

SEC. 220. INTEREST RATE REDUCTION PROGRAM.

Section 351(a) of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act (7 U.S.C. 1999) is amended—

(A) by striking “SEC. 351. (a) The” and inserting the following:

“SEC. 351. INTEREST RATE REDUCTION PROGRAM.

“(a) ESTABLISHMENT OF PROGRAM.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—The”; and

(B) by adding at the end the following:

“(2) TERMINATION OF AUTHORITY.—The authority provided by this subsection shall terminate on September 30, 2002.”.

SEC. 221. LIABILITY FOR MAKING CRIMINAL REFERRALS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Any institution of the Farm Credit System, or any director, officer, employee, or agent of a Farm Credit System institution, that discloses to a Government authority information proffered in good faith that may be relevant to a possible violation of any law or regulation shall not be liable to any person under any law of the United States or any State—

(1) for the disclosure; or

(2) for any failure to notify the person involved in the possible violation.

(b) NO PROHIBITION ON DISCLOSURE.—Any institution of the Farm Credit System, or any director, officer, employee, or agent of a Farm Credit System institution, may disclose information to a Government authority that may be relevant to a possible violation of any law or regulation.

TITLE III—IMPLEMENTATION AND EFFECTIVE DATE**SEC. 301. IMPLEMENTATION.**

The Secretary of Agriculture and the Farm Credit Administration shall promulgate regulations and take other required actions to implement the provisions of this Act not later than 90 days after the effective date of this Act.

SEC. 302. EFFECTIVE DATE.

Except as otherwise provided in this Act, this Act and the amendments made by this Act shall become effective on the date of enactment.

On motion of Mr. EMERSON, said Senate amendment to the title of the bill was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider the votes whereby said Senate amendment to the text was agreed to with an amendment and the amendment to the title was agreed to was, by unanimous consent, laid on the table.

Ordered, That the Clerk request the concurrence of the Senate in said amendment.

¶1.23 AUTHORITY FOR SPEAKER TO DECLARE RECESSES

Ms. PRYCE, by direction of the Committee on Rules, reported (Rept. No. 104-445) the resolution (H. Res. 330) authorizing the Speaker to declare recesses subject to the call of the Chair from January 5, 1996, through January 23, 1996, waiving a requirement of clause 4(b) of rule XI with respect to the consideration of certain resolutions reported from the Committee on Rules during that period.

When said resolution and report were referred to the House Calendar and ordered printed.

¶1.24 FURTHER CONTINUING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

On motion of Mr. WALSH, by unanimous consent,

Ordered, That the joint resolution (H.J. Res. 153) making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1996, and for other purposes, was passed, and the motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Ordered, That the Clerk request the concurrence of the Senate in said joint resolution.

¶1.25 LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted—

To Mr. FAZIO, for today and balance of the week;

To Mrs. MEEK, for today;

To Mr. MFUME, for today and January 4;

To Mr. BUYER, for today until 3 p.m.;

To Mr. LIGHTFOOT, for today;

To Mr. STOCKMAN, for today and balance of the week; and

To Mr. HOKE, for today.

And then,

¶1.26 ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Mr. HAYWORTH, at 10 o'clock and 51 minutes p.m., the House adjourned.

¶1.27 REPORTS OF COMMITTEES ON PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XIII, reports of committees were delivered to the Clerk for printing and reference to the proper calendar, as follows:

Ms. PRYCE: Committee on Rules, House Resolution 330. Resolution authorizing the Speaker to declare recesses subject to the call of the Chair from January 5, 1996, through January 23, 1996; waiving a requirement of clause 4(b) of rule XI with respect to consideration of certain resolutions reported from the Committee on Rules during that period (Rept. No. 104-445). Referred to the House Calendar.

¶1.28 TIME LIMITATION OF REFERRED BILL

Pursuant to clause 5 of rule X, the following action was taken by the Speaker:

H.R. 1618. Referral to the Committee on Commerce extended for a period ending not later than January 4, 1996.

¶1.29 PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 5 of rule X and clause 4 of rule XXII, public bills and resolutions were introduced and severally referred as follows:

By Mr. BARRETT of Wisconsin:

H.R. 2841. A bill to prohibit use of official funds for travel outside the United States by Members of Congress during any period of lapsed appropriations as a result of a failure to enact a regular appropriations bill or continuing resolution; to the Committee on House Oversight.

By Mr. OBEY:

H.J. Res. 138. Joint resolution making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 1996, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Appropriations.

H.J. Res. 139. Joint resolution making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 1996, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Appropriations.

H.J. Res. 140. Joint resolution making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal

year 1996, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Appropriations.

H.J. Res. 141. Joint resolution making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 1996, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Appropriations.

H.J. Res. 142. Joint resolution making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 1996, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Appropriations.

H.J. Res. 143. Joint resolution making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 1996, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Appropriations.

H.J. Res. 144. Joint resolution making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 1996, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Appropriations.

H.J. Res. 145. Joint resolution making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 1996, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Appropriations.

H.J. Res. 146. Joint resolution making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 1996, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Appropriations.

H.J. Res. 147. Joint resolution making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 1996, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Appropriations.

H.J. Res. 148. Joint resolution making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 1996, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Appropriations.

H.J. Res. 149. Joint resolution making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 1996, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Appropriations.

H.J. Res. 150. Joint resolution making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 1996, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Appropriations.

H.J. Res. 151. Joint resolution making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 1996, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Appropriations.

H.J. Res. 152. Joint resolution making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 1996, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Appropriations.

By Mr. WALSH:

H.J. Res. 153. Joint resolution making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 1996, and for other purposes; considered and passed

By Ms. NORTON:

H.J. Res. 154. Joint resolution making further continuing appropriations for the District of Columbia for fiscal year 1996, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Appropriations.

By Ms. JACKSON-LEE:

H.J. Res. 155. Joint resolution making further continuing appropriations for fiscal year 1996, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Appropriations.

By Mr. ARMEY:

H. Res. 325. Resolution providing for a committee to notify the President of the assembly of the Congress; considered and agreed to.

H. Res. 326. Resolution to inform the Senate that a quorum of the House has assembled; considered and agreed to.

H. Res. 327. Resolution providing for the hour of meeting of the House; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. GEPHARDT:

H. Res. 328. Resolution relating to the privileges of the House; to the Committee on Rules.

By Mr. HOYER (for himself, Mr. MORAN, and Mr. WYNN):

H. Res. 329. Resolution providing for the consideration of the joint resolution (H.J. Res. 118) making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 1996, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Rules.

¶1.30 ADDITIONAL SPONSORS

Under clause 4 of rule XXII, sponsors were added to public bills and resolutions as follows:

H.R. 263: Mrs. LOWEY.
 H.R. 491: Mr. GEJDENSON.
 H.R. 497: Mrs. MEYERS of Kansas.
 H.R. 972: Mr. JONES.
 H.R. 1248: Ms. LOFGREN.
 H.R. 1448: Mr. HUTCHINSON.
 H.R. 1464: Mr. SHADEGG and Mr. DAVIS.
 H.R. 1625: Mr. HOEKSTRA and Mr. YOUNG of Alaska.
 H.R. 1701: Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota.
 H.R. 1733: Mr. COYNE and Mrs. KELLY.
 H.R. 1794: Mr. KING.
 H.R. 2078: Mr. WELLER.
 H.R. 2119: Mr. UNDERWOOD, Mr. HORN, Mr. FOLEY, Mr. KLUG, and Mr. LUTHER.
 H.R. 2152: Mr. CANADY.
 H.R. 2193: Mr. GUNDERSON and Mr. YOUNG of Alaska.
 H.R. 2246: Mr. KLINK.
 H.R. 2310: Mr. ENSIGN, Mr. GEKAS, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. JEFFERSON, Mr. PETE GEREN of Texas, and Mr. BAESLER.
 H.R. 2333: Mr. STARK, Mr. PASTOR, Mr. MYERS of Indiana, Mr. HOUGHTON, Mr. SAM JOHNSON, Mr. MCCREERY, Ms. DELAURO, and Mr. DUNCAN.
 H.R. 2416: Mr. KENNEDY of Massachusetts.
 H.R. 2508: Ms. WOOLSEY and Mr. MANTON.
 H.R. 2543: Mr. FLAKE.
 H.R. 2579: Mr. BARTLETT of Maryland, Mr. DORNAN, Mr. YOUNG of Alaska, and Mr. TAUZIN.
 H.R. 2585: Mr. WAXMAN.
 H.R. 2597: Mr. GILCHREST, Mr. HASTINGS of Florida, Mr. NORWOOD, Mr. STEARNS, Mr. HOLDEN, Mr. CLYBURN, Mr. OLVER, Mr. PETERSON of Florida, and Ms. SLAUGHTER.
 H.R. 2618: Ms. WOOLSEY.
 H.R. 2647: Mr. FRANKS of New Jersey.
 H.R. 2651: Mr. STOCKMAN.
 H.R. 2658: Mr. FORD, Mr. BALDACCI, Mrs. SCHROEDER, Mr. MEEHAN, Mr. MCHALE, Mr. JACKSON, Ms. KAPTUR, Mr. PAYNE of New Jersey, Mr. TORRES, Ms. DANNER, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. LEACH, Mr. DINGELL, and Mr. WARD.
 H.R. 2664: Ms. PRYCE and Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota.
 H.R. 2745: Mr. SERRANO, Mr. FILNER, Mr. BLUTE, and Mr. FLAKE.
 H.R. 2757: Mr. LARGENT, Mr. STUMP, and Mr. SMITH of Texas.
 H.R. 2780: Mr. GILLMOR.
 H.R. 2785: Mr. TEJEDA.
 H.R. 2823: Mr. ORTIZ, Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN, and Mr. LARGENT.
 H. Con. Res. 125: Mr. TORRICELLI.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 4, 1996 (2)

¶2.1 DESIGNATION OF SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The House was called to order by the SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. LAHOOD, who laid before the House the following communication:

WASHINGTON, DC,
January 4, 1996.

I hereby designate the Honorable RAY LAHOOD to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

NEWT GINGRICH,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

¶2.2 APPROVAL OF THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. LAHOOD, announced he had examined and approved the Journal of the proceedings of Wednesday, January 3, 1996. Mr. HEFLEY, pursuant to clause 1, rule I, objected to the Chair's approval of the Journal.

The question being put, viva voce, Will the House agree to the Chair's approval of said Journal?

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. LAHOOD, announced that the yeas had it.

Mr. HEFLEY objected to the vote on the ground that a quorum was not present and not voting.

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. LAHOOD, pursuant to clause 5, rule I, announced that the vote would be postponed until later today.

The point of no quorum was considered as withdrawn.

¶2.3 COMMUNICATIONS

Executive and other communications, pursuant to clause 2, rule XXIV, were referred as follows:

1907. A letter from the Architect of the Capitol, transmitting the report of expenditures of appropriations during the period April 1, 1995, through September 30, 1995, pursuant to 40 U.S.C. 162b; to the Committee on Appropriations.

1908. A letter from the Under Secretary of Defense, transmitting a report of a violation of the Anti-Deficiency Act which occurred in the fiscal year 1993, operation and maintenance, Air National Guard, and fiscal year 1993, military personnel, Air National Guard, appropriations, pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 1517(b); to the Committee on Appropriations.

1909. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs and Public Liaison, Department of the Treasury, transmitting the Department's second semiannual report to Congress, as required by section 403 of the Mexican Debt Disclosure Act of 1995, and the December monthly report to Congress, as required by section 404 of the same act, pursuant to Public Law 104-6, sections 403(a), 404(a) (109 Stat. 89, 90); to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services.

1910. A letter from the Secretary of Energy, transmitting the Department's report entitled, "Annual Report on the State Energy Conservation Program for Calendar Year 1994," pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 6325; to the Committee on Commerce.

1911. A letter from the Director, Office of Administration, Executive Office of the President, transmitting the White House personnel report for the fiscal year 1995, pursuant to 3 U.S.C. 113; to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

1912. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting a copy of D.C. Act 11-178, "Prohibition on Abandoned Vehicles Amendment Act of 1995," pursuant to D.C. Code, section 1-233(c)(1); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

1913. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting a copy of D.C. Act 11-179, "Woodrow Wilson Bridge and Tunnel Compact Authorization Act of 1995," pursuant to D.C. Code, section 1-233(c)(1); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

1914. A letter from the Acting Secretary of State, transmitting the annual report under the Federal Managers' Financial Integrity Act for fiscal year 1995, pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 3512(c)(3); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

1915. A letter from the Chairman, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting the annual report under the Federal Managers' Financial Integrity Act for fiscal year 1995, pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 3512(c)(3); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

1916. A letter from the National Adjutant, the Disabled American Veterans, transmit-

ting the report of the proceedings of the organization's 74th national convention, including their annual audit report of receipts and expenditures as of December 31, 1994, pursuant to 36 U.S.C. 90i and 44 U.S.C. 1332 (H. Doc. No. 104-159); to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs and ordered to be printed.

1917. A letter from the Librarian of Congress, Archivist of the United States, and the Public Printer, transmitting the final report on establishing a national policy on permanent papers, pursuant to Public Law 101-423, Section 3 (104 Stat. 913); jointly, to the Committees on Government Reform and Oversight and House Oversight.

¶2.4 INTERIOR APPROPRIATIONS

Mr. REGULA moved to discharge the Committee on Appropriations from further consideration of the veto message on the bill (H.R. 1977) making appropriations for the Department of Interior and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1996, and for other purposes.

After debate,

¶2.5 WORDS TAKEN DOWN

Mr. YOUNG of Alaska during debate addressed the House and, during the course of his remarks,

Mr. OBEY demanded that certain words be taken down.

The Clerk read the words taken down as follows:

The gentleman keeps talking about the Tongass. It will be 90 percent in wilderness, and he knows it, and you told a mistruth every time on this issue, and you know that it is a mistruth. There is absolutely no truth, there is no truth. . . .

By unanimous consent, the words were withdrawn.

Accordingly,

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. LAHOOD, recognized Mr. YOUNG of Alaska to proceed in order.

After further debate,

By unanimous consent, the previous question was ordered on said motion.

The question being put, viva voce,

Will the House agree to said motion?

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. LAHOOD, announced that the yeas had it.

So said motion was agreed to.

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

Accordingly,

¶2.6 UNFINISHED BUSINESS—VETO OF H.R. 1977

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. LAHOOD, announced the unfinished business to be the consideration of the veto of the bill (H.R. 1977) making appropriations for the Department of Interior and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1996, and for other purposes.

The question being on the passage of the bill, the objections of the President to the contrary notwithstanding.

After debate,

By unanimous consent, the previous question was ordered on the bill.

The question being put,

Will the House, upon reconsideration, agree to pass the bill, the objections of