

INDEPENDENT AGENCIES

COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION

The conference agreement provides \$58,101,000 for the Commodity Futures Trading Commission instead of \$57,101,000 as proposed by the House and \$60,101,000 as proposed by the Senate.

TITLE VII—GENERAL PROVISIONS

House and Senate Section 705.—The conference agreement includes language proposed by the House to allow the Food Safety and Inspection Service, field automation and information management project funds to remain available until expended. The Senate proposed to prohibit these funds from remaining available until expended.

House Section 716.—The conference agreement includes and amends language proposed by the House to make permanent compliance with the Buy American Act. The Senate bill had no similar provision.

Senate Section 720.—The conference agreement includes language (Section 722) proposed by the Senate to prohibit the use of funds from this Act to carry out the provisions of section 918 of Public Law 104-127, the establishment of a permanent advisory panel known as the Safe Meat and Poultry Inspection Panel. The House bill had no similar provision.

House Section 721 and Senate Section 722.—The conference agreement includes language (Section 721) to limit funding for the Export Enhancement Program to \$150,000,000 as proposed by the Senate instead of \$205,000,000 as proposed by the House.

House Section 723.—The conference agreement includes language (Section 724) proposed by the House to prohibit USDA from transmitting or otherwise making available to any non-Department employee questions or responses to questions that are the result of information requested for the appropriations hearing process. The Senate bill had no similar provision.

House Section 724.—The conference agreement includes language (Section 725) proposed by the House to prohibit the use of funds in this Act for the Western Director and Special Assistant to the Secretary within the Office of the Secretary. The Senate bill had no similar provision.

House Section 726.—The conference agreement does not include language proposed by the House to reduce the National Agricultural Statistics Service budget by \$1,500,000 and add it to Departmental Administration for civil rights enforcement. The Senate bill had no similar provision.

House Section 727.—The conference agreement does not include language proposed by the House to prohibit funds from being used to provide assistance to North Korea except for assistance provided directly to needy people by the United Nations Food Programme or private voluntary organizations registered with the United States Agency for International Development. The Senate bill had no similar provision.

House Section 728.—The conference agreement does not include language proposed by the House relating to the City of Galt, California. The Senate bill had no similar provision.

Senate Section 724.—The conference agreement includes language (Section 728) proposed by the Senate to amend section 3(c) of the Federal Noxious Weed Act of 1974 to include kudzu. The House bill had no similar provision.

Senate Section 725.—The conference agreement includes language (Section 729) proposed by the Senate to make the Martin Luther King area of Pawley's Island, South Carolina eligible for loans and grants under section 504 of the Housing Act of 1949. The House bill had no similar provision.

Senate Section 726.—The conference agreement includes language (Section 730) proposed by the Senate to prohibit the Food and Drug Administration from closing or relocating the FDA Division of Drug Analysis in St. Louis, Missouri. The conference agreement does not include language proposed by the Senate to prohibit the Food and Drug Administration from proceeding with a plan to close or consolidate the laboratory in Baltimore, Maryland. The House bill had no similar provision.

Senate Section 727.—The conference agreement does not include language proposed by the Senate to require the Secretary of Agriculture to submit a plan for reducing the employee level in the Rural Development mission area below the level described in the budget to the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations. The House bill had no similar provision.

Senate Section 728.—The conference agreement includes language (Section 731) proposed by the Senate to modify the conditions for issuance of cotton user marketing certificates. The House bill had no similar provision.

Senate Section 729.—The conference agreement includes language (Section 732) proposed by the Senate that requires the Office of Management and Budget to conduct a comprehensive economic evaluation of the direct and indirect effects of the Northeast Dairy Compact. The House bill had no similar provision.

Senate Section 730.—The conference agreement includes and amends language (Section 733) proposed by the Senate to allow the Secretary of Agriculture to use up to \$2,000,000 from proceeds earned from the sale of grain in the disaster reserve to implement a livestock indemnity program. The House bill had no similar provision.

Senate Section 731.—The conference agreement includes language (Section 734) proposed by the Senate to prohibit contract payments to a producer who plants wild rice on contract acreage unless the contract payment is reduced by an acre for each contract acre planted to wild rice. The House bill had no similar provision.

Senate Section 732.—The conference agreement does not include language proposed by the Senate to prohibit the inspection or certification of agricultural products unless the Secretary of Agriculture inspects and certifies the processing equipment and imposes a fee for the inspection and certification. The House bill had no similar provision.

Senate Section 733.—The conference agreement includes language (Section 735) proposed by the Senate to change the term for Section 515 multi-family rural housing loans from 50 years to 30 years and allow the Secretary of Agriculture to structure loan repayments based on a 50-year amortization schedule. The conference agreement also extends the authorizations for the Section 515 Rural Rental Housing Program and the Section 538 Multi-Family Guarantee Program for one year. The House bill contained no similar provision.

New Section 727.—The conferees have included language that provides for reprogramming procedures for agencies funded by this bill. The conferees are concerned about the lack of formal reprogramming procedures for agencies funded by this bill. Recent testimony before the Committees on Appropriations has indicated many instances of funds being used for purposes other than intended by Congress. Accordingly, the conferees have instituted a formal process and expect all agencies to implement the procedures immediately.

CONFERENCE TOTAL—WITH COMPARISONS

The total new budget (obligational) authority for the fiscal year 1998 recommended

by the Committee of Conference, with comparisons to the fiscal year 1997 amount, the 1998 budget estimates, and the House and Senate bills for 1998 follow:

New budget (obligational) authority, fiscal year 1997	\$53,889,489,000
Budget estimates of new (obligational) authority, fiscal year 1998	52,302,190,000
House bill, fiscal year 1998	49,603,627,000
Senate bill, fiscal year 1998	50,713,787,000
Conference agreement, fiscal year 1998	49,749,679,000
Conference agreement compared with:	
New budget (obligational) authority, fiscal year 1997	-4,139,810,000
Budget estimates of new (obligational) authority, fiscal year 1998	-2,552,511,000
House bill, fiscal year 1998	+146,052,000
Senate bill, fiscal year 1998	-964,108,000

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SPECIAL ORDERS GRANTED

By unanimous consent, permission to address the House, following the legislative program and any special orders heretofore entered, was granted to:

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. McNULTY) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. FARR of California, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. KLING, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. DOGGETT, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. MILLER of California, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. DELLAURO, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. MILLENDER-MCDONALD, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. TIERNEY, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. SMITH of Washington, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. SANDERS, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. MEEHAN, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. NORTON, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. SLAUGHTER, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. STRICKLAND, for 5 minutes, today.

(The following Member (at the request of Mr. PAUL) to revise and extend his remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. SMITH of Michigan, for 5 minutes, today.

(The following Member (at her own request) to revise and extend her remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mrs. CLAYTON, for 5 minutes, today.

EXTENSION OF REMARKS

By unanimous consent, permission to revise and extend remarks was granted to:

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. McNULTY) and to include extraneous matter:)

Mr. NEAL of Massachusetts.

Mr. HAMILTON.

Mr. SCHUMER.

Mr. TOWNS.

Mr. LEVIN.

Mr. ABERCROMBIE.

Ms. SLAUGHTER.

Ms. HARMAN.

Mr. KENNEDY of Rhode Island.

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. PAUL) and to include extraneous matter:)

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey.

Mr. BARRETT of Nebraska.

Mr. BACHUS.

Mr. PORTER.

Mr. CAMP.

Mr. HASTERT.

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. KINGSTON) and to include extraneous matter:)

Mr. LANTOS.

Mr. ORTIZ.

Mr. BOB SCHAFFER of Colorado.

Mr. EHLERS.

Mr. PARKER.

Mr. KIND.

Mr. RIGGS.

Mr. BENTSEN.

Mr. SKELTON.

Ms. SANCHEZ.

Mr. ADERHOLT.

Mr. CLYBURN.

Ms. CARSON.

SENATE BILL AND CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REFERRED

A bill and a concurrent resolution of the Senate of the following titles were taken from the Speaker's table and, under the rule, referred as follows:

S. 965. An act to amend title II of the Hydrogen Future Act of 1996 to extend an authorization contained therein, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Science.

S. Con. Res. 45. Concurrent resolution commending Dr. Hans Blix for his distinguished service as Director General of the International Atomic Energy Agency on the occasion of his retirement; to the Committee on International Relations.

BILL PRESENTED TO THE PRESIDENT

Mr. THOMAS, from the Committee on House Oversight, reported that that

committee did on the following date present to the President, for his approval, a bill of the House of the following title:

On September 11, 1997:

H.R. 1866. An act to continue favorable treatment for need-based educational aid under the antitrust laws.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. HAYWORTH. Mr. Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 8 o'clock and 28 minutes p.m.), the House adjourned until tomorrow, Thursday, September 18, 1997, at 10 a.m.

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:

Mr. LEACH: Committee on Banking and Financial Services. Supplemental report on H.R. 10. A bill to enhance competition in the financial services industry by providing a prudential framework for the affiliation of banks, securities firms, and other financial service providers, and for other purposes (Rept. 105-164, Pt. 2).

Mr. LEACH: Committee on Banking and Financial Services. H.R. 2343. A bill to abolish the Thrift Depositor Protection Oversight Board, and for other purposes; with an amendment (Rept. 105-249). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

Mr. SOLOMON: Committee on Rules. House Resolution 230. Resolution providing for consideration of the resolution (H. Res. 168) to implement the recommendations of the bipartisan House Ethics Reform Task Force (Rept. 105-250). Referred to the House Calendar.

Mr. SHUSTER: Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure. H.R. 2247. A bill to reform the statutes relating to Amtrak, to authorize appropriations for Amtrak, and for other purposes; with an amendment (Rept. 105-251). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

Mr. SKEEN: Committee of Conference. Conference report on H.R. 2160. A bill making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998, and for other purposes (Rept. 105-252). Ordered to be printed.

BILLS PLACED ON THE CORRECTIONS CALENDAR

Under clause 4 of rule XIII, the Speaker filed with the Clerk a notice requesting that the following bills be placed upon the Corrections Calendar:

H.R. 2343. A bill to abolish the Thrift Depositor Protection Oversight Board, and for other purposes.

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. SHAW (for himself and Mr. LEVIN):

H.R. 2487. A bill to improve the effectiveness and efficiency of the child support enforcement program and thereby increase the financial stability of single parent families including those attempting to leave welfare; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. FOLEY (for himself, Mr. LAMPSON, Mr. CRAMER, Mr. CASTLE, Mrs. THURMAN, Mr. FRANKS of New Jersey, Mrs. FOWLER, Mr. BENTSEN, Mr. LUTHER, Mr. BRADY, Ms. DUNN of Washington, Mr. REYES, Mr. WEXLER, Mrs. MORELLA, and Mr. BARCIA of Michigan):

H.R. 2488. A bill to amend the National Child Protection Act of 1993 to facilitate the fingerprint checks authorized by that act, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. LAHOOD (for himself, Mr. EWING, Mr. BARRETT of Nebraska, Mr. NUSSLE, Mr. EVANS, Mr. MINGE, Mr. SHIMKUS, Mr. WELLER, Mr. HASTERT, Mr. GUTKNECHT, Mr. MANZULLO, Mr. DAVIS of Illinois, Mr. POSHARD, Mr. LEACH, Mr. BOSWELL, Mr. GANSKE, Mr. LATHAM, Mr. MARTINEZ, Mr. COSTELLO, Mr. THUNE, Mr. CHRISTENSEN, Mrs. EMERSON, Mr. SKELTON, Mr. HULSHOF, Ms. DANNER, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. TRAFICANT, Mr. LIPINSKI, Mr. HILL, Mr. POMEROY, Mr. GUTIERREZ, Mr. YATES, Mr. PETERSON of Minnesota, and Mr. BONIOR):

H.R. 2489. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide that the incentives for alcohol used as a fuel shall be extended as part of any extension of fuel tax rates; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. LARGENT:

H.R. 2490. A bill to terminate the Internal Revenue Code of 1986; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Ms. LOFGREN:

H.R. 2491. A bill to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to make permanent the religious worker visa program; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. SMITH of New Jersey:

H.R. 2492. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to exclude certain severance payments from gross income and to allow a refundable credit for job training expenses of older long-time employees who are laid off; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. SMITH of New Jersey (for himself, Mr. GILMAN, Mr. KING of New York, Mr. MANTON, Mr. WALSH, Mr. KENNEDY of Massachusetts, Mr. MCHUGH, Mr. PAYNE, Mr. SHAYS, Mr. HINCHEY, Mr. ANDREWS, and Mrs. KENNELLY of Connecticut):

H. Con. Res. 152. Concurrent resolution expressing the sense of the Congress that all parties to the multiparty peace talks regarding Northern Ireland should condemn violence and fully integrate internationally recognized human rights standards and adequately address outstanding human rights violations as part of the peace process; to the Committee on International Relations.

By Mr. ROHRBACHER (for himself, Mr. SMITH of New Jersey, Mr. ROYCE, Mr. HUNTER, and Mr. BURTON of Indiana):

H. Res. 231. A resolution urging the President to make clear to the Government of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam the commitment of the American people in support of democracy and religious and economic freedom for the people of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam; to the Committee on International Relations.