

2364(a)(1); jointly to the Committees on International Relations and Appropriations.

11580. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting notification of intent to obligate funds for additional program proposals for purposes of Nonproliferation and Disarmament Fund (NDF) activities, pursuant to Public Law 105-118; jointly to the Committees on International Relations and Appropriations.

11581. A letter from the Acting Comptroller General, General Accounting Office, transmitting a report on the financial statements of the Capitol Preservation Fund for the fiscal years ended September 30, 1997 and 1996; jointly to the Committees on House Oversight and Government Reform and Oversight.

11582. A letter from the The Board, Railroad Retirement Board, transmitting the Board's budget request for fiscal year 2000, pursuant to 45 U.S.C. 231f; jointly to the Committees on Appropriations, Transportation and Infrastructure, and Ways and Means.

#### 103.8 PRIVATE CALENDAR

Pursuant to clause 6, rule XXIV, THE SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. UPTON, directed the Private Calendar to be called.

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#### 103.9 BILLS PASSED

The bills of the following titles were severally considered, read twice, ordered to be engrossed and read a third time, were severally read a third time by title, and passed:

H.R. 1794. A bill for the relief of Mai Hoa "Jasmine" Salehi.

H.R. 1834. A bill for the relief of Mercedes Del Carmen Quiroz Martinez Cruz.

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

#### 103.10 BILL PASSED OVER

By unanimous consent, the bill of the following title was passed over without prejudice and retains its place on the Private Calendar:

S. 1304. An Act for the relief of Belinda McGregor.

Motions severally made to reconsider the votes whereby each bill on the Private Calendar was disposed of today were, by unanimous consent, laid on the table.

#### 103.11 WAIVING POINTS OF ORDER

AGAINST THE CONFERENCE REPORT TO ACCOMPANY H.R. 4194

Mr. DREIER, by direction of the Committee on Rules, called up the following resolution (H. Res. 574):

Resolved, That upon adoption of this resolution it shall be in order to consider the conference report to accompany the bill (H.R. 4194) making appropriations for the Departments of Veterans Affairs and Housing and Urban Development, and for sundry independent agencies, boards, commissions, corporations, and offices for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1999, 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. DREIER, 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.

#### 103.12 VA-HUD APPROPRIATIONS FOR FY 1999

Mr. LEWIS of California, pursuant to House Resolution 574, called up the following conference report (Rept. No. 105-769):

The committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 4194) "making appropriations for the Departments of Veterans Affairs and Housing and Urban Development, and for sundry independent agencies, boards, commissions, corporations, and offices for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1999, 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 the Departments of Veterans Affairs and Housing and Urban Development, and for sundry independent agencies, boards, commissions, corporations, and offices for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1999, and for other purposes, namely:*

##### TITLE I—DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

##### VETERANS BENEFITS ADMINISTRATION COMPENSATION AND PENSIONS

##### (INCLUDING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)

*For the payment of compensation benefits to or on behalf of veterans and a pilot program for disability examinations as authorized by law (38 U.S.C. 107, chapters 11, 13, 18, 51, 53, 55, and 61); pension benefits to or on behalf of veterans as authorized by law (38 U.S.C. chapters 15, 51, 53, 55, and 61; 92 Stat. 2508); and burial benefits, emergency and other officers' retirement pay, adjusted-service credits and certificates, payment of premiums due on commercial life insurance policies guaranteed under the provisions of Article IV of the Soldiers' and Sailors' Civil Relief Act of 1940, as amended, and for other benefits as authorized by law (38 U.S.C. 107, 1312, 1977, and 2106, chapters 23, 51, 53, 55, and 61; 50 U.S.C. App. 540-548; 43 Stat. 122, 123; 45 Stat. 735; 76 Stat. 1198), \$21,857,058,000, to remain available until expended: Provided, That not to exceed \$24,534,000 of the amount appropriated shall be reimbursed to "General operating expenses" and "Medical care" for necessary expenses in implementing those provisions authorized in the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1990, and in the Veterans' Benefits Act of 1992 (38 U.S.C. chapters 51, 53, and 55), the funding source for which is specifically provided as the "Compensation and pensions" appropriation: Provided further, That such sums as may be earned on an actual qualifying patient basis, shall be reimbursed to "Medical facilities revolving fund" to augment the funding of individual medical facilities for nursing home care provided to pensioners as authorized.*

##### READJUSTMENT BENEFITS

*For the payment of readjustment and rehabilitation benefits to or on behalf of veterans as au-*

*thorized by 38 U.S.C. chapters 21, 30, 31, 34, 35, 36, 39, 51, 53, 55, and 61, \$1,175,000,000, to remain available until expended: Provided, That funds shall be available to pay any court order, court award or any compromise settlement arising from litigation involving the vocational training program authorized by section 18 of Public Law 98-77, as amended.*

##### VETERANS INSURANCE AND INDEMNITIES

*For military and naval insurance, national service life insurance, servicemen's indemnities, service-disabled veterans insurance, and veterans mortgage life insurance as authorized by 38 U.S.C. chapter 19; 70 Stat. 887; 72 Stat. 487, \$46,450,000, to remain available until expended.*

##### VETERANS HOUSING BENEFIT PROGRAM FUND PROGRAM ACCOUNT

##### (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

*For the cost of direct and guaranteed loans, such sums as may be necessary to carry out the program, as authorized by 38 U.S.C. chapter 37, as amended: Provided, That such costs, including the cost of modifying such loans, shall be as defined in section 502 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, as amended: Provided further, That during fiscal year 1999, within the resources available, not to exceed \$300,000 in gross obligations for direct loans are authorized for specially adapted housing loans: Provided further, That during 1999 any moneys that would be otherwise deposited into or paid from the Loan Guaranty Revolving Fund, the Guaranty and Indemnity Fund, or the Direct Loan Revolving Fund shall be deposited into or paid from the Veterans Housing Benefit Program Fund: Provided further, That any balances in the Loan Guaranty Revolving Fund, the Guaranty and Indemnity Fund, or the Direct Loan Revolving Fund on the effective date of this Act may be transferred to and merged with the Veterans Housing Benefit Program Fund.*

*In addition, for administrative expenses to carry out the direct and guaranteed loan programs, \$159,121,000, which may be transferred to and merged with the appropriation for "General operating expenses".*

##### EDUCATION LOAN FUND PROGRAM ACCOUNT

##### (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

*For the cost of direct loans, \$1,000, as authorized by 38 U.S.C. 3698, as amended: Provided, That such costs, including the cost of modifying such loans, shall be as defined in section 502 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, as amended: Provided further, That these funds are available to subsidize gross obligations for the principal amount of direct loans not to exceed \$3,000.*

*In addition, for administrative expenses necessary to carry out the direct loan program, \$206,000, which may be transferred to and merged with the appropriation for "General operating expenses".*

##### VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION LOANS PROGRAM ACCOUNT

##### (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

*For the cost of direct loans, \$55,000, as authorized by 38 U.S.C. chapter 31, as amended: Provided, That such costs, including the cost of modifying such loans, shall be as defined in section 502 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, as amended: Provided further, That these funds are available to subsidize gross obligations for the principal amount of direct loans not to exceed \$2,401,000.*

*In addition, for administrative expenses necessary to carry out the direct loan program, \$400,000, which may be transferred to and merged with the appropriation for "General operating expenses".*

##### NATIVE AMERICAN VETERAN HOUSING LOAN PROGRAM ACCOUNT

##### (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

*For administrative expenses to carry out the direct loan program authorized by 38 U.S.C. chapter 37, subchapter V, as amended, \$515,000, which may be transferred to and merged with*