

1526. A letter from the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, transmitting a draft of proposed legislation to amend title 38, United States Code, to revise the procedures for providing claimants and their representatives with copies of Board of Veterans' Appeals decisions and to protect the right of claimants to appoint veterans service organizations as their representatives in claims before the Department of Veterans Affairs; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

1527. A letter from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting a report on the results of a demonstration to determine the benefits and costs of establishing and maintaining a uniform cost reporting system for Medicare hospitals, pursuant to Public Law 100-203, section 4007(c)(4) (101 Stat. 1330-54); jointly, to the Committees on Ways and Means and Commerce.

1528. A letter from the Secretary of Energy, transmitting a draft of proposed legislation entitled "The Energy Policy and Conservation Act Amendments Act of 1995"; jointly, to the Committees on Commerce, Resources, and Banking and Financial Services.

#### ¶127.4 APPOINTMENT OF ADDITIONAL CONFEREES—H.R. 4

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. LATOURETTE, by unanimous consent and pursuant to clause 6(f) of rule X, announced the appointment of Mr. TANNER as an additional conferee on the part of the House to the conference with the Senate on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendments of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 4) to restore the American family, reduce illegitimacy, control welfare spending and reduce welfare dependence.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk notify the Senate of the foregoing appointment.

#### ¶127.5 COMMITTEES AND SUBCOMMITTEES TO SIT

On motion of Mr. PACKARD, by unanimous consent, the following committees and their subcommittees were granted permission to sit during the 5-minute rule today: the Committee on Agriculture, the Committee on Banking and Financial Services, the Committee on Commerce, the Committee on Economic and Educational Opportunities, the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight, the Committee on International Relations, the Committee on the Judiciary, the Committee on Resources, the Committee on Science, the Committee on Small Business, and the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

#### ¶127.6 UNFINISHED BUSINESS—VETO OF H.R. 1854

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. LATOURETTE, announced the unfinished business to be the further consideration of the veto of the bill (H.R. 1854) making appropriations for the Legislative Branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1996, and for other purposes.

On motion of Mr. PACKARD, by unanimous consent, the bill was referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

#### ¶127.7 WAIVING POINTS OF ORDER AGAINST THE CONFERENCE REPORT ON H.R. 1976

Mr. LINDER, by direction of the Committee on Rules, called up the following resolution (H. Res. 235):

*Resolved*, That upon adoption of this resolution it shall be in order to consider the conference report to accompany the bill (H.R. 1976) making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1996, 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.

When said resolution was considered. After debate,

On motion of Mr. LINDER, the previous question was ordered on the resolution to its adoption or rejection and under the operation thereof, the resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider the vote whereby said resolution was agreed to was, by unanimous consent, laid on the table.

#### ¶127.8 AGRICULTURE APPROPRIATIONS, FY 1996

Mr. SKEEN, pursuant to House Resolution 235, called up the following conference report (Rept. No. 104-268):

##### CONFERENCE REPORT (H. REPT. NO. 104-268)

The committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendments of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 1976) "making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1996, and for other purposes," having met, after full and free conference, have agreed to recommend and do recommend to their respective Houses as follows:

That the Senate recede from its amendments numbered 1, 3, 4, 9, 11, 14, 21, 39, 45, 50, 55, 61, 69, 70, 71, 74, 75, 81, 84, 85, 86, 90, 94, 95, 98, 99, 102, 106, 111, 113, 116, 123, 127, 129, 130, 132, 139, 144, 145, 147, 148, 151, 153, 155, 156, 157, 158, and 159.

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendments of the Senate numbered 5, 6, 7, 10, 13, 19, 22, 24, 27, 30, 46, 52, 53, 54, 56, 58, 60, 63, 64, 66, 67, 73, 76, 77, 79, 80, 82, 83, 88, 97, 101, 110, 112, 115, 120, 133, 138, 140, 141, 142, 143, 146, 149, 150, 154, and agree to the same.

##### Amendment number 2:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate numbered 2, and agree to the same with an amendment, as follows:

In lieu of the sum named in said amendment, insert: \$7,500,000; and the Senate agree to the same.

##### Amendment number 8:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate numbered 8, and agree to the same with an amendment, as follows:

In lieu of the matter stricken and the matter inserted by said amendment, insert: \$3,797,000: *Provided, That no other funds appropriated to the Department in this Act shall be available to the Department for support of activities of congressional relations: Provided further, That not less than \$2,355,000 shall be transferred to agencies funded in this Act to maintain personnel at the agency level;* and the Senate agree to the same.

##### Amendment number 12:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate numbered 12, and agree to the same with an amendment, as follows:

In lieu of the sum proposed by said amendment, insert: \$710,000,000; and the Senate agree to the same.

##### Amendment numbered 15:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate numbered 15, and agree to the same with an amendment, as follows:

In lieu of the sum proposed by said amendment, insert: \$168,734,000; and the Senate agree to the same.

##### Amendment numbered 16:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate numbered 16, and agree to the same with an amendment, as follows:

In lieu of the sum proposed by said amendment, insert: \$20,497,000; and the Senate agree to the same.

##### Amendment numbered 17:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate numbered 17, and agree to the same with an amendment, as follows:

In lieu of the sum proposed by said amendment, insert: \$27,735,000; and the Senate agree to the same.

##### Amendment numbered 18:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate numbered 18, and agree to the same with an amendment, as follows:

In lieu of the sum proposed by said amendment, insert: \$49,846,000; and the Senate agree to the same.

##### Amendment numbered 20:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate numbered 20, and agree to the same with an amendment, as follows:

In lieu of the sum proposed by said amendment, insert: \$96,735,000; and the Senate agree to the same.

##### Amendment numbered 23:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate numbered 23, and agree to the same with an amendment, as follows:

In lieu of the sum proposed by said amendment, insert: \$650,000; and the Senate agree to the same.

##### Amendment numbered 25:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate numbered 25, and agree to the same with an amendment, as follows:

In lieu of the sum proposed by said amendment, insert: \$8,100,000; and the Senate agree to the same.

##### Amendment numbered 26:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate numbered 26, and agree to the same with an amendment, as follows:

In lieu of the sum named in said amendment, insert: \$9,200,000; and the Senate agree to the same.

##### Amendment numbered 28:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate numbered 28, and agree to the same with an amendment, as follows:

In lieu of the sum proposed by said amendment, insert: \$10,337,000; and the Senate agree to the same.

##### Amendment numbered 29:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate numbered 29, and agree to the same with an amendment, as follows:

In lieu of the sum proposed by said amendment, insert: \$421,929,000; and the Senate agree to the same.

##### Amendment numbered 31:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate num-