

I am proud that this body has come together in a bipartisan fashion to produce this legislation that is worthy of our support. This conference report before us makes positive steps towards ensuring that the millions of Americans who are in need of health insurance will be able to afford and keep it.

Mr. CRANE. Mr. Speaker, in the last Congress, President Clinton set out to reform health care by taking decision making power away from the individual and placing it in the hands of a centralized bureaucracy. As a member of the Ways and Means Health Subcommittee, I am proud to be a part of the Congress that today is taking important steps towards reforming our health care system by taking power away from the bureaucrats and giving it back to individuals.

For example, the creation of Medical Savings Accounts [MSA's] will give individuals more rights and more responsibilities regarding their health care. I have been a strong supporter of MSA's, and I am pleased that Senate Democrats have agreed with the House and included MSA's in the conference report.

It should be noted that this is not a perfect bill by any means. I find it unfortunate that malpractice reform was dropped, I believe the MSA experiment is too restrictive, and I am concerned about the impact that guaranteed issue will have on the market as a whole. While there are unquestionably further improvements that can be made in our system and even in this bill, we are taking a major step forward.

When coupled with preexisting condition and portability reform, I believe MSA's and other provisions in this compromise represent a dramatic, but carefully measured reform of our health care delivery system. It is one that should be approved by Congress, applauded by pundits, welcomed by the American public, and signed by the President.

Mr. LAZIO of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in strong support of the conference report to H.R. 3103, the Health Coverage and Affordability Act of 1996, of which I am a cosponsor.

Today, we are taking a long overdue step to help working class families across America, and in my home district of Long Island to acquire and keep their health care coverage.

For far too long, many Americans have worried that losing a job or having a preexisting condition would jeopardize the portability of their health insurance.

Because of this bill, workers will continue to have coverage if they change or lose their job—even with preexisting conditions.

As a result of our efforts today, health care will become more affordable. H.R. 3103 tackles the problem created by rampant fraud and lawsuit abuse that drives up the cost, and will increase penalties for those who commit fraud and abuse. Importantly, this bill also increases the health insurance deduction for self-employed individuals from 30 percent to 80 percent by 2006, and allows taxpayers to make tax-deductible contributions to a medical savings account.

An important feature of H.R. 3103 which Representative NANCY JOHNSON and myself championed, is a provision which will eliminate discrimination based on genetic information. This would allow thousands of men and women to undergo genetic testing needed to preserve their health without fear of losing

their health insurance or not being able to acquire it. This protection is essential for the women of Long Island, where instances of breast cancer are among the highest in the country. With H.R. 3103 in place, these women can be tested for BRCA-1, a gene linked to the disease, without fear of losing the insurance needed to meet their medical needs. Hopefully some of this testing may provide information regarding the cause of this disease, or a potential cure.

I urge my colleagues to support this bill and these reforms which will ease some of those worries of families who are already being squeezed by high taxes and falling wages by ensuring availability, affordability, and accountability to those who received health care through their jobs. The American people deserve this and we owe it to them to pass it by a wide bipartisan margin.

Mr. WALSH. Mr. Speaker, I have no requests for time, and I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the previous question is ordered on the conference report.

There was no objection.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the conference report.

Pursuant to the provisions of clause 7 of rule XV, the yeas and nays are ordered.

Pursuant to clause 5 of the rule I, further proceedings on this question are postponed until the end of the vote on the conference report on H.R. 3517.

CONFERENCE REPORT ON H.R. 3517, MILITARY CONSTRUCTION AP- PROPRIATIONS ACT, 1997

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The pending business is the vote on the conference report on H.R. 3517.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the conference report.

Pursuant to the provisions of clause 7 of rule XV, the yeas and nays are ordered.

This vote will be followed by a 5-minute vote.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 396, nays 26, not voting 11, as follows:

[Roll No. 394]

YEAS—396

Abercrombie
Ackerman
Allard
Andrews
Archer
Army
Bachus
Baesler
Baker (CA)
Baker (LA)
Baldacci
Ballenger
Barcia
Barr
Barrett (NE)
Bartlett
Barton
Bass
Bateman
Becerra
Beilenson
Bentsen
Bereuter
Berman
Bevill

Bilbray
Billirakis
Bishop
Bliley
Blumenauer
Blute
Boehlert
Boehner
Bonilla
Bonior
Bono
Borski
Boucher
Brewster
Browder
Brown (CA)
Brown (FL)
Bryant (TN)
Bunn
Bunning
Burr
Burton
Buyer
Callahan
Calvert

Camp
Canady
Cardin
Castle
Chabot
Chambliss
Chenoweth
Christensen
Chrysler
Clay
Clayton
Clement
Clinger
Clyburn
Coble
Coburn
Coleman
Collins (GA)
Combust
Condit
Costello
Cox
Coyne
Cramer
Crane

Crapo
Creameans
Cubin
Cummings
Cunningham
Danner
Davis
de la Garza
Deal
DeFazio
DeLauro
DeLay
Dellums
Deutsch
Diaz-Balart
Dicks
Dingell
Dixon
Doggett
Dooley
Doolittle
Dornan
Doyle
Dreier
Duncan
Dunn
Durbin
Edwards
Ehlers
Ehrlich
Engel
English
Ensign
Eshoo
Evans
Everett
Ewing
Farr
Fattah
Fawell
Fazio
Fields (LA)
Fields (TX)
Filner
Flake
Flanagan
Foglietta
Foley
Forbes
Fowler
Fox
Franks (CT)
Franks (NJ)
Frelinghuysen
Frisa
Frost
Funderburk
Furse
Gallegly
Ganske
Gejdenson
Gekas
Gephardt
Geren
Gibbons
Gilchrest
Gillmor
Gilman
Gonzalez
Goodlatte
Goodling
Gordon
Goss
Graham
Green (TX)
Greene (UT)
Greenwood
Gutknecht
Hall (OH)
Hall (TX)
Hamilton
Hancock
Hansen
Harman
Hastert
Hastings (FL)
Hastings (WA)
Hayes
Hayworth
Hefley
Hefner
Heineman
Herger
Hilleary
Hinchey
Hobson
Hoekstra
Hoke
Holden

Horn
Hostettler
Houghton
Hoyer
Hunter
Hutchinson
Hyde
Inglis
Istook
Jackson (IL)
Jackson-Lee
(TX)
Jacobs
Jefferson
Johnson (CT)
Johnson (SD)
Johnson, E. B.
Johnson, Sam
Jones
Kanjorski
Kaptur
Kasich
Kelly
Kennedy (MA)
Kennedy (RI)
Kennelly
Kildee
Kim
King
Kingston
Klink
Knollenberg
Kolbe
LaFalce
LaHood
Lantos
Largent
Latham
LaTourette
Laughlin
Lazio
Leach
Levin
Lewis (CA)
Lewis (KY)
Lightfoot
Linder
Lipinski
Livingston
LoBiondo
Longley
Lowey
Lucas
Luther
Maloney
Manton
Manzullo
Martinez
Martini
Mascara
Matsui
McCarthy
McCollum
McCrery
McDermott
McHale
McHugh
McInnis
McIntosh
McKeon
McKinney
McNulty
Meehan
Meek
Menendez
Metcalf
Meyers
Mica
Millender-
McDonald
Miller (CA)
Miller (FL)
Minge
Mink
Moakley
Molinari
Mollohan
Montgomery
Moorhead
Moran
Morella
Murtha
Myers
Myrick
Neal
Nethercutt
Neumann
Ney
Norwood

Nussle
Oberstar
Obey
Olver
Ortiz
Orton
Oxley
Packard
Pallone
Parker
Pastor
Paxon
Payne (NJ)
Payne (VA)
Pelosi
Peterson (FL)
Peterson (MN)
Petri
Pickett
Pombo
Pomeroy
Porter
Portman
Poshard
Pryce
Quillen
Quinn
Radanovich
Rahall
Ramstad
Rangel
Reed
Regula
Richardson
Riggs
Rivers
Roberts
Rogers
Rohrabacher
Ros-Lehtinen
Rose
Roth
Roukema
Roybal-Allard
Rush
Sabo
Salmon
Sanders
Sanford
Sawyer
Saxton
Scarborough
Schaefer
Schiff
Schroeder
Schumer
Scott
Seastrand
Serrano
Shadegg
Shaw
Shays
Shuster
Sisisky
Skaggs
Skeen
Skelton
Slaughter
Smith (MI)
Smith (NJ)
Smith (TX)
Smith (WA)
Solomon
Souder
Spence
Spratt
Stearns
Stenholm
Stockman
Stokes
Stump
Stupak
Talent
Tanner
Tate
Tauzin
Taylor (MS)
Taylor (NC)
Tejeda
Thomas
Thompson
Thornberry
Thornton
Thurman
Tiahrt
Torkildsen
Torres
Torricelli
Towns

Traficant	Ward	Williams
Velázquez	Watt (NC)	Wise
Vento	Watts (OK)	Wolf
Visclosky	Waxman	Woolsey
Volkmer	Weldon (FL)	Wynn
Vucanovich	Weldon (PA)	Young (AK)
Walker	White	Zeliff
Walsh	Whitfield	Zimmer
Wamp	Wicker	

NAYS—26

Barrett (WI)	Gutierrez	Roemer
Brown (OH)	Johnston	Royce
Bryant (TX)	Klecza	Sensenbrenner
Campbell	Klug	Stark
Collins (IL)	Lewis (GA)	Upton
Collins (MI)	Lofgren	Waters
Conyers	Markey	Weller
Cooley	Nadler	Yates
Frank (MA)	Owens	

NOT VOTING—11

Brownback	Gunderson	Studds
Chapman	Hilliard	Wilson
Dickey	Lincoln	Young (FL)
Ford	McDade	

□ 2047

Messrs. BRYANT of Texas, OWENS, AND LEWIS of Georgia changed their vote from “yea” to “nay.”

Mr. FATTAH and Mr. MINGE changed their vote from “nay” to “yea.”

So the conference report was agreed to.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Without objection, House Resolution 497 is laid on the table.

There was no objection.

CONFERENCE REPORT ON H.R. 3845, DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 1997

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. HAYWORTH). The pending business is the vote on the conference report on H.R. 3845.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the conference report.

Pursuant to the provisions of clause 7 of rule XV, the yeas and nays are ordered.

This is a 5-minute vote.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 330, nays 91, not voting 12, as follows:

[Roll No. 395]

YEAS—330

Abercrombie	Blute	Chrysler
Ackerman	Boehlert	Clay
Armey	Boehner	Clayton
Bachus	Bonilla	Clement
Baker (LA)	Bonior	Clinger
Baldacci	Bono	Clyburn
Ballenger	Borski	Coburn
Barrett (NE)	Boucher	Coleman
Barrett (WI)	Brown (CA)	Collins (IL)
Bartlett	Brown (FL)	Collins (MI)
Bass	Brown (OH)	Conyers
Bateman	Bryant (TN)	Costello
Becerra	Bryant (TX)	Cox
Beilenson	Bunn	Coyne
Bentsen	Bunning	Crane
Bereuter	Burr	Cremins
Berman	Calvert	Cubin
Bevill	Camp	Cummings
Bilbray	Canady	Cunningham
Bilirakis	Cardin	Danner
Bishop	Castle	Davis
Bliley	Chabot	de la Garza
Blumenauer	Christensen	Deal

DeLauro	Johnson, E. B.	Pastor	Everett	Meyers	Shadegg
DeLay	Johnson, Sam	Paxon	Fowler	Mica	Shays
Deutscher	Johnston	Payne (NJ)	Frank (MA)	Miller (CA)	Solomon
Diaz-Balart	Jones	Payne (VA)	Frelinghuysen	Moorhead	Stearns
Dicks	Kanjorski	Peterson (FL)	Gillmor	Nadler	Stenholm
Dingell	Kaptur	Pombo	Gilman	Owens	Stockman
Dixon	Kasich	Pomeroy	Goss	Pelosi	Stump
Dooley	Kelly	Porter	Hall (TX)	Peterson (MN)	Talent
Doolittle	Kennedy (MA)	Portman	Hamilton	Petri	Taylor (MS)
Dornan	Kennedy (RI)	Poshard	Hancock	Pickett	Taylor (NC)
Doyle	Kennelly	Pryce	Hefley	Ramstad	Thornberry
Dreier	Kildee	Quillen	Hefner	Roberts	Thornton
Dunn	Kim	Quinn	Hilleary	Roemer	Tiahrt
Durbin	King	Radanovich	Hoekstra	Roukema	Torkildsen
Ehlers	Kingston	Rahall	Inglis	Royce	Torricelli
Ehrlich	Klecza	Rangel	Klug	Salmon	Upton
Engel	Klink	Reed	LaHood	Sanford	Volkmer
English	Knollenberg	Regula	Laughlin	Scarborough	Weller
Ensign	Kolbe	Richardson	Lazio	Schaefer	Williams
Eshoo	LaFalce	Riggs	Leach	Schroeder	Zimmer
Evans	Lantos	Rivers	Lofgren	Schumer	
Ewing	Largent	Rogers	McInnis	Sensenbrenner	
Farr	Latham	Rohrabacher			
Fattah	LaTourette	Ros-Lehtinen			
Fawell	Levin	Rose	Brownback	Ford	McDade
Fazio	Lewis (CA)	Roth	Chapman	Gekas	Studds
Fields (LA)	Lewis (GA)	Roybal-Allard	Dickey	Gunderson	Wilson
Fields (TX)	Lewis (KY)	Rush	Edwards	Lincoln	Young (FL)
Filner	Lightfoot	Sabo			
Flake	Linder	Sanders			
Flanagan	Lipinski	Sawyer			
Foglietta	Livingston	Saxton			
Foley	LoBiondo	Schiff			
Forbes	Longley	Scott			
Fox	Lowe	Seastrand			
Franks (CT)	Lucas	Serrano			
Franks (NJ)	Luther	Shaw			
Frisa	Maloney	Shuster			
Frost	Manton	Sisisky			
Funderburk	Manzullo	Skaggs			
Furse	Markley	Skeen			
Gallegly	Martinez	Skelton			
Ganske	Martini	Slaughter			
Gejdenson	Masara	Smith (MI)			
Gephardt	Matsui	Smith (NJ)			
Geren	McCarthy	Smith (TX)			
Gibbons	McCollum	Smith (WA)			
Gilchrist	McCrery	Souder			
Gonzalez	McDermott	Spence			
Goodlatte	McHale	Spratt			
Goodling	McHugh	Stark			
Gordon	McIntosh	Stokes			
Graham	McKeon	Stupak			
Green (TX)	McKinney	Tanner			
Greene (UT)	McNulty	Tate			
Greenwood	Meehan	Tauzin			
Gutierrez	Meek	Tejeda			
Gutknecht	Menendez	Thomas			
Hall (OH)	Metcalf	Thompson			
Hansen	Millender	Thurman			
Harman	McDonald	Torres			
Hastert	Miller (FL)	Towns			
Hastings (FL)	Minge	Traficant			
Hastings (WA)	Mink	Velazquez			
Hayes	Moakley	Vento			
Hayworth	Molinari	Visclosky			
Heineman	Mollohan	Vucanovich			
Hерger	Montgomery	Walker			
Hilliard	Moran	Walsh			
Hinchey	Morella	Wamp			
Hobson	Murtha	Ward			
Hoke	Myers	Waters			
Holden	Myrick	Watt (NC)			
Horn	Neal	Watts (OK)			
Hostettler	Nethercutt	Waxman			
Houghton	Neumann	Weldon (FL)			
Hoyer	Ney	Weldon (PA)			
Hunter	Norwood	White			
Hutchinson	Nussle	Whitfield			
Hyde	Oberstar	Wicker			
Istook	Obey	Wise			
Jackson (IL)	Olver	Wolf			
Jackson-Lee	Ortiz	Woolsey			
(TX)	Orton	Wynn			
Jacobs	Oxley	Yates			
Jefferson	Packard	Young (AK)			
Johnson (CT)	Pallone	Zeliff			
Johnson (SD)	Parker				

NAYS—91

Allard	Browder	Combent
Andrews	Burton	Condit
Archer	Buyer	Cooley
Baessler	Callahan	Cramer
Baker (CA)	Campbell	Crapo
Barcia	Chambliss	DeFazio
Barr	Chenoweth	Dellums
Barton	Coble	Doggett
Brewster	Collins (GA)	Duncan

Everett	Meyers	Shadegg
Fowler	Mica	Shays
Frank (MA)	Miller (CA)	Solomon
Frelinghuysen	Moorhead	Stearns
Gillmor	Nadler	Stenholm
Gilman	Owens	Stockman
Goss	Pelosi	Stump
Hall (TX)	Peterson (MN)	Talent
Hamilton	Petri	Taylor (MS)
Hancock	Pickett	Taylor (NC)
Hefley	Ramstad	Thornberry
Hefner	Roberts	Thornton
Hilleary	Roemer	Tiahrt
Hoekstra	Roukema	Torkildsen
Inglis	Royce	Torricelli
Klug	Salmon	Upton
LaHood	Sanford	Volkmer
Laughlin	Scarborough	Weller
Lazio	Schaefer	Williams
Leach	Schroeder	Zimmer
Lofgren	Schumer	
McInnis	Sensenbrenner	

NOT VOTING—12

Brownback	Ford	McDade
Chapman	Gekas	Studds
Dickey	Gunderson	Wilson
Edwards	Lincoln	Young (FL)

□ 2059

Messrs. INGLIS of South Carolina, TORKILDSEN, and COLLINS of Georgia changed their vote from “yea” to “nay.”

□ 2100

So the conference report was agreed to.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. GEKAS. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 395, I happened to be on the telephone at the time that the final vote was being taken. Had I been present I would have voted “aye.”

CONTINGENT PERMISSION FOR LEATHER BOUND VOLUME ON SPECIAL ORDER IN TRIBUTE TO THE LATE HON. HAMILTON FISH, JR.

Mr. RANGEL. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that that portion of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD for July 25, 1996, where Members were allowed to pay tribute to our colleague, the late Hamilton Fish, that that portion be leather bound for distribution for Members and the family of Hamilton Fish and that former members be given notice an opportunity to insert their tribute into the leather bound books.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. (Mr. HAYWORTH). Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from New York?

There was no objection.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. With the concurrence of the Joint Committee on Printing.

LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM

(Mr. ARMEY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, let me first advise the Members, and I do understand how hard we are all working,