

project costs at \$25 million for any single project, except for seismic corrections. The bill specifies that the authorized funds should improve, replace, renovate or update facilities, including research facilities that need to be upgraded.

The measure also requires the VA to consider recommendations of the department's independent board for capital investments in selecting projects; to permit it to use the Advance Planning Fund to design projects selected under this bill; and requires the VA and the General Accounting Office to report to Congress on projects selected under the new authority, their purposes and costs, the results of the authorization process, and recommendations for changing this authority as needed.

I urge my colleagues to support the legislation.

□ 1515

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, I have no further requests for time, and I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. BASS). The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from New Jersey (Mr. SMITH) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 811, as amended.

The question was taken.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. In the opinion of the Chair, two-thirds of those present have voted in the affirmative.

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, on that I demand the yeas and nays.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX and the Chair's prior announcement, further proceedings on this motion will be postponed.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material on H.R. 811, as amended.

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

There was no objection.

REPORT OF CORPORATION FOR PUBLIC BROADCASTING, CALENDAR YEAR 2000—MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following message from the President of the United States; which was read and, together with the accompanying papers, without objection, referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce:

To the Congress of the United States:

Pursuant to section 19(3) of the Public Telecommunications Act of 1992 (Public Law 102-356), I transmit here-

with the report of the Corporation for Public Broadcasting covering calendar year 2000.

GEORGE W. BUSH.
THE WHITE HOUSE, March 27, 2001.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12 of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess until approximately 4 p.m.

Accordingly (at 3 o'clock and 16 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess until approximately 4 p.m.

□ 1602

AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. PETRI) at 4 o'clock and 2 minutes p.m.

PROVIDING FOR EXPENSES OF CERTAIN COMMITTEES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES IN THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH CONGRESS

Mr. NEY. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that it be in order at any time on the legislative day of March 27, 2001, without intervention of any point of order, to consider House Resolution 84; that the resolution be considered as read for amendment; that the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on House Administration now printed in the resolution be considered as adopted; and that the previous question be considered as ordered on the resolution, as amended, to adoption, without intervening motion except 1 hour of debate, equally divided and controlled by the chairman and the ranking minority member of the Committee on House Administration.

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

There was no objection.

Mr. NEY. Mr. Speaker, by direction of the Committee on House Administration, and pursuant to the order of the House just agreed to, I call up the resolution (H. Res. 84) providing for the expenses of certain committees of the House of Representatives in the One Hundred Seventh Congress and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the title of the resolution.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the order of the House of today, the resolution is considered read for amendment.

The text of House Resolution 84 is as follows:

H. RES. 84

Resolved,

SECTION 1. COMMITTEE EXPENSES FOR THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH CONGRESS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—With respect to the One Hundred Seventh Congress, there shall be paid out of the applicable accounts of the

House of Representatives, in accordance with this primary expense resolution, not more than the amount specified in subsection (b) for the expenses (including the expenses of all staff salaries) of each committee named in that subsection.

(b) COMMITTEES AND AMOUNTS.—The committees and amounts referred to in subsection (a) are: Committee on Agriculture, \$10,010,397; Committee on Armed Services, \$10,847,677; Committee on the Budget, \$11,221,912.71; Committee on Education and the Workforce, \$15,590,870; Committee on Energy and Commerce, \$18,813,475; Committee on Financial Services, \$15,095,429; Committee on Government Reform, \$21,842,000; Committee on House Administration, \$7,859,306; Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, \$7,475,073.97; Committee on International Relations, \$14,495,256; Committee on the Judiciary, \$15,490, 248; Committee on Resources, \$11,980,260; Committee on Rules, \$5,370,773; Committee on Science, \$12,254,301.50; Committee on Small Business, \$4,798,783; Committee on Standards of Official Conduct, \$2,921,091.20; Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, \$16,559,562; Committee on Veterans' Affairs, \$5,273,013; and Committee on Ways and Means, \$16,077,758.

SEC. 2. FIRST SESSION LIMITATIONS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Of the amount provided for in section 1 for each committee named in subsection (b), not more than the amount specified in such subsection shall be available for expenses incurred during the period beginning at noon on January 3, 2001, and ending immediately before noon on January 3, 2002.

(b) COMMITTEES AND AMOUNTS.—The committees and amounts referred to in subsection (a) are: Committee on Agriculture, \$4,918,497; Committee on Armed Services, \$5,182,597; Committee on the Budget, \$5,513,304.71; Committee on Education and the Workforce, \$8,137,966; Committee on Energy and Commerce, \$8,938,911.40; Committee on Financial Services, \$7,568,506; Committee on Government Reform, \$10,692,000; Committee on House Administration, \$3,765,460; Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, \$3,660,021.59; Committee on International Relations, \$7,003,845; Committee on the Judiciary, \$7,595,624; Committee on Resources, \$5,804,266; Committee on Rules, \$2,644,509; Committee on Science, \$6,000,079; Committee on Small Business, \$2,312,344; Committee on Standards of Official Conduct, \$1,383,708; Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, \$7,873,320; Committee on Veterans' Affairs, \$2,576,765; and Committee on Ways and Means, \$8,014,668.

SEC. 3. SECOND SESSION LIMITATIONS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Of the amount provided for in section 1 for each committee named in subsection (b), not more than the amount specified in such subsection shall be available for expenses incurred during the period beginning at noon on January 3, 2002, and ending immediately before noon on January 3, 2003.

(b) COMMITTEES AND AMOUNTS.—The committees and amounts referred to in subsection (a) are: Committee on Agriculture, \$5,091,900; Committee on Armed Services, \$5,665,080; Committee on the Budget, \$5,708,608; Committee on Education and the Workforce, \$7,452,904; Committee on Energy and Commerce, \$9,874,563.60; Committee on Financial Services, \$7,526,923; Committee on Government Reform, \$11,150,000; Committee on House Administration, \$4,093,846; Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, \$3,815,052.38; Committee on International Relations, \$7,491,411; Committee on the Judiciary, \$7,894,624; Committee on Resources, \$6,175,994; Committee on Rules, \$2,726,264;