Mr. WALKSH. 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 Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union, reported that that Committee, having had under consideration the H.R. 2906 (2006) making appropriations for foreign operations, export finance, 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, 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:

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Mr. Speaker, this comes from a Democratic 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

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CONGRESSIONAL RECORD—HOUSE
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