

¶118.18 DRUG AND BIOLOGICAL PRODUCTS
MODERNIZATION

On motion of Mr. BLILEY, by unanimous consent, the bill of the Senate (S. 830) to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act and the Public Health Service Act to improve the regulation of food, drugs, devices, and biological products, and for other purposes; together with the amendments of the House thereto, was taken from the Speaker's table.

When on motion of Mr. BLILEY, it was,

Resolved, That the House insist upon its amendments and request a conference with the Senate on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses thereon.

Thereupon, the SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. CALLAHAN, by unanimous consent, appointed Messrs. BLILEY, BILIRAKIS, BARTON OF TEXAS, GREENWOOD, BURR, WHITFIELD, DINGELL, BROWN of Ohio, WAXMAN, and KLINK, as managers on the part of the House at said conference.

Ordered, That the Clerk notify the Senate thereof.

¶118.19 SUBMISSION OF CONFERENCE
REPORT—H.R. 2107

Mr. REGULA submitted a conference report (Rept. No. 105-337) on the bill (H.R. 2107) making appropriations for the Department of the Interior and related agencies 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.

¶118.20 JOINT RESOLUTION PRESENTED
TO THE PRESIDENT

Mr. THOMAS, from the Committee on House Oversight, reported that that committee did on this day present to the President, for his approval, a joint resolution of the House of the following title:

H.J. Res. 75. Joint resolution to confer status as an honorary veteran of the United States Armed Forces on Leslie Townes (Bob) Hope.

¶118.21 LEAVE OF ABSENCE

To Mr. STRICKLAND, for today; and
To Mr. CHAMBLISS, for today.
And then,

¶118.22 ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Mr. THUNE, at 8 o'clock and 18 minutes p.m., the House adjourned.

¶118.23 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:

Mrs. MYRICK: Committee on Rules. House Resolution 274. Resolution providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 2646) to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow tax-free expenditures from education individual retirement accounts for elementary and secondary school expenses, to increase the maximum annual amount of contributions to

such accounts, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 105-336). Referred to the House Calendar.

Mr. REGULA: Committee of Conference. Conference report on H.R. 2107. A bill making appropriations for the Department of the Interior and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 105-337). Ordered to be printed.

¶118.24 DISCHARGE OF COMMITTEE

Pursuant to clause 5 of rule X the Committee on the Budget discharged from further consideration. H.R. 2513 referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

¶118.25 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. TAUZIN:

H.R. 2691. A bill to reauthorize and improve the operations of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration; to the Committee on Commerce.

By Mr. SMITH of Oregon:

H.R. 2692. A bill to combine the Consolidated Farm Service Agency and the Natural Resources Conservation Service of the Department of Agriculture as a single agency under an Under Secretary of Agriculture for Foreign Agriculture and Agricultural Field Services and to ensure the equitable treatment of socially disadvantaged farmers and ranchers and employees of the Department who are members of a socially disadvantaged group; to the Committee on Agriculture.

By Mrs. MALONEY of New York (for herself, Mrs. MORELLA, Mr. PASCARELL, Mr. COOK, Mrs. TAUSCHER, Mrs. KELLY, Mr. NEAL of Massachusetts, Ms. DELAURO, Mr. NADLER, Mr. LANTOS, Ms. SLAUGHTER, Ms. KILPATRICK, Mr. FROST, Mr. SANDERS, Mrs. THURMAN, Mr. FALCOMA, Mr. GUTIERREZ, Mr. LIPINSKI, Mr. MCGOVERN, Mr. EVANS, Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas, Mr. ACKERMAN, Mr. GREEN, Mr. DELLUMS, Mr. RUSH, Mr. FILNER, Mr. SHERMAN, Ms. HOOLEY of Oregon, Mr. FAZIO of California, Mr. WYNN, Mr. BROWN of California, Mr. CONDIT, Mr. CLEMENT, Mr. KENNEDY of Rhode Island, Mr. KLECZKA, Mr. HINCHEY, Mr. FORD, Ms. ESHOO, and Ms. WOOLSEY):

H.R. 2693. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act and Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 to require that group and individual health insurance coverage and group health plans provide coverage for qualified individuals for bone mass measurement (bone density testing) to prevent fractures associated with osteoporosis and to help women make informed choices about their reproductive and post-menopausal health care; to the Committee on Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Education and the Workforce, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. GILMAN:

H.R. 2694. A bill to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to authorize the Attorney General to continue to treat certain petitions approved under section 204 of such Act as valid notwithstanding the death of the beneficiary; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Ms. SANCHEZ:

H.R. 2695. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to encourage new school construction through the creation of a new

class of bond; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. COBLE (for himself and Mr. SHAW):

H.R. 2696. A bill to amend title 17, United States Code, to provide for protection of certain original designs; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas (for herself, Mrs. MALONEY of New York, Mrs. MORELLA, Ms. WOOLSEY, Mr. PASCARELL, Mr. DELLUMS, and Mr. DINGELL):

H.R. 2697. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to expand and intensify programs of the National Institutes of Health with respect to research and related activities concerning osteoporosis and related bone diseases; to the Committee on Commerce.

By Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York:

H.R. 2698. A bill to improve teacher preparation at institutions of higher education; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

By Mrs. MORELLA (for herself, Mrs. JOHNSON of Connecticut, Mrs. LOWEY, Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas, Mrs. MALONEY of New York, Ms. WOOLSEY, Ms. NORTON, Ms. WATERS, Mr. DAVIS of Virginia, Mr. HAYWORTH, Mr. UNDERWOOD, Mr. MEEHAN, Mr. WAXMAN, Mr. DELAHUNT, Mr. PASCARELL, Mr. LANTOS, and Mr. NADLER):

H.R. 2699. A bill to amend title 5, United States Code, to ensure that coverage of bone mass measurements is provided under the health benefits program for Federal employees; to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

By Ms. NORTON:

H.R. 2700. A bill to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain lands to the District of Columbia for use for single-family homes for low and moderate income individuals and families; to the Committee on Resources.

By Mr. RANGEL (for himself, Mr. STARK, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. LEWIS of Georgia, and Mr. BECERRA):

H.R. 2701. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to carve out from payments to Medicare+Choice organizations amounts attributable to disproportionate share hospital payments and pay such amounts directly to those disproportionate share hospitals in which their enrollees receive care; to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committee on Commerce, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. SCHUMER:

H.R. 2702. A bill to authorize the Secretary of the Treasury to ban the importation of firearms that have been cosmetically altered to avoid the ban on semiautomatic assault weapons; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. STARK:

H.R. 2703. A bill to amend part C of title XVIII of the Social Security Act to continue after 2001 continuous open enrollment of individuals in Medicare+Choice plans; to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committee on Commerce, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Ms. WOOLSEY (for herself, Mrs. MALONEY of New York, Mr. PASCARELL, Mrs. MORELLA, and Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas):

H.R. 2704. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for an increase in the amount of funding for the information

clearinghouse on osteoporosis, Paget's disease, and related bone disorders; to the Committee on Commerce.

By Mr. PORTER (for himself, Mr. DREIER, and Mr. LANTOS):

H. Con. Res. 172. Concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress in support of efforts to foster friendship and cooperation between the United States and Mongolia, and for other purposes; to the Committee on International Relations.

By Mr. SAM JOHNSON:

H. Con. Res. 173. Concurrent resolution honoring the accomplishments of the many Americans who contributed to the development of supersonic flight technology; to the Committee on Science.

By Mr. WEXLER (for himself, Mr. ACKERMAN, and Mr. LANTOS):

H. Con. Res. 174. Concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress regarding the anti-American and anti-Semitic remarks of Malaysian Prime Minister Mahathir Mohamed; to the Committee on International Relations.

By Mr. GANSKE:

H. Res. 275. A resolution to amend the Rules of the House of Representatives to permit a committee to vote to allow live media coverage of the testimony of a subpoenaed witness; to the Committee on Rules.

¶118.26 PRIVATE BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 1 of rule XXII,

Mr. PORTER introduced A bill (H.R. 2705) for the relief of Edwardo Reyes and Dianelita Reyes; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

¶118.27 ADDITIONAL SPONSORS

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

H.R. 27: Mr. DICKEY and Mr. PETERSON of Minnesota.

H.R. 59: Mr. DELAY.

H.R. 182: Mr. CONYERS.

H.R. 351: Ms. RIVERS.

H.R. 371: Mr. OLVER.

H.R. 614: Mr. WELDON of Florida.

H.R. 676: Mr. BOUCHER, Mr. OBERSTAR, Mr. ACKERMAN, and Mr. FROST.

H.R. 777: Mr. LANTOS.

H.R. 815: Mr. JACKSON, Mr. RANGEL, Mr. SMITH of Oregon, and Mr. SISISKY.

H.R. 820: Mr. SCOTT.

H.R. 946: Mr. HAYWORTH.

H.R. 979: Mr. SMITH of Michigan, Mr. KILDEE, Mr. HOLDEN, Mr. KANJORSKI, Ms. MILLENDER-MCDONALD, Mr. DIXON, and Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD.

H.R. 983: Ms. MILLENDER-MCDONALD.

H.R. 986: Mrs. CUBIN.

H.R. 991: Mr. BAESLER, Mr. ETHERIDGE, Mr. SKAGGS, Mr. MCINTYRE, and Mr. OLVER.

H.R. 992: Mr. WELDON of Florida and Mrs. CHENOWETH.

H.R. 1023: Mr. LOBIONDO.

H.R. 1161: Mr. KLECZKA.

H.R. 1173: Mr. BOSWELL, Mr. BALDACCI, Ms. JACKSON-LEE, Mr. JACKSON, Ms. WOOLSEY, Mr. KENNEDY of Rhode Island, Mr. QUINN, Mr. MOAKLEY, Mr. LEWIS of Kentucky, Mr. HEFNER, Ms. SANCHEZ, Mr. PASTOR, Mr. BILBRAY, Mr. LAMPSON, and Mr. SANDLIN.

H.R. 1227: Mr. GOODLING, Mr. CHAMBLISS, and Mrs. NORTHUP.

H.R. 1231: Mrs. EMERSON.

H.R. 1232: Mr. MCGOVERN, Mr. MILLER of California, Mr. CALLAHAN, Mrs. FOWLER, Mr. DELAHUNT, and Mr. SMITH of Michigan.

H.R. 1234: Mr. RUSH.

H.R. 1356: Ms. STABENOW and Mrs. CHENOWETH.

H.R. 1371: Mr. KUCINICH.

H.R. 1387: Mr. SUNUNU.

H.R. 1415: Mr. TRAFICANT, Mr. MCINTYRE, Mr. MCNULTY, Mr. BOEHLERT, Mr. WATKINS, and Mr. DREIER.

H.R. 1425: Mr. STARK.

H.R. 1531: Mr. WAXMAN.

H.R. 1541: Mr. CAPPS.

H.R. 1542: Mr. INGLIS of South Carolina, Mr. MCINNIS, and Mr. NETHERCUTT.

H.R. 1773: Mr. EWING.

H.R. 1800: Mr. OBEY and Mr. PETERSON of Minnesota.

H.R. 1842: Mr. HILL and Mr. BLILEY.

H.R. 1891: Ms. RIVERS.

H.R. 2011: Mr. RYUN.

H.R. 2021: Mr. MILLER of Florida.

H.R. 2023: Mr. DELLUMS.

H.R. 2029: Mr. COBURN, Mr. RYUN, and Mr. LIVINGSTON.

H.R. 2110: Mr. WEXLER.

H.R. 2172: Mr. BOSWELL.

H.R. 2189: Mr. FROST, Ms. RIVERS, Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD, Mr. LAMPSON, Mr. TRAFICANT, Mr. FALCOMAVAEGA, Mr. BLILEY, Mr. ACKERMAN, Mr. KUCINICH, and Ms. KAPTUR.

H.R. 2191: Mr. BARR of Georgia.

H.R. 2194: Mr. TRAFICANT, Mrs. JOHNSON of Connecticut, Mr. TOWNS, Mrs. MALONEY of New York, Mr. LANTOS, Mr. RANGEL, Mrs. LOWEY, Mr. ENGEL, and Mr. MANTON.

H.R. 2292: Mr. BAESLER, Mr. ROYCE, Mr. GREENWOOD, Mrs. KENNELLY of Connecticut, Ms. RIVERS, Mr. FAZIO of California, Mr. SANDLIN, Mr. SCHIFF, and Mr. BENTSEN.

H.R. 2327: Mr. SHERMAN, Mr. FAWELL, Ms. DUNN of Washington, Mr. FROST, Mr. WHITE, Mr. EVANS, Mr. PETERSON of Minnesota, Mr. RAMSTAD, and Mr. SOUDER.

H.R. 2377: Mr. BAKER, Mr. MCDADE, Mr. UPTON, and Mr. PICKERING.

H.R. 2380: Mr. CHRISTENSEN.

H.R. 2392: Mr. GOODLING.

H.R. 2476: Mr. DINGELL.

H.R. 2483: Mr. MCKEON, Mr. ISTOOK, Mr. SHIMKUS, Mr. BUNNING of Kentucky, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. CALVERT, Mrs. FOWLER, Mr. BOB SCHAFFER, Mr. GOODLING, Mr. CANNON, and Mr. HILL.

H.R. 2488: Ms. FURSE.

H.R. 2549: Mr. TRAFICANT.

H.R. 2560: Mr. DOOLEY of California, Mr. MCINTYRE, Ms. NORTON, Mr. UNDERWOOD, Mrs. MALONEY of New York, and Mr. PASTOR.

H.R. 2563: Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. HASTINGS of Washington, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. CALLAHAN, and Mr. NETHERCUTT.

H.R. 2584: Mr. SANDERS and Mr. WEYGAND.

H.R. 2595: Mr. BOEHRNER and Mr. PICKERING.

H.R. 2598: Mr. TIAHRT.

H.R. 2609: Mr. MORAN of Kansas, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. HOLDEN, Mr. CLYBURN, and Mr. KLUG.

H.R. 2611: Mr. COBURN and Mr. LEWIS of Kentucky.

H.R. 2625: Mr. COX of California, Mr. GUTKNECHT, Mr. HAYWORTH, Mr. KINGSTON, Mr. COOKSEY, Mr. JONES, Mr. LARGENT, Mr. BALLENGER, Mr. GINGRICH, Mr. BUNNING of Kentucky, Mr. KING of New York, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. WATTS of Oklahoma, Mr. SALMON, Ms. DUNN of Washington, and Mr. MCINTOSH.

H.R. 2627: Mr. WEYGAND and Mr. MILLER of Florida.

H.R. 2639: Mr. PRICE of North Carolina, Mr. YATES, Mr. KING of New York, and Mr. DEUTSCH.

H.R. 2689: Mr. RADANOVICH.

H.J. Res. 78: Mr. GEKAS, Mr. GIBBONS, Mr. HASTINGS of Washington, Mr. RIGGS, Mr. SHUSTER, Mr. BRADY, and Mr. CANNON.

H.J. Res. 95: Mr. TANNER, Mr. JENKINS, Mr. HILLEARY, Mr. CLEMENT, Mr. FORD, Mr. DUNCAN, Mr. WAMP, Mr. GORDON, Mr. THOMPSON, Mr. TAYLOR of Mississippi, Mr. PARKER, and Mr. PICKERING.

H. Con. Res. 100: Mr. ANDREWS, Mr. SAXTON, Mr. HASTINGS of Florida, Mr. RUSH, Mr. PORTER, and Mr. WAMP.

H. Con. Res. 107: Mr. DEUTSCH.

H. Res. 37: Mr. WAMP and Mr. TAYLOR of Mississippi.

H. Res. 259: Ms. LOFGREN, Mr. HAMILTON, Mr. BALDACCI, Mr. CAPPS, Ms. RIVERS, Mr. FAZIO of California, Mrs. MALONEY of New York, Mr. ENGEL, Mr. BARRETT of Wisconsin, and Mr. POSHARD.

H. Res. 268: Mr. DELAY and Mr. SOUDER.

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The House was called to order by the SPEAKER.

¶119.1 APPROVAL OF THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER announced he had examined and approved the Journal of the proceedings of Wednesday, October 22, 1997.

Mr. SHIMKUS, 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 announced that the yeas had it.

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

The SPEAKER 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.

¶119.2 COMMUNICATIONS

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

5577. A letter from the General Sales Manager and Vice President, Commodity Credit Corporation, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Regulations Governing the Financing of Commercial Sales of Agricultural Commodities [7 CFR Part 17] received October 22, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

5578. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting a copy of D.C. Act 12-158, "Public Before-and-After School Care Exemption Temporary Amendment Act of 1997" received October 22, 1997, pursuant to D.C. Code section 1-233(c)(1); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

5579. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting a copy of D.C. Act 12-160, "Juvenile Curfew and Retired Police Officer Reemployment Temporary Amendment Act of 1997" received October 22, 1997, pursuant to D.C. Code section 1-233(c)(1); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

5580. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting a copy of D.C. Act 12-161, "Comprehensive Merit Personnel Act Annuity Offset Temporary Amendment Act of 1997" received October 22, 1997, pursuant to D.C. Code section 1-233(c)(1); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

5581. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting a copy of D.C. Act 12-166, "Comprehensive Merit Personnel Act Pilot Program Temporary Amendment Act of 1997" received October 22, 1997, pursuant to D.C. Code section 1-233(c)(1); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

5582. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting a copy of D.C. Act 12-167, "Alcoholic Beverage