

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. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, further proceedings on this resolution are postponed.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12 of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess until approximately 6 p.m.

Accordingly (at 5 o'clock and 49 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess until approximately 6 p.m.

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AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. THORNBERRY) at 6 o'clock and 1 minute p.m.

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The SPEAKER pro tempore. The pending business is the question of suspending the rules and agreeing to the concurrent resolution, H. Con. Res. 108.

The Clerk read the title of the concurrent resolution.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Michigan (Mr. SMITH) that the House suspend the rules and agree to the concurrent resolution, H. Con. Res. 108.

The question was taken; and (two-thirds having voted in favor thereof) the rules were suspended and the concurrent resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

WAIVING A REQUIREMENT OF CLAUSE 6(a) OF RULE XIII WITH RESPECT TO THE SAME DAY CONSIDERATION OF CERTAIN RESOLUTIONS REPORTED BY THE RULES COMMITTEE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The pending business is the question of agreeing to the resolution, House Resolution 131.

The Clerk read the title of the resolution.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the resolution.

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 214, nays 200, not voting 17, as follows:

[Roll No. 100]

YEAS—214

Aderholt	Goss	Petri
Akin	Graham	Pickering
Armey	Granger	Pitts
Bachus	Graves	Platts
Baker	Green (WI)	Pombo
Ballenger	Greenwood	Portman
Barr	Grucci	Pryce (OH)
Bartlett	Gutknecht	Putnam
Barton	Hansen	Quinn
Bass	Hart	Radanovich
Bereuter	Hastings (WA)	Ramstad
Biggert	Hayes	Regula
Bilirakis	Hayworth	Rehberg
Blunt	Hefley	Reynolds
Boehlert	Herger	Riley
Boehner	Hilleary	Rogers (KY)
Bonilla	Hobson	Rogers (MI)
Bono	Hoekstra	Rohrabacher
Brady (TX)	Horn	Ros-Lehtinen
Brown (SC)	Hostettler	Roukema
Bryant	Houghton	Royce
Burr	Hulshof	Ryan (WI)
Burton	Hunter	Ryun (KS)
Buyer	Hutchinson	Saxton
Callahan	Hyde	Scarborough
Calvert	Isakson	Schaffer
Camp	Issa	Schrock
Cannon	Istook	Sensenbrenner
Cantor	Jenkins	Sessions
Capito	Johnson (CT)	Shadegg
Castle	Johnson (IL)	Shaw
Chabot	Johnson, Sam	Shays
Chambliss	Jones (NC)	Sherwood
Coble	Keller	Shimkus
Collins	Kelly	Simmons
Combust	Kennedy (MN)	Simpson
Cooksey	Kerns	Skeen
Cox	King (NY)	Smith (MI)
Crane	Kingston	Smith (NJ)
Crenshaw	Kirk	Smith (TX)
Culberson	Knollenberg	Souder
Cunningham	Kolbe	Spence
Davis, Jo Ann	Largent	Stearns
Davis, Tom	Latham	Sununu
Deal	LaTourette	Tancredo
DeLay	Leach	Tauzin
DeMint	Lewis (CA)	Terry
Diaz-Balart	Lewis (KY)	Thomas
Doolittle	Linder	Thornberry
Dreier	LoBiondo	Thune
Duncan	Lucas (OK)	Tiahrt
Dunn	Manzullo	Tiberi
Ehlers	McCrery	Toomey
Ehrlich	McHugh	Traficant
Emerson	McInnis	Upton
English	McKeon	Vitter
Everett	Mica	Walden
Ferguson	Miller (FL)	Walsh
Flake	Miller, Gary	Wamp
Fletcher	Moran (KS)	Watkins
Foley	Morella	Watts (OK)
Fossella	Myrick	Weldon (FL)
Frelinghuysen	Nethercutt	Weldon (PA)
Gallegly	Ney	Weller
Ganske	Northup	Whitfield
Gekas	Norwood	Wicker
Gibbons	Nussle	Wilson
Gilchrest	Osborne	Wolf
Gillmor	Ose	Young (AK)
Gilman	Otter	Young (FL)
Goode	Oxley	
Goodlatte	Pence	

NAYS—200

Abercrombie	Bentsen	Boswell
Andrews	Berkley	Boucher
Baca	Berman	Boyd
Baird	Berry	Brady (PA)
Baldacci	Bishop	Brown (FL)
Baldwin	Blagojevich	Brown (OH)
Barcia	Blumenauer	Capps
Barrett	Bonior	Capuano
Becerra	Borski	Cardin

Carson (IN)	John	Payne
Carson (OK)	Johnson, E. B.	Pelosi
Clay	Kanjorski	Peterson (MN)
Clayton	Kaptur	Phelps
Clement	Kennedy (RI)	Pomeroy
Clyburn	Kildee	Price (NC)
Condit	Kilpatrick	Rahall
Conyers	Kind (WI)	Rangel
Coyne	Kleczka	Reyes
Cramer	Kucinich	Rodriguez
Crowley	LaFalce	Roemer
Cummings	Langevin	Ross
Davis (CA)	Lantos	Rothman
Davis (FL)	Larsen (WA)	Roybal-Allard
Davis (IL)	Larson (CT)	Rush
DeFazio	Lee	Sabo
DeGette	Levin	Sanchez
Delahunt	Lewis (GA)	Sanders
DeLauro	Lipinski	Sandlin
Deutsch	Lofgren	Sawyer
Dicks	Lowe	Schakowsky
Dingell	Lucas (KY)	Schiff
Doggett	Luther	Scott
Dooley	Maloney (CT)	Serrano
Doyle	Maloney (NY)	Sherman
Edwards	Markey	Shoens
Engel	Mascara	Skelton
Eshoo	Matheson	Slaughter
Etheridge	Matsui	Smith (WA)
Evans	McCarthy (MO)	Snyder
Farr	McCarthy (NY)	Spratt
Fattah	McCollum	Stark
Folsom	McGovern	Stenholm
Filner	McIntyre	Strickland
Ford	McKinney	Stupak
Frank	McNulty	Tanner
Frost	Meehan	Tauscher
Gephardt	Meek (FL)	Taylor (MS)
Gonzalez	Meeks (NY)	Thompson (CA)
Gordon	Menendez	Thompson (MS)
Green (TX)	Millender-	Thurman
Hall (OH)	McDonald	Tierney
Hall (TX)	Mink	Towns
Harman	Moakley	Turner
Hastings (FL)	Mollohan	Udall (CO)
Hill	Moore	Udall (NM)
Hilliard	Moran (VA)	Velázquez
Hinches	Murtha	Visclosky
Hinojosa	Nadler	Waters
Hoefel	Napolitano	Watt (NC)
Holden	Neal	Waxman
Holt	Oberstar	Weiner
Honda	Obey	Wexler
Hooley	Olver	Woolsey
Hoyer	Ortiz	Wu
Israel	Owens	Wynn
Jackson (IL)	Pallone	
Jackson-Lee	Pascrell	
(TX)	Pastor	
Jefferson		

NOT VOTING—17

Ackerman	Jones (OH)	Peterson (PA)
Allen	LaHood	Rivers
Costello	Lampson	Stump
Cubin	McDermott	Sweeney
Gutierrez	Miller, George	Taylor (NC)
Inlee	Paul	

□ 1824

Mr. SAWYER and Mr. SERRANO changed their vote from "yea" to "nay".

So the resolution was agreed to.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Stated against:

Mr. McDERMOTT. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 100, I was absent because of mechanical problems with the aircraft I was on. Had I been present, I would have voted "nay."

REMOVAL OF NAME OF MEMBER AS COSPONSOR OF H.R. 1613

Mr. PASCRELL. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that my name be withdrawn as a cosponsor of H.R. 1613.

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

There was no objection.

PROVIDING FOR RECOMMITTAL OF CONFERENCE REPORT ON HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 83, CONCURRENT RESOLUTION ON THE BUDGET, FISCAL YEAR 2002

Mr. GOSS. Mr. Speaker, by the direction of the Committee on Rules, I call up House Resolution 134 and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 134

Resolved, That upon adoption of this resolution the conference report to accompany the concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 83) establishing the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2002, revising the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2001, and setting forth appropriate budgetary levels for each of fiscal years 2003 through 2011 is hereby recommitted to the committee of conference.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman from Florida (Mr. GOSS) is recognized for 1 hour.

Mr. GOSS. Mr. Speaker, for the purpose of debate only, I yield the customary 30 minutes to the gentlewoman from New York (Ms. SLAUGHTER), my friend and colleague from the Committee on Rules; 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 on this matter.

□ 1830

Mr. Speaker, the legislation before us grants us a rule that provides that upon adoption of the rule the conference report to accompany H. Con. Res. 83 shall be recommitted to the conference committee.

Simply put, and in plain English for Members, what we are doing is we are taking care of the necessary procedure to get the budget debate on the floor tomorrow. What is going to happen is we are going to pass this rule, then the matter is going to go to the other body. The Committee on Rules is going to meet a little later in the evening, put out a rule to get the new conference report on the floor tomorrow with an appropriate rule, and the House will go about the business of deliberating and voting on the budget, which we are all anxious to get to after the long opportunity we have had to review it in the past several days.

Therefore, this is somewhat of a technical matter; but it is important that in order to continue our progress towards getting the budget on the floor that we adopt this rule. I do not think there is anything unusual about it or controversial about it, and I urge all Members' support.

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

Ms. SLAUGHTER. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman from Florida for yielding me the customary 30 minutes, and I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of the rule to recommit this flawed document. I urge the leadership to use this opportunity to craft a real budget with input from both Republicans and Democrats.

The infamous two missing pages are hardly the only flaws in this so-called agreement. Other pages are missing as well. For instance, waiting in the wings of this Congress are a number of popular tax cuts, including between \$85 billion and \$115 billion in business tax breaks. Billions more in tax cuts, with the elimination of the estate tax for the Nation's wealthiest citizens, and the elimination of the so-called marriage penalty tax this Congress, are moving through the legislative process. An honest budget would have included these provisions. The House leadership knows full well that at the end of this tax cut frenzy we will surpass the administration's initial proposal of \$1.8 trillion.

Also missing are the President's big-ticket items. For starters, we seem to be missing the page that factors in the likely cost of a missile defense system. Nobody knows if it will work, and nobody knows how much it will cost; but estimates run up to \$300 billion.

We also seem to be missing the page that explains how we pay for the conventional defense buildup being planned by the administration at a cost of \$250 billion over the next decade. How is this consistent with a budget that makes no room for increases in defense spending beyond those already proposed by the Clinton administration?

Also, I have yet to find the page that explains how we will maintain government services in the face of a growing population while increasing spending no faster than inflation. Perhaps the leadership can explain what unspecified drastic cuts to the tune of \$400 billion they have planned and how will these cuts not impact Social Security and Medicare.

I urge the leadership to turn over all missing pages and expose these numbers; and, moreover, I would caution my colleagues on the conference committee against signing their name to a document that is patently and shamelessly dishonest in its current form.

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

Mr. GOSS. Mr. Speaker, I intend to reserve the balance of my time until further notice.

Ms. SLAUGHTER. Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the gentleman from Wisconsin (Mr. OBEY).

Mr. OBEY. Mr. Speaker, over the last 5 years we have increased the edu-

cation budget, on average, 13 percent a year. This year, President Bush has cut that rate of increase in his budget in half to 5.8 percent. The House Republican budget resolution did the same thing that the President did. The Senate then said, that is woefully inadequate for education; and they added \$240 billion for education over 10 years by taking it out of the jumbo-size tax cuts. This resolution not only eliminates the entire \$240 billion add-on over 10 years for education, it also takes funding for education \$25 billion below the President's own budget over the next 10 years, and for this coming year alone takes the education funding \$1 billion below President Bush's budget. That is no compromise. That is returning to yesteryear.

If this is the Republican idea of how we put education first, I would hate to see their idea of how we do not. Everything, including education, is being sacrificed to jumbo-size tax cuts for people making over \$200,000 a year. That does not represent the priority judgments of the American people. This bill should not only be voted down, it should be laughed down.

Ms. SLAUGHTER. Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the gentleman from Texas (Mr. STENHOLM).

Mr. STENHOLM. Mr. Speaker, I rise in opposition to this rule, and I do so with a great deal of disappointment; disappointment in the procedure that is being followed. But I understand why, and I appreciate very much that the chairman of the Committee on the Budget has been the lone exception of trying to seek some kind of bipartisanship on this budget. Obviously, he has been overruled by the leadership, the same leadership that brings this rule today that has to have martial law to pass the budget. Martial law to pass the budget, after we spent 16½ hours on this floor last Thursday waiting on the majority to come up with their idea of what the budget should look like.

Now, I can give my colleagues 10 solid reasons why they ought to vote against the budget, but that is not what we are talking about today. What we are talking about today is the rule. I do not know how much longer the majority is going to be in lockstep with breaking every rule and precedent of the House that they used to criticize us on this side of the aisle for doing, only I do not believe we ever did as good a job at it as they are doing tonight and as they did last week. This is ridiculous.

As one who would like to see some semblance of bipartisanship on the budget, I came to the conclusion that was impossible, and I understand why. And as a member of the minority, I understand why we are not going to win any. But at some point in time, I would hope there would be just a tinge of conscience as to the procedures of the House and as to how we might get a little better comity in working on things