

Pelosi	Saxton	Thompson (CA)
Peterson (MN)	Schakowsky	Thompson (MS)
Peterson (PA)	Schiff	Thornberry
Petri	Schrock	Thune
Phelps	Scott	Thurman
Pickering	Serrano	Tiahrt
Platts	Shaw	Tiberi
Pombo	Shays	Tierney
Pomeroy	Sherman	Towns
Portman	Sherwood	Traficant
Price (NC)	Shimkus	Turner
Pryce (OH)	Shows	Udall (CO)
Putnam	Shuster	Udall (NM)
Quinn	Simmons	Upton
Radanovich	Simpson	Velázquez
Rahall	Skeen	Visclosky
Ramstad	Skelton	Vitter
Rangel	Slaughter	Walden
Regula	Smith (MI)	Walsh
Rehberg	Smith (TX)	Wamp
Reynolds	Smith (WA)	Waters
Riley	Snyder	Watkins (OK)
Rivers	Solis	Watson (CA)
Rodriguez	Souder	Watt (NC)
Roemer	Spratt	Watts (OK)
Rogers (KY)	Stearns	Waxman
Rogers (MI)	Stenholm	Weiner
Ros-Lehtinen	Strickland	Weldon (PA)
Ross	Stump	Weller
Rothman	Stupak	Whitfield
Roukema	Sununu	Wicker
Roybal-Allard	Sweeney	Wilson (NM)
Rush	Tanner	Wilson (SC)
Ryan (WI)	Tauscher	Wolf
Sabo	Tauzin	Woolsey
Sanchez	Taylor (MS)	Wu
Sanders	Taylor (NC)	Wynn
Sandlin	Terry	Young (FL)
Sawyer	Thomas	

## NAYS—30

Akin	Hefley	Royce
Bartlett	Hostettler	Ryun (KS)
Cantor	Jones (NC)	Schaffer
Chabot	Kerns	Sensenbrenner
Cox	McInnis	Sessions
Crane	Otter	Shadegg
Duncan	Paul	Smith (NJ)
Flake	Pence	Tancredo
Goodlatte	Pitts	Toomey
Hayworth	Rohrabacher	Weldon (FL)

## NOT VOTING—11

Baker	Hastings (FL)	Stark
Clement	Luther	Wexler
Cubin	Meek (FL)	Young (AK)
Hall (OH)	Reyes	

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Mr. GOODLATTE and Mr. PENCE changed their vote from "yea" to "nay."

Mrs. KELLY, Mr. DOGGETT and Mr. THOMAS 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 REGARDING LEGISLATION TO BE CONSIDERED UNDER SUSPENSION OF THE RULES TODAY

Mr. KOLBE. Mr. Speaker, pursuant to the notice requirements of House Resolution 314, I announce that the following measures will be considered under suspension of the rules on Wednesday, December 19, 2001: H.R. 2561 and H.R. 2751.

## GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. KOLBE. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend their remarks on the conference report accompanying the bill (H.R. 2506) making appropriations for foreign operations, export financing, and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2002, and for other purposes, and that I may include tabular and extraneous material.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. THORNBERRY). Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Arizona?

There was no objection.

#### CONFERENCE REPORT ON H.R. 2506, FOREIGN OPERATIONS, EXPORT FINANCING, AND RELATED PROGRAMS APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2002

Mr. KOLBE. Mr. Speaker, pursuant to the previous order of the House, I call up the conference report accompanying the bill (H.R. 2506) making appropriations for foreign operations, export financing, and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2002, and for other purposes, and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the order of the House of today, the conference report is considered as having been read.

(For conference report and statement, see prior proceedings of the House of today.)

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman from Arizona (Mr. KOLBE) and the gentlewoman from New York (Mrs. LOWEY) each will control 30 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Arizona (Mr. KOLBE).

Mr. KOLBE. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

I am privileged to bring before the House today the conference report on H.R. 2506, making appropriations for foreign operations, export financing, and related programs for fiscal year 2002. I want to also pay special thanks today to my very able ranking minority member, the gentlewoman from New York (Mrs. LOWEY). She has been a full partner throughout this process, and I am very grateful for the support and the participation that she has provided to bring this bipartisan bill before the House today as a conference report.

It is important to note that this bill enjoyed widespread support when it came before the House the first time. We approved the bill on July 24 by a vote of 381 to 46, really unprecedented for a foreign operations bill. Senate passage occurred 3 months later, on October 24, by a vote of 96 to two. I think these votes in both the House and the Senate demonstrate the importance that most Members in both bodies at-

tach to fulfilling our foreign obligations and assisting our friends and allies abroad.

As I stated when I brought the bill to the floor earlier this year, I had three priorities for this legislation: first was to reverse the spread of infectious diseases, such as HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis and malaria; second, encouraging economic growth through open trade and transparent laws in other countries; and, third, improving the accountability of the agencies that are funded by this bill. This conference agreement represents important progress in all three areas.

The conference agreement appropriates \$15.346 billion in new discretionary budget authority. This figure represents an even split between the House and Senate allocations. It is \$178 million above the House level, \$178 million below the Senate-passed bill. Three major reasons for the increase are the needs to restore a portion of the administration's cut to the Export-Import Bank; to provide new funding for the Andean Counterdrug Initiative; and to intensify our efforts to combat HIV/AIDS and other communicable diseases.

For the Export-Import Bank, we restored \$138 million of the proposed reduction of \$232 million in the program funds of the bank. This level of funding will allow for loan authorizations estimated at \$10.6 billion, approximately \$1.4 billion higher than the current level.

Regarding the Andean Counterdrug Initiative, it is important to recall that a supplemental appropriation bill outside the boundaries of the subcommittee's fiscal year 2001 allocation funded the initial Plan Colombia adopted by Congress last year. Therefore, the \$625 million the conference report recommends for these activities is significantly above the \$154 million that was available in the regular 2001 appropriations act for these countries; hence, the requirement for more money for this initiative. I am disappointed that we could not provide a higher level for this important initiative. However, in the discussions that we had with the Senate on this matter, I often felt like I was a minority of one. We were able to provide the base funding of \$625 million, plus transfer authority to provide \$35 million in addition to these funds. That will allow for a total of \$660 million for this program in fiscal year 2002.

In addition, the conference report includes an amended version of the general provisions as proposed by the Senate that modifies the annual counter-narcotics certification process. I ask that the letter I received from the State Department dated December 14, 2001, supporting the recommendation of the conferees be included in the RECORD.

Over \$2.8 billion of the funds provided in this conference report will be made