

and find where we could cut some wasteful spending. We would regain the trust and confidence of the American people as good stewards of their resources. Let's pass H.R. 1246.

I reserve the balance of my time.

Ms. BORDALLO. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

H.R. 1246 is an innocuous-sounding bill that proposes to help reduce Federal spending and reduce waste by cutting 10 percent of the Pentagon's printing and reproduction services budget. I believe most of us would agree that the goal of H.R. 1246, to reduce dependence on paper copies in a time of proliferating electronic media, is one that most of us would find reasonable.

In effect, however, the bill does little to address the much more serious deficit issues facing our Nation today, including issues in the defense arena that should be thoughtfully debated by Members of this Congress. The bill is estimated to save some \$35.7 million in fiscal year 2012, and then another \$180 million over the next 5 fiscal years, which hardly makes a dent in the multitrillion-dollar deficit facing our Nation.

One could also argue that the bill is ill-timed, coming on the heels of increasing requests for the Department of Defense to produce documents for oversight being conducted by congressional committees. Indeed, requests from the Congress for required reports, including, Mr. Speaker, from our own House Armed Services Committee, number in the hundreds and thousands. So it would seem somewhat hypocritical of us to be cutting funding for printing and reproduction services when we, we Members of Congress, are asking for more and more and more reports.

Mr. Speaker, while I will not encourage my colleagues to oppose this bill, I consider it a bad use of valuable floor time that could be used to address legislation to put this country on a track toward greater fiscal responsibility.

I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. WEST. I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, I would say this. I do believe that we must take a first step when we talk about deficit reduction. I think that this is one of the important things. As I said in my statement, if each and every one of us in this House, all 435, made the effort to find these instances of fraud, waste and abuse, then we could have more significant cuts into our deficit and, of course, into our debt. And I think at a critical time when, the gentlewoman from Guam just stated, maybe perhaps also following along with this, we do need to look at the amount of requests for reports that we are having.

But still, as we are talking about efficiency in the Department of Defense, this is a first step toward that efficiency occurring. And I think that anyone that would not be willing to support this says that they are not willing to take that first step toward getting

the Department of Defense and all our departments and all of our agencies to be more effective and more efficient. But as well, that does start with us here in the Members of the House of Representatives.

I reserve the balance of my time.

Ms. BORDALLO. Mr. Speaker, I would like to correct the previous speaker.

There are 435 voting Members of Congress, but there are 441 Members of the United States House of Representatives. Although I represent a territory and I am not allowed to vote, I do make requests during committee time for reports.

I just wanted to make that correction.

I reserve the balance of my time.

□ 1420

Mr. WEST. Mr. Speaker, at this time I have no further requests, and also apologies to you, Madam.

I am prepared to close after my colleague has yielded back her time.

I continue to reserve the balance of my time.

Ms. BORDALLO. Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

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

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Florida (Mr. WEST) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 1246.

The question was taken.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. In the opinion of the Chair, two-thirds being in the affirmative, the yeas have it.

Mr. WEST. 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 and the Chair's prior announcement, further proceedings on this motion will be postponed.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess until approximately 6:30 p.m. today.

Accordingly (at 2 o'clock and 21 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess until approximately 6:30 p.m.

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AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. DOLD) at 6 o'clock and 30 minutes p.m.

REDUCING DEFENSE DEPARTMENT PRINTING AND REPRODUCTION BUDGET

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, proceedings will resume on the motion to suspend the rules previously postponed.

The unfinished business is the vote on the motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 1246) to reduce the amounts otherwise authorized to be appropriated to the Department of Defense for printing and reproduction, 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 Florida (Mr. WEST) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 393, nays 0, not voting 39, as follows:

[Roll No. 225]

YEAS—393

Ackerman	Cooper	Hall
Adams	Costa	Hanabusa
Aderholt	Costello	Hanna
Akin	Courtney	Harper
Altmire	Cravaack	Harris
Amash	Crawford	Hartzler
Austria	Crenshaw	Hastings (FL)
Bachmann	Critz	Hastings (WA)
Bachus	Crowley	Hayworth
Baldwin	Cuellar	Heck
Barletta	Culberson	Heinrich
Barrow	Cummings	Heller
Bartlett	Davis (CA)	Hensarling
Barton (TX)	Davis (IL)	Herger
Bass (CA)	Davis (KY)	Herrera Beutler
Bass (NH)	DeFazio	Higgins
Becerra	DeGette	Himes
Benishek	DeLauro	Hinojosa
Berg	Denham	Hirono
Berkley	Dent	Holt
Berman	DesJarlais	Honda
Biggart	Deuth	Hoyer
Bilbray	Diaz-Balart	Huelskamp
Bilirakis	Dicks	Huizenga (MI)
Bishop (GA)	Dingell	Hultgren
Bishop (NY)	Doggett	Hunter
Bishop (UT)	Dold	Hurt
Blumenauer	Donnelly (IN)	Inslee
Bonner	Doyle	Israel
Boren	Dreier	Issa
Boswell	Duffy	Jackson (IL)
Boustany	Duncan (SC)	Jenkins
Brady (TX)	Duncan (TN)	Johnson (GA)
Braley (IA)	Edwards	Johnson (OH)
Brooks	Ellison	Johnson, E. B.
Broun (GA)	Ellmers	Johnson, Sam
Brown (FL)	Emerson	Jones
Buchanan	Eshoo	Jordan
Bucshon	Farenthold	Kaptur
Buerkle	Farr	Keating
Burgess	Filner	Kelly
Burton (IN)	Fincher	Kildee
Butterfield	Fitzpatrick	King (IA)
Calvert	Flake	King (NY)
Camp	Fleischmann	Kingston
Campbell	Fleming	Kinzinger (IL)
Canseco	Flores	Kissell
Cantor	Forbes	Kline
Capito	Fortenberry	Kucinich
Capps	Fox	Labrador
Capuano	Frank (MA)	Lamborn
Cardoza	Franks (AZ)	Lance
Carnahan	Fudge	Langevin
Carney	Gallegly	Lankford
Carson (IN)	Garamendi	Larsen (WA)
Carter	Gardner	Larson (CT)
Cassidy	Garrett	Latham
Castor (FL)	Gerlach	LaTourette
Chabot	Gibbs	Latta
Chaffetz	Gibson	Levin
Chandler	Gingrey (GA)	Lewis (CA)
Chu	Gonzalez	Lewis (GA)
Cicilline	Goodlatte	LoBiondo
Clarke (MI)	Gosar	Loebsack
Clarke (NY)	Gowdy	Lofgren, Zoe
Clay	Granger	Long
Cleaver	Graves (GA)	Lowe
Clyburn	Graves (MO)	Lucas
Coble	Green, Al	Luetkemeyer
Coffman (CO)	Green, Gene	Lujan
Cohen	Griffin (AR)	Lummis
Cole	Griffith (VA)	Lungren, Daniel
Conaway	Grimm	E.
Connolly (VA)	Guinta	Lynch
Conyers	Guthrie	Mack