

second round of time consuming and expensive rent restructuring. If the Secretary has previously found debt restructuring to be inappropriate for a project by closing a project under a demonstration program using budget-based rents without debt restructuring and pursuant to a use agreement between the Secretary and the project owner, the conferees direct the Secretary to use the authority provided by the conference report to honor the terms of the use agreement without debt restructuring.

The contract renewals for moderate rehabilitation Section 8 projects are treated differently than contract renewals for other Section 8 properties by requiring a renewal at the lesser of: current rents with an operating cost adjustment factor (OCAF), FMRs minus tenant paid utilities, or the comparable market rent for unassisted units. The conferees do not intend for such renewals to result in a rent that is below the aggregate base rent for the project. The base rent reflects the rent without the rehabilitation financing that was added to the project upon entering the moderate rehabilitation program.

The conferees direct the Department to streamline and reduce the cost of refinancing Home Equity Conversion Mortgages [HECMs] for elderly homeowners, including (a) reducing the single premium payment to credit the premium paid on the original loan [subject to actuarial study], (b) establishing a limit on origination fees that may be charged [which fees may be fully financed] and prohibiting the charging of broker fees, (c) waiving counseling requirements if the borrower has received counseling in the prior five years and the increase in the principal limit exceeds refinancing costs by an amount set by the Department, and (d) providing a disclosure under a refinanced mortgage of the total cost of refinancing and the principal limit increase.

The conferees further direct the Department to conduct within 180 days an actuarial study of the effect of reducing the refinancing premium collected under a refinancing and of the effect creating a single national loan limit for HECM reverse mortgages.

The conferees note the increasing trend in the mortgage industry of various types of home equity loans such as reverse mortgages, and are concerned about the potential effect of abusive lending practices on elderly homeowners. Because the elderly have high rates of homeownership and are more likely to have high levels of equity in their homes, they are prime targets for reverse mortgage scams. While the conferees recognize the majority of lenders operate legitimately, the conferees are concerned about the increasing number of reverse mortgage scams. The conferees therefore direct HUD to evaluate and report on the lending practices of the reverse mortgage industry no later than June 30, 2000. This report should focus on elderly borrowers and should include, at a minimum, an evaluation of: current consumer protection measures; the terms of home equity loans, including the rates and fees paid by elderly borrowers; and the marketing of home equity loans to elderly borrowers. The report should also include an assessment of HUD's role in ensuring that reverse mortgages are not used to defraud elderly homeowners and should detail HUD's plan for preventing such activity.

CONFERENCE TOTAL—WITH COMPARISONS

The total new budget (obligational) authority for the fiscal year 2000 recommended by the Committee of Conference, with comparisons to the fiscal year 1999 amount, the 2000 budget estimates, and the House and Senate bills for 2000 follow:

	[In thousands of dollars]
New budget (obligational) authority, fiscal year 1999	\$95,263,261
Budget estimates of new (obligational) authority, fiscal year 2000	99,603,004
House bill, fiscal year 2000	91,980,156
Senate bill, fiscal year 2000	97,828,196
Conference agreement, fiscal year 2000	99,452,918
Conference agreement compared with:	
New budget (obligational) authority, fiscal year 1999	+4,189,657
Budget estimates of new (obligational) authority, fiscal year 2000	-150,086
House bill, fiscal year 2000	+7,472,762
Senate bill, fiscal year 2000	+1,624,722

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DAVID E. PRICE,
BUD CRAMER,
DAVID OBEY,
(except for delayed funding gimmick)

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DANIEL INOUYE,

Managers on Part of the Senate.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12 of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

Accordingly (at 11 o'clock and 8 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

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AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. DREIER) at 11 o'clock and 57 minutes p.m.

REPORT ON RESOLUTION WAIVING POINTS OF ORDER AGAINST CONFERENCE REPORT ON H.R. 2684, DEPARTMENTS OF VETERANS AFFAIRS AND HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT, AND INDEPENDENT AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2000

Mr. SESSIONS, from the Committee on Rules, submitted a privileged report

(Rept. No. 106-380) on the resolution (H. Res. 328) waiving points of order against the conference report to accompany the bill (H.R. 2684) 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, 2000, and for other purposes, which was referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed.

REPORT ON RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 2679, MOTOR CARRIER SAFETY ACT OF 1999

Mr. SESSIONS, from the Committee on Rules, submitted a privileged report (Rept. No. 106-381) on the resolution (H. Res. 329) providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 2679) to amend title 49, United States Code, to establish the National Motor Carrier Administration in the Department of Transportation, to improve the safety of commercial motor vehicle operators and carriers, to strengthen commercial driver's licenses, and for other purposes, which was referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed.

REPORT ON RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 3064, DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2000

Mr. SESSIONS, from the Committee on Rules, submitted a privileged report (Rept. No. 106-382) on the resolution (H. Res. 330) providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 3064) making appropriations for the government of the District of Columbia and other activities chargeable in whole or in part against the revenues of said District for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000, and for other purposes, which was referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed.

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. PALLONE, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. MALONEY of New York, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. BROWN of Florida, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. DELAURO, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. CROWLEY, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. BALDWIN, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. WIENER, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. NADLER, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. CUMMINGS, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. STRICKLAND, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. MEEKS of New York, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. MOORE, for 5 minutes, today.

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

Mr. BURTON of Indiana, for 5 minutes, October 20.

Mr. DUNCAN, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. FOLEY, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. GUTKNECHT, for 5 minutes, today and October 14.

Mr. METCALF, for 5 minutes, today.

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

Mr. NETHERCUTT, for 5 minutes, October 14.

ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

Mr. THOMAS, from the Committee on House Administration, reported that that committee had examined and found truly enrolled bills of the House of the following titles, which were thereupon signed by the Speaker:

H.R. 560. An act to designate the Federal building and United States courthouse located at the intersection of Comercio and San Justo Streets, in San Juan, Puerto Rico, as the "Jose v. Toledo Federal Building and United States Courthouse."

H.R. 1906. An act making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000, and for other purposes.

SENATE ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

The SPEAKER announced his signature to enrolled bills of the Senate of the following titles:

S. 322—An act to amend title 4, United States Code, to add the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday to the list of days on which the flag should especially be displayed.

S. 800—An act to promote and enhance public safety through use of 9-1-1 as the universal emergency assistance number, further deployment of wireless 9-1-1 service, support of States in upgrading 9-1-1 capabilities and related functions, encouragement of construction and operation of seamless, ubiquitous, and reliable networks for personal wireless service, and for other purposes.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 11 o'clock and 58 minutes p.m.), the House adjourned until tomorrow, Thursday, October 14, 1999, at 10 a.m.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 8 of rule XII, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

4755. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Rhizobium inoculants; Exemption from the Requirement of Tolerance [OPP-300915; FRL-6380-4] (RIN:

2070-AB78) received October 8, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

4756. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Ethalfluralin; Reestablishment of Tolerance for Emergency Exemptions [OPP-300925; FRL-6383-2] (RIN: 2070-AB78) received October 5, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

4757. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Tebuconazole; Extension of Tolerance for Emergency Exemptions [OPP-300936; FRL-6386-4] (RIN: 2070-AB78) received October 5, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

4758. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting requests for transfers from the Information Technology Systems and Related Expenses Account for Year 2000 compliance to eight Federal agencies; (H. Doc. No. 106-143); to the Committee on Appropriations and ordered to be printed.

4759. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans: District of Columbia; Stage II Gasoline Vapor Recovery and RACT Requirements for Major Sources of VOC [DC-2012a; FRL-6457-1] received October 8, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

4760. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Approval and Promulgation of State Air Quality Plans for Designated Facilities and Pollutants: Maryland; Revision to Section 111(d) Plan Controlling Total Reduced Sulfur Emissions from Existing Kraft Pulp Mills [MD054-3044a; FRL-6456-6] received October 8, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

4761. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Approval and Promulgation of State Air Quality Plans for Designated Facilities and Pollutants: Pennsylvania; Control of Total Reduced Sulfur Emissions from Existing Kraft Pulp Mills [PA022-4089a; FRL-6456-4] received October 8, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

4762. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Vermont: Final Authorization of State Hazardous Waste Management Program Revision [FRL-6456-8] received October 8, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

4763. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans: California State Implementation Plan Revision, Santa Barbara County Air Pollution Control District and South Coast Air Quality Management District [CA 226-165a, FRL-6448-5] received October 5, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

4764. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Georgia: Final Authorization of State Hazardous Waste

Management Program Revision [FRL-6453-2] received October 5, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

4765. A letter from the Associate Chief, Wireless Telecommunications Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule—1998 Biennial Regulatory Review Spectrum Aggregation Limits for Wireless Telecommunications Carriers [WT Docket 98-205] Cellular Telecommunications Industry Association's Petition for Forbearance From the 45 MHz CMRS Spectrum Cap; Amendment of Parts 20 and 24 of the Commission's Rules—Broadband PCS Competitive Bidding and Commercial Mobile Radio Service Spectrum Cap [WT Docket No. 96-59] Implementation of Section 3(n) and 332 of the Communications Act [GN Docket No. 93-252] Regulatory Treatment of Mobile Services—Received October 7, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

4766. A letter from the Chief, Mass Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule—Amendment of Section 73.202(b), Table of Allotments, FM Broadcast Stations (Socorro, New Mexico) [MM Docket No. 99-90 RM-9528] (Shiprock, New Mexico) [MM Docket No. 99-119 RM-9550] (Magdalena, New Mexico) [MM Docket No. 99-120 RM-9551] (Minatare, Nebraska) [MM Docket No. 99-122 RM-9553] (Dexter, New Mexico) [MM Docket No. 99-158 RM-9615] (Tularosa, New Mexico) [MM Docket No. 99-191 RM-9632] received October 7, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

4767. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Export Administration, Department of Commerce, transmitting the Department's final rule—Revisions to the Commerce Control List (ECCNs 1C351, 1C991, and 2B351): Medical Products Containing Biological Toxins; and Toxic Gas Monitoring Systems and Dedicated Detectors [Docket No. 990920257-9257-01] (RIN: 0694-AB85) received October 12, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on International Relations.

4768. A letter from the Director, Workforce Restructuring Office, Employment Service, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting the Office's final rule—Voluntary Early Retirement Authority (RIN: 3206-A125) received October 8, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Government Reform.

4769. A letter from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule—Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Pacific Cod by Vessels Catching Pacific Cod for Processing by the Inshore Component in the Central Regulatory Area of the Gulf of Alaska [Docket No. 990304062-9062-01; I.D. 100599C] received October 12, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

4770. A letter from the Chief, Endangered Species Division, Office of Protected Resources, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule—Sea Turtle Conservation; Restrictions Applicable to Shrimp Trawl Activities; Leatherback Conservation Zone [Docket No. 950427117-9123-06; I.D. 050599D] (RIN: 0648-AH97) received October 8, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

4771. A letter from the Chief, Endangered Species Division, Office of Protected Resources, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule—Sea Turtle Conservation; Restrictions Applicable to Shrimp Trawl Activities; Leatherback Conservation Zone [Docket No. 950427117-9149-09; I.D. 052799C] (RIN: 0648-AH97) received October 8,