Texas [Mr. ARMEY] the distinguished majority leader, I hate to forecast votes, but my suspicion is that the conference report on Medicare Select would pass. I think that everything that has been said on it, I believe, it has an hour of debate. And our champion, the gentleman from Michigan (Mr. DOLEK) is ready to go. And I might respectfully suggest that we could accomplish some work if the gentleman wanted to begin with that point.

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, I appreciate the gentleman’s consideration. As soon as we are able to be confident that we are fully capable of moving forward on that bill, assuming no complications with respect to the rescission matter, we will do so.

But I must caution the gentleman, we have seen a great penchant in the last day or so for people to continue talking on after it has been clear that all that needs to be said has been said. So we ought not be too optimistic about time.

Mr. ROEMER. Mr. Speaker, will the gentleman yield?

Mr. ARMEY. I yield to the gentleman from Indiana.

Mr. ROEMER. Mr. Speaker, could the majority leader enlighten us a little bit about what the negotiations are about and what the sticking points might be or where there has been agreement, whether that has been on housing or national service or the timber program? Could he give us a little bit more information?

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, I appreciate the inquiry, but no, I could not enlighten the gentleman.

Mr. ROEMER. Mr. Speaker, would the majority leader attempt to enlighten us, then, would this delay affect our time to get out of town tomorrow at 3 o’clock at all?

Mr. ARMEY. If, in fact we have difficulty getting out of town at the appointed time tomorrow, this delay will be the least of the reason for that difficulty.

Mr. ROEMER. Finally, Mr. Speaker, for the majority leader, does he expect us, then, to continue these all-night sessions when we get back after the July work period or what can we expect with the schedule?

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, I think the gentleman from Indiana might be able to enlighten us and understand that better. I do intend to complete the people’s work. It would by my hope and my intention to do so as cordially and as conveniently and as quickly as possible.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore [Mr. INGLIS of South Carolina]. Pursuant to clause 12 of rule I, the House will stand in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

Accordingly (at 6 o’clock and 55 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess subject to the call of the Chair.
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LAND ACQUISITION AND STATE ASSISTANCE
(RECISISON)

Of the funds available under this heading in Public Law 106-322 and any unobligated balances from funds appropriated under this heading in prior years, $1,864,000 are rescinded.

MINERALS MANAGEMENT SERVICE
ROyalty and Offshore Minerals Management
(RECISIoN)

Of the funds available under this heading in Public Law 106-322, $514,000 are rescinded.

SOUTHERN INDIAN AFFAIRS
OPERATION OF INDIAN PROGRAMS
(RECISIoN)

Of the funds available under this heading in Public Law 106-332, $2,000,000 are rescinded.

INDIAN DIRECT LOAN PROGRAM ACCOUNT
(RECISIoN)

Of the funds available under this heading in Public Law 106-332, $1,700,000 are rescinded.

TERRITORIAL AND INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS
ADMINISTRATION OF TERRITORIES
(RECISIoN)

Of the funds available under this heading in Public Law 106-322, $1,988,000 are rescinded.

TRUST TERRITORY OF THE PACIFIC ISLANDS
(RECISIoN)

Of the funds available under this heading in Public Law 106-322, $2,000,000 are rescinded.

COMPACT OF FREE ASSOCIATION
(RECISIoN)

Of the funds available under this heading in Public Law 106-322, $3,000,000 are rescinded.

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
FOREST SERVICE
FOREST RESEARCH
(RECISIoN)

Of the funds available under this heading in Public Law 106-322, $2,000,000 are rescinded.

STATE AND PRIVATE FORESTRY
(RECISIoN)

Of the funds available under this heading in Public Law 106-322, $3,000,000 are rescinded.

INTERNATIONAL FORESTRY
(RECISIoN)

Of the funds available under this heading in Public Law 106-322, $4,000,000 are rescinded.

NATIONAL FOREST SYSTEM
(RECISIoN)

Of the funds available under this heading in Public Law 106-822, $2,000,000 are rescinded.

CONSTRUCTION
(RECISIoN)

Of the funds available under this heading in Public Law 106-322, $1,900,000 are rescinded.

OTHER RELATED AGENCIES
SOUTHWESTERN WATER RESOURCES
(RECISIoN)

Of the funds available under this heading in Public Law 106-322, $2,000,000 are rescinded.

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE
CONSTRUCTION
(RECISIoN)

Of the funds available under this heading in Public Law 106-322 and Public Law 106-323, $14,549,000 are rescinded.

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE
CONSTRUCTION
(RECISIoN)

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NATIONAL PARK SERVICE
CONSTRUCTION
(RECISIoN)

Of the funds available under this heading in Public Law 106-322 and Public Law 106-323, $20,386,000 are rescinded.

URBAN PARK AND RECREATION FUND
(RECISIoN)

Of the funds available under this heading in Public Law 106-322, $7,460,000 are rescinded.

Of the funds available under this heading in Public Law 106-322, $6,972,000 are rescinded.

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Land acquisition (Recission)

Of the funds available under this heading in Public Law 106-322 and Public Law 106-323, $2,000,000 are rescinded and inserting in lieu thereof '1996'.

Land acquisition (Recission)

Of the funds available under this heading in Public Law 106-322 and Public Law 106-323, $2,000,000 are rescinded.

Energy conservation (Recission)

Of the funds available under this heading in Public Law 106-322 and Public Law 106-323, $2,000,000 are rescinded.

Indian education (Recission)

Of the funds available under this heading in Public Law 106-322, $2,000,000 are rescinded.

Repairs, restoration and renovation of buildings (Recission)

Of the funds available under this heading in Public Law 106-322, $407,000 are rescinded.

John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts
Construction (Recission)

Of the funds available under this heading in Public Law 106-322, $2,000,000 are rescinded.

Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars
Salaries and expenses (Recission)

Of the funds available under this heading in Public Law 106-322, $2,000,000 are rescinded.

National Endowment for the Arts
Grants and administration (Recission)

Of the funds available under this heading in Public Law 106-322, $2,000,000 are rescinded.
public trust that has the city of Oklahoma City as its beneficiary and is designated by the city as a public and private trust. Any such disposal shall not be subject to—

(1) the Public Buildings Act of 1969 (40 U.S.C. 60 et seq.);
(2) the Federal Property and Administrative Services Act of 1949 (40 U.S.C. 471 et seq.); or
(3) any other federal law establishing requirements or procedures for the disposal of Federal property.

Provided, That these funds shall not be available for expenses in connection with the construction, repair, alteration, or acquisition project described in paragraph (1), if required by the Public Buildings Act of 1969, or if the required funds have not been approved, except that necessary funds may be expended for required expenses in connection with the development of a proposed Congressionally authorized project and the expenditure of any additional amounts, to remain available until expended and to be deposited into the Federal Buildings Fund, for emergency expenses resulting from the bombing of the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building in Oklahoma City; for “Construction”, Oklahoma City, Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building, through September 30, 1996; for “Repair, Alteration, or Acquisition Project Related to Minor Repairs and Alterations” $3,300,000; for “Rental of Space”, $5,300,000, to be used to lease, furnish, and equip replacement space; and for “Public Works”, $12,300,000; provided further, That the entire amount is designated by Congress as an emergency requirement pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(D)(i) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985, as amended.

INDEPENDENT AGENCIES
FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY
SALARIES AND EXPENSES

For an additional amount for “Salaries and Expenses”, the following shall be increased:

1. Federal, State and local preparedness for mitigating and responding to the consequences of terrorism: Provided, That the entire amount is designated by Congress as an emergency requirement pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(D)(i) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985, as amended.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PLANNING AND ASSISTANCE

For an additional amount for “Emergency Management Planning and Assistance”, $3,677,000, to be used to address Federal, State and local preparedness for mitigating and responding to the consequences of terrorism: Provided, That the entire amount is designated by Congress as an emergency requirement pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(D)(i) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985, as amended.

COMMUNITY PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GRANTS

For an additional amount for “Community Development Grants” I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, $39,000,000, to remain available until expended to assist property and victims of the bombing of the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building in Oklahoma City on April 19, 1995, primarily in the area bounded on the north by North Robinson Street, on the south by the Oklahoma Avenue, and on the west by Southwest Avenue.

Mr. LIVINGSTON. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. LIVINGSTON. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to bring to the House the emergency supplemental and rescissions bill, H.R. 144.

As all Members know, the President vetoed H.R. 1158. This bill is a replacement version of H.R. 1158, and makes some changes to H.R. 1158 that will cause this new bill to be signed once congressional action is completed. This bill gives the President the opportunity again to take a first small step toward balancing the budget.

Since the veto, negotiations have been occurring to determine what changes might be made to gain the President’s approval and yet be acceptable to the Congress. Finding common ground in these negotiations has proven extraordinarily difficult. But I am here to tell you that with the changes I will propose in an amendment following my statement, the President will sign this bill.

After 3 weeks, we reached a stage in the negotiations where I felt we had to move if we were to have any chance of moving for an emergency supplemental and rescissions bill. We have gone a long way to meeting the President’s concerns to the extent we have been able to identify them.

Mr. Speaker, this bill includes important supplemental appropriations for disaster assistance, $5.55 billion, mostly for the Los Angeles earthquake, but also for some recent flood and fire disasters; $14.4 million for the Oklahoma City recovery; $145.1 million for antiterrorism initiatives and enhanced security; and $275 million as requested by the President for debt relief for Jordan.

These appropriations are more than fully offset so that the bill nets out to over $9.126 billion in savings because of rescissions of over $16.3 billion. That is, we cut $16.3 billion, we spend about $7.2 billion, and we have over $9.1 billion in savings.

Mr. Speaker, this bill includes decreased rescissions, or lowered cuts, from H.R. 1158 for Adult Job Training, School-to-Work, Goals 2000, Safe and Drug-Free Schools, Drug Courts, the FACES program or the Correctional School program of HHS, the TRIO program, the Child Care block Grant program, Housing for People with AIDS, National and Community Service, Safe Drinking Water, and Community Development.

It also provides a new appropriation for additional urban redevelopment in Oklahoma City needed as a result of the terrorist attack.

Mr. Speaker, all of these additions, or increased rescissions, have been requested by the administration and are being placed in the bill as a result of the administration’s requests.

Mr. Speaker, the bill includes increased rescissions from H.R. 1158 levels for GSA’s energy program, for GSA’s Central Manufacturing program, for the Assisted Housing (section 202) program, for NASA Challenger funds, and for NASA research and development. It also includes new rescissions for the Congregate Services, for travel and administrative expenses from all Federal agencies, and makes some minor changes to the salvage timber program.

The cuts in Federal travel and administrative expenses and the reduction in the FEMA disaster supplemental appropriation were proposed by the administration that supports the other changes as well.

Overall, the changes to this bill compared to H.R. 1158 are $772 million in increases and $794 million in decreases. That is, $772 million in increased
spending, and $794 million in decreased spending. This nets out to a further reduction of $22 million in savings over and above the $9.1 billion that was saved in the earlier bill.

In implementing the provisions of this bill, we expect the administration to use the guidance included in the Joint Explanatory Statement of the Committee of Conference on the Conference Report on H.R. 1158, House Report 104-124.

Mr. Speaker, we need to pass the bill quickly. The enactment of this bill is crucial, and I repeat, crucial to the orderly development of the fiscal year 1996 appropriations bills. Without the savings included in this bill, next year’s bills will have to be cut over $3 billion more in order to meet the allocations in the budget resolution that we have just adopted.

The $3 billion would have to come in large measure from the programs that the President was trying to protect when he vetoed H.R. 1158. When you are trying to balance the budget, as the President is now on board saying he wishes to do, you have to make difficult choices. You cannot have it both ways. If you protect programs this year, then you have to increase the level of cuts that you have to make in those same programs or in other programs the next year.

This bill compared to H.R. 1158 represents a balance of differing viewpoints. It restores funding for some programs this year that the President cares about, yet it provides enough savings so that we will not have to drastically cut similar programs next year. If we reduce the savings in this bill further by restoring more funding or if the bill is vetoed, then we have to increase the cuts that we have to make in these same programs next year. It is just that simple.

This is the very first real step that we can take in achieving a balanced budget. There will not be another change in fiscal year 1995. This is it, so let’s adopt this bill and take the first step on the long road of getting our fiscal house in order.

At this point in the RECORD I would like to insert a table showing the details of this bill including the affect of the amendment I will be offering.