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Mr. SMITH of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, on rollocal No. 171, I was inadvertently detained in a meeting with an AARP re Social Security. Had I been present, I would have voted “yes.”

Ms. LEE. Mr. Speaker, on rollocal No. 171, I was unavoidably absent from the vote on H.R. 150. Had I been present, I would have voted “yes.”

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Ms. KILPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, due to official business in the 15th Congressional District of Michigan, I was not able to record my vote for two measures considered in the U.S. House of Representatives today. Had I been present, I would have voted “aye” for rollocal number 170, and I would have voted “aye” for rollocal number 171.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. SKEEN. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks and to include tabular and extraneous material on H.R. 1906.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. LAHOOD). Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from New Mexico?

There was no objection.

AGRICULTURE, RURAL DEVELOPMENT, FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2000

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to House Resolution 185 and rule XVIII, the Chair declares the House in the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union for the further consideration of the bill, H.R. 1906.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. In the Committee of the Whole.

Accordingly, the House resolved itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union for the further consideration of the bill (H.R. 1906) making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000, and for other purposes, with Mr. Pascrell in the chair. The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The CHAIRMAN. When the Committee of the Whole rose on Wednesday, May 26, 1999, the amendment by the gentleman from Oklahoma (Mr. COWAN) had been disposed of and the bill was open for amendment from page 13, line 1, to page 14, line 19.

Are there further amendments to this portion of the bill?

Mr. SKEEN. Mr. Chairman, I move to strike the last word.

Mr. Chairman, the Committee of the Whole has had this bill under consideration for 2 days. We have consumed about 11 hours of floor time so far. We have disposed of 10 amendments by recorded votes and we have reached page 14 of a 70-page appropriations bill. I believe that this is a record for this bill.

I rise to make the point that the membership has been very strong in its support of the Committee on Appropriations and of the votes cast on the 10 amendments; over 70 percent have supported the Committee’s recommendations and less than 30 percent have opposed them. I want to take this opportunity to thank the membership for supporting our work and to ask for its continued support.

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Chairman, I move to strike the last word.

Mr. Chairman, I would just like to inform the House that we are going to proceed forward on this bill today. It is our hope, in view of the crisis in rural America, that we may move through it expeditiously. We look forward to working with the gentleman from New Mexico (Mr. SKEEN) and to try to move through the amendments that remain.

I think further delay is not in the interest of the Nation. We would like to move this bill to conference as quickly as possible. We are ready to proceed with the amendments in order. I look forward to the first amendment.

The CHAIRMAN. The Clerk will read.

The Clerk read as follows:

None of the funds in the foregoing paragraph shall be available for any program of research related to the production, processing or marketing of tobacco or tobacco products.

NA TIVE AMERICAN INSTITUTIONS ENDOWMENT

For establishment of a Native American institutions endowment fund, as authorized by Public Law 103-382 (7 U.S.C. 301 note), $1,600,000.

EXTENSION ACTIVITIES

Payments to States, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, Guam, the Virgin Islands, Micronesia, Northern Marianas, and American Samoa: for payments for cooperative extension work under the Act, to be distributed under sections 3(b) and 3(c) of said Act, and under section 208(c) of Public Law 93-471, for retirement and employees’ compensation costs for the Forest Service, under section 208(c) of Public Law 93-471, for retirement and employees’ compensation costs for the Forest Service, for costs of penalty mail for cooperative extension agents and State extension directors, $276,548,000; payments for extension work at the 1904 Institutions under the Smith-Lever Act (7 U.S.C. 343(b)(3)), $2,069,000; payments for the nutrition and family education program for low-income areas under section 3(d) of the Act, $58,695,000; payments for the pest management program under section 3(d) of the Act, $10,783,000; payments for the farm safety program under section 3(d) of the Act, $5,000,000; payments for the pesticide impact assessment program under section 3(d) of the Act, $3,214,000; payments to upgrade research, extension, and teaching facilities at the 1,890 land-grant colleges, including Tuskegee University, as authorized by section 1447 of Public Law 95-113 (7 U.S.C. 2222), $6,425,000, to remain available until expended for payments for extension agents' training centers under section 3(d) of the Act, $908,000; payments for a groundwater quality program under section 3(d) of the Act, $356,000; payments for extension centers under section 3(d) of the Act, $3,000,000; payments for a food safety program under section 3(d) of the Act, $7,365,000; payments for carrying out the provisions of the Renewable Resources Extension Act of 1978, $3,192,000; payments for Indian reservations under section 3(d) of the Act, $1,714,000; payments for sustainable agriculture programs under section 3(d) of the Act, $3,309,000; payments for rural health and safety education as authorized by section 290 of Public Law 101-621 (7 U.S.C. 341-346, note, 2662), $2,628,000; payments for cooperative extension work by the colleges receiving the benefits of the second Morrill Act (7 U.S.C. 321-326 and 328) and Tuskegee University, $25,843,000; and for Federal administration and coordination including administration of the Smith-Lever Act, and the Act of September 29, 1977 (7 U.S.C. 311 et seq. and section 1361(c) of the Act of October 3, 1980 (7 U.S.C. 301 note), and to coordinate and provide program leadership for the extension work of the Department and the several States and insular possessions, $12,741,000; in all, $438,987,000: Provided, That funds hereby appropriated pursuant to section 3(c) of the Act of June 30, 1953, and sections 3(a) and 3(h) of the Act of June 23, 1972, shall not be paid to any State, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico,