

transportation. They can get \$65 a month tax-free. By next year, it goes up to \$100 a month.

The executive branch has provided this to their employees; we felt it was the appropriate thing to do it here. We have done that.

There are provisions that will help us implement a teleworking policy, telecommuting. That is something the gentleman from Virginia (Mr. WOLF) has been pushing. And particularly during this period of time when the House offices were closed, we realized that we have to figure out ways to be able to continue functioning, albeit sometimes from remote locations. We will try to do that with home laptop computers, in some cases.

Mr. Speaker, I think those are most of the issues. There was an issue with regard to student loans. We hope that the Committee on House Administration can provide the same kind of student loan payback incentive that the Senate has, where we may be losing some well-qualified people to the Senate, of all places, because we do not provide the same kind of incentive they do. So we would hope that the authorizing committee would take care of that.

Having said all of this, let me first of all thank the gentleman from North Carolina (Mr. TAYLOR), the chairman. He has been very good to work with. As I say, this is a good bill. Every request that was even remotely reasonable has been met.

I want to recognize Mark Murray, Liz Dawson, and certainly Ed Lombard, who has been brought into service. He is the repository of all institutional knowledge on the legislative branch appropriations bill. I remember when Vic Fazio was the Chair and I was on the committee, and Ed had been a senior pro even then, so we appreciate him.

I know Liz, as the gentleman from Maryland (Mr. HOYER), said, has been very much involved in all of the security functions that are going on. We thank Liz for doing that.

As well, Mike Harrison of the office of the gentleman from Maryland (Mr. HOYER), Roger France of the office of the gentleman from North Carolina (Mr. TAYLOR), we thank them for his help. Manny Crupi and Chuck Turner, and of course Tim Aiken of my staff, they all deserve credit for their assistance.

Mr. Speaker, this is a good bill. There is no good reason not to support it. It ought to be supported unanimously.

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong support of this Legislative Branch Appropriations Conference Report and as a new member of the subcommittee this year, I wish to thank Chairman TAYLOR, Ranking Member JIM MORAN, my esteemed colleague STENY HOYER, and the entire subcommittee for welcoming me so warmly and for their hard work in crafting this outstanding bill.

I also rise to highlight a provision in the bill that I worked to have placed in the conference

report and wish to thank the Majority for their assistance in this effort, along with Chief Administrative Officer Jay Eagen.

This provision permits the women and men who provide food service in our House office buildings to be paid for the time they were unable to come to work. It allows them to collect at least some of the wages they lost—through no fault of their own—during recent shutdowns of House office buildings.

The genesis of this provision is particularly interesting—the result of one of my staff asking cafeteria workers how the shutdowns had affected them. The reply was: it hit home and it hit hard.

Food service workers in the Ford building have not been paid since October 17. Food service workers in the other House buildings were paid for the first three days of the shutdown, but after that were forced to take leave or assume leave without pay status. We are all acutely aware that not only the Ford building but also the Longworth building and therefore the Longworth Food Court remain closed today.

These women and men are neither salaried employees, nor federal employees like their counterparts in the Senate. Thanks to the great wave of privatization in 1995, these women and men instead earn hourly wages and many rely on and are challenged to stretch every penny of their paychecks to support themselves and their families. Quite literally, every dime counts.

Many of us through the years have come to know these women and men quite well. We know them by name and have come to rely not only on their service, but also their smiles.

Whether it be a cup of coffee, lunch, or just a mid afternoon snack people like Betty, Pat, Maria, and Doris play a meaningful and consistent role in our lives.

They work hard. They help keep us going. They deserve compensation for the days they were unable to work, just like any member of our salaried staffs and I am very pleased that as a result of this provision and bill they will indeed receive at least some of it.

Once again, I wish to thank my colleagues on the subcommittee for their work in bringing the conference report before us today and would once again encourage all my colleagues to join me in supporting its passage.

Mr. MORAN of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. TAYLOR of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I have no further requests for time, 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. SIMPSON). The question is on the conference report.

Pursuant to clause 10 of rule XX, the yeas and nays are ordered.

Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, further proceedings on this question will be postponed.

#### ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX and the Chair's prior announcement, the Chair will now put each question on which further proceedings were postponed earlier today in the following order:

conference report on H.R. 2311, by the yeas and nays;

conference report on H.R. 2647, by the yeas and nays;

agreeing to the Speaker's approval of the Journal, de novo.

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

#### CONFERENCE REPORT ON H.R. 2311, ENERGY AND WATER DEVELOPMENT APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2002

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The pending business is the question of agreeing to the conference report on the bill, H.R. 2311, on which the yeas and nays are ordered.

The Clerk read the title of the bill. The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the conference report.

Pursuant to the provisions of clause 10 of rule XX, the yeas and nays are ordered.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 399, nays 29, not voting 4, as follows:

[Roll No. 416]

YEAS—399

Abercrombie	Castle	Ford
Ackerman	Chabot	Fossella
Aderholt	Chambliss	Frank
Akin	Clay	Frelinghuysen
Allen	Clayton	Frost
Armey	Clement	Gallegly
Baca	Clyburn	Ganske
Bachus	Coble	Gekas
Baird	Collins	Gephardt
Baker	Combest	Gilchrest
Baldacci	Condit	Gillmor
Baldwin	Cooksey	Gilman
Ballenger	Costello	Gonzalez
Barcia	Cox	Goode
Barr	Coyne	Goodlatte
Barrett	Cramer	Gordon
Bartlett	Crane	Goss
Barton	Crenshaw	Graham
Bass	Crowley	Granger
Becerra	Culberson	Graves
Bentsen	Cummings	Green (TX)
Bereuter	Cunningham	Green (WV)
Berman	Davis (CA)	Greenwood
Berry	Davis (FL)	Grucci
Biggert	Davis (IL)	Gutierrez
Bilirakis	Davis, Jo Ann	Gutknecht
Bishop	Davis, Tom	Hall (OH)
Blagojevich	Deal	Hall (TX)
Blumenauer	DeGette	Hansen
Blunt	Delahunt	Harman
Boehler	DeLauro	Hart
Boehner	DeLay	Hastings (FL)
Bonilla	DeMint	Hastings (WA)
Bonior	Deutsch	Hayes
Bono	Diaz-Balart	Hayworth
Borski	Dicks	Hefley
Boswell	Dingell	Herger
Boucher	Dooley	Hill
Boyd	Doolittle	Hilleary
Brady (PA)	Doyle	Hilliard
Brady (TX)	Dreier	Hinches
Brown (FL)	Duncan	Hinojosa
Brown (SC)	Edwards	Hobson
Bryant	Ehlers	Hoefel
Burr	Ehrlich	Hoekstra
Burton	Emerson	Holden
Buyer	Engel	Honda
Callahan	English	Hooley
Calvert	Eshoo	Horn
Camp	Evans	Houghton
Cannon	Everett	Hoyer
Cantor	Farr	Hulshof
Capito	Fattah	Hunter
Capps	Ferguson	Hyde
Capuano	Filner	Isakson
Cardin	Fletcher	Israel
Carson (IN)	Foley	Issa
Carson (OK)	Forbes	Istook

Jackson (IL) Miller, Dan  
 Jackson-Lee Miller, Gary  
 (TX) Miller, George  
 Jefferson Miller, Jeff  
 Jenkins Mink  
 John Mollohan  
 Johnson (CT) Moore  
 Johnson (IL) Moran (KS)  
 Johnson, E. B. Moran (VA)  
 Johnson, Sam Morella  
 Jones (NC) Murtha  
 Jones (OH) Myrick  
 Kanjorski Nadler  
 Kaptur Napolitano  
 Keller Neal  
 Kelly Nethercutt  
 Kennedy (MN) Ney  
 Kennedy (RI) Northup  
 Kildee Norwood  
 Kilpatrick Nussle  
 Kind (WI) Oberstar  
 King (NY) Oliver  
 Kingston Ortiz  
 Kirk Osborne  
 Kleczka Ose  
 Knollenberg Otter  
 Kolbe Oxley  
 LaFalce Pallone  
 LaHood Pascrell  
 Lampson Pastor  
 Langevin Pelosi  
 Lantos Pence  
 Largent Peterson (MN)  
 Larsen (WA) Peterson (PA)  
 Larson (CT) Petri  
 Latham Phelps  
 LaTourette Pickering  
 Leach Platts  
 Lee Pombo  
 Levin Pomeroy  
 Lewis (CA) Portman  
 Lewis (GA) Price (NC)  
 Lewis (KY) Pryce (OH)  
 Linder Putnam  
 Lipinski Quinn  
 LoBiondo Radanovich  
 Lofgren Rahall  
 Lowey Ramstad  
 Lucas (KY) Rangel  
 Lucas (OK) Regula  
 Luther Rehberg  
 Lynch Reyes  
 Maloney (CT) Reynolds  
 Maloney (NY) Riley  
 Manzullo Rivers  
 Markey Rodriguez  
 Mascara Roemer  
 Matheson Rogers (KY)  
 Matsui Rohrabacher  
 McCarthy (MO) Ros-Lehtinen  
 McCarthy (NY) Ross  
 McCollum Rothman  
 McCreery Roukema  
 McGovern Roybal-Allard  
 McHugh Rush  
 McInnis Ryan (WI)  
 McIntyre Ryan (KS)  
 McKeon Sabo  
 McNulty Sanchez  
 Meehan Wilson  
 Meek (FL) Sandlin  
 Meeks (NY) Sawyer  
 Menendez Saxton  
 Mica Schakowsky  
 Millender Schiff  
 McDonald Schrock

NAYS—29

Andrews Hostettler  
 Berkley Insee  
 Brown (OH) Kerns  
 Conyers Kucinich  
 DeFazio McDermott  
 Doggett Obey  
 Etheridge Owens  
 Flake Paul  
 Gibbons Payne  
 Holt Pitts

NOT VOTING—4

Cubin McKinney  
 Dunn Thompson (MS)

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Messrs. CONYERS, BROWN of Ohio, and WU changed their vote from “yea” to “nay.”

Ms. SANCHEZ and Mr. TIBERI changed their vote from “nay” to “yea.”

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 BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. SIMPSON). Pursuant to the provisions of clause 8 of rule XX, the Chair will reduce to 5 minutes the minimum time for electronic voting on each question on which the Chair has postponed further proceedings.

CONFERENCE REPORT ON H.R. 2647, LEGISLATIVE BRANCH APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2002

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The pending business is the question of agreeing to the conference report on the bill, H.R. 2647, on which the yeas and nays are ordered.

The Clerk read the title of the bill. The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the conference report.

Pursuant to the provisions of clause 10 of rule XX, the yeas and nays are ordered.

This will be a 5-minute vote. The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 374, nays 52, not voting 6, as follows:

[Roll No. 417]  
 YEAS—374

Abercrombie Callahan  
 Ackerman Calvert  
 Aderholt Camp  
 Akin Cannon  
 Allen Cantor  
 Andrews Capito  
 Armeey Capps  
 Baca Capuano  
 Bachus Cardin  
 Baird Carson (IN)  
 Baker Carson (OK)  
 Baldacci Castle  
 Baldwin Chambliss  
 Ballenger Clay  
 Barcia Clayton  
 Bartlett Clement  
 Barton Clyburn  
 Bass Coble  
 Becerra Collins  
 Bentsen Combest  
 Bereuter Condit  
 Berkley Conyers  
 Berman Cooksey  
 Biggert Cox  
 Bilirakis Coyne  
 Blagojevich Cramer  
 Blumenauer Crenshaw  
 Blunt Crowley  
 Boehlert Culberson  
 Boehner Cunningham  
 Bonilla Davis (CA)  
 Bonior Davis (FL)  
 Bono Davis (IL)  
 Borski Davis, Jo Ann  
 Boswell Davis, Tom  
 Boucher Deal  
 Boyd DeFazio  
 Brady (PA) DeGette  
 Brown (FL) Delahunt  
 Brown (SC) DeLauro  
 Bryant DeLay  
 Burr DeMint  
 Burton Diaz-Balart  
 Buyer Dicks

Dingell  
 Dooley  
 Doolittle  
 Doyle  
 Dreier  
 Duncan  
 Edwards  
 Ehlers  
 Ehrlich  
 Emerson  
 Engel  
 English  
 Eshoo  
 Etheridge  
 Evans  
 Everett  
 Farr  
 Fattah  
 Ferguson  
 Filner  
 Fletcher  
 Foley  
 Forbes  
 Ford  
 Fossella  
 Frank  
 Frelinghuysen  
 Frost  
 Gallegly  
 Ganske  
 Gephardt  
 Gibbons  
 Gilchrest  
 Gillmor  
 Gilman  
 Gonzalez  
 Gordon  
 Goss  
 Graham  
 Granger  
 Greenwood  
 Grucci  
 Gutierrez  
 Gutnecht  
 Hall (OH)

Hansen  
 Harman  
 Hart  
 Hastings (FL)  
 Hastings (WA)  
 Hayes  
 Hayworth  
 Hill  
 Hilleary  
 Hilliard  
 Hinchey  
 Hinojosa  
 Hobson  
 Hoeffel  
 Hoekstra  
 Holden  
 Honda  
 Hooley  
 Horn  
 Hostettler  
 Houghton  
 Hoyer  
 Hunter  
 Hyde  
 Isakson  
 Issa  
 Istook  
 Jackson (IL)  
 Jackson-Lee  
 (TX)  
 Jefferson  
 Jenkins  
 John  
 Johnson (CT)  
 Johnson (IL)  
 Johnson, E. B.  
 Johnson, Sam  
 Jones (OH)  
 Kanjorski  
 Kaptur  
 Kelly  
 Kennedy (MN)  
 Kennedy (RI)  
 Kildee  
 Kilpatrick  
 King (NY)  
 Kingston  
 Kirk  
 Kleczka  
 Knollenberg  
 Kolbe  
 LaFalce  
 LaHood  
 Lampson  
 Langevin  
 Lantos  
 Largent  
 Larsen (WA)  
 Larson (CT)  
 Latham  
 LaTourette  
 Leach  
 Lee  
 Levin  
 Lewis (CA)  
 Lewis (GA)  
 Lewis (KY)  
 Linder  
 Lipinski  
 LoBiondo  
 Lofgren  
 Lowey  
 Lucas (KY)  
 Lucas (OK)  
 Luther  
 Lynch  
 Maloney (CT)  
 Maloney (NY)  
 Manzullo  
 Markey  
 Mascara  
 Matheson

Matsui  
 McCarthy (MO)  
 McCarthy (NY)  
 McCollum  
 McCreery  
 McGovern  
 McHugh  
 McInnis  
 McIntyre  
 McKeon  
 McNulty  
 Meehan  
 Meek (FL)  
 Meeks (NY)  
 Menendez  
 Mica  
 Millender  
 McDonald

Royal-Allard  
 Rush  
 Sabo  
 Sanchez  
 Sanders  
 Sandlin  
 Sawyer  
 Saxton  
 Schakowsky  
 Schiff  
 Schrock

Serrano  
 Sessions  
 Shadegg  
 Shaw  
 Sherman  
 Sherwood  
 Shimkus  
 Shows  
 Shuster  
 Simmons  
 Simpson  
 Skeen  
 Skelton  
 Slaughter  
 Slaughter  
 Smith (MI)  
 Smith (NJ)  
 Smith (TX)  
 Smith (WA)  
 Snyder  
 Solis  
 Souder  
 Spratt  
 Stark  
 Stenholm  
 Strickland  
 Stump  
 Stupak  
 Sununu  
 Sweeney  
 Tanner  
 Tauscher  
 Tauzin  
 Taylor (MS)  
 Taylor (NC)  
 Terry  
 Thomas  
 Thompson (CA)  
 Thornberry  
 Thune  
 Thurman  
 Tiahrt  
 Tiberi  
 Tierney  
 Toomey  
 Towns  
 Traficant  
 Turner  
 Udall (CO)  
 Udall (NM)  
 Upton  
 Velazquez  
 Visclosky  
 Vitter  
 Walsh  
 Wamp  
 Waters  
 Watkins (OK)  
 Watson (CA)  
 Watt (NC)  
 Watts (OK)  
 Waxman  
 Weiner  
 Weldon (FL)  
 Weldon (PA)  
 Weller  
 Wexler  
 Whitfield  
 Wicker  
 Wilson  
 Wolf  
 Woolsey  
 Wynn  
 Young (AK)  
 Young (FL)

NAYS—52

Barr  
 Barrett  
 Berry  
 Brady (TX)  
 Brown (OH)  
 Chabot  
 Costello  
 Crane  
 Deutsch  
 Doggett  
 Flake  
 Goode  
 Goodlatte  
 Graves  
 Green (TX)  
 Green (WI)

Hefley  
 Herger  
 Holt  
 Hulshof  
 Insee  
 Israel  
 Jones (NC)  
 Keller  
 Kerns  
 Kind (WI)  
 Kucinich  
 Lucas (KY)  
 Luther  
 McInnis  
 Menendez  
 Moran (KS)

Paul  
 Petri  
 Pitts  
 Rohrabacher  
 Royce  
 Ryan (WI)  
 Ryan (KS)  
 Schaffer  
 Sensenbrenner  
 Shadegg  
 Shays  
 Smith (MI)  
 Stearns  
 Strickland