

The Clerk read the Senate concurrent resolution, as follows:

S. CON. RES. 87

*Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives concurring).* That, in the enrollment of the bill (S. 419) to provide surveillance, research, and services aimed at prevention of birth defects, and for other purposes, the Secretary of the Senate shall make the following corrections:

(1) In section 1 of the bill, strike "1997" and insert "1998".

(2) In section 2 of the bill:

(A) In subsection (d) of section 317C of the Public Health Service Act (as proposed to be amended by such section 2) strike "1998" and insert "1999".

(B) In subsection (f) of section 317C of the Public Health Service Act (as proposed to be amended by such section 2) strike "1998" and all that follows through "2001" and insert "1999, \$40,000,000 for fiscal year 2000, and such sums as may be necessary for each of the fiscal years 2001 and 2002".

The Senate concurrent resolution was concurred in.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

#### GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. BILIRAKIS. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks on the legislation just adopted.

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

There was no objection.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. ABERCROMBIE. Mr. Speaker, during Rollcall Vote No. 82 on H.R. 34 I inadvertently recorded my vote as yes when I intended to vote no.

PERMISSION FOR COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND THE WORKFORCE TO HAVE UNTIL 5 P.M. APRIL 20, 1998, TO FILE REPORT ON H.R. 6, HIGHER EDUCATION AMENDMENTS OF 1998

Mr. MCKEON. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Education and the Workforce may have until 5 p.m., April 20, 1998, to file a report on the bill, H.R. 6, the Higher Education Amendments of 1998.

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

There was no objection.

GRANTING MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE PRIVILEGE TO EXTEND THEIR REMARKS IN CONGRESSIONAL RECORD TODAY

Mr. WHITFIELD. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that for today all Members be permitted to extend their remarks and to include extraneous material in that section of the RECORD entitled extension of remarks.

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

There was no objection.

AUTHORIZING THE SPEAKER, MAJORITY LEADER AND MINORITY LEADER TO ACCEPT RESIGNATIONS AND MAKE APPOINTMENTS NOTWITHSTANDING ADJOURNMENT

Mr. WHITFIELD. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that notwithstanding any adjournment of the House until Tuesday, April 21, 1998, the Speaker, Majority Leader and Minority Leader be authorized to accept resignations and to make appointments authorized by law or by the House.

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

There was no objection.

DISPENSING WITH CALENDAR WEDNESDAY BUSINESS ON WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22, 1998

Mr. WHITFIELD. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the business in order under the Calendar Wednesday rule be dispensed with on Wednesday, April 22, 1998.

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

There was no objection.

#### SPECIAL ORDERS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 7, 1997, and under a previous order of the House, the following Members will be recognized for 5 minutes each.

INTRODUCTION OF H.R. 3627, BROWNFIELD COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT ACT

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

Mr. RUSH. Mr. Speaker, I am proud to stand here today to outline the Brownfield Community Empowerment Act, H.R. 3627, which I introduced today along with my colleague the gentlewoman from Oregon (Ms. FURSE).

The Brownfield Community Empowerment Act will provide financial assistance to local governments and citizen organizations. Grants will be given to local governments and local citizens' organizations in the amount of \$100 million for fiscal years 1999 through 2003. Thirty percent of this money will be made directly available to local citizens' organizations.

In addition, my legislation will establish a revolving loan program which will allow local governments to provide money to persons or entities who wish to develop potential Brownfield sites. This revolving loan fund will insure that development continues into the future.

Public housing entities, which have been overlooked when it comes to eco-

omic development, will be able to apply for grants. Twenty-five million dollars will be made available for fiscal years 1999 through 2001. Public housing developments are oftentimes in the most dire need of economic development. As a representative of one of the highest concentrations of public housing residents in the Nation, I feel it is incumbent upon me to address the needs of those who have been overlooked.

Community involvement is also vital to sustaining any community. When it comes to economic development, the need for the input of those who would be most directly effected is even more vital. The Community Empowerment Act will give voice to the citizens of each and every community. It will ensure that meaningful public participation not merely perfunctory gestures will occur. Local citizens' organizations will be given full participation in assessment, remediation and cleanup.

The voices of the masses must not ever be quelled. It is my hope that this legislation will raise those voices to octaves never heard before. This legislation will guarantee the local citizens' organizations will receive 30 percent of the grants.

The reality of life, whether we want to acknowledge it or not, is that those who have the least are often left out in the cold. Environmental justice is yet another principle my legislation will address. Low-income and historically disenfranchised areas will be given priority when it comes to the awarding of grants. In addition, cleanup methods must be cognizant of the needs of certain populations such as the elderly, children and persons with AIDS. Quick fix approaches will not do when it comes to cleaning up our environment. We must invest in the long term. We must invest in everyone's future.

Empowerment zones were once thought to be the vehicle that would restore prosperity to economically stagnant areas. In many communities across this Nation, such has not been the case. I recognize the need for these economically thriving areas. That is why empowerment zones and enterprise communities will be given priority in the awarding of grants. A viable and effective Brownfield program can breathe life into economically wounded communities.

Winston Churchill once said, and I quote:

"Some people regard private enterprise as a predatory tiger to be shot. Others see it as a cow they can milk. Not enough people see it as a healthy horse, pulling a sturdy wagon."

I say let the Brownfield Community Empowerment Program be one of the reins which guides the healthy horse, and let economic revitalization and opportunities be the load of the sturdy wagon.

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

(Mr. BURTON addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extension of Remarks.)

#### INTRODUCING THE TOBACCO PROGRAM ADMINISTRATIVE REFORM ACT OF 1998

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

Mr. LEWIS of Kentucky. Mr. Speaker, over the past year, with all the talk about a global tobacco settlement, tobacco farm families are very worried about their future. Mr. Speaker, I cannot predict at this point whether efforts to craft a settlement will be successful, but if and when the House addresses comprehensive tobacco legislation I will stand ready to ensure that our tobacco farmers are protected. I will stand, and I have listened carefully to my farmers and worked hard to formulate proposals that are fair and reflect their wishes. That may very well mean that we look for ways to provide a transition away from the current way of doing things, provided farmers are compensated in a fair and equitable way.

In the meantime, though, we have a responsibility to ensure the continuation of the tobacco program that our farmers have relied on for so many years. Some have suggested that the taxpayer subsidizes the Federal tobacco program. I strongly disagree, because the budget deficit assessment paid by the tobacco growers and companies more than offsets the costs incurred by the USDA in the operation of the tobacco program, and we know what the tobacco taxes contribute to the coffers of the Federal Treasury.

However, Mr. Speaker, to address these arguments I am introducing the Tobacco Program Administrative Reform Act of 1998. My proposed legislation will require current Federal expenditures for tobacco crop insurance, extension services, and the administration of the price support and quota programs to be funded by additional assessments on tobacco product manufacturers and importers.

So let me be very clear, Mr. Speaker, we may very well need to think about a new direction for our tobacco farmers beyond the status quo. But there should be no confusion that the tobacco program has served our farmers ably, and for many rural counties it is the life blood of their economies. In the absence of comprehensive tobacco legislation, we must take every step to protect our farmers by maintaining the current tobacco program.

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

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

#### APPOINTMENT OF CONFEREES ON H.R. 2400, BUILDING EFFICIENT SURFACE TRANSPORTATION AND EQUITY ACT OF 1998

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, and pursuant to the order of the House today, the Chair appoints the following conferees on H.R. 2400, effective upon receipt of the proper message from the Senate:

For consideration of the House bill (except title XI) and the Senate amendment (except title VI), and modifications committed to conference:

Messrs. SHUSTER,  
YOUNG of Alaska,  
PETRI,  
BOEHLERT,  
KIM,  
HORN,  
Mrs. FOWLER, and  
Messrs. BAKER,  
NEY,  
METCALF,  
OBERSTAR,  
RAHALL,  
BORSKI,  
LIPINSKI,  
WISE,  
CLYBURN,  
FILNER and  
MCGOVERN.

There was no objection.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will announce the appointment of additional conferees at a subsequent time.

#### MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A message from the Senate by Mr. Lundregan, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate had passed without amendment a concurrent resolution of the House of the following title:

H. Con. Res. 257. Concurrent Resolution providing for an Adjournment of both Houses.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Maryland (Mrs. MORELLA) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mrs. MORELLA addressed the House. Her remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

#### HONORING KENTUCKY COACH ORLANDO "TUBBY" SMITH

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

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the University of Kentucky's men's basketball coach Orlando "Tubby" Smith. Let me first point out my allegiance continues to be to the Terrapins of the University of Maryland, as I am sure our Speaker pro tempore's does to the University of Kansas, Roy Williams. But I wanted to take this opportunity to comment on how proud I am of the accomplish-

ments of Tubby Smith in taking the Wildcats of Kentucky to victory and winning Monday's NCAA National Championship in San Antonio, Texas.

Mr. Speaker, I want all of my colleagues to know, particularly the good gentleman from Kentucky, that Tubby Smith comes from my district, Scotland, Maryland, a rural area near Point Lookout where the Chesapeake Bay meets the Potomac River. This community, as you could imagine, now bursts with pride for its native son Tubby Smith, and I am proud to join them in saluting the accomplishments of this distinguished resident.

Tubby Smith was born to Mr. and Mrs. Guffrie and Parthenia Smith 46 years ago, as the 6th eldest child of 17 on a tenant farm in St. Mary's County, Maryland. Guffrie Smith, Sr. held 3 jobs, driving school buses, cutting hair, and firing boilers at the Patuxent River Naval Air Station, to support his family. He and his wife still live today in the five-bedroom home he built on five acres in St. Mary's County.

As to Tubby Smith, after scoring over 3,000 points for the Great Mills High School basketball team, Tubby attended High Point College in North Carolina on a scholarship.

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He began his coaching career at his alma mater, Great Mills High School, in 1973, and then worked stints as an assistant coach at Virginia Commonwealth and South Carolina. Smith then served under the leadership of Coach Rick Pitino from 1989 to 1991 as an assistant coach at Kentucky University.

His first collegiate head coaching job was with Tulsa University, combining a record of 79-43, while making two NCAA appearances in the Sweet 16. From there, Mr. Speaker, he became the first Georgia State coach to record back-to-back 20 victory seasons.

Then, in May 1997, he was named to replace the legendary Rick Pitino as the head coach of one of the most successful NCAA basketball programs in the country at the University of Kentucky.

Kentucky's Athletic Director Newton learned what Tubby's family and friends also knew, that Tubby would be respected for his outstanding coaching rather than simply as the program's first African-American coach.

In Saint Mary's County, those who know the Smith family are not at all surprised by Tubby's extraordinary accomplishments. They will tell you a heartwarming story of an incredible mother and father who have raised 17 great citizens, who were taught hard work, discipline and the value of good education.

Tubby's accomplishments remind me of the words spoken by Booker T. Washington, who said, "I have learned that success is to be measured not so much by the position one reached in life as by the obstacles which he has overcome while trying to succeed."

Mr. Speaker, it is a privilege to share with you some of the pride that the