

year 1996, and every second year thereafter, this discussion shall include information regarding the following:

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

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

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

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

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

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

"3736. Reporting requirements."

(b) **REPEAL OF SUPERSEDED REPORTING REQUIREMENTS.**—The Veterans Home Loan Program Amendments of 1992 (Public Law 102-547; 106 Stat. 3633) is amended by striking out sections 2(c),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

SEC. 202. OTHER REPORT REQUIREMENTS.

(a) **REPORT ON CONSOLIDATION OF CERTAIN PROGRAMS.**—The Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall submit to Congress, not later than March 1, 1997, a report on the advantages and disadvantages of consolidating into one program the following three programs:

(1) The alcohol and drug abuse contract care program under section 1720A of title 38, United States Code.

(2) The program to provide community-based residential care to homeless chronically mentally ill veterans under section 115 of the Veterans' Benefits and Services Act of 1988 (38 U.S.C. 1712 note).

(3) The demonstration program under section 7 of Public Law 102-54 (38 U.S.C. 1718 note).

(b) **HEALTH PROFESSIONAL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM.**—(1) The Secretary shall submit to Congress, not later than March 31, 1997, a report setting forth the results of a study evaluating the operation of the health professional scholarship program under subchapter II of chapter 76 of title 38, United States Code. The study shall evaluate the efficacy of the program with respect to recruitment and retention of health care personnel for the Department of Veterans Affairs and shall compare the costs and benefits of the program with the costs and benefits of alternative methods of ensuring adequate recruitment and retention of such personnel.

(2) The Secretary shall carry out the study under this paragraph through a private contractor. The report under paragraph (1) shall include the report of the contractor and the comments, if any, of the Secretary on that report.

(c) **ENHANCED USE LEASES.**—The Secretary shall submit to Congress, not later than March 31, 1997, a report evaluating the operation of the program under subchapter V of chapter 81 of title 38, United States Code.

SEC. 203. CONTRACTS FOR UTILITIES, AUDIE L. MURPHY MEMORIAL HOSPITAL.

(a) **AUTHORITY TO CONTRACT.**—Subject to subsection (b), the Secretary of Veterans Affairs may enter into contracts for the provision of utilities (including steam and chilled water) to the Audie L. Murphy Memorial Hospital in San Antonio, Texas. Each such contract may—

(1) be for a period not to exceed 35 years;

(2) provide for the construction and operation of a production facility on or near property under the jurisdiction of the Secretary;

(3) require capital contributions by the parties involved for the construction of such

a facility, such contribution to be in the form of cash, equipment, or other in-kind contribution; and

(4) provide for a predetermined formula to compute the cost of providing such utilities to the parties for the duration of the contract.

(b) **FUNDS.**—A contract may be entered into under subsection (a) only to the extent as provided for in advance in appropriations Acts.

(c) **ADDITIONAL TERMS.**—The Secretary may include in a contract under subsection (a) such additional provisions as the Secretary considers necessary to secure the provision of utilities and to protect the interests of the United States.

In lieu of the Senate amendment to the title of the bill, amend the title so as to read: "An Act to amend title 38, United States Code, to extend the authority of the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to carry out certain programs and activities, to require certain reports from the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes."

A motion to reconsider the vote whereby said Senate amendments were agreed to with amendments was, by unanimous consent, laid on the table.

Ordered, That the Clerk request the concurrence of the Senate in said amendments.

¶7.19 MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT—
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. HEFLEY, laid before the House a message from the President, which was read as follows:

To the Congress of the United States:

In accordance with section 308 of Public Law 97-449 (49 U.S.C. 308(a)), I transmit herewith the Annual Report of the Department of Transportation, which covers fiscal year 1994.

WILLIAM J. CLINTON.

THE WHITE HOUSE, *January 25, 1996.*

By unanimous consent, the message, together with the accompanying papers, was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

¶7.20 LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted—

To Mrs. CHENOWETH, for today until 1 p.m.;

To Mr. SERRANO, for today; and

To Ms. JOHNSON of Texas, for today after 6:30 p.m.

And then,

¶7.21 ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Mr. FALEOMAVAEGA, pursuant to the special order heretofore agreed to, at 9 o'clock and 2 minutes, p.m., the House adjourned until 12 o'clock noon on Friday, January 26, 1996.

¶7.22 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. GIBBONS (for himself, Mr. RANGEL, Mr. STARK, Mr. JACOBS, Mr. FORD, Mr. MATSUI, Mrs. KENNELLY, Mr. COYNE, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. McDERMOTT, Mr. KLECZKA, Mr. LEWIS of Georgia, Mr. PAYNE of Virginia, Mr. NEAL of Massachusetts, and Mr. McNULTY):

H.R. 2879. A bill to provide that individuals performing services for the peacekeeping effort in the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina shall be entitled to tax benefits in the same manner as if such services were performed in a combat zone; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. LIVINGSTON:

H.R. 2880. A bill making appropriations for fiscal year 1996 to make a downpayment toward a balanced budget, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Appropriations.

By Mr. BARRETT of Nebraska:

H.R. 2881. A bill to amend title 49, United States Code, to permit States to impose fees to finance programs for providing air service to small communities; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

By Mr. BLUTE:

H.R. 2882. A bill to require that the pay and benefits of the President, the Vice President, Members of Congress, and certain high level Government employees be treated in the same manner as the pay and benefits of Government employees who are affected by a Government shutdown; to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight, and in addition to the Committee on 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 Mr. BRYANT of Texas:

H.R. 2883. A bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to eliminate the requirement for States to seek recovery of medical assistance properly paid and to restrict the use of liens and such recovery in any MediGrant Program and any other future medical assistance programs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce.

By Mr. DORNAN:

H.R. 2884. A bill to provide that the income tax instructions shall include an explanation of any law under which the Federal budget is projected to be in balance in 7 years; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. GALLEGLY:

H.R. 2885. A bill to amend section 214 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1980 to limit the use of federally assisted housing by aliens; to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services.

By Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota:

H.R. 2886. A bill to amend the Impact Aid Program to provide for a holdharmless with respect to amounts for payments relating to the Federal acquisition of real property, to permit certain local educational agencies to apply for increased payments for fiscal year 1994 under the Impact Aid Program, and to amend the Impact Aid Program to make a technical correction with respect to maximum payments for certain heavily impacted local educational agencies; to the Committee on Economic and Educational Opportunities.

H.R. 2887. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to exempt from the highway vehicle excise tax certain equipment specially designed for off-highway seasonal harvesting of agricultural commodities; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mrs. MALONEY (for herself, Mrs. COLLINS of Illinois, and Mr. BARRETT of Wisconsin):

H.R. 2888. A bill to ensure the economy, efficiency, and management of Government operations and activities relating to travel arranged by the Executive Office of the President, by abolishing the White House Travel Office and requiring procurement of travel-related services by the Executive Office of the President from private-sector sources; to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

By Mrs. MYRICK:

H.R. 2889. A bill to eliminate the duties on 2-Amino-3 chlorobenzoic acid, methyl ester; to the Committee on Ways and Means.