

Mr. DOLE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection? The Chair hears none, and it is so ordered.

#### UNANIMOUS-CONSENT AGREEMENT

Mr. DOLE. Mr. President, I am going to ask about three unanimous consent requests. I will state them first and then if there are any objections, they can be heard.

#### MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE ON H.R. 1643

I ask unanimous consent that the Chair lay before the Senate a message from the House on H.R. 1643, extending certain programs for the remainder of the fiscal year, and deems all Federal employees essential and pays those employees; that the Senate immediately concur in the House amendments, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, all without any intervening action or debate.

The message from the House is as follows:

*Resolved*, That the House agree to the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 1643) entitled "An Act to authorize the extension of nondiscriminatory treatment (most-favored-nation treatment) to the products of Bulgaria", with the following amendments:

In lieu of the matter inserted by said amendment, insert:

*That the following sums are hereby appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, and out of applicable corporate or other revenues, receipts, and funds, for the several departments, agencies, corporations, and other organizational units of Government for the fiscal year 1996, and for other purposes, namely:*

*SEC. 101. (a) Such amounts as may be necessary under the authority and conditions provided in the applicable appropriations Act for the fiscal year 1995 for continuing the following projects or activities including the costs of direct loans and loan guarantees (not otherwise specifically provided for in this Act) which were conducted in the fiscal year 1995:*

*All nutrition services for the elderly under the account heading "Aging services programs" under the Administration on Aging in the Department of Health and Human Services;*

*All grants to States for child welfare services, authorized by title IV, part B, subpart 1, of the Social Security Act, under the account heading "Children and families services programs" under the Administration for Children and Families in the Department of Health and Human Services;*

*All Federal Parent Locator Service activities, as authorized by section 453 of the Social Security Act, under the account heading "Children and families services programs" under the Administration for Children and Families in the Department of Health and Human Services;*

*All State unemployment insurance administration activities under the account heading "State unemployment insurance and employment service operations" under the Employment and Training Administration in the Department of Labor;*

*All general welfare assistance payments and foster care payments, as authorized by law, funded under the account heading "Operation of Indian programs" under the Bureau of Indian Affairs in the Department of the Interior;*

*All projects and activities funded under the account heading "Family support payments to*

*States" under the Administration For Children and Families in the Department of Health and Human Services;*

*All projects and activities funded under the account heading "Payments to States for foster care and adoption assistance" under the Administration For Children and Families in the Department of Health and Human Services;*

*All administrative activities necessary to carry out the projects and activities in the preceding two paragraphs;*

*All projects and activities funded under the account headings "Dual benefits payments account", "Limitation on administration" and "Limitation on railroad unemployment insurance administration fund" under the Railroad Retirement Board;*

*All projects and activities necessary to accommodate visitors and to provide for visitor services in the National Park System, the National Wildlife Refuges, the National Forests, the facilities operated by the Smithsonian Institution, the National Gallery of Art, the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, and the United States Holocaust Memorial; and*

*All projects and activities necessary to process visas and passports and to provide for American citizen services, notwithstanding section 15 of the State Department Basic Authorities Act of 1956: Provided, That whenever the amount which would be made available or the authority which would be granted under an Act which included funding for fiscal year 1996 for the projects and activities listed in this section is greater than that which would be available or granted under current operations, the pertinent project or activity shall be continued at a rate for operations not exceeding the current rate.*

*(b) Whenever the amount which would be made available or the authority which would be granted under the Act which included funding for fiscal year 1996 for the projects and activities listed in this section as passed by the House as of the date of enactment of this Act, is different from that which would be available or granted under such Act as passed by the Senate as of the date of enactment of this Act, the pertinent project or activity shall be continued at a rate for operations not exceeding the current rate or the rate permitted by the action of the House or the Senate, whichever is lower, under the authority and conditions provided in the applicable appropriations Act for the fiscal year 1995.*

*(c) Whenever an Act which included funding for fiscal year 1996 for the projects and activities listed in this section has been passed by only the House or only the Senate as of the date of enactment of this Act, the pertinent project or activity shall be continued under the appropriation, fund, or authority granted by the one House at a rate for operations not exceeding the current rate or the rate permitted by the action of the one House, whichever is lower, and under the authority and conditions provided in the applicable appropriations Act for the fiscal year 1995.*

*SEC. 102. Appropriations made by section 101 shall be available to the extent and in the manner which would be provided by the pertinent appropriations Act.*

*SEC. 103. No appropriation or funds made available or authority granted pursuant to section 101 shall be used to initiate or resume any project or activity for which appropriations, funds, or other authority were not available during the fiscal year 1995.*

*SEC. 104. No provision which is included in the appropriations Act enumerated in section 101 but which was not included in the applicable appropriations Act for fiscal year 1995 and which by its terms is applicable to more than one appropriation, fund, or authority shall be applicable to any appropriation, fund, or authority provided in this Act.*

*SEC. 105. Appropriations made and authority granted pursuant to this title of this Act shall cover all obligations or expenditures incurred for any program, project, or activity during the period for which funds or authority for such project or activity are available under this Act.*

*SEC. 106. Unless otherwise provided for in this title of this Act or in the applicable appropriations Act, appropriations and funds made available and authority granted pursuant to this title of this Act shall be available until (a) enactment into law of an appropriation for any project or activity provided for in this title of this Act, or (b) the enactment into law of the applicable appropriations Act by both Houses without any provision for such project or activity, or (c) September 30, 1996, except for the projects and activities under the headings "Family support payments to States" and "Payments to States for foster care and adoption assistance", for which date shall be March 15, 1996, whichever first occurs.*

*SEC. 107. Expenditures made pursuant to this title of this Act shall be charged to the applicable appropriation, fund, or authorization whenever a bill in which such applicable appropriation, fund, or authorization is contained is enacted into law.*

*SEC. 108. No provision in the appropriations Act for the fiscal year 1996 referred to in section 101 of this Act that makes the availability of any appropriation provided therein dependent upon the enactment of additional authorizing or other legislation shall be effective before the date set forth in section 106(c) of this Act.*

*SEC. 109. Appropriations and funds made available by or authority granted pursuant to this title of this Act may be used without regard to the time limitations for submission and approval of apportionments set forth in section 1513 of title 31, United States Code, but nothing herein shall be construed to waive any other provision of law governing the apportionment of funds.*

*SEC. 110. For the purposes of this title of this Act, the time covered by this title of this Act shall be considered to have begun on December 16, 1995.*

*SEC. 111. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Act, except section 106, funds appropriated under section 101 for the payment of vested dual benefits under the Railroad Retirement Act shall be made available so as to fully fund the payments made on January 1, 1996, and the payments to be made within the period covered by this Act including those payments to be made on the first day of each month within the period covered by this Act. In addition to the funds appropriated under section 101 of this Act, \$12,800,000 is appropriated to restore full funding for payments made for the period prior to January 1, 1996.*

*SEC. 112. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Act, except section 106, the authorities provided under subsection (a) of section 140 of the Foreign Relations Authorization Act, Fiscal Years 1994 and 1995 (Public Law 103-236) shall remain in effect during the period of this Act, notwithstanding paragraph (3) of said subsection.*

#### TITLE II

#### VETERANS AFFAIRS

*The following sums are hereby appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, and out of applicable corporate or other revenues, receipts, and funds, for the several departments, agencies, corporations, and other organizational units of Government for the fiscal year 1996, and for other purposes, namely:*

*SEC. 201. ENSURED PAYMENT DURING FISCAL YEAR 1996 OF VETERANS' BENEFITS IN EVENT OF LACK OF APPROPRIATIONS.—(a) PAYMENTS REQUIRED.—In any case during fiscal year 1996 in which appropriations are not otherwise available for programs, projects, and activities of the Department of Veterans Affairs, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall nevertheless ensure that—*

*(1) payments of existing veterans benefits are made in accordance with regular procedures*