

NAYS—194

Abercrombie	Green (TX)	Nadler
Ackerman	Gutierrez	Napolitano
Allen	Hall (OH)	Neal
Andrews	Hall (TX)	Oberstar
Baca	Hastings (FL)	Obey
Baird	Hill (IN)	Olver
Baldacci	Hilliard	Ortiz
Baldwin	Hinchey	Pascarell
Barcia	Hinojosa	Pastor
Barrett (WI)	Hoeffl	Payne
Becerra	Holden	Pelosi
Bentsen	Holt	Peterson (MN)
Berkley	Hooley	Phelps
Berman	Hoyer	Pickett
Berry	Inslee	Pomeroy
Bishop	Jackson (IL)	Price (NC)
Blumenauer	Jackson-Lee	Rahall
Bonior	(TX)	Rangel
Borski	Jefferson	Reyes
Boswell	John	Rivers
Boyd	Johnson, E. B.	Rodriguez
Brown (FL)	Kanjorski	Roemer
Brown (OH)	Kaptur	Rothman
Capps	Kennedy	Roybal-Allard
Capuano	Kildee	Rush
Cardin	Kilpatrick	Sabo
Carson	Kind (WI)	Sanchez
Clay	Klecza	Sanders
Clayton	Kucinich	Sandlin
Clement	LaFalce	Sawyer
Clyburn	Lampson	Schakowsky
Condit	Lantos	Scott
Conyers	Larson	Serrano
Costello	Lee	Sherman
Coyne	Levin	Shows
Cramer	Lewis (GA)	Sisisky
Cummings	Lipinski	Skelton
Davis (FL)	Lofgren	Slaughter
Davis (IL)	Lowey	Smith (WA)
DeFazio	Lucas (KY)	Snyder
DeGette	Luther	Stark
Delahunt	Maloney (CT)	Stenholm
DeLauro	Maloney (NY)	Strickland
Deutsch	Markey	Tanner
Dicks	Mascara	Tauscher
Dingell	Matsui	Taylor (MS)
Dixon	McCarthy (MO)	Thompson (CA)
Doggett	McCarthy (NY)	Thurman
Dooley	McDermott	Tierney
Doyle	McGovern	Towns
Edwards	McIntyre	Turner
Engel	McKinney	Udall (CO)
Eshoo	McNulty	Udall (NM)
Etheridge	Meehan	Velazquez
Evans	Meeks (NY)	Vislosky
Farr	Menendez	Waters
Fattah	Millender-	Watt (NC)
Filner	McDonald	Weiner
Forbes	Miller, George	Wexler
Ford	Minge	Weygand
Frank (MA)	Mink	Wise
Frost	Moakley	Woolsey
Gejdenson	Mollohan	Wu
Gephardt	Moore	Wynn
Gonzalez	Moran (VA)	
Gordon	Murtha	

NOT VOTING—24

Blagojevich	Klink	Pallone
Brady (PA)	Lazio	Peterson (PA)
Campbell	McCollum	Spratt
Chenoweth-Hage	McIntosh	Stabenow
Crowley	Meek (FL)	Stupak
Danner	Metcalf	Thompson (MS)
Franks (NJ)	Owens	Waxman
Jones (OH)	Packard	Weldon (PA)

□ 1426

So the previous question was ordered. The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. HANSEN). The question is on the resolution.

The question was taken; and the Speaker pro tempore announced that the ayes appeared to have it.

RECORDED VOTE

Mr. FROST. Mr. Speaker, I demand a recorded vote.

A recorded vote was ordered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. This will be a 5-minute vote.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—ayes 212, noes 192, not voting 28, as follows:

[Roll No. 558]

AYES—212

Aderholt	Gilman	Pitts
Archer	Goode	Pombo
Armye	Goodlatte	Porter
Bachus	Goodling	Portman
Baker	Goss	Pryce (OH)
Ballenger	Graham	Quinn
Barr	Granger	Radanovich
Barrett (NE)	Green (WI)	Ramstad
Bartlett	Greenwood	Regula
Barton	Gutknecht	Reynolds
Bass	Hansen	Riley
Bereuter	Hastings (WA)	Rogan
Biggart	Hayes	Rogers
Bilbray	Hayworth	Rohrabacher
Blirakis	Hefley	Ros-Lehtinen
Bliley	Herger	Roukema
Blunt	Hill (MT)	Royce
Boehkert	Hilleary	Ryan (WI)
Boehner	Hobson	Ryun (KS)
Bonilla	Hoekstra	Salmon
Bono	Hostettler	Sanford
Boucher	Houghton	Saxton
Brady (TX)	Hulshof	Scarborough
Bryant	Hunter	Schaffer
Burr	Hutchinson	Sensenbrenner
Burton	Hyde	Sessions
Buyer	Isakson	Shadegg
Callahan	Istook	Shaw
Calvert	Jenkins	Shays
Camp	Johnson (CT)	Sherwood
Canady	Johnson, Sam	Shimkus
Cannon	Jones (NC)	Shoos
Castle	Kasich	Shuster
Chabot	Kelly	Simpson
Chambliss	King (NY)	Skeen
Coble	Kingston	Smith (MI)
Coburn	Knollenberg	Smith (NJ)
Collins	Kolbe	Smith (TX)
Combest	Kuykendall	Souder
Cook	LaHood	Spence
Cox	Largent	Stearns
Crane	Latham	Stump
Cubin	LaTourette	Sununu
Cunningham	Lewis (CA)	Sweeney
Davis (VA)	Lewis (KY)	Talent
Deal	Linder	Tancredo
DeLay	LoBiondo	Tauzin
DeMint	Lucas (OK)	Taylor (NC)
Diaz-Balart	Manzullo	Terry
Dickey	Martinez	Thomas
Doolittle	McCrery	Thornberry
Dreier	McHugh	Thune
Duncan	McInnis	Tiahrt
Dunn	McKeon	Toomey
Ehlers	Mica	Traficant
Ehrlich	Miller (FL)	Upton
Emerson	Miller, Gary	Vitter
English	Moran (KS)	Walden
Everett	Morella	Walsh
Ewing	Myrick	Wamp
Fletcher	Nethercutt	Watkins
Foley	Ney	Watts (OK)
Fossella	Northup	Weldon (FL)
Fowler	Norwood	Weller
Frelinghuysen	Nussle	Whitfield
Gallegly	Ose	Wicker
Ganske	Oxley	Wilson
Paul	Gekas	Wolf
Pease	Paul	Young (AK)
Petri	Pease	Young (FL)
Pickering	Petri	

NOES—192

Abercrombie	Brown (FL)	DeGette
Ackerman	Brown (OH)	Delahunt
Allen	Capps	DeLauro
Andrews	Capuano	Deutsch
Baca	Cardin	Dicks
Baird	Carson	Dingell
Baldacci	Clay	Dixon
Baldwin	Clayton	Doggett
Barcia	Clement	Dooley
Barrett (WI)	Clyburn	Doyle
Becerra	Condit	Edwards
Bentsen	Conyers	Engel
Berkley	Costello	Eshoo
Berman	Coyne	Etheridge
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Blumenauer	Cummings	Fattah
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Boswell	Davis (IL)	Forbes
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Frank (MA)	Luther	Rivers
Frost	Maloney (CT)	Rodriguez
Gejdenson	Maloney (NY)	Roemer
Gephardt	Markey	Rothman
Gonzalez	Mascara	Roybal-Allard
Gordon	Matsui	Rush
Green (TX)	McCarthy (MO)	Sabo
Gutierrez	McCarthy (NY)	Sanchez
Hall (OH)	McDermott	Sanders
Hall (TX)	McGovern	Sandlin
Hastings (FL)	McIntyre	Sawyer
Hill (IN)	McKinney	Schakowsky
Hilliard	McNulty	Scott
Hinchey	Meehan	Serrano
Hinojosa	Meeks (NY)	Sherman
Hoeffl	Menendez	Sisisky
Holden	Millender-	Skelton
Holt	McDonald	Slaughter
Hooley	Miller, George	Smith (WA)
Hoyer	Minge	Snyder
Inslee	Mink	Stabenow
Jackson (IL)	Moakley	Stark
Jackson-Lee	Mollohan	Stenholm
(TX)	Moore	Strickland
Jefferson	Moran (VA)	Tanner
John	Murtha	Tauscher
Johnson, E. B.	Nadler	Taylor (MS)
Jones (OH)	Napolitano	Thompson (CA)
Kanjorski	Neal	Thurman
Kaptur	Oberstar	Tierney
Kennedy	Obey	Towns
Kildee	Olver	Turner
Kilpatrick	Ortiz	Udall (CO)
Kind (WI)	Pallone	Udall (NM)
Klecza	Pascarell	Velazquez
Kucinich	Pastor	Vislosky
LaFalce	Payne	Waters
Lampson	Pelosi	Watt (NC)
Lantos	Peterson (MN)	Weiner
Lee	Phelps	Wexler
Levin	Pickett	Weygand
Lewis (GA)	Pomeroy	Wise
Lipinski	Price (NC)	Woolsey
Lofgren	Rahall	Wu
Lowey	Rangel	Wynn
Lucas (KY)	Reyes	

NOT VOTING—28

Bishop	Franks (NJ)	Owens
Blagojevich	Horn	Packard
Borski	Klink	Peterson (PA)
Brady (PA)	Larson	Spratt
Campbell	Lazio	Stupak
Chenoweth-Hage	Leach	Thompson (MS)
Cooksey	McCollum	Waxman
Crowley	McIntosh	Weldon (PA)
Danner	Meek (FL)	
Evans	Metcalf	

□ 1434

Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts changed his vote from "aye" to "no."

So the resolution was agreed to.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF MOTIONS TO SUSPEND THE RULES

Mr. REYNOLDS. Mr. Speaker, by direction of the Committee on Rules, I call up House Resolution 651 and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 651

Resolved, That it shall be in order at any time on the legislative day of Thursday, October 26, 2000, for the Speaker to entertain motions that the House suspend the rules relating to the following measures:

(1) the bill (H.R. 2498) to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for recommendations of the Secretary of Health and Human Services regarding the placement of automatic external defibrillators in

Federal buildings in order to improve survival rates of individuals who experience cardiac arrest in such buildings, and to establish protections from civil liability arising from the emergency use of the devices;

(2) the resolution (H. Res. 650) expressing the sense of the House with respect to the release of findings and recommendations by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission regarding the electricity crisis in California;

(3) the bill (H.R. 1550) to authorize appropriations for the United States Fire Administration for fiscal years 2000 and 20001, and for other purposes;

(4) the bill (S. 2943) to authorize additional assistance for international malaria control, and to provide for coordination and consultation in providing assistance under the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 with respect to malaria, HIV, and tuberculosis;

(5) the bill (S. 2712) to amend chapter 35 of title 31, United States Code, to authorize the consolidation of certain financial and performance management reports required of Federal agencies, and for other purposes;

(6) the bill (H.R. 5309) to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2305 Minton Road in West Melbourne, Florida, as the "Ronald W. Reagan Post Office Building";

(7) the bill (S. 3194) to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 431 North George Street in Millersville, Pennsylvania, as the "Robert S. Walker Post Office";

(8) the bill (H.R. 4399) to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 440 South Orange Blossom Trail in Orlando, Florida, as the "Arthur 'Pappy' Kennedy Post Office Building";

(9) the bill (H.R. 4400) to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1601-1 Main Street in Jacksonville, Florida, as the "Eddie Mae Steward Post Office Building";

(10) the bill (H.R. 5528) to authorize the construction of a Wakpa Sica Reconciliation Place in Fort Pierre, South Dakota, and for other purposes; and

(11) the bill (H.R. 5314) to amend title 10, United States Code, to facilitate the adoption of retired military working dogs by law enforcement agencies, former handlers of these dogs, and other persons capable of caring for these dogs.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. HANSEN). The gentleman from New York (Mr. REYNOLDS) is recognized for 1 hour.

Mr. REYNOLDS. Mr. Speaker, for the purpose of debate only, I yield the customary 30 minutes to the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. HALL), pending which I yield myself such time as I may consume. During consideration of this resolution, all time yielded is for the purpose of debate only.

(Mr. REYNOLDS asked and was given permission to revise and extend his remarks, and include extraneous material.)

Mr. REYNOLDS. Mr. Speaker, earlier today the Committee on Rules met and passed this resolution, providing it shall be in order at any time on the legislative day of Thursday, October 26, for the Speaker to entertain motions to suspend the rules and pass or adopt the following 11 measures:

H.R. 2498, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for recommendations of the Secretary of Health and Human Services regarding the placement of automatic external

defibrillators in Federal buildings in order to improve survival rates of individuals who experience cardiac arrest in such buildings, and to establish protections from civil liability arising out of the emergency use of these devices;

the resolution H. Res. 650, expressing the sense of the House with respect to the release of findings and recommendations by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission regarding the electricity crisis in California; the bill H.R. 1550, to authorize appropriations for the United States Fire Administration for fiscal years 2000 and 2001, and for other purposes;

the bill S. 2943, to authorize additional assistance for international malaria control and to provide for coordination and consultation in providing assistance under the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 with respect to malaria, HIV and tuberculosis;

the bill S. 2712, to amend chapter 35 of title 21, United States Code, to authorize the consolidation of certain financial and performance management reports required of Federal agencies, and for other purposes;

the bill H.R. 5309, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2305 Minton Road in West Melbourne, Florida, as the "Ronald W. Reagan Post Office Building";

the bill S. 3194, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 431 North George Street in Millersville, Pennsylvania, as the "Robert S. Walker Post Office";

the bill H.R. 4399, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 440 South Orange Blossom Trail in Orlando, Florida, as the "Arthur 'Pappy' Kennedy Post Office Building";

the bill H.R. 4400, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1601-1 Main Street in Jacksonville, Florida, as the "Eddie Mae Steward Post Office Building";

the bill H.R. 5528, to authorize construction of the Wakpa Sica Reconciliation Place in Fort Pierre, South Dakota, and for other purposes;

and finally, the bill H.R. 5314, to amend title 10, United States Code, to facilitate the adoption of retired military working dogs by law enforcement agencies, former handlers of these dogs, and other persons capable for caring for these dogs.

Mr. Speaker, as we are all aware, we are nearing the end of the congressional session and floor time is at a premium. This resolution allows us to consider several bills today under the expedited suspension procedure. Additionally, the majority of these bills are completely noncontroversial and none come as a surprise.

In addition, this resolution is within the spirit of House rules. Under clause 1 of rule XV of the rules of the House, the Speaker may only entertain motions to suspend the rules on Monday and Tuesdays and during the last 6 days of session.

□ 1445

The House has not yet passed an adjournment resolution, but I think all of us hope and expect that we are in the last 6 days of this session. This resolution simply abides by the spirit of the standing Rules of the House. I strongly support this rule, and I urge my colleagues to do the same. With this resolution, we will consider the underlying 11 bills before we adjourn for the year.

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

Mr. HALL of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume, and I thank the gentleman from New York (Mr. REYNOLDS) for yielding me this time. As the gentleman has explained, this rule will permit the suspension of the rules for the consideration of 11 bills during today's session.

Mr. Speaker, this rule really should not be necessary. Under rule XV of the House Rules, suspensions may be brought up during the last 6 days of a congressional session. The problem is, we do not know if we are in the last 6 days of the session. If Congress were to adjourn at the end of the week, we could consider these and any other suspensions today. Since we have no idea when Congress will finally conclude its business and adjourn, the only way to take up the suspension bills today is to pass this rule.

What is particularly troubling about the rule is that this work should have been done weeks ago. There is no good reason why these bills could not have been handled already, especially when the House has had so little floor business in the last month. I cannot support the rule, and I will ask for a "no" vote.

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

Mr. REYNOLDS. Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time, and I move the previous question on the resolution.

The previous question was ordered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. HANSEN). The question is on the resolution.

The question was taken; and the Speaker pro tempore announced that the ayes appeared to have it.

Mr. HALL of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, I object to the vote on the ground that a quorum is not present and make the point of order that a quorum is not present.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Evidently a quorum is not present.

The Sergeant at Arms will notify absent Members.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 221, nays 190, not voting 22, as follows:

[Roll No. 559]

YEAS—221

Aderholt	Barr	Bilbray
Archer	Barrett (NE)	Bilirakis
Armey	Bartlett	Blunt
Bachus	Barton	Boehler
Baker	Bass	Boehner
Ballenger	Bereuter	Bonilla
Barcia	Biggart	Bono

Brady (TX) Hill (MT) Ramstad Kildee Minge Sanchez
 Bryant Hillery Regula Kilpatrick Mink Sanders
 Burr Hobson Reynolds Kleczka Moakley Sandlin
 Burton Hoekstra Riley Kucinich Mollohan Sawyer
 Buyer Horn Rogan LaFalce Moore Schakowsky
 Callahan Hostettler Rogers Lampson Moran (VA) Scott
 Calvert Houghton Rohrabacher Lantos Murtha Serrano
 Camp Hulshof Ros-Lehtinen Larson Nadler Sherman
 Canady Hunter Roukema Lee Napolitano Sisisky
 Cannon Hutchinson Royce Levin Neal Skelton
 Castle Hyde Ryan (WI) Lewis (GA) Oberstar Slaughter
 Chabot Insole Ryun (KS) Lipinski Obey Smith (WA)
 Chambliss Isakson Salmon Lofgren Olver Snyder
 Coble Istook Sanford Lowey Ortiz Stark
 Coburn Jenkins Saxton Lucas (KY) Pallone Stenholm
 Collins Johnson (CT) Scarborough Luther Pascrell Strickland
 Combest Johnson, Sam Schaffer Maloney (CT) Pastor Tanner
 Cook Jones (NC) Sensenbrenner Maloney (NY) Payne Tauscher
 Cooksey Kasich Sessions Markey Pelosi Thompson (CA)
 Cox Kelly Shadegg Mascara Peterson (MN) Thurman
 Crane Kind (WI) Shaw Matsui Phelps Towns
 Cubin King (NY) Shays Shays Pickett Pomeroy Turner
 Cunningham Kingston Sherwood Shimkus McDermott Price (NC) Udall (CO)
 Davis (VA) Knollenberg Shows McGovern Rahall Udall (NM)
 Deal Kolbe Shuster McIntyre Rangel Velazquez
 DeLay Kuykendall LaHood McKinney Reyes Visclosky
 DeMint LaHood Skeen Smith (MI) McNulty Rivers Watt (NC)
 Diaz-Balart Largent Latham Meehan Rodriguez Weiner
 Dickey Foyles LaTourette Smith (NJ) Meek (FL) Roemer Wexler
 Doolittle LaTourette Smith (TX) Meeks (NY) Rothman Weygand
 Dreier Leach Souder Menendez Millender-Rush Wise
 Duncan Lewis (CA) Spence McDonald Roybal-Allard Woolsley
 Dunn Lewis (KY) Stearns Stump Sununu Spratt
 Ehlers Linder LoBiondo Sweeney Talent Stabenow
 Ehrlich Lucas (OK) Talbot Talbot Stupak
 Emerson Lucas (OK) Talent Talbot Stupak
 English Manzullo Talbot Talbot Thompson (MS)
 Everett Martinez Talbot Talbot Waters
 Ewing McCrery Tauzin Taylor (MS) Taylor (NC) Waxman
 Fletcher McHugh Taylor (MS) Terry Thomas
 Foley McClinnis Taylor (NC) Terry Thomas
 Fossella McKeon Mica Thomas Thornberry
 Fowler Mica Miller (FL) Thune Thune
 Frelinghuysen Miller (FL) Tiahrt Toomey
 Gallegly Miller, Gary Tiahrt Toomey
 Ganske Miller, George Moran (KS) Toomey
 Gekas Moran (KS) Morella Traficant
 Gibbons Morella Myrick Upton
 Gilchrist Myrick Nethercutt
 Gillmor Nethercutt Ney
 Gilman Ney Vitter
 Goode Northup Walden
 Goodlatte Norwood Walsh
 Goodling Nussle Wamp
 Goss Ose Watkins
 Graham Oxley Watts (OK)
 Granger Paul Weldon (FL)
 Green (WI) Pease Weldon (PA)
 Greenwood Petri Weller
 Gutknecht Pickering Whitfield
 Hansen Pitts Wicker
 Hastert Pombo Wilson
 Hastings (WA) Porter Wolf
 Hayes Portman Wu
 Hayworth Pryce (OH) Young (AK)
 Hefley Quinn Young (FL)
 Herger Radanovich

NAYS—190

Abercrombie Clyburn Frank (MA)
 Ackerman Condit Frost
 Allen Conyers Gejdenson
 Andrews Costello Gephardt
 Baca Coyne Gonzalez
 Baird Cramer Gordon
 Baldacci Cummings Green (TX)
 Baldwin Davis (FL) Gutierrez
 Barrett (WI) Davis (IL) Hall (OH)
 Becerra DeFazio Hall (TX)
 Bentzen DeGette Hastings (FL)
 Berkley Delahunt Hill (IN)
 Berman DeLauro Hilliard
 Berry Deutsch Hinchey
 Bishop Dicks Hinojosa
 Blumenauer Dingell Hoefl
 Bonior Dixon Holden
 Borski Doggett Holt
 Boswell Dooley Hooley
 Boucher Doyle Hoyer
 Boyd Edwards Jackson (IL)
 Brown (FL) Engel Jackson-Lee
 Brown (OH) Eshoo (TX)
 Capps Etheridge Jefferson
 Capuano Evans John
 Cardin Farr Johnson, E. B.
 Carson Fattah Jones (OH)
 Clay Filner Kanjorski
 Clayton Forbes Kaptur
 Clement Ford Kennedy

Sanchez Sanders Sandlin Sawyer Schakowsky Scott Serrano Sherman Sisisky Skelton Slaughter Smith (WA) Snyder Stark Stenholm Strickland Tanner Tauscher Thompson (CA) Thurman Tierney Towns Turner Udall (CO) Udall (NM) Velazquez Visclosky Watt (NC) Weiner Wexler Weygand Wise Woolsley Wynn

NOT VOTING—22

Blagojevich Klink Spratt
 Bliley Lazio Stabenow
 Brady (PA) McCollum Stupak
 Campbell McIntosh Thompson (MS)
 Chenoweth-Hage Metcalf Waters
 Crowley Owens Waxman
 Danner Packard
 Franks (NJ) Peterson (PA)

□ 1535

Mr. DELAHUNT and Mr. HALL of Texas changed their vote from "yea" to "nay."

So the resolution was agreed to. The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

CONFERENCE REPORT ON H.R. 2615, CERTIFIED DEVELOPMENT COMPANY PROGRAM IMPROVEMENTS ACT OF 2000

Mr. TALENT. Mr. Speaker, pursuant to House Resolution 652, I call up the conference report on the bill (H.R. 2614) to amend the Small Business Investment Act to make improvements to the certified development company program, and for other purposes.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. HANSEN). Pursuant to House Resolution 652, the conference report is considered as having been read.

(For conference report and statement, see proceedings of the House of legislative day of October 25, 2000, Part 2.)

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman from Missouri (Mr. TALENT) and the gentleman from New York (Mr. RANGEL) each will control 30 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Missouri (Mr. TALENT).

Mr. TALENT. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself 2 minutes.

Mr. Speaker, a few weeks ago I had a call from the leadership staff asking if I had a problem with using this legislation as a vehicle for passing a number

of things that I understood we had substantial bipartisan support for in the House.

I said no. I thought if it would facilitate the passage of legislation that meant really good things for a whole lot of American people that we ought to try to do it. And we have a conference report and on the surface of it it has a lot of things that I think a lot of people in this House like.

It has a minimum wage increase. It has small business tax relief, which I can testify has very strong support in the House and is very necessary in the small business community. It has the repeal of provisions which have prevented installment sales of businesses. It has an increase in the meals deduction, an increase in the deductibility of health insurance premiums for the self-employed. It has the Portman-Cardin pension reforms. It has Medicare givebacks. And most important for my perspective, Mr. Speaker, it has the community renewal new markets bill, which we had a press conference with the White House several months ago and all of us agreed, Republicans, Democrats, the President, the leadership of the House said it was the most significant anti-poverty legislation to pass this body in a generation.

I thought when I had a chance to handle this bill, and I flew back today to do it, that it would be a time of joy and a time of shared celebration.

I understand that the President has serious objections and may well veto this bill, and my heart is sad at that because it just seems to me there is so much good in here for the American people that we all ought to support it. I would hope he would find a way to sign it; and if we have some problems, work that out in some other format or some other way because I am just concerned if we do not do it now, we will not have a chance to do these things for the American people.

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

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

Mr. Speaker, the gentleman says that if there are differences in the bill that he seriously hopes that we could work it out. That makes a lot of sense, and that is why probably he is not a part of the Republican leadership.

The reason we have a veto here is because somebody on the other side of this aisle decided that they did not want to work out anything.

How do they think we are going to get out of here unless they talk to somebody? They do not have to talk to me, but they can talk to the gentleman from Missouri (Mr. GEPHARDT). They can talk to someone in the White House. They do not even talk to themselves. And now they come here and force the President to say that he is going to veto it merely because they have not discussed anything.

There are some good things in this bill. There are things that can be worked out in this bill. I have worked