

Tiahrt Walden Wexler  
 Tierney Walsh Whitfield  
 Toomey Wamp Wicker  
 Towns Waters Wilson  
 Traficant Watkins Wolf  
 Turner Watt (NC) Woolsey  
 Udall (CO) Watts (OK) Wu  
 Udall (NM) Waxman Wynn  
 Upton Weiner Young (AK)  
 Velázquez Weldon (FL) Young (FL)  
 Vento Weldon (PA)  
 Visclosky Weller

NOT VOTING—20

Ackerman Lofgren Reynolds  
 Barrett (WI) Maloney (NY) Rush  
 Carson McIntosh Spratt  
 DeFazio Miller, George Thornberry  
 Deutsch Nadler Weygand  
 Gephardt Nussle Wise  
 Granger Pallone

□ 1746

So (two-thirds having voted in favor thereof) the rules were suspended and the bill was passed.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Stated for:

Mr. REYNOLDS. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 13, had I been present, I would have voted "yea."

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, during rollcall vote Nos. 12 and 13, I was unavoidably detained. Had I been present, I would have voted "yes" on both.

MISCELLANEOUS TRADE AND TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS ACT OF 1999

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. PEASE). The pending business is the question of suspending the rules and passing the bill, H.R. 435.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. CRANE) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 435, on which the yeas and nays are ordered.

This will be a 5-minute vote.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 414, nays 1, not voting 18, as follows:

[Roll No. 14]

YEAS—414

Abercrombie Bentsen Boswell  
 Aderholt Bereuter Boucher  
 Allen Berkley Boyd  
 Andrews Berman Brady (PA)  
 Archer Berry Brady (TX)  
 Arney Biggart Brown (CA)  
 Bachus Bilbray Brown (FL)  
 Baird Bilirakis Brown (OH)  
 Baker Bishop Bryant  
 Baldacci Blagojevich Burr  
 Baldwin Bliley Burton  
 Ballenger Blumenauer Buyer  
 Barcia Blunt Callahan  
 Barrett (NE) Boehlert Calvert  
 Bartlett Boehner Camp  
 Barton Bonilla Campbell  
 Bass Bonior Canady  
 Bateman Bono Cannon  
 Becerra Borski Capps

Capuano Hansen  
 Cardin Hastings (FL)  
 Castle Hastings (WA)  
 Chabot Hayes  
 Chambliss Hayworth  
 Chenoweth Hefley  
 Clay Heger  
 Clayton Hill (IN)  
 Clement Hill (MT)  
 Hilleary Hilliard  
 Coble Hilliard  
 Coburn Hinchey  
 Collins Hinojosa  
 Combest Hobson  
 Condit Hoeffel  
 Conyers Hoekstra  
 Cook Holden  
 Cooksey Holt  
 Costello Hooley  
 Cox Horn  
 Coyne Hostettler  
 Cramer Houghton  
 Crane Hoyer  
 Crowley Hulshof  
 Cubin Hunter  
 Cummings Hutchinson  
 Cunningham Hyde  
 Danner Inslee  
 Davis (FL) Istook  
 Davis (IL) Jackson (IL)  
 Davis (VA) Jackson-Lee  
 Deal (TX)  
 DeGette Jefferson  
 Delahunt Jenkins  
 DeLauro John  
 DeLay Johnson (CT)  
 DeMint Johnson, E. B.  
 Deutsch Johnson, Sam  
 Diaz-Balart Jones (NC)  
 Dickey Jones (OH)  
 Dicks Kanjorski  
 Dingell Kaptur  
 Dixon Kasich  
 Doggett Kelly  
 Dooley Kennedy  
 Doolittle Kildee  
 Doyle Kilpatrick  
 Dreier Kind (WI)  
 Duncan King (NY)  
 Dunn Kingston  
 Edwards Kleczka  
 Ehlers Klink  
 Ehrlich Knollenberg  
 Emerson Kolbe  
 Engel Kucinich  
 English Kuykendall  
 Eshoo LaFalce  
 Etheridge LaHood  
 Evans Lampton  
 Everrett Lantos  
 Ewing Largent  
 Farr Larson  
 Fattah Latham  
 Filner LaTourette  
 Fletcher Lazio  
 Foley Leach  
 Forbes Lee  
 Ford Levin  
 Fossella Lewis (CA)  
 Fowler Lewis (GA)  
 Frank (MA) Lewis (KY)  
 Franks (NJ) Linder  
 Frelinghuysen Lipinski  
 Frost Livingston  
 Gallegly LoBiondo  
 Ganske Lowey  
 Gejdenson Lucas (KY)  
 Gekas Lucas (OK)  
 Gibbons Luther  
 Gilchrest Maloney (CT)  
 Gillmor Manullo  
 Gilman Markey  
 Gonzalez Martinez  
 Goode Mascara  
 Goodlatte Matsui  
 Goodling McCarthy (MO)  
 Gordon McCarthy (NY)  
 Goss McCollum  
 Graham McCrery  
 Green (TX) McDermott  
 Green (WI) McGovern  
 Greenwood McHugh  
 Gutierrez McInnis  
 Gutknecht McIntyre  
 Hall (OH) McKeon  
 Hall (TX) McKinney

Sherwood Sweeney Vento  
 Shimkus Talent Visclosky  
 Shows Tancredo Walden  
 Shuster Tanner Walsh  
 Simpson Tauscher Wamp  
 Siskiy Tauzin Waters  
 Skeen Taylor (MS) Watkins  
 Skelton Taylor (NC) Watt (NC)  
 Slaughter Terry Watts (OK)  
 Smith (MI) Thomas Waxman  
 Smith (NJ) Thompson (CA) Weiner  
 Smith (TX) Thompson (MS) Weldon (FL)  
 Smith (WA) Thune Weldon (PA)  
 Snyder Thurman Wexler  
 Souder Tiahrt Whitfield  
 Spence Tierney Wicker  
 Stabenow Toomey Wilson  
 Stark Towns Wolf  
 Stearns Traficant Woolsey  
 Stenholm Turner Wu  
 Strickland Udall (CO) Wynn  
 Stump Udall (NM)  
 Stupak Upton Young (AK)  
 Sununu Velázquez Young (FL)

NAYS—1

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NOT VOTING—18

Ackerman Lofgren Rush  
 Barrett (WI) Maloney (NY) Spratt  
 Carson McIntosh Thornberry  
 DeFazio Miller, George Weller  
 Gephardt Nadler Weygand  
 Granger Neal Wise

□ 1755

So (two-thirds having voted in favor thereof) the rules were suspended and the bill was passed.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

REMOVAL OF NAME OF MEMBER AS COSPONSOR OF HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 7

Mrs. EMERSON. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the gentleman from Florida (Mr. LINCOLN DIAZ-BALART) be removed as a cosponsor of H.J. Res. 7. His name was inadvertently added on February 2.

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

There was no objection.

REMOVAL OF NAME OF MEMBER AS COSPONSOR OF H.R. 41

Mr. ROGERS. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that my name be removed as a cosponsor of H.R. 41, the Mass Immigration Reduction Act.

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

There was no objection.

AUTHORIZING FLAGS LOCATED IN THE CAPITOL COMPLEX TO BE FLOWN AT HALF-STAFF IN MEMORY OF R. SCOTT BATES, LEGISLATIVE CLERK OF THE UNITED STATES SENATE

Mr. THOMAS. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to take from the Speaker's table the Senate concurrent

resolution (S. Con. Res. 6) authorizing flags located in the Capitol complex to be flown at half-staff in memory of R. Scott Bates, Legislative Clerk of the United States Senate, and ask for its immediate consideration in the House.

The Clerk read the title of the Senate concurrent resolution.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Clerk will report the Senate concurrent resolution.

The Clerk read as follows:

S. CON. RES. 6

*Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives concurring).* That, as a mark of respect to the memory of R. Scott Bates, Legislative Clerk of the United States Senate, all flags of the United States located on Capitol Buildings or on the Capitol grounds shall be flown at half-staff on the day of his interment.

□ 1800

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

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, reserving my right to object, obviously I will not object, but under my reservation, I am pleased to yield to the gentleman from California (Mr. THOMAS), chairman of the House Committee on Administration.

Mr. THOMAS. Mr. Speaker, I thank the ranking member, the gentleman from Maryland (Mr. HOYER), for yielding.

Obviously, the purpose of the reservation is to let all Members understand that, at the request of the Senate, and quite properly so, Senate Concurrent Resolution 6 requests that we lower to half mast the flags on the Capitol, and it is to recognize the service of Scott Bates to the Senate and, as a matter of fact, to the United States of America.

Mr. Bates, at the time of his tragic death, was struck by an automobile on February 5th. Incidentally, his wife was also seriously injured, but she is expected to recover.

Scott was 50 at the time that he died, and for 30 years he served the United States Senate. The recognition of the service to the Senate over those 30 years is indeed not nearly enough but entirely appropriate that we lower the flags around the Capitol in memory and in recognition of R. Scott Bates.

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, reclaiming my time under my reservation, I certainly join the chairman, the gentleman from California (Mr. THOMAS), in his remarks.

It is entirely appropriate that the House join the Senate, expressing its regrets to the Senate, expressing its profound regret to the family of Scott Bates, who, as the chairman indicated, served with distinction for over three decades the United States Senate and this country. It is a loss not only for the Senate, not only for the Congress, but for our country as well.

Mr. Speaker, reserving my right to object, I am pleased to yield to the gentleman from Virginia (Mr. MORAN).

Mr. MORAN of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, the Bateses were constituents of mine. They were dedicated to this institution and, most importantly, what they knew this institution can do for this country. They were terrific people, fully involved in their community. They gave and they did not take.

This is a true tragedy, and I appreciate the fact that it is being recognized by the Senate and now by the House. I will not delay it any further but to say that there are a great many of us who knew Scott Bates and what he stood for and are very proud that he chose to serve this institution.

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

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. PEASE). Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from California?

There was no objection.

The Senate concurrent resolution was concurred in.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

#### DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA MANAGEMENT RESTORATION ACT OF 1999

Mr. DAVIS of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Government Reform be discharged from further consideration of the bill (H.R. 433) to restore the management and personnel authority of the Mayor of the District of Columbia, and ask for its immediate consideration in the House.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

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

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, reserving the right to object, although I do not intend to object, I yield to the gentleman from Virginia (Mr. DAVIS) for the purpose of explaining the bill.

Mr. DAVIS of Virginia. Let me say, Mr. Speaker, this is a new era in the District of Columbia; and it is my strong belief that the time has come to shift substantial authority from the Control Board back to the city's elected mayor and give the elected mayor the greater flexibility he has sought over top personnel. This bill gives Mayor Williams the tools he needs to do the job.

H.R. 433 does not alter the time period or the conditions for the Control Board to function in an active phase. The bill takes nothing away from the Control Board's ability to intervene if necessary during a control period which still exists, but it does give the mayor direct control over the reporting and the hiring authority of some of his top personnel.

If we want democracy to succeed, we need to allow the elected leadership in the cities to start making decisions, standing behind those decisions, without being second-guessed every step of the way.

My thanks also to the gentlewoman from Maryland (Mrs. MORELLA) for being the original cosponsor in the legislation, along with the gentlewoman from the District of Columbia (Ms. NORTON), and of course to my friend the gentleman from Virginia (Mr. MORAN) and the gentleman from California (Mr. HORN) and the gentleman from Florida (Mr. SCARBOROUGH), who I am requesting be added as sponsors today.

The Congressional Budget Office has certified this bill would not affect the Federal budget. I would urge passage of H.R. 433.

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, reclaiming my time under my reservation, I would like to say a few words in support of this bill.

Mr. Speaker, my special thanks to the gentleman from Indiana (Mr. BURTON), the chairman, the gentleman from California (Mr. WAXMAN), the ranking member, and the gentleman from Virginia (Mr. DAVIS) for the priority they have each given to H.R. 433.

Our bill returns full legal authority over nine agencies to the Mayor and unfettered authority to confirm the Mayor's appointees to the City Council. Both Mayor Tony Williams and the council will be able to carry out their responsibilities as elected officials without risk of being overruled.

It is important to note that this House was not responsible for withdrawing this authority. A Senator's attachment to the President's all-important revitalization package that was incorporated into the 1997 Balanced Budget Act was responsible.

It is now appropriate for the House to initiate action to devolve democratic control to locally-elected officials, and all indications are that the Senate is prepared to do the same and empower the new Mayor and the revitalized City Council.

The gentleman from Virginia (Mr. DAVIS) deserves credit for carving H.R. 433 out of my D.C. Democracy 2000 Act. H.R. 433 is the first part of that act. The chairman and I are in agreement that the second part of the act to retire the Control Board a year early must await the building of a track record by the new Mayor and council.

I thank the House leadership and the gentleman from Indiana (Mr. BURTON) and the gentleman from Virginia (Mr. DAVIS) for bringing H.R. 433 to the floor as one of the first bills of the 106th Congress. In doing so, the House has shown, as nothing else could, that this body is prepared to build a new relationship with the District of Columbia.

I want to thank Speaker DENNIS HASTERT, Democratic Leader DICK GEPHARDT, and Chairman TOM DAVIS for their leadership in bringing the "District of Columbia Management Restoration Act of 1999" to the House floor today. This bill incorporates key provisions of my bill, H.R. 214, the District of Columbia Democracy 2000 Act (D.C. Democracy 2000),