

fetched is it to imagine that these women in particular were approached to get permission to dissect their babies bodies? The so-called safeguards in current law for federally funded research are inadequate in this area and need to be re-examined.

Mr. Speaker, the prospect of economic gain causes can poison even those practices established with the most benevolent intentions. Just yesterday there was a news story about concerns that have been raised over trafficking in human organs internationally for profit. A university professor who founded a group, Organs Watch, to investigate this, said "In the organs trade business, abuses creep in before you know it." The same abuses should be expected in the baby parts business.

I would be astounded if any Member of this body objected to this resolution. If the laws we have, and the enforcement of them, are so great, then hearings will bring that out. But if they are inadequate or are being ignored, then Congress should be made aware of that as well.

Mr. Speaker, the barest minimum that we can do is to have a full scale investigation into this and go wherever the leads may take us to try to stop this heinous practice.

I urge my colleagues to join me in voting "yes" on this important resolution. Let's let some light shine on this grisly business.

Mr. WAXMAN. Mr. Speaker, it's hard to escape the conclusion that this resolution—by its very name—is designed to attack and cast doubt on fetal tissue research.

First, let's be clear. The law that authorizes fetal tissue research, The NIH Revitalization Act of 1993, which I helped author, contains strong protections against the abuses alleged in this resolution. While we should be concerned if these protections are violated, this inflammatory resolution clearly means to whip up opposition to all fetal tissue research by substituting sound bites for facts. The facts are that fetal tissue research is subject to Federal, State and even local regulation. It is subject to informed consent. It is subject to audit by the Secretary of Health and Human Services. Violations of Federal protections are subject to criminal penalties.

Congress and the American public have already decided that fetal tissue research is both legal and ethical. It is crucial to women's health and reproductive research. It is enormously promising for Parkinson's disease, multiple sclerosis, Alzheimer's disease, Tay-Sachs disease and juvenile diabetes. It could help cure victims of stroke and brain cancer. We should always do appropriate oversight. But a resolution that talks about "baby body parts" is not the way to do it. This resolution uses rhetoric to conceal its attack on the hopes of Americans with Alzheimer's and MS. It resorts to linguistic tricks to mask its impact on American mothers seeking cures to genetic birth defects—mothers who could have healthier babies as a result of fetal tissue research.

I am very disappointed in the House. In the waning days of this Congress, we should be enacting the Patients Bill of Rights. We should be working on the Medicare drug benefit. But instead, once again, the House Republican leadership is kow-towing to its pro-life right-

wing with misleading and sensationalist rhetoric.

I urge my colleagues to oppose the resolution.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from New York (Mr. FOSSELLA) that the House suspend the rules and agree to the resolution, House Resolution 350.

The question was taken; and (two-thirds having voted in favor thereof) the rules were suspended and the resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

CONCURRING IN SENATE AMENDMENT TO H.R. 2280, VETERANS BENEFITS IMPROVEMENT ACT OF 1999, WITH AMENDMENTS

Mr. STUMP. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and agree to the resolution (H. Res. 368) providing for the concurrence by the House with amendments in the amendment of the Senate to H.R. 2280.

The Clerk read as follows:

H. RES. 368

Resolved, That, upon the adoption of this resolution, the House shall be considered to have taken from the Speaker's table the bill H.R. 2280, with the Senate amendment thereto, and to have concurred in the Senate amendment with the following amendments:

(1) Amend the title so as to read: "An Act to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide a cost-of-living adjustment in the rates of disability compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and the rates of dependency and indemnity compensation for survivors of such veterans."

(2) In lieu of the matter proposed to be inserted by the amendment of the Senate, insert the following:

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE; REFERENCES TO TITLE 38, UNITED STATES CODE.

(a) SHORT TITLE.—This Act may be cited as the "Veterans' Compensation Cost-of-Living Adjustment Act of 1999".

(b) REFERENCES TO TITLE 38, UNITED STATES CODE.—Except as otherwise expressly provided, whenever in this Act an amendment or repeal is expressed in terms of an amendment to, or repeal of, a section or other provision, the reference shall be considered to be made to a section or other provision of title 38, United States Code.

SEC. 2. DISABILITY COMPENSATION.

(a) INCREASE IN RATES.—Section 1114 is amended—

(1) by striking "\$95" in subsection (a) and inserting "\$98";

(2) by striking "\$182" in subsection (b) and inserting "\$188";

(3) by striking "\$279" in subsection (c) and inserting "\$288";

(4) by striking "\$399" in subsection (d) and inserting "\$413";

(5) by striking "\$569" in subsection (e) and inserting "\$589";

(6) by striking "\$717" in subsection (f) and inserting "\$743";

(7) by striking "\$905" in subsection (g) and inserting "\$937";

(8) by striking "\$1,049" in subsection (h) and inserting "\$1,087";

(9) by striking "\$1,181" in subsection (i) and inserting "\$1,224";

(10) by striking "\$1,964" in subsection (j) and inserting "\$2,036";

(11) in subsection (k)—

(A) by striking "\$75" both places it appears and inserting "\$76"; and

(B) by striking "\$2,443" and "\$3,426" and inserting "\$2,533" and "\$3,553", respectively;

(12) by striking "\$2,443" in subsection (l) and inserting "\$2,533";

(13) by striking "\$2,694" in subsection (m) and inserting "\$2,794";

(14) by striking "\$3,066" in subsection (n) and inserting "\$3,179";

(15) by striking "\$3,426" each place it appears in subsections (o) and (p) and inserting "\$3,553";

(16) by striking "\$1,471" and "\$2,190" in subsection (r) and inserting "\$1,525" and "\$2,271", respectively; and

(17) by striking "\$2,199" in subsection (s) and inserting "\$2,280".

(b) SPECIAL RULE.—The Secretary of Veterans Affairs may authorize administratively, consistent with the increases authorized by this section, the rates of disability compensation payable to persons within the purview of section 10 of Public Law 85-857 who are not in receipt of compensation payable pursuant to chapter 11 of title 38, United States Code.

SEC. 3. ADDITIONAL COMPENSATION FOR DEPENDENTS.

Section 1115(l) is amended—

(1) by striking "\$114" in clause (A) and inserting "\$117";

(2) by striking "\$195" and "\$60" in clause (B) and inserting "\$201" and "\$61", respectively;

(3) by striking "\$78" and "\$60" in clause (C) and inserting "\$80" and "\$61", respectively;

(4) by striking "\$92" in clause (D) and inserting "\$95";

(5) by striking "\$215" in clause (E) and inserting "\$222"; and

(6) by striking "\$180" in clause (F) and inserting "\$186".

SEC. 4. CLOTHING ALLOWANCE FOR CERTAIN DISABLED VETERANS.

Section 1162 is amended by striking "\$528" and inserting "\$546".

SEC. 5. DEPENDENCY AND INDEMNITY COMPENSATION FOR SURVIVING SPOUSES.

(a) NEW LAW RATES.—Section 1311(a) is amended—

(1) by striking "\$850" in paragraph (1) and inserting "\$881"; and

(2) by striking "\$185" in paragraph (2) and inserting "\$191".

(b) OLD LAW RATES.—The table in section 1311(a)(3) is amended to read as follows:

Pay grade rate	Monthly
E-1	\$881
E-2	881
E-3	881
E-4	881
E-5	881
E-6	881
E-7	911
E-8	962
E-9	1,003
W-1	930
W-2	968
W-3	997
W-4	1,054
O-1	930
O-2	962
O-3	1,028
O-4	1,087
O-5	1,198
O-6	1,349
O-7	1,458
O-8	1,598
O-9	1,712

O-10 271,878

¹If the veteran served as sergeant major of the Army, senior enlisted advisor of the Navy, chief master sergeant of the Air Force, sergeant major of the Marine Corps, or master chief petty officer of the Coast Guard, at the applicable time designated by section 1302 of this title, the surviving spouse's rate shall be \$1,082.

²If the veteran served as Chairman or Vice-Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Chief of Staff of the Army, Chief of Naval Operations, Chief of Staff of the Air Force, Commandant of the Marine Corps, or Commandant of the Coast Guard, at the applicable time designated by section 1302 of this title, the surviving spouse's rate shall be \$2,013. ³

(c) ADDITIONAL DIC FOR CHILDREN.—Section 1311(b) is amended by striking “\$215” and inserting “\$222”.

(d) AID AND ATTENDANCE ALLOWANCE.—Section 1311(c) is amended by striking “\$215” and inserting “\$222”.

(e) HOUSEBOUND RATE.—Section 1311(d) is amended by striking “\$104” and inserting “\$107”.

SEC. 6. DEPENDENCY AND INDEMNITY COMPENSATION FOR CHILDREN.

(a) DIC FOR ORPHAN CHILDREN.—Section 1313(a) is amended—

(1) by striking “\$361” in paragraph (1) and inserting “\$373”;

(2) by striking “\$520” in paragraph (2) and inserting “\$538”;

(3) by striking “\$675” in paragraph (3) and inserting “\$699”; and

(4) by striking “\$675” and “\$132” in paragraph (4) and inserting “\$699” and “\$136”, respectively.

(b) SUPPLEMENTAL DIC FOR DISABLED ADULT CHILDREN.—Section 1314 is amended—

(1) by striking “\$215” in subsection (a) and inserting “\$222”;

(2) by striking “\$361” in subsection (b) and inserting “\$373”; and

(3) by striking “\$182” in subsection (c) and inserting “\$188”.

SEC. 7. EFFECTIVE DATE.

The amendments made by this Act shall take effect on December 1, 1999.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from Arizona (Mr. STUMP) and the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. EVANS) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Arizona (Mr. STUMP).

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. STUMP. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material on this measure.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Arizona?

There was no objection.

Mr. STUMP. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

(Mr. STUMP asked and was given permission to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. STUMP. Mr. Speaker, this is a clean bill providing a cost-of-living adjustment to disabled veterans and surviving spouses. The other provisions in the House-passed bill are part of an ongoing conference between the House and the Senate and we hope to have a report on that by tomorrow.

Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. EVANS. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, I salute the gentleman from Arizona (Mr. STUMP), the chair-

man of the committee, for his efforts to ensure a timely and accurate cost-of-living adjustment of 2.4 percent which will be provided to our Nation's service-connected disabled veterans and their dependents and survivors who are in receipt of compensation and DIC benefits. This increase in benefits will be reflected in payments beginning January, 2000. Mr. Speaker, this measure deserves the support of every Member of the House. I urge my colleagues to support the bill.

Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. STUMP. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

I want to thank the ranking member of the Committee on Veterans' Affairs for all his work on this provision as well as the gentleman from New York (Mr. QUINN), the chairman of the subcommittee, and the gentleman from California (Mr. FILNER), the ranking member, and urge all Members to support this COLA, cost-of-living increase, for our veterans.

Mr. Speaker, I yield such time as he may consume to the gentleman from Florida (Mr. FOLEY).

Mr. FOLEY. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman from Arizona for his hard work on this issue and obviously for recognition of all veterans. We are getting ready certainly to celebrate Veterans Day this year. I think it is incumbent upon us when we are considering the needs of the United States of America, we prioritize those that have fought valiantly for the freedoms that we all enjoy.

It is one of the unique things, having come to Congress and being able to speak on the floor and advocate for constituents from the 16th District, to realize many of those fundamental opportunities have been given to us because of the fight the veterans made in previous conflicts. I think it is incumbent especially as well to recognize that years and years ago I remember the veterans were told that they would have to wait for their cost-of-living, we have to make budgetary matters first and we have got to balance the books and do all these other things.

I think the gentleman from Arizona prioritizes the fact that veterans should not be treated any differently than any other citizen, that if there are cost-of-living benefits going to employees of the Federal Government, to Social Security recipients, that they should also be included for those disabled, those veterans and other groups.

I want to strongly urge obviously my colleagues' consideration of this measure but also once again to underscore the fact that very few of us would be able to speak freely in this Chamber had it not been for the valiant effort of men and women who have sacrificed, men and women who have gone to the theaters around the globe to protect freedom here and abroad.

Mr. STUMP. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for his remarks.

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

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Arizona (Mr. STUMP) that the House suspend the rules and agree to the resolution, House Resolution 368.

The question was taken; and (two-thirds having voted in favor thereof) the rules were suspended and the resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

REAUTHORIZING THE PRINTING OF CERTAIN PUBLICATIONS

Mr. MICA. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and agree to the concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 221) authorizing printing of the brochures entitled “How Our Laws Are Made” and “Our American Government”, the pocket version of the United States Constitution, and the document-sized, annotated version of the United States Constitution.

The Clerk read as follows:

H. CON. RES. 221

Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate concurring),

SECTION 1. PRINTING OF DOCUMENTS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Each of the documents referred to in section 2 shall be printed as a House document, in a style and manner determined by the Joint Committee on Printing.

(b) ADDITIONAL COPIES FOR HOUSE AND SENATE.—There shall be printed for the use of the House of Representatives and the Senate an aggregate number of copies of the documents printed under subsection (a) not to exceed the lesser of—

(1) 2,200,000; or

(2) the maximum number of copies for which the aggregate printing cost does not exceed an amount established by the Joint Committee on Printing.

SEC. 2. DOCUMENTS DESCRIBED.

The documents referred to in this section are as follows:

(1) The 1999 revised edition of the brochure entitled “How Our Laws Are Made”.

(2) The 1999 revised edition of the brochure entitled “Our American Government”.

(3) The 20th edition of the pocket version of the United States Constitution.

(4) The 1999 edition of the document-sized, annotated version of the United States Constitution.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from Florida (Mr. MICA) and the gentleman from Maryland (Mr. HOYER) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Florida (Mr. MICA).

Mr. MICA. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, today I come before the House to present this House Concurrent Resolution 221, which authorizes the printing of brochures entitled “How Our Laws Are Made” and “Our American Government,” the pocket version of the United States Constitution, and the document-sized annotated version of the United States Constitution.