

## **Explanation of vote on the Parker Amendment**

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Mr. Chairman, last night the House voted on Mr. Parker of Mississippi's amendment No. 18 to strike certain provisions of the Interior Appropriations bill, H.R. 4193. These provisions direct the Indian Health Service to allocate contract support costs funding on a pro rata basis to all tribal contractors. I voted against that amendment in error. Removal of this provision is vitally important to the Tribes in my district and throughout the Northwest which are working to identify thoughtful, participatory solutions to an inadequate system of health care provision. I wish the record to reflect my support for the Parker amendment and the tribal self-determination it encourages.