

Whereas no petitions for clemency were made by these terrorists, but other persons, in an irregular procedure, sought such clemency for them;

Whereas on August 11, 1999, President William Jefferson Clinton offered clemency to these 16 terrorists, all of whom have served less than 20 years in prison;

Whereas the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Federal Bureau of Prisons, and 2 United States Attorneys all reportedly advised the President not to grant leniency to the 16 terrorists;

Whereas the Federal Bureau of Prisons reportedly based its decision in part on the existence of audio recordings indicating that some of the 16 have vowed to resume their violent activities upon release from prison;

Whereas the State Department in 1998 reiterated two longstanding tenets of counterterrorism policy that the United States will: "(1) make no concessions to terrorists and strike no deals; and "(2) bring terrorists to justice for their crimes";

Whereas the President's offer of clemency to the FALN terrorists violates longstanding tenets of United States counterterrorism policy;

Whereas the President's decision sends an unmistakable message to terrorists that the United States does not punish terrorists in a severe manner, making terrorism more likely; and

Whereas the release of terrorists is an affront to the rule of law, the victims and their families, and every American who believes that violent acts must be punished to the fullest extent of the law: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate concurring), That it is the sense of Congress that making concessions to terrorists is deplorable and that President Clinton should not have offered or granted clemency to the FALN terrorists.

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. HEFLEY, recognized Mr. PEASE and Mr. CONYERS, each for 20 minutes.

After debate,

The question being put, viva voce,

Will the House suspend the rules and agree to said concurrent resolution, as amended?

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. HANSEN, announced that two-thirds of the Members present had voted in the affirmative.

Mr. CONYERS objected to the vote on the ground that a quorum was not present and not voting.

A quorum not being present,

The roll was called under clause 6, rule XX, and the call was taken by electronic device.

It was decided in the affirmative ..... { Yeas ..... 311 Nays ..... 41 Answered present 72

93.7 [Roll No. 398] YEAS—311

- Aderholt Barton Bono
Allen Bass Boswell
Andrews Bateman Boucher
Archer Bentsen Boyd
Armev Bereuter Brady (TX)
Bachus Berkley Bryant
Baird Biggert Burr
Baker Bilbray Burton
Baldacci Billarakis Buyer
Ballenger Blagojevich Callahan
Barcia Bliley Calvert
Barr Blunt Camp
Barrett (NE) Boehlert Campbell
Barrett (WI) Boehner Canady
Bartlett Bonilla Cannon

- Capps Cardin
Castle Chabot
Chambliss Chenoweth
Clement Coble
Coburn Collins
Combust Condit
Cook Cooksey
Costello Cox
Cramer Crane
Cubie Cubin
Cummings Cunningham
Danner Davis (FL)
Davis (VA) Deal
DeLauro DeLay
DeMint Diaz-Balart
Dickey Dicks
Doggett Dooley
Doolittle Doyle
Dreier Duncan
Dunn Edwards
Ehlers Ehrlich
Emerson English
Etheridge Evans
Everett Ewing
Fletcher Foley
Forbes Fossella
Fowler Franks (NJ)
Frelinghuysen Frost
Gallegly Ganske
Gekas Gibbons
Gilchrest Gillmor
Gilman Gonzalez
Goode Goodlatte
Goodling Gordon
Goss Graham
Granger Green (TX)
Green (WI) Greenwood
Gutknecht Hall (OH)
Hall (TX) Hansen
Hastert Hastings (WA)
Hayes Hayworth
Hefley Hergert
Hill (IN) Hill (MT)
Hilleary Hobson
Hoekstra Holden Holt
Horn Hostettler
Houghton Hulshof
Hunter Hutchinson
Hyde Insee
Isakson Istook
Jenkins John
Johnson (CT) Johnson, Sam
Jones (NC) Kaptur
Kasich Kelly
Kennedy Kildee
Kind (WI) King (NY)
Kingston Kleczka
Klink Knollenberg
Kolbe Kuykendall
LaHood Lampson
Largent Larson
Latham LaTourette
Lazio Leach
Leach Levin
Lewis (CA) Lewis (KY)
Linder Lipinski
LoBiondo Lowey
Lucas (KY) Lucas (OK)
Luther Maloney (CT)
Maloney (NY) Manzullo
Mascara Matsui
McCarthy (NY) McCollum
McCollum McCrery
McHugh McInnis
McIntosh McIntyre
McKeon McNulty
McNulty Metcalf
Mica Miller (FL)
Miller, Gary Minge
Mollohan Moore
Moran (KS) Morella
Murtha Myrick
Nethercutt Ney
Northup Norwood
Nussle Ose
Oxley Packard
Paul Pease
Peterson (PA) Petri
Phelps Pickering
Pickett Pitts
Pombo Pomeroy
Porter Portman
Price (NC) Quinn
Radanovich Ramstad
Regula Reynolds
Riley Roemer
Rogers Rohrabacher
Ros-Lehtinen Rothman
Roukema Royce
Ryan (WI) Ryun (KS)
Salmon Sandlin
Sanford Saxton
Scarborough Schaffer
Sensenbrenner Sessions
Shadegg Shaw
Shays Sherman
Sherwood Shimkus
Shows Shuster
Simpson Sisisky
Skeean Skelton
Smith (MI) Smith (NJ)
Smith (TX) Smith (WA)
Souder Spence
Spratt Stearns
Stenholm Strickland
Stump Stupak
Sweeney Talent
Tancredo Tanner
Tauzin Taylor (MS)
Taylor (NC) Terry
Thomas Thompson (CA)
Thornberry Thune
Thurman Tiahrt
Toomey Traficant
Turner Udall (NM)
Upton Visclosky
Vitter Walden
Walsh Wamp
Watkins Watts (OK)
Weldon (FL) Weldon (PA)
Weller Weygand
Whitfield Wicker
Wilson Wise
Wolf Wu
Young (FL)

NAYS—41

- Abercrombie Dingell
Baldwin Engel
Becerra Fattah
Brady (PA) Gutierrez
Carson Hastings (FL)
Clay Hilliard
Clyburn Hinchey
Conyers Hoeffel
Davis (IL) Jackson (IL)
Jones (OH) Kilpatrick
Kucinich Lee
McKinney Meek (FL)
Meeks (NY) Menendez
Mink

- Napolitano Roybal-Allard Thompson (MS)
Oliver Rush Velazquez
Owens Schakowsky Waters
Payne Scott Wynn
Rodriguez Serrano

ANSWERED "PRESENT"—72

- Ackerman Hoyer Pallone
Berman Jackson-Lee Pascrell
Bishop (TX) Pastor
Blumenauer Johnson, E. B. Peterson (MN)
Bonior Kanjorski Rahall
Borski LaFalce Reyes
Brown (FL) Lantos Rivers
Brown (OH) Lewis (GA) Sabo
Capuno Lofgren Sanchez
Clayton Markey Sanders
Coynne Martinez Sawyer
Crowley McCarthy (MO) Slaughter
DeFazio McDermott Snyder
DeGette McGovern Stabenow
Delahunt Meehan Stark
Deutsch Millender-Tauscher
Dixon McDonald Tierney
Eshoo Miller, George Udall (CO)
Farr Moakley Vento
Filner Moran (VA) Watt (NC)
Ford Nadler Waxman
Frank (MA) Neal Weiner
Gejdenson Oberstar Wexler
Gephardt Obey Woolsey
Hooley Ortiz

NOT VOTING—10

- Berry Pryce (OH) Towns
Hinojosa Rangel Young (AK)
Jefferson Rogan
Pelosi Sununu

So, two-thirds of the Members present having voted in favor thereof, the rules were suspended and said concurrent resolution, as amended, was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider the vote whereby the rules were suspended and said concurrent resolution, as amended, was agreed to was, by unanimous consent, laid on the table.

Ordered, That the Clerk request the concurrence of the Senate in said concurrent resolution.

93.8 VA-HUD APPROPRIATIONS

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. HANSEN, pursuant to House Resolution 275 and rule XVIII, declared the House resolved into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union for the further consideration of the bill (H.R. 2684) making appropriations for the Departments of Veterans Affairs and Housing and Urban Development, and for sundry independent agencies, boards, commissions, corporations, and offices for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000, and for other purposes.

Mr. PEASE, Acting Chairman, assumed the chair; and after some time spent therein,

93.9 RECORDED VOTE

A recorded vote by electronic device was ordered in the Committee of the Whole on the following amendment submitted by Mr. SMITH of Michigan:

At the end of the bill before line 4, page 94, insert the following:

SEC. . Notwithstanding any other provision of this Act, the amount appropriated for Environmental Programs and Management for the Environmental Protection Agency is reduced by \$2,500,000 and the amount appropriated for Emergency Management Planning and Assistance for the Federal Emergency Management Agency is increased by \$2,500,000.