



**FURTHER CONTINUING APPROPRIATIONS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2000**

Mr. YOUNG of Florida. Mr. Speaker, pursuant to House Resolution 385, I call up the joint resolution (H.J. Res. 83) making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2000, and for other purposes, and ask for its immediate consideration in the House.

The Clerk read the title of the joint resolution.

The text of House Joint Resolution 83 is as follows:

**H.J. RES. 83**

*Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That Public Law 106-62 is further amended by striking "November 23, 1999" in section 106(c) and inserting in lieu thereof "December 2, 1999", and by striking "\$346,483,754" in section 119 and inserting in lieu thereof "\$755,719,054". Public Law 106-46 is amended by striking "November 23, 1999" and inserting in lieu thereof "December 2, 1999".*

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to House Resolution 385, the gentleman from Florida (Mr. YOUNG) and the gentleman from Wisconsin (Mr. OBEY) each will control 30 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Florida (Mr. YOUNG).

**GENERAL LEAVE**

Mr. YOUNG of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks on H.J. Res. 83 and that I may include tabular and extraneous material.

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

There was no objection.

**AMENDMENT OFFERED BY MR. YOUNG OF FLORIDA**

Mr. YOUNG of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the amendment at the desk be agreed to.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Clerk will report the amendment.

The Clerk read as follows:

Amendment offered by Mr. YOUNG of Florida:

Strike "November 23" where it appears twice in the resolution and insert in lieu thereof "November 18".

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

Mr. THOMAS. Mr. Speaker, reserving the right to object, and I shall not object, I rise to allow the House to recognize a public servant who for 21 years served this House, went into retirement 11 years ago and when the House asked would Bob Berry please come back and help us attend to the business of the House, Bob Berry came out of retirement in a very difficult time and allowed this House to function as we would like to function.

Bob Berry, the House owes to you our gratitude.

Mr. Speaker, I withdraw my reservation of objection.

Mr. OBEY. Mr. Speaker, reserving the right to object, I would ask the gentleman from Florida (Mr. YOUNG) to explain both the amendment that he is proposing and the resolution.

Mr. YOUNG of Florida. Mr. Speaker, will the gentleman yield?

Mr. OBEY. I yield to the gentleman from Florida.

Mr. YOUNG of Florida. The purpose of the amendment will address the issue of the previous continuing resolution. The CR that we passed earlier today would have authorized continuing appropriations from today until November 23. Because of the concern in the Senate that they may need a little extra time in dealing with this proposal and to give the President sufficient time to adequately review the appropriations agreement, this amendment would change the date from November 23 to December 2 to today until December 2.

Mr. OBEY. Further reserving the right to object, would the gentleman explain the amendment that strikes November 23 and inserts November 18?

Mr. YOUNG of Florida. November 18 is today, and we are amending this resolution so that it begins today and runs until December 2.

Mr. OBEY. So it is purely technical?

Mr. YOUNG of Florida. Purely technical. However, it does give additional time to the Senate and provides additional time for the President to use his full 10 days, if he so desires, to review this legislation.

Mr. OBEY. Mr. Speaker, further reserving the right to object, let me simply take 10 seconds to thank the staff on both sides of the aisle for all of the work that they have done. Even when that work sometimes produces turkeys as a result, it is not the fault of the staff; it is at the direction of the politicians themselves.

Mr. YOUNG of Florida. Mr. Speaker, will the gentleman yield?

Mr. OBEY. I yield to the gentleman from Florida.

Mr. YOUNG of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I would like to join the gentleman in that commendation of the appropriators and their staff, with our clerk Jim Dyer and your clerk Scott Lilly, with the front office staff, John Mikel and Chuck Parkinson and all of the members of the Committee on Appropriations staff. When we finished at 2:00 or 3:00 in the morning, they worked until 5:00 or 6:00 in the morning and they have worked almost every weekend for the last 2 months. They have done a really dynamic job, and I appreciate the gentleman raising that issue.

There are many more staff on the Committee on Appropriations that I would like to now recognize for the excellent work that they do.

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