

591. A letter from the Acting Director, Defense Security Assistance Agency, transmitting notification concerning the Department of the Army's proposed Letter(s) of Offer and Acceptance [LOA] to Germany for defense articles and services (Transmittal No. 95-12), pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2776(b); to the Committee on International Relations.

592. A letter from the Acting Director, Defense Security Assistance Agency, transmitting notification concerning the Department of the Army's proposed Letter(s) of Offer and Acceptance [LOA] to Turkey for defense articles and services (Transmittal No. 95-09), pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2776(b); to the Committee on International Relations.

593. A letter from the Deputy Director, Defense Security Assistance Agency, transmitting the Department of the Army's proposed lease of defense articles to Jordan (Transmittal No. 14-95), pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2796a(a); to the Committee on International Relations.

594. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting a copy of Presidential Determination No. 95-16, authorizing the furnishing of assistance from the emergency refugee and migration assistance fund to meet the urgent needs of refugees in Chechnya, pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2601(c)(3); to the Committee on International Relations.

595. A letter from the Acting General Counsel, U.S. Arms Control and Disarmament Agency, transmitting copies of the English and Russian texts of five implementing agreements negotiated by the Joint Compliance and Inspection Commission [JCIC]; to the Committee on International Relations.

596. A letter from the Secretary, Department of the Treasury, transmitting a financial report on the Department of the Treasury forfeiture fund, pursuant to Public Law 102-393, section 638(b)(1) (106 Stat. 1783); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

597. A letter from the Administrator, National Aeronautics and Space Administration, transmitting a report that during calendar year 1994, the NASA Contract Adjustment Board did not meet to consider any cases and granted no requests for extraordinary contractual relief under Public Law 85-804, pursuant to 50 U.S.C. 1434; to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

598. A letter from the Deputy Director, General Services Administration, transmitting a Federal courthouse construction program; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

599. A letter from the Director, National Science Foundation, transmitting a draft of proposed legislation entitled, "National Science Foundation Authorization Act for Fiscal Years 1996 and 1997," pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 1110; to the Committee on Science.

¶49.3 WELFARE REFORM

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. DICKEY, pursuant to House Resolution 119 and rule XXIII, declared the House resolved into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union for the further consideration of the bill (H.R. 4) to restore the American family, reduce illegitimacy, control welfare spending, and reduce welfare dependence.

Mr. LINDER, Chairman of the Committee of the Whole, resumed the chair; and after some time spent therein,

¶49.4 RECORDED VOTE

A recorded vote by electronic device was ordered in the Committee of the

Whole on the following amendment submitted by Mr. MORAN:

Page 170, after line 12, insert the following new section:

SEC. 442. PREFERENCE FOR FEDERAL HOUSING BENEFITS FOR FAMILIES PARTICIPATING IN WELFARE ASSISTANCE WORK PROGRAMS.

Section 2 of the United States Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437) is amended—

(1) by striking the section heading and inserting the following new section heading:

“DECLARATION OF POLICY AND PREFERENCE FOR ASSISTANCE”;

(2) by inserting “(a) DECLARATION OF POLICY.—” after “SEC. 2”; and

(3) by adding at the end the following new subsection:

“(b) PREFERENCE FOR FAMILIES PARTICIPATING IN WELFARE ASSISTANCE WORK PROGRAMS.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—In selecting eligible families for available dwelling units in public housing and for available assistance under section 8, each public housing agency shall give preference to any family who, at the time that such occupancy or assistance is initially provided for the family—

“(A)(i) is participating in a work or job training program that is a condition for the receipt of welfare or public assistance benefits for which the family is otherwise eligible, or (ii) is eligible for and has agreed to participate in such a program as a condition for receipt of such assistance; and

“(B) has agreed, as the Secretary shall require, to maintain and complete such participation and to occupancy or assistance subject to the limitations under paragraph (3).

“(2) PRECEDENCE OVER OTHER FEDERAL AND LOCAL PREFERENCES.—Occupancy in public housing dwelling units and assistance under section 8 shall be made available to eligible families qualifying for the preference under paragraph (1) before such occupancy or assistance is made available pursuant to any preference under section 6(c)(4)(A) or 8(d)(1)(A), respectively.

“(3) 5-YEAR LIMITATION ON ASSISTANCE.—Notwithstanding any other provision of this Act, the occupancy of any family in public housing or the provision of assistance under section 8, pursuant to the preference under paragraph (1), shall be terminated upon the expiration of the 5-year period that begins upon the initial provision of such occupancy or assistance to the family.

“(4) FAILURE TO PARTICIPATE.—If the applicable public housing agency determines that any family who is provided occupancy in public housing or assistance under section 8, pursuant to the preference under paragraph (1), has ceased participating in the program referred to in paragraph (1)(A) before completion of the program or failed substantially to comply with the requirements of the program, such cessation or failure shall be considered adequate cause for the termination of the tenancy or the assistance for the family and the public housing agency shall immediately take action to terminate the tenancy of such family in public housing or the provision of assistance under section 8 on behalf of family, as applicable.

“(5) LIMITATION ON AVAILABILITY OF PREFERENCE.—The preference under paragraph (1) shall not apply to any family that includes a member who—

“(A) has occupied a public housing dwelling unit or received assistance under section 8 as a member of a family provided preference pursuant to paragraph (1), which occupancy or assistance has been terminated pursuant to paragraph (3), or (4); and

“(B) was personally required to participate in the program referred to in paragraph (1)(A).”.

It was decided in the { Yeas 35
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Cooley	Lincoln	Roth
Cramer	McCrery	Souder
Davis	Montgomery	Stenholm
Deal	Moran	Tanner
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Abercrombie	Cubin	Hancock
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Allard	Danner	Hastert
Andrews	de la Garza	Hastings (FL)
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Barrett (WI)	Dixon	Hobson
Bartlett	Doggett	Hoekstra
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Bass	Doolittle	Holden
Bateman	Dornan	Horn
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Bentsen	Dreier	Houghton
Bereuter	Duncan	Hoyer
Berman	Dunn	Hunter
Bevill	Durbin	Hutchinson
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Bonilla	Evans	Johnson (SD)
Bonior	Everett	Johnson, E. B.
Bono	Ewing	Johnson, Sam
Borski	Farr	Johnston
Boucher	Fattah	Jones
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Browder	Fazio	Kaptur
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Brown (FL)	Fields (TX)	Kelly
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Buyer	Ford	Kingston
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Calvert	Fox	Klug
Camp	Frank (MA)	Knollenberg
Canady	Franks (CT)	Kolbe
Cardin	Franks (NJ)	LaFalce
Castle	Frelinghuysen	LaHood
Chabot	Frisa	Lantos
Chambliss	Frost	Largent
Chapman	Funderburk	Latham
Chenoweth	Furse	LaTourette
Christensen	Galleghy	Laughlin
Chrysler	Ganske	Lazio
Clayton	Gejdenson	Leach
Clement	Gekas	Levin
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Clyburn	Gibbons	Lewis (GA)
Coble	Gilchrest	Lewis (KY)
Coburn	Gillmor	Lightfoot
Coleman	Gonzalez	Linder
Collins (GA)	Goodlatte	Lipinski
Collins (IL)	Goodling	Livingston
Collins (MI)	Gordon	LoBiondo
Combest	Goss	Loftgren
Conyers	Graham	Longley
Costello	Greenwood	Lowe
Cox	Gunderson	Lucas
Coyne	Gutierrez	Luther
Crane	Gutknecht	Maloney
Crapo	Hall (OH)	Manton
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Markey	Porter	Stockman
Martinez	Portman	Stokes
Martini	Poshard	Studds
Mascara	Pryce	Stump
Matsui	Quillen	Stupak
McCarthy	Quinn	Talent
McColum	Radanovich	Tate
McDade	Rahall	Tauzin
McDermott	Ramstad	Taylor (MS)
McHale	Rangel	Taylor (NC)
McHugh	Reed	Tejeda
McInnis	Regula	Thomas
McIntosh	Reynolds	Thompson
McKeon	Richardson	Thornberry
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McNulty	Rivers	Tiahrt
Meehan	Roberts	Torkildsen
Meek	Roemer	Torres
Menendez	Rogers	Torricelli
Metcalfe	Rohrabacher	Towns
Meyers	Ros-Lehtinen	Trafiacant
Mfume	Rose	Tucker
Mica	Roybal-Allard	Upton
Miller (CA)	Royce	Velazquez
Miller (FL)	Rush	Vento
Mineta	Sabo	Visclosky
Minge	Sanders	Volkmer
Mink	Sanford	Vucanovich
Moakley	Sawyer	Waldholtz
Molinari	Saxton	Walker
Mollohan	Scarborough	Walsh
Moorhead	Schaefer	Wamp
Morella	Schiff	Ward
Murtha	Schroeder	Waters
Nadler	Schumer	Watt (NC)
Neal	Scott	Watts (OK)
Nethercutt	Seastrand	Waxman
Neumann	Sensenbrenner	Weldon (FL)
Ney	Serrano	Weldon (PA)
Nussle	Shadegg	Weller
Oberstar	Shaw	White
Obey	Shays	Whitfield
Olver	Shuster	Wicker
Ortiz	Sisisky	Williams
Owens	Skaggs	Wilson
Oxley	Skeen	Wise
Packard	Skelton	Wolf
Pallone	Slaughter	Woolsey
Paxon	Smith (MI)	Wyden
Payne (NJ)	Smith (NJ)	Wynn
Peterson (FL)	Smith (TX)	Yates
Peterson (MN)	Solomon	Young (AK)
Petri	Spence	Young (FL)
Pickett	Spratt	Zeliff
Pombo	Stark	Zimmer
Pomeroy	Stearns	

NOT VOTING—4

Clay	Salmon
Roukema	Smith (WA)

So the amendment was not agreed to. After some further time,

49.6 RECORDED VOTE

A recorded vote by electronic device was ordered in the Committee of the Whole on the following amendment submitted by Mr. HOSTETTLER:

In title V of the bill, strike subtitle B and insert the following:

Subtitle B—Consolidating Food Assistance Programs**SEC. 531. FOOD STAMP BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM.**

(a) **AUTHORITY TO MAKE BLOCK GRANTS.**—The Secretary of Agriculture shall make grants in accordance with this section to States to provide food assistance to individuals who are economically disadvantaged and to individuals who are members of economically disadvantaged families.

(b) **DISTRIBUTION OF FUNDS.**—The funds appropriated to carry out this section for any fiscal year shall be allotted among the States as follows:

(1) Of the aggregate amount to be distributed under this section, .21 percent shall be reserved for grants to Guam, the Virgin Islands of the United States, American Samoa, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, the Republic of the Marshall Islands, the Federated States of Micronesia, and Palau.

(2) Of the aggregate amount to be distributed under this section, .24 percent shall be

reserved for grants to tribal organizations that have governmental jurisdiction over geographically defined areas and shall be allocated equitably by the Secretary among such organizations.

(3) The remainder of such aggregate amount shall be allocated among the remaining States. The amount allocated to each of the remaining States shall bear the same proportion to such remainder as the number of resident individuals in such State who are economically disadvantaged separately or as members of economically disadvantaged families bears to the aggregate number of resident individuals in all such remaining States who are economically disadvantaged separately or as members of economically disadvantaged families.

(c) **ELIGIBILITY TO RECEIVE GRANTS.**—To be eligible to receive a grant in the amount allotted to a State for a fiscal year, such State shall submit to the Secretary an application in such form, and containing such information and assurances, as the Secretary may require by rule, including—

(1) an assurance that such grant will be expended by the State to provide food assistance to resident individuals in such State who are economically disadvantaged separately or as members of economically disadvantaged families,

(2) an assurance that not more than 5 percent of such grant will be expended by the State for administrative costs incurred to provide assistance under this section, and

(3) an assurance that an individual who has not worked 32 hours in a calendar month shall be ineligible to receive food assistance under this subtitle during the succeeding month unless such individual is—

(A) disabled,

(B) has attained 60 years of age, or

(C) residing with one or more of such individual's children who have not attained 18 years of age, but is not residing with any other parent of any of such children, unless that other parent is disabled.

(d) **ANNUAL REPORT.**—Each State that receives funds appropriated to carry out this section for a fiscal year shall submit the Secretary, not later than May 1 following such fiscal year, a report—

(1) specifying the number of families who received food assistance under this section provided by such State in such fiscal year;

(2) specifying the number of individuals who received food assistance under this section provided by such State in such fiscal year;

(3) the amount of such funds expended in such fiscal year by such State to provide food assistance; and

(4) the administrative costs incurred in such fiscal year by such State to provide food assistance.

(e) **LIMITATION.**—No State or political subdivision of a State that receives funds provided under this title shall replace any employed worker with an individual who is participating in a work program for the purpose of complying with subsection (c)(3). Such an individual may be placed in any position offered by the State or political subdivision that—

(A) is a new position,

(B) is a position that became available in the normal course of conducting the business of the State or political subdivision,

(C) involves performing work that would otherwise be performed on an overtime basis by a worker who is not an individual participating in such program, or

(D) that is a position which became available by shifting a current employee to an alternate position.

(f) **AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**—(1) There are authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section \$26,245,000,000 for each

of the fiscal years 1996, 1997, 1998, 1999, and 2000.

(2) For the purpose of affording adequate notice of funding available under this section, an appropriation to carry out this section is authorized to be included in an appropriation Act for the fiscal year preceding the fiscal year for which such appropriation is available for obligation.

SEC. 532. AVAILABILITY OF FEDERAL COUPON SYSTEM TO STATES.

(a) **ISSUANCE, PURCHASE, AND USE OF COUPONS.**—The Secretary shall issue, and make available for purchase by States, coupons for the retail purchase of food from retail food stores that are approved in accordance with subsection (b). Coupons issued, purchased, and used as provided in this section shall be redeemable at face value by the Secretary through the facilities of the Treasury of the United States. The purchase price of each coupon issued under this subsection shall be the face value of such coupon.

(b) **APPROVAL OF RETAIL FOOD STORES AND WHOLESALE FOOD CONCERNS.**—(1) Regulations issued pursuant to this section shall provide for the submission of applications for approval by retail food stores and wholesale food concerns which desire to be authorized to accept and redeem coupons under this section. In determining the qualifications of applicants, there shall be considered among such other factors as may be appropriate, the following:

(A) The nature and extent of the food business conducted by the applicant.

(B) The volume of coupon business which may reasonably be expected to be conducted by the applicant food store or wholesale food concern.

(C) The business integrity and reputation of the applicant.

Approval of an applicant shall be evidenced by the issuance to such applicant of a non-transferable certificate of approval. The Secretary is authorized to issue regulations providing for a periodic reauthorization of retail food stores and wholesale food concerns.

(2) A buyer or transferee (other than a bona fide buyer or transferee) of a retail food store or wholesale food concern that has been disqualified under subsection (d) may not accept or redeem coupons until the Secretary receives full payment of any penalty imposed on such store or concern.

(3) Regulations issued pursuant to this section shall require an applicant retail food store or wholesale food concern to submit information which will permit a determination to be made as to whether such applicant qualifies, or continues to qualify, for approval under this section or the regulations issued pursuant to this section. Regulations issued pursuant to this section shall provide for safeguards which limit the use or disclosure of information obtained under the authority granted by this subsection to purposes directly connected with administration and enforcement of this section or the regulations issued pursuant to this section, except that such information may be disclosed to and used by States that purchase such coupons.

(4) Any retail food store or wholesale food concern which has failed upon application to receive approval to participate in the program under this section may obtain a hearing on such refusal as provided in subsection (f).

(c) **REDEMPTION OF COUPONS.**—Regulations issued under this section shall provide for the redemption of coupons accepted by retail food stores through approved wholesale food concerns or through financial institutions which are insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, or which are insured under the Federal Credit Union Act (12 U.S.C. 1751 et seq.) and have retail food stores or wholesale food concerns in their