

Section 646. The conferees agree to a new provision providing monetary relief to importers whose legally purchased goods were denied entry upon arrival because of changes in official policy.

Section 647. The conferees agree to a new provision regarding pay for Federal employees. The conferees anticipate that the President will issue an Executive Order allocating the 3.6 percent pay increase between an increase in rates of basic pay for the statutory pay systems under section 5303 of title 5, United States Code, and increases in comparability-based locality payments for General Schedule employees under section 5304. The conferees have not made the language more specific so that the President may exercise his discretion to distribute any amount allocated for comparability-based locality payments in the most appropriate fashion among the pay localities established by the President's Pay Agent.

Section 648. The conferees agree to a new provision requiring the Postal Rate Commission to submit an annual report to Congress regarding international mail rates.

Section 649. The conferees agree to a new provision to extend the sunset date for Section 2(f)(2) of the Undetectable Firearms Act of 1988 (18 U.S.C. 922 note) from 10 to 15 years.

Section 650. The conferees agree to a new provision to direct the Customs Service, in consultation with the U.S. Trade Representative and the Department of Commerce, to report on the importation of certain grains.

Section 651. The conferees agree to a new provision to designate the Eugene J. McCarthy Post Office Building.

Section 652. The conferees agree to a new provision authorizing the use of credit card rebates to support the Joint Financial Management Improvement Program.

Section 653. The conferees agree to a new provision addressing use of accrued leave as it applies to Senior Executive Service reduction in force actions.

Section 654. The conferees agree to a new provision directing agencies to assess the impact of Federal regulations and policies on families.

Section 655. The conferees include a new provision relating to the application of 18 U.S.C., Section 922(t).

The conferees delete provisions addressing contraceptive coverage in health plans participating in the FEHB program, as proposed by the House and the Senate.

The conferees delete a provision included by the House prohibiting the use of appropriated funds for new nonpostal commercial activities or pack and send services.

The conferees delete a provision included by the Senate prohibiting the acquisition of products produced by forced or indentured child labor.

The conferees delete a provision included by the Senate authorizing agencies to provide child care in federal or leased facilities. This issue is addressed in Title VII of this Act.

The conferees delete a provision included by the Senate expressing a sense of Congress that a postal stamp be created to commemorate Oskar Schindler.

The conferees delete a provision included by the Senate prohibiting the use of any funds in this Act to pay for abortions or administrative expenses of any FEHBP plans which provide abortion benefits. This provision is addressed in Section 509.

The conferees delete a provision included by the Senate authorizing the expenditure of funds for abortions under the FEHBP if the life of the mother is in danger or the pregnancy is the result of an act of rape or incest. This provision is addressed in Section 510.

The conferees delete a provision included by the Senate requiring any Senate or House bill or joint resolution of a public character to include a detailed analysis of the potential impact of such legislation on family well-being and on children.

The conferees delete a provision included by the Senate authorizing \$420,000,000 in emergency funding for the Strategic Petroleum Reserve.

The conferees delete a provision included by the Senate expressing the sense of Congress that a postal stamp be created to honor the 150th Anniversary of Irish immigrants to the United States.

The conferees delete a provision included by the Senate authorizing the Community and Postal Participation Act of 1998.

The conferees delete a provision included by the Senate waiving Section 611 of this title to permit interagency funding of the National Bioethics Advisory Commission.

The conferees delete a provision included by the Senate to permit the interagency funding of the National Science and Technology Council.

The conferees delete a provision included by the Senate allowing amounts appropriated in this Act to be transferred to the FLETC ACIRE account. The conferees address this appropriation in Title I of this Act.

The conferees delete a provision dealing with child care in Federal facilities, proposed by the Senate.

TITLE VIII—TECHNICAL AND CLARIFYING AMENDMENTS

The conferees agree to delete a new title authorizing the Office of National Drug Control Policy proposed by the Senate and instead insert a new title regarding administration of the DC Retirement Trust Fund.

The conferees delete language addressing the immigration status of Haitians previously paroled into the United States proposed by the Senate.

CONFERENCE TOTAL—WITH COMPARISONS

The total new budget (obligational) authority for the fiscal year 1999 recommended by the Committee of Conference, with comparisons to the fiscal year 1998 amount, the 1999 budget estimates, and the House and Senate bills for 1999 follow:

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| New budget (obligational) authority, fiscal year 1998 | \$25,325,767,500 |
| Budget estimates of new (obligational) authority, fiscal year 1999 | 26,839,489,000 |
| House bill, fiscal year 1999 | 26,614,669,000 |
| Senate bill, fiscal year 1999 | 29,923,612,000 |
| Conference agreement, fiscal year 1999 | 26,772,527,000 |
| Conference agreement compared with: | |
| New budget (obligational) authority, fiscal year 1998 | +1,446,759,500 |
| Budget estimates of new (obligational) authority, fiscal year 1999 | -66,962,000 |
| House bill, fiscal year 1999 | +157,858,000 |
| Senate bill, fiscal year 1999 | -3,151,085,000 |

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ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. NEY). Pursuant to the provisions of clause 5 of rule I, the Chair announces that he will postpone further proceedings today on each motion to suspend the rules on which a recorded vote or the yeas and nays are ordered, or on which the vote is objected to under clause 4 of rule XV.

Such rollcall votes, if postponed, will be taken later in the day.

ANTIMICROBIAL REGULATION TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS ACT OF 1998

Mr. BLILEY. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 4679) to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to clarify the circumstances in which a substance is considered to be a pesticide chemical for purposes of such Act, and for other purposes.

The Clerk read as follows:

H.R. 4679

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled.

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "Antimicrobial Regulation Technical Corrections Act of 1998".

SEC. 2. DEFINITION OF PESTICIDE CHEMICAL UNDER FEDERAL FOOD, DRUG, AND COSMETIC ACT.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 201(q) of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (21 U.S.C. 321(q)) is amended by striking "(q)(1)" and all that follows through the end of subparagraph (1) and inserting the following:

"(q)(1)(A) Except as provided in clause (B), the term 'pesticide chemical' means any substance that is a pesticide within the meaning of the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act, including all active and inert ingredients of such pesticide. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the term 'pesticide' within such meaning includes ethylene oxide and propylene oxide when such substances are applied on food.

"(B) In the case of the use, with respect to food, of a substance described in clause (A) to prevent, destroy, repel, or mitigate microorganisms (including bacteria, viruses, fungi, protozoa, algae, and slime), the following applies for purposes of clause (A):

"(i) The definition in such clause for the term 'pesticide chemical' does not include the substance if the substance is applied for such use on food, or the substance is included for such use in water that comes into contact with the food, in the preparing, packing, or holding of the food for commercial purposes. The substance is not excluded under this subclause from such definition if the substance is ethylene oxide or propylene oxide, and is applied for such use on food. The substance is not so excluded if the substance is applied for such use on a raw agricultural commodity, or the substance is included for such use in water that comes into contact with the commodity, as follows: