

Smith (NJ)	Thomas	Waters
Smith (TX)	Thompson (CA)	Watkins
Smith (WA)	Thompson (MS)	Watt (NC)
Snyder	Thornberry	Watts (OK)
Spence	Thune	Waxman
Spratt	Tierney	Weldon (FL)
Stabenow	Toomey	Weldon (PA)
Stenholm	Towns	Weller
Strickland	Trafficant	Wexler
Stump	Turner	Weygand
Stupak	Udall (CO)	Whitfield
Sununu	Udall (NM)	Wicker
Sweeney	Upton	Wilson
Talent	Velazquez	Wise
Tanner	Vento	Wolf
Tauscher	Viscolosky	Wu
Tauzin	Vitter	Young (AK)
Taylor (MS)	Walden	Young (FL)
Taylor (NC)	Walsh	
Terry	Wamp	

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Berry	Holden	Rothman
Blagojevich	Hostettler	Royce
Bonior	Jackson (IL)	Sanford
Conyers	Kanjorski	Scarborough
Davis (IL)	Kennedy	Schakowsky
Delahunt	Larson	Sensenbrenner
Doggett	Lee	Simpson
Evans	Markey	Slaughter
Fattah	McKinney	Souder
Filner	Menendez	Stark
Forbes	Miller, George	Stearns
Gejdenson	Obey	Tancredo
Gephardt	Olver	Tiahrt
Gibbons	Paul	Weiner
Goodling	Payne	Woolsey
Hefley	Rohrabacher	

NOT VOTING—11

Baldwin	McDermott	Rivers
Brown (CA)	McNulty	Thurman
Combest	Nussle	Wynn
Gutierrez	Pickering	

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Mr. TANCREDO, Mr. PAYNE and Ms. SCHAKOWSKY changed their vote from “aye” to “no.”

So the bill was passed.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

REPORT ON RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 2490, TREASURY AND GENERAL GOVERNMENT APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2000

Mr. DIAZ-BALART, from the Committee on Rules, submitted a privileged report (Rept. No. 106-234) on the resolution (H. Res. 246) providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 2490) making appropriations for the Treasury Department, the United States Postal Service, the Executive Office of the President, and certain Independent Agencies, for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000, and for other purposes, which was referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed.

REPORT ON RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 2415, AMERICAN EMBASSY SECURITY ACT OF 1999

Mr. DIAZ-BALART, from the Committee on Rules, submitted a privileged report (Rept. No. 106-235) on the resolution (H. Res. 247) providing for

consideration of the bill (H.R. 2415) to enhance security of United States missions and personnel overseas, to authorize appropriations for the Department of State for fiscal year 2000, and for other purposes, which was referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY COMMITTEE ON RULES REGARDING AMENDMENT PROCESS FOR H.R. 1995, THE TEACHER EMPOWERMENT ACT

Mr. DIAZ-BALART. Mr. Speaker, a “Dear Colleague” letter will be delivered to each Member’s office tomorrow notifying them of the plan of the Committee on Rules to meet the week of July 19 to grant a rule which may limit the amendment process on H.R. 1995, the “Teacher Empowerment Act.”

Any Member who wishes to offer an amendment should submit 55 copies and a brief explanation of the amendment by noon on Monday, July 19, to the Committee on Rules in room H-312 of the Capitol. Amendments should be drafted to the text of the bill as reported by the Committee on Education and the Workforce. The bill is available at the Committee on Education and the Workforce and is expected to be available on their committee web site tomorrow morning.

Members should use the Office of Legislative Counsel to make sure that their amendments are properly drafted and should check with the Office of the Parliamentarian to be certain their amendments comply with the rules of the House.

TIMBER SALES MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

(Mr. GOODLATTE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. GOODLATTE. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from South Carolina (Mr. SANFORD) for the purposes of engaging in a colloquy.

Mr. SANFORD. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman from Virginia (Mr. GOODLATTE) for yielding to me. I would just like to raise with this House the fact that as the gentleman knows, it had been my intention to offer an amendment today on the Timber Sales Management Program to reduce the overall spending. To basically bring it in line with what the administration had proposed.

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I believe it would save \$23 million. But after conversations with the gentleman from Virginia (Mr. GOODLATTE) and with several on his staff, I came to the conclusion that actually that would have been counterproductive, that it may in fact have cost taxpayers money.

But I think that the problem that I was trying to address was this problem of money-losing timber sales is one that has to be addressed. I mean, it is a miracle to me that we can have basically the equivalent of \$220 billion in assets, which is basically the timber on national forests, and yet still have it as a money-losing process.

So I look forward to engaging with the gentleman from Virginia and others on his subcommittee this year in looking for ways to ease the regulatory burden on the National Forest Service so that they can begin to make money, because, if not, I think that we really need to begin looking at the selling off of national forests.

Mr. GOODLATTE. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman from South Carolina for his comments, for his forbearance on the amendment he was considering offering. I would say to the gentleman that I wholeheartedly agree with him that there needs to be reform of the management of our national forests, particularly with the way that timber sales are managed, because there is a tremendous amount of waste that does not occur on the vast amount of land we have in this country that is privately owned that also harvests a substantial amount of timber, in fact, far more than is taken from our Federal lands.

So there are a number of reforms that need to take place to streamline that process, to make sure that we protect the environment, but also to make sure that we follow good, sound business practices in our national forests. I look forward to working with the gentleman from South Carolina in that regard.

Mr. SANFORD. Mr. Speaker, one last point on that very front. It is amazing to me that we can have a land block the size of Texas.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE BUDGET REGARDING REVISIONS TO ALLOCATION FOR THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Ohio, Mr. KASICH, is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. KASICH. Mr. Speaker, pursuant to Sec. 314 of the Congressional Budget Act, I hereby submit for printing in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD revisions to the allocation for the House Committee on Appropriations pursuant to House Report 106-163 to reflect \$144,000,000 in additional new budget authority and \$146,000,000 in additional outlays for the Earned Income Tax Credit. This will increase the allocation to the House Committee on Appropriations to \$538,296,000,000 in budget authority and \$578,347,000,000 in outlays for fiscal year 2000.

As reported by the House Committee on Appropriations, H.R. 2490, a bill making appropriations for Treasury, Postal Service, and