

in the legislation. I think the House conferees, I hope this is a unanimous view, will fight hard to get the House position accepted, which would be, in fact, to consolidate oversight so that we are speaking more with one voice from Capitol Hill to the IRS and be able to improve oversight in communication between lawmakers here on Capitol Hill who are elected to represent taxpayers and the Internal Revenue Service.

Mr. Speaker, I would just say in conclusion that I will be voting for this motion to instruct with the understanding that it is not going to tie our hands in terms of accepting some provisions in the Senate that perhaps were not looked at as carefully as they might have been when the House completed its legislative task. I want to commend the authors of it and hope that we can, indeed, move forward as rapidly as possible to finally give the taxpayers what is long overdue, which is, indeed, a new IRS.

Mrs. JOHNSON of Connecticut. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, for those who are watching the proceedings of this House, I hope they are not missing the bipartisan enthusiasm for real, comprehensive, significant and serious reform of one of the most important agencies of the United States Government, the Internal Revenue Service.

This is the product of 2 years of very hard work. It is a thoughtful product. It is a powerful product. Indeed, it is going to make an enormous difference to the opportunity employees of the IRS have as well as to the taxpayers that they serve.

So I am proud to support the motion and join my colleagues on both sides of the aisle in urging prompt action by the conference so this bill can be on the President's desk in the very near future.

Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

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Mr. COYNE. Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. PEASE). Without objection, the previous question is ordered.

There was no objection.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion to instruct offered by the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. COYNE).

The question was taken; and the Speaker pro tempore announced that the ayes appeared to have it.

Mr. COYNE. Mr. Speaker, I object to the vote on the ground that a quorum is not present and make the point of order that a quorum is not present.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Evidently a quorum is not present.

The Sergeant at Arms will notify absent Members.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 388, nays 1, not voting 44, as follows:

[Roll No. 189]

YEAS—388

Abercrombie	Dreier	Knollenberg
Ackerman	Duncan	Kolbe
Aderholt	Dunn	Kucinich
Allen	Edwards	LaFalce
Andrews	Ehlers	LaHood
Armey	Ehrlich	Lampson
Bachus	Emerson	Lantos
Baessler	Engel	Largent
Baker	English	Latham
Baldacci	Ensign	LaTourette
Ballenger	Eshoo	Lazio
Barcia	Etheridge	Leach
Barr	Evans	Lee
Barrett (NE)	Everett	Levin
Barrett (WI)	Ewing	Lewis (CA)
Bartlett	Farr	Lewis (GA)
Barton	Fattah	Lewis (KY)
Bass	Fazio	Linder
Becerra	Filner	Lipinski
Bentsen	Forbes	Livingston
Bereuter	Ford	LoBiondo
Berman	Fossella	Lowey
Berry	Fowler	Lucas
Billbray	Fox	Luther
Billrakis	Frank (MA)	Maloney (CT)
Bishop	Franks (NJ)	Maloney (NY)
Blagojevich	Frelinghuysen	Manton
Bliley	Frost	Manzullo
Blumenauer	Gallegly	Markey
Boehlert	Ganske	Martinez
Boehner	Gejdenson	Mascara
Bonilla	Gekas	Matsui
Bonior	Gibbons	McCarthy (MO)
Bono	Gilchrest	McCarthy (NY)
Borski	Gillmor	McCollum
Boswell	Gilman	McDermott
Boucher	Goode	McGovern
Boyd	Goodlatte	McHale
Brady (PA)	Goodling	McHugh
Brady (TX)	Gordon	McInnis
Brown (CA)	Goss	McIntosh
Brown (FL)	Graham	McIntyre
Brown (OH)	Granger	McKeon
Bryant	Greenwood	McKinney
Bunning	Gutierrez	McNulty
Buyer	Gutknecht	Meehan
Callahan	Hall (OH)	Meek (FL)
Calvert	Hall (TX)	Menendez
Camp	Hamilton	Metcalfe
Campbell	Hansen	Mica
Cannon	Hastert	Millender-
Capps	Hastings (FL)	McDonald
Cardin	Hastings (WA)	Miller (FL)
Carson	Hayworth	Minge
Castle	Hefner	Mink
Chabot	Herger	Moakley
Chambliss	Hill	Moran (KS)
Chenoweth	Hilleary	Moran (VA)
Christensen	Hilliard	Murtha
Clay	Hinchey	Myrick
Clayton	Hinojosa	Nadler
Clement	Hobson	Neal
Clyburn	Holden	Nethercutt
Coble	Hooley	Neumann
Coburn	Horn	Ney
Collins	Hostettler	Northup
Combest	Houghton	Norwood
Condit	Hoyer	Nussle
Cook	Hulshof	Oberstar
Cooksey	Hunter	Obey
Costello	Inglis	Olver
Cox	Istook	Ortiz
Coyne	Jackson (IL)	Owens
Cramer	Jackson-Lee	Oxley
Crane	(TX)	Packard
Crapo	Jefferson	Pallone
Cubin	Jenkins	Pappas
Cummings	John	Pascarell
Cunningham	Johnson (CT)	Pastor
Danner	Johnson (WI)	Paul
Davis (FL)	Johnson, E. B.	Paxon
Davis (IL)	Jones	Payne
Davis (VA)	Kanjorski	Pease
Deal	Kaptur	Pelosi
DeGette	Kasich	Peterson (MN)
Delahunt	Kelly	Peterson (PA)
DeLauro	Kennedy (MA)	Petri
DeLay	Kennedy (RI)	Pickering
Diaz-Balart	Kennelly	Pickett
Dickey	Kildee	Pitts
Dingell	Kilpatrick	Pombo
Dixon	Kim	Pomeroy
Doggett	Kind (WI)	Porter
Dooley	Klecza	Portman
Doolittle	Klink	Poshard
Doyle	Klug	Price (NC)

Pryce (OH)	Sessions	Taylor (MS)
Radanovich	Shadegg	Thomas
Rahall	Shaw	Thompson
Ramstad	Shays	Thornberry
Redmond	Sherman	Thune
Regula	Shimkus	Thurman
Riley	Shuster	Tiahrt
Rivers	Sisisky	Tierney
Rodriguez	Skeen	Trafficant
Roemer	Skelton	Turner
Rogan	Slaughter	Upton
Rogers	Smith (MI)	Velazquez
Rohrabacher	Smith (NJ)	Vento
Ros-Lehtinen	Smith (TX)	Visclosky
Rothman	Smith, Adam	Walsh
Roukema	Smith, Linda	Waters
Roybal-Allard	Snowbarger	Watkins
Royce	Snyder	Watt (NC)
Rush	Solomon	Watts (OK)
Ryun	Souder	Waxman
Sabo	Spence	Weldon (FL)
Salmon	Spratt	Weldon (PA)
Sanchez	Stabenow	Weller
Sanders	Stark	Wexler
Sandlin	Stearns	Weygand
Sawyer	Stokes	White
Saxton	Strickland	Whitfield
Scarborough	Stump	Wise
Schaefer, Dan	Stupak	Wolf
Schaffer, Bob	Sununu	Woolsey
Schumer	Talent	Wynn
Scott	Tanner	Yates
Sensenbrenner	Tauscher	Young (AK)
Serrano	Tauzin	Young (FL)

NAYS—1

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NOT VOTING—44

Archer	Harman	Parker
Bateman	Hefley	Quinn
Blunt	Hoekstra	Rangel
Burr	Hutchinson	Reyes
Burton	Hyde	Riggs
Conyers	Johnson, Sam	Sanford
DeFazio	King (NY)	Skaggs
Deutsch	Kingston	Smith (OR)
Dicks	Lofgren	Stenholm
Fawell	McCrery	Taylor (NC)
Foley	McDade	Torres
Furse	Meeks (NY)	Towns
Gephardt	Miller (CA)	Wamp
Gonzalez	Mollohan	Wicker
Green	Morella	

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Mr. ENGLISH of Pennsylvania changed his vote from "nay" to "yea." So the motion was agreed to.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. PEASE). Without objection, the Chair appoints the following conferees:

Mr. ARCHER, Mrs. JOHNSON of Connecticut, and Messrs. PORTMAN, RANGEL, and COYNE.

There was no objection.

#### FURTHER MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A further message from the Senate by Mr. Lundregan, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate had passed with amendments in which the concurrence of the House is requested, a bill of the House of the following title:

H.R. 2709. An act to impose certain sanctions on foreign persons who transfer items contributing to Iran's efforts to acquire, develop, or produce ballistic missiles, and to implement the obligations of the United States under the Chemical Weapons Convention.

The message also announced that pursuant to Public Law 103-227, the Chair, on behalf of the President pro

tempore, appoints the following individuals to the National Skill Standards Board—

Tim C. Flynn, of South Dakota, Representative of Business; and

Jerald A. Tunheim, of South Dakota, Representative of Human Resource Professionals.

#### MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

A message in writing from the President of the United States was communicated to the House by Mr. Sherman Williams, one of his secretaries.

#### ANNOUNCEMENT OF RULES COMMITTEE MEETING AND LEGISLATIVE SCHEDULE

Mr. SOLOMON. Mr. Speaker, the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure has filed the conference report on BESTEA. The Committee on Rules will be meeting at 3:35 on that. Of course, all of my colleagues know what is in this 1,000 page bill, so it should not take too long.

I would ask the Members of the Committee on Rules to please come upstairs right now, because we have another bill to act on. We will then act on BESTEA at 3:35. We will try to be back here on the floor within 15 or 20 minutes; and, hopefully, since we all know what is in the bill, we will only take a little while to debate it. We should be out of here by no later than 5 o'clock and possibly sooner, if everybody will control themselves.

#### ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair announces its intention to proceed to Special Orders without prejudice to the resumption of further legislative business.

#### EPIDEMIC OF CHILD VIOLENCE NEEDS IMMEDIATE ACTION

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Texas (Ms. JACKSON-LEE) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise for a rather solemn occasion, one that pries at the very heartstrings of most Americans. Might I offer my sympathy to the citizens and schoolchildren and the entire State of Oregon for another tragedy of a child with a gun?

I believe it is important for this body to acknowledge that we have an epidemic. We have a situation where, if it goes unaddressed, more and more children will find a level of frustration to act out their frustration through violence, more and more lives will be lost, less attention to the issue will be given, and we will not have a solution. Our children cannot be frightened in their schools. We cannot see a greater loss of life.

As someone who passed the first parent responsibility ordinance in the City of Houston and later became State law, I do believe parents should be held responsible for children holding guns and, ultimately, winding up with a serious and tragic incident. But my main challenge, Mr. Speaker, is that this House must act, and it must act now. We have to save our children and the lives of all others. Guns in children's hands must not happen in this country.

My sympathy to those who have lost their life and to the child who acted out from frustration and heartache.

#### POTENTIAL DANGER FOR U.S. AS A RESULT OF TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY

(Mr. CUNNINGHAM asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. CUNNINGHAM. Mr. Speaker, many Members have wondered why the technology that was loosed to Communist China is dangerous to the United States. There is a lot of talk in the newspapers about different facets, but let me be specific.

In planning the war potential in different areas in all Southeast Asian countries, we looked at the ranges of different missiles. The booster that China had trouble with had problems, and we gave it the command and control guidance which allows it to target the MIRVing, which allows multiple warheads on different targets, but, even more important, the satellite technology at the Navy fighter weapon school. We can read the label on a missile stashed on an SU-27 to tell what kind of missile it is, what kind of intel.

So they not only increased the range, the targeting, they increased the ability to target U.S. cities specifically. That is why this is a problem and potential problem not only for the United States but other allied countries as well.

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We need to look into this, Mr. Speaker. It is serious, and it is a problem.

#### LET THE HOUSE ENACT SOME TYPE OF CAMPAIGN FINANCE REFORM

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. PEASE). Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from North Carolina (Mr. HEFNER) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. HEFNER. Mr. Speaker, we have heard a lot of debate in the last couple of hours about campaign finance. I do not come here to try to influence anyone about any particular proposal. However, the gentleman from Connecticut (Mr. SHAYS) has been someone who has labored in this vineyard for many, many years. He has taken a lot of ridicule for his proposals on campaign finance. I think that this House owes a great deal to his efforts that he has had in the past.

The late Sam Ervin, who was the Senator for a lot of years from North Carolina, when talking about campaign financing, talking about how much it costs to run, he said, spending a half a million dollars or \$1 million running for a job, at that particular time, that paid \$44,000 was kind of like putting a \$100 saddle on a \$40 mule. It just did not make a lot of sense.

Someone in the debate earlier said that the average citizen cannot afford to run for Congress. Actually, the average citizen cannot even afford to run for county commissioner, because it has gotten to where campaigning is so expensive the average person cannot get involved in the political process.

There are some folks here who do not think we need to do anything on campaign financing, some who think we need to put a lot more money in campaigns. The gentleman from Texas (Mr. DELAY) did a marvelous job last night, he should get an academy award, for his opposition to any kind of campaign finance reform.

Let me just remind the Members of a couple of things. If we go back to the old days when it was only the companies, a lot of these towns would get together and they would pick their candidate and they would fund him. He would be the man that was going to win in a State House seat or a congressional seat. That way, the average guy never got to run for political office.

When I first ran for political office, I spent \$44,000. I thought that that was a tremendous amount of money, and it was. We wasted a lot of that. Now it is not uncommon to spend \$1 million to get a congressional seat that pays \$135,000. It does not make a lot of sense, does it?

If Members think that money does not make a difference in both parties, the Democrats and Republicans, they have their sources. And I will be a little partisan on this. We heard in our newspapers and in Roll Call, in the magazines, that the business community was served notice, and the Republicans said, you have been giving too much money to the Democrats. If you are going to have any access to this Congress, you are going to have to come up with more money for Members that are running on the Republican ticket. That is soft money and hard money.

Mr. Speaker, what someone has referred to as third-party, and everybody has had it, in my district we had at the churches all these flyers that were put under the windshield wipers of the cars: If you want to vote for somebody who wants to kill babies, vote for Bill Hefner and Mike Dukakis. I do not think that was real fair, but we did know who put them under there, or what have you.

Television commercials, they do not have to tell us who is paying for these television commercials. This money comes in and it makes a tremendous hardship on people who are trying to go out and raise hard money from constituents. I challenge anybody in this