

quorum is not present and make the point of order that a quorum is not present.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Evidently a quorum is not present.

The Sergeant at Arms will notify absent Members.

This will be a 15-minute vote, followed by a 5-minute vote on agreeing to the Speaker's approval of the Journal.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 420, nays 0, not voting 13, as follows:

[Roll No. 460]  
YEAS—420

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

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

NOT VOTING—13

Becerra	Hooley	Scarborough
Chenoweth	Houghton	Weldon (PA)
Cubin	Jefferson	Wu
Danner	McKeon	
Engel	Meeks (NY)	

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So the resolution was agreed to. The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. BARRETT of Nebraska).

Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the pending business is the question of agreeing to the Speaker's approval of the Journal of the last day's proceedings.

The question is on the Speaker's approval of the Journal.

The question was taken; and the Speaker pro tempore announced that the ayes appeared to have it.

Mr. VITTER. Mr. Speaker, on that I demand the yeas and nays.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. This will be a 5-minute vote.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 362, nays 52, answered "present" 1, not voting 18, as follows:

[Roll No. 461]  
YEAS—362

Abercrombie	Davis (IL)	Hostettler
Ackerman	Davis (VA)	Hulshof
Allen	Deal	Hunter
Andrews	DeGette	Hutchinson
Archer	Delahunt	Hyde
Army	DeLauro	Inslee
Bachus	DeMint	Isakson
Baker	Deutsch	Istook
Baldacci	Diaz-Balart	Jackson (IL)
Baldwin	Dicks	Jackson-Lee
Ballenger	Dingell	(TX)
Barcia	Dixon	Jenkins
Barr	Doggett	John
Barrett (NE)	Dooley	Johnson (CT)
Barrett (WI)	Doolittle	Johnson, Sam
Bartlett	Doyle	Jones (NC)
Barton	Dreier	Jones (OH)
Bass	Duncan	Kanjorski
Bateman	Dunn	Kaptur
Bentsen	Edwards	Kasich
Bereuter	Ehlers	Kelly
Berkley	Ehrlich	Kennedy
Berman	Emerson	Kildee
Berry	Engel	Kilpatrick
Biggert	Eshoo	Kind (WI)
Bilirakis	Etheridge	King (NY)
Bishop	Evans	Kingston
Blagojevich	Everett	Kleczka
Bliley	Ewing	Knollenberg
Blumenauer	Farr	Kolbe
Blunt	Fletcher	Kuykendall
Boehler	Foley	LaFalce
Boehner	Forbes	LaHood
Bonilla	Fossella	Lampson
Bonior	Fowler	Lantos
Bono	Frank (MA)	Largent
Borski	Franks (NJ)	Larson
Boswell	Frelinghuysen	Latham
Boucher	Frost	LaTourette
Boyd	Gallely	Lazio
Brady (PA)	Ganske	Leach
Brady (TX)	Gejdenson	Lee
Brown (FL)	Gekas	Levin
Brown (OH)	Gephardt	Lewis (CA)
Bryant	Gibbons	Lewis (KY)
Burr	Gilchrest	Linder
Burton	Gillmor	Lipinski
Buyer	Gilman	Lofgren
Callahan	Gonzalez	Lowe
Calvert	Goode	Lucas (KY)
Camp	Gooding	Lucas (OK)
Campbell	Goodlatte	Luther
Canady	Goode	Maloney (CT)
Cannon	Green (TX)	Maloney (NY)
Capps	Green (WI)	Manzullo
Capuano	Greenwood	Markey
Cardin	Gutierrez	Martinez
Carson	Hall (OH)	Mascara
Castle	Hall (TX)	Matsui
Chabot	Hansen	McCarthy (MO)
Chambliss	Hastings (WA)	McCarthy (NY)
Clayton	Hayes	McCollum
Clement	Hayworth	McCrery
Clyburn	Herger	McGovern
Coble	Hill (IN)	McHugh
Coburn	Hill (MT)	McInnis
Combest	Hilleary	McIntosh
Condit	Hinojosa	McIntyre
Conyers	Hobson	McKinney
Cook	Hoefel	Meehan
Cooksey	Hoekstra	Meek (FL)
Cox	Holden	Menendez
Coyne	Holt	Metcalf
Cramer	Horn	
Crowley		
Cummings		
Cunningham		
Davis (FL)		

Mica	Rangel	Souder
Millender-McDonald	Regula	Spence
Miller (FL)	Reyes	Spratt
Miller, Gary	Reynolds	Stabenow
Minge	Riley	Stearns
Mink	Rivers	Stenholm
Moakley	Rodriguez	Strickland
Mollohan	Roemer	Stump
Moran (VA)	Rogan	Sununu
Morella	Rogers	Talent
Murtha	Rohrabacher	Tanner
Murtha	Ros-Lehtinen	Tauscher
Myrick	Rothman	Tauzin
Nadler	Roukema	Taylor (NC)
Napolitano	Roybal-Allard	Terry
Neal	Royce	Thomas
Nethercutt	Rush	Thornberry
Ney	Ryan (WI)	Thune
Northup	Ryun (KS)	Tiahrt
Norwood	Salmon	Tierney
Nussle	Sanchez	Toomey
Obey	Sanders	Towns
Oliver	Sandlin	Traficant
Ortiz	Sanford	Turner
Ose	Saxton	Upton
Owens	Schakowsky	Scott
Oxley	Scott	Vitter
Packard	Sensenbrenner	Walden
Pallone	Serrano	Walsh
Pascarell	Sessions	Wamp
Pastor	Shadegg	Watkins
Payne	Shaw	Watt (NC)
Pease	Shays	Watts (OK)
Pelosi	Sherman	Waxman
Peterson (PA)	Sherwood	Weiner
Petri	Shimkus	Weldon (FL)
Phelps	Shows	Wexler
Pickering	Shuster	Weygand
Pitts	Simpson	Whitfield
Pombo	Sisisky	Wicker
Pomeroy	Skeen	Wilson
Porter	Skelton	Wise
Portman	Slaughter	Wolf
Price (NC)	Smith (MI)	Woolsey
Pryce (OH)	Smith (NJ)	Wynn
Quinn	Smith (TX)	Young (AK)
Radanovich	Smith (WA)	Young (FL)
Rahall	Snyder	

## NAYS—52

Aderholt	Hefley	Sawyer
Baird	Hilliard	Schaffer
Bilbray	Hinchev	Stark
Borski	Hoyer	Stupak
Brady (PA)	Johnson, E. B.	Sweeney
Capuano	Klink	Taylor (MS)
Clay	Kucinich	Thompson (CA)
Costello	LoBiondo	Thompson (MS)
Crane	McDermott	Thurman
Dickey	McNulty	Udall (CO)
English	Miller, George	Udall (NM)
Fattah	Moore	Velazquez
Filner	Moran (KS)	Vento
Ford	Oberstar	Visclosky
Gibbons	Peterson (MN)	Waters
Gillmor	Pickett	Weller
Gutknecht	Ramstad	
Hastings (FL)	Sabo	

## ANSWERED "PRESENT"—1

Tancredo

## NOT VOTING—18

Becerra	DeFazio	McKeon
Bonior	DeLay	Meeks (NY)
Chenoweth	Gephardt	Paul
Collins	Hooley	Scarborough
Cubin	Houghton	Weldon (PA)
Danner	Jefferson	Wu

□ 1122

So the Journal was approved.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

NATIONAL TRANSPORTATION  
SAFETY BOARD AMENDMENTS  
ACT OF 1999

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. QUINN). Pursuant to House Resolution 312 and rule XVIII, the Chair declares

the House in the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union for the consideration of the bill, H.R. 2910.

□ 1123

## 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 consideration of the bill (H.R. 2910) to amend title 49, United States Code, to authorize appropriations for the National Transportation Safety Board for fiscal years 2000, 2001, and 2002, and for other purposes, with Mr. BARRETT of Nebraska in the chair.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The CHAIRMAN. Pursuant to the rule, the bill is considered as having been read for the first time.

Under the rule, the gentleman from Tennessee (Mr. DUNCAN) and the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. LIPINSKI) each will control 30 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Tennessee (Mr. DUNCAN).

Mr. DUNCAN. Mr. Chairman, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

This bill before us today reauthorizes the National Transportation Safety Board, the NTSB, for 3 years. The House needs to move forward with this legislation because the Board's authorization expires at the end of this fiscal year.

We are all familiar with the work of the Safety Board. It investigates all aviation accidents as well as accidents in other modes of transportation. The problems it uncovers and the recommendations it makes often lead to changes that make travel safer for us all.

The bill before the House now would increase the authorized funding levels for the Safety Board. Currently, the agency is receiving \$54 million per year. This bill would increase that amount to \$57 million in fiscal year 2000, \$65 million in 2001, and \$72 million in 2002. These are substantial increases in the second and third years, but the funding levels in these last 2 years are much less than the Board had sought. They seem to be necessary to provide the Board with the employees and the training to keep up with rapidly changing technology.

Also, as the agency's budget increases, it is becoming more important that it be subject to the proper level of oversight. Therefore, for the first time this bill will give the Inspector General the authority to review the business and financial management of the NTSB. With this provision, we do not mean to imply that there is anything improper going on. We are merely treating the NTSB the same as other agencies which are subject to Inspector General review.

There are several other provisions in this bill worth noting. The first makes

clear that the NTSB's jurisdiction over accidents on the navigable waters and territorial sea of the United States extends 12 miles from the coast. This is consistent with Presidential Proclamation 5928 and with the Coast Guard's jurisdiction.

The second change authorizes the NTSB to enter into agreements with foreign governments for the provision of technical assistance and to be reimbursed for those services which the NTSB provides. The NTSB requested that this be clarified.

The bill would also permit the NTSB to pay time-and-a-half to its employees who work overtime on an accident investigation. These employees sometimes are called unexpectedly to work in difficult conditions during nights and weekends. This provision would fairly compensate them for that. Employees in the private sector usually receive time-and-a-half when they work overtime. However, I know that overtime provisions have been abused at other agencies. Therefore, the overtime provision in this bill is subject to two limitations to ensure that such abuse does not occur at the Safety Board, and it should be done in other agencies. These limitations are that an employee cannot get more than 15 percent of his base yearly salary in any year, and the NTSB cannot pay more than \$570,000, or 1 percent of their authorized amount, per year total under this section. Moreover, overtime pay would be subject to an annual reporting requirement to ensure the committee's continued oversight of this issue. The NTSB had requested even more authority in the personnel area but indicated that it was the overtime issue addressed here that it is most interested in.

Another important provision, Mr. Chairman, in this bill is the section that ensures confidentiality of video recorders on aircraft and of voice and video recorders on surface vehicles. The NTSB requested this change in case these new technologies are installed in the future. We take no position on whether these recorders should be installed. We merely want to make sure that if recorders are installed, the information on them is used only for safety purposes and not generally released for sensational purposes or to invade the privacy of the operators.

The bill once again makes clear that the NTSB safety investigation takes priority over other investigations of the same accident. However, there is a carefully negotiated procedure in the bill for the NTSB to turn over its investigation to the FBI when the FBI notifies the Board that the accident may have been caused by a criminal act.

Finally, the bill directs the FAA to install a terminal Doppler weather radar at the former Coast Guard station in Brooklyn, New York. The FAA