

MCCOLLUM, Mr. BACHUS, and Mr. LAFALCE.

From the Committee on Commerce, for consideration of sections 326, 601, 602, 1049, 1050, 3151-53, 3155-3165, 3173, 3175, 3176-78 of the Senate bill, and sections 601, 602, 653, 3161, 3162, 3165, 3167, 3184, 3186, 3188, 3189, and 3191 of the House amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Mr. BLILEY, Mr. BARTON of Texas, and Mr. DINGELL: *Provided*, That Mr. BILIRAKIS is appointed in lieu of Mr. BARTON of Texas for consideration of sections 326, 601, and 602 of the Senate bill, and sections 601, 602, and 653 of the House amendment, and modifications committed to conference: *Provided further*, That Mr. TAUZIN is appointed in lieu of Mr. BARTON of Texas for considerations of sections 1049 and 1050 of the Senate bill, and modifications committed to conference.

From the Committee on Education and the Workforce, for consideration of sections 479 and 698 of the Senate bill, and sections 341, 343, 549, 567, and 673 of the House amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Mr. GOODLING, Mr. DEAL of Georgia, and Mrs. MINK of Hawaii.

From the Committee on Government Reform, for consideration of sections 538, 652, 654, 805-810, 1004, 1052-54, 1080, 1101-07, 2831, 2862, 3160, 3161, 3163, and 3173 of the Senate bill, and sections 522, 524, 525, 661-64, 672, 802, 1101-05, 2802, and 3162 of the House amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Mr. BURTON of Indiana, Mr. SCARBOROUGH, and Mr. CUMMINGS: *Provided*, That Mr. HORN is appointed in lieu of Mr. SCARBOROUGH for consideration of sections 538, 805-810, 1052-54, 1080, 2831, 2862, 3160, and 3161 of the Senate bill, and sections 802 and 2802 of the House amendment.

From the Committee on International Relations, for consideration of sections 1013, 1043, 1044, 1046, 1066, 1071, 1072, and 1083 of the Senate bill, and sections 1202, 1206, 1301-07, 1404, 1407, 1408, 1411, and 1413 of the House amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Mr. GILMAN, Mr. BEREUTER, and Mr. GEJDENSON.

From the Committee on the Judiciary, for consideration of sections 3156 and 3163 of the Senate bill, and sections 3166 and 3194 of the House amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Mr. HYDE, Mr. MCCOLLUM, and Mr. CONYERS.

From the Committee on Resources, for consideration of sections 601, 602, 695, 2833, and 2861 of the Senate bill, and sections 365, 601, 602, 653, 654, and 2863 of the House amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Mr. YOUNG of Alaska, Mr. TAUZIN, and Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California.

From the Committee on Science, for consideration of sections 1049, 3151-53, and 3155-65 of the Senate bill, and sec-

tions 3167, 3170, 3184, 3188-90, and 3191 of the House amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Mr. SENSENBRENNER, Mr. CALVERT, and Mr. COSTELLO.

From the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, for consideration of sections 601, 602, 1060, 1079, and 1080 of the Senate bill, and sections 361, 601, 602, and 3404 of the House amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Mr. SHUSTER, Mr. GILCHREST, and Mr. DEFazio.

From the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, for consideration of sections 671-75, 681, 682, 696, 697, 1062, and 1066 of the Senate bill, and modifications committed to conference: Mr. BILIRAKIS, Mr. QUINN, and Mr. FILNER.

The message also announced that the House disagrees to the amendments of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 1905) making appropriations for the Legislative Branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000, and for other purposes, and agrees to the conference asked by the Senate on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses there; and appoints Mr. TAYLOR of North Carolina, Mr. WAMP, Mr. LEWIS of California, Ms. GRANGER, Mr. PETERSON of Pennsylvania, Mr. YOUNG of Florida, Mr. PASTOR, Mr. MURTHA, Mr. HOYER, and Mr. OBEY, as the managers of the conference on the part of the House.

MEASURE PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following bill was read the first and second times and placed on the calendar:

H.R. 791. An act to amend the National Trails System Act to designate the route of the War of 1812 British invasion of Maryland and Washington, District of Columbia, and the route of the American defense, for study for potential addition to the national trails system.

MEASURE READ THE FIRST TIME

The following bill was read the first time:

H.R. 1218. An act to amend title 18, United States Code, to prohibit taking minors across State lines in circumvention of laws requiring the involvement of parents in abortion decisions.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, which were referred as indicated:

EC-4035. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 the annual report for fiscal year 1998 relative to defense articles that were licensed for export under the Arms Control Act; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-4036. A communication from the Director, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a human resources demonstration project at the Naval Research Laboratory; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-4037. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the Office of the Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration for the period October 1, 1998 through March 31, 1999; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-4038. A communication from the Chairman, Federal Housing Finance Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, the management reports of the twelve Federal Home Loan Banks and the Financing Corporation for calendar year 1998; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-4039. A communication from the Secretary of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the annual report of the Metals Initiative for fiscal year 1997; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-4040. A communication from the Secretary of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Summary of Expenditures of Rebates from the Low-Level Radioactive Waste Surcharge Escrow Account" for calendar year 1997; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-4041. A communication from the Secretary of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Cooperative Threat Reduction Program; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-4042. A communication from the Board Members, Railroad Retirement Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, the 1999 annual report on the financial status of the railroad unemployment insurance system; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-4043. A communication from the Board Members, Railroad Retirement Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the actuarial status of the railroad retirement system dated June 1999; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-4044. A communication from the Attorney for the National Council on Radiation Protection and Measurements, transmitting, pursuant to law, the annual report of independent auditors for calendar year 1998; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-4045. A communication from the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the Congressional Commission on Servicemembers and Veterans Transition Assistance; to the Committee on Veteran's Affairs.

EC-4046. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "VISAS: Documentation of Nonimmigrants Under the Immigration and Nationality Act, as Amended—Border Crossing Cards" (Public Notice 2976), received June 30, 1999; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-4047. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, a report on the Investigation of U.S.-Origin Military Equipment in Cyprus and Azerbaijan; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-4048. A communication from the Secretary of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the legal descriptions of acquired lands and conveyed lands in the State of Alaska; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-4049. A communication from the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, transmitting, pursuant to law, the annual report on the profitability of the credit card operations of depository institutions, dated June 1999; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-4050. A communication from the Chairman, Postal Rate Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the annual report on international mail costs for fiscal year 1998; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS

The following petitions and memorials were laid before the Senate and were referred or ordered to lie on the table as indicated:

POM-231. A resolution adopted by the House of the Legislature of the State of Michigan relative to the Kyoto Protocol on greenhouse gas emissions; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 98

Whereas, The people of Michigan join other Americans in the concern that emissions of carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gases may pose a risk of adding to natural long-term changes in climate, such as warming of the Earth, shifts in climate patterns and weather conditions, and other atmospheric aberrations; and

Whereas, Scientists are continuing to investigate and debate the merits of existing evidence of climate change. Researchers are developing more information about the extent, causes, and solutions related to greenhouse gases; and

Whereas, Michigan's citizens want government leaders to seek affordable, effective ways to address climate change; and

Whereas, in July 1997, the United States Senate adopted Senate Resolution 98, which directs the United States not to adopt any agreement emerging from the Kyoto, Japan, summit on climate change that would commit this nation to limits or reductions in greenhouse gas emissions without also requiring commitments by developing nations or that would impose undue economic burdens on all Americans; and

Whereas, Despite well-documented uncertainties about the scientific basis of climate change and contrary to the directives contained in Senate Resolution 98, the United States signed the Kyoto Climate Treaty. This treaty, often referred to as the Kyoto Protocol, commits this nation to reducing its emissions of greenhouse gases to amounts that are seven percent below their 1990 levels between the years 2008 and 2012 (an amount requiring more than a 30 percent reduction in projected United States carbon emissions achieved by reductions in energy use). The treaty, however, exempts more than 130 developing nations from similar constraints; and

Whereas, Energy provides valuable services to citizens through the heating and cooling of homes, transportation, processing of fuel, and other services vital to our citizens' well-being and our security; and

Whereas, Achieving the Kyoto Protocol targets will not mitigate climate changes or its effects, but according to the United States Department of Energy's Energy Information Administration, it may cause the loss of 2.4 million jobs throughout most industry sectors and increase the price of electricity (up to 86%), gasoline (66 cents per gallon), fuel oil (76%), and natural gas (147%); and

Whereas, Studies by the Heartland Institute and the Sparks Companies show that the Kyoto Protocol would increase production costs and cut farmers' incomes by one-quarter to one-half. This would force many family farms out of business, reduce agricultural exports, and increase food prices, which would be especially detrimental to America's poorest families; and

Whereas, According to the United States Energy Information Administration, meeting the emissions reduction targets in the Kyoto Protocol could cost the average household in the United States \$4,100 per year beginning in 2010 resulting from the increase in the price of utilities, fuel, and consumer goods and services. It is projected to cause the loss of 96,500 jobs in Michigan; and

Whereas, Other alternatives to reducing greenhouse gas emissions, such as research and development and voluntary emissions reduction programs, should be investigated and considered. It is vital to use a balanced approach to promoting economic progress and protecting the environment; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That we oppose the provisions of the Kyoto Protocol and memorialize the United States Senate not to ratify the Kyoto Climate Treaty. We urge federal authorities to consider strategies to protect the environment that apply to all nations and encourage alternative, voluntary proposals to reduce greenhouse gases; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the President of the United States, the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, and the members of the Michigan congressional delegation.

POM-232. A resolution adopted by the House of the Legislature of the State of Illinois relative to Social Security; to the Committee on Finance.

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 95

Whereas, Social Security is America's premier family protection system, providing working families with crucial income insurance in the event of the retirement, death or disability of a family wage earner; and

Whereas, Social Security is the only secure source of retirement income for the overwhelming majority of Americans, with two in three older American households relying on Social Security for half or more of their income; and

Whereas, Many of the proposals being discussed would require sharp and misguided benefit cuts, including raising the normal retirement age and reducing the cost of living adjustments; and

Whereas, The Board of Trustees of the Federal Old-Age and Survivors Insurance and Disability Insurance Trust Funds are reporting that Social Security is secure and can pay full benefits until 2032, with 70 to 75 percent of benefits covered by expected revenues after that time; and

Whereas, Many Americans are concerned about Social Security's long-term financial viability; therefore, be it

Resolved, by the House of Representatives of the Ninety-First General Assembly of the State of Illinois, That (1) Congress should take steps soon to strengthen Social Security so that all Americans can be assured that the program will be there for them; (2) Social Security should continue to provide an unreduced foundation of economic security for American families; (3) Social Security benefits should not be subject to the whims of the market, and private investment accounts

should never be substituted for the core defined benefits Social Security currently provides; (4) Working families should be able to count on full disability and survivor protections that grow to meet the needs of families, including spouses and children; (5) Americans who do not spend full careers in the paid workforce because they work at home caring for children or other family members should not be penalized by reform; and (6) Responsible Social Security reforms must be based on realistic assumptions about the economy as well as about the uncertainty and risk inherent in markets; and be it further

Resolved, That suitable copies of this resolution be presented to the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, the President of the United States Senate, and each member of the Illinois congressional delegation.

POM-233. A resolution adopted by the House of the Legislature of the State of Illinois relative to the Social Service Block Grant/Title XX program; to the Committee on Appropriations.

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 160

Whereas, Congress and the White House have funded the Social Service Block Grant/Title XX program at a relatively stable level for the past 5 years; and

Whereas, The FFY 99 funding level for this program unexpectedly dropped 17% during budget negotiations at the close of the last congressional session; and

Whereas, This federally funded program is almost exclusively devoted to community based human services throughout the State of Illinois, including adoption services, case coordination services, intervention for victims of domestic violence, youth development services, day care for children, employment development services, family support, foster care for children, homemaker services, outpatient treatment, protective intervention, rehabilitation and training for handicapped adults, and treatment for substance abuse, among other funded services, extending into every county and legislative district in the State serving over 130,000 individuals or families in Illinois; and

Whereas, The National Conference of Mayors, the National Council of State Legislatures, and the National Governors Conference have all strongly recommended the restoration of full funding to this important program; therefore be it

Resolved, by the House of Representatives of the Ninety-First General Assembly of the State of Illinois, That the Illinois congressional delegation be informed of our concern regarding this essential source of funding for critically important State programming and services; and be it further

Resolved, That the Illinois House of Representatives urges the Illinois congressional delegation to influence and guide the federal budgeting process for FFY 2000 and beyond to restore full funding for the Social Service Block Grant/Title XX program and incrementally increase funding for this essential program as future federal budget opportunities present themselves; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be forwarded to the members of the Illinois congressional delegation immediately.

POM-234. A resolution adopted by the House of the Legislature of the State of Illinois relative to the proposed "Dollars to the Classroom Act"; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.