

lot traceability. There are additional amendments to the Fastener Quality Act that also appear in the bill. To my knowledge, no hearings have been held on these amendments by any congressional committee nor has any adequate explanation or justification been advanced for these provisions, other than that certain fastener industry interests support them.

I note that Chairman BLILEY recently wrote Chairman WALKER, making it clear that the Commerce Committee has not waived its jurisdictional concerns about the legislation and requesting that members of the Commerce Committee be named as equal conferees on fastener provisions in any ensuing House-Senate conference. I wish to express my support for Chairman BLILEY's request and trust that we will be able to have an opportunity to participate fully in any conference on these issues of great importance to public safety.

Mr. OXLEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to address the amendments to the Fastener Quality Act which are in H.R. 2196.

The Fastener Quality Act is the result of a 4-year-long study by the Oversight and Investigations Subcommittee of the Committee on Commerce. The statute requires testing and labeling procedures for certain grades of bolts and fasteners subject to high degrees of stress, such as in military and aerospace applications. The requirements of the Fastener Quality Act were designed to prevent the use of substandard bolts in applications where, if they were to fail, death or injury could occur.

The Commerce Committee and the Science Committee have a long history of working together on this act. After the Commerce Committee Oversight and Investigations Subcommittee investigation, our committees worked together to secure passage of this legislation in the 101st Congress and the amendments to the Fastener Act contained in this legislation.

Mr. Speaker, the amendments to the Fastener Quality Act included in this legislation are almost identical to those passed by the House in H.R. 2405 earlier this year. These amendments simply restore the original intent of the Fastener Quality Act. Additionally, they provide for notice and comment on the appropriate threshold standard to assess a significant alteration with respect to the electroplating of fasteners. The Committee on Commerce has no objection to these amendments and urges their adoption.

Mrs. MORELLA. Mr. Speaker, I have no further requests for time, and I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. TANNER. Mr. Speaker, I have no further requests for time, and I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentlewoman from Maryland [Mrs. MORELLA] that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 2196, as amended.

The question was taken; and (two-thirds having voted in favor thereof) the rules were suspended and the bill, as amended, was passed.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

#### GENERAL LEAVE

Mrs. MORELLA. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members

may have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material on H.R. 2196, the bill just passed.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Maryland?

There was no objection.

#### REPORT ON RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF MOTION TO DISPOSE OF REMAINING SENATE AMENDMENT TO H.R. 1868, FOREIGN OPERATIONS, EXPORT FINANCING, AND RELATED PROGRAMS APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 1996

Mr. GOSS, from the Committee on Appropriations, submitted a privileged report (Rept. No. 104-399) on the resolution (H.R. 296) providing for consideration of a motion to dispose of the remaining Senate amendment to the bill (H.R. 1858) making appropriations for foreign operations, export financing, and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1996, and for other purposes, which was referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed.

#### WAIVING A REQUIREMENT OF CLAUSE 4(b) OF RULE XI WITH RESPECT TO CONSIDERATION OF CERTAIN RESOLUTIONS REPORTED FROM THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Mr. GOSS, from the Committee on Rules, submitted a privileged report (Rept. No. 104-400) on the resolution (H. Res. 297) waiving a requirement of clause 4(b) of rule XI with respect to consideration of certain resolutions reported from the Committee on Rules, and for other purposes, which was referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed.

#### VETERANS HOUSING, EMPLOYMENT PROGRAMS, AND EMPLOYMENT RIGHTS BENEFITS ACT OF 1995

Mr. STUMP. Mr. Speaker, I move the House suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 2289) to amend title 38, United States Code, to extend permanently certain housing programs, to improve the veterans employment and training system, and to make clarifying and technical amendments to further clarify the employment and reemployment rights and responsibilities of members of the uniformed services, as well as those of the employer community, and for other purposes, as amended.

The Clerk read as follows:

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*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 "Veterans Housing, Employment Programs, and Employment Rights Benefits Act of 1995".

#### SEC. 2. REFERENCES TO TITLE 38, UNITED STATES CODE.

Except as otherwise expressly provided, whenever in this Act an amendment or repeal is expressed in terms of an amendment to, or repeal of, a section or other provision, the reference shall be considered to be made to a section or other provision of title 38, United States Code.

#### TITLE I—VETERANS' HOUSING PROGRAMS

##### SEC. 101. EXTENSIONS OF CERTAIN VETERANS' HOUSING PROGRAMS.

(a) NEGOTIATED INTEREST RATES.—Paragraph (4) of section 3703(c) is amended by striking out subparagraph (D).

(b) ENERGY EFFICIENT MORTGAGES.—Section 3710(d) is amended—

(1) in paragraph (1), by striking out "to demonstrate the feasibility of guaranteeing" and inserting in lieu thereof "to guarantee"; and

(2) by striking out paragraph (7).

(c) ENHANCED LOAN ASSET SALE AUTHORITY.—Section 3720(h)(2) is amended by striking out "1995" and inserting in lieu thereof "2000".

(d) AUTHORITY OF LENDERS OF AUTOMATICALLY GUARANTEED LOANS TO REVIEW APPRAISALS.—Section 3731(f) is amended by striking out paragraphs (3), (4), and (5).

(e) HOUSING ASSISTANCE FOR HOMELESS VETERANS.—Section 3735 is amended by striking out subsection (c).

##### SEC. 102. CODIFICATION OF REPORTING REQUIREMENTS AND CHANGES IN THEIR FREQUENCY.

(a) CODIFICATION OF HOUSING RELATED REPORTING REQUIREMENTS.—(1) Chapter 37 is amended by adding after section 3735 the following new section:

#### "§ 3736. Reporting requirements

The annual report required by section 529 of this title shall include a discussion of the activities under this chapter. Beginning with the report submitted at the close of fiscal year 1996, and every second year thereafter, this discussion shall include information regarding the following:

"(1) Loans made to veterans whose only qualifying service was in the Selected Reserve.

"(2) Interest rates and discount points which were negotiated between the lender and the veteran pursuant to section 3703(c)(4)(A)(i) of this title.

"(3) The determination of reasonable value by lenders pursuant to section 3731(f) of this title.

"(4) Loans that include funds for energy efficiency improvements pursuant to section 3710(a)(10) of this title.

"(5) Direct loans to Native American veterans made pursuant to subchapter V of this chapter."

(2) The table of sections at the beginning of chapter 37 is amended by inserting after the item relating to section 3735 the following new item:

"3736. Reporting requirements."

(b) REPEAL OF SUPERSEDED REPORTING REQUIREMENTS.—The Veterans Home Loan Program Amendments of 1992 (Public Law 102-547; 106 Stat. 3633) is amended by striking out sections 2(c), 3(b), 8(d), 9(c), and 10(b).

##### SEC. 103. JOB PLACEMENT FOR HOMELESS VETERANS.

(a) HOMELESS VETERANS EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM.—Section 738(e)(1) of the Stewart B. McKinney Homeless Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 11448(e)(1)) is amended—

(1) in subparagraph (A), by striking out "1993" and inserting in lieu thereof "1996";

(2) in subparagraph (B)—

(A) by striking out "\$12,000,000" and inserting in lieu thereof "\$10,000,000", and

(B) by striking out "1994" and inserting in lieu thereof "1997"; and