

conference committee the two Republicans, the gentleman from Georgia (Mr. NORWOOD) and myself, who wrote the bill that passed this House with 275 votes, thus precluding our efforts to try to achieve a compromise to get a strong piece of legislation passed. But we are still available, and we are still working.

I actually am optimistic about the chances of getting true patient protection legislation passed because, as I look at the vote in the Senate, I think we now have 50 supporters plus for the bill that passed this House. I expect that, when that bill comes up again in the Senate after the August recess, we very well may see that the bill that passed the House with 275 votes also passes the Senate, and I am sure the President will sign that.

On the matter of tobacco, I see very little movement in the House even though the gentleman from Michigan (Mr. DINGELL) and I have 95 cosponsors for a bill that would simply allow the FDA the authority to regulate an addicting substance, as I said, not to increase taxes and not to prohibit the substance, but to make sure that those tobacco companies which have marketed and targeted kids 14 and younger cannot get away with that in the future.

Well, I remain optimistic that, as we continue to work on these issues, we will make progress. I sincerely thank all of my colleagues from both sides of the aisle who have shown so much interest in actually achieving true and real reform legislation in both of these areas.

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REPORT ON RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 4865, SOCIAL SECURITY BENEFITS TAX RELIEF ACT OF 2000

Mr. DREIER (during the Special Order of Mr. GANSKE), from the Committee on Rules, submitted a privileged report (Rept. No. 106-795) on the resolution (H. Res. 564) providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 4865) to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the 1993 income tax increase on Social Security benefits, which was referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed.

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The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. GREEN of Wisconsin). Pursuant to clause 12 of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

Accordingly (at 7 o'clock and 39 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. REYNOLDS) at 11 o'clock and 28 minutes p.m.

LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM

Mr. DREIER. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to address the House for 1 minute for the purpose of explaining the schedule for the rest of the evening and tomorrow.

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

There was no objection.

Mr. DREIER. Mr. Speaker, it is our intention to have the House recess until 7 a.m. tomorrow, at which time we hope to file H.R. 4516, the Legislative Branch Appropriations bill conference report. Then, the Committee on Rules hopes to meet at 8:30 a.m., at which time we will consider the rules on both the Legislative Branch conference report for H.R. 4516; the adjournment resolution; and the Child Support Distribution Act, H.R. 4678. At that time, the House, after the filing of those rules, would adjourn, and the House would then convene at 10 a.m. tomorrow and we would consider the bills that I have just mentioned, the 3 measures that I have just mentioned, as well as continue work on the District of Columbia Appropriations bill and H.R. 4865, the Social Security Benefits Tax Relief Act.

Mr. Speaker, that is our intention at this point.

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RECESS

Mr. DREIER. Mr. Speaker, I move that the House recess until 7 a.m. tomorrow, July 27, 2000.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12 of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess until 7 a.m. tomorrow, July 27, 2000.

Accordingly (at 11 o'clock and 30 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess until 7 a.m. on Thursday, July 27, 2000.

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EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 8 of rule XII, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

9375. A letter from the Under Secretary, Food, Nutrition, and Consumer Services, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Food Stamp Program: Recipient Claim Establishment and Collection Standards (RIN 0584-AB88) received July 24, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

9376. A letter from the Small Business Advocacy Chair, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Imidacloprid; Extension of Tolerance for Emergency Exemptions [OPP-301023; FRL-6597-1] (RIN: 2070-AB78) received July 20, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

9377. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting the request and availability of appropriations for the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program of the Department of Health and Human Services; (H. Doc. No. 106-274); to the Committee on Appropriations and ordered to be printed.

9378. A letter from the Chief, Programs and Legislative Division, Office of Legislative Liaison, Air Force, Department of Defense, transmitting notification that the Commander of Anderson Air Force Base (AFB), Guam, has conducted a cost comparison to reduce the cost of the Supply and Transportation function, pursuant to 10 U.S.C. 2461; to the Committee on Armed Services.

9379. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting on behalf of the Secretary of State, the Annual Report on the Panama Canal Treaties, Fiscal Year 1999, pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 3871; to the Committee on Armed Services.

9380. A letter from the Under Secretary, Comptroller, Department of Defense, transmitting a report on the Feasibility Study on Department of Defense Electronic Funds Transfer Process; to the Committee on Armed Services.

9381. A letter from the Akternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense, transmitting the Department's final rule—TRICARE; Civilian Health and Medical Program of the Uniformed Services (CHAMPUS); Nonavailability Statement Requirement for Maternity Care—received July 19, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Armed Services.

9382. A letter from the Secretary of Transportation, transmitting the Sixth Annual Report Required Pursuant to the National Shipbuilding and Shipyard Conversion Act of 1993; to the Committee on Armed Services.

9383. A letter from the Under Secretary for Domestic Finance, Department of the Treasury, transmitting the 1999 Annual Report of the Resolution Funding Corporation, pursuant to Public Law 101-73, section 501(a) (103 Stat. 387); to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services.

9384. A letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting the Report on the Audited Fiscal Years 1999 and 1998 Financial Statements of the United States Mint; to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services.

9385. A letter from the Assistant Secretary, Elementary and Secondary Education, Department of Education, transmitting the Department's final rule—Federal Activities Effective Alternative Strategies: Grant Competition to Reduce Student Suspensions and Expulsions and Ensure Educational Progress of Students who are Suspended or Expelled—received June 7, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

9386. A letter from the Assistant Secretary, Elementary and Secondary Education, Department of Education, transmitting the Department's final rule—Federal Activities Middle School Drug Prevention and School Safety Program Coordinators Grant—received July 7, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

9387. A letter from the Clerk, District of Columbia Circuit, United States Court of Appeals, transmitting two opinions of the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia, concerning: Tax Analysts v. Internal Revenue Service and Christian Broadcast Network, Inc. and Brandon Calloway, et al. v. District of Columbia, et al.; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

9388. A letter from the Director Congressional Relations, Consumer Product Safety Commission, transmitting the Commission's Annual Report for Fiscal Year 1999, pursuant to 15 U.S.C. 2076(j); to the Committee on Commerce.

9389. A letter from the Assistant General Counsel for Regulatory Law, Office of the Environment, Safety & Health, Department