

843. A letter from the Assistant Secretary, Department of State, transmitting notification of the intent to obligate Fiscal Year 1999 SEED funds by the Department of State; jointly to the Committees on International Relations and Appropriations.

844. A letter from the Deputy Executive Secretary to the Department, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Department's final rule—Medicare Program; Changes to the MedicareChoice Program [HCFA-1030-F] (RIN: 0938-AI29) received February 22, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); jointly to the Committees on Ways and Means and Commerce.

845. A letter from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting a report on the schedule for the development of a prospective payment system (PPS) for home health services furnished under the Medicare program; jointly to the Committees on Ways and Means and Commerce.

¶15.7 MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT—
FEDERAL LABOR RELATIONS
AUTHORITY

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. STEARNS, laid before the House a message from the President, which was read as follows:

To the Congress of the United States:

In accordance with section 701 of the Civil Service Reform Act of 1978 (Public Law 95-454; 5 U.S.C. 7104(e)), I am pleased to transmit the Nineteenth Annual Report of the Federal Labor Relations Authority for Fiscal Year 1997.

The report includes information on the cases heard and decisions rendered by the Federal Labor Relations Authority, the General Counsel of the Authority, and the Federal Service Impasses Panel.

WILLIAM J. CLINTON.

THE WHITE HOUSE, *March 2, 1999.*

The message, together with the accompanying papers, was referred to the Committee on Government Reform.

¶15.8 COMMITTEE RESIGNATION—
MINORITY

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. STEARNS, laid before the House the following communication, which was read as follows:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES,
Washington, DC, February 23, 1999.

Hon. DENNIS HASTERT,
Speaker, The Capitol, Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER, on Feb. 12, 1999, I was appointed by the House Democratic Caucus to serve on the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence. According to Rule 19 E of the Rules of the Democratic Caucus, "no Democratic Member of the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence may serve on more than one standing committee during the Member's term of service on the select committee."

Rule 19 E also states that "Members shall be entitled to take leaves of absence from service on any committee (or subcommittee thereof) during the period they serve on the select committee and seniority rights on such committee (and on each subcommittee) to which they were assigned at the time shall be fully protected as if they had continued to serve during the period of leave of absence."

Accordingly, I am requesting a leave of absence from the House Committee on Science for the 106th Congress, with the understanding that my seniority rights on the

Committee will be fully protected in accordance with Rule 19 E of the Democratic Caucus. Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

TIM ROEMER,
Member of Congress.

By unanimous consent, the resignation was accepted.

¶15.9 YOUTH TO PERFORM WORK WITH
WOOD PRODUCTS

Mr. GOODLING moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 221) to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to permit certain youth to perform certain work with wood products; as amended.

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. STEARNS, recognized Mr. GOODLING and Mr. CLAY, 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.

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

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

¶15.10 DISASTER MITIGATION BY SMALL
BUSINESSES

Mr. TALENT moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 818) to amend the Small Business Act to authorize a pilot program for the implementation of disaster mitigation measures by small businesses.

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. STEARNS, recognized Mr. TALENT and Mr. BAIRD, 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, 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, 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.

¶15.11 APPLES EXPORT

Mr. COMBEST moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 609) to amend the Export Apple and Pear Act to limit the applicability of the Act to apples.

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. STEARNS, recognized Mr. COMBEST

and Mr. STENHOLM, 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, Mr. STEARNS, announced that two-thirds of the Members present had voted in the affirmative.

Mr. COMBEST demanded that the vote be taken by the yeas and nays, which demand was supported by one-fifth of the Members present, so the yeas and nays were ordered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. STEARNS, pursuant to clause 8, rule XX, announced that further proceedings on the motion were postponed.

¶15.12 NULIFICATION OF CONSTRAINTS ON
GUARANTEED FARM LOANS

Mr. COMBEST moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 882) to nullify any reservation of funds during fiscal year 1999 for guaranteed loans under the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act for qualified beginning farmers or ranchers, and for other purposes.

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. STEARNS, recognized Mr. COMBEST and Mr. STENHOLM, 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, 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 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.

¶15.13 SOCIAL SECURITY GUARANTEE
INITIATIVE FOR THE 21ST CENTURY

Mr. SHAW moved to suspend the rules and pass the joint resolution (H.J. Res. 32) expressing the sense of the Congress that the President and the Congress should join in undertaking the Social Security Guarantee Initiative to strengthen and protect the retirement income security of all Americans through the creation of a fair and modern Social Security Program for the 21st century; as amended.

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. STEARNS, recognized Mr. SHAW and Mr. RANGEL, each for 20 minutes.

After debate,

The question being put, *viva voce*,

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

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

Mr. RYAN of Wisconsin 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 8,
rule XX, and the call was taken by
electronic device.

When there appeared { Yeas 416
Nays 1

¶15.14 [Roll No. 29]
YEAS—416

Abercrombie	DeLauro	Jackson-Lee
Ackerman	DeLay	(TX)
Aderholt	DeMint	Jefferson
Allen	Deutsch	Jenkins
Andrews	Diaz-Balart	John
Archer	Dickey	Johnson (CT)
Armey	Dicks	Johnson, E. B.
Bachus	Dingell	Johnson, Sam
Baird	Dixon	Jones (NC)
Baker	Doggett	Jones (OH)
Baldacci	Dooley	Kanjorski
Baldwin	Doolittle	Kaptur
Ballenger	Doyle	Kasich
Barcia	Dreier	Kelly
Barr	Duncan	Kennedy
Barrett (NE)	Edwards	Kildee
Barrett (WI)	Ehlers	Kilpatrick
Bartlett	Ehrlich	Kind (WI)
Barton	Emerson	King (NY)
Bass	Engel	Kingston
Bateman	English	Kleczka
Becerra	Eshoo	Klink
Bentsen	Etheridge	Knollenberg
Bereuter	Ewing	Kolbe
Berkley	Farr	Kucinich
Berry	Fattah	Kuykendall
Biggert	Filner	LaFalce
Bilirakis	Fletcher	LaHood
Bishop	Foley	Lampson
Blagojevich	Forbes	Lantos
Bilely	Ford	Largent
Blumenauer	Fossella	Larson
Blunt	Fowler	Latham
Boehlert	Frank (MA)	LaTourette
Boehner	Franks (NJ)	Lazio
Bonilla	Frelinghuysen	Leach
Bonior	Frost	Lee
Bono	Gallegly	Levin
Borski	Ganske	Lewis (CA)
Boswell	Gejdenson	Lewis (GA)
Boucher	Gekas	Lewis (KY)
Boyd	Gephardt	Linder
Brady (PA)	Gibbons	Lipinski
Brady (TX)	Gilchrest	LoBiondo
Brown (CA)	Gillmor	Lofgren
Brown (FL)	Gilman	Lowey
Brown (OH)	Gonzalez	Lucas (KY)
Bryant	Goode	Lucas (OK)
Burr	Goodlatte	Luther
Burton	Goodling	Maloney (CT)
Calvert	Gordon	Maloney (NY)
Camp	Goss	Manzullo
Campbell	Graham	Markey
Canady	Green (TX)	Martinez
Capuano	Green (WI)	Mascara
Cardin	Greenwood	Matsui
Carson	Gutierrez	McCarthy (MO)
Castle	Gutknecht	McCarthy (NY)
Chabot	Hall (OH)	McCrery
Chambliss	Hall (TX)	McDermott
Chenoweth	Hastert	McGovern
Clay	Hastings (FL)	McHugh
Clayton	Hastings (WA)	McInnis
Clement	Hayes	McIntosh
Clyburn	Hayworth	McIntyre
Coble	Hefley	McKeon
Coburn	Herger	McKinney
Collins	Hill (IN)	McNulty
Combest	Hill (MT)	Meehan
Condit	Hilleary	Meek (FL)
Conyers	Hinchev	Meeks (NY)
Cook	Hinojosa	Menendez
Costello	Hobson	Metcalf
Cox	Hoefel	Mica
Coyne	Hoekstra	Millender-
Cramer	Holden	McDonald
Crane	Holt	Miller (FL)
Crowley	Hooley	Miller, Gary
Cubin	Horn	Miller, George
Cummings	Hostettler	Minge
Cunningham	Houghton	Mink
Danner	Hoyer	Moakley
Davis (FL)	Hulshof	Mollohan
Davis (IL)	Hutchinson	Moore
Davis (VA)	Hyde	Moran (KS)
Deal	Inslee	Moran (VA)
DeFazio	Isakson	Morella
DeGette	Istook	Murtha
Delahunt	Jackson (IL)	Myrick

Nadler	Roukema	Talent
Napolitano	Roybal-Allard	Tancredo
Neal	Royce	Tanner
Nethercutt	Rush	Tauscher
Ney	Ryan (WI)	Tauzin
Northup	Ryun (KS)	Taylor (MS)
Norwood	Sabo	Taylor (NC)
Nussle	Salmon	Terry
Oberstar	Sanchez	Thomas
Obey	Sanders	Thompson (MS)
Oliver	Sandlin	Thornberry
Ortiz	Sanford	Thune
Ose	Sawyer	Thurman
Owens	Saxton	Tiahrt
Oxley	Scarborough	Tierney
Packard	Schaffer	Toomey
Pallone	Schakowsky	Towns
Pascrell	Scott	Traficant
Pastor	Sensenbrenner	Turner
Payne	Serrano	Udall (CO)
Pease	Sessions	Udall (NM)
Pelosi	Shadegg	Upton
Peterson (MN)	Shaw	Velazquez
Peterson (PA)	Shays	Vento
Petri	Sherman	Visclosky
Phelps	Sherwood	Walden
Pickering	Shimkus	Walsh
Pickett	Shows	Wamp
Pitts	Shuster	Waters
Pombo	Simpson	Watkins
Pomeroy	Sisisky	Watt (NC)
Porter	Skeen	Watts (OK)
Portman	Skelton	Waxman
Price (NC)	Slaughter	Weiner
Price (OH)	Smith (MI)	Weldon (FL)
Quinn	Smith (NJ)	Weldon (PA)
Radanovich	Smith (TX)	Weller
Rahall	Smith (WA)	Wexler
Ramstad	Snyder	Weygand
Rangel	Souder	Whitfield
Regula	Spence	Wicker
Reyes	Spratt	Wilson
Reynolds	Stabenow	Wise
Riley	Stark	Wolf
Rivers	Stearns	Woolsey
Rodriguez	Stenholm	Wu
Romero	Strickland	Wynn
Rogan	Stump	Young (AK)
Rohrabacher	Stupak	Young (FL)
Ros-Lehtinen	Sununu	
Rothman	Sweeney	

NAYS—1

Paul
NOT VOTING—17

Berman	Cooksey	Hilliard
Bilbray	Dunn	Hunter
Buyer	Evans	McCollum
Callahan	Everett	Rogers
Cannon	Granger	Thompson (CA)
Capps	Hansen	

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

By unanimous consent, the title was amended so as to read: "A joint resolution expressing the sense of the Congress that the President and the Congress should join in undertaking the Social Security Guarantee Initiative to strengthen the Social Security program and protect the retirement income security of all Americans for the 21st century . . ."

A motion to reconsider the votes whereby the rules were suspended and said joint resolution, 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 joint resolution.

¶15.15 H.R. 609—UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. SHIMKUS, pursuant to clause 8, rule XX, announced the unfinished business to be the motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 609) to amend

the Export Apple and Pear Act to limit the applicability of the Act to apples.

The question being put,

Will the House suspend the rules and pass said bill?

The vote was taken by electronic device.

It was decided in the { Yeas 416
affirmative Nays 0

¶15.16 [Roll No. 30]
YEAS—416

Abercrombie	Davis (IL)	Hostettler
Ackerman	Davis (VA)	Houghton
Aderholt	Deal	Hoyer
Allen	DeFazio	Hulshof
Andrews	DeGette	Hutchinson
Archer	Delahunt	Hyde
Armey	DeLauro	Inslee
Bachus	DeLay	Isakson
Baird	DeMint	Istook
Baker	Deutsch	Jackson (IL)
Baldacci	Diaz-Balart	Jackson-Lee
Baldwin	Dickey	(TX)
Ballenger	Dicks	Jefferson
Barcia	Dingell	Jenkins
Barr	Dixon	John
Barrett (NE)	Doggett	Johnson (CT)
Barrett (WI)	Dooley	Johnson, E. B.
Bartlett	Doolittle	Johnson, Sam
Barton	Doyle	Jones (NC)
Bass	Dreier	Jones (OH)
Bateman	Duncan	Kanjorski
Becerra	Edwards	Kaptur
Bentsen	Ehlers	Kasich
Bereuter	Ehrlich	Kelly
Berkley	Emerson	Kennedy
Berry	Engel	Kildee
Biggert	English	Kilpatrick
Bilbray	Eshoo	Kind (WI)
Bilirakis	Etheridge	King (NY)
Bishop	Ewing	Kingston
Blagojevich	Farr	Kleczka
Bilely	Fattah	Klink
Blumenauer	Filner	Knollenberg
Blunt	Fletcher	Kolbe
Boehlert	Foley	Kucinich
Boehner	Forbes	Kuykendall
Bonilla	Ford	LaFalce
Bonior	Fossella	LaHood
Bono	Fowler	Lampson
Borski	Frank (MA)	Lantos
Boswell	Franks (NJ)	Largent
Boucher	Frelinghuysen	Larson
Boyd	Frost	Latham
Brady (PA)	Gallegly	LaTourette
Brady (TX)	Ganske	Lazio
Brown (CA)	Gejdenson	Leach
Brown (FL)	Gekas	Lee
Brown (OH)	Gephardt	Levin
Bryant	Gibbons	Lewis (CA)
Burr	Gilchrest	Lewis (GA)
Burton	Gillmor	Lewis (KY)
Calvert	Gilman	Linder
Camp	Gonzalez	Lipinski
Campbell	Goode	LoBiondo
Canady	Goodlatte	Lofgren
Capuano	Goodling	Lowey
Cardin	Gordon	Lucas (KY)
Carson	Goss	Lucas (OK)
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Chenoweth	Greenwood	Manzullo
Clay	Gutierrez	Markey
Clayton	Gutknecht	Martinez
Clement	Hall (OH)	Mascara
Clyburn	Hall (TX)	Matsui
Coble	Hansen	McCarthy (MO)
Coburn	Hastings (FL)	McCarthy (NY)
Collins	Hastings (WA)	McCrery
Combest	Hayes	McDermott
Condit	Hayworth	McGovern
Conyers	Hefley	McHugh
Cook	Herger	McInnis
Cooksey	Hill (IN)	McIntosh
Costello	Hill (MT)	McIntyre
Cox	Hilleary	McKeon
Coyne	Hinchev	McNulty
Cramer	Hinojosa	Meehan
Crane	Hobson	Meek (FL)
Crowley	Hoefel	Meeks (NY)
Cubin	Hoekstra	Menendez
Cummings	Holden	Metcalf
Cunningham	Holt	Mica
Danner	Hooley	Millender-
Davis (FL)	Horn	McDonald