

intention to call up the following resolution, as a question of the privileges of the House:

Whereas the inability of the House to pass a bill to raise the public debt limit will cause the Federal Government to default on its obligations and affect the dignity and integrity of House proceedings; and

Whereas the inability of the House to pass a bill to raise the public debt limit will cause severe hardship on Federal employees, Federal contractors, and the American people and cause millions of American citizens to hold the House in disrepute: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That upon the adoption of this resolution, the Speaker of the House shall take such action to keep the House in session until the House considers a clean bill regarding the debt ceiling to avoid default of the full faith and credit of the United States.

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. HASTINGS of Washington, responded to the foregoing notice, and said:

"Under rule IX, a resolution offered from the floor by a Member other than the majority leader or the minority leader as a question of the privileges of the House has immediate precedence only at a time or place designated by the Speaker in the legislative schedule within two legislative days of its being properly noticed. That designation will be announced at a later time. In the meantime, the form of the resolution proffered by the gentlewoman from Texas will appear in the Record at this point.

"The Chair is not at this point making a determination as to whether the resolution constitutes a question of privilege. That determination will be made at the time designated for consideration of the resolution."

¶10.17 WAIVING POINTS OF ORDER

AGAINST THE CONFERENCE REPORT ON
H.R. 2546

Mr. LINDER, by direction of the Committee on Rules, called up the following resolution (H. Res. 351):

Resolved, That upon adoption of this resolution it shall be in order to consider the conference report to accompany the bill (H.R. 2546) making appropriations for the government of the District of Columbia and other activities chargeable in whole or in part against the revenues of said District for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1996, and for other purposes. All points of order against the conference report and against its consideration are waived. The conference report shall be considered as read.

When said resolution was considered.

After debate,

On motion of Mr. LINDER, the previous question was ordered on the resolution to its adoption or rejection and under the operation thereof, the resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider the vote whereby said resolution was agreed to was, by unanimous consent, laid on the table.

¶10.18 D.C. APPROPRIATIONS, FY 1996

Mr. WALSH, pursuant to House Resolution 351, called up the following conference report (Rept. No. 104-455):

The committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the

amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 2546) "making appropriations for the government of the District of Columbia and other activities chargeable in whole or in part against the revenues of said District for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1996, and for other purposes," having met, after full and free conference, have agreed to recommend and do recommend to their respective Houses as follows:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate, and agree to the same with an amendment, as follows:

In lieu of the matter stricken and inserted by said amendment, insert:

That the following sums are appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, for the Government of the District of Columbia for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1996, and for other purposes, namely:

TITLE I—FISCAL YEAR 1996 APPROPRIATIONS

FEDERAL PAYMENT TO THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

For payment to the District of Columbia for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1996, \$660,000,000, as authorized by section 502(a) of the District of Columbia Self-Government and Governmental Reorganization Act, Public Law 93-198, as amended (D.C. Code, sec. 47-3406.1).

FEDERAL CONTRIBUTION TO RETIREMENT FUNDS

For the Federal contribution to the Police Officers and Fire Fighters', Teachers', and Judges' Retirement Funds, as authorized by the District of Columbia Retirement Reform Act, approved November 17, 1979 (93 Stat. 866; Public Law 96-122), \$52,070,000.

FEDERAL CONTRIBUTION FOR EDUCATIONAL REFORM

For a Federal contribution to Education Reform, \$14,930,000 which shall be deposited into an escrow account of the District of Columbia Financial Responsibility and Management Assistance Authority, pursuant to section 205 of Public Law 104-8, approved April 17, 1995 (109 Stat. 131), and shall be disbursed from such account pursuant to the instructions of the Authority and in accordance with title II of this Act, where applicable, as follows:

\$200,000 shall be available for payments to charter schools;

\$300,000 shall be available for Public Charter School Board;

\$2,000,000 shall be transferred directly, notwithstanding any other provision of law, to the United States Department of Education for awarding grants to carry out Even Start programs in the District of Columbia as provided for in Subtitle C of title II of this Act;

\$1,250,000 shall be available to establish core curriculum, content standards, and assessments;

\$500,000 shall be available for payment to the Administrator of the General Services Administration for the costs of developing engineering plans for donated work on District of Columbia public school facilities;

\$100,000 shall be available to develop a plan for a residential school;

\$860,000 shall be available for the District Education and Learning Technologies Advancement Council;

\$1,450,000 shall be available to the District Employment and Learning Center;

\$1,000,000 shall be available for a professional development program for teachers and administrators administered by the non-profit corporation selected under section 2701 of title II of this Act;

\$1,450,000 shall be available for the Jobs for D.C. Graduates Program;

\$70,000 shall be available for the Everybody Wins program: Provided, That \$35,000 of this

amount shall not be available until the Superintendent certifies to the Chairman of the District of Columbia Financial Responsibility and Management Assistance Authority that he has raised a like amount from private sources;

\$100,000 shall be available for the Fit Kids program: Provided, That \$50,000 of this amount shall not be available until the Superintendent certifies to the Chairman of the District of Columbia Financial Responsibility and Management Assistance Authority that he has raised a like amount from private sources;

\$250,000 shall be transferred directly, notwithstanding any other provision of law, to the United States Department of Education to carry out the evaluation of the scholarship program as provided for in Subtitle N of title II of this Act;

\$400,000 shall be available to the District of Columbia Public Schools to improve security (such as installing electronic door locking devices) at such schools, including at a minimum the following schools: Winston Education Center; McKinley High School; Ballou High School; and Cardozo High School; and

\$5,000,000 shall be available for scholarships for low-income students and shall not be disbursed by the Authority until the Authority receives a certification from the District of Columbia Scholarship Corporation that the proposed allocation between the tuition scholarships and enhanced achievement scholarships has been approved by the Council of the District of Columbia consistent with the Scholarship Corporation's most recent proposal concerning the implementation of the low-income scholarship program. These funds shall lapse and be returned by the Authority to the U.S. Treasury on September 30, 1996, if the required certification from the Scholarship Corporation is not received by July 1, 1996: Provided, That no funds provided under this heading may be used for any indirect cost charges of the District of Columbia Board of Education, the District of Columbia Public Schools or the District of Columbia government.

DIVISION OF EXPENSES

The following amounts are appropriated for the District of Columbia for the current fiscal year out of the general fund of the District of Columbia, except as otherwise specifically provided.

GOVERNMENTAL DIRECTION AND SUPPORT

Governmental direction and support, \$149,130,000 and 1,498 full-time equivalent positions (end of year) (including \$117,464,000 and 1,158 full-time equivalent positions from local funds, \$2,464,000 and 5 full-time equivalent positions from Federal funds, \$4,474,000 and 71 full-time equivalent positions from other funds, and \$24,728,000 and 264 full-time equivalent positions from intra-District funds): Provided, That not to exceed \$2,500 for the Mayor, \$2,500 for the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, and \$2,500 for the City Administrator shall be available from this appropriation for expenditures for official purposes: Provided, further, That any program fees collected from the issuance of debt shall be available for the payment of expenses of the debt management program of the District of Columbia: Provided further, That no revenues from Federal sources shall be used to support the operations or activities of the Statehood Commission and Statehood Compact Commission: Provided further, That the District of Columbia shall identify the sources of funding for Admission to Statehood from its own locally-generated revenues: Provided further, That \$29,500,000 is for pay-as-you-go capital projects of which \$1,500,000 shall be for a capital needs assessment study, and \$28,000,000 shall be for a new financial management system, if so determined following