(39) HR 609: Pear Exports - Passage March 2, 1999 - Rep. Greene, R-Ohio, motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill to amend the Export Apple and Pear Act of 1933 to provide for the export of any grade of U.S. pears. Motion agreed to 416-0. A two-thirds majority of those present and voting (277 in this case) is required for passage under suspension of the rules.

Vote: YEA

(42) HR 808: Farm Bankruptcy Extension - Passage March 11, 1999 - Gekas, R-Pa., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill to extend until Oct. 1, 1999, Chapter 12 of the bankruptcy code, which deals with family farm bankruptcies. Motion agreed to 418-1. A two-thirds majority of those present and voting (280 in this case) is required for passage under suspension of the rules.

Vote: YEA

(147) HR 1906: Fiscal 2000 Agriculture Appropriations - Rule May 25, 1999 - Adoption of the rule (HRES 185) to provide for House Floor consideration of the bill to provide funding for agriculture, rural development, Food and Drug Administration, and related agencies for fiscal 2000. Adopted 402-10.

Vote: YEA

(167) HR 1906: Agriculture Appropriations - Motion to Recommit June 8, 1999 - Obey, D-Wis., motion to recommit the bill to the Appropriations Committee with instructions to report it back with an amendment to restore $20 million in funding for salaries and expenses of the Food and Drug Administration and related agencies for fiscal 2000. Adopted 246-183.

Vote: NAY

(177) HR 1906: Agriculture Appropriations - Passage June 8, 1999 - Passage of the bill that would appropriate $60.8 billion in funds for agricultural and conservation programs in Fiscal 2000, including $20.1 billion for agricultural programs, $800 million for conservation programs, $2.1 billion for rural economic and community development programs, $21.6 billion for food stamps, $1.1 billion for the Food and Drug Administration, $9.5 billion for child nutrition programs, $997 million for the Federal Crop Insurance Corporation, and $4 billion for the supplemental nutrition program Women, Infants, and Children. Adopted 246-183.

Vote: YEA

(430) HR 1402: Milk Marketing Orders - Producers Reference Sept. 22, 1999 - DeLay, R-Tex., amendment to the Senate-adopted amendment to the Milk Marketing Orders that would require that the Department of Agriculture (USDA) hold a national milk producers referendum on the department’s proposed milk marketing reform. The amendment would ask producers whether they would prefer USDA to price fluid milk under the rules using the Class 1 price differentials of USDA Option 1-A or Option 1-B. The amendment specifies that cooperative associations would not be permitted to vote in the referendum on behalf of their members. Rejected 102-323.

Vote: YEA

(431) HR 1402: Milk Marketing Orders - Forward Pricing Contract Program for All Milk Sept. 22, 1999 - Dooley, D-Calif., amendment to the Senate-adopted Amendment Number 7 that would allow farmers to lock in the current price for their milk for the 2001 season. Rejected 102-323.

Vote: YEA

(433) HR 1402: Milk Marketing Orders - Cap Class 1 Price Differential at $2.27 Sept. 22, 1999 - Ryan, R-Wis., amendment to cap fluid Class 1, or beverage, milk price differentials at $2.27 per hundredweight for any milk marketing order region in the country. Rejected 109-318.

Vote: NAY


Vote: YEA

(436) HR 1402: Milk Marketing Orders - Program Termination Sept. 22, 1999 - Passage of the bill to implement the Department of Agriculture (USDA’s) Option 1-A Class 1 differential milk pricing structure. The measure would extend the current federal milk price support program for one year and also allow the Department of Agriculture to authorize under current law to begin a new research program for commercial processors of dairy products. The bill would direct the USDA to conduct emergency rule making to develop new Class 3 and 4 formulas for the current milk price support program. The bill would also direct the USDA to begin a new research program that would allow milk producers and cooperatives to voluntarily enter into forward pricing contracts with milk handlers, and would allow farmers to lock in the current price for their commodity for delivery at a later date. Passed 285-140.

Vote: NAY

(458) HR 2559: Expand Federal Crop Insurance - Rule Sept. 29, 1999 - Adoption of the rule (HRES 308) for the bill revising the federal crop insurance program to provide more affordable risk management tools and improved protection from production and income losses. Adopted 432-1. Note: Subsequently, the underlying bill as amended was passed by voice vote.

Vote: YEA

(467) HR 1906: Fiscal 2000 Agriculture Appropriations - Rule Oct. 1, 1999 - Adoption of the rule (HRES 317) to provide for House floor consideration of the conference report to appropriate $69 billion for the Agriculture Department, the Food and Drug Administration, and rural development programs in fiscal 2000. Adopted 230-188.

Vote: YEA

(468) HR 1906: Fiscal 2000 Agriculture Appropriations - Motion to Recommit Oct. 1, 1999 - Capritus, D-Wis., motion to recommit to the conference committee the bill to provide $69 billion in spending. Motion rejected 107-228.

Vote: NAY

(469) HR 1906: Fiscal 2000 Agriculture Appropriations - Conference Report Oct. 1, 1999 - Adoption of the conference report on the bill to provide $69 billion for the Agriculture Department, the Food and Drug Administration, and rural development programs in fiscal 2000. The bill includes $8.7 billion in emergency spending for farmers. Adopted (thus sent to the Senate) 240-175.

Vote: NAY

(HConRes 194: 4-H Club Contributions - Adoption Oct. 25, 1999 - Deal, R-Ga., motion to suspend the rules and adopt the concurrent resolution (HR 370) that would extend the 4-H Clubs’ and their members’ contributions to their communities for four years. Motion adopted 391-0. A two-thirds
Feb. 2, 1999 - Talent, R-Mo., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill to make a number of minor technical corrections to the Small Business Investment Company Program, including providing a formula to help the program determine eligibility for assistance. Motion agreed to. A two-thirds majority of those present and voting (277 in this case) is required for passage under suspension of the rules.

Vote: YEA

(12) HR 440: Microloan Program Technical Corrections - Passage
Feb. 8, 1999 - Talent, R-Mo., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill to make several technical changes to the Small Business Administration’s Microloan Program. The bill clarifies language governing the program to allow more intermediaries to reduce their cash reserve requirement to as little as 10 percent after five years of participating in the program with low default rates. Motion agreed to 411-4. A two-thirds majority of those present and voting (277 in this case) is required for passage under suspension of the rules.

Vote: YEA

(13) HR 439: Electronic Filing for Small Businesses - Passage
Feb. 8, 1999 - Kelly, R-N.Y., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill to provide small businesses the option of filing paperless and electronically. Motion agreed to 413-0. A two-thirds majority of those present and voting (277 in this case) is required for passage under suspension of the rules.

Vote: YEA

(14) HR 435: Trade Law Technical Corrections - Passage
Feb. 8, 1999 - Crane, R-III, motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill to streamline current customs laws, make technical corrections to trade laws and temporarily suspend duties for certain imported products that are not manufactured by U.S. firms. The majority of the products covered by the temporary duty suspension provisions are chemicals, including certain chemicals used to develop AIDS and cancer. Motion agreed to 414-1. A two-thirds majority of those present and voting (277 in this case) is required for passage under suspension of the rules.

Vote: YEA

(15) HR 350: Federal Mandates on the Private Sector - Modify Point of Order
Feb. 10, 1999 - Boehlert, R-N.Y., amendment to modify the effect of the new point of order established by the bill. Under the amendment, the House would not be required to vote on continuing consideration of the legislation, but would have an additional 20 minutes to debate the private sector mandates of the legislation. Rejected 210-216.

Vote: YEA

(17) HR 350: Federal Mandates on the Private Sector - Passage
Feb. 10, 1999 - Passage of the bill to place certain new procedural limitations on legislation imposing federal mandates on the private sector. The bill provides for points of order in the House — to be resolved by a majority vote — to block consideration of legislation which contains private sector mandates in excess of $500 million. Passed 274-149.

Vote: NAY

(19) HR 391: Small Businesses' Paperwork Violations - Waiver Requirement
Feb. 11, 1999 - Kucinich, D-Ohio, amendment to replace the bill's civil fine waiver with a requirement that agencies develop policies that reduce or waive penalties against first-time violators. Rejected 210-214.

Vote: YEA

(20) HR 391: Small Businesses' Paperwork Violations - Passage
Feb. 11, 1999 - Passage of the bill that waives civil fines on small businesses for first time paperwork violations, with exceptions in certain cases such as violations that cause serious harm to public health and safety. Passed 274-151.

Vote: YEA

(22) HR 348: 911 as National Emergency Number - Passage
Feb. 9, 1999 - Passage of the bill to designate 911 as the universal national emergency telephone number for both wireline and wireless emergency calls. The bill allows location information on wireless calls to be provided to 911 centers and other emergency service providers, but prohibits the disclosure of this information to other parties. Passed 415-2.

Vote: YEA

(23) HR 514: Wireless Communication Privacy Laws - Passage
Feb. 25, 1999 - Passage of the bill to strengthen wireless communication privacy laws and to require the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) to step up its enforcement actions against violations of such privacy laws. The bill makes illegal any modification of scanners to receive private wireless communications. Passed 403-3.

Vote: YEA

(51) HR 774: Women's Business Center Program Authorization - Passage
March 16, 1999 - Kelly, R-N.Y., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill to increase the funding for the Women’s Business Center Program from $8 million to $11 million in fiscal 2000. Motion agreed to 385-23. A two-thirds majority of those present and voting (272 in this case) is required for passage under suspension of the rules.

Vote: YEA

(56) HR 975: Steel Imports - Passage
March 17, 1999 - Passage of the bill to direct the president, within 60 days of enactment, to take necessary steps — including imposing quotas, tariff surcharges, or negotiated voluntary enforceable export restraints — to ensure that the volume of such steel products imported into the United States (based on tonnage) during any month does not exceed the average of monthly imports during the three years preceding July 1997. The bill also requires the Commerce secretary vote — to block consideration of legislation establishing the bill. Under the amendment, the House would not be required to vote on continuing consideration of the legislation, but would have an additional 20 minutes to debate the private sector mandates of the legislation. Rejected 210-216.

Vote: YEA

(110) HR 833: Bankruptcy Overhaul - Living Expenses
May 5, 1999 - Hyde, R-III, amendment to allow only reasonably necessary living expenses for people filing for Chapter 13 bankruptcy protection instead of using expense guidelines established by the IRS. Rejected 384-238.

Vote: YEA

(111) HR 833: Bankruptcy Overhaul - Debt Relief Agency Responsibility
May 5, 1999 - Moran, D-Va., amendment that would require debt-relief agencies to provide written notice to debtors of their rights and responsibilities within three days of agreeing to help the debtor, and to require attorneys or petitioners of the court to give debtors a written contract specifying the costs and services provided to debtors. Adopted 373-47.

Vote: YEA

(112) HR 833: Bankruptcy Overhaul - Small-Business Exemptions
May 5, 1999 - Conyers, D-Mich., amendment which would waive the provisions of Chapter 11 relating to small-business reorganization of a single asset real estate in cases where the application of those provisions could result in the loss of five or more jobs. Rejected 143-278.

Vote: NAY

(113) HR 833: Bankruptcy Overhaul - Tax Returns
May 5, 1999 - Watt, D-N.C., amendment to permit persons filing for bankruptcy to file income tax returns with the bankruptcy court only when requested to do so by an interested party of the case. Rejected 192-230.

Vote: NAY

(114) HR 833: Bankruptcy Overhaul - Substitute
May 5, 1999 - Nadler, D-N.Y., substitute amendment to authorize the courts to strike a provision barring victims of illegal reaffirmation cases from filing lawsuits: that would require debt-relief agencies to notify the bankruptcy court, if the court determines that filing lawsuits would not be in the best interests of the debtor; and to strike a provision that would require debt-relief agencies to pay for people filing for Chapter 13 bankruptcy protection instead of using expense guidelines established by the IRS. Rejected 272-9.

Vote: NAY

(115) HR 833: Bankruptcy Overhaul - Tax Exemptions
May 5, 1999 - Bryant, R-Ala., amendment to exempt from the income tax a percentage of expenses for people filing for Chapter 13 bankruptcy protection instead of using expense guidelines established by the IRS. Rejected 272-9.

Vote: NAY

(119) HR 1833: Trade Agency Authorization - Loan Loss Reserves
May 25, 1999 - Crane, R-III, motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill to reauthorize funding for fiscal 2000-01 for the U.S. Customs Service, Office of the U.S. Trade Representative, and the International Trade Commission. Motion agreed to 410-2. Note: A two-thirds majority of those present and voting (275 in this case) is required for passage under suspension of the rules.

Vote: YEA

(204) HR 1400: Bond Price Transparency - Passage
June 4, 1999 - Biley, R-III, motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill to direct the Securities and Exchange Commission to adopt rules to make the bond market pricing system more open, and obligate bond sellers to disclose the price at which bonds are sold. Motion agreed to 332-1.

Vote: YEA

(264) HR 10: Financial Services Overhaul - Rule
July 1, 1999 - Adoption of the rule (HRES 235) to provide for floor consideration of the bill to eliminate barriers against cross ownership between banks, securities firms, insurance companies and other firms. Adopted 227-203.

Vote: YEA

(268) HR 10: Financial Services Overhaul - Communications
July 1, 1999 - Burt, R-Ga., amendment to permit companies that have owned broadcasting stations since Jan. 1, 1998, to recognize a company as a financial holding company and affiliate with an insured bank, while being allowed to expand into commercial activities. The only company that the provision would apply to is the Jefferson Pilot Corporation, a financial holding company which operates a television broadcasting station. Passed 238-189.

Vote: YEA

(269) HR 10: Financial Services Overhaul - Suspicous Activity
July 1, 1999 - Burt, R-Ga., amendment to prohibit federal banking regulators from inquiring or encouraging banks to identify their customers and their sources of income and financial patterns in order to identify suspicious behavior. The amendment would replace current “suspicious activity reports” with a legal liability “safe harbor” for financial institutions to report transactions relevant to a possible violation of law, and would increase from $10,000 to $25,000 the threshold at which commercial businesses must submit to the government transactions reports which are subject to grand jury transactions. Rejected 129-299.

Vote: NAY

(270) HR 10: Financial Services Overhaul - GAO Study
July 1, 1999 - Cook, R-Ohio, amendment to strike provisions of the bill that require federal financial regulators to prescribe or revise rules to improve the accuracy and understandability of fee disclosures to customers for financial products. The amendment would require the General Accounting Office to study the consequences of limiting financial disclosures to customers, and other costs incurred by customers when buying financial products. Rejected 114-313.

Vote: NAY

(271) HR 10: Financial Services Overhaul - Loan Loss Reserves
July 1, 1999 - Roukema, R-N.J., amendment to require the Securities and Exchange Commission to consult with federal banking regulators and coordinate its comments with theirs before taking any actions or rendering any opinion regarding how a bank that has reported loan loss reserves in its financial statements should be treated. Rejected 407-20.

Vote: YEA

(273) HR 10: Financial Services Overhaul - State Transfers
July 1, 1999 - Biley, R-III, amendment to
allow mutual insurance companies to move to another holding company or a mutual holding company or stock company. The authority would apply only to mutuals located in states that don’t have laws providing for such reorganizations, and such moves would be subject to approval by insurance regulators in the state to which the company wishes to relocate. The amendment would also prevent anti-discrimination requirements of the bill’s consumer protection rules from bank sales of insurance to prohibit banks from discriminating against victims of domestic violence when providing insurance. Passed 237-203.

Vote: YEA

(274) HR 10: Financial Services Overhaul - Passage July 1, 1999 - Gary, D-Mich., amendment to prohibit the bill’s companion to report it back with an amendment to prohibit insurance “redlining” – having discriminatory practices against women and minority communities – stronger privacy protections to shield customers’ medical and financial information, prohibit its use or disclosure without customers’ consent and prevent the distribution of information to telemarketing firms. Passed 490-146.

Vote: YEA

(267) HR 10: Financial Services Overhaul - Passage July 1, 1999 - Coble, R-N.C., amendment to prohibit the bill’s companion to report it back with an amendment to prohibit insurance “redlining” – having discriminatory practices against women and minority communities – stronger privacy protections to shield customers’ medical and financial information, prohibit its use or disclosure without customers’ consent and prevent the distribution of information to telemarketing firms. Passed 490-146.

Vote: YEA

(304) HR 2480: Fiscal 2000 Treasury-Postal Appropriations - Exchange Stabilization Fund July 15, 1999 - Sanders, I-Vt., amendment to prohibit the use of funds in the bill to make any loan or credit in excess of $1 billion to foreign countries through the Exchange Stabilization Fund of the Treasury Department, unless Congress specifically approves that decision by statute. The amendment would not require congressional approval for Treasury action to use the fund for exchange stabilization. Rejected 192-228.

Vote: NAY

(306) HR 434: Trade with Sub-Saharan Africa Passage July 16, 1999 - Adoption of the rule (HRES 250) to provide for House floor consideration of the bill that extends preferential trade benefits to the nations of sub-Saharan Africa. Adopted 263-141.

Vote: YEA

(307) HR 434: Trade with Sub-Saharan Africa Passage July 16, 1999 - Passage of the bill to extend certain trade preferences to the nations of sub-Saharan Africa. The bill would grant duty-free status to many products of the region, with a particular focus on textile and apparel items, and would seek to promote private investment in the nations of the area. The bill would require the President to pass the bill if it requires that applications be published at the same time and to the same extent that they are published in foreign countries. The bill would waive the publication requirement if a particular application is subject to a secrecy order, or if the application is no longer pending and the patent has been granted. The amendment would also provide that if a similar application has not been filed in a foreign country. The measure also would allow the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office to include information on the benefits and risks of the bill’s impact on international trade negotiation policy objectives. Rejected 113-315.

Vote: YEA

(482) S 808: National Emergency Number Establishing Passage Oct. 12, 1999 - Taumen, R-La., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill to direct the Federal Communications Commission to designate 911 as the universal emergency phone number, and to provide technical support to states to implement comprehensive emergency communications systems. The measure would permit cellular telephone providers to access the country to dial 911 in an emergency and would grant providers of wireless telephone services immunity from protection liability that local exchange companies receive when handling emergency calls. Amended to agree 424-2. A two-thirds majority of those present and voting (283 in this case) is required for passage under suspension of the rules.

Vote: YEA

(495) HR 1993: OPIC Reauthorization - Foreign Manufacturing Enterprises Oct. 13, 1999 - Manzullo, R-Ill., amendment to the Rohrabacher amendment. The Manzullo amendment would prohibit the Overseas Private Investment Corporation (OPIC) from funding manufacturing enterprises in foreign countries if OPIC determines that the investment would cause a reduction in manufacturing in the U.S. The Rohrabacher amendment would completely eliminate OPIC from funding manufacturing enterprises in foreign countries. Adopted 379-49. Note: Subsequently, the Rohrabacher amendment as amended by the Manzullo amendment was adopted by voice vote.

Vote: YEA

(496) HR 1993: OPIC Reauthorization - One-Year Authorization Passage Oct. 13, 1999 - Sanford, R-S.C., amendment to limit the authorization for the Overseas Private Investment Corporation (OPIC) to one year instead of four years. Rejected 104-233.

Vote: YEA

(497) HR 1993: OPIC Reauthorization - QAO Claim Review Oct. 13, 1999 - Menendez, D-N.J., amendment to the Terry amendment. The Menendez amendment would require the ROIC to review the claim processing of the Overseas Private Investment Corporation (OPIC) and include an analysis of the claims paid, settled, and denied. The Terry amendment would require OPIC to settle claims within 90 days, allow a 60-day extension for receipt of supplemental information, and pay interest at the prime rate for each day after the specified time limit. Admitted 259-143. Consequently, the Terry amendment as amended by the Menendez amendment was adopted by voice vote.

Vote: YEA

(498) HR 1993: OPIC Reauthorization - Claim Settlement Disclosure Oct. 13, 1999 - Menendez, D-N.J., amendment to the Terry amendment. The Menendez amendment would declare that any intervention by U.S. government departments or agencies regarding the timing or settlement of any claim arising as a result of insurance, reinsurance, or guaranty operations would be subject to public disclosure only if the interventions are intended to impede or delay the Terry amendment would require the Overseas Private Investment Corporation (OPIC) to publish a report to Congress regarding each intervention by other U.S. government departments or agencies regarding the timing or settlement of any insurance, reinsurance, or guaranty operations claims. Adopted 253-173. Note: Subsequently, the Terry amendment as amended by the Menendez amendment was adopted by voice vote.

Vote: YEA

(499) HR 1993: OPIC Reauthorization -
Passage
Oct. 13, 1999 - Passage of the bill to reauthorize the Overseas Private Investment Corporation (OPIC) through fiscal 2003. OPIC provides loan guarantees and insurance to U.S. investors doing business in less-developed countries that are vulnerable to political and social unrest. The agency does not receive an annual appropriation. The measure would extend OPIC's authority to use sufficient to cover operating costs, require the agency to double its support for small businesses, and direct OPIC to encourage private sector financing and participation. The measure also would direct the organization to improve dealings with Latin America and sub-Saharan Africa. Passed 535-74.

Vote: YEA

Oct. 20, 1999 - Adoption of the conference report on the bill to provide approximately $37.8 billion for the departments of Commerce, Justice, and State, and the federal judiciary system. The measure provides all the funds requested by the administration for the 2000 congress, and places restrictions on the use of the funds. The measure would declare the $4.3 billion in census funding to be "emergency" funds that do not count against the budget caps set by the 1997 balanced budget law. Adopted (thus sent to the Senate) 215-213.

Vote: YEA

(534) HR 754: 'Made in America' Products - Passage
Oct. 25, 1999 - Bliley, R-Va., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill to direct the Commerce Department to establish a toll-free phone number to confirm a product is "Made in America." Motion agreed to 390-2. A two-thirds majority of those present and voting (280 in this case) is required for passage under suspension of the rules.

Vote: YEA

(537) HConRes 190: Electronic Commerce Tariff Moratorium - Passage
Oct. 26, 1999 - Crane, R-Ill., motion to suspend the rules and adopt the concurrent resolution urging the United States to seek a global consensus supporting a moratorium on tariffs and on special, multiple, and discriminatory taxation of electronic commerce. Motion agreed to 423-1. A two-thirds majority of those present and voting (262 in this case) is required for passage under suspension of the rules.

Vote: YEA

(552) HR 1714: Electronic Signature Act - Consumer Consent
Nov. 9, 1999 - Inslee, D-Wash., amendment to give consumers the right to decide whether they want to receive information electronically. Consumers would have to affirm their consent and be informed of the hardware and software necessary to access the electronic records. Adopted 418-2.

Vote: YEA

(557) HR 1714: Electronic Signatures - Consumer Consent
Nov. 9, 1999 - Dingell, D-Mich., substitute amendment to provide federal recognition of the validity of electronic signatures in commercial transactions affecting interstate commerce. The substitute would strike provisions that would pre-empt state laws that require written notices be provided to consumers or written records maintained. Rejected 126-278.

Vote: NAY

(558) HR 1714: Electronic Signatures - Dingell Substitute
Nov. 9, 1999 - Dingell, D-Mich., substitute amendment to provide for federal recognition of the validity of electronic signatures in commercial transactions affecting interstate commerce. The substitute would strike provisions that would pre-empt state laws that require written notices be provided to consumers or written records maintained. Passed 356-56. A "nay" was a vote in support of the president’s position.

Vote: YEA

(561) HR 1554: Satellite Copyright, Cryptography and Consumer Protection Act - Conference Report
Nov. 9, 1999 - Armey, R-Texas, motion to suspend the rules and adopt the conference report on the bill to permit satellite television providers to deliver local broadcast stations to customers. The measure would require satellite providers to carry all local stations in all towns and cities they serve by 2002. Motion agreed to (thus sent to the Senate) 411-8. A two-thirds majority of those present and voting (280 in this case) is required for adoption under suspension of the rules. A "nay" was a vote in support of the president’s position.

Vote: YEA

(563) HConRes 213: Financial Literacy Resolution - Passage
Nov. 4, 1999 - Adoption of the rule (HRes 355) to provide for House floor consideration of the conference report on the bill to accompany the bill to remove restrictions on cross-ownership among banks, brokerages and insurance companies. Adopted 335-79.

Vote: YEA

(567) S 900: Financial Services Overhaul - Rule
Nov. 4, 1999 - Adoption of the rule (HRes 355) to provide for House floor consideration of the conference report on the bill to remove restrictions on cross-ownership among banks, brokerages and insurance companies. Adopted 335-79.

Vote: YEA

(68) HR 1141: Fiscal 1999 Supplemental Spending - Rescissions Resolution
March 24, 1999 - Obey, D-Wis., amendment to provide $0 in "call-in" payments to international financial institutions; $150 million for the U.S. program that combats disarming Russian nuclear weapons; $30 million from the PL 480 (Food for Peace) foreign food aid and loan program; and $25 million from the U.S. Export-Import Bank. Rejected 201-228. A "yay" was a vote in support of the president’s position.

Vote: NAY

(69) HR 1141: Fiscal 1999 Supplemental Spending - Emergency Defense Spending
March 24, 1999 - Tiahrt, R-Kan., amendment to rescind a further $195 million in "call-in" payments to international financial institutions. The funds would be used to "ensure the continuous emergency spending" in the bill — the $195 million to cover money the Defense Department spent on hurricane aid in Central America. Rejected 164-264. A "nay" was a vote in support of the president’s position.

Vote: YEA

(70) HR 1141: Fiscal 1999 Supplemental Spending - Passage
March 24, 1999 - Passage of the bill to appropriate a total of $1.3 billion in emergency and non-emergency supplemental funds for fiscal 1999, roughly equal to the president's request. The measure offsets $1.1 billion of the funding by rescinding a variety of previous appropriations, leaving $195 million in "emergency" spending that is not offset. Passed 220-211. A "nay" was a vote in support of the president’s position.

Vote: YEA

(73) HConRes 68: Fiscal 2000 Budget Resolution - Rule
March 25, 1999 - Adoption of the rule (H Res 131) to provide for House floor consideration of the concurrent resolution, and provides for net tax cuts or new net spending until legislation is enacted that addresses the solvency of the Medicare and Social Security Trust Funds. The Spratt substitute calls for saving all of the surplus both the Social Security surplus and the non-Social Security surplus — until the issue of Medicare and Social Security solvency is addressed. After solvency for these programs is extended, the substitute calls for more discretionary funding for non-defense programs than the resolution, and provides for net tax cuts of $116 billion over ten years. Rejected 173-250. Vote: NAY

(77) HConRes 68: Fiscal 2000 Budget Resolution - Adoption
March 25, 1999 - Adoption of the resolution to provide for an across-the-board spending cut of $12 billion in new net spending for the next ten years. The resolution calls for cutting taxes by $77.8 billion over ten years, by reducing off-budget sources for future years, cutting $1.1 billion from the Homeland Security surplus, $3.4 billion in discretionary agricultural spending, and $1.1 billion for veterans' health care. Rejected 134-295. Vote: NAY

(80) HConRes 68: Fiscal 2000 Budget Resolution - Motion to Instruct
April 12, 1999 - Spratt, D-S.C., motion to instruct House conferences to report that the reconciliation bills necessary to implement tax cuts outlined in the resolution be enacted as late as possible in order to give Congress time to enact bills to extend the solvency of Medicare and Social Security. Passed 251-178. Vote: YEA

(84) HConRes 68: Fiscal 2000 Budget Resolution - Conference Report - Rule
April 14, 1999 - Adoption of the rule (H Res 173) to provide for House floor consideration of the conference report on the concurrent resolution to provide for broad spending cuts and revenue targets for the next ten years. Both the House and Senate versions, the agreement represents the Republicans' plan to reserve the surpluses in the Social Security program from other uses, provide substantial tax cuts over the next 10 years, and increase defense and education spending, while staying within the spending caps set in 1997. The conference agreement sets non-defense discretionar spending for fiscal 2000 at $43.7 billion, defense spending for fiscal 1999, while defense spending would be $13.7 billion more than the current level. Adopted 272-105. Vote: YEA

(85) HConRes 68: Fiscal 2000 Budget Resolution - Conference Report
April 14, 1999 - Adoption of the conference report on the concurrent resolution to set broad spending and revenue targets for the next 10 years. Like both the House and Senate versions, the agreement represents the Republicans' plan to reserve the surpluses in the Social Security program from other uses, provide substantial tax cuts over the next 10 years, increase defense and education spending, while staying within the spending caps set in 1997. The conference agreement sets non-defense discretionary spending for fiscal 2000 at $43.7 billion, less than the current level. Adopted 272-105. Vote: YEA
to reduce funding for the Department of Agriculture’s Office of the Chief Information Officer by $50.8 million. Rejected 143-274. Vote: YEA

(156) HR 1906: Agricultural Appropriation/Research Reduction - Adoption
May 26, 2009 - Coburn, R-Okla., amendment to reduce funding for the Agricultural Research Service by $50.8 million. Rejected 129-289. Vote: YEA

(157) HR 1906: Agricultural Appropriation/Research Reduction - Adoption
May 25, 2009 - Coburn, R-Okla., amendment to reduce funding for the Department of Agriculture’s Office of the Undersecretary of Research, Education, and Economics by $400,000. Rejected 390. Vote: YEA

(158) HR 1906: Agricultural Appropriation/Research Reduction - Adoption
May 26, 2009 - Coburn, R-Okla., amendment to reduce the funding for the Agricultural Research Service by $50.8 million. Rejected 390. Vote: YEA

(159) HR 1906: Agricultural Appropriations/Climate Change Research - Adoption
May 26, 2009 - Coburn, R-Okla., amendment to reduce the funding for the Department of Agriculture’s climate change research program by $1 million. Rejected 330-93. Vote: YEA

(160) HR 1906: Agricultural Appropriation/Wood Research - Adoption
May 26, 2009 - Sanford, R-S.C., amendment to reduce funding for Department of Agriculture wood utilization research program, which study methods to develop and grow trees that yield stronger and more durable wood, by $5.13 million. Rejected 79-161. Vote: YEA

(161) HR 1906: Agricultural Appropriation/Center for Peanut Competitive - Adoption
May 26, 2009 - Coburn, R-Okla., amendment to reduce funding for the Department of Agriculture’s National Center for Peanut Competitiveness by $300,000. Rejected 119-308. Vote: YEA

(162) HR 1259: Social Security Lockbox - Rule
May 26, 2009 - Adoption of the rule (HRes 135) to provide for House floor consideration of the bill to reserve surplus funds collected for Social Security and only permit the funds to be used to support the solvency of the Social Security and Medicare programs. Adopted 223-205. Vote: YEA

(163) HR 1259: Social Security Lockbox - Motion to Reconsider
May 26, 2009 - Rangel, D-NY., motion to reconsider the Rules Committee with instructions to report it back with an amendment that would require all federal budget surplus to be used for the solvency of Social Security and Medicare are assured. Rejected 205-222. Vote: NAY

(164) HR 1259: Social Security Lockbox - Passage
May 26, 2009 - Passage of the bill to reserve all surplus Social Security and Medicare surplus for Social Security and Medicare system. Passed 416-12. Vote: YEA

(174) HR 1606: Agricultural Appropriations - Eliminate Market Research
June 8, 2009 - Chabot, R-Ohio., amendment to prohibit the use of funds for the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s Office of Market Research, which provides grants to businesses and trade associations to promote exports of agricultural products. Rejected 72-355. Vote: YEA

(175) HR 1606: Agricultural Appropriations - Spending Reductions
June 8, 2009 - Young, R-Fla., amendment to reduce funding for Agriculture buildings, facilities, and rental payments by $26 million; reduce funding for integrated activities of the Cooperative State Research Education and Extension Service by $10 million (bringing it to zero); reduce funding for buildings and facilities for the Agricultural Research Service by $44.5 million (bringing it to zero); reduce funding for administrative expenses for the Rural Development Insurance Fund by $2 million; and reduce funding to $2 million for the Food and Drug Administration by $20 million. Adopted 234/195. Vote: YEA

(207) HR 1000: FAA Reauthorization - Offset Funds
June 15, 2009 - Young, R-Fla., amendment to strike the provisions of the bill that would take the Airport and Airway Trust Fund off budget and thereby permit all aviation tax revenue to be spent on aviation programs, exempt from budgetary restrictions but still subject to annual appropriations. Rejected 179-248. Vote: YEA

HR 2466: Fiscal 2000 Interior Appropriations - Rule
July 14, 2009 - Tancredo, R-Colo., amendment to reduce the bill’s authorization for the West-End Center for the study of Asian affairs from $17.9 million to the fiscal 1999 level of $12 million. The amendment would also cap funding for the Washington, D.C. Center at $15. million and funding for the Asia Foundation at $8 million. Rejected 180-237. Vote: YEA

Aug. 4, 2009 - Coburn, R-Okla., amendment to reduce the bill’s authorization for the East-West Center for the study of Asian affairs from $17.9 million to the fiscal 1999 level of $12 million. The amendment would also cap funding for the Washington, D.C. Center at $15. million and funding for the Asia Foundation at $8 million. Rejected 180-237. Vote: YEA

(237) HJRes 68: Fiscal 2000 Continuing Appropriations - Passage
Sept. 28, 1999 - Passage of the joint resolution to provide appropriations through Oct. 21 for agencies covered by the fiscal 2000 spending bills not yet enacted. The resolution would set spending levels at the fiscal 1999 level; it would also provide for additional spending on the census and Year 2000 computer preparations. Passed 421-2. Vote: YEA

(246) HRes 306: Social Security Surplus at $8 million. Rejected 180-237. Vote: YEA

(290) HJRes 71: Fiscal 2000 Continuing Appropriations - Passage
Oct. 19, 1999 - Passage of the joint resolution to provide appropriations through Oct. 21 for agencies covered by the fiscal 2000 spending bills not yet enacted. The continuing resolution would set spending levels at the fiscal 1999 level. Passed 421-2. Vote: This was the second continuing resolution passed by the House this year. The first, HJRes 68, was signed by President Clinton Sept. 30, 1999. Vote: YEA

(294) HJRes 73: Fiscal 2000 Continuing Appropriations - Passage
Oct. 28, 1999 - Passage of the joint resolution to provide appropriations through Oct. 21 for agencies covered by the fiscal 2000 spending bills not yet enacted. The continuing resolution would set spending levels at the fiscal 1999 level. Passed 424-2. Vote: This was the third continuing resolution passed by the House this year. The first, HJRes 68, was signed by
President Clinton Sept. 30, 1999. The second, HRes 71, was signed by President Clinton Oct. 21, 1999.

Vote: YEA

(565) HRes 75: Fiscal 2000 Continuing Appropriations - Passage
Nov. 4, 1999 - Passage of the joint resolution to provide continuing appropriations through Nov. 10 for agencies covered by the fiscal 2000 spending bills not yet enacted. The continuing resolution would set spending levels at the fiscal 1999 level. Passed 417-6.

Note: This was the fourth continuing resolution passed by the House this year. The first, HRes 68, was signed by President Clinton Sept. 30, 1999. The second, HRes 71, was signed by President Clinton Oct. 21, 1999. The third, HRes 73, was signed by President Clinton Oct. 29, 1999.

Vote: YEA

(566) HRes 80: Fiscal 2000 Continuing Appropriations - Passage
Nov. 17, 1999 - Passage of the joint resolution to provide continuing appropriations through Nov. 18 for agencies covered by the fiscal 2000 spending bills not yet enacted. The continuing resolution would set spending levels at the fiscal 1999 level. Adopted 403-8.

Note: This was the sixth continuing resolution passed by the House this year. The first, HRes 68, was signed by President Clinton Sept. 30, 1999. The second, HRes 71, was signed by President Clinton Oct. 21, 1999. The third, HRes 73, was signed by President Clinton Oct. 29, 1999.

Vote: YEA

(567) S 440: Authorizing Funds of Institutions and School Districts
Nov. 17, 1999 - Hilary, R.Tenn., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill to authorize final grants for the endowment of the Howard Baker School of Government at the University of Tennessee, the John Glenn Institute for Public Service and Public Policy at Ohio State University, the Mar Hatfield School of Government at Portland State University, and to establish an endowment fund for the Paul Simon Public Policy Institute at Southern Illinois University. Motion rejected 128-291. A two-thirds majority of those present and voting (280 in this case) is necessary for passage under suspension of the rules.

Vote: NAY

(601) HRes 82: Fiscal 2000 Continuing Appropriations - Rule
Nov. 18, 1999 - Adoption of a rule (HRes 385) to provide for House floor consideration of the joint resolution (HRes 82) making further continuing appropriations for fiscal 2000 until Nov. 23, and for consideration of the joint resolution (HRes 83) making further continuing appropriations for fiscal 2000 until Dec. 2. Adopted 352-63.

Vote: YEA

(606) HRes 82: Fiscal 2000 Continuing Appropriations - Recommit
Nov. 18, 1999 - Obey, D-Wis., motion to recommit the joint resolution back to the Appropriations Committee. Motion rejected 1-0.

Vote: NAY

(607) HRes 82: Fiscal 2000 Continuing Appropriations - Passage
Nov. 18, 1999 - Passage of the joint resolution to provide continuing appropriations through Nov. 23 for agencies covered by the fiscal 2000 spending bills not yet enacted. The continuing resolution would set spending levels at the fiscal 1999 level. Adopted 403-16.

Note: This was the seventh continuing resolution passed by the House this year. The first, HRes 68, was signed by President Clinton Sept. 30, 1999. The second, HRes 71, was signed by President Clinton Oct. 21, 1999. The third, HRes 73, was signed by President Clinton Oct. 29, 1999. The fourth, HRes 78, was signed by President Clinton Nov. 10, 1999. The sixth, HRes 80, was signed by President Clinton Nov. 17, 1999.

Vote: YEA

(608) HR 2194: Fiscal 2000 Omnibus Appropriations Agreement - Rule
Nov. 19, 1999 - Adoption of the rule (HRes 386) to provide for House floor consideration of the conference report on the bill to provide $383 billion in new budget authority for those Cabinet departments and federal agencies whose fiscal 2000 appropriations bills were never enacted back to the conference committee, with instructions to the House managers not to agree to any provisions that would reduce appropriations for medical care for veterans. Motion rejected 212-219.

(610) HR 2194: Fiscal 2000 Omnibus Appropriations - Conference Report
Nov. 18, 1999 - Adoption of the conference report on the bill to provide $383 billion in new budget authority for those Cabinet departments and federal agencies whose fiscal 2000 appropriations bills were never enacted. The measure incorporates five previously separate appropriations bills: Labor-HHS-Education, Commerce-Justice-State, Interior, Foreign Operations, and District of Columbia appropriations bills. The conference report contains an across-the-board spending cut of 0.38 percent, although the inflation rate would be allocated to spare certain agencies by making larger cuts in other accounts. It would also allow the eventual payback of $926 million in debt to the United Nations, but ties that payment to U.N. management reforms and “Mexico City” restrictions on international family planning funding. The report would provide $435.8 billion in federal funds for the District of Columbia, and would allow organizations that run needle exchange programs in the District to receive local or federal funds for other programs, but would bar the use of local or federal funds from being used to support street drug exchange programs. The conference report contains provisions to incrementally increase funding needs that are currently unanticipated. (The Appropriations Committee is not covered by this resolution because the committee’s funding is separately legislated through the Legislative Branch Appropriations bill.) Adopted 216-210.

Vote: YEA

(66) HRes 101: Committee Funding - Adoption
March 23, 1999 - Hoyer, D-Md., motion to recommit the joint resolution (HRes 101) to the House Administration Committee with instructions to report it back with an amendment to assure that the minority on each committee will receive at least one-third of the funds allocated to that committee, and that the minority would receive one-third of funds distributed from the reserve fund to a committee. Adopted 205-218.

Vote: NAY

(196) HR 1905: Legislative Branch Appropriations - Spending Reduction
June 10, 1999 - Adoption of the rule (HRes 190) to provide $183.3 million in the 106th Congress for 18 House standing committees and the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence — $5.3 million (3 percent) more than they received in the 105th. The total funding includes $88.8 million for 19 committees in 1999 and $91.5 million in 2000. The total also includes a $3.0 million reduction in extrabudgetary spending that would be allocated by the House Administration Committee to other committees if needed that are currently unanticipated. (The Appropriations Committee is not covered by this resolution because its funding is separately legislated through the Legislative Branch Appropriations bill.) Adopted 216-210.

Vote: YEA

(202) HR 1905: Legislative Branch Appropriations - Recommit
June 10, 1999 - Obey, D-Wis., motion to recommit back to the Appropriations Committee with instructions that the bill not be reported back unless spending reductions in the bill are in line with the average of spending reduction in all the domestic spending bills. Rejected 208-214.

Vote: NAY

(203) HR 1905: Fiscal 2000 Legislative Branch Appropriations - Passage
June 10, 1999 - Passage of the bill to appropriate $1.9 billion for the House of Representatives and other legislative branch operations, including $769 million for the House Appropriations Committee, $58.8 million for joint functions of the House and Senate; and $738.9 million for related agencies including the Library of Congress and the non-congressional work of the Government Printing Office. Passed 214-197.

Vote: NAY

(345) HR 2587: Fiscal 2000 District of Columbia Appropriations - District Representation in Congress
July 29, 1999 - Norton, D-D.C., amendment to strike language in the bill that would bar the use of federal or local funds to seek a court ruling on District of Columbia voting representation in Congress. Rejected 213-214.

Vote: NAY

(388) HR 1905: Fiscal 2000 Legislative Branch Appropriations - Conference Report
Aug. 5, 1999 - Adoption of the conference report on the bill to appropriate $2.5 billion for the legislative branch for fiscal 2000. The bill would provide $761 million for House operations and $489 million for the Senate; $377 million for other congressional agencies including the Capitol Police, the Architect of the Capitol, the Congressional Budget Office, and the Library of Congress. Adopted 367-49.

Vote: NAY

(411) HR 417: Campaign Finance Overhaul - Individual Contribution Limit
Sept. 14, 1999 - Whitfield, R-Ky., amendment to lower the individual campaign contribution limit from $1,000 to $5,000. Rejected 127-300.

Vote: NAY

(412) HR 417: Campaign Finance Overhaul - Increase Aggregate Annual Individual Contribution Level
Sept. 14, 1999 - Doolittle, R-Calif., amendment to increase the aggregate annual individual contribution level from $30,000 to $75,000. Rejected 123-300.

Vote: NAY

(413) HR 417: Campaign Finance Overhaul - Voter Guide Exemption
Sept. 14, 1999 - Wysong, R-Ohio, amendment to exempt voter guides from the measure’s definition of “express advocacy, and “voter guides from the measure’s regulations on “issue advocacy.” Rejected 169-238.

Vote: NAY

(414) HR 417: Campaign Finance Overhaul - Ban Contributions From Non-U.S. Citizens
Sept. 14, 1999 - Bereuter, R-Neib., amendment to clarify current law to prohibit individual campaign contributions to federal campaigns from non-U.S. citizens, including permanent U.S. residents. Adopted 242-181.

Vote: NAY

(415) HR 417: Campaign Finance Overhaul - In-State Funding Requirements
Sept. 14, 1999 - Calvert, R-Calif., amendment to prevent any “in-state” restrictions running for the U.S. House or Senate collect at least 50 percent of their total contributions from donors residing within their states. The amendment would exempt candidates whose opponents received more than $250,000 of their own funds. Any candidates “knowledgeingly and willingly” exceeding the limits would be fined double the amount that they raised over the 50 percent in-state requirement. Rejected 180-234.

Vote: NAY

(416) HR 417: Campaign Finance Overhaul - Reimburse Government for Transportation Costs

Sept. 14, 1999 - Sweeney, R.N.Y., amendment that would prohibit the contribution of money used for campaign purposes, such as a government car or Air Force One, reimburse the government for all costs associated with the vehicle’s use. This amendment would not apply to federal office holders running for re-election. This amendment would also prohibit a campaign committee other than the candidate’s principal campaign committee from making direct contributions to supporting a specific candidate — and impose restrictions on issue advocacy communications. The measure would raise the individual aggregate contribution limit from $25,000 to $30,000 per year and raise the amount that individuals could give to state political parties from $3,000 to $10,000. House candidates who receive coordinated party contributions would be barred from spending more than $50,000 in personal funds. The measure would require labor unions to identify dues-paying members of any portion of their dues used for political purposes. Passed 252-177. A “yea” was a vote in support of the president’s position. Vote: YEA

(535) HR 2303: History of the House - Passage Oct. 9, 1999 - Thomas, R-Calif., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill to direct the librarian of Congress to prepare the complete written history of the House of Representatives and consult with members, former members, and historians on the work. The measure would allow the Library of Congress to solicit and raise funds from private individuals or outside organizations for the publication, marketing, and distribution of history. Motion agreed to 388-7. A two-thirds majority of those present and voting (262 in this case) is required for passage under suspension of the rules. Vote: YEA

(59) HR 4: Missile Defense - Passage March 18, 1999 - Allen, D-Maine, motion to recommit the bill to the Armed Services Committee with instructions to report it back with an amendment that it is the policy of the United States to deploy a missile defense system that is demonstrably effective, does not diminish overall national security by jeopardizing other efforts to reduce threats to the United States, and is affordable and does not compromise U.S. ability to provide for our other priorities. Motion rejected 152-269. Vote: NAY

(119) HR 1664: Fiscal 1999 Defense Supplemental - Ground Troops May 6, 1999 - Istoek, R-Okl., amendment that would prohibit the use of funds authorized in the bill for a planned invasion of Yugoslavia by U.S. ground troops unless war is actually declared. Rejected 197-301. Vote: NAY

(120) HR 1664: Fiscal 1999 Defense Supplemental - Passage May 6, 1999 - Issa, R-Calif., amendment that would prohibit the use of funds authorized in the bill to provide $13.1 billion in emergency spending for U.S. military operations, refugee aid and economic assistance in Yugoslavia, and for military operations in Southwest Asia. The bill would provide $3.1 billion for spare parts, depot maintenance, recruitment and training and base operations to cover the requirements of the Cox-Dicks report started; $1.8 billion for increases in military pay and retirement benefits; and funds for military construction and other purposes. Passed 311-105. Vote: YEA

(144) HR 4: Missile Defense - Concur with Senate May 20, 1999 - Spence, R-S.C., motion to concur with the Senate amendment to the bill that would declare it to be U.S. policy to deploy a national missile defense system as soon as it is technologically feasible. Motion agreed to (thus clearing the bill for the president). 345-71. Vote: YEA

(179) HR 1401: Defense Authorization - Rule June 9, 1999 - Adoption of the rule (HRes 200) to provide for House floor consideration of the bill to authorize funding for defense programs for fiscal 2000. Adopted 354-75. Vote: YEA

(180) HR 1401: Defense Authorization - Nuclear Weapons/Counterintelligence June 9, 1999 - Cox, R-Calif., and Dicks, D-Wash., amendment to implement the Cryptologic Intelligence Authorization Act, to require Defense Department to notify congressional committees on nuclear security, including requiring Presidential reports on transfers of missile technology; require Defense Department to notify Defense employees or contractors to provide security at facilities of the United States; require the Department of Energy, Defense, and State to conduct reviews of transfers of high-performance computing technology; require Department of Defense to conduct reviews of transferring military technology; require Department of Defense to conduct reviews of transferring missile technology. Passed 424-2. Vote: YEA

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(181) HR 1401: Defense Authorization - Visitors to National Labs June 9, 1999 - Allen, D-Maine, amendment that would prohibit the Department of Energy from entering into any agreement to allow foreign persons to visit nuclear facilities. Passed 242-80. Vote: YEA

(182) HR 1401: Defense Authorization - Joint Training Exercises with China June 9, 1999 - Issa, R-Calif., amendment that would prohibit the Department of Defense from conducting joint or joint training exercises with China. Passed by 424-2. Vote: YEA

(183) HR 1401: Defense Authorization...
(494) HR 2561: Fiscal 2000 Defense Appropriations - Conference Report Oct. 13, 1999 - Adoption of the conference report on the bill to appropriate $267.7 billion in defense spending for fiscal 2000. The measure would provide about $4.5 billion more than President Clinton’s request and $17 billion more than appropriated in fiscal 1999. The conference report includes $1 billion of the $1.9 billion the administration requested to buy F-22 jet fighters. The conference report includes a Senate provision to provide $5.5 billion in emergency spending for military pay raises as well as repairing buildings and facilities. Adopted (thus sent to the Senate) 572-55. Vote: NAV

(388) HR 800: Educational Flexibility - Underlying Purpose of Federal Student Aid March 10, 1999 - Ehlers, R-Mich., amendment to require that state agencies ensure that the underlying purposes of the federal programs being waive are met. The bill expands the current Education Flexibility Partnership program by making all 50 states eligible to participate in the program, instead of just the 12 states and the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, and other U.S. territories eligible to participate. The Holt amendment requires that schools applying for a waiver of federal regulations, a priority demonstrate in their application how the professional development needs of their teachers in the areas of science and math will be, or are already being met. Rejected 204-218. Vote: NAV

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(354) HR 540: Nursing Home Resident Protections - Passage March 10, 1999 - Bilirakis, R-Fla., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill to prohibit the discharge or transfer of nursing home residents as a result of a nursing home’s voluntary withdrawal from the Medicaid program. Motion agreed to 398-12. A two-thirds majority of those present and voting (274 in this case) is required for passage under suspension of the rules. Vote: YEA

(423) S 1059: Fiscal 2000 Defense Authorization - Reconstitut passing the bill to authorize $288.8 billion in funds for the Department of Defense. The conference report includes a reorganization of the Energy Department’s security program for its nuclear laboratories. The conference report would appropriate $265 billion for the National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA), a semi-autonomous agency within the Energy Department responsible for nuclear weapons development, naval nuclear propulsion, defense nuclear nonproliferation and weapons dismantlement. The motion requires the NNSA to retain all existing ones. The bill would provide $21 billion for energy programs; $789 million for construction of the National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA) and all its personnel. Motion rejected 139-281. Vote: YEA

(424) S 1059: Fiscal 2000 Defense Authorization - Conference Report Sept. 15, 1999 - Adoption of the conference report on the bill to authorize $288.8 billion in funds for the Department of Defense. The conference report includes a reorganization of the Energy Department’s security program for its nuclear laboratories. The conference report would appropriate $265 billion for the National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA), a semi-autonomous agency within the Energy Department responsible for nuclear weapons development, naval nuclear propulsion, defense nuclear nonproliferation and weapons dismantlement. The motion requires the NNSA to retain all its personnel. Motion rejected 139-281. Vote: YEA

(427) HR 2116: Veterans’ Benefits Expansion - Passage Sept. 21, 1999 - Stump, R-Ariz., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill to authorize the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to expand long-term care services for veterans and allow the VA to generate increased revenue to help pay for health care services. The measure would authorize the VA to extend the length of time the VA could lease facilities, space or fund to private companies for 35 years instead of 10 years. Motion rejected 375-4.

Vote: YEA

(475) HJRes 65: Honor Veterans of Battle of the Bulge - Adoption Oct. 9, 1999 - Stump, R-Ariz., motion to suspend the rules and adopt the resolution to honor World War II veteran services in the Battle of the Bulge during World War II. Motion agreed to 422-0. A two-thirds majority of those present and voting (282 in this case) is required for passage under suspension of the rules. Vote: YEA

(400) HR 2684: Fiscal 2000 VA-HUD Appropriations - Conference Report July 26, 1999 - Amend veterans Health Care Funding Formula Sept. 9, 1999 - Hinchee, D-N.Y., amendment to provide for use of funding to implement the Veterans Equitable Resource Allocation system, which is intended to distribute funding to regional VA health care facilities in a way that accounts for aging populations of veterans. Rejected 158-266. Vote: YEA

(401) HR 2684: Fiscal 2000 VA-HUD Appropriations - Conference Report Sept. 9, 1999 - Tanceredo, R-Colo., amendment to increase funding for the VA’s state extended care facilities construction grant program by $10 million to $90 million, and to extend the reductions in future years. Motion rejected 120-332. Vote: YEA

(402) HR 2684: Fiscal 2000 VA-HUD Appropriations - Conference Report Sept. 9, 1999 - Tanceredo, R-Colo., amendment to increase funding for the VA’s state extended care facilities construction grant program by $10 million to $90 million, and to extend the reductions in future years. Motion rejected 120-332. Vote: YEA

(494) HR 2561: Fiscal 2000 Defense Appropriations - Conference Report Oct. 13, 1999 - Adoption of the conference report on the bill to appropriate $267.7 billion in defense spending for fiscal 2000. The measure would provide about $4.5 billion more than President Clinton’s request and $17 billion more than appropriated in fiscal 1999. The conference report includes $1 billion of the $1.9 billion the administration requested to buy F-22 jet fighters. The conference report includes a Senate provision to provide $5.5 billion in emergency spending for military pay raises as well as repairing buildings and facilities. Adopted (thus sent to the Senate) 572-55. Vote: NAV

(274) HR 540: Nursing Home Resident Protections - Passage March 10, 1999 - Bilirakis, R-Fla., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill to prohibit the discharge or transfer of nursing home residents as a result of a nursing home’s voluntary withdrawal from the Medicaid program. Motion agreed to 398-12. A two-thirds majority of those present and voting (274 in this case) is required for passage under suspension of the rules. A “yea” was a vote in support of the president’s position. Vote: YEA

(37) HR 800: Educational Flexibility - Math and Science Professional Development Needs March 10, 1999 - Holt, D-N.J., amendment to the Ehlers, R-Mich., amendment to the bill to expand the current Education Flexibility Partnership program by making all 50 states eligible to participate. The Holt amendment requires that schools applying for a waiver of federal regulations, a priority demonstrate in their application how the professional development needs of their teachers in the areas of science and math will be, or are already being met. Rejected 204-218. Vote: NAV
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Vote: YEA

12) HConRes 88: Funding Pell Grant

May 4, 1999 - McKeon, R-Calif., motion to suspend the rules and adopt the concurrent resolution to urge Congress and the president to increase funding for the Pell Grant student aid program. Motion agreed to 397-13. A two-thirds majority of those present and voting (273 in this case) is required for adoption under suspension of the rules.

Vote: YEA

13) HReps 157: Support America's Teachers - Adoption

May 4, 1999 - Collins, R-Fla., motion to suspend the rules and adopt the resolution to urge Congress to fund the Pell Grant student aid program. Motion agreed to 397-13. A two-thirds majority of those present and voting (273 in this case) is required for adoption under suspension of the rules.

Vote: YEA

14) S 249: Missing Children Protection Act - Passage

June 8, 1999 - Passage of the bill to authorize a national program to search for missing children. Passed 98-0.

Vote: YEA

15) HConRes 150: Education Grants - Passage

June 17, 1999 - McInnis, R-Ind., amendment to authorize $2 billion for the Pell Grant student aid program. The amendment was rejected 189-225.

Vote: NAY

16) S 2587: Fiscal 2000 District of Columbia Appropriations - Passage

Sept. 28, 1999 - Passage of the bill to appropriate $121 million for the NEH. To offset the increased spending, the amendment would reduce funding for the Strategic Petroleum Reserve by $20 million. Rejected 207-217.

Vote: YEA

17) HConRes 1995: New Teachers and Training Programs - Passage

July 20, 1999 - Passage of the bill to establish a grant program to train additional teachers nationwide and fund professional training programs for teachers. The bill would authorize approximately $2 billion per year for five years. The bill would allow schools to hire more teachers to reduce the average size of their classes to 18 students. Under the bill, state Departments of Education would be required to seek stipends for attending state-approved training programs of their choice.

Vote: NAY

18) HConRes 2587: Fiscal 2000 District of Columbia Appropriations - Needle Exchange Program


Vote: NAY

19) HR 2684: Fiscal 2000 VA-HUD Appropriations - Rental Housing Subsidies

Sept. 8, 1999 - Nadler, D-N.Y., amendment to increase funding for rental housing subsidies and for management of public housing by a total of $305 million, offset by cuts in funding for the National Science Foundation. Adopted 212-207.

Vote: YEA

20) HR 2684: Fiscal 2000 VA-HUD Appropriations - Rental Housing Subsidies

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Vote: YEA

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Health Research and Quality (currently the Agency for Health Care Policy and Research) and to redefine its mission to focus on supporting private sector initiatives. Passed 417-7.

Vote: YEA

(472) HR 2684: Fiscal 2000 VA-HUD Appropriations - Motion to Instruct Oct. 4, 1999 - Motion to request the managers on the part of the House to agree with the higher funding levels recommended in the Supplemental Appropriations Report for the Department of Housing and Urban Development; for the Science, Aeronautics and Technology Mission and Support accounts of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration; and for the National Science Foundation. Motion agreed to 306-113.

Vote: NAY

(483) HR 2990: Access to Care for the Uninsured - Rule Oct. 6, 1999 - Adoption of the rule (HRes 321) to limit non-economic damages to $250,000, unless that state certifies annually to the federal government-sponsored health plans for its performance agreement, unless states spend equal amounts per-pupil federal funds in exchange for new accountability requirements and pledges to improve student performance. The measure would establishment a pilot program in states that develop student performance goals to permit 10 years, they would have to revert back to the current system. Motion passed 213-208.

Vote: YEA

(484) HR 2990: Access to Care for the Uninsured - Recommit Oct. 6, 1999 - Motion to recommit the bill to the Ways and Means Committee with instructions to report the bill back with a substitute amendment that would make the bill consistent with the president’s demand of the president’s position.

Vote: YEA

(485) HR 2990: Access to Care for the Uninsured - Passage Oct. 6, 1999 - Passage of the bill to make Medicaid Savings Accounts (MSAs) available to all Americans. The measure would provide tax deductions for health insurance premiums and establish association health plans. Motion to suspend the rules passed 227-205.

Vote: YEA

(487) HR 2723: Managed Care Patient Protections - Boener Substitute Oct. 7, 1999 - Adoption of the rule (HRes 303) to provide for House floor consideration of the conference report on the bill to provide $317.1 billion in budget authority for the departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and related agencies, and $429.1 million in federal funds for the District of Columbia. Motion agreed to 221-206.

Vote: YEA

(491) HRes 303: Federal Dollars to the Classroom - Adoption Oct. 7, 1999 - Passage of the bill to require health plans to cover emergency care. Motion to suspend the rules passed 243-181.

Vote: YEA

(492) HRes 303: Federal Dollars to the Classroom - Total Funding Increase Oct. 21, 1999 - Roemer, D.-Ind., amendment to increase the authorization for Title I by $9 billion for schools with at least 25% poverty.

Vote: YEA

(511) HRes 338: Education Overhaul - Rule Oct. 21, 1999 - Fathead, D.-Pa., amendment to limit federal funding for school districts unless they spend equal amounts per pupil in each district. Motion rejected 224-193. A two-thirds majority of those present and voting (160 in this case) is required to suspend the rules and adopt the concurrent resolution.

Vote: NAY

(512) HR 2030: "Straight A's" Education Overhaul - Recommit Oct. 21, 1999 - Motion to recommit the bill to the Education and Workforce Committee with instructions to report the bill back with an amendment to reduce school class sizes, ensure that teachers are highly qualified, and repair crumbling schools.

Vote: NAY

(531) HR 2300: "Straight A's" Education Overhaul - Passage Oct. 21, 1999 - Passage of the bill to provide a limited number of states flexibility to spend federal education funds in exchange for new accountability requirements and pledges to improve student performance. The measure would also state that reading instruction in third grade, whole language philosophy “often to the detriment of the students.” Motion rejected 224-193. A two-thirds majority of those present and voting (278 in this case) is required for adoption under suspension of the rules.

Vote: YEA

(549) HR 3064: Fiscal 2000 District of Columbia/Labor-HHS-Education Appropriations - Rule Oct. 28, 1999 - Adoption of the rule (HRes 345) to provide for House floor consideration of the conference report on the bill to provide $317.1 billion in budget authority for the departments of Labor, Health and Human Services (HHS) and Education, and for related agencies, and $429.1 million in federal funds for the District of Columbia. Motion agreed to 221-206.

Vote: YEA

(558) HR 2990: Access to Care for the Uninsured - Motion to Instruct Nov. 3, 1999 - Dingell, D.-Mich., motion to instruct House committees to insist upon the provisions of HR 2990 as passed by the House. Motion to suspend the rules and adopt the concurrent resolution to express Congress’ support for teaching phonics in schools. The resolution would also state that reading instruction in “federal schools is still based on whole language philosophy “often to the detriment of the students.” Motion rejected 224-193. A two-thirds majority of those present and voting (278 in this case) is required for adoption under suspension of the rules.

Vote: YEA

(573) HR 3075: Medicare Adjustments to the Balanced Budget Act - Passage
Nov. 5, 1999 - Archer, R-Texas, motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill to make adjustments to Medicare payments set in the 1997 Balanced Budget Act (PL 105-33). The measure would delay a scheduled cut in payments for hospitals that treat low-income patients; temporarily increase maximum allowable adjustments and payments for high-cost patients in skilled nursing homes and allow facility officials to choose among two types of payments; provide more funds to help hospitals with above-average costs adjust to a new payment formula; and mirror slowly phase in a new payment adjustment for Medicare-Choice managed care plans that pays less for healthier patients. Motion agreed to 388-25. A two-thirds majority of those present and voting (276 in this case) is required for passage under suspension of the rules. Vote: YEA

(574) HRes 94: Kidney Donations - Adoption
Nov. 8, 1999 - Bilirakis, R-Fla., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill to recognize the contribution made by those who have donated kidneys to save lives. Motion agreed to 382-0. A two-thirds majority of those present and voting (276 in this case) is required for adoption under suspension of the rules. Vote: YEA

(582) HR 3073: Responsible Fatherhood - Rule
Nov. 10, 1999 - Motion to recommit the bill to the Ways and Means Committee with instructions to report it back to the House with an amendment to prohibit employment discrimination by religious institutions that receive federal funding. Motion rejected 172-246. Vote: NAY

(583) HR 3073: Responsible Fatherhood - Parents
Nov. 10, 1999 - Mink, D-Hawaii, amendment to replace the word “father” with the word “parent” and to make several other changes. Rejected 172-253. Vote: NAY

(584) HR 3073: Responsible Fatherhood - Sectarian Organizations
Nov. 10, 1999 - Edwards, D-Texas, amendment to provide some relief for faith-based organizations under the bill to any faith-based organization that is “pervasively sectarian.” Rejected 184-238. Vote: NAY

(585) HR 3073: Responsible Fatherhood - Recommitt
Nov. 10, 1999 - Scott, D- Va., motion to recommit the bill to the Judiciary Committee with instructions to report it back to the House with an amendment to prohibit employment discrimination by religious institutions that receive federal funding. Motion rejected 172-246. Vote: NAY

(586) HR 3073: Responsible Fatherhood - Passage
Nov. 10, 1999 - Passage of the bill to authorize $1.50 million over six years for grants to nonprofit groups and state agencies that create programs to promote responsible fatherhood and create educational, economic and employment initiatives to promote responsible fatherhood. Adopted 278-144. Vote: YEA

(121) HR 775: Y2K Liability Limitations - Support
May 12, 1999 - Adoption of the rule (HRes 166) to provide for House floor consideration of the bill to establish a $1 billion loan program for the Energy Department until June 30, 2000, pending improvements in the Energy Department’s nuclear safety programs. Passed 423-1. Vote: YEA

(235) HR 775: Y2K Liability Limitations - Motion to instruct
June 24, 1999 - Conyers, D-Mich., motion to instruct the House conferences to ensure that the eventual report to the House reflects due regard to concerns of Y2K claimants about technology community and the implications of the “Y2K” date change on that community and the nation’s economy; that the report reflect substantive inputs of the Administration and of the bipartisan leadership in the House and Senate; and express the sense of the House that a decision not to follow this process will lead to potential liability. Motion agreed to 426-0. Vote: YEA

(263) HR 775: Y2K Liability Limitations - Passage
July 1, 1999 - Adoption of the rule (HRes 234) to provide for House floor consideration of the conference report on the bill to limit lawsuits resulting from Year 2000 computer failures. The conference report would give defendants as long as 90 days to fix any problems before a Y2K lawsuit could be filed; require any complaint containing a Y2K claim to detail the nature and amount of each element of damages sought and specific information regarding material defects; declare that defendants would not be liable for punitive damages unless the plaintiff proves that the defendant acted with specific intent to injure the plaintiff. The conference report would not provide any defendant liable to pay the plaintiff’s attorneys’ fees if the plaintiff rejected a pre-trial settlement offer, but ultimately secured a less favorable verdict from court. The report would not cap the liability of directors, trustees, or officers of a company, although only companies and directors of a company directly involved with the claim could be held liable for damages. Class-action lawsuits involving Y2K claims would be heard in federal, not state courts, when damages sought are $10 million or more, when there are 100 or more plaintiffs, and when the plaintiff requests punitive damages. Adopted 423-1. Vote: YEA

(342) HR 2605: Fiscal 2000 Energy and Water Appropriations - Passage
July 27, 1999 - Passage of the bill to appropriate $20.2 billion in fiscal 2000 for the Department of Energy and related agencies, including $15.6 billion for the Energy Department and just under $5 billion for water projects. The bill would withhold $400 million for the Energy Department’s nuclear safety programs, which the measure authorizes $10.8 billion in fiscal 2000 and $20.4 million in fiscal 2001 for the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). Passed 420-8. Vote: YEA

(375) HR 1664: Steel, Oil and Gas Industries Loan Program - Senate Amendment
Aug. 4, 1999 - Regula, R-Ohio, motion to agree to the Senate amendments to the bill to establish a $1 billion loan program for the steel industry, and a $500 million loan program for the oil and gas industries. The bill would appropriate $270 million to cover potential loan defaults. To offset the coverage, the bill would authorize new loan Guaranty Branch travel accounts each year. Motion agreed to 246-176. Vote: NAY

(402) HR 2684: Fiscal 2000 VA-HUD Appropriations - Recommit
Sept. 9, 1999 - Obey, D-Wis., motion to recommit the bill with instructions to find new offsets to replace a $3 billion reduction in borrowing authority for the VA-HUD bill. Motion rejected 207-215. Vote: NAY

(452) HR 2605: Fiscal 2000 Energy and Water Appropriations - Conference Report
Sept. 27, 1999 - Adoption of the conference report on the bill to provide $21.3 billion in funding for the Energy Department, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, the Interior Department and other independent agencies. The conference report would provide $4.1 billion for the Corps, $809 million for the Interior Department programs and $16.7 billion for the Department of Energy. Adopted 327-87. Vote: YEA

(16) HR 350: Federal Mandates on the Private Sector - Public Health, Safety and Environmental Protection - Passage
Feb. 10, 1999 - Waxman, D-Calif., amendment to permit points of order against provisions that would require either the federal government to remove or make less stringent private sector mandates established to protect public health, safety and the environment. Rejected 203-216. Vote: NAY

(22) HR 171: Coastal Heritage Trail Route - Passage
Feb. 23, 1999 - Hansen, R-Utah, motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill to extend for five years the authorization for the Coastal Heritage Trail Route along the Jersey Shore. The bill also increases — from $1 million to $4 million — the existing funding authorization for developing the route. Motion agreed to 394-21. A two-thirds majority of those present and voting (278 in this case) is required for passage under suspension of the rules. Vote: YEA

(23) HR 193: National Wild and Scenic Rivers System Additions - Passage
Feb. 23, 1999 - Hansen, R-Utah, motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill to authorize $30 million over the next five years to designate a portion of the Sudbury, Assabet and Concord Rivers as part of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System. Motion agreed to 395-22. A two-thirds majority of those present and voting (278 in this case) is required for passage under suspension of the rules. Vote: YEA

(33) HR 707: Natural Disaster Mitigation Program - Pemex - Passage
March 4, 1999 - Passage of the bill to authorize $25 million in fiscal 1999 and $80 million in fiscal 2000 for a federal natural disaster mitigation program, under which grants would be provided to state and local governments to substantially reduce the risk of future damages. Motion agreed to 395-22. A two-thirds majority of those present and voting (278 in this case) is required for passage under suspension of the rules. Vote: YEA

Vote: YEA

(104) HR 1480: Water Resource Development Projects - Passage April 29, 1999 - Passage of the bill to authorize construction of water resource development projects by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers for flood control, navigation (primarily dredging), beach erosion control and environmental restoration. It is estimated that the total cost of the projects authorized by the bill would be about $4.3 billion, with a federal cost of $3 billion. Adopted 418-5.

Vote: YEA


Vote: YEA

(140) HR 883: Land Sovereignty - Rule May 20, 1999 - Adoption of the rule (HRes 180) to provide for House floor consideration of the bill to require congressional approval for U.S. participation in two U.N.-sponsored land initiatives. Adopted 240-178.

Vote: YEA

(141) HR 883: Land Sovereignty - Commercial Use May 20, 1999 - Vento, D-Minn., amendment to require congressional approval for federal lands to be used for commercial use or development through agreements with international or foreign entities or their U.S. subsidiaries. Adopted 262-158.

Vote: NAY

(142) HR 883: Land Sovereignty - Biosphere May 20, 1999 - Sweeney, R-N.Y., amendment to require congressional approval for Biosphere Reserves plans to specifically be about $4.3 billion, with a federal cost of $3 billion. Adopted 418-5.

Vote: YEA

(172) HR 1906: Agriculture Appropriations - Wildlife, Predator Control June 8, 1999 - DeFazio, D-Ore., amendment to reduce funding for the National Wildlife Service’s program for lethal predator control by $7 million. The program funds efforts to control the population of wild animals that prey on livestock and birds that flock near airports. Rejected 193-230.

Vote: YEA

(245) HR 659: Revolutionary War Battlefield Sites - Passage June 22, 1999 - Passage of the bill to authorize $4.25 million for the National Park Service to prepare a plan for the preservation of the Revolutionary War sites. The bill also directs the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study of the battlefield sites. The bill also directs the Valley Forge Historical Society to build a museum at the Valley Forge National Historical Park in cooperation with the Department of the Interior. Passed 418-4.

Vote: YEA


Vote: YEA

(282) HR 2466: Fiscal 2000 Interior Appropriations - Land Payments July 13, 1999 - Sanders, I-Vt., amendment to increase funding for payments in lieu of taxes by $30 million. The payments are made to localities to make up for taxes the localities would have collected if the lands were not federally owned. The amendment would also reduce the debt by $30 million, and offset the expenses by decreasing funding the Department of Energy research and energy development programs by $30 million. Passed 248-169.

Vote: YEA

(288) HR 2466: Fiscal 2000 Interior Appropriations - Mining Waste July 14, 1999 - Rahall, D-W.Va., amendment to provide for permits for mining operations that would use more than five acres to dispose of mining waste. Adopted 273-151.

Vote: YEA


Vote: NAY

(291) HR 2466: Fiscal 2000 Interior Appropriations - Legislation July 14, 1999 - Farr, D-Calif., amendment to prohibit the use of funds in the bill to permit the use of approved leghold traps or snap snare in the National Wildlife Refuge System. The amendment provides an exception for the use of these traps and snares for research, conservation, or facilities protection. Passed 259-147.

Vote: YEA

(293) HR 2466: Fiscal 2000 Interior Appropriations - Fisheries Management July 14, 1999 - Wur, D-Ore., amendment to earmark $196.9 million of National Forest System funding for timber sales management, $120.5 million for wildlife and fisheries habitat management, and $40.2 million for watershed improvements. Without the amendment, the bill would allocate $220 million for timber sales management, $103.5 million for wildlife and fisheries habitat management, and $34 million for watershed improvements. Rejected 174-250.

Vote: YEA

(294) HR 2466: Fiscal 2000 Interior Appropriations - Visitors Center July 14, 1999 - Separate vote at the request of Gephardt, D-Mo., to strike the bill’s language and strike the bill’s language and replace it with a provision to establish the Thomas Cole National Historic Site in the State of New York as an affiliated area of the National Park System. Motion agreed to 396-6. A two-thirds majority of those present and voting (237 in this case) is required for passage under suspension of the rules.

Vote: YEA

(400) HR 658: Thomas Cole National Historic Site - Passage Sept. 13, 1999 - Sherwood, R-Pa., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill to establish the Thomas Cole National Historic Site in the State of New York as an affiliated area of the National Park System. Motion agreed to 396-6. A two-thirds majority of those present and voting (237 in this case) is required for passage under suspension of the rules.

Vote: YEA

(420) HR 1431: Coastal Barrier Resources - Passage Sept. 21, 1999 - Saxton, R-N.J., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill to renew the 1982 Coastal Barrier Resources Act and correct maps of protected areas in Delaware, Florida and North Carolina. The measure would most federal authorities to provide for flood control, navigation (primarily dredging), beach erosion control and environmental restoration. It is estimated that the total cost of the projects authorized by the bill would be about $4.3 billion, with a federal cost of $3 billion. Adopted 418-5.

Vote: YEA

(429) HR 468: Saint Helena Island - Passage Sept. 21, 1999 - Sherrwood, R-Pa., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill to designate Lake Michigan’s Saint Helena Island a national park area as part of the Hiawatha National Forest. Motion agreed to 410-5. A two-thirds majority of those present and voting (275 in this case) is required for passage under suspension of the rules.

Vote: NAY

(473) HR 2466: Fiscal 2000 Interior Appropriations - Motion to Instruct Oct. 4, 1999 - Dicks, D-Wash., motion to instruct the conferees to agree to the higher funding levels recommended in the Senate amendment for the National Endowment for the Arts and the National Endowment for the Humanities and to disagree with the Senate-passed provision that would nullify a federal law requiring mining waste to be used for the construction of a single five-acre site for each mine on federal lands. Motion agreed to 218-195.

Vote: YEA

(506) HR 2140: Chattahoochee River National Recreation Area - Passage Oct. 18, 1999 - Doolittle, R-Calif., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill to expand the maximum size of the Chattahoochee River National Recreation Area from 6,800 acres to 10,000 acres and increase the authorization for the area from $70 million to $112 million to fund capital improvements. Motion agreed to 394-9. A two-thirds majority of those present and voting (269 in this case) is required for passage under suspension of the rules.

Vote: YEA

(527) HR 2466: Fiscal 2000 Interior Appropriations - Rule Oct. 21, 1999 - Adoption of the rule (HRes 337) to provide for House floor consideration of the conference report on the bill to provide $14.5 billion for the Department of Interior, a portion of the Forest Service and the nation’s primary land management agencies. Adopted 228-196.

Vote: YEA

(528) HR 2466: Fiscal 2000 Interior Appropriations - Rule Oct. 21, 1999 - Adoption of the conference report on the bill to provide $14.5 billion for the Department of Interior, a portion of the Forest Service and the nation’s primary land management agencies. Adopted (thus sent to the Senate) 225-200.

Vote: YEA

(551) HR 2727: Lewis and Clark Land Transfer - Passage Nov. 4, 1999 - Hansen, R-Utah, motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill to authorize the Interior secretary to give the state of Illinois a 39-acre parcel of land in Madison County at the beginning of the Lewis and Clark historic trail. The land would be used to build an interpretive center at the site where the explorers set off for the West in 1803. A two-thirds majority of those present and voting (237 in this case) is required for passage under suspension of the rules.

Vote: YEA

(599) HR 2389: Timber Revenues for Rural Communities - Optional Use of Federal Land Payment Nov. 3, 1999 - Udall, D-Colo., amendment to make optional the requirement that 20 percent of a county’s federal lands payments be used for certain community-based projects. Under the amendment, all counties would have the discretion of whether to use the payments for community-based projects or for other purposes. Rejected 180-241.

Vote: YEA
(560) HR 2388: Timber Revenues for Rural Communities - Passage
Nov. 3, 1999 - Passage of the bill to guarantee counties adjacent to National Forest Service lands will receive a percentage of the agency’s timber sales revenues equal to their average payment of the highest three years since 1985. The measure would create a five-year safety net for communities whose forest payments have been reduced in recent years. The measure would require counties receiving more than $100,000 in payments to use 20 percent of the payments for community-based projects and adopt a five-year plan for roads and schools. Passed 274-15.

Vote: NAY

(561) HR 412: A two-thirds majority of those present and voting (278 in this case) is required for passage under suspension of the rules.

Vote: YEA

(87) HR 472: Local Government Census Review - Rule
April 14, 1999 - Adoption of the rule (H Res 138) to provide for House floor consideration of the bill to allow local government officials to review 2000 census data before the count is finalized. Under the bill, the data subject to local review would include numbers of housing units and vacancies in those units, but not necessarily a count of specific individuals. The localities would be able to challenge the preliminary census data. Adopted 219-205.

Vote: YEA

(88) HR 472: Local Government Census Review - Maloney Substitute
April 14, 1999 - Adoption of the amendment to require that before census counting begins all new housing construction be included in the census address list, all local governments can review the counts of vacant properties identified by the Postal Service, and local governments have an opportunity to ensure that the census properly identifies the jurisdictional boundaries of local governments. Rejected 226-226.

Vote: NAY

(25) HR 436: Federal Agencies’ Debt Collection - Passage
Feb. 24, 1999 - Passage of the bill to provide federal agencies with a variety of additional procedures to collect delinquent non-tax debt and facilitate corrections to the Debt Collection Improvement Act of 1996. Passed 413-2.

Vote: YEA

(26) HR 409: Federal Financial Assistance Programs Applications - Passage
Feb. 24, 1999 - Passage of the bill to require federal agencies to develop plans within 18 months to streamline application, administrative and reporting requirements for federal financial assistance (or grant) programs. The bill also directs agencies to develop and discontinue use of electronic applications and reporting via the Internet. Passed 426-0.

Vote: YEA

(79) HR 911: Terry Sanford Federal Building - Passage

Vote: YEA

(81) HR 46: Medal of Valor for Public Safety Officers - Passage
April 13, 1999 - McColloin, R-Fla., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill to establish a national medal for public safety officers “who act with extraordinary valor above and beyond the call of duty.” Passed 412-2. A two-thirds majority of those present and voting (278 in this case) is required for passage under suspension of the rules.

Vote: YEA

EXECUTIVE, GENERAL GOVERNMENT, POST OFFICE, TREASURY

(146) HR 100: Rename Philadelphia Post Offices - Passage
May 24, 1999 - Davis, R-Va., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill to name the post office building in Sandy, Utah, the “Neal Cushing Bateman Post Office Building.” Motion agreed to 362-0. A two-thirds majority of those present and voting (278 in this case) is required for passage under suspension of the rules.

Vote: YEA

(168) HR 435: Miscellaneous Trade Agreements - Passage
June 7, 1999 - Dunn, R-Wash., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill to require amendment to the bill that would authorize 50 new Customs Service inspectors to process passengers entering the United States on planes and cruise ships. Passengers would be able to pay $1.75 to pay for the new positions. The measure would also clarify the tax treatment of certain transfers of assets and liabilities to a corporation based in the U.S. A two-thirds majority of those present and voting (278 in this case) is required for passage under suspension of the rules.

Vote: YEA

(302) HR 2490: Fiscal 2000 Treasury-Personal Appropriations - Passage
July 15, 1999 - Sessions, R-Texas, amendment to strike language from the bill that would raise the president’s annual salary from $200,000 to $400,000 when the new president takes office in 2001. Rejected 18-134. Passed 419-1.

Vote: YEA

(305) HR 2490: Fiscal 2000 Treasury-Personal Appropriations - Passage
July 15, 1999 - Passage of the bill to appropriate $28 billion in funds for the Treasury Department, U.S. Postal Service, various agencies of the Executive Office of the President, and certain independent agencies. The bill would increase the annual salary of the president from $200,000 to $400,000 when the new president takes office in 2001. The bill would also provide for House floor consideration of the bill to appropriate $453 million in federal funds for the U.S. Customs Service, and $567 million for the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms. Passed 210-209.

Vote: YEA

(308) HR 1033: Lewis and Clark - Passage
July 19, 1999 - Bereuter, R-Neb., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill to appropriate $250,000 to commemorate the bicentennial of the Lewis and Clark expedition and to defray the costs of bicentennial celebrations. Passed 381-1. A two-thirds majority of those present and voting (278 in this case) is required for passage under suspension of the rules.

Vote: YEA

(311) HCONRes 158: Memorial Door for Fallen Officers - Passage
July 20, 1999 - Franks, R-N.J., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill to appropriate $5 million to fund the construction of “The Memorial Door” in honor of Officer Jacob Joseph Chestnut and Detective John Michael Gibson, who gave their lives in the line of duty on July 24, 1998 near the door of the Capital Hill police station as the “memorial door” of the U.S. Capitol. Motion agreed to 362-0. A two-thirds majority of those present and voting (278 in this case) is required for passage under suspension of the rules.

Vote: YEA

(325) HR 2415: State Department Reauthorization - Whistleblower Protections - Passage
July 21, 1999 - Stearns, R-Fla., amendment to express the sense of Congress that State Department employees should be protected from retaliation and not necessarily a count of specific individuals. The localities would be able to challenge the preliminary census data. Adopted 219-205.

Vote: YEA

(329) HR 2587: Fiscal 2000 District of Columbia Appropriations - Rule

Vote: YEA

(347) HR 2587: Fiscal 2000 District of Columbia Appropriations - Passage
July 29, 1999 - Adoption of the rule (H Res 273) to provide for House floor consideration of the bill to appropriate $453 million in fiscal 2000 funds for the District of Columbia. Passed 333-92.

Vote: YEA

(357) HR 747: Arizona Land Trust Investments - Passage
Aug. 2, 1999 - Saxton, R-N.J., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill to allow the state of Arizona to reinvest interest and dividends generated from state trust funds rather than using all of the revenue for public schools, universities and other institutions. Motion agreed to 416-0. A two-thirds majority of those present and voting (278 in this case) is required for passage under suspension of the rules.

Vote: YEA

(358) HR 1219: Construction Industry Subcontractor Protection - Passage
Aug. 2, 1999 - Horn, R-Calif., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill to increase protection for subcontractors on federal construction projects by requiring that the general contractor obtain payment bonds equal to the total value of the contract. Motion agreed to 416-0. A two-thirds majority of those present and voting (278 in this case) is required for passage under suspension of the rules.

Vote: YEA

(369) HR 2670: Fiscal 2000 Commerce-Justice-State Appropriations - Rule

Vote: YEA

(369) HR 2670: Fiscal 2000 Commerce-Justice-State Appropriations - Passage

Vote: YEA

(391) HR 2684: Fiscal 2000 VA-HUD Appropriations - Selective Service System
Sept. 8, 1999 - Cunningham, R-Calif., amendment to strike bill language terminating the Selective Service System and provide $24.5 million for draft registration activities. The increase would be offset by reducing funding for the Federal Emergency Management Agency, FEMA’s emergency planning and assistance account by $5 million and the FEMA emergency food and
shelter program by $5 million. The amendment would also remove the funding for the Environmental Protection Agency science and technology programs by $5 million, funding for the Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board by $1.5 million, and funding for the Department of Housing and Urban Development’s HOME program by $1 million. Rejected 187-232.

Vote: NAY

(404) HR 2587: Fiscal 2000 District of Columbia Appropriations - Conference Report
Sept. 8, 1999 - Adoption of the conference report on the bill to appropriate $429.1 million in federal payments to the District of Columbia to cover as much as $19.8 billion budget. The funding would include $170 million for D.C. corrections trustee operations, $90.7 million for courts in the District of Columbia, and $20 million for universal drug screening and testing. Adopted 208-206.

Vote: YEA

(425) HR 2490: Fiscal 2000 Treasury-Postal Appropriations - Recommit
Sept. 3, 1999 - Motion to recommit to the conference committee the bill to appropriate $28.2 billion for the Treasury Department, Postal Service, Executive Office of the President and other federal agencies. The conference report would increase the federal civilian employees by 4.8 percent, and would increase the president’s salary to $400,000 when the measure died in the Senate in 2001. It also would require federal employee health insurance plans that offer prescription drug coverage. Include contraceptive coverage. Adopted (thus sent to the Senate) 292-126.

Vote: NAY

(444) HR 1487: Public Comment on National Monuments - Passage
Sept. 24, 1999 - Passage of the bill to require the president to solicit public participation and comments when considering and preparing a proposal to declare a national monument. The bill also requires the president to consult with the governor and congressional delegation of the state in which the lands are located. The measure includes an amendment stating that nothing in the bill should be construed as enlarging, diminishing, modifying or otherwise impairing the authority of the president to protect public lands and resources. Passed 408-2.

Vote: YEA

(450) § 203: San Juan County Land Transfer - Passage
Sept. 27, 1999 - Saxton, R-N.J., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill to direct the secretary of Agriculture and Interior to transfer up to 20 acres of land in San Juan County, New Mexico, to San Juan College. Motion agreed to 424-0. A two-thirds majority of those present and voting (272 in this case) is required for passage under suspension of the rules.

Vote: YEA

(471) HR 1451: Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Commission - Passage
Oct. 4, 1999 - Burton, R-Id., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill to create a commission to study the best way to honor the 200th anniversary of the birth of Abraham Lincoln, 16th president of the United States. The commission would consist of historians and be charged with finding the most appropriate methods to honor Lincoln in 2009. Suggestions include a special bicentennial Lincoln penny, a Lincoln bicentennial stamp, and the re dedication of the Lincoln statue in Washington, D.C. Motion agreed to 411-2. A two-thirds majority of those present and voting (276 in this case) is required for passage under suspension of the rules.

Vote: YEA

(474) HR 1663: National Medal of Honor Memorial - Passage
Oct. 4, 1999 - Stump, R-Calif., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill to recognize three sites as National Medal of Honor Memorials. The 155th Congress created the Congressional Medal of Honor Society dedicate the sites, but the measure would give the president the discretion to remove the sites at his discretion. The sites are a veterans’ cemetery in Riverside, Calif., a memorial at White Sulphur State Park in Indianapolis, and the Medal of Honor Museum at Patton’s Point along the US Yorktown Battleground for Pleasant, S.C. Motion agreed to 424-0. A two-thirds majority of those present and voting (283 in this case) is required for passage under suspension of the rules.

Vote: YEA

(476) HRes 322: Sympathy for Victims of Columbia Appropriations - Rule
Oct. 5, 1999 - Franks, R-N.J., motion to suspend the rules and adopt the resolution expressed in the conference report on the bill to provide $29.9 million in federal aid affected by Hurricane Floyd, which struck the eastern seaboard from Sept. 14 to Sept. 17. Motion agreed to 417-0. A two-thirds majority of those present and voting (278 in this case) is required for passage under suspension of the rules.

Vote: YEA

(500) HR 6284: Fiscal 2000 VA-HUD Appropriations - Conference Report
Oct. 6, 1999 - Adoption of the conference report on the bill to provide $99.5 billion for the departments of Veterans Affairs (VA), Housing and Urban Development (HUD), and 17 independent agencies. The bill would provide $4.3 billion in VA, $28.4 billion for HUD. The conference report total includes $4.2 billion in advance funding for HUD in fiscal 2001, and $2.5 billion in emergency funding for the Federal Emergency Management Agency. Adopted (thus sent to the Senate) 406-18.

Vote: YEA

(503) HR 3064: Fiscal 2000 District of Columbia Appropriations - Rule
Oct. 14, 1999 - Adoption of the rule (HRes 330) to provide for House floor consideration of the bill to appropriate $8.8 billion for the District of Columbia and approve the District’s $6.8 billion budget. Adopted 217-202.

Vote: YEA

(504) HR 3064: Fiscal 2000 District of Columbia Appropriations - Passage

Vote: YEA

(575) HR 2904: Office of Government Ethics - Passage
Nov. 8, 1999 - McHugh, R-N.Y., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill to reform the Office of Government Ethics, which oversees the executive branch’s compliance with ethics and financial disclosure requirements, for four years. The measure would expand the definition of “special government employee” to include any pension adviser who gives “regular advice, counsel, or recommendations” to the president, vice president, or federal officials. Motion agreed to 386-1. A two-thirds majority of those present and voting (258 in this case) is required for passage under suspension of the rules.

Vote: YEA

(576) HRes 344: Mourning Payne Stewart - Adoption
Nov. 8, 1999 - Miller, R-Fla., motion to suspend the rules and adopt the resolution to express the condolences of the House of Representatives to the family of Payne Stewart and the families of others killed in the accident. Motion agreed to 389-0. A two-thirds majority of those present and voting (281 in this case) is required for adoption under suspension of the rules.

Vote: YEA

(587) HR 3257: Recommendations for Urban Housing Mandates - Passage
Nov. 16, 1999 - Reynolds, R-N.Y., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill to require the congressional committees applying the bill with state and local mandates to recommend ways that governments can pay the costs to implement the requirements. Committees would have to specify whether the legislation alters existing government programs, and the Congressional Budget Office would have to report offset options.

Motion agreed to 401-0. A two-thirds majority of those present and voting (268 in this case) is required for passage under suspension of the rules.

Vote: YEA

(18) S ConRes 7: Honor King Hussein of Jordan - Adoption
Feb. 10, 1999 - Adoption of the concurrent resolution to express the sense of the United States and the Senate to express its appreciation and admiration for the leadership and support for the new government of Jordan and reaffirm the U.S. commitment to strengthen the relationship between the governments of the United States and Jordan. Passed 420-0.

Vote: YEA

(31) HR 669: Peace Corps Authorization - Passage
March 3, 1999 - Passage of the bill to authorize the Peace Corps in fiscal years 2000-2001. Motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill to authorize $270 million in fiscal 2000, equal to the president’s request and $29 million more than the current level. Passed 326-90.

Vote: YEA

(43) HRes 32: Open Elections in India - Passage
March 2, 1999 - Bereuter, R-Neb., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill to urge the Indian government to conduct its upcoming elections in a fair and transparent manner. It also encourages citizens, political parties and members of the military to respect the election results despite a controversial post-election period. Passed 413-6. A two-thirds majority of those present and voting (280 in this case) is required for passage under suspension of the rules.

Vote: YEA

(44) HConRes 28: Human Rights Abuses in China - Passage
March 11, 1999 - Gilman, R-N.Y., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill to express the sense of the United States should introduce and make all efforts necessary to pass a resolution at the annual meeting of the United Nations Commission on Human Rights criticizing the People’s Republic of China for its human rights abuses in China and Tibet; and should immediately contact other governments to urge them to cooperate and support such a resolution. Passed 421-0. A two-thirds majority of those present and voting (281 in this case) is required for passage under suspension of the rules.

Vote: YEA

(52) HConRes 24: Palestinian Statehood - Passage
March 16, 1999 - Gilman, R-N.Y., motion to suspend the rules and adopt the concurrent resolution to express the sense of Congress that the United States should introduce and make all efforts necessary to pass a resolution at the annual meeting of the United Nations Commission on Human Rights criticizing the People’s Republic of China for its human rights abuses in China and Tibet; and should immediately contact other governments to urge them to cooperate and support such a resolution. Passed 420-2. A two-thirds majority of those present and voting (270 in this case) is required for adoption under suspension of the rules.

Vote: YEA

(62) HConRes 56: Taiwan Relations Act Commemoration - Adoption
March 23, 1999 - Gilman, R-N.Y., motion to suspend the rules and adopt the concurrent resolution to express the sense of Congress that the United States should reaffirm its commitment to the Taiwan Relations Act and the specific guarantees for the provision of legitimate defense articles to Taiwan contained in that law. Motion agreed to 429-1. A two-thirds majority of those present and voting (281 in this case) is required for adoption under suspension of the rules.

Vote: YEA

(63) HConRes 37: Anti-Semites in Russian Duma - Adoption
March 31, 1999 - Smith, R-N.J., motion to suspend the rules and adopt the concurrent resolution to express the sense of Congress...
condemning anti-Semitic statements made by members of the Russian Duma and condemning President Boris Yeltsin and other members of the Duma and the Russian government for condoning the statements. Motion agreed to 421-0. A two-thirds majority of those present and voting (282 in this case) is required for adoption under suspension of the rules.

Vote: YEA

(93) HRes 128: Investigation of Rosemary Nelson's Death - Passage April 13, 1999 - Ros-Lehtinen, R-Fla., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill to call on the British government to overturn its decision to allow the Royal Ulster Constabulary (RUC) to investigate Rosemary Nelson’s death. The measure urges the British government to conduct an independent inquiry and issue a detailed and public report on the case containing which killed her. Motion agreed to 421-2. A two-thirds majority of those present and voting (282 in this case) is required for passage under suspension of the rules.

Vote: YEA

(136) HR 1654: NASA Authorization - Russian Space Program May 19, 1999 - Rohrer, D-Ind., amendment to remove Russia as a partner in the International Space Station program and to prohibit NASA from entering into a new partnership with Russia relating to the station. Rejected 117-313.

Vote: YEA

(150) HRes 178: Condemn Chinese Human Rights Abuse - Adoption May 25, 1999 - Gilman, R-N.Y., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill to call on the Chinese government to suspend the death penalty, respect the human rights of its citizens, and end restrictions on freedom of speech and of the press. Motion agreed to 418-0. A two-thirds majority of those present and voting (282 in this case) is required for adoption under suspension of the rules.

Vote: YEA

(205) HRes 62: Violence in Sierra Leone - Adoption June 15, 1999 - Royce, R-Calif., motion to suspend the rules and adopt the resolution to express concern over the escalating violence, violations of human rights, and ongoing attempts to overthrow the democratic government in Sierra Leone. Adopted 414-1. Vote: YEA

(206) HConRes 75: Condemn National Islamic Front of Sudan - Adoption June 16, 1999 - Royce, R-Calif., motion to suspend the rules and adopt the resolution to express concern over the violent conflict in the border region, and to utilize effective leverage opportunities. Passed 221-198. Vote: YEA

(246) HR 1175: Missing Israeli Soldier - Passage June 22, 1999 - Gilman, R-N.Y., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill to direct the State Department to investigate the case of the six Israeli soldiers, including Zalman Ayalon, an American citizen serving in the Israeli army, who were captured by a faction of the Palestinian Liberation Organization in June 1982. The bill would require the State Department to inquire of the governments of Syria, Lebanon, and the Palestinian Authority about the matter, and to consider the cooperation of those nations in determining U.S. economic assistance and policy. Motion agreed to 415-5. Vote: YEA

(279) HConRes 117: U.N. Resolution - Passage July 12, 1999 - Salmon, R-Ariz., motion to suspend the rules and pass the concurrent resolution criticizing United Nations Resolution ES/106, which denounced Israel’s action in East Jerusalem and “politicized” the Fourth Geneva Convention”, the international resolution established to address humanitarian crises. The resolution would condone the State Department for voting against the U.N. resolution, urge states to oppose efforts to manipulate the Convention for the purpose of attacking Israel, and urge U.N. member states, including Switzerland, which serves as the depository of the Convention, from assisting in the convening of international conferences, R-R., motion agreed to 365-1. A two-thirds majority of those present and voting (247 in this case) is required for passage under suspension of the rules.

Vote: YEA

(309) HConRes 121: Cold War Victory - Passage July 19, 1999 - Gilman, R-N.Y., motion to suspend the rules and pass the concurrent resolution to call for a celebration of the U.S. victory in the Cold War and the 10th anniversary of the fall of the Berlin Wall. The resolution would also call for education about the Cold War and its historical significance, and recognize the thousand who served during the Cold War. Motion agreed to 381-0. A two-thirds majority of those present and voting (282 in this case) is required for passage under suspension of the rules.

Vote: YEA

(310) HR 1477: Iran Nuclear Proliferation - Passage July 19, 1999 - Gilman, R-N.Y., motion to suspend the rules and pass the concurrent resolution to authorize $25 million for the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) to conduct the initial steps toward starting the process of inspecting the Iranian nuclear program. The amendment would prohibit the use of funds in the bill for international population control or family planning activities. Motion agreed to 383-1. A two-thirds majority of those present and voting (247 in this case) is required for adoption under suspension of the rules.

Vote: YEA

(311) HR 235: State Department Reauthorization - U.S.-Mexico Sewage Agreement July 21, 1999 - Biller, R-Calif., amendment to call for the U.S. and Mexico to enter into an agreement to provide for a long-term and comprehensive solution to eliminate sewage pollution of the San Diego-Tijuana border region, and to utilize effective leverage opportunities. Passed 427-0. Vote: YEA


(321) HR 2415: State Department Reauthorization - North Korea Nuclear Proliferation July 21, 1999 - Gilman, R-N.Y., amendment to restrict all nuclear cooperation with North Korea until the administration certifies to Congress that North Korea is in compliance with all international agreements regarding nuclear proliferation, that North Korea has terminated its nuclear weapons program, and that the International Atomic Energy Agency has access to verify nuclear sites and materials. Passed 427-0. Vote: YEA

(322) HR 2415: State Department Reauthorization - AIDS Medications July 21, 1999 - Sanders, I-Vt., amendment to prohibit the State Department from imposing restrictions on South Africa, Israel, Thailand, or any other Asian or African nation that takes World Trade Organization-approved steps to secure low cost prescription medications to combat the AIDS epidemic and other diseases. Rejected 117-307. A two-thirds vote in support of the president’s position.

Vote: YEA

(323) HR 2415: State Department Reauthorization - Children’s Passports July 21, 1999 - Goodling, R-Pa., amendment to prohibit the use of funds in the bill to recruit and send students to privatize the U.S. should increase the amount the Population Fund plans to make clear that organizations that lobby to change the laws of foreign countries that violate the abortion laws of foreign countries or that lobby to change foreign laws of governments. Passed 221-208. Vote: YEA

(324) HR 2415: State Department Reauthorization - Military Assistance to U.S.-Supporting Nations July 21, 1999 - Goodling, R-Pa., amendment to prohibit the use of funds in the bill to appropriate $12.7 billion in fiscal 2000 for foreign operations - Child Survival Account July 29, 1999 - Moakley, D-Mass., amendment to prohibit any funding in the bill from being used to recruit and send students to the U.S. Army School of the Americas at Fort Benning in Columbus, Ga. Passed 197-417. Vote: YEA

(325) HR 2415: State Department Reauthorization - Claims Against the Government of Iraq July 21, 1999 - Deggert, D-Texas, amendment to authorize the Foreign Claims Settlement Commission to determine the validity of claims by U.S. nationals against the government of Iraq, giving priority to claims registered by members of the U.S. armed forces and other claims arising from the invasion of Kuwait or from the 1980-88 period. The amendment would authorize the Treasury Department to establish an Iraq claim fund for the payment of claims, to be financed by the liquidation of Iraqi government assets in the United States. The amendment would place a 10 percent limitation on those claims. Passed 427-0. Vote: YEA

(329) HR 2415: State Department Reauthorization - Red Cross Access to Kosovar Prisoners July 21, 1999 - Engel, D-N.Y., amendment to call for the United States to allow the Kosovan Albanians detained in prisons in Kosovo before and during the withdrawal of Serbian forces to be released. The amendment also calls for the release of those prisoners. Passed 424-0. Vote: YEA

(348) HR 2606: Fiscal 2000 Foreign Operations Appropriations - Abortion Law July 29, 1999 - Adoption of the rule (HRes 263) to provide for House floor consideration of the bill to appropriate $12.7 billion in fiscal 2000 for foreign operations. Passed 256-172. Vote: YEA

(349) HR 2606: Fiscal 2000 Foreign Operations Appropriations - Abortion Laws July 29, 1999 - Smith, R-N.J., amendment to bar U.S. population control funds to foreign organizations (fines, etc.) that lobby to change the laws of foreign countries that violate the abortion laws of foreign countries or that lobby to change foreign laws of governments. Passed 228-200. Vote: NAY

(350) HR 2606: Fiscal 2000 Foreign Operations Appropriations - Abortion Law Amendment July 29, 1999 - Greenwood, R-Pa., amendment to prohibit foreign military assistance (but not humanitarian aid or development assistance) to countries that fail to support the United States at least 25 percent of the time in the U.N. General Assembly. Rejected 16-143. Vote: NAY

(351) HR 2606: Fiscal 2000 Foreign Operations Appropriations - Abortion Law Amendment July 29, 1999 - Greenwood, R-Pa., amendment to require that security assistance funds are used to lobby for or against abortion in foreign countries, and that no funds are used to promote abortion as a method of family planning. The amendment also would make clear that organizations that receive those funds in this bill and others must be committed to using those funds to reduce the incidence of abortion, and that they must not violate foreign abortion laws or governmental policies. Passed 221-208. Vote: YEA

(352) HR 2606: Fiscal 2000 Foreign Operations Appropriations - Abortion Law Amendment July 29, 1999 - Smith, R-N.J., amendment to prohibit foreign military assistance (but not humanitarian aid or development assistance) to countries that fail to support the United States at least 25 percent of the time in the U.N. General Assembly. Rejected 16-143. Vote: NAY

(353) HR 2606: Fiscal 2000 Foreign Operations Appropriations - Child Survival Account July 29, 1999 - Moakley, D-Mass., amendment to prohibit any funding in the bill from being used to recruit and send students to the U.S. Army School of the Americas at Fort Benning in Columbus, Ga. Passed 197-417. Vote: YEA

(360) HR 2606: Fiscal 2000 Foreign Operations Appropriations - Abortion Law Amendment Aug. 3, 1999 - Paul, R-Texas, amendment to prohibit the use of funds in the bill for international population control or family planning activities or for abortion procedures. Rejected 145-272. Vote: NAY

(362) HR 2606: Fiscal 2000 Foreign Operations Appropriations - Passage
Aug. 3, 1999 - Passage of the bill to appropriate $2.7 billion for foreign operations in fiscal 2000. Passed 383-35. A "nay" was a vote in support of the president's position.

Vote: YEAT


Vote: YEAT

(383) HR 2670: Fiscal 2000 Commerce-Justice-State Appropriations - World Heritage Sites Aug. 5, 1999 - Hayworth, R-Ariz., amendment to prohibit any funds in the bill from being used to add any natural or cultural monument currently recognized as a World Heritage Site by the United Nations' World Heritage Committee to the list of world heritage sites. Adopted 217-209.

Vote: NAY

(409) HR 1883: Iran Nonproliferation - Passage Sept. 14, 1999 - Gilman, R-N.Y., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill to require the President to report on any nuclear proliferation identifying entities that have transferred missile components or technology to Iran since January 21, 1995 and any indefinite sanctions against entities who transfer the components or technology, including denying arms exports. The amendment would also prohibit the U.S. from making payments to the Russian Space Agency for the international space station unless Russia demonstrates actions to prevent weapons proliferation in Iran. Passed 419-4. A two-thirds majority of those present and voting (286 in this case) is required for passage under suspension of the rules.

Vote: YEAT

(410) HR 2606: Fiscal 2000 Foreign Operations Appropriations - Motion to Instruct Sept. 14, 1999 - Pelosi, D-Calif., amendment to instruct conferees to insist upon House provisions with respect to limiting Indonesian participation in International Military Education and Training to "expanded military training" only. Motion agreed to 419-0.

Vote: YEAT

(449) HConRes 140: Haitian Elections - Adoption Oct. 7, 1999 - Gilman, R-N.Y., motion to suspend the rules and adopt the concurrent resolution to express the sense of Congress that Haiti should conduct free, fair, open, and peaceful elections. The bill was introduced as an alternative to a similar resolution (HRes 35) that faced considerable opposition in the House from Conservative Citizens. Motion rejected 254-152. A two-thirds majority of those present and voting (271 in this case) is required for adoption under suspension of the rules.

Vote: YEAT

(539) HConRes 102: 50th Anniversary of the Geneva Convention - Adoption Oct. 7, 1999 - Gilman, R-N.Y., motion to suspend the rules and adopt the concurrent resolution to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Geneva Conventions. The resolution recognizes the humanitarian safeguards the treaties provide in times of armed conflict. Motion agreed to 424-0. A two-thirds majority of those present and voting (282 in this case) is required for adoption under suspension of the rules.

Vote: YEAT

(540) HConRes 188: Commending Greece and Turkey - Adoption Oct. 9, 1999 - Gilman, R-N.Y., motion to suspend the rules and adopt the concurrent resolution to commend Greece and Turkey for their mutual and swift response to the recent earthquakes in both countries by providing aid to help offset the financial assistance and rescue relief. Motion agreed to 424-0. A two-thirds majority of those present and voting (282 in this case) is required for adoption under suspension of the rules.

Vote: YEAT

(541) HR 1175: Missing Israeli Soldiers - Commend with Senate Amendment Oct. 26, 1999 - Campbell, R-Calif., amendment to suspend the rules and concur with Senate amendments to the bill to recognize the three Israeli soldiers, including Zachary Baumel, an American citizen serving in the Israeli army, who have been missing in action since June 1982. The bill would make the cooperation of the governments of Syria and Lebanon, and the Palestinian Authority a factor in deciding on U.S. aid or non-assistance to both parties. Motion agreed to (thus cleared for the president) 421-0. A two-thirds majority of those present and voting (281 in this case) is required for passage under suspension of the rules.

Vote: YEAT

(554) HRes 59: Affirm U.S. Commitment to NATO - Adoption Nov. 2, 1999 - Gilman, R-N.Y., motion to suspend the rules and adopt the concurrent resolution to reaffirm U.S. commitment to NATO, the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) should be commended for its pivotal role in preserving trans-Atlantic peace and stability. Motion agreed to 278-133. A two-thirds majority of those present and voting (278 in this case) is required for adoption under suspension of the rules.

Vote: YEAT

(571) HR 3196: Fiscal 2000 Foreign Operations Appropriations - Passage Nov. 9, 1999 - Gilman, R-N.Y., motion to suspend the rules and adopt the concurrent resolution to express the sense of Congress that it is gravely concerned about the armed conflict in the North Caucasus region of Russia, and Congress in good faith urged all sides to pursue dialogue for peaceful resolution of the conflict. Motion agreed to 407-4. A two-thirds majority of those present and voting (274 in this case) is required for adoption under suspension of the rules.

Vote: YEAT

(580) HConRes 222: Anniversary of Fall of Berlin Wall - Adoption Nov. 9, 1999 - Gilman, R-N.Y., motion to suspend the rules and adopt the concurrent resolution to commemorate the 10-year anniversary of the fall of the Berlin Wall and express the sense of Congress that the U.S. should celebrate a "Freedom Day" for the recently concluded elections in East German and congratulate the winner, Prime Minister Gerhard Schroeder. Motion agreed to 417-0. A two-thirds majority of those present and voting (278 in this case) is required for adoption under suspension of the rules.

Vote: YEAT

(589) HConRes 221: Denounce Armenian Political Assassination - Adoption Nov. 9, 1999 - Gilman, R-N.Y., motion to suspend the rules and adopt the concurrent resolution to express the sense of Congress that Prime Minister Vazgen Sargsian and other members of the Armenian government, who were struck down in a violent attack in the capital of Armenia on Oct. 27, 1999. Motion agreed to 424-0. A two-thirds majority of those present and voting (282 in this case) is required for adoption under suspension of the rules.

Vote: YEAT

(591) HR 168: U.S. Policy Towards Laos - Adoption Nov. 16, 1999 - Gilman, R-N.Y., motion to suspend the rules and adopt the concurrent resolution to express the sense of the House that the government of Laos should fully institute a policy of neutrality, human rights and fair elections, and ensure that national assembly elections scheduled in 2002 are openly contested. Motion agreed to 412-1. A two-thirds majority of those present and voting (286 in this case) is required for adoption under suspension of the rules.

Vote: YEAT

(592) HConRes 165: Promoting Democracy in Slovakia - Adoption Nov. 16, 1999 - Gilman, R-N.Y., motion to suspend the rules and adopt the concurrent resolution to express the sense of Congress that it is gravely concerned about the armed conflict in the North Caucasus region of Russia, and Congress in good faith urged all sides to pursue dialogue for peaceful resolution of the conflict. Motion agreed to 407-4. A two-thirds majority of those present and voting (274 in this case) is required for adoption under suspension of the rules.

Vote: YEAT

(593) HConRes 206: Russian Nuclear Nonproliferation - Adoption Nov. 16, 1999 - Gilman, R-N.Y., motion to suspend the rules and adopt the concurrent resolution to express the sense of Congress that it is gravely concerned about the armed conflict in the North Caucasus region of Russia, and Congress in good faith urged all sides to pursue dialogue for peaceful resolution of the conflict. Motion agreed to 407-4. A two-thirds majority of those present and voting (274 in this case) is required for adoption under suspension of the rules.

Vote: YEAT

(54) HR 820: Coast Guard Authorization - Coast Guard Patrol Vessels March 17, 1999 - LoBiondo, R-N.J., amendment to authorize an additional $210 million over two years for Coast Guard acquisition of Coast Guard anti-drug activities, and $20 million for certain shorefire facilities. Passed 424-4.

Vote: YEAT

(60) HRes 121: Opposition to Racism - Adoption March 23, 1999 - Gekas, R.-Pa., motion to suspend the rules and adopt the concurrent resolution to denounce all those individuals and groups that practice or promote racism, anti-Semitism, ethnic prejudice and religious intolerance. The bill was introduced as an alternative to a similar resolution (HRes 35) that faced considerable opposition in the House from Conservative Citizens. Motion rejected 254-152. A two-thirds majority of those present and voting (271 in this case) is required for adoption under suspension of the rules.

Vote: YEAT

(169) HR 1915: Help States Find Permanently Funded Abortion June 7, 1999 - Lazaro, R.-N.Y., motion to suspend the rules and adopt the concurrent resolution to authorize $6 million over three years to help state and local law enforcement agencies register two prior identified victims with the FBI's National Crime Information Center. Motion agreed to 370-4.

Vote: YEAT

(173) HR 1906: Agricultural Appropriations - Prohibit Drugs to Induce Abortion June 8, 1999 - Coburn, R.-Okla., amendment to prohibit the use of any funding for the Food and Drug Administration to test, develop, or approve any drugs for the chemical induction of abortion. Passed 217-214.

Vote: NAY


Vote: NAY

(210) HR 1501: Juvenile Justice - Rule June 16, 1999 - Adoption of the rule (HRes 209) to provide for House floor consideration of two bills: HR 1501, the bill to provide legal consequences for juvenile offenders, and HR 2122, the bill to require background checks for firearms purchases at gun shows. Adopted 240-183.

Vote: YEAT

(211) HR 1501: Juvenile Justice - Increased Penalties June 16, 1999 - Coburn, R.-Fla., amendment to increase penalties for juveniles who are convicted of possession of a firearm and who provide a firearm to a child if the adult knows the child intends to bring the firearm to school; not less than ten years if the child intends to commit a violent felony; up to one year for a minor who illegals possess a firearm. The amendment would also allow the prosecuting attorney rather than the courts to decide whether to charge certain juveniles as adults. Passed 249-183.

Vote: YEAT

(212) HR 1501: Juvenile Justice - Extra Funding for Long Sentences
or violent depictions or detailed verbal depictions, including any picture, drawing, sculpture, video game, motion picture, book, magazine or sound recording. Anyone convicted of providing or causing a success reading a to juveniles would be subject to a fine and/or up to five years imprisonment for a first offense and a fine and/or up to ten years imprisonment for a second offense. The amendment would require each and all retail establishments to make the music available for review by a customer before purchase, and would prohibit anyone under the age of 18 years from purchasing, owning or using any handgun to anyone without a secure gun storage or safety device.
business days to complete a background check. Rejected 182-242.

Vote: YEA

(244) HR 2122: Gun Shows - Passage
June 18, 1999 - Passage of the bill to require background checks for all gun shows, defined as any event with 10 or more vendors and where 50 or more guns are offered for sale. The background check would have to be completed in 24 hours; gun show organizers would be required to destroy purchase records of those who pass background checks. Rejected 147-280.

Vote: NAY

(251) HJRes 33: Flag Desecration - Watt Substitute
June 24, 1999 - Watt, D-N.C., substitute amendment to declare that Congress shall have the power to prohibit the desecration of the flag of the United States, but in a manner consistent with the First Amendment of the Constitution. Rejected 115-310.

Vote: NAY

(252) HJRes 33: Flag Desecration - Passage
June 24, 1999 - Passage of the joint resolution to propose a Constitutional amendment that would give Congress the power to prohibit the physical desecration of the flag of the United States. Passed 305-124.

Vote: NAY

(254) HR 1658: Civil Asset Forfeiture - Hutchinson Substitute
June 24, 1999 - Hutchinson, R-Ark., substitute amendment to require the government to "prove by the preponderance of the evidence" that seized property was used in the commission of a crime (instead of current law, which only requires the government to prove probable cause to seize property and requires owners to prove by a preponderance of evidence that the property was not used for illegal activities). The amendment also would allow the appointment of the federal court that has had property seized, although it allows the government to present evidence against the request of free counsel. The amendment also would ban property owners from transferring property through probate courts, although it would permit property transfers through divorce proceedings and inheritances. The amendment also allows owners to recover property if forfeiture would cause "substantial hardship," although courts may consider the demand of the state to sell the property and the ties to the community, the owner to keep the property in good order, or place a lien on the property pending resolution of the claim. Rejected 155-268.

Vote: YEATA

(255) HR 1658: Civil Asset Forfeiture - Passage
June 24, 1999 - Passage of the bill to establish general rules for civil forfeiture proceedings. The bill would establish that a lack of consent or a lack of knowledge is sufficient for property owners to employ the "innocent owner" defense against a government attempt to seize property, if the owner took reasonable steps to prevent the illegal use of the property. Under the bill, in order to seize property, the government would have to prove that the person it seized was used in an illegal act, not just allege it. The bill would allow seized property to be released to the owner if continued seizure would cause "substantial hardship" for the property owner; would allow courts to appoint counsel to property owners who cannot afford representation while challenging a seizure; and would allow owners to sue the government for negligence if the property was destroyed while in the government's possession. Passed 375-48.

Vote: NAY

(258) HR 226: Condemning Arson - Passage
June 29, 1999 - Ore., R-Calif., motion to suspend the rules and pass the resolution to codify the provisions of the state of California's law that declares the terrorism by inflammatory speech to be a crime. Passed 49-397.

Vote: YEATA

(301) HR 2490: Fiscal 2000 Treasury - Government Appropriations - Coverage for Abortions
July 15, 1999 - DeLauro, D-Conn., amendment to strike provisions of the bill that prohibit federal employee health plans from providing coverage for abortions. Rejected 188-230.

Vote: YEATA

(303) HR 2490: Fiscal 2000 Treasury - Postal Appropriations - Contractive Coverage
July 15, 1999 - Lowey, D-N.Y., amendment to the Smith, R-N.J., amendment to exempt health insurance coverage for contraceptives from the postal service's ban on insurance coverage. Rejected 217-200.

Vote: YEA

(305) HR 2490: Fiscal 2000 Treasury - Postal Appropriations - Contractive Coverage
July 15, 1999 - Lowey, D-N.Y., amendment to the Smith, R-N.J., amendment to exempt health insurance coverage for contraceptives from the postal service's ban on insurance coverage. Rejected 217-200.

Vote: YEA

(365) HR 2587: Fiscal 2000 District of Columbia Appropriations - Adoption
July 6, 1999 - Largent, R-Az., amendment to bar joint adoptions in the District of Columbia by gays or other people who are not married by blood or marriage. Rejected 213-215.

Vote: NAY

(354) HR 1501: Juvenile Justice - Motion to Instruct
July 9, 1999 - Feingold, D-Wisc., R-Mich., motion to instruct the House conferees on the juvenile crime bill to support provisions that require background checks at gun shows, to reject provisions that would weaken background checks or firearm regulations, and to include violence prevention measures in schools. Motion agreed to 305-84.

Vote: YEA

(364) HR 2031: Internet Alcohol Sales - Passage
Aug. 3, 1999 - Passage of the bill to allow states to restrict alcohol sales over the Internet and allow state attorneys general to prosecute in federal court out-of-state companies that ship alcohol in violation of state law via the Internet, mail-order catalogs and Internet sales. Passed 310-112.

Vote: NAY

(370) HR 2670: Fiscal 2000 Commerce-Justice-State Appropriations - Legal Services Corporation
Aug. 4, 1999 - Serrano, D-N.Y., amendment to increase funding for the Legal Services Corporation by $109 million to $250 million, or 15.3% increase, funding for the Department of Justice Assets Forfeiture Fund, FBI salaries, and salaries and expenses of the Federal Prosecution System and the federal judiciary system. The amendment also would increase funding for the Immigration and Naturalization Services' violent crime reduction programs by $44 million, offset by an equal reduction for Immigration and Naturalization Service detention facilities. Adopted 242-178. A "yea" vote was a vote in support of the president's position.

Vote: YEATA

Aug. 4, 1999 - Scott, D-Va., amendment to increase funding for crime prevention and treatment programs by $137.3 million, and reduce funding for violent offender initiative and truth in sentencing block grants by an equal amount. Rejected 164-263.

Vote: NAY

Aug. 4, 1999 - DeFazio, D-Ore., amendment to strike language in the bill that would ban the use of federal funds for abortion services for women in federal prisons except in cases of rape, incest or danger to the woman's life. Rejected 160-268.

Vote: YEA

(386) HR 2670: Fiscal 2000 Commerce-Justice-State Appropriations - Motion to Recommit
Aug. 5, 1999 - Bonior, D-Mich., motion to recommit the bill to the Appropriations Committee with instructions to increase the amount of funding for the Community Oriented Policing Services program by $1 billion to the president's requested level of $1.3 billion. Motion rejected 208-219. A "yea" was a vote in support of the president's position.

Vote: NAY

(397) HConRes 180: Opposing Clemency for Puerto Rican Nationalists - Rule
Sept. 9, 1999 - Adoption of the rule (HRes 281) to provide for House floor consideration of the concurrent resolution to express the sense of Congress that the president should not have offered clemency to 16 Puerto Rican nationalists with ties to terrorist activities. Adopted 253-172.

Vote: YEATA

(398) HConRes 180: Opposing Clemency for Puerto Rican Nationalists - Adoption
Sept. 9, 1999 - Passage of the concurrent resolution to express the sense of Congress that the president should not have offered clemency to 16 Puerto Rican nationalists with ties to terrorist activities. Adopted 253-172.

Vote: YEATA

(437) HR 1785: Class Action Lawsuits - Rule
Sept. 23, 1999 - Adoption of the rule (HRes 295) to provide for House floor consideration of the bill to amend the federal judicial code regarding class action lawsuits to grant original jurisdiction in federal courts to hear interstate class actions where any member of the proposed class is a citizen of a state different from any defendant. Adopted 241-181.

Vote: YEATA

(438) HR 1501: Juvenile Justice - Motion to Instruct
Sept. 23, 1999 - Logfren, D-Calif., motion to instruct the House conferees on the juvenile crime bill to support provision to close the “loophole free” background check system for firearms transactions at gun shows. Motion agreed to 217-41.

Vote: YEA

(439) HR 1795: Class Action Lawsuits - Class Action Amending Bill
Sept. 23, 1999 - Adoption of the bill to amend the federal judicial code regarding class action lawsuits to prohibit original jurisdiction in federal courts to hear interstate class actions where any member of the proposed class is a citizen of a state different from any defendant.

Vote: YEATA

(440) HR 1795: Class Action Lawsuits - Tobacco Product Suits
Sept. 23, 1999 - Jackson, R-Texas, amendment specifying that no provisions in the bill would affect any class-action lawsuit dealing with indoor twinch and tobacco product. Rejected 162-266.

Vote: NAY

(441) HR 1795: Class Action Lawsuits - Federal Court Dismissal
Sept. 23, 1999 - Frank, D-Mass., amendment requiring that once a class-action lawsuit is dismissed, it must be refiled in any court to the state for all further actions. Under the amendment, the suit may not be sent to any other court again. Rejected 202-252.

Vote: NAY

(442) HR 1795: Class Action Lawsuits - Judicial Vacancies
Sept. 23, 1999 - Bonior, D-Mich., amendment to prohibit the federal's provisions from taking effect until certification from the U.S.
Judicial Conference that the number of federal judges to be vacated should be at least 3 percent of the total number of judgeships available. Rejected 185-241.

Vote: NAY

(443) HR 1875: Class-Action Lawsuits - Passage Sept. 23, 1999 - Passage of the bill to give federal courts jurisdiction over certain class action lawsuits. Under the measure, a suit could be moved from state to federal court if any of the plaintiffs or the defendant reside in different states and petition for the transfer. Passed 223-207.

Vote: YEA

(445) HR 1501: Juvenile Justice - Motion to Instruct Sept. 24, 1999 - McCarthy, D-N.Y., motion to instruct House conferees to insist that the conference committee have its first substantive meeting on amendment motions the week of September 27, 1999, and that the conference committee meet every day in public session until they have decided upon a substitute. Motion rejected 190-216.

Vote: YEA

(446) HR 1501: Juvenile Justice - Motion to Instruct Sept. 24, 1999 - Doolittle, R-Calif., motion to instruct House conferees to recognize that the conference committee have its first substantive meeting on amendment motions the week of September 27, 1999, and that the conference committee meet every day in public session until they have decided upon a substitute. Motion rejected 190-216.

Vote: YEA

(477) HR 764: Child Abuse Prevention - Amendment to mandate control on abuse Oct. 5, 1999 - Jackson-Lee, D-Texas, amendment to clarify that child abuse includes sexual abuse. Adopted 424-0.

Vote: YEA

(478) HR 764: Child Abuse Prevention - Crime Victims Fund Limitations Oct. 5, 1999 - Jones, D-Mo., amendment to direct that any increase in funding provided for prevention of child abuse under the measure not be included in the index for the amount for the Crime Victims Fund. Adopted 425-32.

Vote: YEA

(479) HR 764: Child Abuse Prevention - Passage Oct. 5, 1999 - Passage of the bill to prevent child abuse by increasing funding and restoring the majority of the tax cuts from taking effect until there is a certification of Medicare and Social Security solvency. The amendment would accelerate the estate tax exclusion to $1 million beginning in 2001. The amendment would increase the family child tax credit by $250 for each child under age five. The measure would reduce the individual income tax rates by 10 percent over a 10-year period, contingent upon annual progress in reducing the federal deficit by five percent of the currently projected non-Social Security surpluses, and a provision that would make the estate tax deduction contingent upon certification by the director of the Office of Management and Budget that 100 percent of the Social Security surplus is dedicated to reducing the National Debt. Rejected 211-220.

Vote: NAY

(543) HR 2260: Physician-Assisted Suicide - Pain Management Oct. 5, 1999 - Johnson, D-Conn., substitute amendment to authorize $18 million over three years for the Department of Health and Human Services to set up and operate a program to provide information on treatment for pain, and to provide funds to train medical care providers on how to relieve pain and manage symptoms for the terminally ill. Rejected 188-239.

Vote: YEA

(544) HR 2260: Physician-Assisted Suicide - Passage Oct. 7, 1999 - Passage of the bill to allow doctors to use controlled substances aggressively to alleviate pain, while barring them from using such drugs for the purpose of assisted suicide. The measure would suspend the regulations of the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA). Motion agreed to 423-1. A two-thirds majority of those present and voting (274 in this case) is required for passage under suspension of the rules.

Vote: YEA

(502) HR 1501: Juvenile Justice - Motion to Instruct Oct. 9, 1999 - Jackson-Lee, D-Texas, motion to instruct House conferees to insist that the conference committee report a substitute. Motion agreed to 243-1. A two-thirds majority of those present and voting (274 in this case) is required for passage under suspension of the rules.

Vote: YEA

(555) HR 3136: Narcotics Traffickers - Passage Nov. 2, 1999 - Gilman, R-N.Y., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill to freeze the minimum (90) HJRes 37: Tax Limitation Amendment of those present and voting (274 in this case) is required for passage under suspension of the rules.

Vote: NAY

(556) HR 2336: U.S. Marshals Service Overhaul - Passage Nov. 19, 1999 - Bachus, R-Ala., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill to permit the attorney general, instead of the president, to appoint marshals to the U.S. Marshals Service. The measure would also require the attorney general to report to Congress the number of marshals appointed who are women or minorities. Motion rejected 183-231. A two-thirds majority of those present and voting (274 in this case) is required for passage under suspension of the rules.

Vote: NAY

(601) HR 2488: Tax Cut Package - Rule Oct. 12, 1999 - Upton, R-Mich., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill to make it easier for people to buy new homes and buy life insurance. Motion to Instruct agreed to 423-1. A two-thirds majority of those present and voting (274 in this case) is required for passage under suspension of the rules.

Vote: YEA

(602) HR 2488: Tax Cut Package - Rule Oct. 14, 1999 - Jackson-Lee, D-Texas, motion to instruct House conferees to insist that the conference on the juvenile justice bill immediately hold its first substantive meeting to offer amendments and motions, including providing that state laws that deal with drug traffickers. The measure would also regulate Ketamine and Gamma Butyrolactone. Motion agreed to 423-1. A two-thirds majority of those present and voting (274 in this case) is required for passage under suspension of the rules.

Vote: YEA

(540) HR 2260: Physician-Assisted Suicide - Passage Oct. 17, 1999 - Passage of the bill to make it easier for people to buy new homes and buy life insurance. Motion to Instruct agreed to 423-1. A two-thirds majority of those present and voting (274 in this case) is required for passage under suspension of the rules.

Vote: YEA

(603) HR 2488: Tax Cut Package - Rule Oct. 19, 1999 - McCollum, R-Minn., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill to make it easier for people to buy new homes and buy life insurance. Motion to Instruct agreed to 423-1. A two-thirds majority of those present and voting (274 in this case) is required for passage under suspension of the rules.

Vote: YEA

(604) HR 2488: Tax Cut Package - Rule Oct. 21, 1999 - The conference agreement that recognizes that the Social Security surpluses and 50 percent of the currently projected non-Social Security surpluses, and a provision that would make the estate tax deduction contingent upon certification by the director of the Office of Management and Budget that 100 percent of the Social Security surplus is dedicated to reducing the National Debt. Rejected 211-220.

Vote: NAY

(333) HR 2486: Tax Cut Package - Passage July 22, 1999 - Tanner, D-Tenn., motion to recommit the bill to the Ways and Means Committee and report it back with an amendment to provide a net 10-year tax reduction of not more than 25 percent of the currently projected non-Social Security surpluses, and a provision that would make the estate tax deduction contingent upon certification by the director of the Office of Management and Budget that 100 percent of the Social Security surplus is dedicated to reducing the National Debt. Rejected 211-220.

Vote: NAY

(330) HR 2486: Tax Cut Package - Passage July 21, 1999 - Rangel, D-N.Y., substitute amendment to reduce taxes by $250 billion over ten years, contingent upon annual progress in reducing the federal deficit by five percent of the currently projected non-Social Security surpluses, and a provision that would make the estate tax deduction contingent upon certification by the director of the Office of Management and Budget that 100 percent of the Social Security surplus is dedicated to reducing the National Debt. Rejected 173-258.

Vote: NAY

(332) HR 2486: Tax Cut Package - Reconciliation July 22, 1999 - Tanner, D-Tenn., motion to recommit the bill to the Ways and Means Committee and report it back with an amendment to provide a net 10-year tax reduction of not more than 25 percent of the currently projected non-Social Security surpluses, and a provision that would make the estate tax deduction contingent upon certification by the director of the Office of Management and Budget that 100 percent of the Social Security surplus is dedicated to reducing the National Debt. Rejected 211-220.

Vote: NAY

(335) HR 2486: Tax Cut Package - Rule Nov. 19, 1999 - Gilman, R-N.Y., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill to make it easier for people to buy new homes and buy life insurance. Motion to Instruct agreed to 423-1. A two-thirds majority of those present and voting (274 in this case) is required for passage under suspension of the rules.

Vote: YEA


Vote: YEA

(336) HR 2486: Tax Reconciliation - Motion to Instruct Aug. 2, 1999 - Rangel, D-N.Y., motion to strike a section of the measure that would allow patients to use controlled substances aggressively to alleviate pain, while barring them from using such drugs for the purpose of assisted suicide. Rejected 190-216.

Vote: YEA

(208) HR 1000: FAA Reauthorization - Passenger Fees June 15, 1999 - Graham, R-S.C., amendment to strike provisions of the bill that would allow the FAA to impose facility charges from a maximum of $3 to $6. Rejected 119-245.

Vote: NAY
TAXES

(9) HR 99: Federal Aviation Administration Short-Term Extension - Passage Feb. 3, 1999 - Passage of the bill to reauthorize programs and activities of the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), including the Airport Improvement Program (AIP), through Sept. 30. The measure authorizes a total of $9.0 billion in additional and new funds for the AIP and other FAA aviation programs in fiscal 1999. Passed 408-3.

Vote: YEA

(10) HR 98: Federal Aviation War Risk Insurance Program - Passage Feb. 3, 1999 - Shuster, R-Pa., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill to reauthorize the federal aviation war risk insurance program for five years, through Dec. 31, 2004. Motion agreed to 407-1. A two-thirds majority of those present and voting (272 in this case) is required for passage under suspension of the rules.

Vote: YEA

(32) HR 603: Aviation Accidents - Passage March 23, 1999 - Passage of the bill to specify that the Death on the High Seas Act does not apply to lawsuits involving aviation accidents—mainly treating airline crashes in the ocean the same as those on land, and allowing families of ocean plane crash victims to seek non-economic and punitive damages. Passed 412-2. A "yea" was a vote in support of the president's position.

Vote: YEA


Vote: YEA

(53) HR 820: Coast Guard Authorization - Lighthouse Preservation March 17, 1999 - Upton, R-Mich., amendment to encourage the Coast Guard to continue working with local historical groups organized to preserve and maintain old lighthouses, and to publicly announce when it expects to designate a lighthouse as "surplus" federal property for disposal (so that such local groups can mobilize to acquire the lighthouse.) Passed 428-0.

Vote: YEA

(55) HR 820: Coast Guard Authorization - Passage March 17, 1999 - Passage of the bill to reauthorize certain Coast Guard programs and activities for two years, authorizing approximately $4.6 billion in fiscal 2000 and $4.9 billion in fiscal 2001. Passed 424-7.

Vote: YEA

TRANSPORTATION

(249) HR 2084: Transportation Appropriations - Pasadena Freeway June 23, 1999 - Rogan, R-Calif., amendment to prohibit funds from the bill from being used in planning or construction of the 710 Freeway Project in Pasadena, Calif. Passed 241-190.

Vote: YEA

(466) HR 2084: Fiscal 2000 Transportation Appropriations - Conference Report Oct. 1, 1999 - Adoption of the conference bill to appropriate $50.2 billion for transportation programs in fiscal 2000. The report would provide $27.7 billion for highways, $5.8 billion for mass transit, $10.1 billion for the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), $4 billion for the Coast Guard, and $571 million for Amtrak. The conference report includes Senate-passed language to fund the FAA entirely out of the Airport and Airway Trust Fund, which would eliminate the general fund contribution to the agency. Adopted (thus sent to the Senate) 504-91.

Vote: YEA

(501) HR 2679: National Motor Carrier Safety Administration - Passage Oct. 14, 1999 - Passage of the bill to transfer oversight for truck and bus safety programs from the Federal Highway Administration to a new agency, the National Motor Carrier Safety Administration, that would be established within the Transportation Department. The measure would direct the agency to increase the number of inspections and compliance reviews of motor vehicles, operators, and carriers, to improve state reports of safety information, and to eliminate the worst of rule-making and penalties for violations. Passed 415-5.

Vote: YEA
Please attend any of the following community meetings scheduled during the month of March.

**Bridgeport**
- Friday, March 10
  - 6:30 to 8:00 pm
  - Thomas Hooker School
  - Roger Williams Road
- Saturday, March 18
  - 4:00 to 5:30 pm
  - Burroughs Community Center
  - 2470 Fairfield Ave

**Darien**
- Saturday, March 11
  - 11:00 am - 12:30 pm
  - Darien Town Hall
  - 2 Renshaw Road

**Fairfield**
- Saturday, March 18
  - 1:30 - 3:00 pm
  - Fairfield Town Hall
  - 725 Old Post Road

**Greenwich**
- Sunday, March 19
  - 3:00 - 4:30 pm
  - Greenwich Town Hall Meeting Room
  - 101 Field Point Road

**Monroe**
- Saturday, March 18
  - 8:30 - 10:00 am
  - Monroe Town Hall
  - 7 Fan Hill Road

**New Canaan**
- Saturday, March 11
  - 1:30 - 3:00 pm
  - New Canaan Town Hall
  - 77 Main Street

**Norwalk**
- Sunday, March 19
  - 12:30 - 2:00 pm
  - Norwalk Town Hall Community Room
  - 125 East Avenue

**Stamford**
- Saturday, March 11
  - 4:00 - 5:30 pm
  - Long Ridge Fire House
  - 366 Old Long Ridge
- Friday, March 17
  - 6:30 - 8:00 pm
  - Government Center
  - 888 Washington Boulevard

**Trumbull**
- Saturday, March 18
  - 11:00 am - 12:30 pm
  - Trumbull Town Hall
  - 5866 Main Street

**Westport**
- Saturday, March 11
  - 8:30 - 10:00 am
  - Westport Town Hall
  - 110 Myrtle Ave

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