

Mr. GIBBONS. Mr. Speaker, I object to the vote on the ground that a quorum is not present and make the point of order that a quorum is not present.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8, rule XX, further proceedings on this question will be postponed.

The point of no quorum is considered withdrawn.

#### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentleman from Puerto Rico (Mr. ROMERO-BARCELÓ) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance. Mr. ROMERO-BARCELÓ led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

#### DISPENSING WITH CALL OF PRIVATE CALENDAR ON TODAY

Mr. SENSENBRENNER. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the call of the Private Calendar be dispensed with today.

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

There was no objection.

#### CONFERENCE REPORT ON H.R. 2116, VETERANS MILLENNIUM HEALTH CARE AND BENEFITS ACT

Mr. STUMP submitted the following conference report and statement on the bill (H.R. 2116) to amend title 38, United States Code, to establish a program of extended care services for veterans and to make other improvements in health care programs of the Department of Veterans Affairs:

##### CONFERENCE REPORT (H. REPT. 106-470)

The committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendments of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 2116), to amend title 38, United States Code, to establish a program of extended care services for veterans and to make other improvements in health care programs of the Department of Veterans Affairs, having met, after full and free conference, have agreed to recommend and do recommend to their respective Houses as follows:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate to the text of the bill and agree to the same with an amendment as follows:

In lieu of the matter proposed to be inserted by the Senate amendment, insert the following:

##### SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE; TABLE OF CONTENTS.

(a) *SHORT TITLE.*—This Act may be cited as the “Veterans Millennium Health Care and Benefits Act”.

(b) *TABLE OF CONTENTS.*—The table of contents of this Act is as follows:

Sec. 1. Short title; table of contents.

Sec. 2. References to title 38, United States Code.

Sec. 3. Secretary and Department defined.

#### TITLE I—ACCESS TO CARE

##### Subtitle A—Long-Term Care

Sec. 101. Requirement to provide extended care services.

Sec. 102. Pilot programs relating to long-term care.

Sec. 103. Pilot program relating to assisted living.

##### Subtitle B—Other Access-to-Care Matters

Sec. 111. Reimbursement for emergency treatment in non-Department of Veterans Affairs facilities.

Sec. 112. Eligibility for care of combat-injured veterans.

Sec. 113. Access to care for TRICARE-eligible military retirees.

Sec. 114. Treatment and services for drug or alcohol dependency.

Sec. 115. Counseling and treatment for veterans who have experienced sexual trauma.

Sec. 116. Specialized mental health services.

#### TITLE II—MEDICAL PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION

Sec. 201. Medical care collections.

Sec. 202. Health Services Improvement Fund.

Sec. 203. Allocation to health care facilities of amounts made available from Medical Care Collections Fund.

Sec. 204. Authority to accept funds for education and training.

Sec. 205. Extension of certain authorities.

Sec. 206. Reestablishment of Committee on Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder.

Sec. 207. State home grant program.

Sec. 208. Expansion of enhanced-use lease authority.

Sec. 209. Ineligibility for employment by Veterans Health Administration of health care professionals who have lost license to practice in one jurisdiction while still licensed in another jurisdiction.

Sec. 210. Report on coordination of procurement of pharmaceuticals and medical supplies by the Department of Veterans Affairs and the Department of Defense.

Sec. 211. Reimbursement of medical expenses of veterans located in Alaska.

#### TITLE III—MISCELLANEOUS MEDICAL PROVISIONS

Sec. 301. Review of proposed changes to operation of medical facilities.

Sec. 302. Patient services at Department facilities.

Sec. 303. Chiropractic treatment.

Sec. 304. Designation of hospital bed replacement building at Ioannis A. Lougaris Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center, Reno, Nevada.

#### TITLE IV—CONSTRUCTION AND FACILITIES MATTERS

Sec. 401. Authorization of major medical facility projects.

Sec. 402. Authorization of major medical facility leases.

Sec. 403. Authorization of appropriations.

#### TITLE V—BENEFITS AND EMPLOYMENT MATTERS

##### Subtitle A—Compensation and DIC

Sec. 501. Dependency and indemnity compensation for surviving spouses of former prisoners of war.

Sec. 502. Reinstatement of certain benefits for remarried surviving spouses of veterans upon termination of their remarriage.

Sec. 503. Presumption that bronchiolo-alveolar carcinoma is service-connected.

##### Subtitle B—Employment

Sec. 511. Clarification of veterans' civil service employment opportunities.

#### TITLE VI—MEMORIAL AFFAIRS MATTERS

##### Subtitle A—American Battle Monuments Commission

Sec. 601. Codification and expansion of authority for World War II memorial.

Sec. 602. General authority to solicit and receive contributions.

Sec. 603. Intellectual property and related items.

Sec. 604. Technical amendments.

##### Subtitle B—National Cemeteries

Sec. 611. Establishment of additional national cemeteries.

Sec. 612. Use of flat grave markers at Santa Fe National Cemetery, New Mexico.

Sec. 613. Independent study on improvements to veterans' cemeteries.

##### Subtitle C—Burial Benefits

Sec. 621. Independent study on improvements to veterans' burial benefits.

#### TITLE VII—EDUCATION AND HOUSING MATTERS

##### Subtitle A—Education Matters

Sec. 701. Availability of Montgomery GI Bill benefits for preparatory courses for college and graduate school entrance exams.

Sec. 702. Determination of eligibility period for members of the Armed Forces commissioned following completion of officer training school.

Sec. 703. Report on veterans' education and vocational training benefits provided by the States.

Sec. 704. Technical amendments.

##### Subtitle B—Housing Matters

Sec. 711. Extension of authority for housing loans for members of the Selected Reserve.

Sec. 712. Technical amendment relating to transitional housing loan guarantee program.

#### TITLE VIII—DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

Sec. 801. Enhanced quality assurance program within the Veterans Benefits Administration.

Sec. 802. Extension of authority to maintain a regional office in the Republic of the Philippines.

Sec. 803. Extension of Advisory Committee on Minority Veterans.

Sec. 804. Technical amendment to automobile assistance program.

#### TITLE IX—HOMELESS VETERANS PROGRAMS

Sec. 901. Homeless veterans' reintegration programs.

Sec. 902. Extension of program of housing assistance for homeless veterans.

Sec. 903. Homeless veterans programs.

Sec. 904. Plan for evaluation of performance of programs to assist homeless veterans.

#### TITLE X—UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS FOR VETERANS CLAIMS

Sec. 1001. Short title.

Sec. 1002. Definition.

##### Subtitle A—Transitional Provisions To Stagger Terms of Judges

Sec. 1011. Early retirement authority for current judges.

Sec. 1012. Modified terms for next two judges appointed to the Court.

##### Subtitle B—Other Matters Relating to Retired Judges

Sec. 1021. Recall of retired judges.