

[In thousands of dollars]

New budget (obligational) authority, fiscal year 2000	\$16,453,435
Budget estimates of new (obligational) authority, fiscal year 2001	15,829,432
House bill, fiscal year 2001	13,346,313
Senate bill, fiscal year 2001	14,807,818
Conference agreement, fiscal year 2001	14,941,168
Conference agreement compared with:	
New budget (obligational) authority, fiscal year 2000	-1,512,267
Budget estimates of new (obligational) authority, fiscal year 2001	-888,264
House bill, fiscal year 2001	+1,594,855
Senate bill, fiscal year 2001	+133,350

SONNY CALLAHAN,
JOHN EDWARD PORTER,
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NANCY PELOSI,
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DAVE OBEY,
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MITCH MCCONNELL,
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PATTY MURRAY,
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THANKS FOR THE KIND AND GENEROUS WORDS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. PORTER) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. PORTER. Madam Speaker, one of the reasons I want to rise tonight is to commend you, Madam Speaker, and to thank you from the bottom of my heart for the special order that you held for me last week and for the very kind and generous words that were spread across the RECORD of this wonderful institution about my service here. You brought together many of our Illinois colleagues, the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. LAHOOD), the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. SHIMKUS), the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. EWING), on our side, the gentleman from Illi-

nois (Mr. CRANE), and the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. HYDE) as well; the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. RUSH), the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. COSTELLO), and the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. LIPINSKI) on the other side of the aisle; together with others, the gentleman from Arkansas (Mr. DICKEY), a member of my subcommittee, the gentleman from New Jersey (Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN), the gentlewoman from New York (Mrs. MALONEY), the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. REGULA), the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. HOBSON), the gentleman from California (Mr. LANTOS), the co-chairman of the Congressional Human Rights Caucus with me; the gentleman from New York (Mr. GILMAN), my long time friend, so many of my colleagues that I am so indebted to for the very wonderful words that they spoke about my service in Congress; together with messages from our Illinois Governor, George Ryan, who was elected at the same time I was in the Illinois General Assembly 28 years ago in 1972; my endorsed candidate for the Tenth Congressional District seat and my former chief of staff Mark Kirk, two of my former AA's in Washington, Rob Bradner and Gordon MacDougall; former State Senator Dave Backhausen, Senator Kathy Parker, Representative Jeff Schoenberg, Representative Beth Coulson, and our senior Illinois Senator also elected in the class of 1972 in Springfield and my long time friend Adeline GeoKaris, together with messages from both of my staffs. It was very, very heartwarming for me to read. I didn't have a chance to actually listen but I do have a videotape. For me, Madam Speaker, to be able to sit down and read through all the wonderful words that were said I can never thank you enough for providing the leadership and putting that together in my behalf. I will always remember it and remember you very, very fondly.

TRIBUTE TO TILLIE FOWLER

MR. PORTER. I did not realize until I came to the floor that there was a special order tonight for TILLIE FOWLER. TILLIE is one of the great people, I was going to say one of the great ladies, but one of the great people of this House of Representatives. She has the quality that I believe is most important in a public official, that is, she is quietly effective. She gets things done for the people of her district and her State and this country. We are truly losing a great leader. Madam Speaker, she has made only one mistake in the entire time she has been in this House of Representatives, and that mistake was in term-limiting herself. I wish that she was staying for many, many terms to come. Unfortunately, she has committed to only four terms and is observing that promise that she made to her constituents. We will miss her a great deal.

FAREWELL TO CONGRESSWOMAN TILLIE FOWLER

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentlewoman from Texas (Ms. GRANGER) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Ms. GRANGER. Madam Speaker, it is with mixed emotions that I address my colleagues this evening. On the one hand, I am sad to see my friend and colleague, TILLIE FOWLER, retire from Congress. On the other hand, I feel fortunate to have had the opportunity to work with someone like her, someone who has consistently placed the needs of our country at the top of her priority list. TILLIE FOWLER is a role model and a devoted public servant.

Her career has been a series of firsts: first woman and first Republican-elected president of the Jacksonville City Council, first member elected to the majority leadership from Florida, and first woman member and now chair of the House Page Board. I admire her many accomplishments, her work ethic, and above all her commitment to a strong national defense built upon the confidence of our men and women in uniform.

One of my fondest memories with Congresswoman FOWLER is of a trip we took together in 1998 to visit our troops in Europe and the Middle East. I witnessed firsthand her willingness to listen to military personnel and act on their concerns. Congressional Quarterly has called TILLIE FOWLER a polite but persistent advocate. I would say they hit the nail right on the head with that description.

Her no-nonsense approach to policy is the reason she has enjoyed so much success over the past 8 years. When TILLIE FOWLER first ran for Congress, she told her constituents if they would join with her, together we will change Congress. Eight years later she has. She has been on the front lines of the battle to strengthen our military. She called on the President and Congress to address the fact that some of our military families qualify for food stamps due to low pay. In a speech earlier this year, Congresswoman FOWLER said the citizens who step forward and are willing to put their lives on the line for their country, for your security and for my security, are waiting in food lines and depending on charity to feed their families. How did this happen? How did we get from "the few, the proud," to "the few and the demoralized"?

TILLIE FOWLER has worked to strengthen the morale of our military. She began her battle before the Republicans had the majority, but she was no less fervent in her advocacy. This year we have seen the fruits of many of her labors. We have improved military readiness by approving a \$20 billion increase in funding to rebuild America's hollowed-out military. The hard work, leadership and dedication of Congresswoman TILLIE FOWLER made important