

claims. I understand that the way that has been scored could mean that not all that amount will be paid before October. I hope that the Administration will do all that is needed to assure that payments are made as soon as possible, because these people have already waited too long as it is.

Of course, this conference report is only a stopgap resolution of the bigger problem with RECA. We need to do more.

We should change the law so that future RECA payments will not depend on annual appropriations, but instead will be paid automatically in the way that we now have provided for payments under the new compensation program for certain nuclear-weapons workers made sick by exposure to radiation, beryllium, and other hazards. I have joined in sponsoring legislation to make that change. But, meanwhile, I urge approval of the conference report.

Mr. YOUNG of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. HANSEN). Without objection, the previous question is ordered on the conference report.

There was no objection.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the conference report.

Pursuant to clause 10 of rule XX, the yeas and nays are ordered.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 375, nays 30, not voting 28, as follows:

[Roll No. 256]

YEAS—375

Abercrombie	Capito	English
Ackerman	Capps	Eshoo
Aderholt	Capuano	Etheridge
Akin	Cardin	Evans
Allen	Carson (IN)	Everett
Andrews	Carson (OK)	Farr
Baca	Castle	Ferguson
Bachus	Chambliss	Fletcher
Baird	Clay	Foley
Baker	Clayton	Forbes
Baldacci	Clement	Ford
Baldwin	Clyburn	Fossella
Ballenger	Coble	Frelinghuysen
Barr	Collins	Frost
Bartlett	Combest	Gallely
Bass	Condit	Ganske
Becerra	Cooksey	Gekas
Bentsen	Costello	Gephardt
Bereuter	Cox	Gibbons
Berkley	Coyne	Gilchrest
Berman	Cramer	Gillmor
Berry	Crenshaw	Gilman
Biggert	Crowley	Gonzalez
Bilirakis	Cubin	Goode
Bishop	Culberson	Goodlatte
Blagojevich	Cummings	Goss
Blunt	Cunningham	Graham
Boehlert	Davis (CA)	Granger
Boehner	Davis (FL)	Green (TX)
Bonilla	Davis (IL)	Green (WI)
Bonior	Davis, Jo Ann	Greenwood
Bono	Davis, Tom	Grucci
Borski	Deal	Gutierrez
Boswell	DeGette	Gutknecht
Boucher	Delahunt	Hall (OH)
Boyd	DeLauro	Hall (TX)
Brady (PA)	DeMint	Hansen
Brady (TX)	Deutsch	Hanrahan
Brown (OH)	Diaz-Balart	Hart
Brown (SC)	Dicks	Hastings (FL)
Bryant	Dingell	Hastings (WA)
Burr	Doggett	Hayes
Buyer	Dooley	Hayworth
Callahan	Doolittle	Hefley
Calvert	Doyle	Heger
Camp	Dunn	Hill
Cannon	Edwards	Hilleary
Cantor	Emerson	Hilliard

Hinchey	McInnis	Sanchez
Hinojosa	McIntyre	Sandlin
Hobson	McKeon	Sawyer
Hoefl	McNulty	Saxton
Holden	Meehan	Scarborough
Holt	Meek (FL)	Schakowsky
Honda	Meeks (NY)	Schiff
Hooley	Menendez	Schrock
Horn	Mica	Scott
Hostettler	Millender-	Serrano
Houghton	McDonald	Sessions
Hoyer	Miller, Gary	Shaw
Hunter	Miller, George	Sherman
Hutchinson	Mink	Sherwood
Hyde	Mollohan	Shimkus
Inslee	Moran (KS)	Shows
Isakson	Moran (VA)	Shuster
Israel	Morella	Simmons
Issa	Murtha	Simpson
Jackson (IL)	Myrick	Skeen
Jackson-Lee	Nadler	Slaughter
(TX)	Napolitano	Smith (NJ)
Jefferson	Neal	Smith (TX)
Jenkins	Nethercutt	Smith (WA)
John	Ney	Snyder
Johnson (CT)	Northup	Solis
Johnson (IL)	Norwood	Souder
Johnson, E.B.	Nussle	Spratt
Johnson, Sam	Obey	Stearns
Jones (NC)	Oliver	Stenholm
Jones (OH)	Ortiz	Strickland
Kanjorski	Osborne	Stump
Kaptur	Ose	Sununu
Keller	Otter	Sweeney
Kelly	Owens	Tanner
Kennedy (MN)	Oxley	Tauscher
Kennedy (RI)	Pallone	Tauscher
Kerns	Pascarella	Tauzin
Kildee	Pastor	Taylor (MS)
Kilpatrick	Payne	Taylor (NC)
King (NY)	Pelosi	Terry
Kingston	Pence	Thompson (CA)
Kirk	Peterson (MN)	Thompson (MS)
Knollenberg	Peterson (PA)	Thornberry
Kolbe	Phelps	Thune
LaFalce	Pickering	Thurman
LaHood	Pitts	Tiahrt
Lampson	Platts	Tiberi
Langevin	Pombo	Tierney
Lantos	Pomeroy	Toomey
Largent	Portman	Towns
Larsen (WA)	Price (NC)	Turner
Larson (CT)	Pryce (OH)	Udall (CO)
Latham	Putnam	Udall (NM)
LaTourrette	Quinn	Velázquez
Leach	Radanovich	Vislosky
Levin	Rahall	Vitter
Lewis (CA)	Ramstad	Walden
Lewis (KY)	Rangel	Walsh
Linder	Regula	Wamp
LoBiondo	Rehberg	Waters
Lofgren	Reyes	Watkins (OK)
Lowe	Reynolds	Watson (CA)
Lucas (OK)	Riley	Watt (NC)
Luther	Rivers	Watts (OK)
Maloney (CT)	Rodriguez	Waxman
Maloney (NY)	Rogers (KY)	Weiner
Manzullo	Rogers (MI)	Weldon (PA)
Markey	Rohrabacher	Weiler
Mascara	Ros-Lehtinen	Wexler
Matheson	Ross	Whitfield
Matsui	Rothman	Wicker
McCarthy (MO)	Roukema	Wilson
McCarthy (NY)	Roybal-Allard	Wolf
McCollum	Rush	Woolsey
McDermott	Ryan (WI)	Wu
McGovern	Ryun (KS)	Wynn
McHugh	Sabo	Young (FL)

NAYS—30

Arney	Hoekstra	Schaffer
Boswell	Kind (WI)	Sensenbrenner
Boucher	Kleccka	Shadegg
Boyd	Kucinich	Shays
Brady (PA)	Lee	Smith (MI)
Brady (TX)	Paul	Stark
Brown (OH)	Petri	Stupak
Brown (SC)	Roemer	Tancred
Bryant	Royce	Upton
Burr	Sanders	Weldon (FL)

NOT VOTING—28

Barcia	Burton	Dreier
Blumenauer	Crane	Ehrlich
Brown (FL)	DeLay	Engel

Fattah	Lipinski	Skelton
Filner	Lucas (KY)	Spence
Gordon	McCrery	Thomas
Graves	McKinney	Traficant
Hulshof	Miller (FL)	Young (AK)
Istook	Moore	
Lewis (GA)	Oberstar	

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Mr. STARK and Mr. KUCINICH changed their vote from “yea” to “nay.”

So the conference report was agreed to.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Stated for:

Mr. BURTON of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, on July 20, 2001, due to a family commitment, I was unavailable for rollcall vote No. 256. Had I been here I would have voted “yea.”

Stated against:

Mr. FILNER. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 256, I was carrying out official duties in my District and missed this vote. Had I been present, I would have voted “nay.”

LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM

(Mr. BONIOR asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. BONIOR. Mr. Speaker, I rise for the purpose of inquiring of the gentleman from Texas (Mr. ARMEY), the majority leader, the schedule for the remainder of the week and for next week.

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, will the gentleman yield?

Mr. BONIOR. I yield to the gentleman from Texas.

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to announce that the House has completed its legislative business for the week.

The House will meet for legislative business on Monday, July 23, at 12:30 p.m. for morning hour and 2 o'clock p.m. for legislative business. The House will consider a number of measures under suspension of the rules, a list of which will be distributed to Members' offices later today. On Monday, no recorded votes are expected before 6 o'clock p.m.

On Tuesday and the balance of the week, the House will consider the following measures: We will complete consideration of H.R. 2506, the Foreign Operations Appropriations Act; H.J. Res. 55, concerning trade relations with respect to Vietnam; the Treasury and Postal Appropriations Act; and the Patients' Bill of Rights. And, Mr. Speaker, we will also complete work on Veterans Affairs, Housing, Urban Development and Independent Agencies Appropriations Act.

Members should understand that this is going to be another busy week, and we should expect some late evenings next week.

Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for yielding.

Mr. BONIOR. Mr. Speaker, I might ask my colleague, when does he expect the Patients' Bill of Rights bill to come up next week?

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, if the gentleman will yield, I thank the gentleman for the inquiry. I would expect us to see that bill on the floor on Thursday of next week, probably late in the day.

Mr. BONIOR. Mr. Speaker, how about the energy bill? When can we expect to see the energy bill?

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, if the gentleman will again yield, I think the committees have completed their work on that. We will probably work with the Committee on Rules and the other committees on that, and we would expect it the week following next.

Mr. BONIOR. Mr. Speaker, is Fast Track coming up before the recess, and does the gentleman expect a markup in the Committee on Ways and Means next week on Fast Track?

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, if the gentleman will continue to yield, I do expect that markup to take place; and we do anticipate that being on the floor before we retire for the August recess.

Mr. BONIOR. Finally, I would ask my colleague from Texas if he has any plans, or if the leadership has discussed, bringing up the railroad retirement bill to the floor. As the gentleman may recall, it had very strong bipartisan support in the previous Congress.

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for asking, and I thank the gentleman for continuing to yield.

Mr. Speaker, the Railroad Retirement Act that the gentleman from Michigan asked about is important legislation; and we have had extensive discussions about it in our leadership meetings and in our planning meetings. While I am confident that we will have this bill under consideration before we complete our work for the year, we have no immediate plans for its schedule.

Mr. BONIOR. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman.

ADJOURNMENT TO MONDAY, JULY 23, 2001

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 12:30 p.m. on Monday next for morning hour debates.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. HANSEN). Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Texas?

There was no objection.

DISPENSING WITH CALENDAR WEDNESDAY BUSINESS ON WEDNESDAY NEXT

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the business in order under the Calendar Wednesday

rule be dispensed with on Wednesday next.

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

There was no objection.

ON THE DEATH OF FORMER WASHINGTON POST PUBLISHER KATHARINE GRAHAM

(Mrs. MORELLA asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. MORELLA. Mr. Speaker, the city of Washington, the Nation, and the people around the world who appreciate an independent and vigorous free press lost a true pioneer this week when Katharine Graham, former publisher of The Washington Post, died at age 84.

Much has been said over the past 3 days in praise of Katharine Graham. It is appropriate that we in Congress honor her passing, as well. But just as her legacy remains evident in the pages of the newspaper she dedicated her life to, her mark will long stand in the corridors of Congress and in the neighborhoods of the District of Columbia, her beloved hometown.

Actually, she avoided the glare of celebrity status so often, but her listed charitable works, particularly in the realms of education and of the arts, helping to build a student center at Gallaudet University, giving an FM radio station to Howard University, helping to fund an auditorium for the Freer Gallery, establishing day care centers in otherwise neglected parts of the District of Columbia, and strongly supporting the Shakespeare Theater, and the arts, to name just a few, is long and impressive.

She proved, first by her actions and then in her own words, that a woman could be a mother, a leader of industry, a friend, a philanthropist, and an artist, and all at the same time.

Quite simply, Katharine Graham made The Washington Post what it is today: a wildly successful business and a powerful check on those of us in government. Her leadership enabled Kay Graham to evolve into the woman, the philanthropist, the patriot, the pioneer, whom we honor today.

Her legacy remains, but Washington will not be the same without Kay Graham the person. She will be sorely missed.

AMERICA NEEDS A BALANCED APPROACH TO ENERGY DEVELOPMENT, INCLUDING SEEKING ALTERNATIVE ENERGY SOURCES

(Mr. BARTLETT of Maryland asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. BARTLETT of Maryland. Mr. Speaker, the United States has about 2

percent of the known reserves of oil in the world. We use 25 percent of the world's oil, and we now import 56 percent of the oil that we use. This is up from 34 percent that we imported at the time of the Arab oil embargo.

Since 1970, except for a short blip produced by Prudhoe Bay, every year in the United States we have found less oil and pumped less oil.

Mr. Speaker, it does not make good sense to me that if we have only 2 percent of the known reserves of oil in the world, that we should rush out and find it and pump it. If we were able to do that tomorrow, what would we do the day after tomorrow?

Mr. Speaker, we need a balanced approach, which means we need to rely very heavily on alternatives, and we need to start moving in that direction.

VOTE FOR EXPANSION OF MEDICAL SAVINGS ACCOUNTS TO HELP THE WORKING UNINSURED

(Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, with all this talk about a patients' bill of rights, the most important thing we should talk about, I think, is the working uninsured, those who have gone without, because none of these rights mean a thing if one does not have health insurance.

I want to help the 43 million uninsured Americans, primarily small-business owners, their families, their employees, their loved ones, help them join the ranks of the insured. The goal of a patients' bill of rights should be to help these people. These are the people who need access to affordable health care.

One good way to do that is to expand the Medical Savings Accounts, or MSAs. Medical Savings Accounts help people get the care they need from the doctor they choose.

The GOP House bill, the Fletcher bill, is the only bill that totally opens up Medical Savings Accounts. Vote to increase the number of insured. Vote for our bill. It is the right thing to do.

SPECIAL ORDERS

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. HANSEN). Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 3, 2001, and under a previous order of the House, the following Members will be recognized for 5 minutes each.

FAST TRACK LEGISLATION SHOULD BE DEFEATED IN CONGRESS AGAIN THIS YEAR

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. BROWN) is recognized for 5 minutes.