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Mr. TAUSCHER, Ms. ESHTOO, Mr. WAXMAN, and Mr. RUSH changed their vote from “yea” to “nay.”
Messrs. MANZULLO, TAYLOR of North Carolina, and BALDACCI changed their vote from “nay” to “yea.”

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Stated against:
Ms. SLAUGHTER, Madam Speaker, I was unavoidably detained due to emergency dental work during rollcall vote No. 207. Had I been present, I would have voted “no” on rollcall vote No. 207.

SUNDARY MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Sundry messages in writing from the President of the United States were communicated to the House by Mr. Ed Thomas, one of his secretaries.

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TIONS FOR PUBLIC BROADCASTING—MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mrs. BIGGERT) laid before the House the following message from the President of the United States; which was read and, together with the accompanying pa-

pers, without objection, referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce:

To the Congress of the United States:


GEORGE W. BUSH,

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. BONILLA. Madam Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks, and that I may include tabular and extraneous material on H.R. 2330.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Texas?

There was no objection.

AGRICULTURE, RURAL DEVELO-
PMENT, FOOD AND DRUG ADMIN-
ISTRATION, AND RELATED AGEN-
CIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2002

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mrs. BIGGERT), pursuant to House Resolution 183 and rule XVIII, the Chair declares the House in the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union for the consideration of the bill, H.R. 2330.

IN THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Accordingly, the House resolved itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union for the 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, with Mr. GOODLATTE in the chair.

The Clerk read the title of the bill. The CHAIRMAN. Pursuant to the rule, the bill is considered as having been read the first time.

Under the rule, the gentleman from Texas (Mr. BONILLA) and the gentleman from Ohio (Ms. KAPTUR) each will control 30 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Texas (Mr. BONILLA).

Mr. BONILLA. Mr. Chairman, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Chairman, we are delighted today to be presenting the Agricultural Appropriations bill for fiscal year 2002. I want to acknowledge the good work of the gentleman from Ohio (Ms. KAPTUR), my ranking member, who has contributed to this process over the last few weeks.

It has been a pleasure working with her and all the members of the Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural De-

velopment, Food and Drug Administration and Related Agencies on both sides of the aisle.

I believe we have produced a good bipartisan bill that deals with a lot of the specific issues that Members are concerned about in their districts across the country, ranging from research projects to inspection issues, to FDA issues, to just any possible issue that has come up. There have been 2,500-plus requests from individual Members, and we have done our best to accommodate that.

Mr. Chairman, I am just delighted that we have seen great, strong bipartisan support for the effort we have undertaken in putting this bill together.

Mr. Chairman, I am pleased to bring before the House today the fiscal year 2002 appropriations bill for Agriculture, Rural Development, the Food and Drug Administration and Related Agencies.

My goal this year has been to produce a bipartisan bill, and I believe we have done a good job in reaching that goal.

The subcommittee began work on this bill in early March, before the administration produced its budget. We had 6 public hearings beginning on March 8. The transcripts of these hearings, the administration’s official statements, the detailed budget requests, several thousand questions for the record and the statements of members and the public are all contained in six hearing volumes.

In order to expedite action on this bill, we completed our subcommittee’s hearings on May 6.

The subcommittee and full committee marked up the bill on June 6 and June 13 respectively.

We have tried very hard to accommodate the requests of Members, and to provide increases for critical programs. We received 2,532 individual requests for specific spending, from almost every Member of the House. Reading all of the mail I received, I can confirm to you that the interest in this bill is completely bipartisan.

This bill does have significant increases over fiscal year 2001 for programs that have always enjoyed strong bipartisan support. Those increases include:

Agricultural Research Service, $79 million;
Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, $55 million;
Food Safety and Inspection Service, $25 million;
Farm Service Agency, $201 million;
Natural Resources Conservation Service, $77 million; and
Food and Drug Administration, $120 million.

I would like to say that I am very happy that we were able to provide significant increases for the Food and Drug Administration. I think it is vitally important for that agency to have the resources to perform its public health mission. We are able to provide FDA the following increases above last year’s level:

$15 million to prevent outbreak of BSE, or Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy, which is commonly known as “Mad Cow disease”;

$10 million to increase the number of domestic and foreign inspections, and to expand import coverage in all product areas;