

¶113.6 SUBMISSION OF CONFERENCE
REPORT—H.R. 2158

Mr. LIVINGSTON submitted a conference report (Rept. No. 105-297) on the bill (H.R. 2158) making appropriations for the Departments of Veterans Affairs and Housing and Urban Development, and for sundry independent agencies, commissions, corporations, and offices for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998, and for other purposes; together with a statement thereon, for printing in the Record under the rule.

¶113.7 D.C. APPROPRIATIONS

Mr. LIVINGSTON submitted a privileged report (Rept. No. 105-298) on the bill (H.R. 2607) making appropriations for the government of the District of Columbia and other activities chargeable in whole or in part against the revenues of said District for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998, and for other purposes.

When said bill and report were referred to the Union Calendar and ordered printed.

Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XXI, all points of order were reserved.

¶113.8 PUBLIC WORKS PROJECTS

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mrs. EMERSON, laid before the House a communication, which was read as follows:

COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION AND
INFRASTRUCTURE, CONGRESS OF
THE UNITED STATES, HOUSE OF
REPRESENTATIVES,

Washington, DC, September 29, 1997.

Hon. NEWT GINGRICH,
Speaker of the House, U.S. House of Representatives, Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: Enclosed are copies of resolutions adopted on September 24, 1997 by the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure. Copies of the resolutions are being transmitted to the Department of the Army.

With kind personal regards, I am
Sincerely,

BUD SHUSTER,
Chairman.

The communication, together with the accompanying papers, was referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

¶113.9 VETERANS HEALTH PROGRAMS
IMPROVEMENTS

Mr. STUMP moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 2206) to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve programs of the Department of Veterans Affairs for homeless veterans, and for other purposes; as amended.

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mrs. EMERSON, recognized Mr. STUMP and Mr. EVANS, each for 20 minutes.

After debate,

The question being put, *viva voce*,

Will the House suspend the rules and pass said bill, as amended?

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mrs. EMERSON, announced that two-thirds of the Members present had voted in the affirmative.

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

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mrs. EMERSON, pursuant to clause 5, rule I, announced that further proceedings on the motion were postponed.

The point of no quorum was considered as withdrawn.

¶113.10 MAJOR VA MEDICAL FACILITY
PROJECTS

Mr. STUMP moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 2571) to authorize major medical facility projects and major medical facility leases for the Department of Veterans Affairs for fiscal year 1998, and for other purposes.

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mrs. EMERSON, recognized Mr. STUMP and Mr. EVANS, each for 20 minutes.

After debate,

The question being put, *viva voce*,

Will the House suspend the rules and pass said bill?

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mrs. EMERSON, announced that two-thirds of the Members present had voted in the affirmative.

So, two-thirds of the Members present having voted in favor thereof, the rules were suspended and said bill was passed.

A motion to reconsider the vote whereby the rules were suspended and 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.

¶113.11 VA DEPARTMENT EMPLOYMENT
DISCRIMINATION PREVENTION

Mr. STUMP moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 1703) to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for improved and expedited procedures for resolving complaints of unlawful employment discrimination arising within the Department of Veterans Affairs; as amended.

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mrs. EMERSON, recognized Mr. STUMP and Mr. EVANS, each for 20 minutes.

After debate,

The question being put, *viva voce*,

Will the House suspend the rules and pass said bill, as amended?

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. STEARNS, announced that two-thirds of the Members present had voted in the affirmative.

So, two-thirds of the Members present having voted in favor thereof, the rules were suspended and said bill, as amended, was passed.

By unanimous consent, the title was amended so as to read: "An Act to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for improvements in the system of the Department of Veterans Affairs for resolution and adjudication of complaints of employment discrimination."

A motion to reconsider the votes whereby the rules were suspended and said bill, as amended, was passed and the title was amended was, by unanimous consent, laid on the table.

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

¶113.12 EXPORT-IMPORT BANK
REAUTHORIZATION

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. STEARNS, pursuant to House Resolution 255 and rule XXIII, declared the House resolved into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union for the further consideration of the bill (H.R. 1370) to reauthorize the Export-Import Bank of the United States.

Mrs. EMERSON, Acting Chairman, assumed the chair; and after some time spent therein,

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. SOLOMON, assumed the Chair.

When Mrs. EMERSON, Acting Chairman, reported that the Committee, having had under consideration said bill, had come to no resolution thereon.

¶113.13 MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

A message in writing from the President of the United States was communicated to the House by Mr. Sherman Williams, one of his secretaries.

¶113.14 RECESS—4:07 P.M.

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. SOLOMON, pursuant to clause 12 of rule I, declared the House in recess at 4 o'clock and 7 minutes p.m., subject to the call of the Chair until approximately 5 o'clock p.m.

¶113.15 AFTER RECESS—5 P.M.

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. SHAW, called the House to order.

¶113.16 WAIVING POINTS OF ORDER
AGAINST THE CONFERENCE REPORT TO
ACCOMPANY H.R. 2160

Mr. HASTINGS of Washington, by direction of the Committee on Rules, called up the following resolution (H. Res. 232):

Resolved, That upon adoption of this resolution it shall be in order to consider the conference report to accompany the bill (H.R. 2160) making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998, and for other purposes. All points of order against the conference report and against its consideration are waived.

SEC. 2. Upon adoption of this resolution the House shall be considered to have adopted the concurrent resolution specified in section 3.

SEC. 3. The text of the concurrent resolution described in section 2 is as follows:

"Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate concurring), That in the enrollment of H.R. 2160 the Clerk of the House shall, in title IV, in the item relating to 'Domestic Food Programs—Food Stamp Program', strike the period and insert the following: *"Provided further*, That none of the funds made available under this heading shall be used for studies and evaluations."

When said resolution was considered.
After debate,

On motion of Mr. HASTINGS of Washington, the previous question was ordered on the resolution to its adoption or rejection.

The question being put, *viva voce*,

Will the House agree to said resolution?

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

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

A quorum not being present,

The roll was called under clause 4, rule XV, and the call was taken by electronic device.

When there appeared { Yeas 367
Nays 34

¶113.17 [Roll No. 490]
YEAS—367

Abercrombie	Dreier	Kasich
Ackerman	Duncan	Kelly
Aderholt	Dunn	Kennedy (MA)
Allen	Edwards	Kennedy (RI)
Andrews	Ehlers	Kennelly
Archer	Ehrlich	Kildee
Army	Emerson	Kilpatrick
Bachus	Engel	Kim
Baker	English	Kind (WI)
Barcia	Ensign	King (NY)
Barrett (NE)	Eshoo	Kingston
Barrett (WI)	Etheridge	Klecicka
Bartlett	Evans	Knollenberg
Bass	Everett	Kolbe
Bateman	Ewing	Kucinich
Bentsen	Farr	LaFalce
Bereuter	Fattah	LaHood
Berman	Fawell	Lampson
Berry	Fazio	Lantos
Bilirakis	Filner	Latham
Bishop	Flake	LaTourette
Blagojevich	Foley	Lazio
Bliley	Forbes	Leach
Blumenauer	Ford	Levin
Blunt	Fowler	Lewis (GA)
Boehlert	Fox	Lewis (KY)
Boehner	Frank (MA)	Linder
Bonilla	Franks (NJ)	Lipinski
Bonior	Frelinghuysen	Livingston
Bono	Frost	LoBiondo
Borski	Furse	Lofgren
Boswell	Gallegly	Lowe
Boucher	Gejdenson	Lucas
Boyd	Gekas	Luther
Brady	Gibbons	Maloney (CT)
Brown (CA)	Gilchrest	Manton
Brown (OH)	Gillmor	Manzullo
Bryant	Goodlatte	Markey
Bunning	Goodling	Martinez
Burton	Gordon	Mascara
Buyer	Goss	Matsui
Callahan	Granger	McCarthy (MO)
Calvert	Green	McCarthy (NY)
Camp	Gutierrez	McCollum
Campbell	Gutknecht	McCrery
Canady	Hall (OH)	McDade
Cannon	Hall (TX)	McDermott
Capps	Hamilton	McGovern
Cardin	Hansen	McHugh
Carson	Harman	McInnis
Castle	Hastert	McIntosh
Chabot	Hastings (FL)	McIntyre
Chambliss	Hastings (WA)	McKeon
Chenoweth	Hayworth	McNulty
Christensen	Hefner	Meehan
Clay	Herger	Menendez
Clayton	Hill	Metcalfe
Clement	Hilleary	Mica
Clyburn	Hinche	Millender-
Collins	Hinojosa	McDonald
Combest	Hobson	Miller (FL)
Cook	Hoekstra	Mink
Cooksey	Holden	Moakley
Cox	Hooley	Mollohan
Coyne	Horn	Moran (KS)
Cramer	Hostettler	Moran (VA)
Crane	Houghton	Morella
Crapo	Hoyer	Murtha
Cummings	Hulshof	Myrick
Cunningham	Hutchinson	Nadler
Danner	Hyde	Neal
Davis (FL)	Inglis	Nethercutt
Davis (IL)	Istook	Neumann
Davis (VA)	Jackson (IL)	Ney
DeGette	Jackson-Lee	Northrup
Delahunt	(TX)	Oberstar
DeLauro	Jefferson	Obey
DeLay	Jenkins	Olver
Dellums	John	Ortiz
Diaz-Balart	Johnson (CT)	Oxley
Dickey	Johnson (WI)	Packard
Dingell	Johnson, E. B.	Pallone
Doggett	Johnson, Sam	Pappas
Doolittle	Kanjorski	Parker
Doyle	Kaptur	Pascrell

Pastor	Sanders	Talent
Paul	Sandlin	Tanner
Paxon	Sanford	Tauscher
Payne	Sawyer	Tauzin
Pease	Saxton	Taylor (NC)
Peterson (PA)	Schaefer, Dan	Thomas
Petri	Schaffer, Bob	Thompson
Pickering	Scott	Thornberry
Pickett	Sensenbrenner	Thune
Pitts	Serrano	Tiahrt
Pomeroy	Sessions	Tierney
Porter	Shaw	Torres
Portman	Shays	Towns
Price (NC)	Sherman	Traficant
Pryce (OH)	Shimkus	Turner
Quinn	Shuster	Upton
Radanovich	Sisisky	Velazquez
Ramstad	Skaggs	Vento
Rangel	Skeen	Visclosky
Regmond	Skelton	Walsh
Regula	Slaughter	Wamp
Reyes	Smith (MI)	Waters
Riggs	Smith (NJ)	Watkins
Riley	Smith (TX)	Watt (NC)
Rivers	Smith, Adam	Watts (OK)
Rodriguez	Smith, Linda	Waxman
Roemer	Snowbarger	Weldon (FL)
Rogan	Snyder	Weldon (PA)
Rogers	Solomon	Weller
Ros-Lehtinen	Spence	Wexler
Rothman	Spratt	White
Roukema	Stabenow	Wicker
Roybal-Allard	Stark	Wise
Rush	Stearns	Wolf
Ryun	Stokes	Woolsey
Sabo	Strickland	Wynn
Salmon	Stump	Yates
Sanchez	Stupak	Young (FL)

NAYS—34

Baesler	Graham	Rohrabacher
Ballenger	Jones	Scarborough
Barton	Klink	Shadeegg
Burr	Klug	Souder
Coble	Largent	Stenholm
Condit	McHale	Sununu
Costello	Miller (CA)	Taylor (MS)
Deal	Minge	Thurman
DeFazio	Norwood	Whitfield
Deutsch	Nussle	Young (AK)
Ganske	Peterson (MN)	
Goode	Poshard	

NOT VOTING—32

Baldacci	Foglietta	Meek
Barr	Gephardt	Owens
Becerra	Gilman	Pelosi
Bilbray	Gonzalez	Pombo
Brown (FL)	Greenwood	Rahall
Coburn	Hefley	Royce
Conyers	Hilliard	Schiff
Cubin	Hunter	Schumer
Dicks	Lewis (CA)	Smith (OR)
Dixon	Maloney (NY)	Weygand
Dooley	McKinney	

So 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.

Pursuant to section 2 of House Resolution 232, the following (H. Con. Res. 167) was considered agreed to:

“Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate concurring). That in the enrollment of H.R. 2160 the Clerk of the House shall, in title IV, in the item relating to ‘Domestic Food Programs—Food Stamp Program’, strike the period and insert the following: ‘: Provided further, That none of the funds made available under this heading shall be used for studies and evaluations.’”

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

¶113.18 PROVIDING FOR THE CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 629

Mr. SOLOMON, by direction of the Committee on Rules, reported (Rept. No. 105-299) the resolution (H. Res. 258) providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 629) to grant the consent of the

Congress to the Texas Low-Level Radioactive Waste Disposal Compact.

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

¶113.19 AGRICULTURE APPROPRIATIONS

Mr. SKEEN, pursuant to House Resolution 232, called up the following conference report (Rept. No. 105-252):

The committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 2160) “making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998, 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 House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate, and agree to the same with an amendment, as follows:

In lieu of the matter stricken and inserted by said amendment, insert:

That the following sums are appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998, and for other purposes, namely:

TITLE I
AGRICULTURAL PROGRAMS
PRODUCTION, PROCESSING, AND MARKETING
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
(INCLUDING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)

For necessary expenses of the Office of the Secretary of Agriculture, and not to exceed \$75,000 for employment under 5 U.S.C. 3109, \$2,836,000: *Provided*, That not to exceed \$11,000 of this amount, along with any unobligated balances of representation funds in the Foreign Agricultural Service, shall be available for official reception and representation expenses, not otherwise provided for, as determined by the Secretary: *Provided further*, That none of the funds appropriated or otherwise made available by this Act may be used to pay the salaries and expenses of personnel of the Department of Agriculture to carry out section 793(c)(1)(C) of Public Law 104-127: *Provided further*, That none of the funds made available by this Act may be used to enforce section 793(d) of Public Law 104-127.

EXECUTIVE OPERATIONS
CHIEF ECONOMIST

For necessary expenses of the Chief Economist, including economic analysis, risk assessment, cost-benefit analysis, and the functions of the World Agricultural Outlook Board, as authorized by the Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946 (7 U.S.C. 1622g), and including employment pursuant to the second sentence of section 706(a) of the Organic Act of 1944 (7 U.S.C. 2225), of which not to exceed \$5,000 is for employment under 5 U.S.C. 3109, \$5,048,000.

NATIONAL APPEALS DIVISION

For necessary expenses of the National Appeals Division, including employment pursuant to the second sentence of section 706(a) of the Organic Act of 1944 (7 U.S.C. 2225), of which not to exceed \$25,000 is for employment under 5 U.S.C. 3109, \$11,718,000.

OFFICE OF BUDGET AND PROGRAM ANALYSIS

For necessary expenses of the Office of Budget and Program Analysis, including employment pursuant to the second sentence of section 706(a) of the Organic Act of 1944 (7 U.S.C. 2225), of which not to exceed \$5,000 is