

the things I wanted to make clear is that the chairman, I am sure in good faith, made a representation earlier there had been an agreement by me not to offer this amendment. That is not accurate. I did not make any representation to anyone to that effect, and I wanted to clear that up for the record.

Mr. Speaker, I withdraw my reservation of objection.

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

Mr. MENENDEZ. Reserving the right to object, can the distinguished chairman advise me when this debate is going to commence on Monday?

Mr. CALLAHAN. Mr. Speaker, will the gentleman yield?

Mr. MENENDEZ. I yield to the gentleman from Alabama.

Mr. CALLAHAN. I am informed that we will begin debate on this issue at 4 o'clock on Monday.

Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. Speaker, I withdraw my reservation of objection.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair would inquire if the unanimous consent request assumes that the amendment will be reoffered at a subsequent time when the Committee resumes its sitting on a subsequent day?

Mr. CALLAHAN. I felt, Mr. Speaker, that the pending amendment would be the order of business at that time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. At a subsequent time, not this evening; is that correct?

Mr. CALLAHAN. At a subsequent time, yes.

Ms. PELOSI. Mr. Speaker, reserving the right to object, and just in protecting the rights of the gentleman from New Jersey (Mr. ANDREWS), when we are talking about a subsequent time, so that he knows, will this debate on his amendment begin, the proceedings, at 4 o'clock on Monday; is that the correct understanding?

Mr. CALLAHAN. Mr. Speaker, will the gentleman yield?

Ms. PELOSI. I yield to the gentleman from Alabama.

Mr. CALLAHAN. The purpose of my unanimous consent is to come back into session at 4 o'clock on Monday next, at which time, when the Committee of the Whole is reestablished, we would then be on the Andrews amendment. At that point there would be 30 minutes divided, 15 minutes on each side, when the Committee of the Whole was regrouped.

Ms. PELOSI. Mr. Speaker, I withdraw my reservation of objection.

Mr. ANDREWS. Mr. Speaker, reserving the right to object, may I ask the chairman how the time would be allocated; who would control the time?

Mr. CALLAHAN. Mr. Speaker, will the gentleman yield?

Mr. ANDREWS. I yield to the gentleman from Alabama.

Mr. CALLAHAN. The Chair would have to answer that, but my under-

standing is that the sponsor of the amendment would have 15 minutes and someone else designated by the Chair would have 15 minutes to oppose the gentleman's amendment. I would assume that would be me.

Mr. ANDREWS. Mr. Speaker, I withdraw my reservation of objection.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The amendment is withdrawn without prejudice to it being reoffered whenever the Committee resumes its setting under a 30-minute time limit for debate, equally divided.

Without objection, the unanimous consent request is granted.

There was no objection.

FOREIGN OPERATIONS, EXPORT FINANCING, AND RELATED PROGRAMS APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2000

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to House Resolution 263 and rule XVIII, the Chair declares the House in the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union for the further consideration of the bill, H.R. 2606.

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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 further consideration of the bill (H.R. 2606) making appropriations for foreign operations, export financing, and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000, and for other purposes, with Mr. THORNBERRY in the chair.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The CHAIRMAN. When the Committee of the Whole rose earlier today, pending was amendment No. 6 offered by the gentleman from New Jersey (Mr. ANDREWS), which has now been withdrawn by order of the House.

SEQUENTIAL VOTES POSTPONED IN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

The CHAIRMAN. Pursuant to House Resolution 263, proceedings will now resume on those amendments on which further proceedings were postponed, in the following order:

The amendment offered by the gentleman from California (Mr. CAMPBELL), amendment No. 1 offered by the gentleman from Massachusetts (Mr. MOAKLEY), and Part B amendment No. 3 offered by the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. PITTS).

The Chair will reduce to 5 minutes the time for any electronic vote after the first vote in this series.

AMENDMENT OFFERED BY MR. CAMPBELL

The CHAIRMAN. The pending business is the demand for a recorded vote on the amendment offered by the gentleman from California (Mr. CAMPBELL) on which further proceedings were postponed and on which the noes prevailed by voice vote.

The Clerk will designate the amend-

ment. The Clerk designated the amendment.

RECORDED VOTE

The CHAIRMAN. A recorded vote has been demanded.

A recorded vote was ordered.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—ayes 13, noes 414, not voting 6, as follows:

[Roll No. 351]

AYES—13

Boucher	Paul	Taylor (MS)
Campbell	Payne	Thompson (MS)
Conyers	Rohrabacher	Watt (NC)
Hostettler	Sanford	
McKinney	Sensenbrenner	

NOES—414

Abercrombie	Cooksey	Graham
Ackerman	Costello	Granger
Aderholt	Cox	Green (TX)
Allen	Coyne	Green (WI)
Andrews	Cramer	Greenwood
Archer	Crane	Gutknecht
Armey	Crowley	Hall (OH)
Bachus	Cubin	Hall (TX)
Baird	Cummings	Hansen
Baker	Cunningham	Hastings (FL)
Baldacci	Danner	Hastings (WA)
Baldwin	Davis (FL)	Hayes
Ballenger	Davis (IL)	Hayworth
Barcia	Davis (VA)	Hefley
Barr	Deal	Herger
Barrett (NE)	DeFazio	Hill (IN)
Barrett (WI)	DeGette	Hill (MT)
Bartlett	DeLauro	Hilleary
Bass	DeLay	Hilliard
Bateman	DeMint	Hincheey
Becerra	Deutsch	Hinojosa
Bentsen	Diaz-Balart	Hobson
Bereuter	Dickey	Hoeffel
Berkley	Dicks	Hoekstra
Berman	Dingell	Holden
Berry	Dixon	Holt
Biggert	Doggett	Hooley
Bilbray	Dooley	Horn
Bilirakis	Doolittle	Houghton
Bishop	Doyle	Hoyer
Blagojevich	Dreier	Hulshof
Bilely	Duncan	Hunter
Blumenauer	Dunn	Hutchinson
Blunt	Edwards	Hyde
Boehlert	Ehlers	Inslee
Boehner	Ehrlich	Isakson
Bonilla	Emerson	Istook
Bonior	Engel	Jackson (IL)
Bono	English	Jackson-Lee
Borski	Eshoo	(TX)
Boswell	Etheridge	Jefferson
Boyd	Evans	Jenkins
Brady (PA)	Everett	John
Brady (TX)	Ewing	Johnson (CT)
Brown (FL)	Farr	Johnson, E.B.
Brown (OH)	Fattah	Johnson, Sam
Bryant	Filner	Jones (NC)
Burr	Fletcher	Jones (OH)
Burton	Foley	Kanjorski
Buyer	Forbes	Kaptur
Callahan	Ford	Kasich
Calvert	Fossella	Kelly
Camp	Fowler	Kennedy
Canady	Frank (MA)	Kildee
Cannon	Franks (NJ)	Kilpatrick
Capps	Frelinghuysen	Kind (WI)
Capuano	Frost	King (NY)
Cardin	Gallegly	Kingston
Carson	Ganske	Kleczka
Castle	Gejdenson	Klink
Chabot	Gekas	Knollenberg
Chambliss	Gephardt	Kolbe
Chenoweth	Gibbons	Kucinich
	Gilchrest	Kuykendall
	Gillmor	LaFalce
	Gilman	LaHood
	Gonzalez	Lampson
	Goode	Lantos
	Goodlatte	Largent
	Goodling	Larson
	Gordon	Latham
	Goss	LaTourette
		Lazio

Leach	Owens	Smith (MI)
Lee	Oxley	Smith (NJ)
Levin	Packard	Smith (TX)
Lewis (CA)	Pallone	Smith (WA)
Lewis (GA)	Pascarell	Snyder
Lewis (KY)	Pastor	Souder
Linder	Pease	Spence
Lipinski	Pelosi	Spratt
LoBiondo	Peterson (MN)	Stabenow
Lofgren	Petri	Stark
Lowey	Phelps	Stearns
Lucas (KY)	Pickering	Stenholm
Lucas (OK)	Pickett	Strickland
Luther	Pitts	Stump
Maloney (CT)	Pombo	Stupak
Maloney (NY)	Pomeroy	Sununu
Manzullo	Porter	Sweeney
Markey	Portman	Talent
Martinez	Price (NC)	Tancredo
Mascara	Pryce (OH)	Tanner
Matsui	Quinn	Tauscher
McCarthy (MO)	Radanovich	Tauzin
McCarthy (NY)	Rahall	Taylor (NC)
McCollum	Ramstad	Terry
McCrery	Rangel	Thomas
McGovern	Regula	Thompson (CA)
McHugh	Reyes	Thornberry
McInnis	Reynolds	Thune
McIntosh	Riley	Thurman
McIntyre	Rivers	Tiahrt
McKeon	Rodriguez	Tierney
McNulty	Roemer	Toomey
Meehan	Rogan	Towns
Meek (FL)	Rogers	Traficant
MEEKS (NY)	Ros-Lehtinen	Turner
Menendez	Rothman	Udall (CO)
Metcalf	Roukema	Udall (NM)
Mica	Royal-Allard	Upton
Millender-	Royce	Velazquez
McDonald	Rush	Vento
Miller (FL)	Ryan (WI)	Visclosky
Miller, Gary	Ryun (KS)	Vitter
Miller, George	Sabo	Walden
Minge	Salmon	Walsh
Mink	Sanchez	Wamp
Moakley	Sanders	Waters
Mollohan	Sandlin	Watkins
Moore	Sawyer	Watts (OK)
Moran (KS)	Saxton	Waxman
Moran (VA)	Scarborough	Waxman
Morella	Schaffer	Weiner
Murtha	Schakowsky	Weldon (FL)
Myrick	Scott	Weldon (PA)
Nadler	Serrano	Weller
Napolitano	Sessions	Wexler
Neal	Shadegg	Weygand
Nethercutt	Shaw	Whitfield
Ney	Shays	Wicker
Northup	Sherman	Wilson
Norwood	Sherwood	Wise
Nussle	Shimkus	Wolf
Oberstar	Shows	Woolsey
Obey	Simpson	Wu
Olver	Sisisky	Wynn
Ortiz	Skeen	Young (AK)
Ose	Slaughter	Young (FL)

NOT VOTING—6

Barton	McDermott	Shuster
Gutierrez	Peterson (PA)	Skelton

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Ms. STABENOW, Mrs. CLAYTON, and Messrs. JACKSON of Illinois, SERRANO, BECERRA, SUNUNU, and RANGEL changed their vote from "aye" to "no."

So the amendment was rejected.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE CHAIRMAN

The CHAIRMAN. Pursuant to House Resolution 263, the Chair announces that he will reduce to a minimum of 5 minutes the period of time within which a vote by electronic device will be taken on each amendment on which the Chair has postponed further proceedings.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 OFFERED BY MR. MOAKLEY

The CHAIRMAN. The pending business is the demand for a recorded vote on amendment No. 1 offered by the gentleman from Massachusetts (Mr. MOAKLEY) on which further proceedings were postponed and on which the ayes prevailed by voice vote.

The Clerk will redesignate the amendment.

The Clerk redesignated the amendment.

RECORDED VOTE

The CHAIRMAN. A recorded vote has been demanded.

A recorded vote was ordered.

The CHAIRMAN. This will be a 5-minute vote.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—ayes 230, noes 197, not voting 6, as follows:

[Roll No. 352]

AYES—230

Abercrombie	Ford	Mascara
Ackerman	Frank (MA)	Matsui
Allen	Franks (NJ)	McCarthy (MO)
Andrews	Gejdenson	McCarthy (NY)
Baird	Gephardt	McGovern
Baldacci	Gibbons	McInnis
Baldwin	Gilchrist	McKinney
Barcia	Gonzalez	McNulty
Barrett (WI)	Goode	Meehan
Becerra	Gordon	Meek (FL)
Bentsen	Green (TX)	Meeks (NY)
Berkley	Greenwood	Menendez
Berman	Gutknecht	Metcalf
Biggert	Hall (OH)	Millender-
Blagojevich	Hastings (FL)	McDonald
Blumenauer	Hayworth	Miller (FL)
Boehkert	Hefley	Miller, George
Boehner	Hill (IN)	Minge
Bonior	Hilliard	Mink
Bono	Hinchey	Moakley
Borski	Hinojosa	Moore
Boucher	Hoefel	Moran (KS)
Brady (PA)	Holden	Moran (VA)
Brown (FL)	Holt	Morella
Brown (OH)	Hooley	Nadler
Camp	Hulshof	Neal
Campbell	Inslie	Nussle
Capps	Jackson (IL)	Oberstar
Capuano	Jackson-Lee	Obey
Cardin	(TX)	Olver
Carson	Jefferson	Owens
Chabot	Johnson (CT)	Pallone
Clay	Johnson, E.B.	Pascarell
Clayton	Jones (OH)	Pastor
Clement	Kanjorski	Paul
Coble	Kaptur	Payne
Conyers	Kelly	Pelosi
Costello	Kennedy	Peterson (MN)
Coyne	Kildee	Petri
Crowley	Kilpatrick	Phelps
Cummings	Kind (WI)	Pomeroy
Danner	Klecza	Porter
Davis (IL)	Klink	Price (NC)
DeFazio	Kucinich	Pryce (OH)
DeGette	LaHood	Quinn
DeLahunt	Lampson	Ramstad
DeLauro	Lantos	Rangel
Dicks	Largent	Regula
Dixon	Larson	Rivers
Doggett	LaTourette	Rodriguez
Dooley	Lazio	Roemer
Doyle	Leach	Rothman
Duncan	Lee	Rush
Ehlers	Levin	Sabo
Engel	Lewis (GA)	Salmon
English	Lipinski	Sanchez
Eshoo	LoBiondo	Sanders
Etheridge	Lofgren	Sanford
Evans	Lowey	Sawyer
Ewing	Lucas (KY)	Scarborough
Farr	Luther	Schaffer
Fattah	Maloney (CT)	Schakowsky
Filner	Maloney (NY)	Scott
Foley	Manzullo	Sensenbrenner
Forbes	Markey	Serrano

Shays	Taylor (NC)
Sherman	Thompson (CA)
Slaughter	Thompson (MS)
Smith (MI)	Thurman
Smith (NJ)	Tierney
Smith (WA)	Towns
Stabenow	Traficant
Stark	Udall (CO)
Strickland	Udall (NM)
Stupak	Upton
Talent	Velazquez
Tancredo	Vento
Tauscher	Walsh

Wamp
Waters
Watt (NC)
Waxman
Weiner
Weller
Wexler
Weygand
Woolsey
Wu
Wynn

NOES—197

Aderholt	Galleghy	Pease
Archer	Ganske	Pickering
Army	Gekas	Pickett
Bachus	Gillmor	Pitts
Baker	Gilman	Pombo
Ballenger	Goodlatte	Portman
Barr	Gooding	Radanovich
Barrett (NE)	Goss	Rahall
Bartlett	Graham	Reyes
Bass	Granger	Reynolds
Bateman	Green (WI)	Riley
Bereuter	Hall (TX)	Rogan
Berry	Hansen	Rogers
Bilbray	Hastings (WA)	Rohrabacher
Bilirakis	Hayes	Ros-Lehtinen
Bishop	Herger	Roukema
Bliley	Hill (MT)	Royal-Allard
Blunt	Hilleary	Royce
Bonilla	Hobson	Ryan (WI)
Boswell	Hoekstra	Ryun (KS)
Boyd	Horn	Sandlin
Brady (TX)	Hostettler	Saxton
Bryant	Houghton	Sessions
Burr	Hoyer	Shadegg
Burton	Hunter	Shaw
Buyer	Hutchinson	Sherwood
Callahan	Hyde	Shimkus
Calvert	Isakson	Shows
Canady	Istook	Simpson
Cannon	Jenkins	Sisisky
Castle	John	Skeen
Chambliss	Johnson, Sam	Smith (TX)
Chenoweth	Jones (NC)	Snyder
Clyburn	Kasich	Souder
Coburn	King (NY)	Spence
Collins	Kingston	Spratt
Combest	Knollenberg	Stearns
Condit	Kolbe	Stenholm
Cook	Kuykendall	Stump
Cooksey	LaFalce	Sununu
Cox	Latham	Sweeney
Cramer	Lewis (CA)	Tanner
Crane	Lewis (KY)	Tauzin
Cubin	Linder	Taylor (MS)
Cunningham	Lucas (OK)	Terry
Davis (FL)	Martinez	Thomas
Davis (VA)	McCollum	Thornberry
Deal	McCrery	Thune
DeLay	McHugh	Tiahrt
DeMint	McIntosh	Toomey
Deutsch	McIntyre	Turner
Diaz-Balart	McKeon	Visclosky
Dickey	Mica	Vitter
Dingell	Miller, Gary	Walden
Doolittle	Mollohan	Watkins
Dreier	Murtha	Watts (OK)
Dunn	Myrick	Weldon (FL)
Edwards	Napolitano	Weldon (PA)
Ehrlich	Nethercutt	Whitfield
Emerson	Ney	Wicker
Everett	Northup	Wilson
Fletcher	Norwood	Wise
Fossella	Ortiz	Wolf
Fowler	Ose	Young (AK)
Frelinghuysen	Oxley	Young (FL)
Frost	Packard	

NOT VOTING—6

Barton	McDermott	Shuster
Gutierrez	Peterson (PA)	Skelton

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Mr. HOYER changed his vote from "aye" to "no."

Mr. HILL of Indiana and Mrs. BONO changed their vote from "no" to "aye."

So the amendment was agreed to.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

AMENDMENT NO. 3 OFFERED BY MR. PITTS

The CHAIRMAN. The pending business is the demand for a recorded vote on Part B Amendment No. 3 offered by the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. PITTS) on which further proceedings were postponed and on which the noes prevailed by voice vote.

The Clerk will redesignate the amendment.

The Clerk redesignated the amendment.

The CHAIRMAN. A recorded vote has been demanded.

A recorded vote was ordered.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—ayes 187, noes 237, not voting 9, as follows:

[Roll No. 353]

AYES—187

Aderholt	Hall (TX)	Petri
Archer	Hansen	Phelps
Armey	Hastings (WA)	Pickering
Bachus	Hayes	Pitts
Baker	Hayworth	Pombo
Ballenger	Hefley	Portman
Barcia	Henger	Quinn
Barr	Hill (MT)	Radanovich
Barrett (NE)	Hilleary	Rahall
Bartlett	Hoekstra	Reynolds
Bilirakis	Holden	Riley
Bliley	Hostettler	Rogan
Blunt	Hulshof	Rogers
Boehner	Hunter	Rohrabacher
Bonilla	Hutchinson	Royce
Bono	Hyde	Ryan (WI)
Brady (TX)	Istook	Ryun (KS)
Bryant	Jenkins	Salmon
Burr	John	Sanford
Burton	Johnson, Sam	Saxton
Buyer	Jones (NC)	Scarborough
Callahan	Kasich	Schaffer
Calvert	Kildee	Sensenbrenner
Camp	King (NY)	Sessions
Canady	Kingston	Shadegg
Cannon	Knollenberg	Sherwood
Chabot	LaFalce	Shimkus
Chambliss	LaHood	Shows
Chenoweth	Largent	Smith (NJ)
Coble	Latham	Smith (TX)
Coburn	Lewis (KY)	Souder
Collins	Linder	Spence
Combest	Lipinski	Stearns
Cook	LoBiondo	Stenholm
Costello	Lucas (KY)	Stump
Cox	Lucas (OK)	Stupak
Crane	Manzullo	Sununu
Cunningham	Mascara	Talent
Deal	McColum	Tancredo
DeLay	McCrery	Tauzin
DeMint	McHugh	Taylor (MS)
Dickey	McIntosh	Taylor (NC)
Doolittle	McIntyre	Terry
Dreier	McKeon	Thornberry
Duncan	Metcalf	Thune
Ehlers	Mica	Tiahrt
Emerson	Miller (FL)	Toomey
English	Miller, Gary	Traficant
Everett	Mollohan	Moran (KS)
Ewing	Moran (KS)	Murtha
Fletcher	Murtha	Myrick
Forbes	Myrick	Nethercutt
Fossella	Nethercutt	Ney
Franks (NJ)	Ney	Northup
Gekas	Northup	Norwood
Goode	Norwood	Nussle
Goodlatte	Nussle	Ortiz
Goodling	Ortiz	Oxley
Goss	Oxley	Packard
Graham	Packard	Paul
Green (WI)	Paul	Pease
Gutknecht	Pease	Peterson (MN)
Hall (OH)	Peterson (MN)	

NOES—237

Abercrombie	Baird	Bass
Ackerman	Baldacci	Bateman
Allen	Baldwin	Becerra
Andrews	Barrett (WI)	Bentsen

Bereuter	Granger	Obey
Berkley	Green (TX)	Olver
Berman	Greenwood	Ose
Berry	Hastings (FL)	Owens
Biggert	Hill (IN)	Pallone
Bilbray	Hilliard	Pascarell
Bishop	Hinchev	Pastor
Blagojevich	Hinojosa	Payne
Blumenauer	Hobson	Pelosi
Boehlert	Hoeffel	Pickett
Bonior	Holt	Pomeroy
Borski	Hooley	Porter
Boswell	Horn	Price (NC)
Boucher	Houghton	Pryce (OH)
Boyd	Hoyer	Ramstad
Brady (PA)	Inslee	Rangel
Brown (FL)	Isakson	Regula
Brown (OH)	Jackson (IL)	Reyes
Campbell	Jackson-Lee	Rivers
Capps	(TX)	Rodriguez
Capuano	Jefferson	Roemer
Cardin	Johnson (CT)	Ros-Lehtinen
Carson	Johnson, E.B.	Rothman
Castle	Jones (OH)	Roukema
Clay	Kanjorski	Roybal-Allard
Clayton	Kaptur	Sabo
Clement	Kelly	Sanchez
Clyburn	Kennedy	Sanders
Condit	Kilpatrick	Sandlin
Conyers	Kind (WI)	Sawyer
Cooksey	Kleczka	Schakowsky
Coyne	Klink	Scott
Cramer	Kolbe	Serrano
Crowley	Kucinich	Shaw
Cummings	Kuykendall	Shays
Danner	Lampson	Sherman
Davis (FL)	Lantos	Simpson
Davis (IL)	Larson	Sisisky
Davis (VA)	LaTourette	Skeen
DeFazio	Lazio	Slaughter
DeGette	Leach	Smith (MI)
Delahunt	Lee	Smith (WA)
DeLauro	Levin	Snyder
Deutsch	Lewis (CA)	Spratt
Diaz-Balart	Lewis (GA)	Stabenow
Dicks	Lofgren	Stark
Dingell	Lowey	Strickland
Dixon	Luther	Sweeney
Doggett	Maloney (CT)	Tanner
Dooley	Maloney (NY)	Tauscher
Doyle	Markey	Thomas
Dunn	Martinez	Thompson (CA)
Edwards	Matsui	Thompson (MS)
Ehrlich	McCarthy (MO)	Thurman
Engel	McCarthy (NY)	Tierney
Engel	McGovern	Towns
Eshoo	McInnis	Turner
Etheridge	McKinney	Udall (CO)
Evans	McNulty	Udall (NM)
Farr	Meehan	Upton
Fattah	Meek (FL)	Velazquez
Filner	Meeks (NY)	Vento
Foley	Menendez	Visclosky
Fowler	Millender-	Walden
Frank (MA)	McDonald	Walters
Frelinghuysen	Miller, George	Watt (NC)
Frost	Minge	Waxman
Gallely	Mink	Weiner
Ganske	Moakley	Wexler
Gejdenson	Moore	Weygand
Gephardt	Moran (VA)	Wilson
Gibbons	Morella	Wise
Gilchrest	Nadler	Woolsey
Gillmor	Napolitano	Wu
Gilman	Neal	Wynn
Gonzalez	Oberstar	
Gordon		

NOT VOTING—9

Barton	Gutierrez	Rush
Cubin	McDermott	Shuster
Ford	Peterson (PA)	Skelton

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So the amendment was rejected.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

Mr. WALSH. Mr. Chairman, I move that the Committee do now rise.

The motion was agreed to.

Accordingly, the Committee rose; and the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. LAHOOD) having assumed the chair, Mr. THORNBERRY, Chairman of the Com-

mittee of the Whole House on the State of the Union, reported that that Committee, having had under consideration the bill (H.R. 2606) making appropriations for foreign operations, export financing, and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000, and for other purposes, had come to no resolution thereon.

AN HONEST DEMOCRAT IN THE SENATE

(Mr. LARGENT asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks and include therein extraneous material.)

Mr. LARGENT. Mr. Speaker, I would like to read some quotes from one of our senator colleagues in the Senate, a Democrat from the State of Nebraska. He said this:

I recently voted with Republican colleagues for a sensible and realistic tax cut. We are projected to run a \$2.9 trillion surplus over the next 10 years, and I strongly believe that we should return part of that money to hard-working Americans. This tax cut will provide Americans with broad-based tax relief and aim squarely at the middle class. To suggest that we cannot afford to cut income taxes when we are running a \$3 trillion surplus is ludicrous.

This coming from a Democrat.

To say that tax cuts stand in the way of needed domestic spending, Medicare, and debt relief is also folly. What is standing in the way of debt reduction and a shrinking discretionary spending budget is a refusal to make structural reforms to our entitlement programs.

Mr. Speaker, this comes from a Democrat colleague in the Senate who happened to be one of the co-chairs of the Social Security Reform Committee, and I think when a Democrat is honest that we should tip our hat to him.

[From The Washington Post, July 27, 1999]

WHY I CROSSED PARTY LINES ON THE TAX CUT

(By Bob Kerrey)

As a member of the Senate Finance Committee, I recently crossed party lines to vote with my Republican colleagues for a sensible and realistic tax cut. We are projected to run a \$2.9 trillion surplus over the next 10 years, and I strongly believe that we should return part of that money to hard-working Americans.

This tax cut will provide Americans with broad-based tax relief aimed squarely at the middle class. Not only will it encourage Americans to save more for their retirements, it will also encourage Americans to give more generously to charities.

I am proud to have participated in and voted for three budget acts—in 1990, 1993 and 1997—which have radically altered the fiscal condition of the federal government and the debate about how the public's hard-earned tax dollars should be spent. After the enactment of these three budget acts—particularly the 1993 and 1997 budget acts—and on account of impressive gains in private-sector productivity and growth, we were able to reverse the deficit trend.

Deficits have continued to shrink since 1994—and we were able to celebrate our first