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| Renacci | Schweikert | Turner (OH) |
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| Rogers (MI) | Shuler | Waters |
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| Rush | Stutzman | Woodall |
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| Emerson | Johnson, E. B. | Speier |
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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. FILNER. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 940, I was away from the Capitol due to prior commitments to my constituents. Had I been present, I would have voted “aye.”

Mrs. NAPOLITANO. Mr. Speaker, on Friday, December 16th, 2011, I was absent during rollcall vote No. 940 in order to attend an important event in my district. Had I been present, I would have voted “aye” on S. 278—Sugar Loaf Fire Protection District Land Exchange Act.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. ROGERS of Kentucky. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days in which to revise their remarks and include extraneous material on the conference report on H.R. 2055, H. Con. Res. 94, and H.R. 3672, and that I may include tabular material on the same.

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

There was no objection.

CONFERENCE REPORT ON H.R. 2055, CONSOLIDATED APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2012

Mr. ROGERS of Kentucky. Mr. Speaker, pursuant to House Resolution 500, I call up the conference report to accompany the bill (H.R. 2055) making appropriations for military construction, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2012, and for other purposes, and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to House Resolution 500, the conference report is considered read.

(For conference report and statement, see proceedings of the House of December 15, 2011, at page H9004.)

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman from Kentucky (Mr. ROGERS) and the gentleman from Washington (Mr. DICKS) each will control 30 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Kentucky.

Mr. ROGERS of Kentucky. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

I rise today to present the final fiscal year 2012 appropriations legislation, which includes the conference report for the remaining nine appropriations bills, as well as two other bills we will consider later that provide funding for disaster recovery and assistance.

For the second year in a row, Mr. Speaker, the Appropriations Committee, along with the body, has achieved significant reductions in Federal Government spending to the tune of some \$95 billion in reduced spending. Never before in recent history has Congress cut spending 2 years back to back.

The Republican majority is truly living up to our commitment to slice Federal spending, getting our budgets back into balance and living within our means. The legislation also includes absolutely no earmarks, zero earmarks, abiding by the House rule.

This report and the disaster aid spending package signify the end of the road for the fiscal year 2012 appropriations cycle, helping to avoid a potential government shutdown and supporting vital programs and services the American people rely on.

In particular, Mr. Speaker, this bill provides funding necessary to support our national security, including funding for our military engagements abroad and our domestic obligations; benefits and programs for our veterans, active military, and their families; and Homeland Security efforts to keep our borders and communities safe and sound.

In addition, this legislation includes policy provisions targeted at reining in harmful government interference and protecting life, liberty, and the Constitution.

Mr. Speaker, after weeks of arduous negotiations on this package with our Senate counterparts, we've struck a

fair, bipartisan compromise. No party got everything they wanted, but we have found a reasonable, responsible balance between reduced spending, wise Federal investments, and policy changes that American businesses need to thrive. With Christmas coming on, it's time we complete this important legislation and go home to our families and our friends.

We don't have much down time before our work will begin again on fiscal year 2013, and I'm hopeful that with the groundwork we have laid this year, cleaning up past years' messes, clearing the table for next year, when we can bring these bills separately and individually to the floor for our Members to debate, amend, and vote on. That's the goal. So I'm hopeful with the groundwork we have laid this year, we will be able to work through next year's appropriations in regular order and, most importantly, on time, so that we don't find ourselves in this situation next December.

One last note, Mr. Speaker: This result today would not have happened without the good will and the good work of the committee's ranking member, Mr. DICKS, who has been a great partner throughout this process. While things have been difficult, and we haven't always seen eye to eye, his knowledge of the process and his commitment to a fair and positive outcome have been a huge asset. His leadership has been critical to the bills we've passed, and certainly the one before us today.

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Along with Mr. DICKS, I must thank the cardinals and the ranking members of the subcommittees to whom we turned to produce this bill that's before us today: Chairman YOUNG and Ranking Member DICKS on Defense; Chairman FRELINGHUYSEN and Ranking Member VISCIOSKY on Energy and Water; Chairwoman EMERSON and Ranking Member SERRANO on Financial Services; Chairman ADERHOLT and Ranking Member PRICE on Homeland Security; Chairman SIMPSON and Ranking Member MORAN on Interior; Chairman REHBERG and Ranking Member DELAURO on Labor-HHS; Chairman CRENSHAW and Ranking Member HONDA on Legislative Branch; Chairman CULBERSON and Ranking Member BISHOP on MilCon; and Chairwoman GRANGER and Ranking Member LOWEY on State and Foreign Operations. They worked through these bills with a sharp eye and a respect for the taxpayer and the programs that they dealt with.

Time and again, Mr. Speaker, throughout this year we've faced difficult and arduous tasks head-on, met every challenge before us. And without the leadership of these subcommittee chairmen and ranking members, we would not be here today. They've made up the package that's before us today.

Finally, I want to thank the staff, both sides of the aisle, majority and minority, hard work this year beyond