

(5) the Financial Institutions Examination Council;

(6) the National Credit Union Administration; and

(7) with respect to chapter 53 of title 31, United States Code, the Secretary of the Treasury.

(d) EXPIRATION.—Any exception made under this section shall expire not later than February 28, 1998.

SEC. 4005. SENSE OF THE CONGRESS.

It is the sense of the Congress that the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, the Comptroller of the Currency, the Director of the Office of Thrift Supervision, the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, and the National Credit Union Administration should encourage depository institutions to meet the financial services needs of their communities and customers located in areas affected by the 1997 flooding of the Red River of the North, the Minnesota River, and the tributaries of such rivers.

SEC. 4006. OTHER AUTHORITY NOT AFFECTED.

No provision of this Act shall be construed as limiting the authority of any department or agency under any other provision of law.

Subtitle B—HUD Disaster Waiver Provision

SEC. 4011. DISASTER WAIVER AUTHORITY.

To address the damage resulting from the consequences of the natural disasters occurring in the winter of 1996 and 1997 and the spring of 1997 (including severe weather in the Western United States, damaging tornadoes, and the March 1997 flooding in the Midwest), upon the request of a recipient of assistance the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development may, on a case-by-case basis and upon such other terms as the Secretary may specify—

(1) in applying section 122 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, waive (in whole or in part) the requirements that activities benefit persons of low- and moderate-income; and

(2) in applying section 290 of the HOME Investment Partnerships Act, waive (in whole or in part) the requirements that housing qualify as affordable housing.

Page 51, after line 23, insert the following:

SEC. 3003. (a) Chapter 63 of title 5, United States Code, is amended by adding after subchapter V the following:

“SUBCHAPTER VI—LEAVE TRANSFER IN DISASTERS AND EMERGENCIES

“§ 6391. Authority for leave transfer program in disasters and emergencies

“(a) For the purpose of this section—

“(1) ‘employee’ means an employee as defined in section 6331(a); and

“(2) ‘agency’ means an Executive agency

“(b) In the event of a major disaster or emergency, as declared by the President, that results in severe adverse effects for a substantial number of employees, the President may direct the Office of Personnel Management to establish an emergency leave transfer program under which any employee in any agency may donate unused annual leave for transfer to employees of the same or other agencies who are adversely affected by such disaster or emergency.

“(c) The Office shall establish appropriate requirements for the operation of the emergency leave transfer program under subsection (b), including appropriate limitations on the donation and use of annual leave under the program. An employee may receive and use leave under the program without regard to any requirement that any annual leave and sick leave to a leave recipient’s credit must be exhausted before any transferred annual leave may be used.

“(d) A leave bank established under subchapter IV may, to the extent provided in regulations prescribed by the Office, donate

annual leave to the emergency leave transfer program established under subsection (b).

“(e) Except to the extent that the Office may prescribe by regulation, nothing in section 7351 shall apply to any solicitation, donation, or acceptance of leave under this section.

“(f) The Office shall prescribe regulations necessary for the administration of this section.”

(b) The analysis for chapter 63 of title 5, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the following:

“SUBCHAPTER VI—LEAVE TRANSFER IN DISASTERS AND EMERGENCIES

“6391. Authority for leave transfer program in disasters and emergencies.”

SEC. . USE OF FUNDS FOR STUDIES OF MEDICAL USE OF MARIJUANA.

None of the funds appropriated by this Act or any other Act shall be used now or hereafter in any fiscal year for any study of the medicinal use of marijuana.

The bill, as amended, was ordered to be engrossed and read a third time, was read a third time by title.

The question being put,

Will the House pass said bill?

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. LAHOOD, announced that pursuant to clause 7 of rule XV the yeas and nays were ordered, and the call was taken by electronic device.

It was decided in the affirmative ..... 244 Yeas ..... 178 Nays ..... 1 Answered present 1

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Table listing names of members in support of the bill, including Abercrombie, Aderholt, Archer, Arme, Bachus, Baesler, Baker, Ballenger, Barcia, Barr, Barrett (NE), Bartlett, Barton, Bateman, Bereuter, Berry, Bilbray, Bilirakis, Bishop, Bliley, Blunt, Boehner, Bonilla, Bono, Boyd, Brady, Bryant, Bunning, Buyer, Callahan, Calvert, Camp, Canady, Cannon, Capps, Cardin, Chabot, Chambliss, Christensen, Clayton, Clement, Combust, Condit, Cook, Cooksey, Crane, Crapo, Cummings, Cunningham, Danner, Davis (VA), DeLay, Diaz-Balart, Dickey, Dingell, Doolittle, Dreier, Dunn, Baker, Ehrlich, Emerson, English, Ensign, Etheridge, Everett, Ewing, Fawell, Fazio, Foley, Forbes, Fowler, Fox, Franks (NJ), Frelinghuysen, Gallegly, Ganske, Gekas, Gibbons, Gilchrest, Gillmor, Gilman, Goode, Goodlatte, Goodling, Gordon, Goss, Granger, Greenwood, Gutierrez, Gutknecht, Hall (OH), Hall (TX), Hamilton, Hansen, Harman, Hastert, Hastings (FL), Hastings (WA), Hayworth, Hefley, Hergert, Hill, Hobson, Holden, Hooley, Horn, Hostettler, Houghton, Hoyer, Hunter, Hutchinson, Hyde, Istook, Jenkins, Johnson (CT), Johnson, Sam, Kaptur, Kasich, Kelly, Kennedy (MA), Kim, King (NY), Kleczka, Knollenberg, Kolbe, LaHood, Lantos, Latham, LaTourette, Lazio, Leach, Lewis (CA), Lewis (KY), Linder, Lipinski, Livingston, LoBiondo, Lofgren, Lucas, Luther, Manzullo, Matsui, McCarthy (NY), McCollum, McCrery, McDade, McHale, McHugh, McIntyre, McKeon, Meek, Metcalf, Miller (FL), Minge, Moran (KS), Moran (VA), Morella, Myrick, Nadler, Nethercutt, Ney, Northup, Oberstar, Ortiz, Oxley, Packard, Pappas, Parker, Paxon, Pease, Peterson (MN), Peterson (PA), Pickering, Pickett, Pitts, Pombo, Pomeroy, Porter, Portman, Price (NC), Pryce (OH), Quinn, Radanovich, Rahall, Ramstad, Ackerman, Allen, Baldacci, Barrett (WI), Bass, Becerra, Bentsen, Berman, Blagojevich, Blumenauer, Bonior, Borski, Boswell, Boucher, Brown (CA), Brown (FL), Brown (OH), Burr, Burton, Campbell, Carson, Castle, Chenoweth, Clay, Clyburn, Coble, Coburn, Collins, Conyers, Costello, Cox, Coyne, Cramer, Cubin, Davis (FL), Davis (IL), Deal, DeFazio, DeGette, Delahunt, Leach, DeLauro, Dellums, Deutsch, Dicks, Dixon, Doggett, Dooley, Doyle, Duncan, Edwards, Ehlers, Engel, Eshoo, Evans, Farr, Fattah, Filner, Flake, Foglietta, Ford, Frank (MA), Frost, Furse, Gejdenson, Gephardt, Gonzalez, Graham, Green, Hillery, Hilliard, Hinchey, Hinojosa, Hoekstra, Hulshof, Inglis, Jackson (IL), Jackson-Lee, John, Johnson (WI), Johnson, E. B., Jones, Kanjorski, Kennedy (RI), Kennedy, Kildee, Kilpatrick, Kind (WI), Kingston, Klink, Klug, Kucinich, LaFalce, Lampson, Largent, Levin, Lewis (GA), Lowey, Maloney (CT), Maloney (NY), Markey, Martinez, Mascara, McCarthy (MO), McDermott, McGovern, McInnis, McIntosh, McKinney, McNulty, Meehan, Menendez, Mica, Millender, McDonald, Miller (CA), Mink, Moakley, Mollohan, Murtha, Neal, Neumann, Norwood, Nussle, Obey, Olver, Owens, Pallone, Pascrell, Pastor, Paul, Payne, Pelosi, Petri, Poshard, Rangel, Rivers, Rodriguez, Rohrabacher, Rothman, Roybal-Allard, Royce, Rush, Ryan, Salmon, Sanders, Sandlin, Sanford, Sawyer, Scarborough, Schaffer, Bob, Schumer, Scott, Sensenbrenner, Serrano, Shadegg, Shays, Skaggs, Slaughter, Smith (MI), Snyder, Solomon, Stark, Stearns, Stenholm, Stokes, Stupak, Thompson, Tiahrt, Tierney, Torres, Towns, Turner, Upton, Velazquez, Visclosky, Waters, Waxman, Wexler, Weygand, Souder

Table listing names of members in support of the bill, including Moran (KS), Moran (VA), Morella, Myrick, Nadler, Nethercutt, Ney, Northup, Oberstar, Ortiz, Oxley, Packard, Pappas, Parker, Paxon, Pease, Peterson (MN), Peterson (PA), Pickering, Pickett, Pitts, Pombo, Pomeroy, Porter, Portman, Price (NC), Pryce (OH), Quinn, Radanovich, Rahall, Ramstad, Regula, Reyes, Riggs, Riley, Roemer, Rogan, Rogers, Ros-Lehtinen, Roukema, Sabo, Sanchez, Saxton, Schaefer, Dan, Sessions, Shaw, Sherman, Shimkus, Shuster, Sisisky, Skeen, Smith (NJ), Smith (OR), Smith (TX), Smith, Adam, Smith, Linda, Snowbarger, Spence, Spratt, Stabenow, Strickland, Stump, Moran (KS), Moran (VA), Morella, Myrick, Nadler, Nethercutt, Ney, Northup, Oberstar, Ortiz, Oxley, Packard, Pappas, Parker, Paxon, Pease, Peterson (MN), Peterson (PA), Pickering, Pickett, Pitts, Pombo, Pomeroy, Porter, Portman, Price (NC), Pryce (OH), Quinn, Radanovich, Rahall, Ramstad, Ackerman, Allen, Baldacci, Barrett (WI), Bass, Becerra, Bentsen, Berman, Blagojevich, Blumenauer, Bonior, Borski, Boswell, Boucher, Brown (CA), Brown (FL), Brown (OH), Burr, Burton, Campbell, Carson, Castle, Chenoweth, Clay, Clyburn, Coble, Coburn, Collins, Conyers, Costello, Cox, Coyne, Cramer, Cubin, Davis (FL), Davis (IL), Deal, DeFazio, DeGette, Delahunt, Leach, DeLauro, Dellums, Deutsch, Dicks, Dixon, Doggett, Dooley, Doyle, Duncan, Edwards, Ehlers, Engel, Eshoo, Evans, Farr, Fattah, Filner, Flake, Foglietta, Ford, Frank (MA), Frost, Furse, Gejdenson, Gephardt, Gonzalez, Graham, Green, Hillery, Hilliard, Hinchey, Hinojosa, Hoekstra, Hulshof, Inglis, Jackson (IL), Jackson-Lee, John, Johnson (WI), Johnson, E. B., Jones, Kanjorski, Kennedy (RI), Kennedy, Kildee, Kilpatrick, Kind (WI), Kingston, Klink, Klug, Kucinich, LaFalce, Lampson, Largent, Levin, Lewis (GA), Lowey, Maloney (CT), Maloney (NY), Markey, Martinez, Mascara, McCarthy (MO), McDermott, McGovern, McInnis, McIntosh, McKinney, McNulty, Meehan, Menendez, Mica, Millender, McDonald, Miller (CA), Mink, Moakley, Mollohan, Murtha, Neal, Neumann, Norwood, Nussle, Obey, Olver, Owens, Pallone, Pascrell, Pastor, Paul, Payne, Pelosi, Petri, Poshard, Rangel, Rivers, Rodriguez, Rohrabacher, Rothman, Roybal-Allard, Royce, Rush, Ryan, Salmon, Sanders, Sandlin, Sanford, Sawyer, Scarborough, Schaffer, Bob, Schumer, Scott, Sensenbrenner, Serrano, Shadegg, Shays, Skaggs, Slaughter, Smith (MI), Snyder, Solomon, Stark, Stearns, Stenholm, Stokes, Stupak, Thompson, Tiahrt, Tierney, Torres, Towns, Turner, Upton, Velazquez, Visclosky, Waters, Waxman, Wexler, Weygand, Souder

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Table listing names of members in support of the bill, including Ackerman, Allen, Baldacci, Barrett (WI), Bass, Becerra, Bentsen, Berman, Blagojevich, Blumenauer, Bonior, Borski, Boswell, Boucher, Brown (CA), Brown (FL), Brown (OH), Burr, Burton, Campbell, Carson, Castle, Chenoweth, Clay, Clyburn, Coble, Coburn, Collins, Conyers, Costello, Cox, Coyne, Cramer, Cubin, Davis (FL), Davis (IL), Deal, DeFazio, DeGette, Delahunt, Leach, DeLauro, Dellums, Deutsch, Dicks, Dixon, Doggett, Dooley, Doyle, Duncan, Edwards, Ehlers, Engel, Eshoo, Evans, Farr, Fattah, Filner, Flake, Foglietta, Ford, Frank (MA), Frost, Furse, Gejdenson, Gephardt, Gonzalez, Graham, Green, Hillery, Hilliard, Hinchey, Hinojosa, Hoekstra, Hulshof, Inglis, Jackson (IL), Jackson-Lee, John, Johnson (WI), Johnson, E. B., Jones, Kanjorski, Kennedy (RI), Kennedy, Kildee, Kilpatrick, Kind (WI), Kingston, Klink, Klug, Kucinich, LaFalce, Lampson, Largent, Levin, Lewis (GA), Lowey, Maloney (CT), Maloney (NY), Markey, Martinez, Mascara, McCarthy (MO), McDermott, McGovern, McInnis, McIntosh, McKinney, McNulty, Meehan, Menendez, Mica, Millender, McDonald, Miller (CA), Mink, Moakley, Mollohan, Murtha, Neal, Neumann, Norwood, Nussle, Obey, Olver, Owens, Pallone, Pascrell, Pastor, Paul, Payne, Pelosi, Petri, Poshard, Rangel, Rivers, Rodriguez, Rohrabacher, Rothman, Roybal-Allard, Royce, Rush, Ryan, Salmon, Sanders, Sandlin, Sanford, Sawyer, Scarborough, Schaffer, Bob, Schumer, Scott, Sensenbrenner, Serrano, Shadegg, Shays, Skaggs, Slaughter, Smith (MI), Snyder, Solomon, Stark, Stearns, Stenholm, Stokes, Stupak, Thompson, Tiahrt, Tierney, Torres, Towns, Turner, Upton, Velazquez, Visclosky, Waters, Waxman, Wexler, Weygand, Souder

ANSWERED “PRESENT”—1

## NOT VOTING—10

Andrews	Manton	Watkins
Boehlert	Molinari	Yates
Hefner	Schiff	
Jefferson	Skelton	

So the bill was passed.

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

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

## ¶49.25 CLERK TO CORRECT ENGROSSMENT

On motion of Mr. LIVINGSTON, by unanimous consent,

*Ordered*, That in the engrossment of the foregoing bill the Clerk be authorized to correct section numbers, punctuation, cross references, and to make such other conforming changes as may be necessary to reflect the actions of the House in amending the bill.

## ¶49.26 PROVIDING FOR THE CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 1385

Mr. MCINNIS, by direction of the Committee on Rules, reported (Rept. No. 105-98) the resolution (H. Res. 150) providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 1385) to consolidate, coordinate, and improve employment, training, literacy, and vocational rehabilitation programs in the United States, and for other purposes.

When said resolution and report were referred to the House Calendar and ordered printed.

## ¶49.27 MEXICO-U.S. INTERPARLIAMENTARY GROUP

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. LAHOOD, by unanimous consent, announced that the Speaker, pursuant to the provisions of 22 U.S.C. 276h, appointed the following Members to the Mexico-United States Interparliamentary Group, on the part of the House: Messrs. GILMAN, Vice Chairman, DREIER, BARTON of Texas, CAMPBELL, MANZULLO, GEJDENSON, LANTOS, FILNER, UNDERWOOD, and Mr. REYES.

## ¶49.28 SENATE BILL REFERRED

A bill of the Senate of the following title was taken from the Speaker's table and, under the rule, referred as follows:

S. 670. An Act to amend the Immigration and Nationality Technical Corrections Act of 1994 to eliminate the special transition rule for issuance of a certificate of citizenship for certain children born outside the United States.

And then,

## ¶49.29 ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Mr. PALLONE, at 10 o'clock and 3 minutes p.m., the House adjourned.

## ¶49.30 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:

Mr. MCINNIS: Committee on Rules. House Resolution 150. Resolution providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 1385) to consoli-

date, coordinate, and improve employment, training, literacy, and vocational rehabilitation programs in the United States, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 105-98). Referred to the House Calendar.

## ¶49.31 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. BUYER (for himself, Mr. EWING, Mr. BARCIA of Michigan, and Mr. POSHARD):

H.R. 1619. A bill to provide for farm-related exceptions from hazardous materials transportation requirements; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

By Mr. RADANOVICH (for himself, Mr. BUNNING of Kentucky, and Mr. ROHR-ABACHER):

H.R. 1620. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the special taxes on wholesale and retail dealers in liquor and beer, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. BONO:

H.R. 1621. A bill to amend the provisions of title 17, United States Code, with respect to the duration of copyright, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. DREIER (for himself and Mr. DUNCAN):

H.R. 1622. A bill to provide for an annual report to Congress concerning diplomatic immunity; to the Committee on International Relations.

By Mr. ENSIGN (for himself, Mr. MATSUI, Mr. SAM JOHNSON, and Mr. WATKINS):

H.R. 1623. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide that the rate of tax on certain fuels derived from natural gas shall be based on the Btu equivalence with a gallon of gasoline, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. EVANS (for himself, Mr. GEPHARDT, Mr. BONIOR, Mr. SABO, Ms. NORTON, Mr. COYNE, Mr. FROST, Mr. OLVER, Ms. SLAUGHTER, Mr. HOLDEN, Mr. FILNER, Mr. FALEOMAVAEGA, Mr. KLING, Mr. MASCARA, Mr. DOYLE, Mr. HINCHEY, Mr. BORSKI, Mr. RUSH, Mr. MARTINEZ, Mr. TORRES, Ms. CARSON, Mr. ABERCROMBIE, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. BROWN of California, and Mr. LIPINSKI):

H.R. 1624. A bill to provide for the debarment or suspension from Federal procurement and nonprocurement activities of persons that violate certain labor and safety laws; to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight, and in addition to the Committee on Education and the Workforce, 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. FAWELL (for himself, Mr. GINGRICH, Mr. ARMEY, Mr. BOEHNER, Ms. MOLINARI, Mr. GOODLING, Mr. BALLENGER, Mr. BARRETT of Nebraska, Mr. MCKEON, Mr. KNOLLENBERG, Mr. RIGGS, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. MCINTOSH, Mr. NORWOOD, Mr. PETERSON of Pennsylvania, Mr. DEAL of Georgia, Mr. HILLEARY, Mr. PAXON, Mr. WATTS of Oklahoma, Mr. HERGER, Mr. HEFLEY, Mr. SNOWBARGER, Mrs. FOWLER, Mrs. MYRICK, Ms. DUNN of Washington, Mr. HAYWORTH, and Mr. SKEEN):

H.R. 1625. A bill to ensure that workers have sufficient information about their rights regarding the payment of dues or fees to labor organizations and the uses of employee dues and fees by labor organizations; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

By Ms. HARMAN (for herself and Mr. DIXON):

H.R. 1626. A bill to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to require the licensing of certain unused channels for public safety uses; to the Committee on Commerce.

By Mrs. JOHNSON of Connecticut (for herself, Mr. SHAYS, Mr. CAMP, Mr. ENGLISH of Pennsylvania, and Mr. MCCRERY):

H.R. 1627. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide tax incentives for higher education; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mrs. JOHNSON of Connecticut (for herself, Mr. CARDIN, Mrs. MORELLA, Mr. CLEMENT, Mr. OBERSTAR, Mr. WAXMAN, Mr. COYNE, Mr. NEAL of Massachusetts, Mr. OLVER, Mr. BURTON of Indiana, Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts, Mr. STARK, Mrs. LOWEY, Mr. SCHUMER, and Ms. DELAURO):

H.R. 1628. A bill to establish a demonstration project to study and provide coverage of routine patient care costs for Medicare beneficiaries with cancer who are enrolled in an approved clinical trial program; to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committee on Commerce, 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. JONES:

H.R. 1629. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to reduce the maximum capital gains tax rate by one-half for taxpayers age 55 and older; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. MENENDEZ (for himself, Mr. DICKS, and Mr. JONES):

H.R. 1630. A bill to direct the Secretary of Transportation to study and report on existing ferry operations and potential ferry routes in the United States, to authorize the Secretary to provide financial assistance for the development of ferry operations, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

By Mr. MICA:

H.R. 1631. A bill to amend title 5, United States Code, to make coverage under the health benefits program for Federal employees available to military dependents and military retirees, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight, and in addition to the Committee on 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. PAYNE:

H.R. 1632. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to permanently extend the exclusion for employer-provided educational assistance programs, to restore such exclusion for graduate level courses, and to allow a deduction for interest on education loans; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. PITTS:

H.R. 1633. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow a refundable credit for education expenses; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. SMITH of New Jersey (for himself and Mr. WOLF):

H.R. 1634. A bill to set forth certain principles that should be adhered to by any United States national conducting an industrial cooperation project in the People's Republic of China or Tibet; to the Committee on International Relations.

By Mr. STOKES (for himself, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. BARRETT of Wisconsin, Mr. BISHOP, Mr. BOEHNER, Ms. BROWN of Florida, Mr. BROWN of Ohio, Mr. CARDIN, Ms. CARSON, Mr. CHABOT, Mr. CLAY, Mrs. CLAYTON, Mr. CLYBURN,