

the House Committee on Ways and Means, or any committee of conference if the legislation includes a provision that directly or indirectly amends the Internal Revenue Code (the "Code") and has widespread applicability to individuals or small businesses.

The staff of the Joint Committee on Taxation has determined that a complexity analysis is not required under section 4022(b) of the IRS Reform Act because the bill contains no provisions that amend the Internal Revenue Code and that have "widespread applicability" to individuals or small businesses.

TITLE XIV—MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

Title XIV of the conference report provides funding for the power cost equalization program in Alaska, and authorizes assistance to rural communities for electric generation, transmission, and distribution upgrades and improvements. It establishes a coastal reinvestment program to assist coastal states in mitigating the impacts of offshore development, and allows lessees due compensation under the Oil Pollution Act of 1980 to withhold royalty payments for production from a covered lease tract in the outer Continental Shelf under certain circumstances. The report provides for changes in the composition, operation, and duties of the Tennessee Valley Authority board of directors, authorizes the continued operation of certain electric transmission facilities, reinstates a regulation for downwind ozone nonattainment areas, authorizes States to provide energy production incentives, and directs the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to establish criteria for the use of granular mine tailings.

TITLE XV—ETHANOL

Title XV of the conference report establishes a renewable fuels standard requiring that 5.0 billion gallons of renewable fuels be introduced into the marketplace by 2012. It bans the use of MTBE in motor fuels after December 31, 2104, and authorizes transition assistance to aid manufacturers in converting production to other fuel additives. The title requires a National Academy of Sciences report on the use of MTBE to be completed by May 31, 2013, and provides opportunity for a Presidential determination concerning restrictions on the use of MTBE by June 30, 2013. It also provides limited liability protection for MTBE, fuels using MTBE, ethanol, and fuels using ethanol, for defective product claims. The title also makes changes to provisions related to leaking underground storage tanks, including requiring at least 80 percent of all dollars appropriated from the LUST Trust Fund to be sent to the States for operating leaking underground tanks programs. It requires onsite inspections of underground storage tanks every 3 years after a brief period for the State to update its backlog. The title also prohibits Federal facilities from exempting themselves from compliance with all federal, State, and local underground tank laws.

TITLE XVI—STUDIES

Title XVI of the conference report authorizes a variety of studies on issues such as petroleum and natural gas supplies, coal bed methane, telecommuting, oil bypass filtration, and the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program.

From the Committee on Energy and Commerce, for consideration of the House bill and the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference:

BILLY TAUZIN,
MICHAEL BILIRAKIS,
JOE BARTON,
FRED UPTON,
CLIFF STEARNS,

PAUL GILLMOR,
JOHN SHIMKUS,

From the Committee on Agriculture, for consideration of secs. 30203, 30308, 30212, Title III of Division C, secs. 30604, 30901, and 30903 of the House bill and secs. 265, 301, 604, 941-948, 950, 1103, 1221, 1311-1313, and 2008 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference:

BOB GOODLATTE,
FRANK D. LUCAS,
CHARLES W. STENHOLM,

From the Committee on Armed Services, for consideration of secs. 11005, 11010, 14001-14007, 14009-14015, 21805 and 21806 of the House bill and secs. 301, 501-507, 509, 513, 809, 821, 914, 920, 1401, 1407-1409, 1411, 1801, and 1803 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference:

DUNCAN HUNTER,
CURT WELDON,

From the Committee on Education and the Workforce, for consideration of secs. 11021, 12014, 14033, and 30406 of the House bill and secs. 715, 774, 901, 903, 1505, and 1507 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference:

SAM JOHNSON,

From the Committee on Financial Services, for consideration of Division G of the House bill and secs. 931-940 and 950 of the Senate amendment and modifications committed to conference:

ROBERT W. NEY,

From the Committee on Government Reform, for consideration of secs. 11002, 11005, 11006, 11010, 11011, 14025, 14033, and 22002 of the House bill and secs. 263, 805, 806, 914-916, 918, 920, 1406, and 1410 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference:

TOM DAVIS,
TIM MURPHY,

From the Committee on the Judiciary, for consideration of secs. 12008, 12401, 14014, 14026, 14027, 14028, 14033, 16012, 16045, 16084, 30101, 30210, and 30408 of the House bill and secs. 206, 209, 253, 531-532, 708, 767, 783, and 1109 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference:

LAMAR SMITH,

From the Committee on Resources, for consideration of secs. 12005, 12007, 12011, 12101, 13001, 21501, 21521-21530, Division C, and sec. 60009 of the House bill and secs. 201, 265, 272, 301, 401-407, 602-606, 609, 612, 705, 707, 712, 721, 1234, 1351-1352, 1704, and 1811 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference:

RICHARD POMBO,
BARBARA CUBIN,

Provided that Mr. Kind is appointed in lieu of Mr. Rahall for consideration of Title IV of Division C of the House bill, and modifications committed to conference:

From the Committee on Science, for consideration of secs. 11009, 11025, 12301-12312, 14001-14007, 14009-14015, 14029, 15021-15024, 15031-15034, 15041, 15045, Division B, sec 30301, Division E, and Division F of the House bill and secs. 501-507, 509, 513-516, 770-772, 807-809, 814-816, 824, 832, 1001-1022, Title XI, Title XII, Title XIII, Title XIV, secs. 1501, 1504-1505, Title XVI, and secs. 1801-1805 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference:

JUDY BIGGERT,
RALPH M. HALL,

Provided that Mr. Costello is appointed in lieu of Mr. Hall of Texas for consideration of Division E of the House bill, and modifications committed to conference:

JERRY COSTELLO,

Provided that Mr. Lampson is appointed in lieu of Mr. Hall of Texas for consideration of sec. 21708 and Division F of the House bill, and secs. 824 and 1223 of the Senate amend-

ment and modifications committed to conference:

NICK LAMPSON,

From the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, for consideration of secs. 11001-11004, 11006, 11009-110011, 12001-12012, 12014, 12401, 12403, 13001, 13201, 13202, 15021-15024, 15031-15034, 15041, 15043, 15051, 16012, 16021, 16022, 16023, 16031, 16081, 16082, 16092, 23001-23004, 30407, 30410, and 30901 of the House bill and secs. 102, 201, 205, 301, 701-783, 812, 814, 816, 823, 911-916, 918-920, 949, 1214, 1261-1262, and 1351-1352 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference:

DON YOUNG,
THOMAS PETRI,

From the Committee on Ways and Means, for consideration of Division D of the House bill and Division H and I of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference:

WILLIAM THOMAS,
JIM MCCREERY,
Managers on the Part of the House.

PETE V. DOMENICI,
DON NICKLES,
LARRY E. CRAIG,
BEN NIGHTHORSE

CAMPBELL,
CRAIG THOMAS,
CHUCK GRASSLEY,
TRENT LOTT,
BYRON L. DORGAN,
Managers on the Part of the Senate.

REPORT ON RESOLUTION WAIVING POINTS OF ORDER AGAINST CONFERENCE REPORT ON H.R. 6, ENERGY POLICY ACT OF 2003

Mr. REYNOLDS, from the Committee on Rules, submitted a privileged report (Rept. No. 108-376) on the resolution (H. Res. 443) waiving points of order against the conference report to accompany the bill (H.R. 6) to enhance energy conservation and research and development, to provide for security and diversity in the energy supply for the American people, and for other purposes, which was referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed.

REPORT ON RESOLUTION WAIVING POINTS OF ORDER AGAINST CONFERENCE REPORT ON H.R. 2754, ENERGY AND WATER DEVELOPMENT APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2004

Mr. REYNOLDS, from the Committee on Rules, submitted a privileged report (Rept. No. 108-377) on the resolution (H. Res. 444) waiving points of order against the conference report to accompany the bill (H.R. 2754) making appropriations for energy and water development for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004, and for other purposes, which was referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Ms. CARSON of Indiana (at the request of Ms. PELOSI) for today on account of personal reasons.