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MR. OBEY. Merry Christmas.

MR. YOUNG OF FLORIDA. Happy Thanksgiving.

Resolved, That upon adoption of this resolution, it shall be in order to consider the conference report to accompany the bill (H.R. 1180) to amend the Social Security Act to expand the availability of health care coverage for working individuals with disabilities, to establish a Ticket to Work and Self-Sufficiency Program in the Social Security Administration to provide such individuals with meaningful opportunities to work, and for other purposes. All points of order against the conference report and against its consideration are waived. The conference report shall be considered as read.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman from Washington (Mr. HASTINGS) is recognized for 1 hour.

Mr. HASTINGS. I ask unanimous consent that my name be added as cosponsor of H.R. 2699, the Work Opportunity Tax Credit, and that I be excused from further consideration of the resolution.

Mr. Speaker, the conference report to accompany H.R. 1180 establishes a ticket to work program for recipients of Social Security disability benefits to seek vocational rehabilitation and employment services as well as enabling those individuals to work while keeping their health insurance. This legislation also creates an option for States to allow disabled individuals to purchase Medicaid insurance.

The conference agreement also provides approximately $15.8 billion in tax relief over 5 years, $18.4 billion over 10 years, by extending certain tax credits. This tax extenders package includes renewal of several expiring tax credit provisions, including the R&D tax credit, the Work Opportunity Tax Credit,