

*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. PEASE, by unanimous consent, appointed the following Members as managers on the part of the House at said conference:

From the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, for consideration of the Senate bill and the House amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Messrs. SHUSTER, YOUNG of Alaska, PETRI, DUNCAN, EWING, HORN, QUINN, EHLERS, BASS, PEASE, SWEENEY, OBERSTAR, RAHALL, LIPINSKI, DEFazio, COSTELLO, Ms. DANER, Ms. Eddie Bernice JOHNSON of Texas, Ms. MILLENDER-MCDONALD, and Mr. BOSWELL.

From the Committee on the Budget, for consideration of titles IX and X of the House amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Messrs. CHAMBLISS, SHAYS and SPRATT.

From the Committee on Ways and Means, for consideration of title XI of the House amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Messrs. NUSSLE, HULSHOF, and RANGEL.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk notify the Senate thereof.

By unanimous consent, House Resolution 276, was laid on the table.

#### ¶91.47 FURTHER MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A further message from the Senate by Mr. Lundregan, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate has passed a bill of the following title in which concurrence of the House is requested:

S. 944. An Act to amend Public Law 105-188 to provide for the mineral leasing of certain Indian lands in Oklahoma.

#### ¶91.48 CAPITOL GROUND CONSTRUCTION AUTHORIZATION

On motion of Mr. SHUSTER, by unanimous consent, the concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 167) authorizing the Architect of the Capitol to permit temporary construction and other work on the Capitol Grounds that may be necessary for construction of a building on Constitution Avenue Northwest, between 2nd Street Northwest and Louisiana Avenue Northwest; together with the following amendment of the Senate, was taken from the Speaker's table:

*Page 1, strike out all after line 3 over to and including line 7 on page 2 and insert:*

*The Architect of the Capitol may permit temporary construction and other work on the Capitol Grounds as follows:*

(1) *As may be necessary for the demolition of the existing building of the Carpenters and Joiners of America and the construction of a new building of the Carpenters and Joiners of America on Constitution Avenue Northwest between 2nd Street Northwest and Louisiana Avenue Northwest in a manner consistent with the terms of this resolution. Such work may include activities resulting in temporary obstruction of the curbside parking lane on Louisiana Avenue Northwest between Constitution Avenue Northwest and 1st Street Northwest, adjacent to the*

*side of the existing building of the Carpenters and Joiners of America on Louisiana Avenue Northwest. Such obstruction—*

*(A) shall be consistent with the terms of paragraphs (2) and (3);*

*(B) shall not extend in width more than 8 feet from the curb adjacent to the existing building of the Carpenters and Joiners of America; and*

*(C) shall extend in length along the curb of Louisiana Avenue Northwest adjacent to the existing building of the Carpenters and Joiners of America to a point 56 feet from the intersection of the curbs of Constitution Avenue Northwest and Louisiana Avenue Northwest adjacent to the existing building of the Carpenters and Joiners of America to a point 40 feet from the intersection of the curbs of the Louisiana Avenue Northwest and 1st Street Northwest adjacent to the existing building of the Carpenters and Joiners of America.*

*(2) Such construction shall include a covered walkway for pedestrian access, including access for disabled individuals, on Constitution Avenue Northwest between 2nd Street Northwest and Louisiana Avenue Northwest, to be constructed within the existing sidewalk area on Constitution Avenue Northwest adjacent to the existing building of the Carpenters and Joiners of America, to be constructed in accordance with specifications approved by the Architect of the Capitol.*

*(3) Such construction shall ensure access to any existing fire hydrants by keeping clear a minimum radius of 3 feet around any fire hydrants, or according to health and safety requirements as approved by the Architect of the Capitol.*

*Page 3, after line 4, insert:*

*(c) No construction shall extend into the United States Capitol Grounds except as otherwise provided in section 1.*

On motion of Mr. SHUSTER, said Senate amendments were agreed to.

A motion to reconsider the vote whereby said Senate amendments were agreed to was, by unanimous consent, laid on the table.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk notify the Senate thereof.

#### ¶91.49 INTERNATIONAL RELIGIOUS FREEDOM

On motion of Mr. CAMPBELL, by unanimous consent, the bill of the Senate (S. 1546) to amend the International Religious Freedom Act of 1998 to provide additional administrative authorities to the United States Commission on International Religious Freedom, and to make technical corrections to that Act, and for other purposes; was taken from the Speaker's table.

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

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

*Ordered*, That the Clerk notify the Senate thereof.

#### ¶91.50 VETERANS ENTREPRENEURSHIP

On motion of Mr. TALENT, by unanimous consent, the bill (H.R. 1568) to provide technical, financial, and procurement assistance to veteran owned small businesses, and for other purposes; 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.

This Act may be cited as the "Veterans Entrepreneurship and Small Business Development Act of 1999".

#### SEC. 2. TABLE OF CONTENTS.

The table of contents for this Act is as follows:

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#### TITLE I—GENERAL PROVISIONS

Sec. 101. Findings.  
Sec. 102. Purpose.  
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#### TITLE II—VETERANS BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT

Sec. 201. Veterans business development in the Small Business Administration.  
Sec. 202. National Veterans Business Development Corporation.  
Sec. 203. Advisory Committee on Veterans Business Affairs.

#### TITLE III—TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

Sec. 301. SCORE program.  
Sec. 302. Entrepreneurial assistance.  
Sec. 303. Business development and management assistance for military reservists' small businesses.

#### TITLE IV—FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Sec. 401. General business loan program.  
Sec. 402. Assistance to active duty military reservists.  
Sec. 403. Microloan program.  
Sec. 404. Defense Economic Transition Loan Program.

Sec. 405. State development company program.

#### TITLE V—PROCUREMENT ASSISTANCE

Sec. 501. Subcontracting.  
Sec. 502. Participation in Federal procurement.

#### TITLE VI—REPORTS AND DATA COLLECTION

Sec. 601. Reporting requirements.  
Sec. 602. Report on small business and competition.  
Sec. 603. Annual report of the Administrator.  
Sec. 604. Data and information collection.

#### TITLE VII—MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

Sec. 701. Administrator's order.  
Sec. 702. Small Business Administration Office of Advocacy.  
Sec. 703. Study of fixed-asset small business loans.

#### TITLE I—GENERAL PROVISIONS

##### SEC. 101. FINDINGS.

Congress finds the following:

(1) Veterans of the United States Armed Forces have been and continue to be vital to the small business enterprises of the United States.

(2) In serving the United States, veterans often faced great risks to preserve the American dream of freedom and prosperity.

(3) The United States has done too little to assist veterans, particularly service-disabled veterans, in playing a greater role in the economy of the United States by forming and expanding small business enterprises.

(4) Medical advances and new medical technologies have made it possible for service-disabled veterans to play a much more active role in the formation and expansion of small business enterprises in the United States.

(5) The United States must provide additional assistance and support to veterans to better equip them to form and expand small business enterprises, thereby enabling them to realize the American dream that they fought to protect.

##### SEC. 102. PURPOSE.

The purpose of this Act is to expand existing and establish new assistance programs for veterans who own or operate small businesses. This Act accomplishes this purpose by—

(1) expanding the eligibility for certain small business assistance programs to include veterans;

(2) directing certain departments and agencies of the United States to take actions that enhance small business assistance to veterans; and