

not want them to find other jobs; we wanted them to be available when these office buildings reopen. But these people are not getting paid a whole lot, and so they were really suffering.

There is a provision here that provides \$65 per month for an employee transit benefit for the employees of the legislative branch if they use public transportation. They can get \$65 a month tax-free. By next year, it goes up to \$100 a month.

The executive branch has provided this to their employees; we felt it was the appropriate thing to do it here. We have done that.

There are provisions that will help us implement a teleworking policy, telecommuting. That is something the gentleman from Virginia (Mr. WOLF) has been pushing. And particularly during this period of time when the House offices were closed, we realized that we have to figure out ways to be able to continue functioning, albeit sometimes from remote locations. We will try to do that with home laptop computers, in some cases.

Mr. Speaker, I think those are most of the issues. There was an issue with regard to student loans. We hope that the Committee on House Administration can provide the same kind of student loan payback incentive that the Senate has, where we may be losing some well-qualified people to the Senate, of all places, because we do not provide the same kind of incentive they do. So we would hope that the authorizing committee would take care of that.

Having said all of this, let me first of all thank the gentleman from North Carolina (Mr. TAYLOR), the chairman. He has been very good to work with. As I say, this is a good bill. Every request that was even remotely reasonable has been met.

I want to recognize Mark Murray, Liz Dawson, and certainly Ed Lombard, who has been brought into service. He is the repository of all institutional knowledge on the legislative branch appropriations bill. I remember when Vic Fazio was the Chair and I was on the committee, and Ed had been a senior pro even then, so we appreciate him.

I know Liz, as the gentleman from Maryland (Mr. HOYER), said, has been very much involved in all of the security functions that are going on. We thank Liz for doing that.

As well, Mike Harrison of the office of the gentleman from Maryland (Mr. HOYER), Roger France of the office of the gentleman from North Carolina (Mr. TAYLOR), we thank them for his help. Manny Crupi and Chuck Turner, and of course Tim Aiken of my staff, they all deserve credit for their assistance.

Mr. Speaker, this is a good bill. There is no good reason not to support it. It ought to be supported unanimously.

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong support of this Legislative Branch Appropriations Conference Report and as a new member of the subcommittee this year, I wish to thank Chairman TAYLOR, Ranking Member JIM MORAN, my esteemed colleague STENY HOYER, and the entire subcommittee for welcoming me so warmly and for their hard work in crafting this outstanding bill.

I also rise to highlight a provision in the bill that I worked to have placed in the conference report and wish to thank the Majority for their assistance in this effort, along with Chief Administrative Officer Jay Eagen.

This provision permits the women and men who provide food service in our House office buildings to be paid for the time they were unable to come to work. It allows them to collect at least some of the wages they lost—through no fault of their own—during recent shutdowns of House office buildings.

The genesis of this provision is particularly interesting—the result of one of my staff asking cafeteria workers how the shutdowns had affected them. The reply was: it hit home and it hit hard.

Food service workers in the Ford building have not been paid since October 17. Food service workers in the other House buildings were paid for the first three days of the shutdown, but after that were forced to take leave or assume leave without pay status. We are all acutely aware that not only the Ford building but also the Longworth building and therefore the Longworth Food Court remain closed today.

These women and men are neither salaried employees, nor federal employees like their counterparts in the Senate. Thanks to the great wave of privatization in 1995, these women and men instead earn hourly wages and many rely on and are challenged to stretch every penny of their paychecks to support themselves and their families. Quite literally, every dime counts.

Many of us through the years have come to know these women and men quite well. We know them by name and have come to rely not only on their service, but also their smiles.

Whether it be a cup of coffee, lunch, or just a mid afternoon snack people like Betty, Pat, Maria, and Doris play a meaningful and consistent role in our lives.

They work hard. They help keep us going.

They deserve compensation for the days they were unable to work, just like any member of our salaried staffs and I am very pleased that as a result of this provision and bill they will indeed receive at least some of it.

Once again, I wish to thank my colleagues on the subcommittee for their work in bringing the conference report before us today and would once again encourage all my colleagues to join me in supporting its passage.

Mr. MORAN of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. TAYLOR of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I have no further requests for time, I yield back the balance of my time, and I move the previous question on the conference report.

The previous question was ordered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. SIMPSON). The question is on the conference report.

Pursuant to clause 10 of rule XX, the yeas and nays are ordered.

Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, further proceedings on this question will be postponed.

#### ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX and the Chair's prior announcement, the Chair will now put each question on which further proceedings were postponed earlier today in the following order:

conference report on H.R. 2311, by the yeas and nays;

conference report on H.R. 2647, by the yeas and nays;

agreeing to the Speaker's approval of the Journal, de novo.

The Chair will reduce to 5 minutes the time for any electronic votes after the first vote in this series.

#### CONFERENCE REPORT ON H.R. 2311, ENERGY AND WATER DEVELOPMENT APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2002

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The pending business is the question of agreeing to the conference report on the bill, H.R. 2311, on which the yeas and nays are ordered.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the conference report.

Pursuant to the provisions of clause 10 of rule XX, the yeas and nays are ordered.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 399, nays 29, not voting 4, as follows:

[Roll No. 416]

YEAS—399

Abercrombie	Borski	Costello
Ackerman	Boswell	Cox
Aderholt	Boucher	Coyne
Akin	Boyd	Cramer
Allen	Brady (PA)	Crane
Armey	Brady (TX)	Crenshaw
Baca	Brown (FL)	Crowley
Bachus	Brown (SC)	Culberson
Baird	Bryant	Cummings
Baker	Burr	Cunningham
Baldacci	Burton	Davis (CA)
Baldwin	Buyer	Davis (FL)
Ballenger	Callahan	Davis (IL)
Barcia	Calvert	Davis, Jo Ann
Barr	Camp	Davis, Tom
Barrett	Cannon	Deal
Bartlett	Cantor	DeGette
Barton	Capito	Delahunt
Bass	Capps	DeLauro
Becerra	Capuano	DeLay
Bentsen	Cardin	DeMint
Bereuter	Carson (IN)	Deutsch
Berman	Carson (OK)	Diaz-Balart
Berry	Castle	Dicks
Biggert	Chabot	Dingell
Bilirakis	Chambliss	Dooley
Bishop	Clay	Doolittle
Blagojevich	Clayton	Doyle
Blumenauer	Clement	Dreier
Blunt	Clyburn	Duncan
Boehlert	Coble	Edwards
Boehner	Collins	Ehlers
Bonilla	Combest	Ehrlich
Bonior	Condit	Emerson
Bono	Cooksey	Engel

English	LaFalce	Ramstad	Whitfield	Wolf	Young (AK)	Cannon	Hilleary	Moran (VA)
Eshoo	LaHood	Rangel	Wicker	Woolsey	Young (FL)	Cantor	Hilliard	Morella
Evans	Lampson	Regula	Wilson	Wynn		Capito	Hinchee	Murtha
Everett	Langevin	Rehberg				Capps	Hinojosa	Myrick
Farr	Lantos	Reyes				Capuano	Hobson	Nadler
Fattah	Largent	Reynolds	Andrews	Hostettler	Rogers (MI)	Cardin	Hoefel	Napolitano
Ferguson	Larsen (WA)	Riley	Berkley	Inslee	Royce	Carson (IN)	Hoekstra	Neal
Filner	Larson (CT)	Rivers	Brown (OH)	Kerns	Schaffer	Carson (OK)	Holden	Nethercutt
Fletcher	Latham	Rodriguez	Conyers	Kucinich	Sensenbrenner	Castle	Honda	Ney
Foley	LaTourette	Roemer	DeFazio	McDermott	Shays	Chambliss	Hooley	Northup
Forbes	Leach	Rogers (KY)	Doggett	Obey	Stearns	Clay	Horn	Norwood
Ford	Lee	Rohrabacher	Etheridge	Owens	Tancredo	Clayton	Hostettler	Nussle
Fossella	Levin	Ros-Lehtinen	Flake	Paul	Walden	Clement	Houghton	Oberstar
Frank	Lewis (CA)	Ross	Gibbons	Payne	Wu	Clyburn	Hoyer	Obey
Frelinghuysen	Lewis (GA)	Rothman	Holt	Pitts		Coble	Hunter	Olver
Frost	Lewis (KY)	Roukema				Collins	Hyde	Ortiz
Gallegly	Linder	Roybal-Allard				Combest	Isakson	Osborne
Ganske	Lipinski	Rush	Cubin	McKinney		Condit	Issa	Ose
Gekas	LoBiondo	Ryan (WI)	Dunn	Thompson (MS)		Conyers	Istook	Otter
Gephardt	Lofgren	Ryun (KS)				Cooksey	Jackson (IL)	Owens
Gilchrest	Lowey	Sabo				Cox	Jackson-Lee	Oxley
Gillmor	Lucas (KY)	Sánchez				Coyne	(TX)	Pallone
Gilman	Lucas (OK)	Sanders				Cramer	Jefferson	Pascarell
Gonzalez	Luther	Sandlin				Crenshaw	Jenkins	Pastor
Goode	Lynch	Sawyer				Crowley	John	Payne
Goodlatte	Maloney (CT)	Saxton				Culberson	Johnson (CT)	Pelosi
Gordon	Maloney (NY)	Schakowsky				Cummings	Johnson (IL)	Pence
Goss	Manzullo	Schiff				Cunningham	Johnson, E. B.	Peterson (MN)
Graham	Markey	Schrock				Davis (CA)	Johnson, Sam	Peterson (PA)
Granger	Mascara	Scott				Davis (FL)	Jones (OH)	Phelps
Graves	Matheson	Serrano				Davis (IL)	Kanjorski	Pickering
Green (TX)	Matsui	Sessions				Davis, Jo Ann	Kaptur	Platts
Green (WI)	McCarthy (MO)	Shadegg				Davis, Tom	Kelly	Pombo
Greenwood	McCarthy (NY)	Shaw				Deal	Kennedy (MN)	Pomeroy
Grucci	McCollum	Sherman				DeFazio	Kennedy (RI)	Portman
Gutierrez	McCrery	Sherwood				DeGette	Kildee	Price (NC)
Gutknecht	McGovern	Shimkus				Delahunt	Kilpatrick	Pryce (OH)
Hall (OH)	McHugh	Shows				DeLauro	King (NY)	Putnam
Hall (TX)	McInnis	Shuster				DeLay	Kingston	Quinn
Hansen	McIntyre	Simmons				DeMint	Kirk	Radanovich
Harman	McKeon	Simpson				Diaz-Balart	Kleczka	Rahall
Hart	McNulty	Skeen				Dicks	Knollenberg	Ramstad
Hastings (FL)	Meehan	Skelton				Dingell	Kolbe	Rangel
Hastings (WA)	Meek (FL)	Slaughter				Dooley	LaFalce	Regula
Hayes	Meeks (NY)	Smith (MI)				Doolittle	LaHood	Rehberg
Hayworth	Menendez	Smith (NJ)				Doyle	LaHood	Rehberg
Hefley	Mica	Smith (TX)				Dreier	Lampson	Reyes
Henger	Millender-	Smith (WA)				Duncan	Langevin	Reynolds
Hill	McDonald	Snyder				Edwards	Lantos	Riley
Hilleary	Miller, Dan	Solis				Ehlers	Largent	Rivers
Hilliard	Miller, Gary	Souder				Ehrlich	Larsen (WA)	Rodriguez
Hinchee	Miller, George	Spratt				Emerson	Larson (CT)	Roemer
Hinojosa	Miller, Jeff	Stark				Engel	Latham	Rogers (KY)
Hobson	Mink	Stenholm				English	LaTourette	Rogers (MI)
Hoefel	Mollohan	Strickland				Eshoo	Leach	Ros-Lehtinen
Hoekstra	Moore	Stump				Evans	Lee	Ross
Holden	Moran (KS)	Stupak				Everett	Levin	Rothman
Honda	Moran (VA)	Sununu				Farr	Lewis (CA)	Roukema
Hooley	Morella	Sweeney				Fattah	Lewis (GA)	Roybal-Allard
Horn	Murtha	Tanner				Ferguson	Lewis (KY)	Rush
Houghton	Myrick	Tauscher				Filner	Linder	Sabo
Hoyer	Nadler	Tauzin				Fletcher	Lipinski	Sánchez
Hulshof	Napolitano	Taylor (MS)				Foley	LoBiondo	Sanders
Hunter	Neal	Taylor (NC)				Forbes	Lofgren	Sandlin
Hyde	Nethercutt	Terry				Ford	Lowey	Sawyer
Isakson	Ney	Thomas				Fossella	Lucas (OK)	Saxton
Israel	Northup	Thompson (CA)				Frank	Lynch	Schakowsky
Issa	Norwood	Thornberry				Frelinghuysen	Maloney (CT)	Schiff
Istook	Nussle	Thune				Frost	Maloney (NY)	Schrock
Jackson (IL)	Oberstar	Thurman				Gallegly	Manzullo	Scott
Jackson-Lee	Olver	Tiahrt				Ganske	Markey	Serrano
(TX)	Ortiz	Tiberi				Gephardt	Mascara	Sessions
Jefferson	Osborne	Tierney				Gibbons	Matheson	Shaw
Jenkins	Ose	Toomey				Gilchrest	Matsui	Sherman
John	Otter	Towns				Gillmor	McCarthy (MO)	Sherwood
Johnson (CT)	Oxley	Traficant				Gilman	McCarthy (NY)	Shimkus
Johnson (IL)	Pallone	Turner				Gonzalez	McCollum	Shows
Johnson, E. B.	Pascarell	Udall (CO)				Gordon	McCrery	Shuster
Johnson, Sam	Pastor	Udall (NM)				Goss	McDermott	Simmons
Jones (NC)	Pelosi	Upton				Graham	McGovern	Simpson
Jones (OH)	Pence	Velázquez				Granger	McHugh	Skeen
Kanjorski	Peterson (MN)	Visclosky				Greenwood	McIntyre	Skelton
Kaptur	Peterson (PA)	Vitter	Abercrombie	Barton	Bonior	Grucci	McKeon	Slaughter
Keller	Petri	Walsh	Ackerman	Bass	Bono	Gutierrez	McNulty	Smith (NJ)
Kelly	Phelps	Wamp	Aderholt	Becerra	Borski	Gutknecht	Meehan	Smith (TX)
Kennedy (MN)	Pickering	Waters	Akin	Bentsen	Boswell	Hall (OH)	Meek (FL)	Smith (WA)
Kennedy (RI)	Platts	Watkins (OK)	Allen	Bereuter	Boucher	Hall (TX)	Meeks (NY)	Snyder
Kildee	Pombo	Watson (CA)	Andrews	Berkley	Boyd	Hansen	Mica	Solis
Kilpatrick	Pomeroy	Watt (NC)	Armey	Berman	Brady (PA)	Harman	Millender-	Souder
Kind (WI)	Portman	Watts (OK)	Baca	Biggart	Brown (FL)	Hart	McDonald	Spratt
King (NY)	Pastor	Waxman	Bachus	Bilirakis	Brown (SC)	Hastings (FL)	Miller, Dan	Stark
Kingston	Pryce (NC)	Weiner	Baird	Bishop	Bryant	Hastings (WA)	Miller, Gary	Stenholm
Kirk	Putnam	Weldon (FL)	Baker	Blagojevich	Burr	Hayes	Miller, George	Stump
Kleczka	Quinn	Weldon (PA)	Baldacci	Blumenauer	Burton	Hayworth	Miller, Jeff	Stupak
Knollenberg	Radanovich	Weller	Baldwin	Blunt	Buyer	Hill	Mink	Sununu
Kolbe	Rahall	Wexler	Ballenger	Boehert	Callahan		Mollohan	Sweeney
			Barcia	Boehner	Calvert		Moore	Tanner
			Bartlett	Bonilla	Camp			

## NAYS—29

Andrews  
Berkley  
Brown (OH)  
Conyers  
DeFazio  
Doggett  
Etheridge  
Flake  
Gibbons  
Holt

## NOT VOTING—4

Cubin  
Dunn  
McKinney  
Thompson (MS)

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Messrs. CONYERS, BROWN of Ohio, and WU changed their vote from “yea” to “nay.”

Ms. SÁNCHEZ and Mr. TIBERI changed their vote from “nay” to “yea.”

So the conference report was agreed to.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

## ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. SIMPSON). Pursuant to the provisions of clause 8 of rule XX, the Chair will reduce to 5 minutes the minimum time for electronic voting on each question on which the Chair has postponed further proceedings.

## CONFERENCE REPORT ON H.R. 2647, LEGISLATIVE BRANCH APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2002

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The pending business is the question of agreeing to the conference report on the bill, H.R. 2647, on which the yeas and nays are ordered.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the conference report.

Pursuant to the provisions of clause 10 of rule XX, the yeas and nays are ordered.

This will be a 5-minute vote.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 374, nays 52, not voting 6, as follows:

[Roll No. 417]

## YEAS—374

Abercrombie  
Ackerman  
Aderholt  
Akin  
Allen  
Andrews  
Armey  
Baca  
Bachus  
Baird  
Baker  
Baldacci  
Baldwin  
Ballenger  
Barcia  
Bartlett  
Barton  
Bass  
Becerra  
Bentsen  
Bereuter  
Berkley  
Berman  
Biggart  
Bilirakis  
Bishop  
Blagojevich  
Blumenauer  
Blunt  
Boehert  
Boehner  
Bonilla  
Bono  
Borski  
Boswell  
Boucher  
Boyd  
Brady (PA)  
Brown (FL)  
Brown (SC)  
Bryant  
Burr  
Burton  
Buyer  
Callahan  
Calvert  
Camp