However, given the budget dollars we had to work with, there were no alternatives to fee increases and lower guarantees.

I am also very disappointed that, although I believe there was fairly broad and bipartisan support for it, we were not able to agree on keeping the Export Working Capital Program at a guarantee rate of 90 percent. After years of talking about the need to improve export assistance for small businesses and eliminate duplicate services, just last year the Congress approved an agreement worked out between the SBA and the Export-Import Bank wherein the SBA would guarantee export loans up to $750,000 at 90 percent and the Ex-Im Bank guarantee larger loans at 90 percent. We have now reduced the percentage the SBA will guarantee, making the loan seem riskier to lenders, many of whom are new to export financing and already extremely cautious about getting involved. I fear that in reducing the percentage guarantee of an export loan, we are truly hurting small businesses that are trying to export—a shortsighted move in light of the importance of trade to our economy and the balance of trade figures which we regularly decry.

I am pleased the conference report contains the Senate language charging the guarantee fee on the guaranteed amount, not the gross amount of the loan. In my view, the Government is simply not entitled to charge a fee on that portion of a loan which it is not guaranteeing and on which, therefore, it has no exposure.

I am also happy that the legislation extends for 2 years the pilot Preferred Surety Bond Program. This program is desirable not only because it can be a quick and efficient means of getting funds to qualified borrowers, but also because it will inevitably be increasingly important to the SBA and small contractors that we delegate authority for program delivery to outside parties as a means of compensating for SBA personnel cutbacks.

In closing, I would like to congratulate my colleague, Chairman MEYERS, on successfully guiding her first conference report to the floor. We enjoyed a cooperative working relationship throughout the process and I stand here in support of the final product.

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Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

Mrs. MEYERS of Kansas. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume. Mr. Speaker, I would thank the gentleman from Missouri for his support, and I do believe this had strong bipartisan support.

Mr. Speaker, I would say that I think there was concern that we could not see our way to extending the export loans guarantee at 90 percent. I think a majority of our committee on both sides felt that a 90 percent guarantee at this point in time was imprudent for the export loans. Since the Senate bill also did not include export loans at 90 percent, it did make it a nonconferenceable item. That is why, since neither House had chosen to do that, it is not in the conference committee report.

Mr. Speaker, this conference report is good for small business, good for the taxpayer, and, as I previously mentioned, a model of the bipartisan cooperation that traditionally graces the work of the Small Business Committee.

Mr. Speaker, I would certainly like to thank our ranking member, the gentleman from New York [Mr. LAFALCE], who could not be with us today, and certainly the gentleman from Missouri [Mr. SKELTON] who is a very strong member of the committee, in particular for his efforts on this legislation.

Mr. Speaker, I strongly urge the adoption of this important measure.

Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time, and I move the previous question on the conference report.

The previous question was ordered.

The conference report was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

## REMOVAL OF NAME OF MEMBER AS COSPONSOR OF H.R. 534

Mr. EMERSON. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that my name be withdrawn as a cosponsor of H.R. 534.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Missouri?

There was no objection.

## PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. WATT of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, it has come to my attention that I was not listed as being recorded on rollcall vote No. 685 on Thursday, September 21, despite the fact that I was here and put my card in the voting machine. I ask that this fact be noted in the RECORD, and that it be indicated that had I been present and recorded, I would have voted ''yes.''

## REQUEST TO DISCHARGE COMMITTEE ON HOUSE OVERSIGHT FROM FURTHER CONSIDERATION OF SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 21, AUTHORIZING THE RESTORATION AND PLACEMENT IN CAPITOL ROTUNDA OF ''PORTRAIT MONUMENT'' HONORING WOMEN'S SUFFRAGE

Ms. DUNN of Washington. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on House Oversight be discharged from further consideration of Senate concurrent resolution, (S. Con. Res. 21), directing that the ''Portrait Monument'' carved in the likeness of Lucretia Mott, Susan B. Anthony, and Elizabeth Cady Stanton, now in the Crypt of the Capitol, be restored to its original state and be placed in the Capitol Rotunda and ask for its immediate consideration in the House.

The Clerk read the title of the Senate concurrent resolution.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentlewoman from Washington?

Mrs. MYRICK. Mr. Speaker, reserving the right to object, I support the idea of doing this, because I think that is very important to what we are all trying to accomplish here. I really have no problem with that.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to suggest that what we do is look at this from an overall point of saying why can we not raise the money privately to do it, instead of spending taxpayers' dollars on it?

Mr. Speaker, I understand that there are some structural concerns, because it does weigh 13 tons, that we really have not looked into. I would like us to explore the options and I would like to volunteer that I would be happy to help raise those funds, and I do believe that it could be done privately.

Mr. PASTOR. Mr. Speaker will the gentlewoman yield?

Mrs. MYRICK. Mr. Speaker, continuing to reserve my right to object, I yield to the gentleman from Arizona.

Mr. PASTOR. Mr. Speaker, will the gentlewoman from Washington [Ms. DUNN] kindly explain the purpose of the resolution?

Ms. DUNN of Washington. Mr. Speaker, will the gentlewoman yield?

Mrs. MYRICK. Mr. Speaker, continuing to reserve my right to object, I yield to the gentlewoman from Washington.

Ms. DUNN of Washington. Mr. Speaker, I take this opportunity to tell my colleagues that this bill will authorize moving the Portrait Monument from the basement of the Capitol to the rotunda in the Capitol. This is in honor of the 75th anniversary of the passing of the 19th amendment to the Constitution which gave women the right to vote.

The bill will also authorize the celebration of the anniversary and the relocation of the monument on October 25, 1995, pursuant to the amendment that I have at the desk.

Mrs. MORELLA. Mr. Speaker, will the gentlewoman yield?

Mrs. MYRICK. Mr. Speaker, continuing to reserve my right to object, I yield to the gentlewoman from Maryland.

Mrs. MORELLA. Mr. Speaker, I feel very strongly that it is time that Elizabeth Cady Stanton, Susan B. Anthony, and Lucretia Mott be raised upstairs. They started off in the rotunda when the statue was dedicated 75 years ago.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to comment on the resolution, but before that, I would like to state that I understand what the gentlewoman from North Carolina [Mrs. MYRICK] is saying. But since this is in the very last hour of the end of the fiscal year, and this is a resolution that came from the