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The House met at 10 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore [Mr. COLLINS of Georgia].

DESIGNATION OF SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC,
June 19, 1996.

I hereby designate the Honorable MAC COLLINS to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

NEWT GINGRICH,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, Rev. James David Ford, D.D., offered the following prayer:

When we see violence in any form, O God, we cringe and are appalled. And when we see violence against our places of worship, we can despair and lose hope for there is madness about. Yet, O loving and gracious God, You would have all people of good will persevere in peace and be open to the healing and reconciliation that builds community and respect. May Your Spirit, O God, that can accomplish what we cannot, be with those who hurt and may each person speak and work and give in ways that promote justice and peace. Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentleman from Ohio [Mr. BROWN]

come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. BROWN of Ohio led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A message from the Senate by Mr. Lundregan, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate had passed without amendment a bill of the House of the following title:

H.R. 3029. An act to designate the United States courthouse in Washington, District of Columbia, as the "E. Barrett Prettyman United States Courthouse."

The message also announced that pursuant to Public Law 85-874, as amended, the Chair, on behalf of the President of the Senate, appoints the Senator from Wyoming [Mr. SIMPSON] to the Board of Trustees of the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will receive fifteen 1-minutes on each side.

REPUBLICAN HEALTH CARE REFORM BLOCKED IN THE SENATE BECAUSE IT DOES NOT RELY ON GOVERNMENT MANDATES

(Mr. ARMEY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, in 1992 the House Republicans, working with President Bush, put together an excellent health care bill designed to address the questions of portability and

affordability for the American people. That bill was not allowed on the floor in 1992 by the then majority Democrat leadership.

As Members know, we have struggled with this question of health care for some time. We have passed through the House a bill that ensures affordability, ensures portability, and offers to 40 million Americans the health care savings account. The people who would take advantage of these are the self-employed and employees of small business, people who would have an opportunity to buy the most rational insurance possible for themselves by their own choosing, get a tax credit for putting money in a savings account with which to deal with the deductible and incidental medical expenses, and an ability to do something for themselves on their own health care.

That bill is under consideration in the other body and is stopped by one Senator and one Senator alone, from Massachusetts, who apparently does not like freedom and would only have the Americans do what they please if it is mandated.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair would remind Members they should not refer to Members of the other body by name or in an identifiable way.

CONSUMERS UNION WEIGHS IN AGAINST MEDICAL SAVINGS ACCOUNTS

(Ms. DELAURO asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. DELAURO. Mr. Speaker, in fact, we do want to have portable and secure health insurance for people, and we

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want to have insurance companies prohibited from not insuring folks for their preexisting conditions. But let me tell the Members, under the banner of reform, what the congressional majority has done to the health care bill.

Do not take my word for it, take the word of Consumers Union. Consumers Union produces the Consumer Reports that advise us on buying an automobile, an appliance, and not to buy a lemon. Let me tell the Members what they say about medical savings accounts, which is holding up the health care reform bill:

The inclusion of the Republican MSA proposal in the Kassebaum-Kennedy bill makes the legislation worse than a wash for consumers. It takes us backward in our efforts to make health insurance accessible and affordable.

MSA's are a time bomb. They turn the very principle of insurance on its head. Instead of pooling resources, they help healthy people accumulate wealth.

I ask Members to be on their guard and oppose the MSA's.

HEALTH CARE REFORM: COMMON-SENSE ANSWERS FOR AMERICA'S HEALTH CARE NEEDS

(Mrs. KELLY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. KELLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to encourage our colleagues to join me in calling on the Senate to pass our commonsense health care reforms now. These are reasonable changes like portability, affordability, and most of all, accessibility.

Portability is within this Congress' grasp. And here our reforms can end job lock, giving tens of thousands of Americans the opportunity to maintain their health care coverage, without sacrificing their careers.

Second, by allowing individuals tax-free medical savings accounts, expanding the health insurance deduction for the self-employed and introducing tax incentives to promote long-term care coverage, we are helping people help themselves.

But finally, Mr. Speaker, this Congress has the opportunity to end the preexisting conditions exclusion, which keeps more than 20 million Americans from the coverage they need.

One of these is, in fact, one of my own family. They have a full time job and pay their taxes. Yet, because of a condition that they developed, they cannot secure the health care coverage that they need and want.

I can assure you, Mr. Speaker, that when we cast our final votes on this package, it will be these three commonsense reforms, portability, affordability, and accessibility, that will be foremost in the minds of all Americans.

GRANTING MFN TO CHINA NOT FAIR TO AMERICAN WORKERS

(Mr. BROWN of Ohio asked and was given permission to address the House

for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. BROWN of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, I had planned to hold up a toy assault weapon when I spoke today on the House floor. House rules suggest I not do so.

This toy gun was made in China. It is only a toy. But the 2,000 assault weapons that the U.S. attorney in San Francisco found last month were not toys. They were the real thing, smuggled in by the Chinese Government or a company controlled by the Chinese Government. It is sometimes hard to tell the difference when you are dealing with a Communist country that uses slave labor.

The assault weapons in California kill people. Those toys made by the Chinese in Chinese slave labor camps kill jobs, American jobs. The trade deficit with China is \$34 billion a year and growing. Before long it will be greater than the deficit we have with Japan. MFN, most-favored-nation status, is not fair to American workers. Kill MFN.

THE NEA MUST GO

(Mr. FUNDERBURK asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. FUNDERBURK. Mr. Speaker, here we go again. The NEA insists on offending American families. Freshman Republicans tried to eliminate taxpayer funding for the National Endowment for the Arts, in part because taxpayers should not have to subsidize art which blatantly offends the religious beliefs and family values of most Americans. As Bob Dole puts it, most people know the difference between Mapplethorpe and Michelangelo.

Now the NEA has crossed the lines again with a debut this Sunday of the "Watermelon Woman" film at the New York Lesbian and Gay Video and Film Festival. The film is described in the Washington Times as "black lesbian quirky, steamy, and taxpayer funded." The Times goes on to quote Edmond Peterson, chairman of Project 21, an organization of conservative blacks, saying: "This is a classic example of the Clinton administration being in bed with the gay-lesbian movement and funding a project through tax dollars that cannot get funded any other way."

Mr. Speaker, it is a free country and people can make any kind of trash they want, but taxpayers should not have to pay for it. It is time we cut off funding for the NEA.

A MODERN-DAY HELEN OF TROY

(Mrs. SCHROEDER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. SCHROEDER. Mr. Speaker, Helen of Troy supposedly launched many ships with just her face. Today I

picked up the Hill and read that the Speaker of the House is giving me credit for launching the Republican budget with my face. I want to thank him, but I cannot take credit.

Everybody wondered how the Republicans got the last four votes on this Republican budget that they launched, because this Republican budget increases the deficit from this year, next year, and the next year. It is a disaster. It's a ship that should be sunk, not launched.

Mr. Speaker, when the Republicans counted the votes, they did not have them, so they had to keep the voting machine open for a very long time while they pressured their Members to change. The Speaker said he did not have to work at all, that their four changers very willingly came down here and changed when they saw my face. That is fairly incredible, because I was not here. I was one of the first to vote, went home, and was watching the vote on C-SPAN, so I have something over Helen of Troy. If the Speaker is right, they can beam my face right back in here from C-SPAN even if I'm absent.

MEDICAL SAVINGS ACCOUNTS ARE NEW APPROACH WITH PROVEN TRACK RECORD

(Mr. BALLENGER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. BALLENGER. Mr. Speaker, medical savings accounts have become a focal point for this whole debate over the health care reform. MSA's are a new approach, but they do have a proven track record.

A recent study by researchers at Cleveland State University prove the effectiveness of MSA's. They studied 27 Ohio firms of less than 200 employees. The average employee had lower out-of-pocket costs—as much as \$1,355 per family. The firms themselves saved an average of 12 percent a year without passing on the savings to their employees.

Mr. Speaker, as of last year, 17 States have passed MSA laws, another 11 are considering them, and another 11 have called on Congress to enact MSA's. Even the United Mine Workers offers MSA's to its members. Let us join the trend toward serious, workable health care reform; let us follow the lead of the States and enact the kind of reforms that have a proven track record.

CALL GHOSTBUSTERS FOR AIRLINE SAFETY

(Mr. TRAFICANT asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. TRAFICANT. Mr. Speaker, before the ValuJet crash, an FAA inspector said that ValuJet is an accident waiting to happen. It is so bad, she

said, that neither she nor her family would ever fly on ValuJet. But after the crash, a DOT spokesman said ValuJet is completely safe. It is perfectly OK.

Yesterday, after a Three-Stooges-type soap opera, the Government, who has been speaking out of both sides of their mouth on the ValuJet incident, did the following thing. They grounded ValuJet as unsafe, and they threw the top safety man, Tony Broderick, to the wolves.

Beam me up, Mr. Speaker. It is evident after this soap opera that the only call the flying public can make is to Ghostbusters, because the FAA is out to lunch with a bunch and the DOT has gone for soup with the group. Think about it.

WHEN ARE WE GOING TO HEAR THE TRUTH ABOUT THE FBI FILEGATE SCANDAL?

(Mr. HEFLEY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. HEFLEY. Mr. Speaker, in order to help me and the American people decipher the police state tactics of the FBI files scandal, I tried to figure out what an innocent bureaucratic mistake was. I thought it might help to look up the word "innocent" in the dictionary. Webster's New Collegiate Dictionary states that the word "innocent" has the following definition: free from guilt through lack of knowledge.

Mr. Speaker, this really did not help, because how could anyone realistically have a lack of knowledge that all of the names in the files in question were Republican White House personnel? Certainly the White House should know our former Secretary of State James Baker, who was on the list, is not really a security risk.

Mr. Speaker, my colleagues and I ask just one thing of the Clinton White House with regard to the new FBI Filegate scandal. It is the same question we have asked with so many of the scandals down at this White House: When are we going to hear the truth?

ANOTHER REPUBLICAN DISMANTLING OF MEDICARE

(Mr. OLVER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. OLVER. Mr. Speaker, as Yogi Berra once said, it is *deja vu* all over again: another Republican dismantling of Medicare; a little smaller than before, but just as unnecessary, and still a bad policy. Doctors can charge thousands of dollars in bills that Medicare will not cover; hospitals are cutting even more than before, and these cuts, along with the Republicans' Medicaid cuts, will close many rural hospitals in districts all over this country. Seniors are still herded into managed care plans where they cannot choose their

own doctor. That means less choice and continually rising premiums.

Once again, Republicans demand that seniors pay more and more and get less and less. Once again, seniors will pay for the tax cuts for the well off. This plan was never intended to improve Medicare. As Speaker GINGRICH has already said, this plan is intended to see Medicare wither on the vine. It is still a bad deal for America's seniors.

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PRIVACY RIGHTS AND FILEGATE

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

Mr. CHABOT. Mr. Speaker, when the privacy rights of American citizens are in jeopardy, partisan politics has no place.

That is why I stood up to Members of my own party in fighting against giving the FBI more leeway to conduct warrantless wiretaps. I have opposed the so-called digital telephony scheme which would have expanded the FBI's power to eavesdrop on American homes. And I have taken on Members of my own party when I fought against the odious 1-800-BIG-BROTHER employee computer registry plan.

Thus, I am absolutely astounded by some of the political professionals in this town who have rushed blindly to defend the White House on this FBI file scandal. There is no excuse for White House operatives to rummage through the private FBI background files of political opponents. None. People who sacrifice all dignity in order to help the White House Stonewall and on filegate lose any right to call themselves civil libertarians. It is disgraceful and they should be ashamed.

DOLE'S ANTIENVIRONMENT RECORD

(Mr. MILLER of California asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. MILLER of California. Mr. Speaker, Bob Dole's first campaign swing through California had a chilling message for every voter who cares about the environment.

Bob Dole endorsed Governor Wilson's Ward Valley nuclear dump, although the bankrupt developer has yet to build a radioactive waste facility without serious safety problems.

Bob Dole endorsed the \$2 billion Auburn Dam for Sacramento Valley developers, situated smack on top of an earthquake fault, ignoring a cheaper and more environmentally safe flood control alternative.

Bob Dole endorsed logging of a giant ancient, redwood forest in violation of the Endangered Species Act to benefit a giant timber corporation.

And Bob Dole embraced subsidized agribusinesses who refuse to share water with California cities, fisheries,

wetlands, and refuges. No surprise, because Bob Dole's campaign manager is a lawyer representing the biggest subsidized growers and polluters in our State.

This is Bob Dole's scorched Earth campaign for California's environment, designed by lawyers, lobbyists, and special interests. It will be rejected by California voters because Bob Dole is no friend of our environment.

WHAT IS THREATENING ABOUT MEDICAL SAVINGS ACCOUNTS?

(Mr. BARTLETT of Maryland asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. BARTLETT of Maryland. Mr. Speaker, taking power and influence out of the hands of bureaucrats in Washington and returning it to the America people is something the American people want and that the Congress is trying to provide.

Medical savings accounts, MSA's, are one way to return power and influence over health insurance to individuals.

With an MSA, you do not need anyone's permission to spend money on health care. It is your money to spend or save as you see fit.

With an MSA, you do not have to worry about losing your health care insurance if you switch jobs or lose your job—your MSA is yours and it goes with you. That is true portability.

With an MSA, you do not have to worry about the potential for ruinous out-of-pocket costs. Out-of-pocket costs are limited to the amount of the deductible; and catastrophic insurance kicks in with full coverage after that.

With an MSA, the power and influence over health care spending is in the hands of the individual Americans who choose to have an MSA to pay for their health care.

Why is this power and influence for individuals so threatening?

One person should not deny millions of Americans reform, including MSA's, that will make health insurance more portable and affordable.

TRIBUTE TO 1996 TOSHIBA/NSTA EXPLORAVISION AWARDS PROGRAM

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

Mr. BROWN of California. Mr. Speaker, this Friday, more than 40 students will come to our Nation's Capital to receive top honors in the 1996 ExploraVision Awards Program, sponsored by Toshiba and administered by the National Science Teachers Association [NSTA].

The ExploraVision Awards Program is the largest K-12 student science competition in the world. The competition asks students to work in teams to use their imaginations to envision what technology will be like 20 years from now.

As a longstanding member of the House Science Committee, I have worked hard to improve science education in this country.

The competition is just one great example of a successful business-education partnership that encourages students to pursue careers in science. I have been supporting this outstanding program since its launch in 1992.

The ExploraVision Awards give students the opportunity to identify future technological needs and develop the kind of technological thinking our society needs in order to meet the challenges of the future.

I am proud to recognize the achievements of this year's winners and proud to be the honorary cochairperson of the 1996 ExploraVision Awards weekend.

CLINTONOMICS

(Mr. KINGSTON asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. KINGSTON. Mr. Speaker, today I submit the latest "Say what, Mr. President?" and the credit goes to Clinton appointee Richard Rominger who last night proclaimed to the Georgia Farm Bureau that, and I quote, "During this administration, the national debt has fallen \$15,000 per family of four."

"How so?" asks our numbers-crunching colleague, MAC COLLINS, because the national debt has risen steadily during this administration.

"Well," answered a shameless Rominger, "the annual deficit had been rising and since it is not rising as much, the \$15,000 represents the additional amount saved had it kept rising."

Let me put that in English. I weigh 170 pounds. I have never weighed 190 pounds. But according to Clintonomics, I lost 20 pounds if I add up all the sundaes and desserts that I have said "no" to.

Ladies and gentlemen, that is Clintonomics. It is like an Oliver Stone movie—it is exciting, it is entertaining, but it is not based on reality.

HIGH-TECHNOLOGY JOBS BEING TRANSFERRED TO CHINA

(Ms. PELOSI asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. PELOSI. Mr. Speaker, soon we will be voting on the President's special request for a waiver for most-favored-nation status for China. I am here today to talk about one of the myths that has been circulated, and that is that most of the jobs that we are losing to China are low-technology jobs. Indeed, one of the greatest assaults on the American worker is being made right now with the transfer of technology to China. For example, Boeing used to make all of its tail sections for the 737 in Wichita, KS. Now, in the last couple of years, they have trans-

ferred the production of half of those tail sections to Xi'an, China, where workers make \$50 a month on these high-technology jobs, thereby taking jobs from the American worker that are high-technology.

In addition to that, if you wish to sell into the Chinese market, you must build a factory there and then turn over your technology plans to some institute there which then passes it around among the Chinese where you have now created your competitors.

This is a very important issue, Mr. Speaker. If intellectual property is a \$2 to \$3 billion loss, this is over a \$100 billion loss. It does harm to the American worker and steals America's economic future.

ROBBING OUR UNION EMPLOYEES

(Mr. KNOLLENBERG asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. KNOLLENBERG. Mr. Speaker, employees have a right to know why their hard-earned money is being taken out of their pockets and being used by union leaders. They also deserve the right to stop it if they choose.

Why would anyone oppose legislation which gives workers the right to know where their money is going? Because it is a cash cow.

AFL-CIO President John Sweeney publicly vowed his union's intention to spend \$35 million to fund campaign and political activities—\$35 million right out of the pockets of rank and file union members.

More than 62 percent of these hard-working men and women said in a poll that they do not approve. They do not want their dues going to campaign and political purposes.

And most did not even know about President Sweeney's political attack with their hard-earned money.

We need to stop this ripoff and give our hard-working families a break. There is a way. Support the Worker Right-To-Know Act.

MEDICARE OVERBILLING

(Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas. Mr. Speaker, the House Republican plan on Medicare calls for \$168 billion in cuts in the growth, as they say. They say they need to cut this much in order to save Medicare, but the President's budget saves Medicare for \$44 billion less in the cuts in growth.

Perhaps this is the Republican majority way of paying for financially irresponsible tax cuts. These are the same tax cuts that increase the deficit for the next 2 years. We will not hear that from that microphone over there.

But there is more. In the Speaker Gingrich House Republican Medicare plan there is a provision that would

allow health care providers to bill seniors more now than they are for current services paid for by Medicare. So, in other words, not only are we going to cut Medicare but seniors are going to have to pay more for services that have been provided by Medicare. The Gingrich plan would weaken the provision, thereby opening the door for higher out-of-pocket expenses for our seniors.

The Republican majority's first priority is tax cuts, even though they increase the deficit. Then they want to cut Medicare, education, and all the rest in order to pay for it. These are not the priorities of the American people.

THE RIGHT CHOICE TO SAVE MEDICARE

(Mr. HAYWORTH asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. HAYWORTH. Mr. Speaker, hearing my dear friend from Texas reminds me of that great country and western song entitled "That's my story and I'm sticking to it." The same tired old bromides based on fear and not on facts still exist within the liberal minority.

I daresay what we fail to hear from that microphone is the stunning reality that the bipartisan trustees of the Medicare trust fund told us not 2 weeks ago that if we fail to act, Medicare, as we know it, goes broke in 5 years, quite possibly in 4.

The key difference is this, Mr. Speaker: When we get past the name calling and the playground taunts, those of us in the new majority are willing to work to govern, to save, preserve, protect, and improve a program for the next generation, while our dear liberal friends are so willing to abandon reality they are thinking only of the next election. The American people will make the right choice.

HEALTH CARE REFORM

(Mr. WYNN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. WYNN. Mr. Speaker, this morning I would like to talk about health care, because Americans want health care and they want health care reform.

Interestingly enough, there is bipartisan support for health care reform, reforms which would provide portability, which is the right of a person to transfer their health insurance when they change jobs, and also a provision that would ban prohibitions against preexisting conditions, so if their child has asthma, they can still get health care. There is bipartisan support in both houses.

We ought to pass it because the American people want it. But why do we not pass it? Because the Republican majority wants to overreach again. They want medical savings accounts.

Mr. Speaker, the American people are not asking for medical savings accounts. Medical savings accounts sound good, but actually they only work for the wealthy and the healthy. Those people who are poor, those people who are middle class, those people who are sick will face rising premiums as the healthy and the wealthy get out of the health insurance pool.

That is why medical savings accounts are not a good idea. Let us put that idea on hold. Let us pass what the American people want, which is health care reform. That is why Republicans are bad managers, because they cannot see the forest for the trees.

THE 100TH BIRTHDAY OF LAWRENCE WESTERMAN

(Mr. FLANAGAN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. FLANAGAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the 100th birthday of Mr. Lawrence Westerman, a former resident of Chicago. It is appropriate that we celebrate Mr. Westerman's 100 years of life and recognize his years of service to our great Nation as we prepare to celebrate Independence Day.

Mr. Westerman was born on January 14, 1896, in Chicago, IL, of German immigrant parents. A World War I veteran who enlisted in the Illinois National Guard on June 16, 1916, Mr. Westerman was commissioned as a second lieutenant and, 2 years later, was promoted to first lieutenant and sent to France to serve in the 33d Division. In August of 1918, Mr. Westerman was severely wounded while defending our Nation and, accordingly, was awarded the Purple Heart. Interestingly, Mr. Speaker, Mr. Westerman may be the oldest recipient of this heroic award.

We should take this time to personally wish Mr. Westerman a belated happy birthday and also to thank him for his superior dedication and unwavering commitment to our great country. Mr. Westerman, thank you and we wish you all the best.

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MEDICARE VERSUS PERSONNEL FILES

(Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, this is the month of June, but I do not know, some of us may be thinking it is Halloween. The reason is because it seems that the Republicans want to play around with the ghost of the personnel files in the White House. Already the White House has indicated that there was no wrong intended. They have got a new director. The special prosecutor Kenneth Starr says there is nothing to investigate or pros-

ecute. But all we can hear is about the ghost of the personnel files. The reason is because they do not want to talk to us about the Medicare cuts. There is a \$1,000 increase with the Republican plan on seniors by the year 2002.

Listen, America, forcing hospitals to close, already hospitals have closed in neighborhoods in New York and they are closing in rural communities across the Nation because of the cuts in Medicare. What Americans need most is good health care. For our seniors in particular, we need hospitals open and with lower cost. Yes; rather than trying to fix the Medicare trust fund with reasonable responses and cuts in abuse and fraud, the Republicans want to get a large cut so that they can give tax cuts to the wealthy.

Stop with the ghost of Halloween and let us put a good Medicare plan on the table and provide health care for seniors and Americans across the Nation.

MEDICAL SAVINGS ACCOUNTS

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

Mr. CHRYSLER. Mr. Speaker, last week, the Marketing Research Institute released a poll of 1,000 workers across the Nation on their opinions on health care issues.

This poll found that 87 percent of the respondents wanted Congress to enact medical savings accounts.

But now, all of a sudden, MSA's have become a partisan issue with liberal Democrats. They have effectively shut down health care reform over this and other issues where there is widespread bipartisan support.

At the State level, MSA's have been passed by legislatures and signed by Governors of both parties. In every State where MSA's have been passed, they passed with overwhelming bipartisan majorities. In five States, MSA's were passed by both Chambers unanimously. We have pilot programs.

Mr. Speaker, it is a shame the liberal Democrats here in Washington have resorted to obstructionism. They have no new ideas, they have no positive agenda, and all they can do is stand in the way and throw up road blocks to serious health care reforms that are popular with the American people.

DOING BETTER ON HEALTH CARE

(Mrs. CLAYTON asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. CLAYTON. Mr. Speaker, we should indeed ask ourselves what are the implications of this Medicare discussion. Are they the realities my colleagues on the other side say? Well, the realities of cutting \$168 million from rural America in the State I come from will mean that many of my senior citizens will have to pay more for their premium. The reality will mean that they will be forced into health care plans where they have no option.

The reality will mean in many instances the hospitals that depend heavily on Medicare and Medicaid may have to close. So the reality of cutting so severely does not protect for the future. It denies opportunity. Also, what should be the expectation for us as we look for Medicare and the security in the future? It means we need to come together as bipartisan and to understand there are ways to protect but not necessarily cut and be extreme.

Mr. Speaker, there are ways in which we can help the citizens who need help now and to protect in the future. It requires us not to be extreme. It requires us to think about the poor as we think about the rich. Mr. Speaker, we can do better than this.

THE ENERGY STANDARD

(Mr. GILLMOR asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. GILLMOR. Mr. Speaker, today the House will debate the interior appropriations bill. While I support many of the provisions of this bill, I do have serious concerns in at least one area. Nearly 20 years ago, Congress asked the Energy Department to set energy efficiency standards for home appliances. This was an effort to stem the unnecessarily rapid rate of energy consumption in this country. By establishing national standards for everyone to use, a valuable measuring stick was created to permit manufacturers to commit time, investment and engineering resources. However, this was all placed on hold in our spending bill in 1996 which put a moratorium on rulemaking.

While I have never been one to support increased regulation, this issue should have been handled better. Congress ought not be in the business of artificially manipulating a steady market once it is established. Yet this is exactly what the appropriations bill report language purports to do.

Second, the issue of energy standard should be dealt with through the Committee on Commerce, the committee of jurisdiction. What the committee is attempting to do is to interfere in the economic marketplace.

THE INTERIOR APPROPRIATIONS BILL

(Mr. DICKS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. DICKS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in strong opposition to the so-called Riggs amendment. In the full committee, on the Appropriations Committee, we took up the Interior appropriations bill. After last year, I think all of us learned that we should be very careful about extraneous riders to that bill. But the gentleman from California [Mr. RIGGS] decided to offer an amendment that would knock out a crucial,

critical habitat designation under the Endangered Species Act for some important marbled murrelet habitat in northern California.

I urge the House today to support my amendment, which will be offered as an amendment to strike this provision, section 116, when the bill is considered later today. There is a way to deal with this problem for the company in California that I know Congressman RIGGS is concerned about, and that is to get that company to do a multispecies habitat conservation plan under the Endangered Species Act. That is the proper way to proceed, not with this rider.

JUNETEENTH DAY

(Mr. SOUDER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. SOUDER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to commend those in my district who today are celebrating Juneteenth Day, marking the freedom of the last known slaves on June 19, 1865, almost 2½ years after President Lincoln signed the Emancipation Proclamation and 65 days after Lincoln had been assassinated. Gen. Gordon Granger entered Galveston, TX, with 1,800 troops, proclaimed Texas under U.S. Federal authority and declared the 250,000 slaves in Texas free.

His remarks to the slaves and slave owners concluded with his reading of the Emancipation Proclamation. Upon hearing the final line of General Granger's reading, the slaves in Galveston immediately began the first Juneteenth celebration in response to their freedom.

A story that has been passed down through the generations says that President Lincoln sent a messenger on a slow-stepping mule from Washington with the news which did not reach these States, deep southern States, until 2½ years later. This shows that some things never change. Historians have attributed the delay to the slow-moving Washington bureaucracy.

Today this holiday is celebrated throughout America, not just in the South. I know that in my district, in addition to celebrations like picnics, parades, and pageants, very much like those going throughout the country, there are 150 community leaders meeting and how their groups work to better people's lives. I rise to congratulate them. We all must work together.

THE BUDGET

(Ms. MCKINNEY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. MCKINNEY. Mr. Speaker, proudly beating their chests in 1994, the Republicans signed a contract with America which promised to balance the budget. Last week, however, almost every Republican voted for a budget resolution that would increase the deficit by \$40 billion over the next 2 years.

It was only after 3 years of hard work by President Clinton and the Democrats that we succeeded in reducing the Reagan and Bush deficits from \$290 billion a year to \$130 billion. And now, Mr. Speaker, Republican leaders want to take us back to the borrow-and-spend policies which put us in this deficit hole in the first place.

By now it should be crystal clear that the only things the Republican Party cares about are giving tax breaks to the wealthy and more money to the Pentagon.

Mr. Speaker, let's face it. The Contract on America was nothing more than the vehicle by which the Republican Party delivered Government handouts to defense contractors and junk bond dealers, period.

REPUBLICAN HEALTH CARE REFORM BILL

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

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, both Democrats and Republicans support a health care reform bill that would essentially make it easier for people to get health insurance if they lose their jobs or change jobs, or also if they have a preexisting medical condition. The problem, though, is that the Republican leadership continues its effort to add on what I call the poison pill to this health care reform bill, and that is the medical savings accounts. Essentially what they want to do is encourage healthy and wealthier people to opt out of the traditional insurance pool that we have for most health insurance and leave in the insurance pool the people who are sicker, who have less money and, therefore, drive up insurance costs, premium costs.

Last night I heard some of my colleagues on the Republican side talk about how they wanted an MSA demonstration project, but that it is not enough to just have it for employers of 15 employees or less, they want it for 100 employees or less.

Mr. Speaker, the bottom line is, if you include these MSA's in this health insurance reform, you will destroy health insurance reform. The President will not sign it. The Democrats will not support it. The end result is to increase premiums for the average American.

REAL HEALTH CARE REFORM

(Mr. WELLER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. WELLER. Mr. Speaker, it is interesting that we on the Republican side are committed to making health care more affordable. There is 40 million Americans in this country without health care insurance today. Why? If you listen to them and ask them why, they tell you it is because they cannot afford it.

Now, those on the other side said, well, let us have the Government take over and run our health care system. Let the bureaucrats do it, they can do a better job. Well, the people spoke loud and clear 2 years ago and said they do not want the Government running health care. They want more choice, more freedom, more affordable health care.

Well, we have an agreement between the House and Senate to make health care more affordable, making it easier for small businesses to ban together, pool their employees, get better, more affordable rates. Medical savings accounts provide choice, allowing consumers to be rewarded for making better choices, being able to work with their own physician and save money, which is the bottom line.

Mr. Speaker, we want to bring about real health care reform. We need bipartisan support. We need those who want government-run health care to just say okay, let us let a proposal to make health care reform affordable pass.

PERMISSION FOR SUNDRY COMMITTEES AND THEIR SUBCOMMITTEES TO SIT TODAY DURING THE 5-MINUTE RULE

Mr. GILLMOR. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the following committees and their subcommittees be permitted to sit today while the House is meeting in the Committee of the Whole under the 5-minute rule: Committee on Agriculture; Committee on Banking and Financial Services; Committee on Commerce; Committee on Economic and Educational Opportunities; Committee on Government Reform and Oversight; Committee on International Relations; Committee on the Judiciary; Committee on National Security; Committee on Resources; Committee on Science; Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure; Committee on Veterans' Affairs; and Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence.

Mr. Speaker, it is my understanding that the minority has been consulted and that there is no objection to these requests.

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

There was no objection.

PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 3662, DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 1997

Ms. PRYCE. Mr. Speaker, by direction of the Committee on Rules, I call up House Resolution 455 and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 455

Resolved, That at any time after the adoption of this resolution the Speaker may, pursuant to clause 1(b) of rule XXIII, declare the

House resolved into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union for consideration of the bill (H.R. 3662) making appropriations for the Department of the Interior and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1997, and for other purposes. The first reading of the bill shall be dispensed with. Points of order against consideration of the bill for failure to comply with clause 2(l)(6) of rule XI or clause 7 of rule XXI are waived. General debate shall be confined to the bill and shall not exceed one hour equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations. After general debate the bill shall be considered for amendment under the five-minute rule. Points of order against provisions in the bill (other than section 117 and the first two provisos under the heading "Strategic Petroleum Reserve") for failure to comply with clause 2 or 6 of rule XXI are waived. Where points of order are waived against part of a paragraph, points of order against a provision in another part of such paragraph may be made only against such provision and not against the entire paragraph. An amendment striking the last proviso under the heading "Strategic Petroleum Reserve" shall be considered as adopted in the House and in the Committee of the Whole. During further consideration of the bill for amendment, the Chairman of the Committee of the Whole may accord priority in recognition on the basis of whether the Member offering an amendment has caused it to be printed in the portion of the Congressional Record designated for that purpose in clause 6 of rule XXIII. Amendments so printed shall be considered as read. The Chairman of the Committee of the Whole may postpone until a time during further consideration in the Committee of the Whole a request for a recorded vote on any amendment. The Chairman of the Committee of the Whole may reduce to not less than five minutes the time for voting by electronic device on any postponed question that immediately follows another vote by electronic device without intervening business, provided that the time for voting by electronic device on the first in any series of questions shall be not less than fifteen minutes. After the reading of the final lines of the bill, a motion that the Committee of the Whole rise and report the bill to the House with such amendments as may have been adopted shall, if offered by the majority leader or his designee, have precedence over a motion to amend. At the conclusion of consideration of the bill for amendment the Committee shall rise and report the bill to the House with such amendments as may have been adopted. The previous question shall be considered as ordered on the bill and amendments thereto to final passage without intervening motion except one motion to recommit with or without instructions.

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The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentlewoman from Ohio [Ms. PRYCE] is recognized for 1 hour.

Ms. PRYCE. Mr. Speaker, for the purpose of debate only, I yield the customary 30 minutes to my good friend, the gentleman from California [Mr. BEILENSEN]. During consideration of this resolution, all time yielded is for the purpose of debate only.

GENERAL LEAVE

Ms. PRYCE. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks on

House Resolution 455, and that I be permitted to submit extraneous materials into the RECORD.

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

There was no objection.

Ms. PRYCE. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, House Resolution 455 is an open rule providing for the consideration of H.R. 3662, the Interior and Related Agencies appropriations bill for fiscal year 1997.

The rule provides 1 hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations, after which time the bill will be open to amendment under 5-minute rule.

Under this open rule, any Member can be heard on any germane amendment to the bill at the appropriate time, as long as it is consistent with the normal rules of the House. It is important to note that of the four previous appropriations bills that have been reported to the House this year, all have been considered under an open amendment process.

As we have done in the past, the rule empowers the Chairman of the Committee of the Whole to give priority in recognition of Members who have preprinted their amendments in the RECORD prior to their consideration.

The Committee on Rules continues to believe that the option of making amendments available for our colleagues to read in advance of floor action is a very useful tool for improving the quality of debate in the House.

Mr. Speaker, the rule also provides a limit but necessary number of waivers to facilitate the orderly consideration of the bill. For example, the rule waives clause 2(l)(6) of rule XI, regarding the 3-day availability of the committee report, and clause 7 of rule XXI, regarding the 3-day availability of printed hearings and reports on general appropriations bills.

Since authorizing legislation for several programs within the scope of the bill has not yet been approved by the House, the rule provides the necessary waiver of clause 2 of rule XXI, which prohibits unauthorized and legislative provisions in appropriations bills. However, Members should be aware that the waiver of unauthorized provisions does not extend to that section of the bill regarding the collection of States sales taxes on tribal businesses, or to the first two provisos under the heading of "Strategic Petroleum Reserve."

In addition, at the recommendation of the Budget Committee, the rule provides for the automatic adoption of an amendment striking the final proviso under the heading of "Strategic Petroleum Reserve" from the bill. It is the Rules Committee's understanding that the provision, if it were not removed from the bill, would constitute a significant violation of the Budget Act.

Furthermore, the rule allows the Chairman of the Committee of the

Whole to postpone and shorten votes during further consideration of the bill. After the reading of the final lines of the bill, a motion to rise, if offered by the majority leader or his designee, will have precedence over a motion to amend. Finally, the rule provides for one motion to recommit, with or without instructions, as is the right of the minority.

Mr. Speaker, the focus of this year's Interior appropriations bill has been to make good government choices, and I congratulate my colleague from Ohio, the distinguished chairman of the subcommittee, for his leadership in balancing the need for meaningful deficit reduction with the need to enhance and protect our Nation's natural and cultural resources.

Although the bill appropriates \$500 million less than last year's enacted level, the committee has provided reasonable increases for the national parks, wildlife refuges, and forests. Special increases are provided for Everglades restoration, the earthquake program, and for two new initiatives—the new Southern California Natural Communities Conservation Planning Program and the Appalachian Clean Stream Program. Funds have also been added to address important Indian health and education needs.

As I am sure my colleagues know, summer is the time when many of our constituents travel to the Nation's Capital to visit the city's treasured landmarks, and I am pleased to note that in the bill priority was given to funding increases in both operations and relieving critical maintenance backlogs for some of our Nation's major cultural institutions. These include such popular sites as the Smithsonian Institution, the National Gallery of Art, the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, and the National Holocaust Memorial Museum.

While the committee was able to provide modest funding increases for these programs, I should also point out that the bill responds to the American people's call for smaller, less costly, and more effective government. In order to fund these and other priorities, the committee has taken responsible steps to eliminate duplication and layers of management, and to do away with functions that the committee believes are not inherent Federal responsibility.

By continuing to reduce unnecessary spending and focusing reasonable funding increases on the core programs contained in the bill, Chairman REGULA and members of the Appropriations Committee have been able to save the American taxpayers \$500 million, and at the same time fulfill the commitment to preserve and enhance our national treasures.

Mr. Speaker, in closing I would emphasize again that the rule before us is both fair and open. Any remaining areas of concern or disagreement can be addressed through the normal amendment process. House Resolution 455 was reported unanimously by the

Rules Committee yesterday and it will allow our Members to participate most fully in the deliberative process. I urge

my colleagues to vote "yes" on the rule and "yes" on the underlying legislation.

Mr. Speaker, I include the following information for the RECORD.

THE AMENDMENT PROCESS UNDER SPECIAL RULES REPORTED BY THE RULES COMMITTEE,¹ 103D CONGRESS V. 104TH CONGRESS

[As of June 18, 1996]

Rule type	103d Congress		104th Congress	
	Number of rules	Percent of total	Number of rules	Percent of total
Open/Modified-Open ²	46	44	74	59
Structured/Modified Closed ³	49	47	33	27
Closed ⁴	9	9	17	14
Total	104	124	124	100

¹ This table applies only to rules which provide for the original consideration of bills, joint resolutions or budget resolutions and which provide for an amendment process. It does not apply to special rules which only waive points of order against appropriations bills which are already privileged and are considered under an open amendment process under House rules.

² An open rule is one under which any Member may offer a germane amendment under the five-minute rule. A modified open rule is one under which any Member may offer a germane amendment under the five-minute rule subject only to an overall time limit on the amendment process and/or a requirement that the amendment be preprinted in the Congressional Record.

³ A structured or modified closed rule is one under which the Rules Committee limits the amendments that may be offered only to those amendments designated in the special rule or the Rules Committee report to accompany it, or which preclude amendments to a particular portion of a bill, even though the rest of the bill may be completely open to amendment.

⁴ A closed rule is one under which no amendments may be offered (other than amendments recommended by the committee in reporting the bill).

SPECIAL RULES REPORTED BY THE RULES COMMITTEE, 104TH CONGRESS

[As of June 18, 1996]

H. Res. No. (Date rept.)	Rule type	Bill No.	Subject	Disposition of rule
H. Res. 38 (1/18/95)	O	H.R. 5	Unfunded Mandate Reform	A: 350-71 (1/19/95)
H. Res. 44 (1/24/95)	MC	H. Con. Res. 17	Social Security	A: 255-172 (1/25/95)
H. Res. 51 (1/31/95)	O	H.J. Res. 1	Balanced Budget Amdt	A: voice vote (2/1/95)
H. Res. 52 (1/31/95)	O	H.R. 101	Land Transfer, Taos Pueblo Indians	A: voice vote (2/1/95)
H. Res. 53 (1/31/95)	O	H.R. 400	Land Exchange, Arctic Nat'l. Park and Preserve	A: voice vote (2/1/95)
H. Res. 55 (2/1/95)	O	H.R. 440	Land Conveyance, Butte County, Calif	A: voice vote (2/1/95)
H. Res. 60 (2/6/95)	O	H.R. 2	Line Item Veto	A: voice vote (2/2/95)
H. Res. 61 (2/6/95)	O	H.R. 665	Victim Restitution	A: voice vote (2/7/95)
H. Res. 63 (2/8/95)	O	H.R. 666	Exclusionary Rule Reform	A: voice vote (2/7/95)
H. Res. 69 (2/9/95)	O	H.R. 667	Violent Criminal Incarceration	A: voice vote (2/9/95)
H. Res. 79 (2/10/95)	MO	H.R. 668	Criminal Alien Deportation	A: voice vote (2/10/95)
H. Res. 83 (2/13/95)	MO	H.R. 728	Law Enforcement Block Grants	A: voice vote (2/13/95)
H. Res. 88 (2/16/95)	MC	H.R. 7	National Security Revitalization	PQ: 229-199; A: 227-197 (2/15/95)
H. Res. 91 (2/21/95)	O	H.R. 831	Health Insurance Deductibility	PQ: 230-191; A: 229-188 (2/21/95)
H. Res. 92 (2/21/95)	MC	H.R. 830	Paperwork Reduction Act	A: voice vote (2/22/95)
H. Res. 93 (2/22/95)	MO	H.R. 889	Defense Supplemental	A: 282-144 (2/22/95)
H. Res. 96 (2/24/95)	MO	H.R. 450	Regulatory Transition Act	A: 252-175 (2/23/95)
H. Res. 100 (2/27/95)	O	H.R. 1022	Risk Assessment	A: 253-165 (2/27/95)
H. Res. 101 (2/28/95)	MO	H.R. 926	Regulatory Reform and Relief Act	A: voice vote (2/28/95)
H. Res. 103 (3/3/95)	MO	H.R. 925	Private Property Protection Act	A: 271-151 (3/2/95)
H. Res. 104 (3/3/95)	MO	H.R. 1058	Securities Litigation Reform	
H. Res. 105 (3/6/95)	MO	H.R. 988	Attorney Accountability Act	A: voice vote (3/6/95)
H. Res. 108 (3/7/95)	Debate	H.R. 956	Product Liability Reform	A: 257-155 (3/7/95)
H. Res. 109 (3/8/95)	MC			A: voice vote (3/8/95)
H. Res. 115 (3/14/95)	MO	H.R. 1159	Making Emergency Supp. Approps	PQ: 234-191; A: 247-181 (3/9/95)
H. Res. 116 (3/15/95)	MC	H.J. Res. 73	Term Limits Const. Amdt	A: 242-190 (3/15/95)
H. Res. 117 (3/16/95)	Debate	H.R. 4	Personal Responsibility Act of 1995	A: voice vote (3/28/95)
H. Res. 119 (3/21/95)	MC			A: voice vote (3/21/95)
H. Res. 125 (4/3/95)	O	H.R. 1271	Family Privacy Protection Act	A: 217-211 (3/22/95)
H. Res. 126 (4/3/95)	O	H.R. 660	Older Persons Housing Act	A: 423-1 (4/4/95)
H. Res. 128 (4/4/95)	MC	H.R. 1215	Contract With America Tax Relief Act of 1995	A: voice vote (4/6/95)
H. Res. 130 (4/5/95)	MC	H.R. 483	Medicare Select Expansion	A: 228-204 (4/5/95)
H. Res. 136 (5/1/95)	O	H.R. 655	Hydrogen Future Act of 1995	A: 253-172 (4/6/95)
H. Res. 139 (5/3/95)	O	H.R. 1361	Coast Guard Auth. FY 1996	A: voice vote (5/2/95)
H. Res. 140 (5/9/95)	O	H.R. 961	Clean Water Amendments	A: voice vote (5/9/95)
H. Res. 144 (5/11/95)	O	H.R. 535	Fish Hatchery—Arkansas	A: 414-4 (5/10/95)
H. Res. 145 (5/11/95)	O	H.R. 584	Fish Hatchery—Iowa	A: voice vote (5/15/95)
H. Res. 146 (5/11/95)	O	H.R. 614	Fish Hatchery—Minnesota	A: voice vote (5/15/95)
H. Res. 149 (5/16/95)	MC	H. Con. Res. 67	Budget Resolution FY 1996	PQ: 252-170; A: 255-168 (5/17/95)
H. Res. 155 (5/22/95)	MO	H.R. 1561	American Overseas Interests Act	A: 233-176 (5/23/95)
H. Res. 164 (6/8/95)	MC	H.R. 1530	Nat. Defense Auth. FY 1996	PQ: 225-191; A: 233-183 (6/13/95)
H. Res. 167 (6/15/95)	O	H.R. 1817	MilCon Appropriations FY 1996	PQ: 223-180; A: 245-155 (6/16/95)
H. Res. 169 (6/19/95)	MC	H.R. 1854	Leg. Branch Approps. FY 1996	PQ: 232-196; A: 236-191 (6/20/95)
H. Res. 170 (6/20/95)	O	H.R. 1868	For. Ops. Approps. FY 1996	PQ: 221-178; A: 217-175 (6/22/95)
H. Res. 171 (6/22/95)	O	H.R. 1905	Energy & Water Approps. FY 1996	A: voice vote (7/12/95)
H. Res. 173 (6/27/95)	C	H.J. Res. 79	Flag Constitutional Amendment	PQ: 258-170; A: 271-152 (6/28/95)
H. Res. 176 (6/28/95)	MC	H.R. 1944	Emer. Supp. Approps	PQ: 236-194; A: 234-192 (6/29/95)
H. Res. 185 (7/11/95)	O	H.R. 1977	Interior Approps. FY 1996	PQ: 235-193; D: 192-238 (7/12/95)
H. Res. 187 (7/12/95)	O	H.R. 1977	Interior Approps. FY 1996 #2	PQ: 230-194; A: 229-195 (7/13/95)
H. Res. 188 (7/12/95)	O	H.R. 1976	Agriculture Approps. FY 1996	PQ: 242-185; A: voice vote (7/18/95)
H. Res. 190 (7/17/95)	O	H.R. 2020	Treasury/Postal Approps. FY 1996	PQ: 232-192; A: voice vote (7/18/95)
H. Res. 193 (7/19/95)	C	H.J. Res. 96	Disapproval of MFN to China	A: voice vote (7/20/95)
H. Res. 194 (7/19/95)	O	H.R. 2002	Transportation Approps. FY 1996	PQ: 217-202 (7/21/95)
H. Res. 197 (7/21/95)	O	H.R. 70	Exports of Alaskan Crude Oil	A: voice vote (7/24/95)
H. Res. 198 (7/21/95)	O	H.R. 2076	Commerce, State Approps. FY 1996	A: voice vote (7/25/95)
H. Res. 201 (7/25/95)	O	H.R. 2099	VA/HUD Approps. FY 1996	A: 230-189 (7/25/95)
H. Res. 204 (7/28/95)	MC	S. 21	Terminating U.S. Arms Embargo on Bosnia	A: voice vote (8/1/95)
H. Res. 205 (7/28/95)	O	H.R. 2126	Defense Approps. FY 1996	A: 409-1 (7/31/95)
H. Res. 207 (8/1/95)	MC	H.R. 1555	Communications Act of 1995	A: 255-156 (8/2/95)
H. Res. 208 (8/1/95)	O	H.R. 2127	Labor, HHS Approps. FY 1996	A: 323-104 (8/2/95)
H. Res. 215 (9/7/95)	O	H.R. 1594	Economically Targeted Investments	A: voice vote (9/12/95)
H. Res. 216 (9/7/95)	MO	H.R. 1655	Intelligence Authorization FY 1996	A: voice vote (9/12/95)
H. Res. 218 (9/12/95)	O	H.R. 1162	Deficit Reduction Lockbox	A: voice vote (9/13/95)
H. Res. 219 (9/12/95)	O	H.R. 1670	Federal Acquisition Reform Act	A: 414-0 (9/13/95)
H. Res. 222 (9/18/95)	O	H.R. 1617	CAREERS Act	A: 388-2 (9/19/95)
H. Res. 224 (9/19/95)	O	H.R. 2274	Natl. Highway System	PQ: 241-173; A: 375-39-1 (9/20/95)
H. Res. 225 (9/19/95)	MC	H.R. 927	Cuban Liberty & Dem. Solidarity	A: 304-118 (9/20/95)
H. Res. 226 (9/21/95)	O	H.R. 743	Team Act	A: 344-66-1 (9/27/95)
H. Res. 227 (9/21/95)	O	H.R. 1170	3-Judge Court	A: voice vote (9/28/95)
H. Res. 228 (9/21/95)	O	H.R. 1601	Internatl. Space Station	A: voice vote (9/27/95)
H. Res. 230 (9/27/95)	C	H.J. Res. 108	Continuing Resolution FY 1996	A: voice vote (9/28/95)
H. Res. 234 (9/29/95)	O	H.R. 2405	Omnibus Science Auth	A: voice vote (10/11/95)
H. Res. 237 (10/17/95)	MC	H.R. 2259	Disapprove Sentencing Guidelines	A: voice vote (10/18/95)
H. Res. 238 (10/18/95)	MC	H.R. 2425	Medicare Preservation Act	PQ: 231-194; A: 227-192 (10/19/95)
H. Res. 239 (10/19/95)	C	H.R. 2492	Leg. Branch Approps	PQ: 235-184; A: voice vote (10/31/95)
H. Res. 245 (10/25/95)	MC	H. Con. Res. 109	Social Security Earnings Reform	PQ: 228-191; A: 235-185 (10/26/95)
H. Res. 251 (10/31/95)	C	H.R. 2491	Seven-Year Balanced Budget	
H. Res. 252 (10/31/95)	MO	H.R. 1833	Partial Birth Abortion Ban	A: 237-190 (11/1/95)
H. Res. 257 (11/7/95)	C	H.R. 2546	D.C. Approps.	A: 241-181 (11/1/95)
H. Res. 258 (11/8/95)	MC	H.J. Res. 115	Cont. Res. FY 1996	A: 216-210 (11/8/95)
H. Res. 259 (11/9/95)	O	H.R. 2586	Debt Limit	A: 220-200 (11/10/95)
		H.R. 2539	ICC Termination Act	A: voice vote (11/14/95)

H. Res. No. (Date rept.)	Rule type	Bill No.	Subject	Disposition of rule
H. Res. 262 (11/9/95)	C	H.R. 2586	Increase Debt Limit	A: 220-185 (11/10/95).
H. Res. 269 (11/15/95)	O	H.R. 2564	Lobbying Reform	A: voice vote (11/16/95).
H. Res. 270 (11/15/95)	C	H.J. Res. 122	Further Cont. Resolution	A: 249-176 (11/15/95).
H. Res. 273 (11/16/95)	MC	H.R. 2606	Prohibition on Funds for Bosnia	A: 239-181 (11/17/95).
H. Res. 284 (11/29/95)	O	H.R. 1788	Amtrak Reform	A: voice vote (11/30/95).
H. Res. 287 (11/30/95)	O	H.R. 1350	Maritime Security Act	A: voice vote (12/6/95).
H. Res. 293 (12/7/95)	C	H.R. 2621	Protect Federal Trust Funds	PQ: 223-183 A: 228-184 (12/14/95).
H. Res. 303 (12/13/95)	O	H.R. 1745	Utah Public Lands	PQ: 221-197 A: voice vote (5/15/96).
H. Res. 309 (12/18/95)	C	H. Con. Res. 122	Budget Res. W/President	PQ: 230-188 A: 229-189 (12/19/95).
H. Res. 313 (12/19/95)	O	H.R. 558	Texas Low-Level Radioactive	A: voice vote (12/20/95).
H. Res. 323 (12/21/95)	C	H.R. 2677	Natl. Parks & Wildlife Refuge	Tabled (2/28/96).
H. Res. 366 (2/27/96)	MC	H.R. 2854	Farm Bill	PQ: 228-182 A: 244-168 (2/28/96).
H. Res. 368 (2/28/96)	O	H.R. 994	Small Business Growth	Tabled (4/17/96).
H. Res. 371 (3/6/96)	C	H.R. 3021	Debt Limit Increase	A: voice vote (3/7/96).
H. Res. 372 (3/6/96)	MC	H.R. 3019	Cont. Approps. FY 1996	PQ: voice vote A: 235-175 (3/7/96).
H. Res. 380 (3/12/96)	C	H.R. 2703	Effective Death Penalty	A: 251-157 (3/13/96).
H. Res. 384 (3/14/96)	MC	H.R. 2202	Immigration	PQ: 233-152 A: voice vote (3/19/96).
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Ms. PRYCE. Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. BEILENSON. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume, and I thank the distinguished gentlewoman from Ohio, my good friend, Ms. PRYCE, for yielding the customary 30 minutes of debate time to me.

Mr. Speaker, this rule permits Members to offer any amendment which is in order under the standing rules of the House, and we are pleased that the majority has provided again such a rule for the Interior appropriations bill. We are also pleased that the rule continues a practice established several years ago when Democrats controlled the House, of respecting the prerogatives of authorizing committees by not protecting against points of order legislative language in an appropriations bill that the authorizing committee with jurisdiction over the matter objects to.

In that regard, the rule allows two controversial legislative riders in the bill to be struck by raising a point of order. One is a provision mandating the sale of over \$200 million worth of oil from the strategic petroleum reserve. The other is a provision concerning the collection of State and local taxes by native American retail establishments located on native American lands.

However, there is one aspect of this rule, Mr. Speaker, that we object to, and that is the absence of a rule XXI waiver, a waiver against legislating on an appropriations bill for an amendment that the gentlewoman from Or-

egon [Ms. FURSE] and the gentleman from Illinois [Mr. PORTER] hoped to offer to repeal the salvage timber program enacted by the Congress last year.

The enactment of that program, which is causing serious environmental damage in the Pacific Northwest, was possible only because the Committee on Rules last year waived rule XXI to permit the salvage timber program to be added as a legislative rider to an appropriations bill. Because the destructiveness of this program has become a growing concern to an increasing number of Members, it seems only fair and reasonable to allow the House to consider terminating the program through the same means by which it was originally enacted. We feel that we should have had that opportunity.

Beyond the rule itself, many of us have serious concerns about the bill that the rule makes in order. While the bill does not contain the many antienvironmental riders that last year's Interior bill contained, it is not entirely devoid of controversy stemming from legislative provisions that do not belong on an appropriations bill.

One rider that this year's bill contains would prohibit the enforcement of the critical habitat designation for the marbled murrelet on private lands in California. Over 37,000 acres of critical habitat is affected, most of which is in the Headwaters Forest area, the last unprotected ancient redwood wilderness in the world. Fortunately, we anticipate an amendment striking this

provision will be offered. We urge Members to support that amendment.

But even without containing a large number of antienvironmental legislative riders, this bill would cause great harm to our Nation's valuable natural and cultural resources by falling far short of providing the funds needed to protect those resources. The bill would reduce funding by half a billion dollars, as the gentlewoman from Ohio [Ms. PRYCE] stated, below last year's level. When combined with the deep cuts in the Interior bill enacted for fiscal year 1996, this bill would provide about 12 percent less for Interior programs than we were spending in fiscal year 1995.

Under this bill, funding for the National Park Service would be 18 percent below the President's request. That shortfall will prevent the Park Service from meeting the growing demand at our great national parks for visitor services, maintenance and resource protection.

The bill also contains large reductions from the President's request in other programs critical to effective resources management, including a 20-percent cut in endangered species programs and a 24-percent cut in funds requested for the Pacific Northwest forest plan, designed to protect our Nation's remaining old growth forests.

Funding for land acquisition, which is critical to protecting threatened areas in and around our national parks, national forests, and wildlife refuges, would be reduced to just \$100 million, which is less than one-third the

amount we spent for that purpose in 1992 when Mr. Bush was President and only one-ninth of the amount of money we are collecting in the land and water conservation fund for the purpose specifically of purchasing critical lands.

This bill also imposes a deep cut in energy conservation programs. It is 33 percent below the President's request in that area. These programs not only increase our Nation's energy efficiency, they also prevent pollution and save businesses and individuals large sums of money in energy costs. A particularly shortsighted provision is the 50-percent cut in the President's request for the Federal Energy Management Program, which saves taxpayers money by reducing the Federal Government's energy costs.

Furthermore, the bill's low level of funding for fire suppression, \$83 million below the President's request, is inadequate to meet the rising costs of the Forest Service's efforts to fight and prevent wildfires.

In addition, this bill would severely impair programs serving native Americans by cutting funding for them by 14 percent below the President's request. Particularly hard hit would be the critically important health and educational services we currently provide for native Americans.

Finally, Mr. Speaker, the bill would reduce funding for the arts and humanities by 40 percent from the levels provided in fiscal year 1995. In doing so, it would severely jeopardize important cultural, educational and artistic programs in hundreds upon hundreds of communities throughout the United States.

I do not fault the chairman of the Committee on Resources, the gentleman from Ohio [Mr. REGULA], for these shortfalls in funding. He is an eminently fair and thoughtful gentleman, who has done a very good job with this bill in light of the very limited spending allocation his subcommittee was granted.

The fault lies, if I may say so, Mr. Speaker, with the Republican leadership's spending priorities, which, simply stated, are wrong. It makes no sense to shortchange the many relatively modest programs contained in this bill, programs that protect our Nation's resources for our children and our grandchildren in order, for example, to help pay for a defense spending bill that provides \$11 billion in excess of what the Pentagon itself requested.

Mr. Speaker, the bill this rule makes in order does not serve our Nation's best interests. It denies future generations the legacy we believe we would all like to leave behind: abundant natural resources, a clean and well-protected environment, and a cultural richness that all Americans can enjoy. When the House considers the bill itself, we urge Members to oppose it.

Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Ms. PRYCE. Mr. Speaker, I yield such time as he may consume to the

gentleman from New York [Mr. SOLOMON], the distinguished chairman of the Committee on Rules, my friend from the great Empire State.

Mr. SOLOMON. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentlewoman from Columbus, OH, a member of the Committee on Rules that does such a great job, for yielding me time. She is going to do a great job on this one here today, too.

Mr. Speaker, this is a rule that is open, it is fair, it allows cutting amendments, it allows offsetting amendments, it allows limitation amendments, and there is no time limit on the bill itself.

I have to forewarn the Members that after today there will be 29 legislative days left. That means that we have approximately 13 appropriation bills and their conference reports to deal with. We have three reconciliation bills that must be dealt with. We have the Safe Drinking Water Act. We have welfare reform. We have all of these issues that have to come to the floor. Each one of them, there are about 85 of them, are going to take the best part of a day. When you consider there are 29 days left and we have 85 major issues to deal with, a lot is going to get left by the boards, because it is imperative we get out of here by October 4 and go back home and be where we should be, with our constituents.

So, having said that, let me just say that I hope that the Members, if they are going to offer amendments, will work together. We do not want to have duplicative amendments. If some of us are interested in cutting this particular program or adding to that program, we ought to work together so that we do not have 40 or 50 or 60 amendments. Let us keep it to as few as we can and still accomplish what we want to do.

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Having said that, let me just say to the gentleman from Ohio, Congressman RALPH REGULA, and the gentleman from Illinois, SID YATES, what a great job they have done. It is absolutely imperative that this Congress stay on the glidepath to a balanced budget. This is the second consecutive year that we are doing that, and we have 5 more years to go. Every year gets more difficult because the cuts come even deeper, but we must absolutely stay on that glidepath to a balanced budget.

That is why today I am supporting this bill, because it is a part of that glidepath, it is \$500 million less than last year, and the projection for next year is going to be even deeper cuts in this bill and all of the other appropriation bills that are coming down the line. So, I want to really commend RALPH REGULA and SID YATES, because their job was very, very difficult.

We have very important issues in this Interior bill. They deal with our national parks, which are so important to the past and the future of this country, and to be able to develop this bill while still cutting the overall budget, I think is a great accomplishment. I

want to commend them for it and hope that this rule and this bill is going to pass today so that we can get on and get to welfare reform and immigration reform and all of these other important bills that we have to deal with in the next 29 days.

So, I thank the gentlewoman for yielding me the time, and good luck.

Mr. BEILENSEN. Mr. Speaker, I yield 8 minutes to the gentleman from Washington [Mr. DICKS].

(Mr. DICKS asked and was given permission to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. DICKS. Mr. Speaker, I appreciate my friend from California yielding time to me. I want to talk today about a rather complicated issue, and I am pleased that the rule allows us to consider this amendment.

This is an issue that involves the continued existence of California's marbled murrelet. The marbled murrelet is a rare sea bird that nests in forests along the Pacific coast. It is a small bird that spends much of its time at sea feeding on fish. However, during certain crucial months each year it nests in California's coniferous forests.

The marbled murrelet is listed as endangered under the California Endangered Species Act and threatened under the Federal Endangered Species Act. My colleague and member of the Committee on Appropriations, the gentleman from California [Mr. RIGGS], has a rider on the Interior bill attached in committee last week which could lead to the extinction, unfortunately, of the California marbled murrelet.

The Riggs amendment prohibits implementation of critical habitat designation under the Federal Endangered Species Act for the marbled murrelet. The rider would apply to most of the private lands in the northern coastal area of California that has been identified as critical habitat for the marbled murrelet.

If critical habitat in this California area does not continue to be designated, there is strong likelihood of the marbled murrelet extinction in northern California, which will most likely affect the bird throughout its Pacific Northwest range.

The Riggs amendment excludes from its coverage 3,000 acres commonly called the "Headquarters Grove," but this exception does not include headwaters areas that are crucial for survival of the bird in California. For example, the exception does not include the Owl Creek Forest, a 440-acre stand of old growth coastal coniferous forest that contains a key 137-acre marbled murrelet nesting area.

The Riggs amendment does not provide needed protection for private property because critical habitat designation does not stop private activities. Critical habitat designation on private land does not stop activities, but it results in more careful consideration before Federal agencies carry out, approve, or fund activities.

Critical habitat designation impacts only Federal, not private, actions. For

private land, critical habitat will come into consideration when the landowner seeks some Federal permit or approval, such as an incidental take permit. Moreover, while critical habitat designation may change the Fish and Wildlife Service's calculus in granting a take permit, it does not trigger the incidental take process. If marbled murrelets will not be injured or killed by logging or designating habitat, the logging can proceed without a permit.

The marbled murrelet is dependent on little areas that remain. In California, over the past 150 years, we have taken and harvested much of the marbled murrelet's nesting habitat. The number of birds in California has dropped from an estimated historic population of 60,000 to only about 6,000. Because of the marbled murrelet's precarious situation, further destruction of its significant habitat makes extinction of the northern California population probable.

The marbled murrelet has special nesting requirements. Every year the species loses a majority of its chicks to predation; therefore, it can nest successfully only where foliage is thick enough for the chicks to hide from predators. In addition, marbled murrelets do not build typical nests; instead, they lay eggs in natural depressions on tree limbs, so they require large limb structures.

Critical habitat designation has focused on Federal land. In May 1996 critical habitat was designated for the marbled murrelet along the Pacific coast. Slightly over 1 percent of the designation occurred on private land, because the Fish and Wildlife Service worked to designate non-Federal lands as critical habitat only "where Federal lands are limited or nonexistent and where non-Federal lands are essential for maintaining marbled murrelet populations and nesting habitats." A total of about 48,000 private acres were designated as critical habitat for the bird.

The Riggs amendment applies to almost all this area, most of which is owned by the Pacific Lumber Co.

The marbled murrelet draft recovery plan emphasizes the importance of these acres for marbled murrelet recovery. Suitable nesting habitat on Pacific Lumber Co. lands in Humboldt County, CA, is the only, and I underline that word, only, available nesting habitat for the southern portion of zone 4. This area is situated in a key area close to the coast with no Federal lands in the immediate area that are able to provide similar recovery distributions.

That is why I am offering my amendment today, to strike this provision. I wanted to emphasize to my colleagues that there are remedies here. If we want to get around the designation of critical habitat, I should not say get around, but if we want to deal with it, what we should do is what I have asked the companies in my State and in the Northwest and in Washington State to do, and that is to enter into a multispecies habitat conservation plan with the Fish and Wildlife Service.

Through doing a multispecies habitat conservation plan, a person can achieve 100 years of certainty on his lands. Now, yes, there is a negotiation and certain areas have to be protected on these private lands, but that is the way to proceed.

If one gets a multispecies habitat conservation plan, then they are entitled to an incidental take permit, so that if there is a take on private lands there will be no Federal sanction.

The companies in the State of Washington are entering into these agreements. Now, if my friend from California can walk in here into the Congress and overturn a Federal court decision which directed that critical habitat be designated and get relief for his individual company, then how am I to ask all of my companies to do the right thing, and that is to negotiate a multispecies HCP with the Federal Government? So if we do this, the administration has stated in their letter to all of us up here on this bill that they will veto the bill.

Last year we got ourselves into trouble by giving in to these substantive riders on this bill. So I urge my colleagues to support my amendment today to strike this out. It is the right thing to do for the ESA. It is the right thing, I think, to do for the private companies because then it will force Pacific Lumber Co., which has not negotiated in good faith with the Fish and Wildlife Service, to establish a habitat conservation plan; that they cannot come here and get around this provision.

My judgment is that they should go back, sit down with the Fish and Wildlife Service, and do what Murray Pacific, Weyerhaeuser, Plum Creek, and the major companies in my part of the world are doing, and that is negotiating a multispecies habitat conservation plan. So let us defeat the Riggs amendment and stand behind the Endangered Species Act.

I might say to my colleagues on the other side of the aisle, Mr. Speaker, that this will be one of the most important environmental votes of this Congress.

Ms. PRYCE. Mr. Speaker, I yield 3 minutes to the distinguished gentleman from the great State of Florida, [Mr. GOSS], from the Committee on Rules.

(Mr. GOSS asked and was given permission to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. GOSS. Mr. Speaker, I thank my friend from Columbus, OH, the distinguished Judge PRYCE, for yielding me this time, and, Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong support of this open rule, yet another open rule from the Committee on Rules.

Members will recall that last year a simple open rule proved to be not enough for the Interior bill, so I am especially pleased that we seem to have achieved broad bipartisan agreement on how we will consider this legislation before us today.

There were some tough choices this year, including how to treat the legislative language in the bill dealing with issues like the strategic petroleum reserve and the sale of commercial goods on Indian reservation lands. I think we made the right choices upstairs in deferring to the authorizing committees on this issue, and I hope that those panels will, and I encourage those panels to, look into these issues in the very near future because there is a lot of Member interest in them.

Mr. Speaker, the Interior appropriations bill is an important bill for the country and it is particularly important for the State of Florida, which I am privileged to represent part of. It is the vehicle for crucial Everglades restoration funds to meet the Federal commitment in our ongoing effort to restore and preserve for future generations the unique "River of Grass," as we call the Everglades. It is a national treasure. It is a global treasure.

Although we will have some discussion later in this debate about the need to boost and guarantee that commitment in this bill, I wish to commend the gentleman from Ohio, Chairman REGULA, and the ranking member, the gentleman from Illinois, Mr. YATES, for their attention to this unique national treasure and for their commitment to helping us have the Federal Government meet its commitment to the State of Florida; and the polluters, who have agreed to help pay and clean up the Everglades; and the taxpayers of Florida who are involved, and there are a great number of them.

It is an important Federal commitment and there is no reason at this point to relinquish it because the job is not done yet.

Also vital to Florida's economy and our national commitment to wise stewardship of the natural resources is the annual outer continental shelf oil and gas exploration moratorium, which protects our fragile coastline in Florida from oil slicks and pollution. We are grateful for the attention we have received.

Of course, this year's Interior bill is not without some controversy. Several programs have been scaled back to achieve budget targets so we stay on our glidepath. The Land and Water Conservation Fund, for instance, which is used to fund land acquisition in our national parks, wildlife refuges, and elsewhere, has been reduced again this year. I personally believe that is a false saving, but while I may not agree entirely with all the choices made in the bill, I certainly applaud Chairman REGULA and the members of the Committee on Appropriations for their hard work in getting to this point.

I ask my colleagues to support this rule and support the bill when it comes to the floor. I believe we have some amendments that will make it even better than it is now.

Mr. BEILENSION. Mr. Speaker, I yield 5 minutes to my distinguished colleague, the gentleman from California [Mr. BROWN].

(Mr. BROWN of California asked and was given permission to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. BROWN of California. Mr. Speaker, I thank the distinguished gentleman from California for yielding me this time.

Mr. Speaker, I certainly want to rise in support of this rule. I think it is a very reasonable rule and will allow the House to work its will on the bill. I want to take advantage of this opportunity to make a few brief statements about the bill itself, which I think would be appropriate to make at this time, and I am going to confine myself to those parts of the bill which would fall within the authorizing jurisdiction of the Committee on Science.

I want to applaud the gentleman from Ohio [Mr. REGULA] for his tireless and farsighted support of the fossil energy R&D programs, and I enthusiastically commend him for his recognition of the importance of academic research in the earthquake hazards program at the U.S. Geological Survey, with which I have had a long-time association.

I understand how difficult it was to fund these programs at the desired levels, and I praise the work that he has done on these provisions in the bill.

Although I understand that it was also difficult to fund energy conservation R&D at even 10 percent below last year, I cannot support the drastic cuts made in this overall program. The gentleman from Ohio last year, in connection with the fiscal year 1996 appropriations bill, made a commitment to spread reductions in energy conservation over 5 years and to cut only 10 percent per year, and obviously, it has been difficult to do that this year.

I want to say that energy conservation R&D efforts have produced a host of success stories in the past. For example, R&D has developed a new window coating that now captures 36 percent of the \$4 billion per year new window market and has saved taxpayers nearly \$2 billion in energy savings. Further advances in the laboratory have produced windows that lose less heat than the wall within which they are embedded.

Other energy conservation R&D successes include the energy-saving compressors that most Americans have in their home refrigerators and better and more powerful fluorescent lights.

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These examples show that R&D provides incredible returns to the taxpayers in the form of lower energy bills. I might say that this is applied R&D, which some Members have criticized as being corporate subsidies. It has also produced returns in increased energy security, high-technology jobs, environmental protection. The Clinton budget recognizes the value of energy research and development for the future prosperity of the American economy and seeks to increase these efforts by 30 percent within a balanced budget.

I might say that this is possible within a balanced budget, and the so-called

blue dog budget provides for this kind of an increase within a balanced budget.

I know that the gentleman from Ohio [Mr. REGULA], is well acquainted with the accomplishments of these programs and would not cut them if the budget constraints put upon him by the budget resolution were not so dire. I also believe that in the coming months, if funds become available, he will seek higher levels of funding. I commend him for this attitude. I will also fight for these programs and support any effort to enhance research and development in the energy efficiency area.

Ms. PRYCE. Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the gentleman from Illinois [Mr. WELLER], a valued new Member of this Congress.

(Mr. WELLER asked and was given permission to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. WELLER. Mr. Speaker, I want to thank the gentlewoman from Ohio for the opportunity to speak on this rule. I rise in support of the rule and I also rise in support of this interior appropriations bill.

This legislation provides a real opportunity to invest in the children and also the future of my home State of Illinois.

I want to point out the extraordinary efforts of my good friend, the gentleman from Illinois, SID YATES, the ranking member, and also the leadership of the chairman of this subcommittee, that this appropriations legislation invests in an important conservation program important to the State of Illinois and, in fact, provides \$3.35 million to the U.S. Forest Service for continued development and operations of the Midewin National Tallgrass Prairie Park, what has already been nicknamed the Yellowstone of the Midwest by many conservationist groups. This appropriation legislation also continues an investment which the subcommittee and this House last year made of a \$400,000 appropriation.

The point is that establishment of the Midewin National Tallgrass Prairie is a key part of our efforts, a bipartisan effort in the State of Illinois, to redevelop the Joliet Arsenal, the largest single piece of property in northern Illinois. In fact, this effort is considered a national model for redevelopment of former surplus military facilities and something anyone who has a base closing in their district should look at. The President signed into law legislation to redevelop the Joliet Arsenal in February of this year. It was a bipartisan bill, a bipartisan effort.

This legislation took the almost 24,000 acres of the Joliet Arsenal, set aside 19,000 acres for establishment and development of the Midewin National Tallgrass Prairie, almost 1,000 acres, what will be the second largest national veterans cemetery in the country, and 3,000 acres for job creation.

Clearly, this is an important project. In fact, the people of Illinois consider

development of the Midewin National Tallgrass Prairie and its funding and continued operation the No. 1 environmental and conservation priority for the State of Illinois.

Mr. Speaker, I want to thank Mr. YATES and thank Mr. REGULA for their leadership. It is a win, win, win and deserves bipartisan support.

Mr. BEILENSON. Mr. Speaker, I yield 3 minutes to the gentlewoman from Colorado [Mrs. SCHROEDER].

Mrs. SCHROEDER. Mr. Speaker, I rise as one who was born in Portland, OR, loves the forests of the Northwest and am very saddened by the fact that we are not going to be able to do anything to reverse the clear-cutting provisions, that are taking them down so much faster than they grew up.

There are many other problems with this bill that saddens me. We gut the National Park Service, 18 percent below the President's budget. We gut Fish and Wildlife, 20 percent below the administration's request. We reduce forest plan funding for \$19 million less than the President's request. And we do not fund the Everglades as the administration had requested.

I find these all national treasures, national treasures that we cannot restore again. Once these are gone, they are gone. I now live in Colorado, where we think of ourselves as the lungs of the Nation, and we treasure our national parks. So, there is going to be some voting today that is going to be very, very key. I hope Members vote on the issue.

I was saddened today to read in the paper that the Speaker was saying that he could get Members on that side of the aisle to vote any way he wanted just by showing my face. Apparently they have my face on a stick over there. I just wanted to show Members that, if they see this, please vote the environmental vote. Let us not use this kind of thing to stampede Members.

The Speaker was bragging that he was able to get four Members on that side of the aisle to change their vote on the budget to lift the deficit from this year to next year just by showing my face. It must have been because I was not here.

So, I want to make sure, if that trick is used on these votes, my colleagues have now seen the trick. My colleagues better have a better excuse for voting against these really wonderful treasures that we should be holding in stewardship and trusteeship for our children and for the future.

Let us listen and let us think and remember, those who voted to increase the President's defense budget by \$13 billion more than he asked for, how can we possibly take away these national treasures that our forefathers and foremothers had the vision to put away? If we do not fund them and if we do not maintain them, we are going to lose them.

Just remember, many in this body voted to increase the defense funding, and they have now got to gash and cut

away at the environmental funding. They have even raised the deficit from this year to next year. Please do not do it with my face. Please do it on the merits.

I cannot really believe that the Speaker meant folks on that side were that afraid of me. I am being made the big, bad wolf, I guess. Well, do not be afraid of me. I am a 55-year-old woman. This face is not going to kill you. Do not run from this face and do not run from the vote. I want no more excuses.

Ms. PRYCE. Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. BEILENSON. Mr. Speaker, I yield 3 minutes to the gentleman from California [Mr. FARR].

Mr. FARR of California. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for yielding time to me.

I rise on this rule, and I think it is a good rule and am going to support it, but to point out that the rule also allows for this bill to be amended. I want to offer an amendment, an amendment that is consistent with the purpose for which this fund was created, the land and water conservation fund.

The Congress back in the 1960's enacted this bill and said that we are going to allow for offshore oil drilling of Federal lands and the revenues from those Federal lands, from public lands will be put into a fund and then that fund will be used to help all the States, not just those coastal States that have offshore oil drilling but all the States for all the people of the United States. My amendment shows that we have not been doing that. In essence we have taken, that account now has about \$900 million a year income, and reappropriated about \$400 million out of that.

Of that \$400 million, \$300 million goes back to the oil companies to essentially do research for multinational corporations to do research. The problem I have with that is, oil is also being drilled on State lands. It is being drilled on private lands, and there is no requirement that in those types of drilling operations that money goes back for that purpose.

Then we have shortchanged the money that goes back to the Department of the Interior and to our States and from our States to our counties and to our cities. I am concerned that this fund, which Congress set up originally for that purpose, is not being used for that purpose anymore. It is being used to do a lot of other things. So in my amendment I shift that balance. Instead of two-thirds for the people of America, I suggest that we reverse that and make the funding priorities just the opposite: one-third for the oil companies and two-thirds for all the citizens of the United States of present and future generations and visitors who are lawfully present within the boundaries of the United States so that they can enjoy the quality and quantity of outdoor recreational resources as may be available and are necessary and desirable for individual active participation in such recreation

to strengthen the health and vitality of the citizens of the United States.

I am reading exactly from the bill, from the law that Congress in the 1960's adopted. So, Mr. Speaker, the distinguished chairman of the Committee on Appropriations, I think, has done a very good job under hard work, but I thank on this one my colleague has missed the mark. My colleague has essentially not put the priorities where the public wants the priorities to be. There is not a city, there is not a county, there is not a State that is not in need of more resources to buy from willing sellers, to invest in management opportunities. So for every Member of Congress, my amendment has something in it for them. I would urge that, when that amendment comes up under the rule that we are debating and will be adopting, we all vote for that amendment.

Ms. PRYCE. Mr. Speaker, I yield such time as he may consume to the gentleman from Ohio [Mr. REGULA], my friend and chairman of the subcommittee.

(Mr. REGULA asked and was given permission to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. REGULA. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentlewoman for yielding time to me.

Let me just say that I hope all the Members will carefully review this bill. I think we have done a good job. We have been very bipartisan in terms of projects. There have been on both sides of the aisle projects that have been funded. The bill recognizes the fact that we have a limited amount of money, we have tried to manage our resources carefully.

This bill is a billion and a half dollars less than in 1995. That is a billion and a half that our children and grandchildren will not have to pay in terms of national debt and in terms of interest on that debt. But in the process, I think we have taken care of the important things, and we will discuss that more in the general debate.

I certainly would again urge all of the Members to look carefully at the details of the bill. I think working with the gentleman from Illinois [Mr. YATES], my colleague on the subcommittee, that we have tried to bring to the floor today a responsible bill given the constraints that were put upon us by reducing the spending by the reduced allocation. We have tried to address the important things.

Last year I talked about must-do's, need-to-do's and nice-to-do's. The must-do's we have done; added \$55 million for the parks, for example. Need-to-do's, we have tried to take care of problem areas. We have done things like finish construction that was underway, put a lot of money in for repairs and maintenance. That is very important, and those are need-to-do's. On the nice-to-do's, we have to scale back considerably, but it is important.

We also recognize the fact that the taxpayers foot the bill for all of this,

and so I think on balance we have done a responsible job. I would urge my colleagues to vote for the rule. It is an open rule. Members will have an opportunity to offer amendments as they see fit.

Given those circumstances, I would not see any reason not to support the rule. I urge all Members to do so.

Mr. BEILENSON. Mr. Speaker, I yield 3 minutes to the distinguished gentleman from West Virginia [Mr. RAHALL].

Mr. RAHALL. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for yielding time to me.

Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of this rule as well as the fiscal year 1997 appropriation bill itself and the Interior Department and related agencies. While it is not the perfect Interior appropriation bill, I do commend the gentleman from Ohio [Mr. REGULA] for the manner and the actions that he took within the context of the spending allocations with which he has dealt.

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I believe that he did a decent job of providing for those programs which are the most important. We are, after all, in an era of having to make decisions in order to prioritize our scarce resource dollars.

So while it is true that this bill is about \$400 million less than current year funding, it should be noted that part of this reduction can be contributed to the fact that several programs have been terminated and no longer require funding. This is an important fact to bear in mind.

Further, while cuts are being proposed for energy conservation and research programs, those reductions are allowing more funds to be plowed into operating our National Park System wildlife refuges, endangered species and other resource management agency programs. In my view these are some of the most important aspects of the Interior appropriation bill.

But most importantly I am supporting this bill because it does not reduce funding for the Office of Surface Mining, and it contains the moratorium on the processing and issuance of hard rock mining patents, an issue this House has expressed itself on unanimously on a number of occasions. The OSM in both its regulatory functions and through the abandoned mine reclamation program well serves the citizens of our Nation's coalfields.

So I commend the gentleman from Ohio [Mr. REGULA], express my gratitude to him for resisting the agenda being advanced by certain quarters to gut the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977 through backdoor approaches such through OSM's budget. The agency took a severe hit in the current year appropriation. It is operating with about 25 percent less Federal inspectors, and it is coping and under the leadership of Director Bob Uram. It is doing a job.

So I commend the fact this bill is largely free of controversial anti-environment, anti-public interest riders

which plagued our consideration for so many appropriation bills last year.

Amendments might be offered today, Mr. Speaker. Many of my colleagues on this side of the aisle will vote for them. Fine. I may vote for them as well. But when all is said and done, let us vote for this Interior appropriation bill and vote for the rule.

Ms. PRYCE. Mr. Speaker, I will reverse the balance of my time until my friend, the gentleman from California [Mr. BEILENSEN] concludes.

Mr. BEILENSEN. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, at the beginning of this Congress the Republican majority

claimed that the House was going to consider bills under an open process.

I would like to point out that 62 percent of the legislation this session has been considered under a restrictive process.

At this point I insert the following extraneous material in the RECORD:

FLOOR PROCEDURE IN THE 104TH CONGRESS 1ST SESSION; COMPILED BY THE RULES COMMITTEE DEMOCRATS

Bill No.	Title	Resolution No.	Process used for floor consideration	Amendments in order
H.R. 1*	Compliance	H. Res. 6	Closed	None
H. Res. 6	Opening Day Rules Package	H. Res. 5	Closed	None
H.R. 5*	Unfunded Mandates	H. Res. 38	Restrictive	N/A
H.J. Res. 2*	Balanced Budget	H. Res. 44	Restrictive	2R: 4D
H. Res. 43	Committee Hearings Scheduling	H. Res. 43 (OJ)	Restrictive	N/A
H.R. 101	To transfer a parcel of land to the Taos Pueblo Indians of New Mexico.	H. Res. 51	Open	N/A
H.R. 400	To provide for the exchange of lands within Gates of the Arctic National Park Preserve.	H. Res. 52	Open	N/A
H.R. 440	To provide for the conveyance of lands to certain individuals in Butte County, California.	H. Res. 53	Open	N/A
H.R. 2*	Line Item Veto	H. Res. 55	Open	N/A
H.R. 665*	Victim Restitution Act of 1995	H. Res. 61	Open	N/A
H.R. 666*	Exclusionary Rule Reform Act of 1995	H. Res. 63	Open	N/A
H.R. 667*	Violent Criminal Incarceration Act of 1995	H. Res. 63	Restrictive	N/A
H.R. 668*	The Criminal Alien Deportation Improvement Act	H. Res. 69	Open	N/A
H.R. 728*	Local Government Law Enforcement Block Grants	H. Res. 79	Restrictive	N/A
H.R. 7*	National Security Revitalization Act	H. Res. 83	Restrictive	N/A
H.R. 729*	Death Penalty/Habeas	N/A	Restrictive	N/A
S. 2	Senate Compliance	N/A	Closed	None
H.R. 831	To Permanently Extend the Health Insurance Deduction for the Self-Employed.	H. Res. 88	Restrictive	1D
H.R. 830*	The Paperwork Reduction Act	H. Res. 91	Open	N/A
H.R. 889	Emergency Supplemental/Rescinding Certain Budget Authority	H. Res. 92	Restrictive	1D
H.R. 450*	Regulatory Moratorium	H. Res. 93	Restrictive	N/A
H.R. 1022*	Risk Assessment	H. Res. 96	Restrictive	N/A
H.R. 926*	Regulatory Flexibility	H. Res. 100	Open	N/A
H.R. 925*	Private Property Protection Act	H. Res. 101	Restrictive	1D
H.R. 1058*	Securities Litigation Reform Act	H. Res. 105	Restrictive	1D
H.R. 988*	The Attorney Accountability Act of 1995	H. Res. 104	Restrictive	N/A
H.R. 956*	Product Liability and Legal Reform Act	H. Res. 109	Restrictive	8D: 7R
H.R. 1158	Making Emergency Supplemental Appropriations and Rescissions Term Limits	H. Res. 115	Restrictive	N/A
H.J. Res. 73*	Welfare Reform	H. Res. 116	Restrictive	1D: 3R
H.R. 4*	Family Privacy Act	H. Res. 119	Restrictive	5D: 26R
H.R. 1271*	Housing for Older Persons Act	H. Res. 125	Open	N/A
H.R. 660*	The Contract With America Tax Relief Act of 1995	H. Res. 126	Open	N/A
H.R. 1215*	Medicare Select Extension	H. Res. 129	Restrictive	1D
H.R. 483	Hydrogen Future Act	H. Res. 130	Restrictive	1D
H.R. 655	Coast Guard Authorization	H. Res. 136	Open	N/A
H.R. 1361	Clean Water Act	H. Res. 139	Open	N/A
H.R. 961	Corning National Fish Hatchery Conveyance Act	H. Res. 140	Open	N/A
H.R. 535	Conveyance of the Fairport National Fish Hatchery to the State of Iowa.	H. Res. 144	Open	N/A
H.R. 584	Conveyance of the New London National Fish Hatchery Production Facility.	H. Res. 145	Open	N/A
H.R. 614	Budget Resolution	H. Res. 146	Open	N/A
H. Con. Res. 67	American Overseas Interests Act of 1995	H. Res. 149	Restrictive	3D: 1R
H.R. 1561	National Defense Authorization Act, FY 1996	H. Res. 155	Restrictive	N/A
H.R. 1530	Military Construction Appropriations; FY 1996	H. Res. 164	Restrictive	36R: 18D: 2 Bipartisan
H.R. 1817	Legislative Branch Appropriations	H. Res. 167	Open	N/A
H.R. 1854	Foreign Operations Appropriations	H. Res. 169	Restrictive	5R: 4D: 2 Bipartisan
H.R. 1868	Energy & Water Appropriations	H. Res. 170	Open	N/A
H.R. 1905	Constitutional Amendment to Permit Congress and States to Prohibit the Physical Desecration of the American Flag.	H. Res. 171	Open	N/A
H.J. Res. 79	Recissions Bill	H. Res. 173	Closed	N/A
H.R. 1944	Foreign Operations Appropriations	H. Res. 175	Restrictive	N/A
H.R. 1868 (2nd rule)	Interior Appropriations	H. Res. 177	Restrictive	N/A
H.R. 1977 "Rule Defeated"	Interior Appropriations	H. Res. 185	Open	N/A
H.R. 1977	Interior Appropriations	H. Res. 187	Open	N/A
H.R. 1976	Agriculture Appropriations	H. Res. 188	Open	N/A
H.R. 1977 (3rd rule)	Interior Appropriations	H. Res. 189	Restrictive	N/A
H.R. 2020	Treasury Postal Appropriations	H. Res. 190	Open	N/A
H.J. Res. 96	Disapproving MFN for China	H. Res. 193	Restrictive	N/A
H.R. 2002	Transportation Appropriations	H. Res. 194	Open	N/A
H.R. 70	Exports of Alaskan North Slope Oil	H. Res. 197	Open	N/A
H.R. 2076	Commerce, Justice Appropriations	H. Res. 198	Open	N/A
H.R. 2099	VA/HUD Appropriations	H. Res. 201	Open	N/A
S. 21	Termination of U.S. Arms Embargo on Bosnia	H. Res. 204	Restrictive	1D
H.R. 2126	Defense Appropriations	H. Res. 205	Open	N/A
H.R. 1555	Communications Act of 1995	H. Res. 207	Restrictive	2R/3D/3 Bipartisan
H.R. 2127	Labor/HHS Appropriations Act	H. Res. 208	Open	N/A
H.R. 1594	Economically Targeted Investments	H. Res. 215	Open	N/A
H.R. 1655	Intelligence Authorization	H. Res. 216	Restrictive	N/A
H.R. 1162	Deficit Reduction Lock Box	H. Res. 218	Open	N/A
H.R. 1670	Federal Acquisition Reform Act of 1995	H. Res. 219	Open	N/A
H.R. 1617	To Consolidate and Reform Workforce Development and Literacy Programs Act (CAREERS).	H. Res. 222	Open	N/A
H.R. 2274	National Highway System Designation Act of 1995	H. Res. 224	Open	N/A
H.R. 927	Cuban Liberty and Democratic Solidarity Act of 1995	H. Res. 225	Restrictive	2R/2D
H.R. 743	The Teamwork for Employees and Managers Act of 1995	H. Res. 226	Open	N/A
H.R. 1170	3-Judge Court for Certain Injunctions	H. Res. 227	Open	N/A
H.R. 1601	International Space Station Authorization Act of 1995	H. Res. 228	Open	N/A
H.J. Res. 108	Making Continuing Appropriations for FY 1996	H. Res. 230	Closed	N/A
H.R. 2405	Omnibus Civilian Science Authorization Act of 1995	H. Res. 234	Open	N/A
H.R. 2259	To Disapprove Certain Sentencing Guideline Amendments	H. Res. 237	Restrictive	1D
H.R. 2425	Medicare Preservation Act	H. Res. 238	Restrictive	1D
H.R. 2492	Legislative Branch Appropriations Bill	H. Res. 239	Restrictive	N/A
H.R. 2491	7 Year Balanced Budget Reconciliation Social Security Earnings Test Reform.	H. Res. 245	Restrictive	1D
H. Con. Res. 109	Partial Birth Abortion Ban Act of 1995	H. Res. 251	Closed	N/A
H.R. 1833	D.C. Appropriations FY 1996	H. Res. 252	Restrictive	N/A
H.R. 2546	Further Continuing Appropriations for FY 1996	H. Res. 257	Closed	N/A
H.J. Res. 115	Temporary Increase in the Statutory Debt Limit	H. Res. 258	Restrictive	5R
H.R. 2586	ICC Termination	H. Res. 259	Open	N/A
H.R. 2539				

Bill No.	Title	Resolution No.	Process used for floor consideration	Amendments in order
H.J. Res. 115	Further Continuing Appropriations for FY 1996	H. Res. 261	Closed	N/A
H.R. 2586	Temporary Increase in the Statutory Limit on the Public Debt	H. Res. 262	Closed	N/A
H. Res. 250	House Gift Rule Reform	H. Res. 268	Closed	2R
H.R. 2564	Lobbying Disclosure Act of 1995	H. Res. 269	Open	N/A
H.R. 2606	Prohibition on Funds for Bosnia Deployment	H. Res. 273	Restrictive	N/A
H.R. 1788	Amtrak Reform and Privatization Act of 1995	H. Res. 289	Open	N/A
H.R. 1350	Maritime Security Act of 1995	H. Res. 287	Open	N/A
H.R. 2621	To Protect Federal Trust Funds	H. Res. 293	Closed	N/A
H.R. 1745	Utah Public Lands Management Act of 1995	H. Res. 303	Open	N/A
H. Res. 304	Providing for Debate and Consideration of Three Measures Relating to U.S. Troop Deployments in Bosnia.	N/A	Closed	1D: 2R
H. Res. 309	Revised Budget Resolution	H. Res. 309	Closed	N/A
H.R. 558	Texas Low-Level Radioactive Waste Disposal Compact Consent Act	H. Res. 313	Open	N/A
H.R. 2677	The National Parks and National Wildlife Refuge Systems Freedom Act of 1995.	H. Res. 323	Closed	N/A
PROCEDURE IN THE 104TH CONGRESS 2D SESSION				
H.R. 1643	To authorize the extension of nondiscriminatory treatment (MFN) to the products of Bulgaria.	H. Res. 334	Closed	N/A
H.J. Res. 134	Making continuing appropriations/establishing procedures making the transmission of the continuing resolution H.J. Res. 134.	H. Res. 336	Closed	N/A
H. Con. Res. 131	Conveyance of National Marine Fisheries Service Laboratory at Gloucester, Massachusetts.	H. Res. 338	Closed	N/A
H.R. 2924	Social Security Guarantee Act	H. Res. 355	Closed	N/A
H.R. 2854	The Agricultural Market Transition Program	H. Res. 366	Restrictive	5D: 9R: 2 Bipartisan
H.R. 994	Regulatory Sunset & Review Act of 1995	H. Res. 368	Open rule: Rule tabled	N/A
H.R. 3021	To Guarantee the Continuing Full Investment of Social Security and Other Federal Funds in Obligations of the United States.	H. Res. 371	Closed rule	N/A
H.R. 3019	A Further Downpayment Toward a Balanced Budget	H. Res. 372	Restrictive	2D/2R
H.R. 2703	The Effective Death Penalty and Public Safety Act of 1996	H. Res. 380	Restrictive	6D: 7R: 4 Bipartisan
H.R. 2202	The Immigration and National Interest Act of 1995	H. Res. 384	Restrictive	12D: 19R: 1 Bipartisan
H.J. Res. 165	Making further continuing appropriations for FY 1996	H. Res. 386	Closed	N/A
H.R. 125	The Gun Crime Enforcement and Second Amendment Restoration Act of 1996.	H. Res. 388	Closed	N/A
H.R. 3136	The Contract With America Advancement Act of 1996	H. Res. 391	Closed	N/A
H.R. 3103	The Health Coverage Availability and Affordability Act of 1996	H. Res. 392	Restrictive	N/A
H.J. Res. 159	Tax Limitation Constitutional Amendment	H. Res. 395	Restrictive	1D
H.R. 842	Truth in Budgeting Act	H. Res. 396	Open	N/A
H.R. 2715	Paperwork Elimination Act of 1996	H. Res. 409	Open	N/A
H.R. 1675	National Wildlife Refuge Improvement Act of 1995	H. Res. 410	Open	N/A
H.J. Res. 175	Further Continuing Appropriations for FY 1996	H. Res. 411	Closed	N/A
H.R. 2641	United States Marshals Service Improvement Act of 1996	H. Res. 418	Open	N/A
H.R. 2149	The Ocean Shipping Reform Act	H. Res. 419	Open	N/A
H.R. 2974	To amend the Violent Crime Control and Law Enforcement Act of 1994 to provide enhanced penalties for crimes against elderly and child victims.	H. Res. 421	Open	N/A
H.R. 3120	To amend Title 18, United States Code, with respect to witness retaliation, witness tampering and jury tampering.	H. Res. 422	Open	N/A
H.R. 2406	The United States Housing Act of 1996	H. Res. 426	Open	N/A
H.R. 3322	Omnibus Civilian Science Authorization Act of 1996	H. Res. 427	Open	N/A
H.R. 3286	The Adoption Promotion and Stability Act of 1996	H. Res. 428	Restrictive	1D: 1R
H.R. 3230	Defense Authorization Bill FY 1997	H. Res. 430	Restrictive	41 amends: 20D: 17R: 4 bipartisan
H.R. 3415	Repeal of the 4.3-Cent Increase in Transportation Fuel Taxes	H. Res. 436	Closed	N/A
H.R. 3259	Intelligence Authorization Act for FY 1997	H. Res. 437	Restrictive	N/A
H.R. 3144	The Defend America Act	H. Res. 438	Restrictive	1D
H.R. 3448/H.R. 1227	The Small Business Job Protection Act of 1996, and The Employee Commuting Flexibility Act of 1996.	H. Res. 440	Restrictive	2R
H.R. 3517	Military Construction Appropriations FY 1997	H. Res. 442	Open	N/A
H.R. 3540	Foreign Operations Appropriations FY 1997	H. Res. 445	Open	N/A
H.R. 3562	The Wisconsin Works Waiver Approval Act	H. Res. 446	Restrictive	N/A
H.R. 2754	Shipbuilding Trade Agreement Act	H. Res. 448	Restrictive	1R
H.R. 3603	Agriculture Appropriations FY 1997	H. Res. 451	Open	N/A
H.R. 3610	Defense Appropriations FY 1997	H. Res. 453	Open	N/A
H.R. 3662	Interior Appropriations FY 1997	H. Res. 455	Open	N/A

* Contract Bills, 67% restrictive: 33% open. ** All legislation 1st Session, 53% restrictive: 47% open. *** All legislation 2d Session, 62% restrictive: 38% open. **** All legislation 104th Congress, 56% restrictive: 44% open. ***** NR indicates that the legislation being considered by the House for amendment has circumvented standard procedure and was never reported from any House committee. ***** PQ Indicates that previous question was ordered on the resolution. ***** Restrictive rules are those which limit the number of amendments which can be offered, and include so-called modified open and modified closed rules as well as completely closed rules and rules providing for consideration in the House as opposed to the Committee of the Whole. This definition of restrictive rule is taken from the Republican chart of resolutions reported from the Rules Committee in the 103d Congress. N/A means not available.

LEGISLATION IN THE 104TH CONGRESS, 2D SESSION

To date 14 out of 35 of the bills considered under rules in the 2d session of the 104th Congress have been considered under an irregular procedure which circumvents the standard committee procedure. They have been brought to the floor without any committee reporting them. They are as follows:

H.R. 1643, to authorize the extension of nondiscriminatory treatment (MFN) to the products of Bulgaria.

H.J. Res. 134, making continuing appropriations for fiscal year 1996.

H.R. 1358, conveyance of National Marine Fisheries Service Laboratory at Gloucester, Massachusetts.

H.R. 2924, the Social Security Guarantee Act.

H.R. 3021, to guarantee the continuing full investment of Social Security and other Federal funds in obligations of the United States.

H.R. 3019, a further downpayment toward a balanced budget.

H.R. 2703, the Effective Death Penalty and Public Safety Act of 1996.

H.J. Res. 165, making further continuing appropriations for fiscal year 1996.

H.R. 125, the Crime Enforcement and Second Amendment Restoration Act of 1996.

H.R. 3136, the Contract With America Advancement Act of 1996.

H.J. Res. 159, tax limitation constitutional amendment.

H.R. 1675, National Wildlife Refuge Improvement Act of 1995.

H.J. Res. 175, making further continuing appropriations for fiscal year 1996.

H.R. 3562 the Wisconsin Works Waiver Approval Act.

Mr. BEILENSEN. Mr. Speaker, I ask our colleagues to join the gentlewoman from Ohio [Ms. PRYCE] and I in voting for this open, fair rule.

Ms. PRYCE. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself the balance of the time remaining on this side, and I thank the gentleman from California [Mr. BEILENSEN] for his remarks.

Mr. Speaker, we have heard a lot of criticism here this morning about the funding levels contained in this bill.

Let me say that I, for one, recognize that Chairman REGULA and the members of the committee have made difficult choices in crafting this year's bill. It is never easy to reverse years of spiraling increases and bloating bureaucracies.

The chairman's system of prioritizing the must-do's, the need-to-do's, and the nice-to-do's, reflects the kind of fiscal restraint and responsibility that we need in order to keep us on the glidepath to a balanced Federal budget.

The 1997 Interior appropriations bill is all making good Government choices and responsible spending decisions. It saves the American taxpayers \$500 million from last year's level, and roughly \$1.5 billion from the 1995 level, while focusing resources on programs that are important to the American people—the

national parks, forests, wildlife refuges, and the Nation's great cultural landmarks.

Under the terms of this fair and open rule, the House will have an opportunity to give full consideration to the environmental, cultural, and Native American programs contained in this year's bill. I urge my colleagues to give this rule their full support.

Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time, and I move the previous question on the resolution.

The previous question was ordered.

The resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. COLLINS of Georgia). Pursuant to clause 5 of rule I, the Chair will now put the question on each motion to suspend the rules on which further proceedings were postponed on Tuesday, June 18, 1996, in the order in which that motion was entertained.

Votes will be taken in the following order: H.R. 3005, by the yeas and nays, and H.R. 3107 by the yeas and nays.

The Chair will reduce to 5 minutes the time for any electronic vote after the first such vote in this series.

SECURITIES AMENDMENTS OF 1996

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The unfinished business is the question of suspending the rules and passing the bill, H.R. 3005, as amended.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Virginia [Mr. BILLEY] that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 3005, as amended, on which the yeas and nays are ordered.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 407, nays 8, answered "present" 1, not voting 18, as follows:

[Roll No. 249]
YEAS—407

Abercrombie	Bilbray	Calvert
Ackerman	Bilirakis	Camp
Allard	Bishop	Campbell
Andrews	Bliley	Canady
Archer	Blumenauer	Cardin
Armey	Blute	Castle
Bachus	Boehner	Chabot
Baesler	Bonilla	Chambliss
Baker (CA)	Bonior	Chapman
Baker (LA)	Bono	Christensen
Baldacci	Borski	Chrysler
Ballenger	Boucher	Clay
Barcia	Brewster	Clayton
Barr	Browder	Clement
Barrett (NE)	Brown (CA)	Clinger
Barrett (WI)	Brown (FL)	Clyburn
Bartlett	Brown (OH)	Coble
Barton	Brownback	Coburn
Bass	Bryant (TN)	Coleman
Bateman	Bryant (TX)	Collins (GA)
Becerra	Bunn	Collins (IL)
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Bentsen	Burr	Condit
Bereuter	Burton	Conyers
Berman	Buyer	Cooley
Bevill	Callahan	Costello

Cox	Hobson	Myers
Coyne	Hoekstra	Myrick
Cramer	Hoke	Nadler
Crane	Holden	Neal
Creameans	Horn	Nethercutt
Cubin	Hostettler	Neumann
Cummings	Houghton	Ney
Cunningham	Hoyer	Norwood
Danner	Hunter	Nussle
Davis	Hutchinson	Oberstar
de la Garza	Hyde	Obey
Deal	Inglis	Olver
DeLauro	Istook	Ortiz
DeLay	Jackson (IL)	Orton
Dellums	Jackson-Lee	Owens
Deutsch	(TX)	Oxley
Diaz-Balart	Jacobs	Packard
Dickey	Jefferson	Pallone
Dicks	Johnson (CT)	Pastor
Dingell	Johnson (SD)	Paxon
Dixon	Johnson, E. B.	Payne (NJ)
Doggett	Johnson, Sam	Payne (VA)
Dooley	Johnston	Pelosi
Doolittle	Jones	Peterson (MN)
Dornan	Kanjorski	Petri
Doyle	Kasich	Pickett
Dreier	Kelly	Pombo
Duncan	Kennedy (MA)	Pomeroy
Dunn	Kennedy (RI)	Porter
Durbin	Kennelly	Portman
Edwards	Kildee	Poshard
Ehlers	Kim	Pryce
Ehrlich	King	Quillen
Engel	Kingston	Quinn
English	Klecza	Radanovich
Ensign	Klink	Rahall
Eshoo	Klug	Rangel
Evans	Knollenberg	Reed
Everett	Kolbe	Regula
Ewing	LaFalce	Richardson
Farr	LaHood	Riggs
Fattah	Lantos	Rivers
Fawell	Largent	Roberts
Fazio	Latham	Roemer
Fields (LA)	LaTourette	Rogers
Fields (TX)	Laughlin	Rohrabacher
Filner	Lazio	Ros-Lehtinen
Flake	Leach	Rose
Flanagan	Levin	Roth
Foglietta	Lewis (CA)	Roukema
Foley	Lewis (GA)	Roybal-Allard
Forbes	Lewis (KY)	Royce
Fowler	Lightfoot	Rush
Fox	Linder	Sabo
Franks (NJ)	Lipinski	Salmon
Frelinghuysen	Livingston	Sanford
Frisa	LoBiondo	Sawyer
Frost	Lofgren	Saxton
Funderburk	Longley	Scarborough
Furse	Lucas	Schaefer
Ganske	Luther	Schiff
Gejdenson	Maloney	Schroeder
Gekas	Manton	Seastrand
Gephardt	Manzullo	Sensenbrenner
Geren	Markey	Serrano
Gibbons	Martinez	Shadegg
Gilchrest	Martini	Shaw
Gillmor	Mascara	Shays
Gilman	Matsui	Shuster
Gonzalez	McCarthy	Sisisky
Goodlatte	McCollum	Skaggs
Goodling	McCrery	Skeen
Gordon	McDermott	Skelton
Goss	McHale	Slaughter
Graham	McHugh	Smith (MI)
Green (TX)	McInnis	Smith (NJ)
Greene (UT)	McIntosh	Smith (TX)
Greenwood	McKeon	Smith (WA)
Gunderson	McKinney	Solomon
Gutierrez	McNulty	Souder
Gutknecht	Meehan	Spence
Hall (OH)	Meek	Sperr
Hall (TX)	Menendez	Stark
Hamilton	Metcalf	Stearns
Hancock	Meyers	Stenholm
Hansen	Mica	Stockman
Harman	Millender-	Stokes
Hastert	McDonald	Studds
Hastings (FL)	Miller (CA)	Stump
Hastings (WA)	Miller (FL)	Stupak
Hayes	Minge	Talent
Hayworth	Mink	Tanner
Hefley	Moakley	Tate
Hefner	Molinari	Taylor (NC)
Heineman	Mollohan	Tejeda
Herger	Moorhead	Thomas
Hilleary	Moran	Thompson
Hilliard	Morella	Thornberry
Hinchee	Murtha	Thornton

Thurman	Walsh	Williams
Tiahrt	Wamp	Wise
Torkildsen	Ward	Wolf
Torres	Watt (NC)	Woolsey
Torricelli	Watts (OK)	Wynn
Towns	Waxman	Yates
Trafigant	Weldon (FL)	Young (AK)
Upton	Weldon (PA)	Young (FL)
Velazquez	Weller	Zeliff
Vento	White	Zimmer
Visclosky	Whitfield	
Walker	Wicker	

NAYS—8

Chenoweth	Montgomery	Taylor (MS)
Crapo	Parker	Vucanovich
DeFazio	Sanders	

ANSWERED "PRESENT"—1

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Boehlert	Gallegly	Schumer
Collins (MI)	Kaptur	Scott
Emerson	Lincoln	Tauzin
Ford	McDade	Volkmer
Frank (MA)	Peterson (FL)	Waters
Franks (CT)	Ramstad	Wilson

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Mr. COBURN changed his vote from "nay" to "yea."

So (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.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. COLLINS of Georgia). Pursuant to the provisions of clause 5 of rule I, the Chair announces that he will reduce to a minimum of 5 minutes the period of time within which a vote by electronic device may be taken on the additional motion to suspend the rules on which the Chair has postponed further proceedings.

IRAN AND LIBYA SANCTIONS ACT OF 1996

The SPEAKER Pro Tempore. The unfinished business is the question of suspending the rules and passing the bill, H.R. 3107, as amended.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from New York [Mr. GILMAN] that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 3107, as amended, on which the yeas and nays are ordered.

This is a 5-minute vote.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 415, nays 0, not voting 19, as follows:

[Roll No. 250]
YEAS—415

Abercrombie	Barcia	Berman
Ackerman	Barr	Bevill
Allard	Barrett (NE)	Bilbray
Andrews	Barrett (WI)	Bilirakis
Archer	Bartlett	Bishop
Armey	Barton	Bliley
Bachus	Bass	Blumenauer
Baesler	Bateman	Blute
Baker (CA)	Becerra	Boehner
Baker (LA)	Beilenson	Bonilla
Baldacci	Bentsen	Bono
Ballenger	Bereuter	Borski

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Bryant (TN)
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Bunn
Bunning
Burr
Burton
Buyer
Callahan
Calvert
Camp
Campbell
Canady
Cardin
Castle
Chabot
Chambliss
Chapman
Chenoweth
Christensen
Chrysler
Clay
Clayton
Clement
Clinger
Clyburn
Coble
Coburn
Coleman
Collins (GA)
Collins (IL)
Combest
Condit
Conyers
Cooley
Costello
Cox
Coyne
Cramer
Crane
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Cubin
Cummings
Cunningham
Danner
Davis
de la Garza
Deal
DeFazio
DeLauro
DeLay
Dellums
Deutsch
Diaz-Balart
Dickey
Dicks
Dingell
Dixon
Doggett
Dooley
Doolittle
Dornan
Doyle
Dreier
Duncan
Dunn
Durbin
Edwards
Ehlers
Ehrlich
Engel
English
Ensign
Eshoo
Evans
Everett
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Fattah
Fawell
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Fields (LA)
Fields (TX)
Filner
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Foglietta
Foley

Forbes
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Franks (NJ)
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Ganske
Gejdenson
Gekas
Gephardt
Geren
Gibbons
Gilchrest
Gillmor
Gilman
Gonzalez
Goodlatte
Goodling
Gordon
Goss
Graham
Green (TX)
Greene (UT)
Greenwood
Gunderson
Gutierrez
Gutknecht
Hall (OH)
Hall (TX)
Hamilton
Hancock
Hansen
Harman
Hastert
Hastings (FL)
Hastings (WA)
Hayes
Hayworth
Hefley
Hefner
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Hilleary
Hilliard
Hinchey
Hobson
Hoekstra
Hoke
Holden
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Hostettler
Houghton
Hoyer
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Hyde
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Istook
Jackson (IL)
Jackson-Lee
(TX)
Jacobs
Jefferson
Johnson (CT)
Johnson (SD)
Johnson, E. B.
Johnson, Sam
Johnston
Jones
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Kennedy (MA)
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LaFalce
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Lewis (CA)
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Lewis (KY)
Lightfoot
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Lipinski
Livingston
LoBiondo
Lofgren
Longley
Lowe
Lucas
Luther
Maloney
Manton
Manzullo
Markey
Martinez
Mascara
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McCarthy
McCullum
McCree
McDermott
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McInnis
McIntosh
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Orton
Owens
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Packard
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Payne (NJ)
Payne (VA)
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Peterson (MN)
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Pombo
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Radanovich
Rahall
Rangel
Reed
Regula
Richardson
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Rivers

Roberts
Roemer
Rogers
Rohrabacher
Ros-Lehtinen
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Roth
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Roybal-Allard
Royce
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Sanford
Sawyer
Saxton
Scarborough
Schaefer
Schiff
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Schoettl
Seastrand
Sensenbrenner
Shadegg
Shaw
Shays
Shuster
Sisisky
Skaggs
Skeen
Skelton

Slaughter
Smith (MI)
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Smith (WA)
Solomon
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Thomas
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Thornberry
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Tiahrt
Torkildsen
Torres
Torricelli

Towns
Traffant
Upton
Velazquez
Vento
Visclosky
Volkmer
Vucanovich
Walker
Walsh
Wamp
Ward
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Watt (NC)
Watts (OK)
Waxman
Weldon (FL)
Weldon (PA)
Weller
White
Whitfield
Wicker
Williams
Wise
Wolf
Woolsey
Wynn
Yates
Young (AK)
Young (FL)
Zeliff
Zimmer

NOT VOTING—19

Boehler
Bonior
Collins (MI)
Emerson
Ford
Frank (MA)
Franks (CT)

Gallegly
Kaptur
Lincoln
Martini
McDade
Meek
Peterson (FL)

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

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

The title of the bill was amended so as to read: "A bill to impose sanctions on persons making certain investments directly and significantly contributing to the enhancement of the ability of Iran or Libya to develop its petroleum resources, and on persons exporting certain items that enhance Libya's weapons or aviation capabilities or enhance Libya's ability to develop its petroleum resources, and for other purposes."

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mrs. MEEK of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I missed rollcall vote No. 250. If I were here, I would have voted "yes."

The CHAIRMAN. Is there objection to the request of the gentlewoman from Florida?

There was no objection.

ANNOUNCING BIRTH OF TWIN SONS TO HON. BLANCHE LAMBERT LINCOLN

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

Mr. THORNTON. Mr. Speaker, it gives me great privilege to announce

that for the first time in the history of the U.S. House of Representatives, a Member has given birth this morning to twin sons.

Born to our colleague BLANCHE LAMBERT LINCOLN this morning was their oldest son, Meyers Reese, weighing in at 5 pounds, 1 ounce, followed 1 hour and 10 minutes later by his brother Stephen Bennett who weighed in at 6 pounds, 5 ounces. Mother and twins are doing well.

Mr. REGULA. Mr. Speaker, will the gentleman yield?

Mr. THORNTON. I yield to the gentleman from Ohio.

Mr. REGULA. Mr. Speaker, just so that we keep the facts straight and keep this bipartisan, I want to point out to my colleagues that one of our Ohio members, Mr. GILLMOR, is the proud father of twin boys, so we have a good balance here, and about an equal number of votes on both sides.

Mr. THORNTON. I thank the gentleman for his comments. I will say that it was somewhat easier for Congressman GILLMOR. We celebrate with BLANCHE and her husband, Dr. Steve Lincoln, the arrival of their sons, but I continue in my claim that this is the first time a Member has given birth to twins.

Mr. REGULA. I understand. If the gentleman will yield, we have not lost a father yet.

Mr. THORNTON. I thank the gentleman for his comments.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. COLLINS of Georgia). We appreciate the information shared with Members of the House and we congratulate both families.

REMOVAL OF NAME OF MEMBER AS COSPONSOR OF H.R. 1462

Mr. CALLAHAN. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that my name be removed as a cosponsor of H.R. 1462.

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

There was no objection.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. REGULA. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend their remarks on H.R. 3662, and that I may be permitted to include tables, charts, and other material.

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

There was no objection.

NOTICE

Incomplete record of House proceedings. Except for concluding business which follows, today's House proceedings will be continued in the next issue of the Record.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Mr. RAMSTAD (at the request of Mr. ARMEY) for today and the balance of the week, on account of illness.

Mr. TAUZIN (at the request of Mr. ARMEY) for today, on account of illness.

Mr. YATES (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT) after 10 p.m. today, on account of illness.

SPECIAL ORDERS GRANTED

By unanimous consent, permission to address the House, following the legislative program and any special orders heretofore entered, was granted to:

(The following Members (at the request of Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. GEREN of Texas, for 5 minutes, today.

Mrs. COLLINS of Illinois, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas, for 5 minutes, today.

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. TAYLOR of North Carolina) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. METCALF, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. MANZULLO, for 5 minutes, on June 20.

Mr. WICKER, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. GUTKNECHT, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. RIGGS, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. COLLINS of Georgia, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. BRYANT of Tennessee, for 5 minutes, today.

(The following Member (at his own request) to revise and extend his remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. KINGSTON, for 5 minutes, today.

EXTENSION OF REMARKS

By unanimous consent, permission to revise and extend remarks was granted to:

(The following Members (at the request of Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas) and to include extraneous matter:)

Mr. STOKES.

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas.

Mr. HAMILTON.

Mr. SERRANO.

Mr. COSTELLO.

Mr. MCDERMOTT.

Mr. FAZIO of California.

Ms. NORTON.

Mr. BORSKI.

Mr. STARK.

Mr. VISCLOSKY.

Mr. MENENDEZ.

Mr. CLEMENT.

Mr. KLECZKA.

Mr. WARD.

Mr. TORRES.

Mr. FILNER.

Mrs. SCHROEDER.

Mr. ABERCROMBIE.

Mr. POSHARD.

Mr. PALLONE.

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. TAYLOR of North Carolina) and to include extraneous matter:)

Mr. RADANOVICH.

Mr. WICKER.

Mr. COBLE.

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey.

Mr. CAMP.

Mr. TALENT.

Mr. KNOLLENBERG.

Mr. DIAZ-BALART.

Mr. RIGGS in two instances.

Mr. CUNNINGHAM.

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

Mr. THOMAS, from the Committee on House Oversight, reported that that committee had examined and found truly enrolled a bill of the House of the following title, which were thereupon signed by the Speaker:

H.R. 3029. An act to designate the United States courthouse in Washington, District of Columbia, as the "E. Barrett Prettyman United States Courthouse."

SENATE ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

The SPEAKER announced his signature to an enrolled bill of the Senate of the following title:

S. 1136. An act to control and prevent commercial counterfeiting, and for other purposes.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. HAYWORTH. Mr. Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 12 o'clock midnight), the House adjourned until tomorrow, June 20, 1996, at 10 a.m.

**EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS,
ETC.**

Under clause 2 of rule XXIV, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

3713. A letter from the Regulatory Review Officer, Agricultural Marketing Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Apricots Grown in Washington; Temporary Suspension of the Minimum Grade Requirement [Docket No. FV-96-922-1IFR] to the Committee on Agriculture.

3714. A letter from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Cranberries Grown in the States of Massachusetts, Rhode Is-

land, Connecticut, New Jersey, Wisconsin, Michigan, Minnesota, Oregon, Washington, and Long Island in the State of New York [Docket No. FV-96-929-1IFR] received June 18, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

3715. A letter from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Irish Potatoes Grown in Colorado; Assessment Rate [Docket No. FV-96-948-1IFR] received June 18, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 810(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

3716. A letter from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Fresh Cut Flowers and Fresh Cut Greens Promotion and Consumer Information Order—Postponement of Assessment [Docket No. FV-96-702FR] received June 18, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

3717. A letter from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Limes and Avocados Grown in Florida; Relaxation of Container Marketing Requirements [Docket No. FV-96-911-4IFR] received June 19, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

3718. A letter from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Graps Grown in a Designated Area of Southeastern California; Revision of Container Requirements [Docket No. FV-96-925-1IFR] received June 19, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

3719. A letter from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Irish Potatoes Grown in Washington; Modification of the Minimum Size Requirements [Docket No. FV-96-946-1IFR] received June 19, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

3720. A letter from the Director, Office of Bilingual Education and Minority Languages Affairs, Department of Education, transmitting final regulations—Bilingual Education: Graduate Fellowship Program, pursuant to 20 U.S.C. 1232(f); to the Committee on Economic and Educational Opportunities.

3721. A letter from the Assistant General Counsel for Regulations, Department of Education, transmitting the Department's final rule—Notice of Final Priority and Limitation on Use of Funds for Fiscal Years 1996; Elementary School Mathematics and Science Equipment Program (Fund for the Improvement of Education (FIE)) received June 19, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Economic and Educational Opportunities.

3722. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; California—Mammoth Lakes Nonattainment Area; PM10 (FRL-5511-4) received June 18, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

3723. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans and Designation of Areas for Air Quality Planning Purposes; State of Michigan (FRL-5525-

4) received June 18, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

3724. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Triflusaluron Methyl; Pesticide Tolerance (FRL-5377-7) received June 17, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

3725. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Sodium Salt of Acifluorfen; Pesticide Tolerance (FRL-5371-4) received June 17, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

3726. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Diquat; Pesticide Tolerance (FRL-5372-5) received June 17, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

3727. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—1,1,1,2-Tetrafluoroethane; Pesticide Tolerance (FRL-5376-3) received June 17, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

3728. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Oxidized Pine Lignin, Sodium Salt; Pesticide Tolerance (FRL-5375-9) received June 17, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

3729. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Quisqualofop Ethyl; Pesticide Tolerance for Use on Pineapple (FRL-5373-5) received June 17, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

3730. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Aluminum Tris (O-ethylphosphonate); Pesticide Tolerance for Use on on Blueberry (FRL-5374-7) received June 17, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

3731. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Diflubenzuron; Pesticide Tolerance for Use on Artichokes (FRL-5370-8) received June 17, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

3732. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Amendment to the National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants for Shipbuilding and Ship Repair (Surface Coating) Operations (FRL-5521-5) received June 17, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

3733. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Plans; Louisiana; Revision to the State Implementation Plan (SIP) Addressing Ozone Monitoring (FRL-5522-6) received June 17, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

3734. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Operating Permits Program Interim Approval Criteria

(FRL-5521-4) received June 17, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

3735. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Fenoxaprop-Ethyl; Extension of Study Due Date and Time-Limited Tolerances; Correction (FRL-5372-4) received June 17, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

3736. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants for Source Categories: Organic Hazardous Air Pollutants from the Synthetic Organic Chemical Manufacturing Industry and Other Processes Subject to the Negotiated Regulation for Equipment Leaks; Clarifications (FRL-5521-7) received June 17, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

3737. A letter from the Assistant Legal Adviser for Treaty Affairs, Department of State, transmitting copies of international agreements, other than treaties, entered into by the United States, pursuant to 1 U.S.C. 112b(a); to the Committee on International Relations.

3738. A letter from the Associate Attorney General of the United States, transmitting a report activities under the Freedom of Information Act for the calendar year 1995, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552(d); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

3739. A letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting the semiannual report on activities of the inspector general for the period October 1, 1995, through March 1, 1996, and the Secretary's semiannual report for the same period, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. app. (Insp. Gen. Act) section 5(b); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

3740. A letter from the Assistant Secretary of Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior, transmitting the Department's final rule—Leasing of Tribal Lands for Mineral Development and Leasing of Allotted Lands for Mineral Development (Bureau of Indian Affairs) (RIN: 1076-AA82) received June 19, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES ON PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XIII, reports of committees were delivered to the Clerk for printing and reference to the proper calendar, as follows:

[Omitted from the Record of June 18, 1996]

Mr. ARCHER: Committee on Ways and Means. H.R. 3161. A bill to authorize the extension of nondiscriminatory treatment—most-favored-nation treatment—to the products of Romania (Rept. 104-629). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

[Submitted June 19, 1996]

Mr. QUILLEN: Committee on Rules. House Resolution 456. Resolution providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 3666) making appropriations for the Departments of Veterans Affairs and Housing and Urban Development, and for sundry independent agencies, boards, commissions, corporations, and offices for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1997, and for other purposes (Rept. 104-630). Referred to the House Calendar.

Mr. WOLF: Committee on Appropriations. H.R. 3675. A bill making appropriations for the Department of Transportation and relat-

ed agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1997, and for other purposes (Rept. 104-631). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

BILLS PLACED ON THE CORRECTIONS CALENDAR

Under clause 4 of rule XIII, the Speaker filed with the Clerk a notice requesting that the following bills be placed upon the Corrections, Calendar:

H.R. 2531 A bill to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to clarify the exemption for houseparents from the minimum wage and maximum hours requirements of that Act, and for other purposes.

PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 5 of rule X and clause 4 of rule XXII, public bills and resolutions were introduced and severally referred as follows:

By Mr. STUMP (for himself, Mr. MONTGOMERY, Mr. EVERETT, Mr. EVANS, Mr. BUYER, and Mr. FILNER):

H.R. 3673. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to revise and improve certain veterans programs and benefits, to authorize the American Battle Monuments Commission to enter into arrangements for the repair and long-term maintenance of war memorials for which the Commission assumes responsibility, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. STUMP (for himself, Mr. MONTGOMERY, Mr. BUYER, Mr. EVERETT, Mr. EVANS, and Mr. MASCARA):

H.R. 3674. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to clarify the causal relationship required between a veteran's service-connected disability and employment handicap for purposes of determining eligibility for training and rehabilitation assistance, to transfer certain educational assistance entitlements from the post-Vietnam era educational assistance program to the Montgomery GI bill, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. CONYERS:

H.R. 3676. A bill to amend title 18, United States Code, clarify the intent of Congress with respect to the Federal carjacking prohibition; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. ENGLISH of Pennsylvania (for himself, Mr. MATSUI, Mr. ROYCE, Mr. RANGEL, Mr. BONO, Mr. GEJDENSON, Mr. DORNAN, Mr. TORRES, and Mr. WAXMAN):

H.R. 3677. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 relating to the unemployment tax for individuals employed in the entertainment industry; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. JACOBS (for himself, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. CARDIN, Mrs. JOHNSON of Connecticut, Mr. MCDERMOTT, Mr. ENGLISH of Pennsylvania, Mr. COYNE, Mr. BUNNING of Kentucky, Mr. ABERCROMBIE, Mr. STUPAK, Mr. BALDACCI, Mr. EMERSON, Ms. NORTON, and Mr. EHLERS):

H.R. 3678. A bill to extend the Medicare waiver of liability provisions for home health agencies, hospice programs, and skilled nursing facilities; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mrs. MINK of Hawaii:

H.R. 3679. A bill to prohibit any increase in the amount of a security deposit paid by a low-income family for rental of a dwelling unit receiving Federal rental housing assistance during the occupancy of the family in the unit; to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services.

By Mr. JONES (for himself, Mr. HOKE, Mr. STUMP, Mr. SOLOMON, Mr. MCHALE, Mr. HUNTER, Mr. MONTGOMERY, Mr. LEWIS of Kentucky, Mr. TORKILDSEN, Mr. WATTS of Oklahoma, Mr. EVERETT, Mr. MCHUGH, Mr. ORTIZ, Mr. HOSTETTLER, Mrs. FOWLER, Mr. LONGLEY, and Mr. KOLBE):

H.R. 3680. A bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to carry out the international obligations of the United States under the Geneva Conventions to provide criminal penalties for certain war crimes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Ms. NORTON:

H.R. 3681. A bill to provide that if an employer provides additional leave to a parent for the birth such employer shall provide the same leave to a parent for an adopted child or a foster child; to the Committee on Economic and Educational Opportunities, and in addition to the Committees on Government Reform and Oversight, and House Oversight, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mrs. SCHROEDER:

H.R. 3682. A bill to allow certain individuals seeking part-time employment to be eligible to receive unemployment compensation, to require the Secretary of Labor to establish and carry out an annual survey relating to temporary workers, to protect part-time and temporary workers relating to pension and group health plans, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committees on Economic and Educational Opportunities, Government Reform and Oversight, and National Security, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. TIAHRT:

H.R. 3683. A bill to amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to prohibit use of labor organization dues and fees for political activities, and for other purposes; to the Committee on House Oversight.

By Mr. ENGEL (for himself, Mr. ACKERMAN, Mr. ANDREWS, Mr. BERMAN, Mr. BURTON of Indiana, Mr. CHABOT, Mr. DEUTSCH, Mr. DORNAN, Mr. FORBES, Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts, Mr. GEJDENSON, Mr. HASTINGS of Florida, Mr. KILDEE, Mr. KING, Mr. KNOLLENBERG, Mr. LAHOOD, Mr. LANTOS, Mr. LEVIN, Mrs. LOWEY, Mr. MCCOLLUM, Mr. McNULTY, Ms. MOLINARI, Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN, Mr. SAXTON, and Mr. TORRICELLI):

H. Con. Res. 190. Concurrent resolution urging the Government of Syria to withdraw its armed forces from Lebanon; to the Committee on International Relations.

ADDITIONAL SPONSORS

Under clause 4 of rule XXII, sponsors were added to public bills and resolutions as follows:

H.R. 359: Mr. BEVILL.
 H.R. 708: Mr. CUNNINGHAM.
 H.R. 878: Mr. YATES and Mr. KASICH.
 H.R. 1010: Mr. MATSUI, Mr. DEUTSCH, Mrs. MINK of Hawaii, and Mr. BAKER of Louisiana.
 H.R. 1229: Ms. HARMAN.
 H.R. 1750: Ms. DELAURO.
 H.R. 1776: Mr. CHRISTENSEN and Mr. GEPHARDT.
 H.R. 1805: Mr. SAXTON.
 H.R. 1863: Mr. LEACH.
 H.R. 1899: Mr. YATES and Ms. NORTON.

H.R. 2016: Mr. HOBSON.

H.R. 2026: Mr. GUTKNECHT, Mr. BARCIA, Ms. BROWN of Florida, Mr. BROWDER, Mr. BERENTER, Mr. GORDON, Mr. KANJORSKI, Mr. THOMAS, Mr. EWING, Mr. GOSS, Ms. ESHOO, and Mr. CHRISTENSEN.

H.R. 2089: Mr. FAWELL.

H.R. 2244: Ms. PRYCE.

H.R. 2246: Mr. GREEN of Texas.

H.R. 2391: Ms. GREENE of Utah and Mr. COBURN.

H.R. 2545: Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas.

H.R. 2651: Mr. BRYANT of Texas.

H.R. 2705: Mr. FRAZER, Mr. BROWN of Ohio, and Mr. GREEN of Texas.

H.R. 2868: Mr. HOKE.

H.R. 2900: Mr. HINCHEY, Mrs. SEASTRAND, Mrs. CUBIN, Mr. BEVILL, and Mrs. FOWLER.

H.R. 2928: Mr. LATOURETTE, Mr. SALMON, Mr. STOCKMAN, Mr. SMITH of Michigan, and Mr. DUNCAN.

H.R. 3037: Mr. RIGGS, Mr. VOLKMER, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. RAHALL, and Mr. EVANS.

H.R. 3084: Mr. DELLUMS, Mr. ROMERO-BARCELO, Mrs. LOWEY, and Mrs. MINK of Hawaii.

H.R. 3118: Ms. LOFGREN.

H.R. 3119: Mr. BOUCHER.

H.R. 3142: Mr. MINGE, Mr. OXLEY, Mr. DUNCAN, and Mr. MCKEON.

H.R. 3182: Mr. COSTELLO, Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota, and Mr. RADANOVICH.

H.R. 3195: Mr. BALLENGER and Mr. BURR.

H.R. 3201: Mr. DORNAN, Mr. EHLERS, Mr. COMBEST, Mr. WELLER, Mr. BAESLER, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. LUTHER, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. STOCKMAN, Mr. PACKARD, Mr. BUNNING of Kentucky, Mr. KLECZKA, and Mr. CALLAHAN.

H.R. 3234: Mr. CRAPO, Mr. TAYLOR of North Carolina, and Mr. SHAW.

H.R. 3244: Mr. FATTAH and Mr. BOEHNER.

H.R. 3252: Mr. TOWNS, Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas, Mr. CUMMINGS, and Mr. FRAZER.

H.R. 3266: Mr. LUTHER.

H.R. 3277: Mr. CUNNINGHAM, Mr. BAKER of Louisiana, and Mr. SCHAEFER.

H.R. 3303: Ms. LOFGREN.

H.R. 3307: Mr. MCCOLLUM.

H.R. 3324: Mr. BARR.

H.R. 3338: Mr. MCINTOSH, Mr. ROTH, Mrs. THURMAN, and Mr. WALSH.

H.R. 3349: Mr. MASCARA, Mrs. COLLINS of Illinois, Mrs. CLAYTON, Mr. WAXMAN, Mr. PAYNE of New Jersey, and Mr. FRAZER.

H.R. 3384: Mr. EHRlich and Mr. PETRI.

H.R. 3423: Mr. LEACH and Mr. SOUDER.

H.R. 3450: Mr. DOYLE.

H.R. 3460: Mr. HYDE and Mr. JOHNSTON of Florida.

H.R. 3477: Ms. RIVERS and Ms. LOFGREN.

H.R. 3482: Mr. DELLUMS, Mrs. MINK of Hawaii, Mr. DEFAZIO, Ms. SLAUGHTER, Mr. STEARNS, Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts, Mr. TORRES, Ms. LOFGREN, Mr. EVANS, and Mr. SHAYS.

H.R. 3496: Mr. EHLERS and Mr. DELLUMS.

H.R. 3508: Mr. BAKER of California, Mr. GREEN of Texas, and Mrs. SCHROEDER.

H.R. 3533: Mr. FROST, Ms. VELAZQUEZ, Mr. ACKERMAN, and Mr. HINCHEY.

H.R. 3564: Mr. LATOURETTE, Mr. CANADY, Ms. DELAURO, and Mr. KLECZKA.

H.R. 3568: Mr. WALKER.

H.R. 3602: Mr. EVANS and Mr. HUTCHINSON.

H.R. 3605: Mr. BILBRAY, Mr. MORAN, Mr. DREIER, Mr. POMBO, Mr. MOORHEAD, Mr. KIM, Mr. ROYCE, Mr. ROHRBACHER, Mr. DOOLITTLE, Mr. MCKEON, Mr. BAKER of California, Mr. HERGER, Mrs. SEASTRAND, Mr. RADANOVICH, Mr. COX, Mr. CALVERT, Mr. HUNTER, Mr. PACKARD, Mr. CUNNINGHAM, Mr. CAMPBELL, Mr. FAZIO of California, Mr. DOOLEY, Mr. MATSUI, Mr. LANTOS, Mr. BERMAN, Mr. DIXON, and Ms. LOFGREN.

H.R. 3618: Mr. CASTLE, Mr. DELLUMS, Mr. STARK, Mr. FAZIO of California, Mr. BROWN of

Ohio, Mr. GREEN of Texas, Ms. NORTON, Mr. DINGELL, Mr. EVANS, and Mr. CONYERS.

H.R. 3619: Mr. PETERSON of Minnesota.

H.R. 3636: Mr. SMITH of Michigan, Mr. DUNCAN, Mr. LINDER, and Mr. QUILLEN.

H.R. 3648: Mr. LANTOS, Mr. FRAZER, Mr. BOUCHER, Mr. EVANS, Mr. UNDERWOOD, and Mr. FROST.

H.R. 3665: Mr. MINGE.

H.J. Res. 180: Mr. GREEN of Texas.

H. Con. Res. 47: Mr. RIGGS and Mrs. MYRICK.

H. Con. Res. 103: Mr. NADLER and Mr. FRAZER.

H. Con. Res. 170: Mr. COX.

H. Con. Res. 177: Mr. MORAN and Mrs. MEYERS of Kansas.

H. Res. 285: Ms. FURSE and Mr. CUMMINGS.

H. Res. 286: Mr. ENGLISH of Pennsylvania.

H. Res. 441: Mr. GILMAN, Mr. LANTOS, Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN, and Mr. ACKERMAN.

H. Res. 452: Mr. FAZIO of California.

DELETIONS OF SPONSORS FROM PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 4 of rule XXII, sponsors were deleted from public bills and resolutions as follows:

H.R. 1462: Mr. CALLAHAN.

AMENDMENTS

Under clause 6 of rule XXIII, proposed amendments were submitted as follows:

H.R. 3666

OFFERED BY: Mr. BARR OF GEORGIA

AMENDMENT No. 4: Page 70, line 2, after the dollar amount, insert: "(increased by \$10,000,000)".

Page 70, line 21, after the semicolon insert: "\$10,000,000 for the Clean Rivers and Lakes program under section 314 of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act."

Page 66, line 8, after the dollar amount, insert the following: "(reduced by \$10,000,000)".

H.R. 3666

OFFERED BY: Mr. BARR OF GEORGIA

AMENDMENT No. 5: Page 70, line 21, after the semicolon insert: "\$10,000,000 for the Clean Rivers and Lakes program under section 314 of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act;"

H.R. 3666

OFFERED BY: Mr. BARR OF GEORGIA

AMENDMENT No. 6: Page 71, line 4, after the semicolon insert: *Provided further*, That from funds appropriated under this heading, the Administrator may use \$10,000,000 for the Clean Rivers and Lakes program under section 314 of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act;"

H.R. 3666

OFFERED BY: Mr. BENTSEN

AMENDMENT No. 7: Page 95, after line 21 insert the following new section:

Sec. 422. None of the funds made available in this Act may be used by the Environmental Protection Agency to issue, reissue, or renew any approval or authorization for any facility to store or dispose of polychlorinated biphenyls when it is made known to the Federal official having authority to obligate or expend such funds that there is in effect at the time of the issuance, reissuance, or renewal a rule authorizing any person to import into the customs territory of the United States for treatment or disposal any polychlorinated biphenyls, or polychlorinated biphenyl items, at concentrations of more than 50 part per million.

H.R. 3666

OFFERED BY: MR. BENTSEN

AMENDMENT No. 8: Page 95, after line 21 insert the following new section:

SEC. 422. None of the funds made available in this Act may be used by the Environmental Protection Agency to issue, reissue, or renew any approval or authorization for any facility to store or dispose of polychlorinated biphenyls when it is made known to the Federal official having authority to obligate or expend such funds that there is included as a binding and enforceable term of the issuance, reissuance, or renewal a commitment of the recipient of the issuance, reissuance, or renewal not to receive at the facility covered by the issuance, reissuance, or renewal any polychlorinated biphenyls, or polychlorinated biphenyl items, at concentrations of more than 50 parts per million that have been imported from outside the customs territory of the United States for treatment or disposal.

H.R. 3666

OFFERED BY: MR. BENTSEN

AMENDMENT No. 9: At the end of the bill, insert after the last section (preceding the short title) the following new section:

SEC. 422. None of the funds made available in this Act may be used by the Environmental Protection Agency to issue, implement, administer, or enforce any rule or order when it is made known to the Federal official having authority to obligate or expend such funds that the rule or order authorizes any person to import into the United States (pursuant to an exemption under section 6(e)(3)(B) of the Toxic Substances Control Act or otherwise) any waste containing concentrations or more than 50 parts per million (ppm) or polychlorinated biphenyls for the purposes of disposal or treatment.

H.R. 3666

OFFERED BY: MR. BROWN OF CALIFORNIA

AMENDMENT No. 10: At the end of the bill, insert after the last section (preceding the short title) the following new section:

SEC. . None of the funds made available in this Act for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration may be used for the National Center for Science Literacy, Education and Technology at the American Museum of Natural History.

H.R. 3666

OFFERED BY: MR. BROWNBACK

AMENDMENT No. 11: Page 28, line 20, after the dollar amount, insert the following: "(increased by \$352,000,000)".

Page 61, line 14, strike "\$365,000,000" and all that follows through page 64, line 4, and insert "\$15,000,000".

H.R. 3666

OFFERED BY: MR. DURBIN

AMENDMENT No. 12: Page 65, line 16, after the second dollar amount, insert the following: "(reduced by \$1,500,000)".

Page 66, line 8, after the dollar amount, insert the following: "(increased by \$1,500,000)".

H.R. 3666

OFFERED BY: MR. DURBIN

AMENDMENT No. 13: In the item relating to "DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT—COMMUNITY PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT—COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANTS FUND", after \$4,300,000,000" insert "(increased by \$300,000,000, which additional amounts shall become available on September 30, 1997)".

In the item relating to "INDEPENDENT AGENCIES—FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY—DISASTER RELIEF", after \$1,320,000,000" insert "(reduced by \$300,000,000)".

H.R. 3666

OFFERED BY: MR. GUTKNECHT

AMENDMENT No. 14: Page 95, after line 21, insert the following new section:

SEC. 422. Each amount appropriated or otherwise made available by this Act that is not required to be appropriated or otherwise made available by a provision of law is hereby reduced by 1.9 percent.

H.R. 3666

OFFERED BY: MR. HEFLEY

AMENDMENT No. 15: Page 37, after "\$962,558,000" insert "(reduced by \$42,000,000)".

Page 69, line 8, after "\$46,500,000" insert "(increased by \$20,000,000)".

H.R. 3666

OFFERED BY: MR. HOEKSTRA

AMENDMENT No. 16: In the item relating to "CORPORATION FOR NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE—NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAMS OPERATING EXPENSES", after each of the first and penultimate dollar amounts, insert the following: "(reduced by \$12,787,000)".

H.R. 3666

OFFERED BY: MR. HOEKSTRA

AMENDMENT No. 17: In the item relating to "CORPORATION FOR NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE—NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAMS OPERATING EXPENSES", after each of the first and penultimate dollar amounts, insert the following: "(reduced by \$1,100,000)".

H.R. 3666

OFFERED BY: MR. HOEKSTRA

AMENDMENT No. 18: In the item relating to "CORPORATION FOR NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE—NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAMS OPERATING EXPENSES"—

(1) after the sixth dollar amount, insert the following: "(increased by \$30,000,000)"; and

(2) strike the tenth proviso.

H.R. 3666

OFFERED BY: MR. HOEKSTRA

AMENDMENT No. 19: At the end of the bill, insert after the last section (preceding the short title) the following new section:

SEC. . None of the funds made available in this Act for the Corporation for National and Community Service may be used for the operation of the Presidio Leadership Center at the Presidio National Park in San Francisco, California, or for the operation of any other training facility.

H.R. 3666

OFFERED BY: MR. HOEKSTRA

AMENDMENT No. 20: At the end of the bill, insert after the last section (preceding the short title) the following new section:

SEC. . None of the funds made available in this Act for the Corporation for National and Community Service may be used for training and technical assistance contracts.

H.R. 3666

OFFERED BY: MR. HOEKSTRA

AMENDMENT No. 21: At the end of the bill, insert after the last section (preceding the short title) the following new section:

SEC. . None of the funds made available in this Act for the Corporation for National and Community Service may be used for uniforms, site signs, palm cards, or any other national identity activity.

H.R. 3666

OFFERED BY: MR. HOEKSTRA

AMENDMENT No. 22: At the end of the bill, insert after the last section (preceding the short title) the following new section:

SEC. . None of the funds made available in this Act for the Corporation for National and

Community Service may be used to award any grant to any national service program when it is made known to the Federal official having authority to obligate or expend such funds that the amount of such grant exceeds \$21,000 per program participant, using the accounting methodology utilized by the Government Accounting Office in its cost study of the Corporation.

H.R. 3666

OFFERED BY: MR. HOKE

AMENDMENT No. 23: At the end of the item relating to "DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT—COMMUNITY PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT—COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANTS FUND", insert the following:

Of the amount made available under this heading, \$5,000,000 shall be available for the John Heinz Neighborhood Development Program under section 123 of the Housing and Urban-Rural Recovery Act of 1983.

H.R. 3666

OFFERED BY: MR. HOKE

AMENDMENT No. 24: Page 95, after line 21, insert the following new section:

SEC. 422. None of the funds appropriated by this Act may be used for the aircraft consolidation at the Dryden Flight Research Center proposed in May 1995 in the Zero-Base Review of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

H.R. 3666

OFFERED BY: MS. JACKSON-LEE

AMENDMENT No. 25: Page 95, after line 21, insert the following new section:

SEC. 422. None of the funds made available in this Act may be used to provide assistance under section 8 of the United States Housing Act of 1937 when it is made known to the Federal official having authority to obligate or expend such funds that—

(1) the assistance will be used for tenant-based assistance in connection with the revitalization of severely distressed public housing; and

(2) the public housing agency to which such funds are to be provided—

(A) has a waiting list for public housing of not less than 10,000 families;

(B) has a jurisdiction for which the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development has determined (pursuant to section 203(e)(2)(A) of the Housing and Community Development Amendments of 1978 or otherwise) that there is not an adequate supply of habitable, affordable housing for low-income families using tenant-based assistance; and

(C) does not include, under its plan for revitalization of severely distressed public housing, replacement of some of the public housing dwelling units demolished with new units.

H.R. 3666

OFFERED BY: MR. KENNEDY OF MASSACHUSETTS

AMENDMENT No. 26: In the item relating to "DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT—HOUSING PROGRAMS—ANNUAL CONTRIBUTIONS FOR ASSISTED HOUSING", after "\$5,372,000,000" insert "(increased by \$174,000,000)".

In the item relating to "INDEPENDENT AGENCIES—NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION—HUMAN SPACE FLIGHT", after "\$5,362,900,000" insert "(decreased by \$174,000,000)".

H.R. 3666

OFFERED BY: MR. KENNEDY OF MASSACHUSETTS

AMENDMENT No. 27: In the item relating to "DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT—COMMUNITY PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT—HOMELESS ASSISTANCE

FUNDS", after "\$23,000,000" insert "(increased by \$297,000,000)".

In the item relating to "INDEPENDENT AGENCIES—NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION—HUMAN SPACE FLIGHT", after "\$5,362,900,000" insert "(decreased by \$297,000,000)".

H.R. 3666

OFFERED BY: MR. KLUG

AMENDMENT No. 28: Page 30, line 13, strike ", including" and all that follows through line 17 and insert a period.

H.R. 3666

OFFERED BY: MR. KOLBE

AMENDMENT No. 29: Strike Section 421 of the bill.

H.R. 3666

OFFERED BY: MR. LAZIO

AMENDMENT No. 30: Page 19, line 9, after the dollar amount insert "(reduced by \$235,000,000)".

Page 19, line 11, after the dollar amount insert "(reduced by \$235,000,000)".

Page 20, line 18, after the dollar amount insert "(increased by \$235,000,000)".

H.R. 3666

OFFERED BY: MR. LAZIO

AMENDMENT No. 31: Page 19, line 9, after the dollar amount insert "(reduced by \$100,000,000)".

Page 19, line 11, after the dollar amount insert "(reduced by \$100,000,000)".

Page 20, line 18, after the dollar amount insert "(increased by \$100,000,000)".

H.R. 3666

OFFERED BY: MR. LAZIO

AMENDMENT No. 32: Page 19, line 9, after the dollar amount insert "(reduced by \$84,000,000)".

Page 19, line 11, after the dollar amount insert "(reduced by \$84,000,000)".

Page 20, line 24, after the dollar amount insert "(increased by \$84,000,000)".

H.R. 3666

OFFERED BY: MR. LAZIO

AMENDMENT No. 33: Page 19, line 9, after the dollar amount insert "(reduced by \$40,000,000)".

Page 19, line 11, after the dollar amount insert "(reduced by \$40,000,000)".

Page 20, line 24, after the dollar amount insert "(increased by \$40,000,000)".

H.R. 3666

OFFERED BY: MRS. LOWEY

AMENDMENT No. 34: Page 70, line 21, after the semicolon insert: "\$15,000,000 for grants to the State of New York to be used for New York City Watershed Protection;".

H.R. 3666

OFFERED BY: MR. MARKEY

AMENDMENT No. 35: Page 95, after line 21, insert:

SEC. 422. None of the funds made available to the Environmental Protection Agency under the heading HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCE SUPERFUND may be used to provide any reimbursement of response costs incurred by any person when it is made known to the official having the authority to obligate such funds that such person has agreed to pay such costs under a judicially approved consent decree entered into before the enactment of this Act, and none of the funds made available under such heading may be used to pay any amount when it is made known to the official having the authority to obligate such funds that such amount represents a retroactive liability discount or similar reimbursement for response costs incurred by any person for liability under section 107 of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980 that

is attributable to a status or activity of such person that existed or occurred prior to January 1, 1987.

H.R. 3666

OFFERED BY: MR. MINGE

AMENDMENT No. 36: Page 30, line 13, strike ", including" and all that follows through line 17 and insert a period.

H.R. 3666

OFFERED BY: MR. PALLONE

AMENDMENT No. 37: Strike the last proviso under the heading HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCE SUPERFUND.

H.R. 3666

OFFERED BY: MR. ROEMER

AMENDMENT No. 38: At the end of the item relating to "NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION—ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS", insert the following:

The amounts otherwise provided in this title for the following accounts and activities of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration are hereby reduced by the following amounts:

(1) "Human Space Flight", \$1,840,200,000.

(2) "Science, Aeronautics and Technology", \$308,400,000.

H.R. 3666

OFFERED BY: MR. ROEMER

AMENDMENT No. 39: In the item relating to "NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION—HUMAN SPACE FLIGHT", after the dollar amount, insert the following: "(reduced by \$75,000,000)".

H.R. 3666

OFFERED BY: MR. ROEMER

AMENDMENT No. 40: At the end of the bill, insert after the last section (preceding the short title) the following new section:

SEC. . None of the funds made available in this Act for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration may be used to carry out, or pay the salaries of personnel who carry out, the Bion 11 and Bion 12 projects.

H.R. 3666

OFFERED BY: MR. SANDERS

AMENDMENT No. 41: Page 37, line 13, after the first dollar amount, insert the following: "(reduced by \$1,411,000)".

Page 64, line 9, after the dollar amount, insert the following: "(increased by \$1,411,000)".

H.R. 3666

OFFERED BY: MR. SHAYS

AMENDMENT No. 42: In the item relating to "DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT—HOUSING OPPORTUNITIES FOR PERSONS WITH AIDS," after the dollar amount, insert the following: "(increased by \$15,000,000)".

In the item relating to "FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY—SALARIES AND EXPENSES", after the last dollar amount, insert the following: "(reduced by \$15,000,000)".

H.R. 3666

OFFERED BY: MR. SHAYS

AMENDMENT No. 43: In the item relating to "DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT—HOUSING OPPORTUNITIES FOR PERSONS WITH AIDS," after the dollar amount, insert the following: "(increased by \$15,000,000)".

In the item relating to "NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION—HUMAN SPACE FLIGHT", after the dollar amount, insert the following: "(reduced by \$15,000,000)".

H.R. 3666

OFFERED BY: MR. SHAYS

AMENDMENT No. 44: In the item relating to "DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT—HOUSING OPPORTUNITIES

FOR PERSONS WITH AIDS," after the dollar amount, insert the following: "(increased by \$15,000,000)".

In the item relating to "NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION—SCIENCE, AERONAUTICS AND TECHNOLOGY", after the dollar amount, insert the following: "(reduced by \$15,000,000)".

H.R. 3666

OFFERED BY: MR. SHAYS

AMENDMENT No. 45: In the item relating to "DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT—HOUSING OPPORTUNITIES FOR PERSONS WITH AIDS," after the dollar amount, insert the following: "(increased by \$15,000,000)".

In the item relating to "NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION—SCIENCE, AERONAUTICS AND TECHNOLOGY", after the dollar amount, insert the following: "(reduced by \$60,000,000)".

H.R. 3666

OFFERED BY: MR. SHAYS

AMENDMENT No. 46: In the item relating to "DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT—HOUSING OPPORTUNITIES FOR PERSONS WITH AIDS", after the dollar amount, insert the following: "(increased by \$15,000,000)".

In the item relating to "NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION—MISSION SUPPORT", after the last dollar amount, insert the following: "(reduced by \$15,000,000)".

H.R. 3666

OFFERED BY: MR. SHAYS

AMENDMENT No. 47: In the item relating to "DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT—HOUSING OPPORTUNITIES FOR PERSONS WITH AIDS", after the dollar amount, insert the following: "(increased by \$15,000,000)".

In the item relating to "NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION—MISSION SUPPORT", after the last dollar amount, insert the following: "(reduced by \$60,000,000)".

H.R. 3666

OFFERED BY: MR. SHAYS

AMENDMENT No. 48: In the item relating to "DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT—HOUSING OPPORTUNITIES FOR PERSONS WITH AIDS", after the dollar amount, insert the following: "(increased by \$15,000,000, which additional amount shall become available for obligation on September 30, 1997)".

In the item relating to "FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY—DISASTER RELIEF", after the dollar amount, insert the following: "(reduced by \$15,000,000)".

H.R. 3666

OFFERED BY: MR. SOLOMON

AMENDMENT No. 49: Page 95, after line 21, insert the following new sections:

SEC. 422. (a) DENIAL OF FUNDS FOR PREVENTING ROTC ACCESS TO CAMPUS.—None of the funds made available in this Act may be provided by contract or by grant (including a grant of funds to be available for student aid) to an institution of higher education when it is made known to the Federal official having authority to obligate or expend such funds that the institution (or any subelement thereof) has a policy or practice (regardless of when implemented) that prohibits, or in effect prevents—

(1) the maintaining, establishing, or operation of a unit of the Senior Reserve Officer Training Corps (in accordance with section 654 of title 10, United States Code, and other applicable Federal laws) at the institution (or subelement); or

(2) a student at the institution (or subelement) from enrolling in a unit of the Senior Reserve Officer Training Corps at another institution of higher education.

(b) EXCEPTION.—The limitation established in subsection (a) shall not apply to an institution of higher education when it is made known to the Federal official having authority to obligate or expend such funds that—

(a) the institution (or subelement) has ceased the policy or practice described in such subsection; or

(2) the institution has a longstanding policy of pacifism based on historical religious affiliation.

SEC. 423. (a) DENIAL OF FUNDS FOR PREVENTING FEDERAL MILITARY RECRUITING ON CAMPUS.—None of the funds made available in this Act may be provided by contract or grant (including a grant of funds to be available for student aid) to any institution of higher education when it is made known to the Federal official having authority to obligate or expend such funds that the institution (or any subelement thereof) has a policy or practice (regardless of when implemented) that prohibits, or in effect prevents—

(1) entry to campuses, or access to students (who are 17 years of age or older) on campuses, for purposes of Federal military recruiting; or

(2) access to the following information pertaining to students (who are 17 years of age or older) for purposes of Federal military recruiting, student names, addresses, telephone listings, dates and places of birth, levels of education, degrees received, prior military experience, and the most recent previous educational institutions enrolled in by the students.

(b) EXCEPTION.—The limitation established in subsection (a) shall not apply to an institution of higher education when it is made known to the Federal official having authority to obligate or expend such funds that—

(1) the institution (or subelement) has ceased the policy or practice described in such subsection; or

(2) the institution has a longstanding policy of pacifism based on historical religious affiliation.

SEC. 424. None of the funds made available in this Act may be obligated or expended to enter into or renew a contract with an entity when it is made known to the Federal official having authority to obligate or expend such funds that—

(1) such entity is otherwise a contractor with the United States and is subject to the requirement in section 4212(d) of title 38, United States Code, regarding submission of an annual report to the Secretary of Labor concerning employment of certain veterans; and

(2) such entity has not submitted a report as required by that section for the most recent year for which such requirement was applicable to such entity.

H.R. 3666

OFFERED BY: MR. STUMP

AMENDMENT NO. 50: After section 401 (page 88, after line 16), insert the following new section:

SEC. 401A. The amount provided in title I for "Veterans Health Administration—Medi-

cal care" is hereby increased by, the amount provided in title I for "Departmental Administration—General operating expenses" is hereby increased by, and each amount of budget authority provided in this Act for payments not required by law for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1997 (other than any amount of budget authority provided in title I and any such amount provided in title III for the American Battle Monuments Commission, the Court of Veterans Appeals, or Cemeterial Expenses, Army), is hereby reduced by, \$40,000,000, \$17,000,000, and 0.40 percent, respectively.

H.R. 3666

OFFERED BY: MR. TIAHRT

AMENDMENT NO. 51: Page 8, line 8, after the dollar amount, insert the following: "(increased by \$20,000,000)".

Page 8, line 19, after the dollar amount, insert the following: "(increased by \$20,000,000)".

Page 61, line 14, after each of the two dollar amounts, insert the following: "(reduced to \$0)".

Page 64, line 4, after the dollar amount, insert the following: "(reduced to \$0)".

H.R. 3666

OFFERED BY: MR. WALKER

AMENDMENT NO. 52: In the item relating to "NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION—RESEARCH AND RELATED ACTIVITIES", after the first dollar amount, insert the following: "(increased by \$9,110,000)".

In the item relating to "NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION—SALARIES AND EXPENSES", after the second dollar amount, insert the following: "(reduced by \$9,110,000)".

H.R. 3666

OFFERED BY: MR. WELLER

AMENDMENT NO. 53: At the end of the bill (before the short title), insert the following new section:

SEC. . (a) DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS SHARING AGREEMENTS FOR HEALTH CARE RESOURCES.—(1) Subchapter IV of chapter 81 of title 38, United States Code, is amended—

(A) by striking out section 8151; and
(B) by redesignating sections 8152, 8153, 8154, 8155, 8156, 8157, and 8158 as sections 8151, 8152, 8153, 8154, 8155, 8156, and 8157, respectively.

(2) The table of sections at the beginning of such chapter is amended—

(A) by striking out the item relating to section 8151; and

(B) by revising the items relating to sections 8152, 8153, 8154, 8155, 8156, 8157, and 8158 to reflect the redesignations made by paragraph (1)(B).

(b) REVISED AUTHORITY FOR SHARING AGREEMENTS.—Section 8152 of such title (as redesignated by subsection (a)(1)(B)) is amended—

(1) in subsection (a)(1)(A)—

(A) by striking out "specialized medical resources" and inserting in lieu thereof "healthcare resources"; and

(B) by striking out "other" and all that follows through "medical schools" and inserting in lieu thereof "any medical school, health-care provider, health-care plan, insurer, or other entity or individual";

(2) in subsection (a)(2) by striking out "only" and all that follows through "are not" and inserting in lieu thereof "if such resources are not, or would not be,";

(3) in subsection (b), by striking out "reciprocal reimbursement" in the first sentence and all that follows through the period at the end of that sentence and inserting in lieu thereof "payment to the Department in accordance with procedures that provide appropriate flexibility to negotiate payment which is in the best interest of the Government.";

(4) in subsection (d), by striking out "preclude such payment, in accordance with—" and all that follows through "to such facility therefor" and inserting in lieu thereof "preclude such payment to such payment to such facility for such care or services";

(5) by redesignating subsection (e) as subsection (f); and

(6) by inserting after subsection (d) the following new subsection (e):

"(e) The Secretary may make an arrangement that authorizes the furnishing of services by the Secretary under this section to individuals who are not veterans only if the Secretary determines—

"(1) that such an arrangement will not result in the denial of, or a delay in providing access to, care to any veteran at that facility; and

"(2) that such an arrangement—

"(A) is necessary to maintain an acceptable level and quality of service to veterans at that facility; or

"(B) will result in the improvement of services to eligible veterans at that facility.".

(c) CROSS-REFERENCE AMENDMENTS.—(1) Section 8110(c)(3)(A) of such title is amended by striking out "8153" and inserting in lieu thereof "8152".

(2) Subsection (b) of section 8154 of such title (as redesignated by subsection (a)(1)(B)) is amended by striking out "section 8154" and inserting in lieu thereof "section 8153".

(3) Section 8156 of such title (as redesignated by subsection (a)(1)(B)) is amended—

(A) in subsection (a), by striking out "section 8153(a)" and inserting in lieu thereof "section 8152(a)"; and

(B) in subsection (b)(3), by striking out "section 8153" and inserting in lieu thereof "section 8152".

(4) Subsection (a) of section 8157 of such title (as redesignated by subsection (a)(1)(B)) is amended—

(A) in the matter preceding paragraph (1), by striking out "section 8157" and "section 8153(a)" and inserting in lieu thereof "section 8156" and "section 8152(a)", respectively; and

(B) in paragraph (1), by striking out "section 8157(b)(4)" and inserting in lieu thereof "section 8156(b)(4)".