

minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. STEARNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Judge Kenneth W. Starr and thank him for more than 5 years of service of investigating and prosecuting crime and corruption at the highest levels of this Nation's government. What started out as an investigation of a land deal soon led down the road to lies and deceptions. For the 5 years of his life Judge Starr devoted in his search for truth and justice, he encountered nothing short of roadblocks, spin control, lies, and ultimately perjury. His opponents decried his actions as a wild fishing excursion bent on criticizing the President. However, he obtained 14 convictions on guilty pleas.

At the end, his work ultimately led to the impeachment of a sitting U.S. President for only the second time in this Nation's history. His tireless and relentless efforts brought in the Supreme Court, forcing them to answer constitutional questions never before considered but important to the ultimate protection of our constitution. He may look like Clark Kent but behind that mild-mannered persona is a modern day man of steel, fighting for truth, justice and the American way.

HOPES FOR SUBWAY SERIES STILL ALIVE

(Mr. MEEKS of New York asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. MEEKS of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise this morning to give my deepest condolences to my good friends and colleagues from the State of Massachusetts. Last night, the New York Yankees did in the Boston Red Sox. We apologize for not doing it in four, but we did it in five to get you out of your misery.

And to my good friends in Atlanta, we know that you do not want to return to New York, so the Mets will make sure of that, for you gotta believe, the Mets in seven. The World Series, my dear friends, will be in New York, either in Queens or the Bronx. See you all next weekend.

STOP THE RAID ON SOCIAL SECURITY

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

Mr. WATTS of Oklahoma. Mr. Speaker, the White House spin this morning has spun out of control again. A Washington newspaper reported today that the Congressional Budget Office says GOP spending measures have already dipped into the Social Security surplus.

Mr. Speaker, I hold in my hand actual proof that that is not true. In a letter to the Speaker dated September 30, the director of the CBO reported

that currently proposed spending measures will not use any of the projected Social Security surplus in fiscal year 2000. Let me say that again, will not use a projected Social Security surplus.

Republicans in Congress have painstakingly worked to craft spending measures that do not spend the Social Security surplus, thereby stopping the 40-year raid on the Social Security trust fund.

Mr. Speaker, let us be honest with the American people even if our newspapers cannot be. Current GOP spending measures do not dip into the Social Security surplus and we are committed to not dipping into the Social Security surplus. Social Security is the people's retirement fund, not the President's personal slush fund. Stop the raid on Social Security.

URGING PRESIDENT TO SIGN DEFENSE SPENDING BILL

(Mr. ARMEY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, after vetoing the foreign aid bill because the President thought it was too little spending, the President now is threatening to veto the defense spending bill because he believes it is too much spending.

Mr. Speaker, this is the same bill that will correct the Clinton-Gore neglect of our military that has stretched our forces thin in the past 8 years. Since the end of the Gulf War, our military has shrunk by 40 percent. At the height of the Reagan administration, the Navy had 586 ships. Today, it has 324. Since 1987, active duty personnel have been cut by more than 800,000 people.

Mr. Speaker, the defense spending bill we sent the President will fix these problems and it will do more. Our bill would give our troops a long overdue pay raise. It will also give our troops modern weapons and a better standard of living.

I urge the President not to play politics with our military pay raise. I urge the President not to play politics with the quality of life of our troops. The American people overwhelmingly support our defense spending bill. In fact, this bill got more than 370 votes in the House of Representatives.

Mr. Speaker, our service men and women deserve more than politics. They deserve President Clinton's signature on our defense spending bill.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. LATOURETTE). 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. BROWN of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, I object to the vote on the ground that a 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.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 337, nays 56, answered "present" 1, not voting 39, as follows:

[Roll No. 509]
YEAS—337

Abercrombie	Davis (VA)	Hostettler
Ackerman	Deal	Houghton
Allen	DeGette	Hoyer
Andrews	Delahunt	Hulshof
Archer	DeMint	Hunter
Army	Deutsch	Hutchinson
Bachus	Diaz-Balart	Hyde
Baker	Dicks	Inslee
Baldacci	Dingell	Isakson
Baldwin	Doggett	Istook
Ballenger	Dooley	Jackson (IL)
Barcia	Doolittle	Jenkins
Barr	Doyle	John
Barrett (NE)	Dreier	Johnson, E. B.
Barrett (WI)	Duncan	Jones (NC)
Bartlett	Dunn	Jones (OH)
Barton	Edwards	Kanjorski
Bass	Ehlers	Kaptur
Bateman	Ehrlich	Kasich
Becerra	Emerson	Kelly
Bentsen	Eshoo	Kennedy
Bereuter	Etheridge	Kildee
Berkley	Everett	Kilpatrick
Berman	Ewing	Kind (WI)
Berry	Farr	King (NY)
Biggert	Fletcher	Kingston
Bilirakis	Foley	Klecza
Bishop	Forbes	Knollenberg
Blagojevich	Fossella	Kolbe
Bliley	Fowler	Kuykendall
Blumenauer	Frank (MA)	LaFalce
Blunt	Franks (NJ)	LaHood
Boehlert	Frelinghuysen	Lantos
Boehner	Galleghy	Largent
Bonilla	Ganske	Larson
Bono	Gejdenson	Latham
Boswell	Gekas	LaTourette
Boucher	Gibbons	Lazio
Boyd	Gilchrest	Leach
Brady (TX)	Gilman	Lee
Brown (FL)	Gonzalez	Levin
Bryant	Goode	Lewis (CA)
Burr	Goodlatte	Lewis (KY)
Callahan	Goodling	Linder
Calvert	Gordon	Lofgren
Campbell	Goss	Lowe
Canady	Graham	Lucas (KY)
Cannon	Granger	Lucas (OK)
Capps	Green (WI)	Luther
Capuano	Greenwood	Maloney (CT)
Cardin	Hall (OH)	Maloney (NY)
Carson	Hall (TX)	Manzullo
Castle	Hansen	Markey
Chabot	Hastings (FL)	Mascara
Chambliss	Hastings (WA)	Matsui
Chenoweth-Hage	Hayes	McCarthy (MO)
Coble	Hayworth	McCarthy (NY)
Collins	Herger	McCollum
Combest	Hill (IN)	McCrery
Condit	Hill (MT)	McGovern
Conyers	Hinche	McHugh
Cook	Hinojosa	McInnis
Cooksey	Hobson	McIntyre
Coyne	Hoeffel	McKeon
Cramer	Hoekstra	McKinney
Cunningham	Holden	Meehan
Danner	Holt	Meek (FL)
Davis (FL)	Hooley	Meeks (NY)
Davis (IL)	Horn	Metcalf

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

NAYS—56

Aderholt	Gutierrez	Pickett
Baird	Gutknecht	Pomeroy
Bilbray	Hefley	Ramstad
Borski	Hilleary	Sabo
Brady (PA)	Hilliard	Sanford
Brown (OH)	Jackson-Lee	Schaffer
Clyburn	(TX)	Stupak
Coburn	Klink	Sweeney
Costello	Kucinich	Tauscher
Crane	Lipinski	Taylor (MS)
Crowley	LoBiondo	Thompson (CA)
DeFazio	McDermott	Thompson (MS)
Dickey	McNulty	Udall (CO)
English	Miller, George	Udall (NM)
Evans	Moran (KS)	Vento
Filner	Pallone	Visclosky
Ford	Pastor	Wamp
Gillmor	Peterson (MN)	Waters
Green (TX)	Phelps	Weller

ANSWERED "PRESENT"—1

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NOT VOTING—39

Bonior	Engel	Oberstar
Burton	Fattah	Porter
Buyer	Frost	Pryce (OH)
Camp	Gephardt	Rangel
Clay	Jefferson	Ros-Lehtinen
Clayton	Johnson (CT)	Rush
Clement	Johnson, Sam	Scarborough
Cox	Lampson	Sessions
Cubin	Lewis (GA)	Slaughter
Cummings	Martinez	Strickland
DeLauro	McIntosh	Whitfield
DeLay	Menendez	Wise
Dixon	Norwood	Young (AK)

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So the Journal was approved.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

FURTHER CONTINUING APPROPRIATIONS, FISCAL YEAR 2000

Mr. DREIER. Mr. Speaker, by direction of the Committee on Rules, I call up House Resolution 334 and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 334

Resolved, That upon the adoption of this resolution it shall be in order without intervention of any point of order to consider in the House the joint resolution (H.J. Res. 71) making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2000, and for other purposes. The joint resolution shall be considered as read for amendment. The previous question shall be considered as ordered on the joint resolution to final passage without intervening motion except: (1) one hour of debate equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations; and (2) one motion to recommit.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. LATOURETTE). The gentleman from California (Mr. DREIER) is recognized for 1 hour.

Mr. DREIER. Mr. Speaker, I very much appreciate the overly large and enthusiastic crowd here to enjoy this debate.

Mr. Speaker, for purposes of debate only, I yield the customary 30 minutes to my very dear friend, the gentleman from south Boston and extend condolences to him with the outcome of last night's game, and pending that I yield myself such time as I may consume. Mr. Speaker, all time yielded will be for the purposes of debate only.

Mr. Speaker, this rule provides for the consideration of H.J. Res. 71, making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2000 and for other purposes, under a closed rule, waiving all points of order. The rule provides that the joint resolution shall be considered as read. It provides for one hour of debate, equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations, and it provides for one motion to recommit.

As my colleagues know, Mr. Speaker, the previous continuing resolution expires at the end of the day on Thursday, the day after tomorrow, and a further continuing resolution is necessary to keep the government operating while Congress completes the few remaining appropriations bills that have yet to be sent to the President or have been vetoed. H.J. Res. 71 simply extends the October 21 deadline to October 29.

Mr. Speaker, contrary to what some may contend and I suspect what we may hear in the next hour, we are, from an historical perspective, ahead of schedule. Let me say that again. We are ahead of schedule on our appropriations work. Congress, under both Democratic and Republican majorities, regularly utilize continuing resolutions as a method of keeping the government

functioning while negotiations continue. In fact, only three times, let me say that again, Mr. Speaker, only three times in the last two decades, the last 20 years, has Congress passed all 13 appropriations bills by the fiscal deadline. And, with the constraints that we are dealing with now, the Balanced Budget Agreement of 1997, I think that it is very, very appropriate that we are exactly where we are.

Despite the best efforts of the President and some of the minority, we are committed to passing all of the appropriations bills without borrowing one dime of the Social Security Trust Fund, again an unprecedented issue, and this very short-term continuing resolution is necessary so that we can, in fact, achieve that very important objective.

The continuing resolution was thoroughly vetted by the joint leaderships of the House and the Senate, the Committees on Appropriations, and the White House. Therefore, Mr. Speaker, I am going to urge my colleagues to support it, and I urge them to try and keep the rhetoric at as low a level as possible.

Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. MOAKLEY. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

I thank my colleague and my very dear friend, the gentleman from California (Mr. DREIER), the chairman of the Committee on Rules, for yielding me the customary half-hour, and I yield myself such time as I may consume.

I am very happy to hear the chairman say that we are ahead of schedule, but evidently the Republicans must have added 3 months to the calendar, because I do not know how we can be ahead of schedule on the schedule we are on.

Mr. Speaker, this rule provides for the consideration of the second continuing resolution to come before the House this year. This will enable the Federal Government to remain open until October 29, despite my Republican colleagues' inability to finish the 13 appropriation bills by the day they were due.

Mr. Speaker, I understand that appropriations bills take an enormous amount of time and an enormous amount of work, but the October 1 deadline has been in effect for years and it should not come as any surprise that these bills were supposed to have been completed and sent to the President before that day. In fact, every single fiscal year since my Republican colleagues took control of the Congress, we have had to pass continuing resolutions to keep the Federal Government open. Otherwise, the Federal Government would shut down like it did in 1995; and Mr. Speaker, the American people are not going to stand for that again.