

H.R. 4507: Ms. KAPTUR.

H.R. 4536: Mrs. MEEK of Florida and Ms. STABENOW.

H.R. 4541: Mr. BARRETT of Nebraska, Mr. CHAMBLISS, and Mr. GUTKNECHT.

H.R. 4543: Mr. McNULTY, Mr. COLLINS, Mr. ENGLISH, Mr. WATKINS, Mr. SENSENBRENNER, Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts, Mr. BARR of Georgia, Mr. BERMAN, and Mr. GRAHAM.

H.R. 4553: Mr. OSE, Mr. WALSH, Mr. GILCHREST, Mr. NETHERCUTT, Mrs. FOWLER, Mr. GREENWOOD, Ms. PRYCE of Ohio, Mr. KUYKENDALL, Mr. UPTON, Mrs. EMERSON, Mr. HOUGHTON, Mr. EHLERS, Mr. MANZULLO, and Mr. TANCREDO.

H.R. 4556: Mr. ENGLISH.

H.R. 4596: Ms. LEE and Mr. HINCHEY.

H. Con. Res. 220: Mr. PASCARELL.

H. Con. Res. 225: Mr. WYNN.

H. Con. Res. 261: Mr. TOWNS.

H. Con. Res. 297: Mrs. MYRICK.

H. Con. Res. 322: Mr. DOOLITTLE and Mr. LARSON.

H. Con. Res. 348: Mr. TURNER, Mrs. CAPPS, Ms. MILLENDER-MCDONALD, Mr. WYNN, Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi, Mr. CUMMINGS, Mr. CONYERS, Ms. BROWN of Florida, Mr. CLAY, and Mr. SHERMAN.

H. Res. 259: Mr. MCHUGH, Mr. COOK, Mr. CLEMENT, Mr. GARY MILLER of California, and Mr. FALEOMAVAEGA.

H. Res. 420: Mr. TAYLOR of North Carolina, Ms. DELAURO, Mr. TRAFICANT, and Mr. SHAYS.

H. Res. 458: Mr. FORBES and Mr. LATHAM.

H. Res. 500: Mr. MENENDEZ.

H. Res. 517: Mr. TIAHRT and Mr. RYUN of Kansas.

H. Res. 521: Mr. STEARNS, Mr. LARGENT, Mr. JONES of North Carolina, Mr. HILLEARY, Mr. SCHAFFER, Mr. GARY MILLER of California, Mr. RYUN of Kansas, Mr. RYAN of Wisconsin, Mr. BARTLETT of Maryland, Mr. HUTCHINSON, Mr. CHABOT, Mr. HOEKSTRA, Mr. SMITH of Michigan, Mr. GREEN of Wisconsin, Mr. COX, Mr. VITTER, and Mr. TOOMEY.

DELETIONS OF SPONSORS FROM PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 7 of rule XII, sponsors were deleted from public bills and resolutions as follows:

H.R. 2966: Mr. TANCREDO.

AMENDMENTS

Under clause 8 of rule XVIII, proposed amendments were submitted as follows:

H.R. 4578

OFFERED BY: MR. HILL OF MONTANA

AMENDMENT No. 51: Page 53, line 4, after the dollar amount insert "(reduced by \$500,000) (increased by \$500,000)".

H.R. 4578

OFFERED BY: MR. HILL OF MONTANA

AMENDMENT No. 52: At the end of the bill, insert after the last section (preceding the short title) the following:

TITLE V—ADDITIONAL GENERAL PROVISIONS

SEC. 501. None of the funds made available in this Act may be used to remove or rescind a designation, in existence as of the date of enactment of this Act, of a route or water surface for use by snowmobiles under section 2.18(c) of title 36, Code of Federal Regulations, or any special regulations promulgated thereunder, in Yellowstone National

Park, Grand Teton National Park, or the John D. Rockefeller National Memorial Parkway.

H.R. 4578

OFFERED BY: MS. KAPTUR

AMENDMENT No. 53: Page 69, Line 10: After "until expended." Add "Provided, that the Secretary of Energy shall annually acquire and store as part of the Strategic Petroleum Reserve 300,000,000 gallons of ethanol and 100,000,000 gallons of biodiesel fuel. Such fuels shall be obtained in exchange for, or purchased with funds realized from the sale of, crude oil from the Strategic Petroleum Reserve."

H.R. 4578

OFFERED BY: MR. OSE

AMENDMENT No. 54: On page 52, strike lines 12 through 15.

H.R. 4578

OFFERED BY: MR. SUNUNU

AMENDMENT No. 55: Page 5, line 17, after the first dollar amount insert the following: "(increased by \$10,000,000)".

Page 15, line 15, after the first dollar amount insert the following: "(increased by \$10,000,000)".

Page 17, line 7, after the dollar amount insert the following: "(increased by \$10,000,000)".

Page 17, line 9, after the dollar amount insert the following: "(increased by \$10,000,000)".

Page 17, line 13, after the dollar amount insert the following: "(increased by \$10,000,000)".

Page 54, line 25, after the dollar amount insert the following: "(increased by \$10,000,000)".

Page 67, line 16, after the dollar amount insert the following: "(reduced by \$126,500,000)".

H.R. 4635

OFFERED BY: MR. ANDREWS

AMENDMENT No. 11: Page 20, line 13, after the dollar amount, insert the following: "(reduced by \$25,000,000)".

Page 20, line 18, after the dollar amount, insert the following: "(reduced by \$25,000,000)".

Page 62, line 22, after the dollar amount, insert the following: "(increased by \$25,000,000)".

Page 63, line 1, after the dollar amount, insert the following: "(increased by \$25,000,000)".

H.R. 4635

OFFERED BY: MR. ANDREWS

AMENDMENT No. 12: Page 20, line 13, after the dollar amount, insert the following: "(reduced by \$60,000,000)".

Page 20, line 18, after the dollar amount, insert the following: "(reduced by \$60,000,000)".

Page 62, line 22, after the dollar amount, insert the following: "(increased by \$60,000,000)".

Page 63, line 1, after the dollar amount, insert the following: "(increased by \$60,000,000)".

H.R. 4635

OFFERED BY: MR. BILIRAKIS

At the appropriate place in the bill insert the following:

SEC. XX. OFFICE OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY NATIONAL HAZARDOUS WASTE AND SUPERFUND OMBUDSMAN.

(a) REAUTHORIZATION.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Section 2008(d) of the Solid Waste Disposal Act (42 U.S.C. 6917(d)) is

amended by striking "4 years after the date of enactment of the Hazardous and Solid Waste Amendments of 1984" and inserting "on the date that is 10 years after the date of enactment of the Act making appropriations for the Departments of Veterans Affairs and Housing and Urban Development, and for sundry independent agencies, boards, commissions, corporations, and offices for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2001, and for other purposes".

(2) FUNCTIONS AND POWER OF OFFICE.—

(A) GENERAL FUNCTIONS.—In addition to those functions not otherwise inconsistent with Federal law and the solid and hazardous waste laws of the United States, it shall be the function of the Hazardous Waste and Superfund Ombudsman to administer the Office of Environmental Protection Agency National Hazardous Waste and Superfund Ombudsman to:

(i) assist citizens in resolving problems with the Environmental Protection Agency;

(ii) identify areas in which citizens have problems in dealing with the Environmental Protection Agency;

(iii) to the extent possible, propose changes in the administrative practices of the Environmental Protection Agency to mitigate problems identified under clause (ii);

(iv) identify potential legislative changes that may be appropriate to mitigate such problems; and

(v) conduct investigations, determine findings of fact, and make non-binding recommendations.

(B) GENERAL POWERS.—In addition to the powers not otherwise inconsistent with Federal law and the hazardous waste laws of the United States, the Office of Environmental Protection Agency National Hazardous Waste and Superfund Ombudsman shall have the following powers:

(i) To investigate any act of the Environmental Protection Agency, upon complaint or his own motion, without regard to its finality.

(ii) To adopt rules necessary for the execution of duties, including procedures for receiving and processing complaints, conducting investigations and reporting findings, not inconsistent with this Act and the consensus standards expressed in the 1969 Resolution of the American Bar Association and the United States Ombudsman Association Model Act for Ombudsman for the establishment of Ombudsman.

(iii) To examine the records and documents and to enter and inspect without notice the premises of the Environmental Protection Agency together with related authorities of section 104(e) of CERCLA.

(iv) To subpoena any person to appear, to give sworn testimony or to produce documentary or other evidence determined by the National Hazardous Waste and Superfund Ombudsman to be reasonably material to an Ombudsman investigation.

(v) To undertake, participate in or cooperate with any persons or agencies in such conferences, inquiries on the record, public hearings on the record, meetings and studies as may be determined by the National Hazardous Waste and Superfund Ombudsman to be reasonably material to an Ombudsman investigation or which may lead to improvements in the functions of the Environmental Protection Agency and cooperating agencies.

(vi) To maintain as confidential and privileged any and all communications respecting any matter and the identities of any parties or, witnesses coming before the National Hazardous Waste and Superfund Ombudsman.

(vii) To request independent counsel from the United States House of Representatives, the United States Senate, the appropriate United States Attorney, or, otherwise at the election of the National Hazardous Waste and Superfund Ombudsman, to enforce the provisions of this section.

(viii) Administer a budget for the Office of Environmental Protection Agency National Hazardous Waste and Superfund Ombudsman.

(3) STRUCTURE, OPERATIONS AND REPORTS.—

(A) STRUCTURE.—The National Hazardous Waste and Superfund Ombudsman of the Environmental Protection Agency Office of the National Hazardous Waste and Superfund Ombudsman shall report to the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency and Congress.

(B) OPERATION.—The National Hazardous Waste and Superfund Ombudsman of the Environmental Protection Agency Office of the Ombudsman shall have the authority and responsibility to, but shall not be required to—

(i) appoint one Ombudsman for each Region of the United States;

(ii) evaluate and take personnel actions (including hiring and dismissal) with respect to any employee of the Office of Ombudsman; and

(iii) conduct and lead investigations, determine findings of fact, and make non-binding recommendations.

Notwithstanding the placement of the office described in subparagraph (A), the Environmental Protection Agency Office of the National Hazardous Waste and Superfund Ombudsman shall maintain, at each and every location, an office location, a telephone, facsimile and other electronic communication access and a post office address at a location other than any Environmental Protection Agency office.

(c) REPORTS.—The Environmental Protection Agency Office of the National Hazardous Waste and Superfund Ombudsman may from time to time and shall annually report on the status of health and environmental concerns addressed by complaints and cases brought to the National Hazardous Waste and Superfund Ombudsman. Such reports shall be submitted to the President, to the Congress through the Commerce Committee of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Environment and Public Works of the Senate; and to the public, to the Environmental Protection Agency, and in his discretion, to other governmental agencies.

(4) IMMUNITIES AND OBSTRUCTION.—

(A) IMMUNITIES.—The National Hazardous Waste and Superfund Ombudsman shall have the same immunities from civil and criminal liabilities as an administrative law judge and shall not be compelled to testify or produce evidence in any judicial or administrative proceeding with respect to any matter involving the exercise of official duties except as may be necessary to enforce this Act or the criminal laws of the United States.

(B) OBSTRUCTION.—Any person who willfully obstructs or hinders the proper and lawful exercise of the National Hazardous Waste and Superfund Ombudsman's powers, or willfully misleads or attempts to mislead the Ombudsman in the course of an investigation shall be subject, at a minimum, to penalties under sections 1001 and 1505 of the United States Code.

(5) RELATION TO OTHER LAWS AND COOPERATION.—

(A) RELATION TO OTHER LAWS.—The provisions of this section do not limit any remedy

or right of appeal and may be exercised notwithstanding, any provision of law to the contrary that an agency action is not reviewable, final or not subject to appeal.

(B) COOPERATION.—All Federal agencies shall assist the Environmental Protection Agency Office of the National Hazardous Waste and Superfund Ombudsman in carrying out functions under this Act and shall promptly make available all requested information concerning past or present agency waste management practices and past or present agency owned, leased or operated hazardous waste facilities. This information shall be provided in such format as may be determined by the National Hazardous Waste and Superfund Ombudsman.

(6) APPROPRIATION.—The sum of \$2,000,000 is hereby made available and appropriated within the general funds of the Environmental Protection Agency for fiscal year 2001 for the purposes of carrying out this Act. In future years not less than one one-thousandth of the annual Environmental Protection Agency appropriation shall be made available and appropriated within the general funds of the Environmental Protection Agency for the purposes of carrying out this Act.

(7) SEVERABILITY.—If any part of this Act is declared invalid, all other provisions shall remain in full force and effect.

H.R. 4635

OFFERED BY: MR. BILIRAKIS

AMENDMENT No. 14: Page 62, line 2, under the heading "Hazardous Substance Superfund", after "2002" insert "; *Provided further*, That of amounts appropriated under this heading, \$2,000,000 shall be available for purposes of the National Hazardous Waste and Superfund Ombudsman".

H.R. 4635

OFFERED BY: MR. DEFAZIO

AMENDMENT No. 15: At the end of the bill, insert after the last section (preceding the short title) the following new section:

SEC. 426. None of the funds made available in this Act may be used by the Department of Housing and Urban Development to provide any financial assistance for a smoke shop or other tobacco outlet.

H.R. 4635

OFFERED BY: MR. DEFAZIO

AMENDMENT No. 16: Page 9, line 8, insert after the dollar amount the following: "(increased by \$16,000,000)".

Page 79, line 23, insert after the dollar amount the following: "(reduced by \$16,000,000)".

H.R. 4635

OFFERED BY: MR. DEFAZIO

AMENDMENT No. 17: Page 79, line 23, insert after the dollar amount the following: "(reduced by \$16,000,000)".

H.R. 4635

OFFERED BY: MR. FILNER

AMENDMENT No. 18: Page 14, after line 13, insert the following:

In addition, for "Grants for Construction of State Extended Care Facilities", \$80,000,000: *Provided*, That the Congress hereby designates the entire such amount as an emergency requirement pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985: *Provided further*, That such amount shall be available only to the extent of a specific dollar amount for such purpose that is included in an official budget request transmitted by the President to the Congress and that is designated as an emergency requirement pursuant to such section 251(b)(2)(A).

H.R. 4635

OFFERED BY: MR. FILNER

AMENDMENT No. 19: Page 9, after line 8, insert the following:

In addition, for "Medical and Prosthetic Research Benefits", \$25,000,000: *Provided*, That the Congress hereby designates the entire such amount as an emergency requirement pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985: *Provided further*, That such amount shall be available only to the extent of a specific dollar amount for such purpose that is included in an official budget request transmitted by the President to the Congress and that is designated as an emergency requirement pursuant to such section 251(b)(2)(A).

H.R. 4635

OFFERED BY: MR. FILNER

AMENDMENT No. 20: Page 9, after line 3, insert the following:

In addition, for "Medical Care", \$35,200,000 for health care benefits for Filipino World War II veterans who were excluded from benefits by the Rescissions Acts of 1946 and to increase service-connected disability compensation from the peso rate to the full dollar amount for Filipino World War II veterans living in the United States: *Provided*, That the Congress hereby designates the entire such amount as an emergency requirement pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985: *Provided further*, That such amount shall be available only to the extent of a specific dollar amount for such purpose that is included in an official budget request transmitted by the President to the Congress and that is designated as an emergency requirement pursuant to such section 251(b)(2)(A).

H.R. 4635

OFFERED BY: MR. FILNER

AMENDMENT No. 21: Page 3, after line 21, insert the following:

In addition, for "Readjustment Benefits", \$900,000,000 for enhanced educational assistance under chapter 30 of title 38, United States Code (the Montgomery GI Bill), in accordance with the provisions of H.R. 4334 of the 106th Congress as introduced on April 13, 2000: *Provided*, That the Congress hereby designates the entire such amount as an emergency requirement pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985: *Provided further*, That such amount shall be available only to the extent of a specific dollar amount for such purpose that is included in an official budget request transmitted by the President to the Congress and that is designated as an emergency requirement pursuant to such section 251(b)(2)(A).

H.R. 4635

OFFERED BY: MR. HINCHEY

AMENDMENT No. 22: Page 46, line 21, after the dollar amount, insert the following: "(increased by \$4,770,000)".

H.R. 4635

OFFERED BY: MR. HINCHEY

AMENDMENT No. 23: At the end of the bill, after the last section (before the short title) insert the following new section:

SEC. ____ . None of the funds made available in this Act may be used by the Department of Veterans Affairs to implement or administer the Veterans Equitable Resource Allocation system.

H.R. 4635

OFFERED BY: MR. HOSTETTLER

AMENDMENT NO. 24: At the end of the bill, insert after the last section (preceding the short title) the following new section:

SEC. ____ . None of the funds made available in this Act may be used to administer the Communities for Safer Guns Coalition.

H.R. 4635

OFFERED BY: MR. HOSTETTLER

AMENDMENT NO. 25: At the end of the bill, insert after the last section (preceding the short title) the following:

SEC. ____ . None of the funds made available in this Act to the Department of Housing and Urban Development may be used to enforce, implement, or administer the provisions of the settlement document dated March 17, 2000, between Smith & Wesson and

the Department of Housing and Urban Development (among other parties).

H.R. 4635

OFFERED BY: MR. TANCREDO

AMENDMENT NO. 26: Page 14, line 13, insert after the dollar amount the following: “(increased by \$30,000,000)”.

Page 73, line 18, insert after the dollar amount the following: “(reduced by \$30,000,000)”.