

## NOT VOTING—13

Barton	Houghton	Smith (TX)
Burton	McCollum	Thomas
Davis (FL)	Platts	Weldon (PA)
Doggett	Putnam	
Gutierrez	Ros-Lehtinen	

□ 1245

So the bill was passed.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

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**REMOVAL OF NAME OF MEMBER  
AS COSPONSOR OF H.R. 2180**

Mr. FERGUSON. Madam Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to remove my name as a cosponsor of H.R. 2180.

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

There was no objection.

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**PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION  
OF H.R. 2330, AGRICULTURE,  
RURAL DEVELOPMENT, FOOD  
AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION,  
AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2002**

Mr. HASTINGS of Washington. Madam Speaker, by direction of the Committee on Rules, I call up House Resolution 183 and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 183

*Resolved*, That at any time after the adoption of this resolution the Speaker may, pursuant to clause 2(b) of rule XVIII, declare the House resolved into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union for consideration of the bill (H.R. 2330) making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2002, and for other purposes. The first reading of the bill shall be dispensed with. All points of order against consideration of the bill are waived. General debate shall be confined to the bill and shall not exceed one hour equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations. After general debate the bill shall be considered for amendment under the five-minute rule. The amendment printed in the report of the Committee on Rules accompanying this resolution shall be considered as adopted in the House and in the Committee of the Whole. Points of order against provisions in the bill, as amended, for failure to comply with clause 2 of rule XXI are waived. During consideration of the bill for further amendment, the Chairman of the Committee of the Whole may accord priority in recognition on the basis of whether the Member offering an amendment has caused it to be printed in the portion of the Congressional Record designated for that purpose in clause 8 of rule XVIII. Amendments so printed shall be considered as read. At the conclusion of consideration of the bill for amendment the Committee shall rise and report the bill, as amended, to the House with such further amendments as may have been

adopted. The previous question shall be considered as ordered on the bill and amendments thereto to final passage without intervening motion except one motion to recommit with or without instructions.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman from Washington (Mr. HASTINGS) is recognized for 1 hour.

Mr. HASTINGS of Washington. Madam Speaker, for the purpose of debate only, I yield the customary 30 minutes to the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. HALL), 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.

Madam Speaker, House Resolution 183 is an open rule providing for consideration of the bill H.R. 2330, the Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act of 2002.

The rule provides 1 hour of general debate to be equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule further provides that the bill shall be read for amendment by paragraph, and that the amendment printed in the report of the Committee on Rules accompanying the rule shall be considered as adopted.

The rule waives all points of order against provisions in the bill, as amended, for failure to comply with clause 2 of rule XXI, prohibiting unauthorized or legislative provisions in a general appropriations bill.

Finally, the rule allows the chairman of the Committee of the Whole to accord priority in recognition to Members who have preprinted their amendments in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD, and provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions.

Madam Speaker, H.R. 2330 appropriates \$74.2 billion in fiscal year 2002 budget authority for agriculture and related programs through the Department of Agriculture and other agencies. This figure is \$2.4 billion less than last year's appropriations, but \$234 million more than the President's request.

The bulk of the spending goes to food stamps, \$22 billion; the Food and Drug Administration, \$1.2 billion; child nutrition programs, \$10.1 billion; supplemental nutrition for Women, Infants and Children, \$4.1 billion; and the Federal Crop Insurance Program, \$3 billion.

In addition, this bill provides \$1 billion for the Agriculture Research Service; \$720 million for the Food Safety and Inspection Service; and \$946 million for the Farm Service Agency.

Madam Speaker, I am particularly pleased that the Committee on Appropriations has included \$150 million for market loss payments for America's apple growers. As a representative of the number one apple-producing dis-

trict in the Nation, I am acutely aware of the devastating losses sustained by apple growers in the past year.

In our area, for example, countless warehouses, packing houses and other apple-related businesses have either shut down, declared bankruptcy, or downsized dramatically. In county after county, growers find that it costs substantially more to produce a box of apples than the market will pay to buy it.

And, unlike many farms that can easily switch crops when prices are down for one commodity, apple growers cannot simply pull up their orchards and grow something else for a few years until apple prices go back up again. In the face of unfair competition from China and other Asian nations, our growers have few tools with which to fight back.

Apple growers are an unusually independent breed. They have suffered ups and downs of the market for years without asking for any kind of Federal assistance that has long been common to other types of commodities and farming. But never before have we suffered the kinds of losses we are experiencing right now. For that reason, I would like to commend the gentleman from Florida (Mr. YOUNG) and the gentleman from Texas (Mr. BONILLA) and their colleagues on the Committee on Appropriations for recognizing the dire situation in apple country and for providing this much-needed assistance.

Madam Speaker, this is a fair bill. It funds a number of high-priority programs while cutting out wasteful, unnecessary and duplicative spending. Accordingly, I urge my colleagues to support both this open rule and the underlying bill, H.R. 2330.

Madam Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. HALL of Texas. Madam Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume, and I thank the gentleman from Washington (Mr. HASTINGS) for yielding me the customary time.

Madam Speaker, this is an open rule. It has everything to do with the bill that makes appropriations for the Department of Agriculture and other related agencies for fiscal year 2002. As my colleague from Washington described, this rule provides for 1 hour of general debate to be equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations.

This allows germane amendments under the 5-minute rule. This is the normal amending process in the House. All Members, on both sides of the aisle, will have the opportunity to offer amendments that do not violate the rules for appropriations bills.

Madam Speaker, this is generally a good bill that serves America's farmers as well as the poor and hungry in this land. And I commend the ranking Democrat, the gentlewoman from Ohio (Ms.