the dislocated workers assistance program, run by the Department of Labor, can be justified by our Nation's strong economy. While that may be true in some parts of the country, unfortunately, in my district, in our area of the State and many other Rust Belt communities throughout the country, workers who are permanently separated from their jobs depend on this program to return to productive unsubsidized employment.

Lastly, the one-stop career centers were not funded in the bill this year. The elimination of these one-stop career centers would threaten the division of Veterans Employment and Training Services efforts toward establishing licensing and certification of military skills for the civilian economy. This would affect the licensing and certification language in the new Montgomery GI Bill legislation, which was passed in the House in May. It would also have a negative effect on Veterans Employment and Training legislation which the subcommittee will introduce later this summer. Everyone has worked extremely hard to ensure these programs exist for our Veterans.

These three concerns, Mr. Chairman, lead me to look forward to working closely with the gentleman from Illinois in the weeks to come so that these programs receive adequate funding in the final version of the legislation, and I appreciate the opportunity for this discussion.

Mr. PORTER. Mr. Chairman, reclaiming my time, I thank the gentleman for bringing this to my attention. Because of budget restraints, we were not able to provide an increase in these programs in the House bill.

However, I understand the gentleman's concerns and will assure him that I will do my best to work with my colleagues in conference to ensure that these programs receive adequate funding.

Mr. Chairman, I include the following material for the RECORD.