

Section 323. Sense of the House on the importance of supporting the Nation's emergency first-responders

Section 324. Sense of the House on additional health-related tax relief.

The Conference Agreement contains the following senses of the Senate:

Section 331. Sense of the Senate supporting funding levels in Educational Opportunities Act.

Section 332. Sense of the Senate on additional budgetary resources.

Section 333. Sense of the Senate regarding the inadequacy of the payments for skilled nursing care.

Section 334. Sense of the Senate on veteran's medical care.

Section 335. Sense of the Senate on Impact Aid.

Section 336. Sense of the Senate on tax simplification.

Section 337. Sense of the Senate on antitrust enforcement by the Department of Justice and Federal Trade Commission regarding agriculture mergers, and anti-competitive activity.

Section 338. Sense of the Senate regarding fair markets for American farmers.

Section 339. Sense of the Senate on women and social security reform.

Section 340. Use of False Claims Act in combating Medicare fraud.

Section 341. Sense of the Senate regarding the National Guard.

Section 342. Sense of the Senate regarding military readiness.

Section 343. Sense of the Senate supporting funding of digital opportunity initiatives.

Section 344. Sense of the Senate on funding for criminal justice.

Section 345. Sense of the Senate regarding comprehensive public education reform.

Section 346. Sense of the Senate on providing adequate funding for United States international leadership.

Section 347. Sense of the Senate concerning the HIV/AIDS crisis.

Section 348. Sense of the Senate regarding tribal colleges.

Section 349. Sense of the Senate to provide relief from the marriage penalty.

Section 350. Sense of the Senate on Federal fuel taxes.

Section 351. Sense of the Senate concerning the price of prescription drugs.

Section 352. Sense of the Senate against Federal funding of smoke shops.

Section 353. Sense of the Senate concerning investment of Social Security trust funds.

Section 354. Sense of the Senate regarding Medicare prescription drugs.

Section 355. Sense of the Senate concerning funding for new education programs.

Section 356. Sense of the Senate regarding enforcement of Federal firearm laws.

Section 357. Sense of the Senate that any increase in the minimum wage should be accompanied by tax relief for small businesses.

Section 358. Sense of the Senate regarding funding for the participation of members of the uniformed services in the Thrift Savings Plan.

Section 359. Sense of the Senate concerning uninsured and low-income individuals in medically underserved communities.

The Conference Agreement contains the following senses of Congress:

Section 302. Sense of Congress on providing additional dollars to the classroom.

Section 303. Sense of Congress on graduate medical education for Children's Hospital.

PUBLIC DEBT LIMIT IN THE HOUSE

Rule XXIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives provides a procedure for changing the statutory limits on the public debt. This rule, however, was waived as part

of the special rule providing for the consideration of H. Con. Res. 290 (H.Res.106-535).

JOHN R. KASICH,
SAXBY CHAMBLISS,
CHRISTOPHER SHAYS,
Managers on Part of the House.

PETE DOMENICI,
CHUCK GRASSLEY,
C.S. BOND,
SLADE GORTON,
Managers on the 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 9 o'clock and 5 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. HASTINGS of Washington) at 10 o'clock and 55 minutes p.m.

REPORT ON RESOLUTION WAIVING POINTS OF ORDER AGAINST CONFERENCE REPORT ON H. CON. RES. 290, CONCURRENT RESOLUTION ON THE BUDGET, FISCAL YEAR 2001

Mr. GOSS, from the Committee on Rules, submitted a privileged report (Rept. No. 106-578) on the resolution (H. Res. 475) waiving points of order against the conference report to accompany the concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 290) establishing the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2001, revising the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2000, and setting forth appropriate budgetary levels for each of fiscal years 2002 through 2005, which was referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed.

REPORT ON RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 3615, RURAL LOCAL BROADCAST SIGNAL ACT

Mr. GOSS, from the Committee on Rules, submitted a privileged report (Rept. No. 106-579) on the resolution (H. Res. 475) providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 3615) to amend the Rural Electrification Act of 1936 to ensure improved access to the signals of local television stations by multichannel video providers to all households which desire such service in unserved and underserved rural areas by December 31, 2006, which was referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Mr. CUMMINGS (at the request of Mr. GEOPHARDT) for today on account of official business.

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. KLECKZA, for 5 minutes, today.
Ms. WOOLSEY, for 5 minutes, today.
Mr. CROWLEY, for 5 minutes, today.
Mr. HOLT, for 5 minutes, today.
Mr. MENENDEZ, for 5 minutes, today.
Mr. FILNER, for 5 minutes, today.
Mr. BERMAN, for 5 minutes, today.
Mrs. LOWEY, for 5 minutes, today.
Mr. SHERMAN, for 5 minutes, today.
Mr. PALLONE, for 5 minutes, today.
Mr. TIERNEY, for 5 minutes, today.
Mr. MCGOVERN, for 5 minutes, today.
Mrs. MALONEY of New York, for 5 minutes, today.
Mr. BAIRD, for 5 minutes, today.
Mrs. NAPOLITANO, for 5 minutes, today.

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

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

Mr. WELDON of Florida, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. PEASE, for 5 minutes, today.
Mr. WALDEN of Oregon, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. RADANOVICH, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. BARTLETT of Maryland, for 5 minutes, April 13.

Mr. HORN, for 5 minutes, today.
(The following Members (at their own request) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. UDALL of New Mexico, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. SWEENEY, for 5 minutes, today.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 10 o'clock and 56 minutes p.m.), the House adjourned until tomorrow, Thursday, April 13, 2000, 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:

7073. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Agriculture, transmitting a draft bill, "To amend the United States Grain Standards Act to extend the authority of the Secretary of Agriculture to collect fees, to

extend the authorization of appropriations for such Act, and to improve the administration of such Act"; to the Committee on Agriculture.

7074. A letter from the Secretary of the Navy, transmitting the proposed transfer of the battleship ex-NEW JERSEY (BB 62) to the Home Port Alliance of Camden, New Jersey, a non-profit organization; to the Committee on Armed Services.

7075. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of the Treasury, transmitting a draft bill, "To authorize the Secretary of the Treasury to instruct the United States Executive Director to vote to approve the use of the International Monetary Fund of all earnings on the investment of the profits on non-public gold sales for the purpose of providing debt relief under the enhanced Heavily Indebted Poor Countries ("HIPC") Initiative and to authorize appropriations for the United States contribution to the HIPC Trust Fund, administered by the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development"; to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services.

7076. A letter from the Executive Director, Emergency Oil and Gas Guaranteed Loan Board, transmitting the Board's final rule—Loan Guarantee Decision; Availability of Environmental Information; Correction (RIN: 3003-ZA00) received February 15, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services.

7077. A letter from the Executive Director, Emergency Steel Guarantee Loan Board, transmitting the Board's final rule—Loan Guarantee Decision; Application Deadline (RIN: 3003-ZA00) received February 15, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services.

7078. A letter from the Executive Director, Emergency Steel Guarantee Loan Board, transmitting the Board's final rule—Loan Guarantee Decision; Availability of Environmental Information; Correction (RIN: 3003-ZA00) received February 15, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services.

7079. A letter from the Executive Director, Emergency Steel Guarantee Loan Board, transmitting the Board's final rule—Emergency Steel Guarantee Loan Board Amendments (RIN: 3003-ZA00) received February 15, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services.

7080. A letter from the Managing Director, Federal Housing Finance Board, transmitting the 2000 Base Salary Structures; to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services.

7081. A letter from the General Counsel, Consumer Product Safety Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule—Safety Standard for Bunk Beds—received February 22, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

7082. 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 State: Approval of Revisions to Kentucky State Implementation Plan [KY-109-I-200007a; FRL-6533-2] received February 8, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

7083. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Extending Operating Permits Program Iterim Approval Expiration Dates [FRL-6535-2] received February 8, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

7084. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting a report

on the status of efforts to obtain Iraq's compliance with the resolutions adopted by the U.N. Security Council, pursuant to 50 U.S.C. 1541; (H. Doc. No. 106-223); to the Committee on International Relations and ordered to be printed.

7085. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting a copy of Presidential Determination No. 2000-12, authorizing the furnishing of military assistance to the United Nations for purposes of supporting East Timor's transition to independence, pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2601(c)(3); to the Committee on International Relations.

7086. A letter from the Under Secretary, Personnel and Readiness, Department of Defense, transmitting a report on the audit of the American Red Cross for the year ending June 30, 1999, pursuant to 36 U.S.C. 6; to the Committee on International Relations.

7087. A letter from the Under Secretary for Export Administration, Department of Commerce, transmitting a report that the Department of Commerce has processed the last remaining satellite export license application that was in its queue when the jurisdiction for satellites was retransferred to the Department of State in March 15, 1999; to the Committee on International Relations.

7088. A letter from the Executive Director, Committee For Purchase From People Who Are Blind Or Severely Disabled, transmitting the Committee's final rule—Procurement List: Additions and Deletions—received February 16, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Government Reform.

7089. A letter from the Executive Director, District of Columbia Financial Responsibility and Management Assistance Authority, transmitting the General Purpose Financial Statements and Independent Auditor's Report for the fiscal year ended September 30, 1999; to the Committee on Government Reform.

7090. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Uniform Administrative Requirements for Grants and Agreements with Institutions of Higher Education, Hospital, and Other Non-Profit Organizations—received February 8, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Government Reform.

7091. A letter from the Chief Financial Officer, Export-Import Bank of the United States, transmitting the revised Annual Performance Plan for the Export-Import Bank, pursuant to 12 U.S.C. 635g(a); to the Committee on Government Reform.

7092. A letter from the Chief Financial Officer, Export-Import Bank of the United States, transmitting the Bank's Annual Management Report for the year ended September 30, 1999, pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 9106; to the Committee on Government Reform.

7093. A letter from the Chairman, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, transmitting a copy of the Corporation's Annual Report for calendar year 1999, pursuant to 12 U.S.C. 1827(a); to the Committee on Government Reform.

7094. A letter from the Administrator, Office of Federal Procurement Policy, Office of Management and Budget, transmitting a report on the three categories of Cost Accounting Standards (CAS) coverage known as "full," "modified," and "FAR" (Federal Acquisition Regulation) coverage; to the Committee on Government Reform.

7095. A letter from the Board Members, Railroad Retirement Board, transmitting a copy of the annual report in compliance with the Government in the Sunshine Act during the calendar year 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552b(j); to the Committee on Government Reform.

7096. A letter from the Deputy Chief, National Forest System, Department of Agriculture, transmitting a detailed boundary map for the East Fork Jemez and Pecos Rivers in New Mexico, pursuant to 16 U.S.C. 1274; to the Committee on Resources.

7097. A letter from the Chairman, Naval Sea Cadet Corps, transmitting the Annual Audit Report of the Corps for the year 1999, pursuant to 36 U.S.C. 1101(39) and 1103; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

7098. A letter from the Program Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Establishment of Class E, Glendive, MT [Airspace Docket No. 99-ANM-08] received February 11, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

7099. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Commerce, transmitting the 1999 Annual Report of the Visiting Committee on Advanced Technology of the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST), U.S. Department of Commerce, pursuant to Public Law 100-418, section 5131(b) (102 Stat. 1443); to the Committee on Science.

7100. A letter from the Director, National Institute of Standards and Technology, Department of Commerce, transmitting a report on donated educationally useful Federal equipment; to the Committee on Science.

7101. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Analysis, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting a draft bill entitled, "Veterans' Compensation Cost-of-Living Adjustment Act of 2000"; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

7102. A letter from the Chairman, International Trade Commission, transmitting a draft bill, "To provide authorization of appropriations for the United States International Trade Commission for fiscal year 2001"; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

7103. A letter from the Commissioner, Social Security Administration, transmitting a draft bill to provide additional safeguards for the Social Security and Supplemental Security Income beneficiaries with representative payees; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

7104. A letter from the Director, Congressional Budget Office, transmitting the CBO's Sequestration Preview Report for FY 2001, pursuant to 2 U.S.C. section 904(b); jointly to the Committees on Appropriations and the Budget.

7105. A letter from the Department of Energy, transmitting the Department's annual report on the Automotive Technology Development Program, Fiscal Year 1997, pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 5914; jointly to the Committees on Science and Commerce.

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. LINDER: Committee on Rules. House Resolution 472. Resolution providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 3439) to prohibit the Federal Communications Commission from establishing rules authorizing the operation of new, low power FM radio stations (Rept. 106-575). Referred to the House Calendar.

Mr. LINDER: Committee on Rules. House Resolution 473. Resolution providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 4199) to terminate the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (Rept. 106-576). Referred to the House Calendar.

Mr. KASICH: Committee of Conference. Conference report on House Concurrent Resolution 290. Resolution establishing the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2001, revising the