Commission on Affordable Housing and Health Facility Needs for Seniors in the 21st Century and to make technical corrections to the law governing the Commission.

The Clerk read as follows:
H.R. 1850

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-
tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.
This Act may be cited as the “Senior Housing Commission Extension Act of 2001”.

SEC. 2. EXTENSION OF SENIORS HOUSING AND HEALTH FACILITY NEEDS COMMISSION ON AFFORDABLE HOUSING AND HEALTH FACILITY NEEDS COMMISSION TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS.
Section 525 of the Departments of Veterans Affairs and Housing and Urban Development, and Independent Agencies Appropriations Act, 2000 (42 U.S.C. 12701 note) is amended—
(1) in subsection (d)(4), by striking “reimbursable” and inserting “non-reimbursable”; and
(2) in the first sentence of subsection (f)—
(A) by striking “Banking and”; and
(B) by striking “by September 30, 2001” and inserting “December 31, 2002”;
and
(3) in subsection (g), by striking “June 30, 2002” and inserting “March 31, 2003”.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from Wisconsin (Mr. GREEN) has done a yeo-
der’s job in detailing the needs of this segment of our population is this crisis more evident than in our senior’s popu-
lation? According to the Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census, in July 1999 there were more than 35.5
million Americans over 65 years of age, and the Bureau projects that by the year 2075, more than 55.7 million, or
one in eight Americans will be over 65 years in age.

HUD statistics indicate that only one-third of the low income senior citi-
zens in need of affordable housing actually receives assistance. Appropriate
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to develop creative ways to meet the
needs of this vulnerable group, but as
our population continues to age, we
must seek new ways to address this
growing problem.

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new ideas and partnerships. H.R. 1850
will provide the Commission with
the time that Congress originally inten-
ded that it have to complete this task.

I urge my colleagues’ support and I
urge adoption of this measure.

Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of
my time.

Ms. CARSON of Indiana. Mr. Spea-
er, I yield myself such time as I may
consume.

The purpose of H.R. 1850, the Senior
Housing Commission Extension Act, is
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Affordable Housing and Health Care
Facility Needs of Senior Citizens. In
1999, Congress created this Commission
to develop a comprehensive strategy
for dealing with the growing needs as-
associated with senior housing.

This extension is necessary because
the appointment of commission mem-
bers was delayed for more than 1 year
after the passage on October 20, 1999,
with commission member appoint-
ments not occurring until January 2,
2001. Given that more than 1 year
passed before commission co-chair-
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an extension of the report’s termina-
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This legislation merely makes tech-
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Mr. GREEN of Wisconsin. Mr. Speak-
er, I ask unanimous consent that Mem-
bers may have 5 legislative days
within which to revise and extend their
remarks and include extraneous mate-
rial on H.R. 1850.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there
objection to the request of the gen-
tleman from Wisconsin?

There was no objection.

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consume. I think the gentleman from
Wisconsin (Mr. GREEN) has done a wo-
man’s job in detailing the needs of this
legislation.

Let me reinforce a part of his mes-
sage, and that is, the dire need for af-
dordable, decent, safe housing for our
aging population. Since I am probably
one of them, this is probably a conflict
of interest as I speak.

I rise in support of this bipartisan legis-
lation, which extends the life of the “Commission on
Affordable Housing and Health Facility Needs for Seniors in the 21st Century,” commonly re-
tered to as the Seniors Commission.

The Seniors Commission was established
on a bipartisan basis in the last Congress. It is
charged with studying and proposing rec-
ommendations dealing with the challenges of
developing aging in place strategies for the
housing and health care needs of our Nation’s
senior citizens.

Originally, the commission was charged with
issuing a report by December 31 of this year,
and with wrapping up all business by June 30
of next year. However, more than a year
passed after the bill’s enactment before com-
misioners were actually named. This makes
meeting the original statutory deadlines unre-

Mr. Speaker, I urge passage of this legisla-
tion.

Mr. GREEN of Wisconsin. Mr. Speak-
er, I have no further requests for time,
and I yield back the balance of my
time.

Ms. CARSON of Indiana. Mr. Speak-
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The SPEAKER pro tempore. The ques-
tion is on the motion offered by the
gentleman from Wisconsin (Mr. GREEN) that the House suspend the
rules and pass the bill, H.R. 1850.

The question was taken; and (two-
hirds having voted in favor thereof)
the rules were suspended and the bill
was passed.

A motion to reconsider was laid on
the table.