

and tragedies around the Nation, would feel compelled to act.

In my home State of Tennessee, 95 percent of background checks for those who wish to purchase guns take place within 2 hours. Only 5 percent require additional information from law enforcement authorities.

Is it that much of an inconvenience, I say to those Members of the other side and even on my side, those in the National Rifle Association, and those in the gun lobby community? Is it that much to wait to ensure that we are able to cut down on human loss? Is it that much to wait to ensure that children, indeed, would be safer?

The conferees in the House and Senate have not met since August. I applaud the gentlewoman from California (Ms. LOFGREN) for bringing a motion to instruct the conferees to meet. Let the leadership in the House and Senate call the meeting of the Senate conferees. Let us do right by our children.

FISCAL YEAR 2000 BUDGET RESOLUTION

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

Mr. GUTKNECHT. Mr. Speaker, later today we are going to have a heated debate about the next Federal budget. We have already heard that some of our friends on the left are saying there are tax cuts for the rich. I guess if one is married, one is considered rich because we do make room to eliminate the marriage penalty tax. I guess if one owns a small business or if one is a farmer, I guess they consider one rich because we do make it easier in terms of estate taxes.

But the really good news about this Federal budget, and I hope Members are paying attention, is that this year, in this fiscal year, we will spend in the Federal budget \$1,780 billion. Under the budget we are proposing, we are talking about spending \$1,820 billion. That is a 2.2 percent increase. That is the smallest increase in my adult life.

More importantly, Mr. Speaker, the Bureau of Labor Statistics tells us that this year the average family budget will grow at 4.9 percent. Now, when is the last time we have had a Federal budget that grew at half the rate of the average family budget? This is a good budget. It is fair. It has been evenly crafted. I hope Members will join me in supporting it.

THE JOURNAL

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

The question is on the Speaker's approval of the Journal.

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

Ms. SLAUGHTER. 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 345, nays 58, not voting 31, as follows:

[Roll No. 66]
YEAS—345

Abercrombie	Davis (VA)	Hostettler
Allen	Deal	Houghton
Andrews	DeGette	Hoyer
Archer	Delahunt	Hunter
Baca	DeLauro	Hutchinson
Bachus	DeLay	Hyde
Baker	DeMint	Insole
Baldacci	Deutsch	Isakson
Baldwin	Diaz-Balart	Istook
Ballenger	Dickey	Jackson (IL)
Barcia	Dicks	Jenkins
Barr	Doggett	John
Barrett (NE)	Doolittle	Johnson (CT)
Barrett (WI)	Doyle	Johnson, E. B.
Bartlett	Dreier	Johnson, Sam
Bass	Duncan	Jones (NC)
Bateman	Dunn	Jones (OH)
Becerra	Edwards	Kanjorski
Bentsen	Ehlers	Kaptur
Bereuter	Ehrlich	Kasich
Berkley	Emerson	Kelly
Berman	Eshoo	Kennedy
Berry	Etheridge	Kildee
Biggert	Evans	Kilpatrick
Bilirakis	Everett	Kind (WI)
Bishop	Ewing	King (NY)
Blagojevich	Farr	Kingston
Blumenauer	Fattah	Kleczka
Blunt	Fletcher	Knollenberg
Boehlert	Foley	Kolbe
Boehner	Forbes	LaHood
Bonilla	Ford	Lampson
Boswell	Fossella	Lantos
Boucher	Fowler	Largent
Boyd	Frank (MA)	LaTourette
Brady (TX)	Franks (NJ)	Lazio
Brown (FL)	Frelinghuysen	Leach
Bryant	Frost	Lee
Burr	Galleghy	Levin
Burton	Ganske	Lewis (CA)
Buyer	Gedjenson	Lewis (KY)
Callahan	Gekas	Lipinski
Calvert	Gephardt	Lofgren
Camp	Gibbons	Lucas (KY)
Campbell	Gilchrest	Lucas (OK)
Canady	Gilman	Luther
Cannon	Gonzalez	Maloney (CT)
Capps	Goode	Maloney (NY)
Capuano	Goodlatte	Manzullo
Cardin	Goodling	Markey
Carson	Gordon	Mascara
Castle	Goss	Matsui
Chabot	Graham	McCarthy (MO)
Chambliss	Granger	McCarthy (NY)
Chenoweth-Hage	Green (TX)	McCrery
Clayton	Green (WI)	McHugh
Clement	Gutierrez	McInnis
Coble	Hall (OH)	McIntosh
Coburn	Hall (TX)	McIntyre
Collins	Hansen	McKeon
Combest	Hastings (FL)	Meehan
Conyers	Hastings (WA)	Meek (FL)
Cook	Hayes	Meeks (NY)
Cooksey	Hayworth	Menendez
Cox	Hilleary	Mica
Coyne	Hinchev	Millender-
Cramer	Hinojosa	McDonald
Cubin	Hobson	Miller (FL)
Cummings	Hoeffel	Miller, Gary
Cunningham	Hoekstra	Minge
Danner	Holden	Mink
Davis (FL)	Holt	Moakley
Davis (IL)	Horn	Mollohan

Moran (KS)	Riley	Stark
Moran (VA)	Rivers	Stearns
Morella	Rodriguez	Stump
Murtha	Roemer	Sununu
Myrick	Rogers	Talent
Nadler	Rohrabacher	Tancredo
Napolitano	Ros-Lehtinen	Tanner
Neal	Rothman	Tauscher
Nethercutt	Roukema	Tauzin
Ney	Roybal-Allard	Taylor (NC)
Northup	Rush	Terry
Norwood	Ryan (WI)	Thomas
Nussle	Ryun (KS)	Thornberry
Obey	Salmon	Thune
Oliver	Sanchez	Thurman
Ortiz	Sanders	Tierney
Ose	Sandlin	Traficant
Owens	Sanford	Turner
Oxley	Sawyer	Udall (CO)
Packard	Saxton	Upton
Pascarell	Scarborough	Vento
Pastor	Sensenbrenner	Vitter
Paul	Serrano	Walden
Payne	Shadegg	Walsh
Pease	Shaw	Wamp
Pelosi	Shays	Watkins
Peterson (PA)	Sherman	Watt (NC)
Petri	Sherwood	Watts (OK)
Phelps	Shimkus	Waxman
Pickering	Shows	Weiner
Pitts	Shuster	Weldon (FL)
Pombo	Simpson	Weldon (PA)
Porter	Sisisky	Wexler
Portman	Skeen	Weygand
Price (NC)	Skelton	Whitfield
Pryce (OH)	Smith (MI)	Wilson
Quinn	Smith (NJ)	Wolf
Radanovich	Smith (TX)	Woolsey
Rahall	Smith (WA)	Wu
Rangel	Souder	Wynn
Regula	Spence	Young (FL)
Reyes	Spratt	
Reynolds	Stabenow	

NAYS—58

Aderholt	Hooley	Schaffer
Baird	Hulshof	Scott
Bilbray	Kucinich	Slaughter
Bonior	LaFalce	Snyder
Borski	Larson	Stenholm
Brady (PA)	Latham	Strickland
Brown (OH)	Lewis (GA)	Stupak
Clay	LoBiondo	Sweeney
Clyburn	McGovern	Taylor (MS)
Condit	McKinney	Thompson (CA)
Costello	McNulty	Thompson (MS)
Crowley	Metcalf	Towns
DeFazio	Miller, George	Udall (NM)
English	Moore	Velazquez
Filner	Oberstar	Visclosky
Gillmor	Peterson (MN)	Waters
Gutknecht	Pickett	Weller
Hefley	Ramstad	Wicker
Hill (MT)	Rogan	
Hilliard	Sabo	

NOT VOTING—31

Ackerman	Herger	McDermott
Armey	Hill (IN)	Pallone
Barton	Jackson-Lee	Pomeroy
Bliley	(TX)	Royce
Bono	Jefferson	Schakowsky
Crane	Klink	Sessions
Dingell	Kuykendall	Tiahrt
Dixon	Linder	Toomey
Dooley	Lowey	Wise
Engel	Martinez	Young (AK)
Greenwood	McCollum	

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

So the Journal was approved.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.