

FRITZ HOLLINGS,
J. BENNETT JOHNSON,
ROBERT BYRD,
PATRICK J. LEAHY,
FRANK R. LAUTENBERG,

Managers on the Part of the Senate.

When said conference report was considered.

After debate,

By unanimous consent, the previous question was ordered on the conference report to its adoption or rejection.

Mr. COLEMAN moved to recommit the conference report on H.R. 3610 to the committee of conference.

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

The question being put, viva voce,

Will the House recommit said conference report?

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. DREIER, announced that the nays had it.

So the motion to recommit the conference report to the committee of conference was not agreed to.

The question being put,

Will the House agree to said conference report?

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. DREIER, announced that pursuant to clause 7 of rule XV the yeas and nays were ordered, and the call was taken by electronic device.

It was decided in the affirmative ... Yeas 370
Nays 37
Answered present 1

¶117.65 [Roll No. 455]
YEAS—370

- Abercrombie Castle
Ackerman Chambliss
Allard Chapman
Andrews Christensen
Archer Chrysler
Armev Clay
Bachus Clayton
Baesler Clement
Baker (CA) Clinger
Baldacci Clyburn
Ballenger Collins (GA)
Barr Collins (IL)
Barrett (NE) Combest
Barrett (WI) Condit
Bartlett Costello
Bass Coyne
Bateman Cramer
Bentsen Crane
Bereuter Crapo
Bevill Cremeans
Bilbray Cubin
Bilirakis Cummings
Bishop Cunningham
Bliley Danner
Blute Davis
Boehlert de la Garza
Boehner Deal
Bonilla DeLauro
Bonior DeLay
Bono Deutsch
Borski Diaz-Balart
Brewster Dickey
Browder Dicks
Brown (CA) Dingell
Brown (FL) Dixon
Brown (OH) Doggett
Brownback Dooley
Bryant (TN) Doolittle
Bryant (TX) Doyle
Bunn Dreier
Bunning Dunn
Burton Edwards
Buyer Ehlers
Callahan Ehrlich
Calvert Engel
Camp English
Campbell Ensigh
Canady Eshoo

- Hastert
Hastings (FL)
Hastings (WA)
Hayworth
Hefner
Herger
Hilleary
Hilliard
Hinchev
Hobson
Hoke
Holden
Horn
Hostettler
Houghton
Hoyer
Hunter
Hutchinson
Inglis
Jackson (IL)
Jackson-Lee (TX)
Jefferson
Johnson (CT)
Johnson (SD)
Johnson, E. B.
Johnson, Sam
Johnston
Jones
Kasich
Kelly
Kennedy (MA)
Kennedy (RI)
Kennelly
Kildee
Kim
King
Kingston
Klecza
Knollenberg
Kolbe
LaHood
Lantos
Latham
LaTourette
Laughlin
Lazio
Leach
Levin
Lewis (CA)
Lewis (GA)
Lewis (KY)
Lightfoot
Linder
Livingston
LoBiondo
Lofgren
Longley
Lowey
Lucas
Luther
Maloney
Manton
Manzullo
Markey
Martinez
Martini
Mascara
Matsui
McCarthy
McCollum
McCrery
McDade
McDermott
McHale
McHugh

- Barcia
Barton
Becerra
Beilenson
Burr
Chabot
Chenoweth
Coble
Coburn
Coleman
Cooley
Cox
DeFazio

- Baker (LA)
Berman
Blumenauer
Boucher

- McInnis
McIntosh
McKeon
McKinney
McNulty
Meehan
Meek
Metcalfe
Meyers
Mica
Millender-McDonald
Miller (CA)
Miller (FL)
Minge
Mink
Moakley
Molinari
Mollohan
Montgomery
Moorhead
Moran
Morella
Murtha
Myrick
Neal
Nethercutt
Ney
Norwood
Nussle
Oberstar
Obey
Olver
Ortiz
Orton
Owens
Oxley
Packard
Pallone
Parker
Pastor
Paxon
Payne (NJ)
Payne (VA)
Pelosi
Peterson (FL)
Peterson (MN)
Petri
Pickett
Pombo
Pomeroy
Porter
Portman
Poshard
Pryce
Quinn
Radanovich
Rahall
Ramstad
Rangel
Reed
Regula
Richardson
Riggs
Rivers
Roberts
Roemer
Rogers
Ros-Lehtinen
Rose
Roth
Roukema
Royce
Rush
Sabo
Sanders

- Duncan
Hall (TX)
Hefley
Hoekstra
Hyde
Istook
Jacobs
Kanjorski
Kaptur
Klink
Klug
Largent
Nadler

- Neumann
Rohrabacher
Roybal-Allard
Salmon
Sanford
Scarborough
Schroeder
Sensenbrenner
Stearns
Stockman
Tiahrt

- Frank (MA)
Green (TX)
Hancock
Hayes
Heineman

- LaFalce
Lincoln
Lipinski
Menendez
Myers

- Quillen
Taylor (NC)
Waters
Waxman

So the conference report was agreed to.
A motion to reconsider the vote whereby said conference report was agreed to was, by unanimous consent, laid on the table.
Ordered, That the Clerk notify the Senate thereof.

¶117.66 OMNIBUS BUDGET RECONCILIATION
The SPEAKER announced that pursuant to a previous order of the House, the bill (H.R. 4278) making omnibus consolidated appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1997, and for other purposes, is considered as passed.

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

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

¶117.67 CONVENING OF 105TH CONGRESS

Mr. ARMEY, by unanimous consent, submitted for consideration the joint resolution (H.J. Res. 198) appointing the day for the convening of the first session of the One Hundred Fifth Congress and the day for the counting in Congress of the electoral votes for President and Vice President cast in December 1996.

When said joint resolution was considered, read twice, ordered to be engrossed and read a third time, was read a third time by title, and passed.

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

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

¶117.68 ADJOURNMENT SINE DIE OF THE 104TH CONGRESS, 2D SESSION

Mr. ARMEY submitted for consideration the following privileged concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 230):

Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate concurring), That when the House adjourns on the legislative day of Monday, September 30, 1996, or of Tuesday, October 1, 1996, on a motion offered pursuant to this concurrent resolution by the Majority Leader, or his designee, it stand adjourned sine die, or until noon on the second day after Members are notified to reassemble pursuant to section 2 of this concurrent resolution, and that when the Senate adjourns on Monday, September 30, 1996, or Tuesday, October 1, 1996, on a motion offered pursuant to this concurrent resolution by the Majority Leader, or his designee, it stand adjourned sine die, or until noon on the second day after Members are notified to reassemble pursuant to section 2 of this concurrent resolution.

SEC. 2. The Speaker of the House and the Majority Leader of the Senate, acting jointly after consultation with the Minority Leader of the House and the Minority Leader of the Senate, shall notify the Members of the House and Senate, respectively, to reassemble whenever, in their opinion, the public interest shall warrant it.

ANSWERED "PRESENT"—1

Dornan
NOT VOTING—26

When said concurrent resolution was considered and agreed to.

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

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

¶117.69 ADJOURNMENT OVER

On motion of Mr. ARMEY, by unanimous consent,

Ordered, That when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet on Monday, September 30, 1996, at 2 o'clock p.m.

¶117.70 DESIGNATION OF SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE TO SIGN ENROLLMENTS

The SPEAKER laid before the House a communication, which was read as follows:

WASHINGTON, DC,
September 28, 1996.

I hereby designate the Honorable Constance A. Morella or, if not available to perform this duty, the Honorable Frank R. Wolf to act as Speaker pro tempore to sign enrolled bills and joint resolutions for the remainder of the second session of the One Hundred Fourth Congress.

NEWT GINGRICH,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

By unanimous consent, the designation was accepted.

¶117.71 VETERANS' HEALTH CARE

On motion of Mr. STUMP, by unanimous consent, the bill (H.R. 3118) to amend title 38, United States Code, to reform eligibility for health care provided by the Department of Veterans Affairs; together with the following amendments of the Senate thereto, was taken from the Speaker's table:

Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert:

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE; TABLE OF CONTENTS.

(a) SHORT TITLE.—This Act may be cited as the "Veterans' Health Care Eligibility Reform Act of 1996".

(b) TABLE OF CONTENTS.—The table of contents of this Act is as follows:

Sec. 1. Short title; table of contents.
Sec. 2. References to title 38, United States Code.

TITLE I—ELIGIBILITY REFORM

Sec. 101. Eligibility for hospital care and medical services.
Sec. 102. Revision in authorities for provision of priority health care for certain veterans exposed to specified toxic substances.
Sec. 103. Prosthetics and preventive care.
Sec. 104. Management of health care.
Sec. 105. Authorization of appropriations.
Sec. 106. Assessment of implementation and operation.

TITLE II—CONSTRUCTION AUTHORIZATION

Sec. 201. Authorization of major medical facility projects.
Sec. 202. Authorization of major medical facility leases.
Sec. 203. Authorization of appropriations.
Sec. 204. Strategic planning.
Sec. 205. Revision to prospectus requirements.
Sec. 206. Construction authorization requirements.
Sec. 207. Terminology changes.

TITLE III—HEALTH CARE AND ADMINISTRATION

Subtitle A—Health Care Sharing and Administration

Sec. 301. Revision of authority to share medical facilities, equipment, and information.
Sec. 302. Improved efficiency in health care resource management.
Sec. 303. Personnel furnishing shared resources.
Sec. 304. Waiting period for administrative reorganizations.
Sec. 305. Repeal of limitations on contracts for conversion of performance of activities of Department health-care facilities and revised annual reporting requirement.

Subtitle B—Care of Women Veterans

Sec. 321. Mammography quality standards.
Sec. 322. Patient privacy for women patients.
Sec. 323. Assessment of use by women veterans of Department health services.
Sec. 324. Reporting requirements.

Subtitle C—Readjustment Counseling and Mental Health Care

Sec. 331. Expansion of eligibility for readjustment counseling and certain related counseling services.
Sec. 332. Reports relating to Vet Centers.
Sec. 333. Advisory Committee on the Readjustment of Veterans.
Sec. 334. Centers for mental illness research, education, and clinical activities.
Sec. 335. Committee on Care of Severely Chronically Mentally Ill Veterans.

Subtitle D—Other Provisions

Sec. 341. Hospice care study.
Sec. 342. Payment to States of per diem for veterans receiving adult day health care.
Sec. 343. Research corporations.
Sec. 344. Veterans Health Administration headquarters.
Sec. 345. Disbursement agreements relating to medical residents and interns.
Sec. 346. Authority to suspend special pay agreements for physicians and dentists who enter residency training programs.
Sec. 347. Remunerated outside professional activities by Veterans Health Administration personnel.
Sec. 348. Modification of restrictions on real property, Milwaukee County, Wisconsin.
Sec. 349. Modification of restrictions on real property, Cheyenne, Wyoming.
Sec. 350. Name of Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center, Johnson City, Tennessee.
Sec. 351. Report on health care needs of veterans in east central Florida.
Sec. 352. Evaluation of health status of spouses and children of Persian Gulf War veterans.

SEC. 2. REFERENCES TO TITLE 38, UNITED STATES CODE.

Except as otherwise expressly provided, whenever in this Act an amendment or repeal is expressed in terms of an amendment to or repeal of a section or other provision, the reference shall be considered to be made to a section or other provision of title 38, United States Code.

TITLE I—ELIGIBILITY REFORM

SEC. 101. ELIGIBILITY FOR HOSPITAL CARE AND MEDICAL SERVICES.

(a) NEW CRITERIA FOR ELIGIBILITY FOR CARE.—Section 1710(a) is amended to read as follows:

“(a)(1) The Secretary (subject to paragraph (4)) shall furnish hospital care and medical services, and may furnish nursing home care, which the Secretary determines to be needed—

“(A) to any veteran for a service-connected disability; and

“(B) to any veteran who has a service-connected disability rated at 50 percent or more.

“(2) The Secretary (subject to paragraph (4)) shall furnish hospital care and medical services, and may furnish nursing home care, which the Secretary determines to be needed to any veteran—

“(A) who has a compensable service-connected disability rated less than 50 percent;

“(B) whose discharge or release from active military, naval, or air service was for a compensable disability that was incurred or aggravated in the line of duty;

“(C) who is in receipt of, or who, but for a suspension pursuant to section 1151 of this title (or both a suspension and the receipt of retired pay), would be entitled to disability compensation, but only to the extent that such veteran's continuing eligibility for such care is provided for in the judgment or settlement provided for in such section;

“(D) who is a former prisoner of war;

“(E) who is a veteran of the Mexican border period or of World War I;

“(F) who was exposed to a toxic substance, radiation, or environmental hazard, as provided in subsection (e); or

“(G) who is unable to defray the expenses of necessary care as determined under section 1722(a) of this title.

“(3) In the case of a veteran who is not described in paragraphs (1) and (2), the Secretary may, to the extent resources and facilities are available and subject to the provisions of subsections (f) and (g), furnish hospital care, medical services, and nursing home care which the Secretary determines to be needed.

“(4) The requirement in paragraphs (1) and (2) that the Secretary furnish hospital care and medical services shall be effective in any fiscal year only to the extent and in the amount provided in advance in appropriations Acts for such purposes.”.

(b) TRANSFER OF PROVISION.—Chapter 17 is amended—

(1) by redesignating subsection (g) of section 1710 as subsection (h); and

(2) by transferring subsection (f) of section 1712 to section 1710 and inserting such subsection so as to appear after subsection (f), redesignating such subsection as subsection (g), and amending such subsection by striking out “section 1710(a)(2) of this title” in paragraph (1) and inserting in lieu thereof “subsection (a)(3) of this section”.

(c) REPEAL OF SEPARATE OUTPATIENT CARE PRIORITIES.—(1) Section 1712 is amended—

(A) by striking out subsections (a) and (i);
(B) by redesignating subsections (b), (c), (d), (h) and (j), as subsections (a), (b), (c), (d), and (e), respectively; and

(C) in subsection (b), as so redesignated, by striking out “subsection (b) of this section” and inserting in lieu thereof “subsection (a)”.

(2)(A) The heading of such section is amended to read as follows:

“§ 1712. Dental care; drugs and medicines for certain disabled veterans; vaccines”.

(B) The item relating to such section in the table of sections at the beginning of chapter 17 is amended to read as follows:

“1712. Dental care; drugs and medicines for certain disabled veterans; vaccines.”.

(d) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS TO CHAPTER 17.—Chapter 17 is further amended as follows:

(1) Section 1701(6)(B)(i) is amended—