

Policy and Conservation Act through March 31, 2000, and ask for its immediate consideration in the House.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

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

There was no objection.

The Clerk read the bill, as follows:

H.R. 2981

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. ENERGY POLICY AND CONSERVATION ACT AMENDMENTS.

The Energy Policy and Conservation Act is amended—

(1) by amending section 166 (42 U.S.C. 6246) to read as follows:

"AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS

"SEC. 166. There are authorized to be appropriated for fiscal year 2000 such sums as may be necessary to implement this part, to remain available only through March 31, 2000";

(2) in section 181 (42 U.S.C. 6251) by striking "September 30, 1999" both places it appears and inserting in lieu thereof "March 31, 2000"; and

(3) in section 281 (42 U.S.C. 6285) by striking "September 30, 1999" both places it appears and inserting in lieu thereof "March 31, 2000".

The bill was ordered to be engrossed and read a third time, was read the third time, and passed, and a motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

**BUDGET TIME MEANS
"MEDISCARE" TIME**

(Mr. KINGSTON asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks and include extraneous material.)

Mr. KINGSTON. Mr. Speaker, it is budget time, so it is "Mediscare" time. We have the age-old tactics that, when one does not have the facts, start scaring people. Who is the easiest of the population to scare? The seniors, beating up on Grandma and Grandpa. That appears to be what the White House is already doing with the Republican budget by saying that the Republican budget takes money out of Social Security.

I have a letter in my hand from the director of the Congressional Budget Office, the head guru. He says in short, there is nothing in our budget that takes any money out of Social Security. I will submit this for the RECORD. It is available for anybody who wants a copy of it. We will distribute it to our misguided liberal friends on the other side.

But the fact is, let us have an honest debate. When the President vetoes the appropriations bills, and we have spent up against the budget caps, then the only question remaining is: Mr. President, do you want to spend more money? It comes out of Social Security. Is that what you want to do? At that point, Mr. President, what will you tell Grandma?

Mr. Speaker, the letter I referred to is as follows:

U.S. CONGRESS,
CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE,
Washington, DC, September 30, 1999.

Hon. J. DENNIS HASTERT,
*Speaker of the House, House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.*

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: You requested that we estimate the impact on the fiscal year 2000 Social Security surplus using CBO's economic and technical assumptions based on a plan whereby net discretionary outlays for

fiscal year 2000 will equal \$592.1 billion. CBO estimates that this spending plan will not use any of the projected Social Security surplus in fiscal year 2000.

Sincerely,

DAN L. CRIPPEN,
Director.

SPECIAL ORDERS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 6, 1999, and under a previous order of the House, the following Members will be recognized for 5 minutes each.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. LIPINSKI) is recognized for 5 minutes.

(Mr. LIPINSKI addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from New Jersey (Mr. PALLONE) is recognized for 5 minutes.

(Mr. PALLONE addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Washington (Mr. NETHERCUTT) is recognized for 5 minutes.

(Mr. NETHERCUTT addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

NOTICE

Incomplete record of House proceedings. Except for concluding business which follows, today's House proceedings will be continued in the next issue of the Record.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Mr. MEEKS of New York (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT) for today and October 1 on account of the birth of a child.

Ms. HOOLEY of Oregon (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT) for today on account of personal business.

Mrs. CHENOWETH (at the request of Mr. ARMEY) for after 1:00 p.m. today and October 1 on account of her wedding.

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. LIPINSKI, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. PALLONE, for 5 minutes, today.
Mr. BROWN of Ohio, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. FILNER, for 5 minutes, today.
Ms. WATERS, for 5 minutes, today.
Ms. MILLENDER-MCDONALD, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois, for 5 minutes, today.
Ms. LEE, for 5 minutes, today.

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

Mrs. CHRISTENSEN, for 5 minutes, today.

Mrs. MEEK of Florida, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. LAMPSON, for 5 minutes, today.
Mr. ALLEN, for 5 minutes, today.

Mrs. MINK of Hawaii, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. HOYER, for 5 minutes, today.
Mr. WYNN, for 5 minutes, today.

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

Mr. METCALF, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. NETHERCUTT, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. NORWOOD, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. EHLERS, for 5 minutes, today.

SENATE BILL REFERRED

A bill of the Senate of the following title was taken from the Speaker's table and, under the rule, referred as follows:

S. 1156. An act to amend provisions of law enacted by the Small Business Regulatory Enforcement Fairness Act of 1996 to ensure full analysis of potential impacts on small entities of rules proposed by certain agencies, and for other purposes.

SENATE ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

The SPEAKER announced his signature to an enrolled bill of the Senate of the following title:

S. 249—An act to provide funding for the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children, to reauthorize the Runaway and Homeless Youth Act, and for other purposes.