

the funds. The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The conference agreement includes the language in Sec. 333 as proposed by the Senate, and changes the section number to Sec. 332, to amend section 450A of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act relating to emergency and contingency reserve funds. The House bill (Sec. 130) proposed similar language.

The conference agreement includes the language in Sec. 334 as proposed by the Senate related to re-calculating the District's emergency and contingency cash reserve funds, and changes the section number to Sec. 333. The House bill (Sec. 131) proposed similar language.

The conference agreement includes the language in Sec. 132 as proposed by the House, and changes the section number to Sec. 334, to amend language that authorizes expenses associated with the processing of retirement and disability payments. The Senate bill (Sec. 335) proposed similar language.

The conference agreement includes the language in Sec. 133 as proposed by the House, and changes the section number to Sec. 335, to clarify that all funds placed within the charter school fund are appropriated funds for the purpose. The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The conference agreement includes the language in Sec. 134 as proposed by the House, and changes the section number to Sec. 336, to extend authority of the Chief Financial Officer. The Senate bill (Sec. 337) proposed similar language.

The conference agreement includes the language in Sec. 135 as proposed by the House, and changes the section number to Sec. 337, to eliminate certain Federal agency reporting requirements relating to payments to the District of Columbia Water and Sewer Authority. The Senate bill (Sec. 330) proposed similar language.

The conference agreement includes the language in Sec. 336 as proposed by the Senate, and changes the section number to Sec. 338, relating to funding for the operation of the Office of the Inspector General. The House bill (Sec. 138) proposed similar language.

The conference agreement includes the language in Sec. 338 as proposed by the Senate, and changes the section number to Sec. 339, that amends language relating to the Federal payment for incentives for the adoption of children. The House bill contained no similar provision.

The conference agreement includes the language in Sec. 339 as proposed by the Senate, and changes the section number to Sec. 340, to allow the Office of Charter School Financing and Support to use Federal credit enhancement or direct loan funds to provide guarantees for charter schools. The House bill contained no similar provision.

The conference agreement includes the language in Sec. 340 and Sec. 341 as proposed by the Senate, and changes the section numbers to Sec. 341 and Sec. 342, to amend the District of Columbia School Reform Act of 1995 to further support and expand charter schools in the District. The language modifies the process for filing charter school petitions and encourages public schools to convert to charter schools. In addition, the language requires that a public school which converts to a public charter school may retain the facility which it occupied as a public school. The House bill contained no similar provisions.

The conference agreement includes the language in Sec. 342 as proposed by the Senate, and changes the section number to Sec. 343, to clarify the auditing procedures of the District of Columbia Public Charter School

Board and increase oversight and accountability. The House bill contained no similar provision.

The conference agreement modifies the language in Sec. 323 as proposed by the Senate, and changes the section number to Sec. 344 to provide authority for the transfer of certain property in the District of Columbia. The House bill contained no such provision.

The conference agreement includes language in Sec. 345 that changes the amount of Federal funds that may be expended for the Chicago Sanitary and Ship Canal Dispersal Barrier.

The conference agreement includes the language in Sec. 344 as proposed by the Senate, and changes the section number to Sec. 346, to establish a biennial evaluation of the District of Columbia chartering authorities for the District of Columbia public charter schools. The House bill contained no such provision.

The conference agreement includes the language in Sec. 345 as proposed by the Senate, and changes the section number to Sec. 347, to clarify the operations of the Public Charter School Board relating to auditing and contracting and procurement. The House bill contained no such provision.

CONFERENCE TOTAL—WITH COMPARISONS

The total new budget (obligational) authority for the fiscal year 2005 recommended by the Committee of Conference, with comparisons to the fiscal year 2004 amount, the 2005 budget estimates, and the House and Senate bills for 2005 follow:

[In thousands of dollars]

New budget (obligational) authority, fiscal year 2004	\$541,783
Budget estimates of new (obligational) authority, fiscal year 2005	560,359
House bill, fiscal year 2005	560,000
Senate bill, fiscal year 2005	560,000
Conference agreement, fiscal year 2005	560,000
Conference agreement compared with:	
New budget (obligational) authority, fiscal year 2004	+18,217
Budget estimates of new (obligational) authority, fiscal year 2005	-359
House bill, fiscal year 2005	+0
Senate bill, fiscal year 2005	+0

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

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

ORDER OF BUSINESS

Mr. McDERMOTT. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to take my Special Order at this time.

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

There was no objection.

PANDORA'S BOX

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

Mr. McDERMOTT. Mr. Speaker, the Republican ploy is not going to work. Finally, it is out in the open. H.R. 163, which the administration denied for 18 months, that is the national service bill, is not going to go away because the Republicans will it. They opened Pandora's box with this needless door, and they cannot close it, no matter how hard they try.

Finally, the American people are going to get the truth. H.R. 163 is out in the open. The administration denied the existence of the possibility of a draft since the day we proposed it. They refused to face the issue of who would fight and die in the President's war. They ordered the Republican majority to bury 163 alive; refer it to the Department of Defense where it would be placed in solitary confinement forever; lose it in the system, just like they lose human beings in the system in Iraq. But they did not count on the kids, our sons and daughters or nieces and nephews our godchildren and grandchildren. The Republicans did not count on the kids. It started on the Internet blogs. Go look for yourself. We raise smart kids, America. They were the first to see through the administration's rhetoric.

The administration claims we have enough soldiers in Iraq, but they stop-loss soldiers who have survived a year on duty in Iraq, and this administration orders them to stay and fight some more. They claim we have enough soldiers in Iraq, but we call up the ready reserves and order them out to Iraq. They claim they have enough soldiers in Iraq, but they got rid of the general, they retired him, who said it would take 300,000 troops in Iraq.

They get the names and addresses of our high school kids through the PATRIOT Act and send the recruiters on a mission. Yes, America, the PATRIOT Act helps them locate your children. One parent in Seattle called it "outrageous" and "disgraceful." How right he was. The PATRIOT Act. You know, the bill the administration claims it needs to catch the terrorists; but it nets the government the names, addresses, and telephone numbers of your sons and daughters, every single one of them. They not only know where you live, they are coming to have a talk with your kid.

They say they do not need a draft. They sure do not act that way. And