

Thanksgiving that they will appreciate, and I assure you that they will not appreciate cutting Medicaid. They will not appreciate cutting the farmers' programs. The veterans are not going to have a good Thanksgiving if they know that their benefits are cut by \$2 billion. Our students are not going to have a good Thanksgiving if they know that the student loan program is being cut by \$14 billion; our children, child support \$5 billion, child nutrition, food stamps.

We have got to make sure that our people have a wonderful Thanksgiving holiday. The way to do that is if they bring that budget reconciliation bill up before we leave, in the name of the American people, we must vote it down.

Mr. ROSS. Mr. Speaker, members of the Blue Dog Coalition have come tonight, not only to point out our Nation's debt and deficit, but to offer a solution with our 12-point plan. We look forward to other opportunity in the future to further discuss our 12-point plan for meaningful budget reform.

FURTHER MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A further message from the Senate by Ms. Curtis, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate has passed without amendment bills of the House of the following titles:

H.R. 126. An Act to amend Public Law 89-366 to allow for an adjustment in the number of free roaming horses permitted in Cape Lookout National Seashore.

H.R. 539. An Act to designate certain National Forest System land in the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico as a component of the National Wilderness Preservation System.

H.R. 584. An act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to recruit volunteers to assist with, or facilitate, the activities of various agencies and offices of the Department of the Interior.

H.R. 606. An act to authorize appropriations to the Secretary of the Interior to the restoration of the Angel Island Immigration Station in the State of California.

H.R. 1101. An act to revoke a Public Land Order with respect to certain lands erroneously included in the Cibola National Wildlife Refuge, California.

H.R. 1972. An act to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study to determine the suitability and feasibility of including in the National Park System certain sites in Williamson County, Tennessee, relating to the Battle of Franklin.

H.R. 1973. An act to make access to safe water and sanitation for developing countries a specific policy objective of the United States foreign assistance programs, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the Senate has passed bills of the following titles in which concurrence of the House is requested:

S. 242. An act to direct the Secretary of the Interior to carry out a study to determine the suitability and feasibility of establishing memorials to the Space Shuttle Columbia on parcels of land in the State of Texas.

S. 592. An act to amend the Irrigation Project Contract Extension Act of 1998 to ex-

tend certain contracts between the Bureau of Reclamation and certain irrigation water contractors in the States of Wyoming and Nebraska.

S. 1170. An act to establish the Fort Stanton-Snowy River Cave National Conservation Area.

CONFERENCE REPORT ON H.R. 3010, DEPARTMENTS OF LABOR, HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, AND EDUCATION, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2006

Mr. LEWIS of California (during the Special Order of Mr. BARTLETT of Maryland) submitted the following conference report and statement on the bill (H.R. 3010) making appropriations for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, and for other purposes.

CONFERENCE REPORT (H. REPT. 109-300)

The committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 3010) "making appropriations for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, and for other purposes", having met, after full and free conference, have agreed to recommend and do recommend to their respective Houses as follows:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate, and agree to the same with an amendment, as follows:

In lieu of the matter stricken and inserted by said amendment, insert:

That the following sums are appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, and for other purposes, namely:

TITLE I—DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING ADMINISTRATION TRAINING AND EMPLOYMENT SERVICES

(INCLUDING RESCISSIONS)

For necessary expenses of the Workforce Investment Act of 1998, the Denali Commission Act of 1998, and the Women in Apprenticeship and Non-Traditional Occupations Act of 1992, including the purchase and hire of passenger motor vehicles, the construction, alteration, and repair of buildings and other facilities, and the purchase of real property for training centers as authorized by the Workforce Investment Act of 1998; \$2,652,411,000 plus reimbursements, of which \$1,688,411,000 is available for obligation for the period July 1, 2006 through June 30, 2007; except that amounts determined by the Secretary of Labor to be necessary pursuant to sections 173(a)(4)(A) and 174(c) of the Workforce Investment Act of 1998 shall be available from October 1, 2005 until expended; and of which \$950,000,000 is available for obligation for the period April 1, 2006 through June 30, 2007, to carry out chapter 4 of the Workforce Investment Act of 1998; and of which \$8,000,000 is available for the period July 1, 2006 through June 30, 2009 for necessary expenses of construction, rehabilitation, and acquisition of Job Corps centers: Provided, That notwithstanding any other provision of law, of the funds provided herein under section 137(c) of the Workforce Investment Act of 1998, \$282,800,000 shall be for activities described in section 132(a)(2)(A) of such Act

and \$1,193,264,000 shall be for activities described in section 132(a)(2)(B) of such Act: Provided further, That \$125,000,000 shall be available for Community-Based Job Training Grants, which shall be from funds reserved under section 132(a)(2)(A) of the Workforce Investment Act of 1998 and shall be used to carry out such grants under section 171(d) of such Act, except that the 10 percent limitation otherwise applicable to the amount of funds that may be used to carry out section 171(d) shall not be applicable to funds used for Community-Based Job Training grants: Provided further, That funds provided to carry out section 132(a)(2)(A) of the Workforce Investment Act of 1998 may be used to provide assistance to a State for State-wide or local use in order to address cases where there have been worker dislocations across multiple sectors or across multiple local areas and such workers remain dislocated; coordinate the State workforce development plan with emerging economic development needs; and train such eligible dislocated workers: Provided further, That \$7,936,000 shall be for carrying out section 172 of the Workforce Investment Act of 1998: Provided further, That \$982,000 shall be for carrying out Public Law 102-530: Provided further, That, notwithstanding any other provision of law or related regulation, \$80,557,000 shall be for carrying out section 167 of the Workforce Investment Act of 1998, including \$75,053,000 for formula grants, \$5,000,000 for migrant and seasonal housing (of which not less than 70 percent shall be for permanent housing), and \$504,000 for other discretionary purposes, and that the Department shall take no action limiting the number or proportion of eligible participants receiving related assistance services or discouraging grantees from providing such services: Provided further, That notwithstanding the transfer limitation under section 133(b)(4) of such Act, up to 30 percent of such funds may be transferred by a local board if approved by the Governor: Provided further, That funds provided to carry out section 171(d) of the Workforce Investment Act of 1998 may be used for demonstration projects that provide assistance to new entrants in the workforce and incumbent workers: Provided further, That no funds from any other appropriation shall be used to provide meal services at or for Job Corps centers.

For necessary expenses of the Workforce Investment Act of 1998, including the purchase and hire of passenger motor vehicles, the construction, alteration, and repair of buildings and other facilities, and the purchase of real property for training centers as authorized by the Act; \$2,463,000,000 plus reimbursements, of which \$2,363,000,000 is available for obligation for the period October 1, 2006 through June 30, 2007, and of which \$100,000,000 is available for the period October 1, 2006 through June 30, 2009, for necessary expenses of construction, rehabilitation, and acquisition of Job Corps centers.

Of the funds provided under this heading in Public Law 108-7 to carry out section 173(a)(4)(A) of the Workforce Investment Act of 1998, \$20,000,000 are rescinded.

Of the funds provided under this heading in Public Law 107-117, \$5,000,000 are rescinded.

Of the funds provided under this heading in division F of Public Law 108-447 for Community-Based Job Training Grants, \$125,000,000 is rescinded.

The Secretary of Labor shall take no action to amend, through regulatory or administration action, the definition established in 20 CFR 667.220 for functions and activities under title I of the Workforce Investment Act of 1998, or to modify, through regulatory or administrative action, the procedure for redesignation of local areas as specified in subtitle B of title I of that Act (including applying the standards specified in section 116(a)(3)(B) of that Act, but notwithstanding the time limits specified in section