conference committee the two Republicans, the gentleman from Georgia (Mr. Norwood) and myself, who wrote the bill that passed this House with 275 votes, thus precluding our efforts to try to achieve a compromise to get a strong piece of legislation passed. But we are still available, and we are still working.

I actually am optimistic about the chances of getting true patient protection legislation passed because, as I look at the vote in the Senate, I think we now have 50 supporters plus for the bill that passed this House. I expect that, when that bill comes up again in the Senate after the August recess, we very well may see that the bill that passed the House with 275 votes also passes the Senate, and I am sure the President will sign that.

On the matter of tobacco, I see very little movement in the House even though the gentleman from Michigan (Mr. Dingell) and I have 95 cosponsors though the gentleman from Michigan, President will sign that. I actually am optimistic about the chances of getting true patient protection legislation passed because, as I look at the vote in the Senate, I think we now have 50 supporters plus for the bill that passed this House. I expect that, when that bill comes up again in the Senate after the August recess, we very well may see that the bill that passed the House with 275 votes also passes the Senate, and I am sure the President will sign that.

Well, I remain optimistic that, as we continue to work on these issues, we will make progress. I sincerely thank all of my colleagues from both sides of the aisle who have shown so much interest in actually achieving true and real reform legislation in both of these areas.

REPORT ON RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 4865, SOCIAL SECURITY BENEFITS TAX RELIEF ACT OF 2000.

Mr. DREIER. (during the Special Order of Mr. Ganske), from the Committee on Rules, submitted a privileged report (H. Res. 564) for consideration of the bill (H.R. 4865) to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the 1993 income tax increase on Social Security benefits, which was referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. Green of Wisconsin). Pursuant to clause 12 of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

Accordingly (at 7 o'clock and 39 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 8 of rule XII, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

9375. A letter from the Under Secretary, Food, Nutrition, and Consumer Services, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Food Stamp Program: Recipient Claim Establishment and Collection Standards (RIN 0584-A188) received July 6, 2000, pursuant to S.U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.


9377. A communication from the President of the Department of Labor, transmitting the request and availability of appropriations for the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program of the Department of Health and Human Services, No. 106-276; to the Committee on Appropriations and ordered to be printed.

AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. Reynolds) at 11 o'clock and 28 minutes p.m.
of Energy, transmitting the Department's final rule—Guidelines for Preparing Criticality Safety Evaluations at Department of Energy Non-Reactor Nuclear Facilities [DOE Notice No. 19006-D (WASH 1400)], pursuant to 10 CFR 830(b)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

9390. A letter from the Deputy Director, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of Commerce, transmitting the Department's final rule—Amending the Department's Affirmative Employment Program Accomplishments Report for FY 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 3501, to the Committee on Government Reform.

9411. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting certification of a proposed license for the export of defense articles or defense services sold commercially under a contract to the United Kingdom [Transmittal No. DTC 36-00], pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2776(d); to the Committee on International Relations.

9412. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of Commerce, transmitting the Department's final rule—The Sale of Defense Articles and/or Defense Services to the United Kingdom, Australia and New Zealand [Transmittal No. DTC 059-00], pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2776(b); to the Committee on International Relations.

9413. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting certification of a proposed license for the export of defense articles or defense services sold commercially under a contract to Italy [Transmittal No. DTC 90-00], pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2776(c); to the Committee on International Relations.

9414. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting certification of a proposed license for the export of defense articles or defense services sold commercially under a contract to Germany, NATO, Sweden, Switzerland, Austria, and Thailand [Transmittal No. DTC 059-00], pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2776(c); to the Committee on International Relations.

9415. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting certification of a proposed license for the export of defense articles or defense services sold commercially under a contract to Australia [Transmittal No. DTC 92-00], pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2776(c); to the Committee on International Relations.

9416. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting certification of a proposed license for the export of defense articles or defense services sold commercially under a contract to Japan [Transmittal No. DTC 081-00], pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2776(c); to the Committee on International Relations.

9417. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting certification of a proposed license for the export of defense articles or defense services sold commercially under a contract to Saudi Arabia [Transmittal No. DTC 085-00], pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2776(c); to the Committee on International Relations.

9418. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting certification of a proposed license for the export of defense articles or defense services sold commercially under a contract to Japan [Transmittal No. DTC 081-00], pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2776(c); to the Committee on International Relations.

9419. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting certification of a proposed Manufacturing License Agreement with the United Kingdom [Transmittal No. DTC 088-00], pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2776(d); to the Committee on International Relations.

9420. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting certification of a proposed license for the export of defense articles or defense services sold commercially under a contract to the United Kingdom [Transmittal No. DTC 36-00], pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2776(d); to the Committee on International Relations.
Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Pacific Ocean Perch in the Central Aleutian District of the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands [Docket No. 0022103040-010-L] received July 20, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

4922. A letter from the Acting Executive Director, Futures Trading Commission, transmitting the Commission’s final rule—Adjustment of Civil Monetary Penalties for inflation (FIN: 3038-A59) received July 14, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Finance.

4923. A letter from the Assistant Secretary of the Army, Civil Works, Department of Defense, transmitting a report on an experimental restoration and recreation project along the Rio Salado and Indian Bend Wash in Phoenix and Tempe, Arizona; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

4924. A letter from the Associate Administrator for Procurement, National Aeronautics and Space Administration, transmitting the Administration’s final rule—Exemption of SBIR/STTR Phase II Contracts from Interim Past Performance Evaluations Under SBIR/STTR Phase I Contracts, received July 15, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Science.

4925. A letter from the Associate Administrator for National Aeronautics and Space Administration, transmitting the Administration’s final rule—Revises the Final Reports under NASA Research and Development Contracts—Reinjection of Dry Ice into the Space Station, received July 16, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Science.

4926. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service’s final rule—Coordinated Issue: Motor Vehicle Industry Service Technician Tool Reimbursements (UUI 62.1S-00) received July 20, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

4927. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service’s final rule—Interest Rate Update [Notice 2000-40] received July 24, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.


4929. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service’s final rule—Coordinated Issue: All Industries Lease Stripping Transmissions [UIL 9296.00-00] received July 24, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.


4931. A letter from the Board Members, Railroad Retirement Board, transmitting the 2000 annual report on the financial status of the railroad unemployment insurance system, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 369(j) jointly to the Committees on Ways and Means and Transportation and Infrastructure.

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 July 25, 2000]

Mr. TALENT: Committee on Small Business. H. 4571 and the Small Business Investment Act of 1958 to direct the Administrator of the Small Business Administration to establish a New Market Venture Capital Program [Pursuant to 106-755]. Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

[Submitted July 26, 2000]

Mr. ARCHER: Committee on Ways and Means. H.R. 4844. A bill to modernize the financing of the railroad retirement system and to provide enhanced benefits to employees and beneficiaries; with an amendment (Rept. 106-777 Pt. 2). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. ARCHER: Committee on Ways and Means. H.R. 4017. To provide more child support money to families leaving welfare, to simplify the rules governing the assignment and distribution of child support collected by States and to benefit a memorial repair the collection of child support, to promote marriage, and for other purposes; with an amendment (Rept. 106-793 Pt. 1). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. SESSums on Rules. House Resolution 564. Resolution providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 4885) to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the 1993 income tax increase on Social Security benefits (Rept. 106-795). Referred to the House Calendar.

DISCHARGE OF COMMITTEE

Pursuant to clause 5 of rule X the Committees on Judiciary and Education and the Workforce discharged. H.R. 4678 referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union and ordered to be printed.

TIME LIMITATION ON REFERRED BILL

Pursuant to clause 5 of rule X the following action was taken by the Speaker:

H.R. 4678. Referral to the Committees on the Judiciary and Education and the Workforce extended for a period ending not later than July 26, 2000.

MEMORIALS

Under clause 3 of rule XII, memorials were presented and referred as follows:

435. Also, a memorial of the Senate of the State of Michigan, relative to Senate Resolution No. 119 memorializing the Congress of the United States to investigate the rapid increase in gasoline prices and to take immediate action; to the Committee on Commerce.

436. Also, a memorial of the Congress of the United States to enact H.R. 2456, The Marriage Tax Elimination Act; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

437. Also, a memorial of the House of Representatives of the State of Massachusetts, relative to the Congress of the United States to enact Senate Resolution No. 189 memorializing Congress to propose an amendment to the Constitution of the United States to prohibit courts from instructing states or political subdivisions of states to levy or increase taxes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

438. Also, a memorial of the House of Representatives of the State of New Hampshire, relative to House Concurrent Resolution No. 27 memorializing Congress to propose an amendment to the Constitution of the United States to maintain its commitment to America’s retirees by providing lifetime health care for military retirees over the age of sixty-five; to enact comprehensive legislation that would permit additional states to establish private long-term care insurance programs with asset protection features similar to those in New York State; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

439. Also, a memorial of the House of Representatives of the State of New Jersey, relative to Assembly Resolution No. 72 memorializing the United States Congress and the Congress of the State of New Jersey to enact Senate Resolution No. 35 memorizing the United States Congress to pass S. 2214, a bill opening the coastal plain of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge to responsible exploration, development and production of its oil and gas resources; to the Committee on Resources.

440. Also, a memorial of the General Assembly of the State of New Jersey, relative to Assembly Resolution No. 58 memorializing the President and the Congress of the United States to enact H.R. 271 of 1999, the Justice for Holocaust Survivors Act, which would permit U.S. citizens who are victims of the Holocaust, whether or not they were U.S. citizens during World War II, to sue the Federal Republic of Germany for compensation in U.S. courts of law; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

441. Also, a memorial of the General Assembly of the State of New Jersey, relative to Senate Resolution No. 48 memorializing Congress to enact H.R. 2456, The Marriage Tax Elimination Act; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

442. Also, a memorial of the House of Representatives of the State of Michigan, relative to House Concurrent Resolution No. 27 memorializing the Congress of the United States to maintain its commitment to America’s retirees by providing lifetime health care for military retirees over the age of sixty-five; to enact comprehensive legislation that would permit additional states to establish private long-term care insurance programs with asset protection features similar to those in New York State; to the Committee on the Judiciary. 

443. Also, a memorial of the Congress of the United States to enact statutory provisions to authorize the President to enact those United States laws which would permit additional states to establish private long-term care insurance programs with asset protection features similar to those in New York State; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

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