

Sherwood	Sweeney	Vitter
Shimkus	Talent	Walden
Shows	Tancredo	Walsh
Shuster	Tanner	Wamp
Simpson	Tauzin	Watkins
Sisisky	Taylor (NC)	Watt (NC)
Skeen	Terry	Watts (OK)
Smith (MI)	Thomas	Weldon (FL)
Smith (NJ)	Thompson (CA)	Weldon (PA)
Smith (TX)	Thompson (MS)	Weller
Smith (WA)	Thornberry	Wexler
Snyder	Thune	Whitfield
Souder	Tiahrt	Wilson
Spence	Toomey	Wise
Stearns	Trafficant	Wolf
Stenholm	Turner	Wu
Strickland	Udall (CO)	Wynn
Stump	Udall (NM)	Young (AK)
Sununu	Upton	

ANSWERED "PRESENT"—1

DeFazio

NOT VOTING—27

Bentsen	Graham	Martinez
Bono	Green (TX)	Miller, Gary
Brown (CA)	Hilleary	Mollohan
Clay	Jones (OH)	Nethercutt
Clayton	Kanjorski	Olver
Cooksey	Kasich	Rangel
Doyle	Kuykendall	Shaw
Frost	Lofgren	Wicker
Goss	Luther	Young (FL)

□ 1859

Mr. SESSIONS changed his vote from "aye" to "no."

So the motion to adjourn was rejected.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 1905, LEGISLATIVE BRANCH APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2000

Ms. PRYCE of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, by direction of the Committee on Rules, I call up House Resolution 190 and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 190

Resolved, That at any time after the adoption of this resolution the Speaker may, pursuant to clause 2(b) of rule XVIII, declare the House resolved into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union for consideration of the bill (H.R. 1905) making appropriations for the Legislative Branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000, and for other purposes. The first reading of the bill shall be dispensed with. Points of order against consideration of the bill for failure to comply with section 306 or 401 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 are waived. General debate shall be confined to the bill and shall not exceed one hour equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations. After general debate the bill shall be considered for amendment under the five-minute rule. Points of order against provisions in the bill for failure to comply with clause 2 of rule XXI are waived except as follows: page 18, line 19, through page 19, line 15. No amendment shall be in order except the amendment printed in the report of the Committee on Rules accompanying this resolution and except pro forma amendments offered by the chairman or ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations or their designees for the purpose of debate. The amendment printed in the report may be

offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, and shall not be subject to amendment. Points of order against the amendment printed in the report for failure to comply with clause 2 of rule XXI are waived. At the conclusion of consideration of the bill for amendment the Committee shall rise and report the bill to the House with such amendments as may have been adopted. The previous question shall be considered as ordered on the bill and amendments thereto to final passage without intervening motion except one motion to recommend with or without instructions.

□ 1900

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Mr. OBEY. Mr. Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. LAHOOD). The question is on the motion to adjourn offered by the gentleman from Wisconsin (Mr. OBEY).

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

Mr. OBEY. 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 96, nays 298, answered "present" 1, not voting 39, as follows:

[Roll No. 193]

YEAS—96

Abercrombie	Gejdenson	Oberstar
Ackerman	Hastings (FL)	Obey
Allen	Hinchey	Owens
Andrews	Hoyer	Pallone
Baldwin	Jackson (IL)	Pastor
Barrett (WI)	Jackson-Lee	Payne
Becerra	(TX)	Pelosi
Bishop	Jefferson	Peterson (MN)
Boucher	Jones (OH)	Pomeroy
Brown (FL)	Kaptur	Roybal-Allard
Capuano	Kilpatrick	Rush
Cardin	Kleczka	Sabo
Clement	Lantos	Sawyer
Clyburn	Larson	Skelton
Conyers	Lee	Spratt
Coyne	Lewis (GA)	Stark
Crowley	Lipinski	Stupak
Cummings	Lowe	Tancredo
Danner	Markey	Tauscher
Davis (IL)	Matsui	Taylor (MS)
Delahunt	McDermott	Thurman
DeLauro	McGovern	Tierney
Dicks	McNulty	Towns
Dingell	Meek (FL)	Velázquez
Dixon	Meeks (NY)	Vento
Dooley	Millender-	Visclosky
Engel	McDonald	Waters
Eshoo	Miller, George	Waxman
Evans	Mink	Weiner
Farr	Moakley	Wexler
Fattah	Moran (VA)	Weygand
Finer	Nadler	Woolsey
Frank (MA)	Napolitano	

NAYS—298

Aderholt	Baker	Barrett (NE)
Archer	Baldacci	Bartlett
Armey	Ballenger	Barton
Bachus	Barcia	Bass
Baird	Barr	Bateman

Bereuter	Hall (TX)	Pickett
Berkley	Hansen	Pitts
Berman	Hastings (WA)	Pombo
Berry	Hayes	Porter
Biggert	Hayworth	Portman
Bilbray	Hefley	Price (NC)
Bilirakis	Herger	Pryce (OH)
Blagojevich	Hill (IN)	Quinn
Bliley	Hill (MT)	Radanovich
Blumenauer	Hilliard	Rahall
Blunt	Hobson	Ramstad
Boehler	Hoeffel	Regula
Bonilla	Hoekstra	Reynolds
Borski	Holden	Riley
Boswell	Holt	Rivers
Boyd	Hooley	Rodriguez
Brady (PA)	Horn	Roemer
Brady (TX)	Hostettler	Rogan
Brown (OH)	Houghton	Rogers
Bryant	Hulshof	Rohrabacher
Burr	Hutchinson	Ros-Lehtinen
Burton	Hyde	Rothman
Buyer	Inslee	Royce
Callahan	Isakson	Ryan (WI)
Calvert	Istook	Ryun (KS)
Camp	Jenkins	Salmon
Campbell	John	Sanchez
Canady	Johnson (CT)	Sandlin
Cannon	Johnson, E.B.	Sanford
Capps	Jones (NC)	Saxton
Carson	Kanjorski	Scarborough
Castle	Kelly	Schaffer
Chabot	Kildee	Schakowsky
Chambliss	Kind (WI)	Sensenbrenner
Chenoweth	King (NY)	Serrano
Coble	Kingston	Sessions
Coburn	Klink	Shadegg
Collins	Knollenberg	Shays
Combest	Kolbe	Sherman
Condit	Kucinich	Sherwood
Cook	Kuykendall	Shimkus
Costello	LaFalce	Shows
Cox	LaHood	Shuster
Cramer	Lampson	Simpson
Crane	Largent	Sisisky
Cubin	Latham	Skeen
Cunningham	LaTourette	Slaughter
Davis (FL)	Lazio	Smith (MI)
Davis (VA)	Levin	Smith (NJ)
Deal	Lewis (CA)	Smith (TX)
DeGette	Lewis (KY)	Smith (WA)
DeLay	Linder	Snyder
DeMint	LoBiondo	Souder
Deutsch	Lucas (KY)	Spence
Diaz-Balart	Maloney (CT)	Stabenow
Dickey	Maloney (NY)	Stenholm
Doggett	Manzullo	Strickland
Doolittle	Martinez	Stump
Doyle	Mascara	Sununu
Dreier	McCarthy (MO)	Talent
Duncan	McCarthy (NY)	Tanner
Dunn	McCollum	Tauzin
Edwards	McCrery	Taylor (NC)
Ehlers	McHugh	Terry
Ehrlich	McInnis	Thomas
Emerson	McIntosh	Thompson (CA)
English	McIntyre	Thompson (MS)
Etheridge	McKeon	Thornberry
Everett	McKinney	Thune
Ewing	Meehan	Tiahrt
Fletcher	Metcalfe	Toomey
Foley	Mica	Trafficant
Forbes	Miller (FL)	Turner
Ford	Miller, Gary	Udall (CO)
Fossella	Minge	Udall (NM)
Fowler	Mollohan	Vitter
Franks (NJ)	Moore	Walden
Frelinghuysen	Moran (KS)	Walsh
Gallely	Morella	Wamp
Ganske	Murtha	Watkins
Gekas	Myrick	Watt (NC)
Gibbons	Neal	Watts (OK)
Gilchrest	Ney	Weldon (FL)
Gillmor	Northup	Nussle
Gilman	Norwood	Ose
Gonzalez	Nussle	Packard
Goode	Ose	Pascrell
Goodlatte	Packard	Paul
Goodling	Pascrell	Pease
Gordon	Paul	Peterson (PA)
Granger	Pease	Petri
Green (WI)	Peterson (PA)	Phelps
Greenwood	Petri	Pickering
Gutknecht	Phelps	
Hall (OH)	Pickering	

ANSWERED "PRESENT"—1

DeFazio

NOT VOTING—39

Bentsen	Gutierrez	Olver
Boehner	Hilleary	Ortiz
Bonior	Hinojosa	Oxley
Bono	Hunter	Rangel
Brown (CA)	Johnson, Sam	Reyes
Clay	Kasich	Roukema
Clayton	Kennedy	Sanders
Cooksey	Leach	Scott
Frost	Lofgren	Shaw
Gephardt	Lucas (OK)	Stearns
Goss	Luther	Sweeney
Graham	Menendez	Whitfield
Green (TX)	Nethercutt	Wicker

□ 1921

Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania, Ms. MCCARTHY of Missouri, Mr. HILLIARD and Mr. TAUZIN changed their vote from "yea" to "nay."

So the motion to adjourn was rejected.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 1905, LEGISLATIVE BRANCH APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2000.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. HANSEN). The gentlewoman from Ohio (Ms. PRYCE) is recognized for 1 hour.

Ms. PRYCE of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, for the purpose of debate only, I yield the customary 30 minutes to the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. HALL), pending which I yield myself such time as I may consume. During consideration of this resolution, all time yielded is for the purpose of debate only.

Mr. Speaker, House Resolution 190 is a structured rule that governs the consideration of H.R. 1905, the Legislative Branch appropriations bill for Fiscal Year 2000. This type of rule has become customary for legislative branch spending bills due to the controversy that often surrounds them. Last month, when the Committee on Rules held a hearing on this bill, we heard from very few Members who took issue with the provisions in the bill, but there are some unrelated issues that may disrupt today's debate. Therefore, a structured rule that ensures an orderly yet adequate debate is wholly appropriate and fair.

Under the rule, 1 hour of general debate will be equally divided between the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations. The rule waives a limited number of points of order against consideration of the bill to address some minor issues related to the compensation of specific employees which fall under the Congressional Budget Act. The rule also waives points of order against some provisions of the bill for failure to comply with clause 2 of rule XXI which prohibits unauthorized or legislative provisions in a general appropriations bill.

I would like to take this opportunity to commend the gentleman from North

Carolina (Mr. TAYLOR) and the Subcommittee on Legislative for their hard work to bring this legislation to the floor in a timely manner. As a testament to their good work product, only seven amendments were filed with the Committee on Rules. Of the seven, two were very similar. Both would allow Members who do not use their entire budget allowance to return any unused portion to the Treasury. The savings would then be devoted to deficit or debt reduction. This concept, which has earned broad support in the past, encourages Members of Congress to lead by example and be frugal in the use of taxpayers' dollars. The Committee on Rules encouraged the co-sponsors of these amendments to combine their efforts and made in order a Camp-Roemer-Upton amendment which is printed in the Committee on Rules report. That amendment will be debatable for 20 minutes, equally divided between a proponent and an opponent and shall not be subject to amendment. Further, the rule waives points of order against the amendment for failure to comply with clause 2 of rule XXI.

Four other amendments were filed with the Committee on Rules which addressed juvenile crime and gun laws. Obviously these issues are not even remotely related to funding for the Legislative Branch. Therefore, the amendments which are not germane to the bill or appropriate in the context of this debate were not made in order under the rule, and, as my colleagues are well aware, we will have the opportunity to address Youth Violence issues next week. Under the rule, the minority will have an additional opportunity to make changes to the bill through the customary motion to recommit, with or without instructions.

The Fiscal Year 2000 Legislative Branch Appropriations bill continues our efforts which began in 1994 to scale back the Federal Government and balance the budget by cutting spending first. As reported by the Committee on Appropriations, the funding in H.R. 1905 is 6.6 percent lower than the total legislative spending provided in fiscal year 1999. The bill cuts some \$135 million as well as a total of 98 positions throughout the legislative branch.

We have come a long way since the first year of the Republican majority. Since 1994 more than 4,400 positions have been eliminated; that is, 16 percent of the legislative work force, and with enactment of H.R. 1905 the House would save a total of \$1.2 billion over 5 years.

However, many of my colleagues think that we should go even further than H.R. 1905 to reduce spending on the legislative branch. Therefore, I will seek to amend the rule prior to its adoption by the House to make in order an amendment that will further reduce spending on the legislative

branch by \$54 million. The amendment will be debatable for 20 minutes, and it will include cuts from the House's salaries and expenses as well as reductions in spending for the Architect of the Capitol, the Library of Congress and the General Accounting Office. This amendment is in line with the Speaker's updated appropriations strategy announced earlier this week which will ensure that we allocate our scarce resources in an equitable manner among our many spending priorities while abiding by the limits agreed to in the Balanced Budget Act of 1997.

It is important to keep in mind that the Legislative Branch Appropriation bill is about more than funding Members' offices and their staffs. H.R. 1905 ensures that the United States Congress runs efficiently as a professional institution, and at the same time the bill supports the Capitol Building as a tourist attraction and national landmark that plays host to thousands of visitors each year. The Legislative Branch Appropriations bill provides funding for the maintenance of the Capitol building and grounds through the Architect of the Capitol; it finances the security provided by the Capitol Police, and it ensures access to government documents through the Government Printing Office. These organizations serve the public as much as they serve the people's elected representatives.

This rule will provide for sufficient consideration of the substance of the legislation in a fair and orderly manner, and with the amendment I will offer to the rule the House will have the opportunity to vote to further reduce spending on the Legislative Branch by \$54 million.

Our efforts today prove that Congress is willing to look in its own backyard and do its part to cut spending to reach our balanced budget goals. If the rest of the federal budget had been reduced at the same rate as the Legislative Branch, we would have an additional one trillion, one hundred billion dollar budget surplus.

Mr. Speaker, this is a fair rule for a reasonable Legislative Branch spending bill which continues our commitment to a smaller, smarter government that works for the American people. I urge my colleagues to support this rule and my amendment to it so that the House can move forward to debate and pass a responsible Legislative Branch Appropriations bill.

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

Mr. HALL of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume and, I want to thank the gentlewoman from Ohio (Ms. PRYCE) for yielding me the time.

This is a structured rule. It will allow for consideration of H.R. 1905, which is a bill that makes appropriations for the Legislative Branch for the