

minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. ROGAN. Mr. Speaker, House Republicans are committed to achieving results, not setting up roadblocks. Already we have passed a plan to provide prescription drug coverage that is voluntary, affordable, and available to all. When we tried to work with Democrats on this issue, they got up and walked out of the Chamber.

It is time to put partisan politics aside and work to get a prescription drug plan signed into law. Vice President GORE campaigns for a plan to force seniors into a one-size-fits-all, government-run HMO. Recently, Mr. GORE told seniors a phony story about his own mother-in-law to win their support for this flawed drug plan. Now he and his friends in this Chamber are inventing stories about Medicare to frighten seniors.

Mr. Speaker, the Republican Congress has put the Nation's financial house in order, we stopped the raid on Social Security, and we are paying down the national debt. Now a prescription drug benefit is possible. If the President and our friends on the other side of the aisle would adopt a bipartisan spirit, we would be able to offer these benefits next year.

SENIORS DEMAND GUARANTEED MEDICARE PRESCRIPTION DRUG BENEFIT

(Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, there is a difference, and I am glad my colleague just called for a bipartisan approach to solving the problems for all Americans.

Mr. Speaker, I would just ask my colleague to pose the question to senior citizens throughout this country: Do they want the opportunity to dial up their HMO or pharmaceutical company and beg for an opportunity to buy low-cost prescription drugs, or do they want a guaranteed benefit by Medicare? I venture to say that my seniors who have seen HMOs close their doors in their community, who are crying out for health care, would argue: "Give me a guaranteed Medicare prescription drug benefit. One that allows me to get the same cost and prices that are given to our hospitals and other large institutions."

Mr. Speaker, it is very simple. Give them an opportunity to pay their rent and buy their food and still have good health care. I hope my colleagues see the light and are willing to pass a real prescription drug benefit, a real Patients' Bill of Rights that allows the patient-physician relationship to be restored and for HMOs to find their place.

Lastly, Mr. Speaker, it is a shame, too, that we cannot pass a hate crimes bill.

LISTEN TO OUR SENIORS

(Mrs. JOHNSON of Connecticut asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. JOHNSON of Connecticut. Mr. Speaker, I say to the President, "Listen to our seniors." My seniors are being hurt by their Medicare+Choice plans leaving the market. They are hurt because through these plans they get better benefits than Medicare offers, and millions of seniors in these plans are sicker and poorer than most of our senior citizens and can't afford Medigap prices.

You are closing down their plans, by having increased their reimbursements 2 percent a year for 3 years, and now offering 3 percent when costs are trending up at 8 to 10 percent, as well as giving every single Medicare provider a bigger increase. Your policy is simply forcing them out of the market.

Mr. Speaker, I would say to the President that the plans have already left the less densely populated areas and in the next round are going to leave areas like New York City and its boroughs, leaving millions of seniors stranded. And, cruelly, these seniors cannot buy Medigap insurance either, because they cannot afford it or they would be excluded because of pre-existing conditions.

Mr. Speaker, I again say to the President, "Mr. President, help our seniors by giving the managed care plus choice plans a decent increase this year. And next year, let us reform Medicare so that the benefits are better for all seniors and the reimbursements fairer and simpler.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. PEASE). The Member is reminded that remarks in debate are to be addressed to the Chair.

SECURING OUR CHILDREN'S FUTURE

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

Mr. GARY MILLER of California. Mr. Speaker, imagine an America where all children receive a world class education and an opportunity to achieve their dreams in a safe school in every community. Imagine an America where the best and brightest teach America's children and every child can read by the third grade. Imagine an America where 95 percent of students graduate

from high school and every high school graduate has access to a college education.

Mr. Speaker, House Republicans are committed to this vision for our children and making these dreams a reality.

Children are America's top priority. Republicans are open to innovation and new solutions to old problems. Republicans have made a solid commitment to education, but the Clinton-Gore administration and Democrats in Congress want the Federal Government to decide what local schools can and cannot do. This is what separates the two parties on education policy.

Wake up America. Every child, regardless of family income, deserves a quality education. We need to increase the role of parents in the day-to-day education of their children and decrease the role of Washington. Republicans are committed to securing America's future for our children and grandchildren.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the pending business is the question of the Speaker's approval of the Journal of the last day's proceedings.

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

Mr. McNULTY. 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 332, nays 51, not voting 49, as follows:

[Roll No. 544]
YEAS—332

Abercrombie	Bliley	Collins
Ackerman	Blumenauer	Combest
Allen	Blunt	Condit
Andrews	Boehert	Conyers
Archer	Boehner	Cook
Armey	Bonilla	Cooksey
Baca	Bonior	Cox
Bachus	Bono	Coyne
Baird	Boswell	Cramer
Baker	Boucher	Cubin
Baldacci	Boyd	Cummings
Baldwin	Brady (TX)	Cunningham
Ballenger	Brown (FL)	Davis (FL)
Barcia	Bryant	Davis (IL)
Barr	Burr	Davis (VA)
Barrett (NE)	Buyer	Deal
Barrett (WI)	Callahan	DeGette
Bartlett	Calvert	DeLauro
Barton	Camp	DeMint
Bass	Canady	Deutsch
Bentsen	Capps	Diaz-Balart
Bereuter	Cardin	Dicks
Berkley	Carson	Dingell
Berman	Castle	Doggett
Berry	Chabot	Dooley
Biggart	Chambliss	Doollittle
Billirakis	Clayton	Doyle
Bishop	Clement	Dreier
Blagojevich	Coble	Dunn

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Evans
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Ewing
Farr
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Foley
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Fossella
Fowler
Frank (MA)
Frelinghuysen
Frost
Gallegly
Ganske
Gejdenson
Gekas
Gephardt
Gibbons
Gilchrist
Gillmor
Gilman
Gonzalez
Goodlatte
Gordon
Goss
Graham
Granger
Green (WI)
Gutierrez
Hall (OH)
Hall (TX)
Hansen
Hastings (WA)
Hayes
Hayworth
Hergert
Hill (IN)
Hinchey
Hinojosa
Hobson
Hoeffel
Hoekstra
Holden
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Hostettler
Houghton
Hoyer
Hunter
Hutchinson
Hyde
Inslee
Isakson
Istook
Jackson (IL)
Jackson-Lee
(TX)
Jefferson
Jenkins
Johnson (CT)
Johnson, E.B.
Johnson, Sam
Jones (NC)
Jones (OH)
Kanjorski
Kaptur
Kelly
Kennedy
Kildee
Kilpatrick
Kind (WI)
King (NY)
Kingston
Kleczka
Knollenberg
Kolbe
Kuykendall
LaFalce

LaHood
Lampson
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Larson
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Lewis (CA)
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Lipinski
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Lowey
Lucas (KY)
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Luther
Maloney (CT)
Maloney (NY)
Manzullo
Markey
Martinez
Mascara
Matsui
McCarthy (MO)
McCarthy (NY)
McCrery
McHugh
McInnis
McIntyre
Miller, Gary
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Moakley
Mollohan
Moore
Moran (VA)
Myrick
Nadler
Napolitano
Neal
Nethercutt
Northup
Norwood
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Owens
Oxley
Packard
Pascrell
Pastor
Paul
Payne
Pease
Pelosi
Petri
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Pickering
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Pombo
Pomeroy
Portman
Pryce (OH)
Quinn
Radanovich
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Rangel
Regula
Reyes
Reynolds
Rivers
Rodriguez

Roemer
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Rogers
Rohrabacher
Ros-Lehtinen
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Roukema
Roybal-Allard
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Ryan (WI)
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Sandlin
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Saxton
Scarborough
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Sensenbrenner
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Stump
Sununu
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Tanner
Tauzin
Taylor (NC)
Terry
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Thornberry
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Tiahrt
Tierney
Toomey
Towns
Traficant
Turner
Udall (CO)
Upton
Vitter
Walden
Walsh
Wamp
Watkins
Watt (NC)
Waxman
Weiner
Weldon (FL)
Weldon (PA)
Wexler
Weygand
Whitfield
Wilson
Wolf
Woolsey
Wynn
Young (FL)

NAYS—51

Aderholt
Becerra
Bilbray
Borski
Brady (PA)
Capuano
Clay
Clyburn
Costello
Crane

DeFazio
English
Etheridge
Fattah
Filner
Green (TX)
Gutknecht
Hefley
Hill (MT)
Hilliard

Hooley
Hulshof
Kucinich
Lewis (GA)
LoBiondo
McDermott
McNulty
Miller, George
Moran (KS)
Oberstar

Pallone
Pickett
Ramstad
Riley
Sabo
Sanchez
Sawyer

Schaffer
Slaughter
Stark
Sweeney
Tauscher
Thompson (CA)
Thompson (MS)

Udall (NM)
Velázquez
Visclosky
Waters
Weller
Wicker
Wu

NOT VOTING—49

Brown (OH)
Burton
Campbell
Cannon
Chenoweth-Hage
Coburn
Crowley
Danner
Delahunt
DeLay
Dickey
Dixon
Duncan
Engel
Forbes
Franks (NJ)
Goode

Goodling
Greenwood
Hastings (FL)
Hilleary
John
Kasich
Klink
Largent
Lazio
McCollum
McGovern
McIntosh
Meek (FL)
Meeks (NY)
Metcalf
Mica
Morella

Murtha
Ney
Peterson (MN)
Peterson (PA)
Porter
Price (NC)
Shadegg
Shaw
Stabenow
Stupak
Talent
Taylor (MS)
Watts (OK)
Wise
Young (AK)

□ 1056

Mr. HILLIARD changed his vote from "yea" to "nay."

So the Journal was approved.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

CONFERENCE REPORT ON H.R. 4811,
FOREIGN OPERATIONS, EXPORT
FINANCING, AND RELATED PRO-
GRAMS APPROPRIATIONS ACT,
2001

Mr. DIAZ-BALART. Mr. Speaker, by direction of the Committee on Rules, I call up House Resolution 647 and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 647

Resolved, That upon adoption of this resolution it shall be in order to consider the conference report to accompany the bill (H.R. 4811) making appropriations for foreign operations, export financing, and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2001, and for other purposes. All points of order against the conference report and against its consideration are waived. The conference report shall be considered as read.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. PEASE). The gentleman from Florida (Mr. DIAZ-BALART) is recognized for 1 hour.

□ 1100

Mr. DIAZ-BALART. 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.

House Resolution 647 provides for the consideration of the conference report to accompany H.R. 4811, the Foreign Operations appropriations bill for fiscal year 2001. The rule waives all points of order against the conference report and against its consideration and provides that the conference report shall be considered as read.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to commend the gentleman from Florida (Chairman YOUNG) and the gentleman from Alabama (Chairman CALLAHAN), the gentlewoman from California (Ms. PELOSI), the ranking member, for their hard work. I share the view expressed by the gentleman from Arizona (Chairman CALLAHAN) that this is a good bill; and as he stated last night in the Committee on Rules, the funding is too high for some, too low for others. It strikes an appropriate balance.

The bill contains \$14.897 billion in funding, slightly below the President's request of \$15.13 and includes an appropriation of \$5 billion to reduce the public debt.

Mr. Speaker, I am very pleased that the bill appropriates \$1.9 billion for military financing for Israel, as well as \$840 million for economic assistance to Israel.

I also believe it is very important that we are increasing the child survival and disease program fund and providing \$435 million for heavily indebted poor countries.

Mr. Speaker, I am also pleased that we are increasing funding for the agency for international development by \$300 million over the prior fiscal year, bringing next year's funding to \$3.08 billion.

I support this rule. The underlying legislation is very important. Obviously, much work has gone into this legislation. Mr. Speaker, again, I thank the gentleman from Florida (Mr. YOUNG), chairman of the full committee, and the gentleman from Alabama (Mr. CALLAHAN), chairman of the subcommittee, as well as the gentlewoman from California (Ms. PELOSI), the ranking member, for their hard work on this important legislation. I urge my colleagues to adopt both the rule and the underlying legislation.

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

Mr. HALL of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

I want to thank the gentleman from Florida (Mr. DIAZ-BALART) for yielding me the time. As the gentleman just explained to my colleagues, this rule waives all points of order against the conference report on the foreign operations bill.

I consider these programs funded by this bill to be our first line of national defense. I believe the goodwill and friendship created by these programs helps prevent international tensions that, if left unresolved, might lead to more serious conflict. I think that we have many, many examples like this.

I think the greatest example before us today is North Korea. Mr. Speaker, I was saying a little bit about North Korea that it is a great example of what this bill is all about, because we, over the past 4 years through the world food program, have donated somewhere