

(b) AUTHORITY TO ACCEPT ELECTRONIC PAYMENT.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Subject to an agreement between the head of an executive agency and the applicable financial institution or institutions based on terms acceptable to the Secretary of the Treasury, the head of such agency may accept an electronic payment, including debit and credit cards, to satisfy a nontax debt owed to the agency.

(2) GUIDELINES FOR AGREEMENTS REGARDING PAYMENT.—The Secretary of the Treasury shall develop guidelines regarding agreements between agencies and financial institutions under paragraph (1).

SEC. 503. DEBT SERVICES ACCOUNT.

(a) TRANSFER OF FUNDS TO DEBT SERVICES ACCOUNT.—The Secretary of the Treasury may transfer balances in accounts established before the date of the enactment of this Act pursuant to section of 3711(g)(7) of title 31, United States Code, to the Debt Services Account established under subsection (b). All amounts transferred to the Debt Services Account under this section shall remain available until expended.

(b) ESTABLISHMENT OF DEBT SERVICES ACCOUNT.—Subsection (g)(7) of section 3711 of title 31, United States Code, is amended by striking the second sentence and inserting the following: "Any fee charged pursuant to this subsection shall be deposited into an account established in the Treasury to be known as the 'Debt Services Account' (hereinafter referred to in this section as the 'Account')."

(c) REIMBURSEMENT OF FUNDS.—Section 3711(g) of title 31, United States Code, is amended—

- (1) by striking paragraph (8);
(2) by redesignating paragraphs (9) and (10) as paragraphs (8) and (9), respectively; and
(3) by amending paragraph (9) (as redesignated by paragraph (2)) to read as follows:

"(9) To carry out the purposes of this subsection, including services provided under sections 3716 and 3720A, the Secretary of the Treasury may—

"(A) prescribe such rules, regulations, and procedures as the Secretary considers necessary;

"(B) transfer such funds from funds appropriated to the Department of the Treasury as may be necessary to meet liabilities and obligations incurred prior to the receipt of fees that result from debt collection; and

"(C) reimburse any funds from which funds were transferred under subparagraph (B) from fees collected pursuant to sections 3711, 3716, and 3720A. Any reimbursement under this subparagraph shall occur during the period of availability of the funds transferred under subparagraph (B) and shall be available to the same extent and for the same purposes as the funds originally transferred."

(d) DEPOSIT OF TAX REFUND OFFSET FEES.—The last sentence of section 3720A(d) of title 31, United States Code, is amended to read as follows: "Amounts paid to the Secretary of the Treasury as fees under this section shall be deposited into the Debt Services Account of the Department of the Treasury described in section 3711(g)(7) and shall be collected and accounted for in accordance with the provisions of that section."

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, viva voce, Will the House pass said bill?

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. SESSIONS, announced that the yeas had it.

Mr. HORN demanded that the vote be taken by the yeas and nays, which demand was supported by one-fifth of the

Members present, so the yeas and nays were ordered.

The vote was taken by electronic device.

It was decided in the { Yeas ..... 419 affirmative ..... } Nays ..... 1

¶12.11 [Roll No. 25] YEAS—419

- Abercrombie Deal Houghton
Ackerman DeFazio Hoyer
Allen DeGette Hulshof
Andrews Delahunt Hunter
Archer DeLauro Hutchinson
Army DeLay Hyde
Bachus DeMint Inslee
Baird Deutsch Istook
Baker Diaz-Balart Jackson (IL)
Baldacci Dickey Jackson-Lee
Baldwin Dicks (TX)
Ballenger Dingell Jefferson
Barcia Dixon Jenkins
Barr Doggett John
Barrett (NE) Dooley Johnson (CT)
Barrett (WI) Doolittle Johnson, E. B.
Bartlett Doyle Johnson, Sam
Barton Dreier Jones (NC)
Bass Duncan Jones (OH)
Bateman Dunn Kanjorski
Becerra Edwards Kaptur
Bentsen Ehlers Kasich
Bereuter Ehrlich Kelly
Berkley Emerson Kennedy
Berman Engel Kildee
Berry English Kilpatrick
Biggert Eshoo Kind (WI)
Bilbray Etheridge King (NY)
Bilirakis Evans Kingston
Bishop Everett Kleczka
Blagojevich Ewing Klink
Biley Farr Knollenberg
Blumenauer Fattah Kolbe
Blunt Filner Kucinich
Boehert Fletcher Kuykendall
Boehner Foley LaFalce
Bonilla Forbes LaHood
Bonior Ford Lampson
Bono Fossella Lantos
Borski Fowler Largent
Boswell Frank (MA) Larson
Boucher Franks (NJ) Latham
Boyd Frelinghuysen LaTourette
Brady (PA) Frost Lazio
Brady (TX) Gallegly Leach
Brown (CA) Ganske Lee
Brown (FL) Gejdenson Levin
Brown (OH) Gekas Lewis (CA)
Bryant Gephardt Lewis (GA)
Burr Gibbons Lewis (KY)
Burton Gilchrest Linder
Buyer Gillmor Lipinski
Callahan Gilman LoBiondo
Calvert Gonzalez Lofgren
Camp Goode Lucas (KY)
Campbell Goodlatte Lucas (OK)
Canady Goodling Luther
Cannon Gordon Maloney (CT)
Capuano Goss Maloney (NY)
Cardin Graham Manzullo
Carson Granger Markey
Castle Green (TX) Mascara
Chabot Green (WI) Matsui
Chambliss Greenwood McCarthy (MO)
Chenoweth Gutierrez McCarthy (NY)
Clay Gutknecht McCollum
Clayton Hall (OH) McCrery
Clement Hall (TX) McDermott
Clyburn Hansen McGovern
Coble Hastings (FL) McHugh
Coburn Hastings (WA) McIntosh
Collins Hayes McIntyre
Combust Hayworth McKeon
Condit Hefley McKinney
Conyers Hergert McNulty
Cook Hill (IN) Meehan
Cooksey Hill (MT) Meek (FL)
Costello Hilleary Meeks (NY)
Cox Hilliard Metcalf
Coyne Hinchey Mica
Cramer Hinojosa Millender-
Crane Hobson McDonald
Crowley Hoeffel Miller (FL)
Cubin Hoekstra Miller, Gary
Cummings Holden Miller, George
Cunningham Holt Minge
Danner Hooley Mink
Davis (FL) Horn Moakley
Davis (VA) Hostettler Mollohan

- Moore Rohrabacher Sweeney
Moran (KS) Ros-Lehtinen Talent
Moran (VA) Rothman Tancredo
Murtha Roukema Tanner
Myrick Roybal-Allard Tauscher
Nadler Royce Tauzin
Napolitano Ryan (WI) Taylor (MS)
Neal Ryun (KS) Taylor (NC)
Nethercutt Sabo Terry
Ney Salmon Thomas
Norwood Sanchez Thompson (CA)
Nussle Sanders Thompson (MS)
Oberstar Sandlin Thornberry
Obey Sanford Thune
Oliver Sawyer Thurman
Ortiz Saxton Tiahrt
Ose Scarborough Tierney
Owens Schaffer Toomey
Oxley Schakowsky Towns
Packard Scott Trafficant
Pallone Sensenbrenner Turner
Pascrell Serrano Udall (CO)
Pastor Sessions Udall (NM)
Payne Shadegg Upton
Pease Shaw Velazquez
Pelosi Shays Vento
Peterson (MN) Sherman Viscosky
Peterson (PA) Sherwood Walden
Petri Shimkus Walsh
PHELPS Shows Wamp
Pickering Shuster Waters
Pickett Simpson Watkins
Pitts Sisisky Watt (NC)
Pombo Skeen Watts (OK)
Pomeroy Skelton Waxman
Porter Slaughter Weiner
Portman Smith (MI) Weldon (FL)
Price (NC) Smith (NJ) Weller
Pryce (OH) Smith (TX) Wexler
Quinn Smith (WA) Weygand
Radanovich Snyder Whitfield
Rahall Souder Wicker
Ramstad Spence Wilson
Rangel Spratt Wise
Regula Stabenow Wolf
Reynolds Stark Woolsey
Riley Stearns Wu
Rivers Stenholm Wynn
Rodriguez Strickland Young (AK)
Roemer Stump Young (FL)
Rogan Stupak
Rogers Sununu

NAYS—1

- Paul
NOT VOTING—13

- Aderholt Martinez Reyes
Capps McInnis Rush
Davis (IL) Menendez Weldon (PA)
Livingston Morella
Lowey Northup

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.

¶12.12 FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

MANAGEMENT IMPROVEMENT ACT

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. GIBBONS, pursuant to House Resolution 75 and rule XVIII, declared the House resolved into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union for the consideration of the bill (H.R. 409) to improve the effectiveness and performance of Federal financial assistance programs, simplify Federal financial assistance application and reporting requirements, and improve the delivery of services to the public.

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. GIBBONS, by unanimous consent, designated Mr. PEASE as Chairman of the Committee of the Whole; and after some time spent therein,

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. YOUNG of Florida, assumed the Chair.

When Mr. PEASE, Chairman, pursuant to House Resolution 75, reported

the bill back to the House with sundry amendments adopted by the Committee.

The following amendments, reported from the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union, were agreed to:

Page 7, after line 23, insert the following:

(e) DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT.—(1) Not later than 18 months after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Department of Housing and Urban Development shall develop and implement a plan that establishes policies and procedures regarding an applicant who has submitted an application for Federal financial assistance to the agency that includes a technical deficiency under which—

(A) the applicant shall be notified promptly of the deficiency and permitted to submit the appropriate information to correct the deficiency within 7 days of receipt of notice by the applicant of the deficiency, notwithstanding that the deadline for submission of an application has expired;

(B) the application shall continue to be considered by the agency during the period before the applicant is notified and the 7-day period during which the applicant is permitted to correct the deficiency; and

(C) if the applicant corrects the deficiency within the 7-day period, the agency shall continue to consider the application.

(2) A deficiency (including, but not limited to, a misfiling, error, or omission) may be considered technical for purposes of this subsection notwithstanding a material impact on the eligibility of an applicant or proposed activity for requested funding. A technical deficiency for purposes of this subsection does not include the failure to submit a substantially complete application by a deadline published in the Federal Register.

Page 6, line 2, insert "in a manner not inconsistent with the Government Paperwork Elimination Act (title XVII of Public Law 105-277)" after "agency".

Page 10, after line 5, insert the following:

(e) REPORT ON RECOMMENDED CHANGES IN LAW.—Not later than 18 months after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Director shall submit to Congress a report containing recommendations for changes in law to improve the effectiveness and performance of Federal financial assistance programs.

Page 8, strike lines 6 and 7.

Page 8, line 8, strike "(A) a" and insert "(1)(A) A".

Page 11, after line 23, add the following:

**SEC. 12. SENSE OF CONGRESS REGARDING FEDERAL FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE.**

It is the sense of Congress that Federal agencies, in providing Federal financial assistance for the purpose of economic development, should focus primarily on communities with high poverty and unemployment rates.

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, *viva voce*,  
Will the House pass said bill?

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. YOUNG of Florida, announced that the yeas had it.

Mr. HORN demanded that the vote be taken by the yeas and nays, which demand was supported by one-fifth of the Members present, so the yeas and nays were ordered.

The vote was taken by electronic device.

It was decided in the affirmative ..... { Yeas ..... 426  
Nays ..... 0

¶12.13 [Roll No. 26]  
YEAS—426

Abercrombie	DeLauro	Jackson-Lee
Ackerman	DeLay	(TX)
Aderholt	DeMint	Jefferson
Allen	Deutsch	Jenkins
Andrews	Diaz-Balart	John
Archer	Dickey	Johnson (CT)
Armey	Dicks	Johnson, E. B.
Bachus	Dingell	Johnson, Sam
Baird	Dixon	Jones (NC)
Baker	Doggett	Jones (OH)
Baldacci	Dooley	Kanjorski
Baldwin	Doolittle	Kaptur
Ballenger	Doyle	Kasich
Barcia	Dreier	Kelly
Barr	Duncan	Kennedy
Barrett (NE)	Dunn	Kildee
Barrett (WI)	Edwards	Kilpatrick
Bartlett	Ehlers	Kind (WI)
Barton	Ehrlich	King (NY)
Bass	Emerson	Kingston
Bateman	Engel	Kleczka
Becerra	English	Klink
Bentsen	Eshoo	Knollenberg
Bereuter	Etheridge	Kolbe
Berkley	Evans	Kucinich
Berman	Everett	Kuykendall
Berry	Ewing	LaFalce
Biggert	Farr	LaHood
Bilbray	Fattah	Lampson
Bilirakis	Filner	Lantos
Bishop	Fletcher	Largent
Blagojevich	Foley	Larson
Bliley	Forbes	Latham
Blumenauer	Ford	LaTourette
Blunt	Fossella	Lee
Boehkert	Fowler	Leach
Boehner	Frank (MA)	Lee
Bonilla	Franks (NJ)	Levin
Bonior	Frelinghuysen	Lewis (CA)
Bono	Frost	Lewis (GA)
Borski	Galleghy	Lewis (KY)
Boswell	Ganske	Linder
Boucher	Gejdenson	Lipinski
Boyd	Gekas	LoBiondo
Brady (PA)	Gephardt	Lofgren
Brady (TX)	Gibbons	Lowey
Brown (CA)	Gilchrest	Lucas (KY)
Brown (FL)	Gillmor	Lucas (OK)
Brown (OH)	Gilman	Luther
Bryant	Gonzalez	Maloney (CT)
Burr	Goode	Maloney (NY)
Burton	Goodlatte	Manzullo
Buyer	Goodling	Markey
Callahan	Gordon	Martinez
Calvert	Goss	Mascara
Camp	Graham	Matsui
Campbell	Granger	McCarthy (MO)
Canady	Green (TX)	McCarthy (NY)
Cannon	Green (WI)	McCollum
Capuano	Greenwood	McCrery
Cardin	Gutierrez	McDermott
Carson	Gutknecht	McGovern
Castle	Hall (OH)	McHugh
Chabot	Hall (TX)	McIntosh
Chambliss	Hansen	McIntyre
Chenoweth	Hastings (FL)	McKeon
Clay	Hastings (WA)	McKinney
Clayton	Hayes	McNulty
Clement	Hayworth	Meehan
Clyburn	Hefley	Meek (FL)
Coble	Herger	Meeks (NY)
Coburn	Hill (IN)	Menendez
Collins	Hill (MT)	Metcalf
Combest	Hillery	Mica
Condit	Hilliard	Millender-
Conyers	Hinchev	McDonald
Cook	Hinojosa	Miller (FL)
Cooksey	Hobson	Miller, Gary
Costello	Hoefl	Miller, George
Cox	Hoekstra	Minge
Coyne	Holden	Mink
Cramer	Holt	Moakley
Crane	Hooley	Mollohan
Crowley	Horn	Moore
Cubin	Hostettler	Moran (KS)
Cummings	Houghton	Moran (VA)
Cunningham	Hoyer	Morella
Danner	Hulshof	Murtha
Davis (FL)	Hunter	Myrick
Davis (VA)	Hutchinson	Nadler
Deal	Hyde	Napolitano
DeFazio	Inslee	Neal
DeGette	Istook	Nethercutt
Delahunt	Jackson (IL)	Ney

Northup	Royce	Tancredo
Norwood	Ryan (WI)	Tanner
Nussle	Ryun (KS)	Tauscher
Oberstar	Sabo	Tauzin
Obey	Salmon	Taylor (NC)
Oliver	Sanchez	Terry
Ortiz	Sanders	Thomas
Ose	Sandlin	Thompson (CA)
Owens	Sanford	Thompson (MS)
Oxley	Sawyer	Thornberry
Packard	Saxton	Thune
Pallone	Scarborough	Thurman
Pascarell	Schaffer	Tiahrt
Pastor	Schakowsky	Tierney
Paul	Scott	Toomey
Payne	Sensenbrenner	Towns
Pease	Serrano	Trafiacant
Pelosi	Sessions	Turner
Peterson (MN)	Shadegg	Udall (CO)
Peterson (PA)	Shaw	Udall (NM)
Petri	Shays	Upton
Phelps	Sherman	Velazquez
Pickering	Sherwood	Vento
Pickett	Shimkus	Visclosky
Pitts	Shows	Walden
Pombo	Shuster	Walsh
Pomeroy	Simpson	Wamp
Porter	Sisisky	Waters
Portman	Skeen	Watkins
Price (NC)	Skelton	Watt (NC)
Pryce (OH)	Slaughter	Watts (OK)
Quinn	Smith (MI)	Waxman
Radanovich	Smith (NJ)	Weiner
Rahall	Smith (TX)	Weldon (FL)
Riggett	Smith (WA)	Weldon (PA)
Rangel	Snyder	Weller
Regula	Souder	Wexler
Reynolds	Spence	Weygand
Riley	Spratt	Whitfield
Rivers	Stabenow	Wicker
Rodriguez	Stark	Wilson
Roemer	Stearns	Wise
Rogan	Stenholm	Wolf
Rogers	Strickland	Woolsey
Rohrabacher	Stump	Wu
Ros-Lehtinen	Stupak	Wynn
Rothman	Sununu	Young (AK)
Roukema	Sweeney	Young (FL)
Roybal-Allard	Talent	

NOT VOTING—7

Capps	McInnis	Taylor (MS)
Davis (IL)	Reyes	
Livingston	Rush	

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.

¶12.14 CLERK TO CORRECT ENGROSSMENT

On motion of Mr. HORN, by unanimous consent,

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

¶12.15 PROVIDING FOR THE CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 669

Mr. DIAZ-BALART, by direction of the Committee on Rules, reported (Rept. No. 106-30) the resolution (H. Res. 83) providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 669) to amend the Peace Corps Act to authorize appropriations for fiscal years 2000 through 2003 to carry out that Act.

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

¶12.16 COMMITTEE RESIGNATION—MINORITY

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mrs. EMERSON, laid before the House the