

Mr. LARSEN of Washington. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to express my support for the Conference Report on the Weapons Acquisition System Reform Through Enhancing Technical Knowledge and Oversight Act (WASTE TKO Act). This legislation will reform how the Department of Defense purchases weapons and help ensure the strong oversight of our defense budget that taxpayers deserve.

In recent years, the Defense Department's spending plans have been unrealistic and unsustainable. Much of the growth in our defense budget has been driven by weapons programs that cost too much and take too long to develop. According to a Government Accountability Office study released this year, cost overruns from ninety-six Department of Defense weapons programs have totaled \$296 billion. These same programs were, on average, 21 months behind schedule. President Obama has said that procurement reform could save taxpayers as much as \$40 billion each year.

Our current approach asks, "how much money can we get for the weapon?" But we ought to ask, "how much weapon can we get for the money?" Every dollar that we spend on an over-budget weapons system is a dollar that cannot be used to support the urgent needs of our servicemembers and their families. Cost overruns alone would pay the salaries for our active-duty military and health care for them and their families for two and a half years.

The WASTE TKO Act will address deep-seated and systemic problems in how we procure weapons. This bill will require the Department of Defense to provide more realistic estimates of how much weapons will cost and punish those programs which are failing to meet schedule and cost goals. This legislation will demand additional focus during the early stages of weapons development, when small program changes can have major long-term consequences. When it comes to defense procurement, an ounce of oversight is worth a pound of cure.

I applaud Chairman IKE SKELTON, Ranking Member JOHN MCHUGH, and the Members of the Armed Services Committee's Defense Acquisition Reform Panel for their work to develop this legislation.

As a member of the House Budget Committee and the Armed Services Committee, I am committed to providing for a strong national defense that gives our women and men in uniform the tools they need to do their jobs, while delivering strong oversight of the defense budget that reins in out-of-control spending on major weapons systems. I urge my colleagues to join with me in supporting a strong national defense and accountability of taxpayer dollars by voting yes on the WASTE TKO Act.

Mr. SKELTON. With that, I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the previous question is ordered on the conference report.

There was no objection.

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

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

Mr. SKELTON. 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, this 15-minute vote on adoption of the conference report will be followed by a 5-minute vote on the motion to suspend the rules on H.R. 1676.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 411, nays 0, not voting 22, as follows:

[Roll No. 286]

YEAS—411

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| Abercrombie | Costa | Hodes |
| Ackerman | Costello | Hoekstra |
| Adler (NJ) | Courtney | Holden |
| Akin | Crenshaw | Holt |
| Alexander | Crowley | Honda |
| Altmire | Cuellar | Hoyer |
| Andrews | Culberson | Hunter |
| Arcuri | Cummings | Inglis |
| Austria | Dahlkemper | Inslie |
| Baca | Davis (AL) | Israel |
| Bachus | Davis (CA) | Issa |
| Baird | Davis (IL) | Jackson (IL) |
| Baldwin | Davis (KY) | Jackson-Lee |
| Barrow | Davis (TN) | (TX) |
| Barrett | DeFazio | Jenkins |
| Bean | DeGette | Johnson (GA) |
| Barton (TX) | Delahunt | Johnson (IL) |
| Beato | DeLauro | Johnson, E. B. |
| Becerra | Dent | Johnson, Sam |
| Berkley | Berman | Jones |
| Berman | Diaz-Balart, L. | Jordan (OH) |
| Berry | Diaz-Balart, M. | Kagen |
| Biggert | Dicks | Kanjorski |
| Bilbray | Dingell | Kennedy |
| Bilirakis | Doggett | Kildee |
| Bishop (GA) | Donnelly (IN) | Kilpatrick (MI) |
| Bishop (NY) | Dreier | Kilroy |
| Blackburn | Duncan | Kind |
| Blumenauer | Edwards (MD) | King (IA) |
| Blunt | Edwards (TX) | King (NY) |
| Bocchieri | Ehlers | Kingston |
| Boehner | Ellison | Kirk |
| Bonner | Ellsworth | Kirkpatrick (AZ) |
| Bono Mack | Emerson | Kissell |
| Boozman | Engel | Klein (FL) |
| Boren | Eshoo | Kline (MN) |
| Boswell | Etheridge | Kosmas |
| Boucher | Fallin | Kratovich |
| Boustany | Farr | Kucinich |
| Boyd | Fattah | Lamborn |
| Brady (PA) | Filner | Lance |
| Brady (TX) | Fleming | Langevin |
| Braley (IA) | Forbes | Larsen (WA) |
| Bright | Fortenberry | Larson (CT) |
| Broun (GA) | Poster | Latham |
| Brown (SC) | Fox | LaTourette |
| Brown, Corrine | Frank (MA) | Latta |
| Brown-Waite, | Franks (AZ) | Lee (CA) |
| Ginny | Frelinghuysen | Lee (NY) |
| Buchanan | Fudge | Levin |
| Burgess | Gallegly | Lewis (CA) |
| Burton (IN) | Garrett (NJ) | Lewis (GA) |
| Butterfield | Gerlach | Linder |
| Buyer | Giffords | Lipinski |
| Calvert | Gingrey (GA) | LoBiondo |
| Camp | Gohmert | Loeb |
| Campbell | Gonzalez | Loeb |
| Cantor | Goodlatte | Lofgren, Zoe |
| Cao | Gordon (TN) | Lowey |
| Capito | Granger | Lucas |
| Capps | Graves | Luetkemeyer |
| Capuano | Grayson | Lujan |
| Cardoza | Green, Al | Lungren, Daniel |
| Carnahan | Green, Gene | E. |
| Carney | Griffith | Lynch |
| Carson (IN) | Guthrie | Mack |
| Carter | Gutierrez | Maffei |
| Cassidy | Hall (NY) | Maloney |
| Castle | Hall (TX) | Manzullo |
| Castor (FL) | Halvorson | Marchant |
| Chaffetz | Hare | Markey (MA) |
| Chandler | Harman | Marshall |
| Childers | Harper | Massa |
| Clarke | Hastings (FL) | Matheson |
| Clay | Hastings (WA) | Matsui |
| Cleaver | Heinrich | McCarthy (CA) |
| Clyburn | Heller | McCarthy (NY) |
| Coble | Hensarling | McCauley |
| Coffman (CO) | Herseth Sandlin | McClintock |
| Cohen | Higgin | McCollum |
| Cole | Hill | McCotter |
| Conaway | Himes | McDermott |
| Connolly (VA) | Hinche | McGovern |
| Conyers | Hinojosa | McHenry |
| Cooper | Hirono | McHugh |

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| McIntyre | Polis (CO) | Slaughter |
| McKeon | Pomeroy | Smith (NE) |
| McMahon | Posey | Smith (NJ) |
| McMorris | Price (NC) | Smith (TX) |
| Rogers | Putnam | Smith (WA) |
| McNerney | Quigley | Snyder |
| Meek (FL) | Radanovich | Souder |
| Meeks (NY) | Rahall | Space |
| Melancon | Rangel | Spratt |
| Mica | Rehberg | Stearns |
| Michaud | Reichert | Stupak |
| Miller (FL) | Reyes | Sullivan |
| Miller (MI) | Richardson | Sutton |
| Miller (NC) | Rodriguez | Tanner |
| Miller, Gary | Roe (TN) | Tauscher |
| Miller, George | Rogers (AL) | Taylor |
| Minnick | Rogers (KY) | Teague |
| Mitchell | Rogers (MI) | Terry |
| Mollohan | Rohrabacher | Thompson (CA) |
| Moore (KS) | Ros-Lehtinen | Thompson (MS) |
| Moore (WI) | Roskam | Thornberry |
| Moran (KS) | Ross | Tiahrt |
| Moran (VA) | Rothman (NJ) | Tiberi |
| Murphy (CT) | Roybal-Allard | Tierney |
| Murphy (NY) | Royce | Titus |
| Murphy, Patrick | Ruppersberger | Tonko |
| Murtha | Rush | Towns |
| Myrick | Ryan (OH) | Tsongas |
| Nadler (NY) | Ryan (WI) | Turner |
| Napolitano | Salazar | Upton |
| Neugebauer | Neal (MA) | J Sanchez, Loretta |
| Nunes | Sarbanes | Van Hollen |
| Nye | Scalise | Velázquez |
| Oberstar | Schakowsky | Visclosky |
| Obey | Schauer | Walden |
| Olson | Schiff | Walz |
| Olver | Schmidt | Wamp |
| Ortiz | Schock | Wasserman |
| Pallone | Schrader | Schultz |
| Pascarella | Schwartz | Waters |
| Pastor (AZ) | Scott (GA) | Watson |
| Paul | Scott (VA) | Watt |
| Paulsen | Sensenbrenner | Waxman |
| Payne | Serrano | Weiner |
| Pence | Sessions | Welch |
| Perlmutter | Sestak | Westmoreland |
| Perriello | Shadegg | Wexler |
| Peters | Shea-Porter | Whitfield |
| Peterson | Sherman | Wilson (SC) |
| Petri | Shimkus | Wittman |
| Pingree (ME) | Shuler | Wolf |
| Pitts | Shuster | Woolsey |
| Platts | Simpson | Wu |
| Poe (TX) | Sires | Yarmuth |
| | Skelton | Young (FL) |

NOT VOTING—22

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| Aderholt | Grijalva | Sánchez, Linda |
| Bachmann | Herger | T. |
| Barrett (SC) | Kaptur | Speier |
| Bishop (UT) | Lummis | Stark |
| Deal (GA) | Markey (CO) | Thompson (PA) |
| Doyle | Murphy, Tim | Wilson (OH) |
| Driehaus | Price (GA) | Young (AK) |
| Flake | Rooney | |

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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.

Stated for:

Ms. MARKEY of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, had I been present for the vote on S. 454, I would have voted in favor of the bill. As my daughter and son are graduating from college and high school respectively, I am unable to be present for the vote.

Mr. PRICE of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, on roll-call No. 286 I was unavoidably detained. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea."

PREVENT ALL CIGARETTE TRAFFICKING ACT OF 2009

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The unfinished business is the vote on the motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 1676, as amended, on which the yeas and nays were ordered.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from New York (Mr. WEINER) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 1676, as amended.

This is a 5-minute vote.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 397, nays 11, not voting 25, as follows:

[Roll No. 287]

YEAS—397

Abercrombie Costello Holt
 Ackerman Courtney Honda
 Aderholt Crenshaw Hoyer
 Adler (NJ) Crowley Hunter
 Akin Cuellar Inglis
 Alexander Culberson Inslie
 Altmire Cummings Israel
 Andrews Dahlkemper Issa
 Arcuri Davis (AL) Jackson (IL)
 Austria Davis (CA) Jackson-Lee
 Baca Davis (IL) (TX)
 Bachus Davis (KY) Jenkins
 Baird Davis (TN) Johnson (GA)
 Baldwin DeFazio Johnson (IL)
 Barrow DeGette Johnson, E. B.
 Bartlett Delahunt Johnson, Sam
 Barton (TX) DeLauro Jones
 Bean Dent Jordan (OH)
 Becerra Diaz-Balart, L. Kagen
 Berkley Diaz-Balart, M. Kanjorski
 Berman Dicks Kennedy
 Berry Dingell Kildee
 Biggert Doggett Kilpatrick (MI)
 Bilbray Donnelly (IN) Kilroy
 Bilirakis Dreier Kind
 Bishop (GA) Duncan King (IA)
 Bishop (NY) Edwards (MD) King (NY)
 Bishop (UT) Edwards (TX) Kirk
 Blumenauer Ehlers Kirkpatrick (AZ)
 Blunt Ellison Kissell
 Boccieri Emerson Klein (FL)
 Bonner Engel Kline (MN)
 Bono Mack Eshoo Kosmas
 Boozman Etheridge Kratovil
 Boren Fallin Kucinich
 Boswell Farr Lamborn
 Boucher Fattah Langevin
 Boustany Filner Larsen (WA)
 Boyd Fleming Larson (CT)
 Brady (PA) Forbes Latham
 Brady (TX) Fortenberry LaTourette
 Braley (IA) Foster Latta
 Brown (SC) Foxx Lee (CA)
 Brown, Corrine Frank (MA) Lee (NY)
 Brown-Waite, Franks (AZ) Levin
 Ginny Frelinghuysen Lewis (CA)
 Buchanan Fudge Lewis (GA)
 Burgess Gallegly Garrett (NJ)
 Burton (IN) Linder Lipinski
 Butterfield Gerlach Lubiano
 Buyer Giffords Loebbeck
 Calvert Gingrey (GA) Lofgren, Zoe
 Camp Gohmert Lowey
 Cantor Gonzalez Lucas
 Cao Goodlatte Luetkemeyer
 Capito Gordon (TN) Lujan
 Capps Granger Lummis
 Capuano Graves Lungren, Daniel
 Cardoza Grayson E.
 Carnahan Green, Al Lynch
 Carney Green, Gene Mack
 Carson (IN) Griffith Maffei
 Carter Grijalva Maloney
 Cassidy Guthrie Manzanillo
 Castle Hall (NY) Markey (MA)
 Castor (FL) Hall (TX) Marshall
 Chaffetz Harman Massa
 Chandler Harper Matheson
 Childers Hastings (FL) Matsui
 Clarke Hastings (WA) McCarthy (CA)
 Clay Heinrich McCarthy (NY)
 Cleaver Heller McCaul
 Clyburn Herger McCollum
 Coble Herseth Sandlin McCotter
 Coffman (CO) Higgins McDermott
 Cohen Himes McGovern
 Cole Hinchey McHenry
 Conaway Hinojosa McHugh
 Connolly (VA) Hirono McIntyre
 Conyers Hodes McKeon
 Cooper Hoekstra McMahon
 Costa Holden

McMorris Posey Slaughter
 Rodgers Price (GA) Smith (NE)
 McNeerney Price (NC) Smith (NJ)
 Meek (FL) Putnam Smith (TX)
 Meeks (NY) Quigley Smith (WA)
 Melancon Radanovich Snyder
 Mica Rahall Souder
 Michaud Rangel Space
 Miller (FL) Rehberg Spratt
 Miller (MI) Reichert Stearns
 Miller (NC) Reyes Stupak
 Miller, Gary Richardson Sullivan
 Miller, George Roe (TN) Sutton
 Minnick Rogers (AL) Tanner
 Mitchell Rogers (KY) Tauscher
 Mollohan Rogers (MI) Taylor
 Moore (KS) Ros-Lehtinen Teague
 Moore (WI) Roskam Terry
 Moran (KS) Ross Thompson (CA)
 Moran (VA) Rothman (NJ) Thompson (MS)
 Murphy (CT) Roybal-Allard Thornberry
 Murphy (NY) Royce Tiahrt
 Murphy, Patrick Ruppertsberger Tiberi
 Murtha Rush Tierney
 Myrick Ryan (OH) Titus
 Nadler (NY) Ryan (WI) Tonko
 Napolitano Salazar Towns
 Neal (MA) Sanchez, Loretta Tsongas
 Neugebauer Sarbanes Turner
 Nunes Scalise Upton
 Nye Schakowsky Van Hollen
 Oberstar Schauer Velázquez
 Olson Schiff Visclosky
 Oliver Schmidt Walden
 Ortiz Schock Walz
 Pallone Schrader Wamp
 Pascrell Schwartz Wasserman
 Pastor (AZ) Scott (GA) Schultz
 Paulsen Scott (VA) Waters
 Payne Sensenbrenner Watson
 Pence Serrano Watt
 Perlmutter Sessions Waxman
 Dreier Sestak Weiner
 Peters Shadegg Welch
 Peterson Shea-Porter Wexler
 Petri Sherman Wilson (SC)
 Pingree (ME) Shimkus Wittman
 Pitts Shuler Wolf
 Platts Shuster Wu
 Poe (TX) Simpson Yarmuth
 Polis (CO) Sires Young (AK)
 Pomeroy Skelton Young (FL)

NAYS—11

Blackburn Halvorson Paul
 Broun (GA) Kingston Rohrabacher
 Campbell Marchant Westmoreland
 Ellsworth McClintock

NOT VOTING—25

Bachmann Hare Sánchez, Linda
 Barrett (SC) Hensarling T.
 Boehner Hill Speier
 Bright Kaptur Stark
 Deal (GA) Markey (CO) Thompson (PA)
 Doyle Murphy, Tim Whitfield
 Driehaus Obey Wilson (OH)
 Flake Rodriguez Woolsey
 Gutierrez Rooney

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (during the vote). There are 2 minutes left in this vote.

So (two-thirds being in the affirmative) the rules were suspended and the bill, as amended, was passed.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Stated for:

Mr. BRIGHT. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 287, had I been present, I would have voted "yea."

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. ROONEY. Mr. Speaker, had I been present I would have voted on rollcall No. 284—"nay"; 285—"nay"; 286—"yea"; 287—"yea."

REMOVAL OF NAME OF MEMBER AS COSPONSOR OF H.R. 1346

Mr. GERLACH. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to be removed as a cosponsor of H.R. 1346. My name was added in error.

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

There was no objection.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. OBERSTAR. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members have 5 legislative days to revise and extend their remarks on H.R. 915 and include extraneous material in the RECORD.

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

There was no objection.

FAA REAUTHORIZATION ACT OF 2009

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to House Resolution 464 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. 915.

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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. 915) to amend title 49, United States Code, to authorize appropriations for the Federal Aviation Administration for fiscal years 2009 through 2012, to improve aviation safety and capacity, to provide stable funding for the national aviation system, and for other purposes, with Mr. CARDOZA in the chair.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The CHAIR. Pursuant to the rule, the bill is considered read the first time.

The gentleman from Minnesota (Mr. OBERSTAR) and the gentleman from Florida (Mr. MICA) each will control 30 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Minnesota.

Mr. OBERSTAR. Mr. Chairman, I yield myself as much time as I may consume.

We bring to the House, once again, to the Committee of the Whole, the authorization for FAA for the next 4 years. We're getting very good at this. We did it 2 years ago. It passed the House overwhelmingly. Unfortunately, the other body did not act on it. So we held further hearings and reshaped the bill. Essentially we have 95 percent of what we had in 2007 in this bill. It was worked out then in cooperation with the Republican members of the committee and with the ranking Republican, Mr. MICA, and again this year with Mr. MICA, Mr. PETRI and the Aviation Subcommittee under the extraordinarily gifted leadership of Mr.