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Montgomery  
Moorhead  
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Morella  
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Myrick  
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Nethercutt  
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Norwood  
Nussle  
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Obey  
Olver  
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Orton  
Owens  
Oxley  
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Pastor  
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Petri  
Pickett  
Pombo  
Pomeroy  
Porter  
Portman  
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Pryce  
Quinn  
Radanovich  
Rahall  
Ramstad  
Rangel  
Reed  
Regula  
Richardson  
Riggs  
Rivers  
Roberts  
Roemer  
Rogers

Ros-Lehtinen  
Rose  
Roth  
Roukema  
Royce  
Rush  
Sabo  
Sanders  
Sawyer  
Saxton  
Schaefer  
Schiff  
Schumer  
Scott  
Seastrand  
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Skeen  
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Slaughter  
Smith (MI)  
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Smith (TX)

Smith (WA)  
Solomon  
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Spence  
Spratt  
Stark  
Stenholm  
Stokes  
Studds  
Stump  
Stupak  
Talent  
Tanner  
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Tauzin  
Taylor (MS)  
Tejeda  
Thomas  
Thompson  
Thornberry  
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Torres  
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Towns  
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Walker  
Walsh  
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Weldon (FL)  
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Whitfield  
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Young (AK)  
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Zeliff  
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health professions and minority and disadvantaged health education programs, and for other purposes.

S. 1194. An act to promote the research, identification, assessment, and exploration of marine mineral resources, and for other purposes.

S. 1649. An act to extend contracts between the Bureau of Reclamation and irrigation districts in Kansas and Nebraska, and for other purposes.

S. 1711. An act to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the benefits programs administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, to provide for a study of the Federal programs for veterans, and for other purposes.

S. 1874. An act to amend sections of the Department of Energy Organization Act that are obsolete or inconsistent with other statutes and to repeal a related section of the Federal Energy Administration Act of 1974.

NAYS—37

Barcia  
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Burr  
Chabot  
Chenoweth  
Coble  
Coburn  
Coleman  
Goode  
Cox  
DeFazio

Duncan  
Hall (TX)  
Hefley  
Hoekstra  
Hyde  
Istook  
Jacobs  
Kanjorski  
Kaptur  
Klink  
Klug  
Largent  
Nadler

Neumann  
Rohrabacher  
Roybal-Allard  
Salmon  
Sanford  
Scarborough  
Schroeder  
Sensenbrenner  
Stearns  
Stockman  
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ANSWERED "PRESENT"—1

Dornan

NOT VOTING—26

Baker (LA)  
Berman  
Blumenauer  
Boucher  
Cardin  
Collins (MI)  
Conyers  
Dellums  
Durbin

Filner  
Flake  
Fowler  
Frank (MA)  
Green (TX)  
Hancock  
Hayes  
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LaFalce

Lincoln  
Lipinski  
Menendez  
Myers  
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Taylor (NC)  
Waters  
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The Clerk announced the following pair:

On this vote:

Mr. Berman for, with Mr. Menendez against.

Mr. SENSENBRENNER and Mr. BEILENSEN changed their vote from "yea" to "nay."

Mr. SERRANO changed his vote from "nay" to "yea."

So the conference report was agreed to.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

The SPEAKER. Pursuant to House Resolution 546, H.R. 4278 is considered as passed and the motion to reconsider is laid on the table.

#### FURTHER MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A further message from the Senate by Ms. McDevitt, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate had passed bills of the following titles in which the concurrence of the House is requested:

S. 555. An act to amend the Public Health Service Act to consolidate and reauthorize

#### APPOINTING DAY FOR CONVENING FIRST SESSION OF 105TH CONGRESS AND COUNTING 1996 ELECTORAL VOTES

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, I offer a joint resolution (H.J. Res. 198) appointing the day for the convening of the first session of the 105th Congress and the day for the counting in Congress of the electoral votes for President and Vice President cast in December 1996, and I ask unanimous consent for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the title of the joint resolution.

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

There was no objection.

The Clerk read the joint resolution, as follows:

H.J. RES. 198

*Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

#### SECTION 1. DATE FOR CONVENING OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH CONGRESS.

The first regular session of One Hundred Fifth Congress shall begin at noon of Tuesday, January 7, 1997.

#### SEC. 2. DATE FOR COUNTING 1996 ELECTORAL VOTES IN CONGRESS.

The meeting of the Senate and House of Representatives to be held in January 1997 pursuant to section 15 of title 3, United States Code, to count the electoral votes for President and Vice President cast by the electors in December 1996 shall be held on January 9, 1997 (rather than on the date specified in the first sentence of that section).

The joint resolution 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.

#### PROVIDING FOR ADJOURNMENT SINE DIE OF BOTH HOUSES OF CONGRESS

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, I offer a privileged concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 230) and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the concurrent resolution, as follows:

H. CON. RES. 230

Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate concurring), That when the House adjourns on the legislative day of Monday, September 30, 1996, or of Tuesday, October 1, 1996, on a motion offered pursuant to this concurrent resolution by the Majority Leader, or his designee, it stand adjourned sine die, or until noon on the second day after Members are notified to reassemble pursuant to section 2 of this concurrent resolution, and that when the Senate adjourns on Monday, September 30, 1996, or Tuesday, October 1, 1996, on a motion offered pursuant to this concurrent resolution by the Majority Leader, or his designee, it stand adjourned sine die, or until noon on the second day after Members are notified to reassemble pursuant to section 2 of this concurrent resolution.

SEC. 2. The Speaker of the House and the Majority Leader of the Senate, acting jointly after consultation with the Minority Leader of the House and the Minority Leader of the Senate, shall notify the Members of the House and Senate, respectively, to reassemble whenever, in their opinion, the public interest shall warrant it.

The concurrent resolution was concurred in.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

#### ADJOURNMENT TO MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 1996

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 2 p.m. on Monday next.

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

There was no objection.

#### DESIGNATION OF THE HONORABLE CONSTANCE A. MORELLA OR THE HONORABLE FRANK R. WOLF TO ACT AS SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE TO SIGN ENROLLED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS FOR RE- MAINDER OF SECOND SESSION OF 104TH CONGRESS

The SPEAKER laid before the House the following communication:

WASHINGTON, DC,  
September 28, 1996.

I hereby designate the Honorable Constance A. Morella or, if not available to perform this duty, the Honorable Frank R. Wolf to act as Speaker pro tempore to sign enrolled bills and joint resolutions for the remainder of the second session of the One Hundred Fourth Congress.

NEWT GINGRICH,

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. HANSEN). Without objection, the designation is agreed to.

There was no objection.

#### VETERANS' HEALTH CARE ELIGIBILITY REFORM ACT OF 1996

Mr. STUMP. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to take from the Speaker's table the bill (H.R. 3118) to amend title 38, United States Code, to reform eligibility for health care provided by the Department of Veterans Affairs, with Senate amendments

thereto, and concur in the Senate amendments.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The Clerk read the Senate amendments, as follows:

Senate amendments:

Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert:

#### SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE; TABLE OF CONTENTS.

(a) *SHORT TITLE.*—This Act may be cited as the "Veterans' Health Care Eligibility Reform Act of 1996".

(b) *TABLE OF CONTENTS.*—The table of contents of this Act is as follows:

Sec. 1. Short title; table of contents.

Sec. 2. References to title 38, United States Code.

#### TITLE I—ELIGIBILITY REFORM

Sec. 101. Eligibility for hospital care and medical services.

Sec. 102. Revision in authorities for provision of priority health care for certain veterans exposed to specified toxic substances.

Sec. 103. Prosthetics and preventive care.

Sec. 104. Management of health care.

Sec. 105. Authorization of appropriations.

Sec. 106. Assessment of implementation and operation.

#### TITLE II—CONSTRUCTION AUTHORIZATION

Sec. 201. Authorization of major medical facility projects.

Sec. 202. Authorization of major medical facility leases.

Sec. 203. Authorization of appropriations.

Sec. 204. Strategic planning.

Sec. 205. Revision to prospectus requirements.

Sec. 206. Construction authorization requirements.

Sec. 207. Terminology changes.

#### TITLE III—HEALTH CARE AND ADMINISTRATION

##### Subtitle A—Health Care Sharing and Administration

Sec. 301. Revision of authority to share medical facilities, equipment, and information.

Sec. 302. Improved efficiency in health care resource management.

Sec. 303. Personnel furnishing shared resources.

Sec. 304. Waiting period for administrative reorganizations.

Sec. 305. Repeal of limitations on contracts for conversion of performance of activities of Department health-care facilities and revised annual reporting requirement.

##### Subtitle B—Care of Women Veterans

Sec. 321. Mammography quality standards.

Sec. 322. Patient privacy for women patients.

Sec. 323. Assessment of use by women veterans of Department health services.

Sec. 324. Reporting requirements.

##### Subtitle C—Readjustment Counseling and Mental Health Care

Sec. 331. Expansion of eligibility for readjustment counseling and certain related counseling services.

Sec. 332. Reports relating to Vet Centers.

Sec. 333. Advisory Committee on the Readjustment of Veterans.

Sec. 334. Centers for mental illness research, education, and clinical activities.

Sec. 335. Committee on Care of Severely Chronically Mentally Ill Veterans.

##### Subtitle D—Other Provisions

Sec. 341. Hospice care study.

Sec. 342. Payment to States of per diem for veterans receiving adult day health care.

Sec. 343. Research corporations.

Sec. 344. Veterans Health Administration headquarters.

Sec. 345. Disbursement agreements relating to medical residents and interns.

Sec. 346. Authority to suspend special pay agreements for physicians and dentists who enter residency training programs.

Sec. 347. Remunerated outside professional activities by Veterans Health Administration personnel.

Sec. 348. Modification of restrictions on real property, Milwaukee County, Wisconsin.

Sec. 349. Modification of restrictions on real property, Cheyenne, Wyoming.

Sec. 350. Name of Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center, Johnson City, Tennessee.

Sec. 351. Report on health care needs of veterans in east central Florida.

Sec. 352. Evaluation of health status of spouses and children of Persian Gulf War veterans.

#### SEC. 2. 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.

#### TITLE I—ELIGIBILITY REFORM

##### SEC. 101. ELIGIBILITY FOR HOSPITAL CARE AND MEDICAL SERVICES.

(a) *NEW CRITERIA FOR ELIGIBILITY FOR CARE.*—Section 1710(a) is amended to read as follows:

"(a)(1) The Secretary (subject to paragraph (4)) shall furnish hospital care and medical services, and may furnish nursing home care, which the Secretary determines to be needed—

"(A) to any veteran for a service-connected disability; and

"(B) to any veteran who has a service-connected disability rated at 50 percent or more.

"(2) The Secretary (subject to paragraph (4)) shall furnish hospital care and medical services, and may furnish nursing home care, which the Secretary determines to be needed to any veteran—

"(A) who has a compensable service-connected disability rated less than 50 percent;

"(B) whose discharge or release from active military, naval, or air service was for a compensable disability that was incurred or aggravated in the line of duty;

"(C) who is in receipt of, or who, but for a suspension pursuant to section 1151 of this title (or both a suspension and the receipt of retired pay), would be entitled to disability compensation, but only to the extent that such veteran's continuing eligibility for such care is provided for in the judgment or settlement provided for in such section;

"(D) who is a former prisoner of war;

"(E) who is a veteran of the Mexican border period or of World War I;

"(F) who was exposed to a toxic substance, radiation, or environmental hazard, as provided in subsection (e); or

"(G) who is unable to defray the expenses of necessary care as determined under section 1722(a) of this title.

"(3) In the case of a veteran who is not described in paragraphs (1) and (2), the Secretary may, to the extent resources and facilities are available and subject to the provisions of subsections (f) and (g), furnish hospital care, medical services, and nursing home care which the Secretary determines to be needed.

"(4) The requirement in paragraphs (1) and (2) that the Secretary furnish hospital care and medical services shall be effective in any fiscal year only to the extent and in the amount provided in advance in appropriations Acts for such purposes."

(b) *TRANSFER OF PROVISION.*—Chapter 17 is amended—