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| Lipinski       | Olver            | Slaughter     |
| Lofgren, Zoe   | Ortiz            | Smith (WA)    |
| Lowey          | Owens            | Snyder        |
| Lynch          | Pallone          | Solis         |
| Maloney        | Pascarella       | Spratt        |
| Markey         | Pastor           | Strickland    |
| Marshall       | Pelosi           | Stupak        |
| Matheson       | Peterson (MN)    | Tanner        |
| Matsui         | Pomeroy          | Tauscher      |
| McCarthy       | Price (NC)       | Taylor (MS)   |
| McCollum (MN)  | Rahall           | Thompson (CA) |
| McDermott      | Rangel           | Thompson (MS) |
| McGovern       | Reyes            | Tierney       |
| McIntyre       | Ross             | Towns         |
| McNulty        | Rothman          | Udall (CO)    |
| Meek (FL)      | Roybal-Allard    | Udall (NM)    |
| Melancon       | Ruppersberger    | Van Hollen    |
| Michaud        | Rush             | Velázquez     |
| Millender-     | Ryan (OH)        | Visclosky     |
| McDonald       | Sabo             | Wasserman     |
| Miller (NC)    | Sánchez, Linda   | Schultz       |
| Miller, George | T.               | Waters        |
| Mollohan       | Sanchez, Loretta | Sanders       |
| Moore (KS)     | Ruppersberger    | Watson        |
| Moore (WI)     | Schakowsky       | Watt          |
| Moran (VA)     | Schiff           | Waxman        |
| Murtha         | Schwartz (PA)    | Weiner        |
| Nadler         | Scott (GA)       | Wexler        |
| Napolitano     | Scott (VA)       | Woolsey       |
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**PROVIDING FUNDING AUTHORITY TO FACILITATE EVACUATION OF PERSONS FROM LEBANON**

Mr. WOLF. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate bill (S. 3741) to provide funding authority to facilitate the evacuation of persons from Lebanon, and for other purposes, be taken from the Speaker's table, amended in the form that I have placed at the desk, and hereby passed; that the amendment placed at the desk be considered as read; and that the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table.

The Clerk read the title of the Senate bill.

The text of the Senate bill is as follows:

S. 3741

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

**SECTION 1. FUNDING AUTHORITY.**

(a) TRANSFER AUTHORITY.—  
 (1) AUTHORITY.—  
 (A) IN GENERAL.—Upon a determination by the Secretary of State described in subparagraph (B), the Secretary may transfer to the “Emergencies in the Diplomatic and Consular Service” account from unobligated amounts in any account under the “Administration of Foreign Affairs” heading such sums as may be necessary—

(i) to cover the costs of facilitating the evacuation under section 4 of the State Department Basic Authorities Act of 1956 (22 U.S.C. 2671) of persons from Lebanon on or after July 16, 2006; and

(ii) to replenish the “Emergencies in the Diplomatic and Consular Service” account up to the level of funding that existed in such account on July 15, 2006.

(B) DETERMINATION.—A determination referred to in subparagraph (A) is a determination that additional funding for the “Emergencies in the Diplomatic and Consular Service” account is necessary as a result of the extraordinary costs of facilitating the evacuation under section 4 of the State Department Basic Authorities Act of 1956 (22 U.S.C. 2671) of persons from Lebanon on or after July 16, 2006.

(C) TREATMENT OF FUNDS.—Amounts transferred under subparagraph (A) shall be merged with amounts in the “Emergencies in the Diplomatic and Consular Service” account, and shall be available for the same purposes, and subject to the same conditions and limitations, as amounts in such account.

(2) NOTIFICATION REQUIREMENT.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided under subparagraph (B), not later than 5 days before transferring funds under paragraph (1), the Secretary of State shall notify the appropriate congressional committees of the proposed transfer.

(B) EXIGENT CIRCUMSTANCES WAIVER.—The Secretary may waive the requirement under subparagraph (A) if exigent circumstances exist. In the event of such a waiver, the Secretary shall provide notice of the transfer of funds to the appropriate congressional committees as early as practicable, but in no event later than 3 days after such transfer, including an explanation of the circumstances necessitating such waiver.

(C) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES DEFINED.—In this paragraph, the term “appropriate congressional committees” means the Committee on Foreign Relations and the Committee on Appropriations of the

Senate and the Committee on International Relations and the Committee on Appropriations of the House of Representatives.

(b) USE OF CERTAIN FUNDS.—Amounts appropriated or otherwise made available by chapter 8 of title II of division B of Public Law 109-148 under the heading “EMERGENCIES IN THE DIPLOMATIC AND CONSULAR SERVICE” and any other unobligated amounts in the “Emergencies in the Diplomatic and Consular Service” account may be made available to cover the costs of facilitating the evacuation under section 4 of the State Department Basic Authorities Act of 1956 (22 U.S.C. 2671) of persons from Lebanon on or after July 16, 2006.

The text of the amendment is as follows:

Amendment offered by Mr. WOLF:  
 Strike subsection (a) and insert the following new subsection:

(a) INCREASE IN AVAILABLE FUNDS FOR EMERGENCY EVACUATIONS.—Notwithstanding the transfer restrictions under section 402 of the Science, State, Justice, Commerce, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2006 (Public Law 109-108), the second proviso under the headings “DEPARTMENT OF STATE AND RELATED AGENCY - DEPARTMENT OF STATE - ADMINISTRATION OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS - DIPLOMATIC AND CONSULAR PROGRAMS” is amended by striking “\$4,000,000” and inserting “\$19,000,000”.

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

Mr. OBEY. Mr. Speaker, reserving the right to object, I think especially in the closing days of the session, that Members ought to have an understanding of what is going on, even though this is martial law time.

So I would ask if the gentleman would please explain to the House what this action would do.

Mr. WOLF. Mr. Speaker, this amendment simply gives the permissive authority to the Secretary of State to access these and other previously appropriated funds to cover the evacuation of Lebanon.

Mr. OBEY. Mr. Speaker, continuing under my reservation, could I ask the gentleman, has the administration given us any indication of where they are likely to take funds from in order to accomplish this?

Mr. WOLF. Mr. Speaker, they have been in discussion with the staff as to some ideas. But their priority was to get this legislation passed because there are going to be more evacuations taking place.

So as of now I cannot tell you the exact places.

Mr. OBEY. Mr. Speaker, continuing under my reservation, I would hope that the administration would let the Congress know as quickly as possible where it is planning to take funds from, so that if the Congress has any concerns, we might express those concerns before we are facing a fait accompli.

Mr. OBEY. Mr. Speaker, I withdraw my reservation.

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

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, reserving the right to object,

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| Boehler       | Jones (NC) | Nunes   |
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| Coble         | Linder     | Payne   |
| Davis, Jo Ann | McKinney   | Platts  |
| Deal (GA)     | Meehan     | Salazar |
| Evans         | Meeks (NY) | Stark   |

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Messrs. CARDOZA, AL GREEN of Texas and BARROW 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 for:

Mr. NUNES. Mr. Speaker, on the legislative day of Friday, July 28, 2006, I was unavoidably detained and was unable to cast a vote on rollcall vote No. 418. Had I been present, I would have voted “yea” on this vote.

**REPORT ON RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 5970, ESTATE TAX AND EXTENSION OF TAX RELIEF ACT OF 2006 AND H.R. 4, PENSION PROTECTION ACT OF 2006**

Mr. HASTINGS of Washington, from the Committee on Rules, submitted a privileged report (Rept. No. 109-613) on the resolution (H. Res. 966) providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 5970) to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to increase the unified credit against the estate tax to an exclusion equivalent of \$5,000,000, to repeal the sunset provision for the estate and generation-skipping taxes, and to extend expiring provisions, and for other purposes; and consideration of the bill (H.R. 4) to provide economic security for all Americans, and for other purposes, which was referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed.