CONGRESSIONAL RECORD—HOUSE

March 27, 2001

[Roll No. 63]

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Ackerman (CA)  Adams (NY)  Adams (MA)  
Adams (IN)  Adam (IL)  Adams (WI)  
Adams (ME)  Adams (TX)  Adam Smith (WA)  
Adcock (GA)  Adkins (KY)  Addison (IL)  
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School of Pennsylvania  Resolution Passed (Motion Official)

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VETERANS OPPORTUNITIES ACT OF 2001

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VETERANS HOSPITAL EMERGENCY REPAIR ACT

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The CHAIRMAN pro tempore. When the Committee of the Whole rose earlier today, the following time remained for debate:

The gentleman from Iowa (Mr. NUSSELE) has 47 minutes remaining; the gentleman from South Carolina (Mr. SPRATT) has 51 minutes remaining; and the gentleman from New Jersey (Mr. SAXTON) has 10 minutes remaining; and the gentleman from California (Mr. STARK) has 23½ minutes remaining.

The Chair understands that the time remaining for the gentleman from New Jersey (Mr. SAXTON) is to be yielded to the gentleman from Iowa (Mr. NUSSELE). Without objection, that will be the order. Therefore, the gentleman from Iowa (Mr. NUSSELE) has 57 minutes remaining.

There was no objection.

Mr. NUSSELE. Madam Chairman, I yield 2 minutes to the distinguished gentleman from Arizona (Mr. STUMP), the chairman of the Committee on Armed Services, for the purpose of a colloquy.

Mr. STUMP. Madam Chairman, I understand that the resolution before us contains a provision that would establish a reserve fund for fiscal year 2002 that would permit Congress to consider a possible amended budget request from the President for additional defense spending.

Mr. NUSSELE. Madam Chairman, will the gentleman yield?

Mr. STUMP. I yield to the gentleman from Iowa.

Mr. NUSSELE. Madam Chairman, as the gentleman knows, the Secretary of Defense is engaged in a top down strategic review of the missions, programs and requirements of the military. I expect that this review will lead to an amended budget request for national defense by the President later this spring or early summer.

Could the gentleman clarify the processes by which resources from the strategic reserve fund would be made available to support such an amended budget request and how this process would apply to the annual defense authorization legislation?

Mr. NUSSELE. Madam Chairman, if the gentleman will again yield, the resolution permits the adjustment of the 302(a) allocation aggregates and functional totals to reflect authorization and appropriations legislation reported by July 11 of this year if such legislation exceeds the allocations contained in this concurrent budget resolution. The appropriation totals for the budget resolution are to be adjusted for a conference report considered at a later date as well.

Mr. STUMP. Madam Chairman, reclaiming my time, I appreciate the