

PERMISSION TO FILE CONFERENCE REPORT ON H.R. 3603, AGRICULTURE, RURAL DEVELOPMENT, FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 1997

Mr. SKEEN. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the managers on the part of the House may have until midnight tonight to file a conference report on the bill (H.R. 3603) making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1997, and for other purposes.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. LATOURETTE). Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from New Mexico?

There was no objection.

PERMISSION TO FILE CONFERENCE REPORT ON H.R. 3517, MILITARY CONSTRUCTION APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 1997

Mr. SKEEN. I ask unanimous consent that the managers on the part of the House may have until midnight tonight to file the conference report on the bill (H.R. 3517) making appropriations for military construction, family housing, and base realignment and closure for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1997, and for other purposes.

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

There was no objection.

FURTHER MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A further message from the Senate by Mr. Lundregan, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate had passed with amendments in which the concurrence of the House is requested, a bill of the House of the following title:

H.R. 3754. An act making appropriations for the Legislative Branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1997, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the Senate insists upon its amendments to the bill (H.R. 3754) "An Act making appropriations for the Legislative Branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1997, and for other purposes," requests a conference with the House on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses thereon, and appoints Mr. MACK, Mr. BENNETT, Mr. CAMPBELL, Mr. HATFIELD, Mrs. MURRAY, Ms. MIKULSKI, and Mr. BYRD to be the conferees on the part of the Senate.

APPOINTMENT OF CONFEREES ON H.R. 3754, LEGISLATIVE BRANCH APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 1997

Mr. PACKARD. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to take from the Speaker's table the bill (H.R. 3754)

making appropriations for the legislative branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1997, and for other purposes, with Senate amendments thereto, disagree to the Senate amendments and agree to the conference asked by the Senate.

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

There was no objection.

MOTION TO INSTRUCT OFFERED BY MR. THORNTON.

Mr. THORNTON. Mr. Speaker, I offer a motion to instruct.

The Clerk read as follows:

Mr. THORNTON moves that the managers on the part of the House at the conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the bill, H.R. 3754, be instructed to concur in the Senate amendments authorizing continuation of and making funds available for the American Folklife Center at the Library of Congress.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 1(b), rule XXVIII, the gentleman from Arkansas [Mr. THORNTON] will be recognized for 30 minutes, and the gentleman from California [Mr. PACKARD] will be recognized for 30 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Arkansas [Mr. THORNTON].

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

Mr. Speaker, I will not take the time. This is a motion to instruct conferees to carry out the purposes of continuing the American Folklife Center in operation at the Library of Congress as proposed in the Senate legislation.

This is a good motion to instruct.

Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from California [Mr. PACKARD].

Mr. PACKARD. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for yielding to me. I appreciate the motion to instruct and accept the motion to instruct and hope that the gentleman will pursue it in conference.

Mr. THORNTON. Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. PACKARD. Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the previous question is ordered on the motion to instruct.

There was no objection.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion to instruct offered by the gentleman from Arkansas [Mr. THORNTON].

The motion to instruct was agreed to.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the Chair appoints the following conferees: Messrs: PACKARD, YOUNG of Florida, TAYLOR of North Carolina, MILLER of Florida, WICKER, LIVINGSTON, THORNTON, SERRANO, FAZIO of California, and OBEY.

There was no objection.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE HON. BARBARA-ROSE COLLINS, MEMBER OF CONGRESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following commu-

nication from the Hon. BARBARA-ROSE COLLINS, Member of Congress:

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, July 25, 1996.

Hon. NEWT GINGRICH,
Speaker, House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: This is to formally notify you, pursuant to Rule L (50) of the Rules of the House of Representatives, that the custodian of records in my Washington office has been served with a grand jury subpoena duces tecum issued by the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan.

After consultation with the Office of General Counsel, I have determined that compliance with the subpoena may be consistent with the precedents and privileges of the House with respect to some documents sought by the subpoena, but that the subpoena may seek other documents that are privileged from production by the Speech or Debate Clause of the Constitution.

Sincerely,

BARBARA-ROSE COLLINS,
Member of Congress.

THE SAFE MOTHERHOOD REPORT

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

Mrs. SCHROEDER. Mr. Speaker, today is my 56th birthday. I am very, very happy to be here because on my 30th birthday, 26 years ago, I spent it in intensive care, getting last rites, suffering from complications due to childbirth. Obviously, safe motherhood has always been a great concern of mine.

I am putting today in the RECORD the report that I asked for from the Department of Health and Human Services on the status of safe motherhood in America. This report goes right at the myths, and it is time we put those myths aside.

I was startled by the findings that almost 25 percent of the deliveries in America, both vaginal and caesarean, have serious maternal complications. I was startled to read that probably maternal deaths are underreported by at least half. It is time we start dealing with this health risk to women very seriously, put the myths aside, and I hope everyone reads this report.

Mr. Speaker, early this century when women were fighting for the right to vote, safe motherhood was a rallying cry for them. In 1913, more women between the age of 15 and 44 died in childbirth than from any other cause except for tuberculosis.

With all the advances in medical treatment and technology, we have moved a long way toward making the goal of safe motherhood a reality. But we are not there yet. Young, healthy women still die in this country because of complications due to pregnancy and childbirth.

I have been amazed at how little American, including Members of Congress, know about what can go wrong during pregnancy. As a woman who almost died in childbirth, I can assure you it can happen. For this reason, earlier this year, I asked the Department of Health and Human Services for a report on