PERMISSION FOR CONFERENCES TO FILE CONFERENCE REPORT ON H.R. 11510

Mr. HOLIFIELD. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the House resolution be included in the record of the proceedings on H.R. 11510 to create an Energy Research and Development Administration, be given until midnight tonight to file a conference report.

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

There was no objection.

CONFERENCE REPORT (H. Rept. No. 93-1445)

The committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendments of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 11510) to reorganize and consolidate certain functions of the Federal Government in a new Energy Research and Development Administration and in a Nuclear Energy Commission in order to promote more efficient management of such functions, having met, after full and free conference, have agreed to recommend and do recommend to their respective Houses as follows:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendments of the Senate to the text of the bill and agree to the same with an amendment as follows: In lieu of the matter proposed to be struck out by the Senate amendment insert the following:

SHORT TITLE

SECTION 1. This Act may be cited as the "Energy Reorganization Act of 1974".

DECLARATION OF PURPOSE

SEC. 2. The Congress hereby declares that the general welfare and the common defense and security require effective action to develop, and increase the efficiency and reliability of use of energy sources, to meet the needs of present and future generations, to increase the productivity of the national economy, and strengthen its position in regard to international trade, to make the Nation self-sufficient in energy, to advance the goals of restoring, protecting, and enhancing environmental quality, and to assure public health and safety.

(b) The Congress finds that, to best achieve these objectives, improve Government operations, and assure the coordinated and effective development of all energy sources, it is necessary to establish an Energy Research and Development Administration to bring together and direct Federal activities relating to research and development on the various sources of energy, to increase the efficiency and reliability in the use of energy, to determine the priority of other energy sources, to include, but not limited to, the Atomic Energy Commission's military and production activities and its general basic research and development activities and to achieve these objectives, the Congress intends that the new energy research and development administration be developed consistent with warranted priorities.

(c) The Congress finds that it is in the public interest that the design and regulatory functions of the Atomic Energy Commission be separated from the performance of the Commission, and that this separation be effected in an orderly manner, pursuant to this Act, assuring adequacy of technical and other resources necessary for the performance of each.

(d) The Congress declares that it is in the public interest and the policy of Congress that the small business concerns be given a reasonable opportunity to participate, insofar as is possible, fairly and equitably in grants, contracts, purchases, and other Federal activities relating to research, development, and demonstration of sources of energy efficiency, and utilization and conservation of energy. In carrying out this policy, to the extent practicable, the Administrator shall consult with the Administrator of the Small Business Administration.

(e) Determination of priorities which are warranted should be based on such considerations as power-related values of an energy source, preservation of material resources, reduction of pollutants, export market potential (including reduction of imports), among others. On such a basis, energy sources warranting priority might include, but not be limited to, the various methods of utilizing solar energy.

TITLE I—ENERGY RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATION

ESTABLISHMENT

SEC. 101. There is hereby established an independent agency to be known as the Energy Research and Development Administration (hereinafter in this Act referred to as "the Administration")

OFFICERS

SEC. 102. (a) There shall be at the head of the Administration an Administrator of Energy Research and Development (hereinafter in this Act referred to as the "Administrator")

(b) There shall be in the Administration a Deputy Administrator, who shall be appointed by the President, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate.

(c) The President shall appoint the Administrator and Deputy Administrator from among individuals who, by reason of their knowledge, experience, and qualifications, are especially qualified to manage the energy technology area assigned to each Assistant Administrator.

(d) There shall be in the Administration a General Counsel who shall be appointed by the Administrator and who shall serve at the pleasure of and be removable by the Administrator.

(f) There shall be in the Administration not more than eight additional officers appointed by the Administrator. The positions of such officers shall be considered more permanent positions and be subject to subsection 161d. of the Atomic Energy Act.

(g) The Division of Military Application shall be under the direction of a Director of Military Application, who shall be appointed by the Administrator, and who shall serve at the pleasure of and be removable by the Administrator.

(h) Officers appointed pursuant to this section shall perform such functions as the Administrator shall specify from time to time. The Administrator shall assign to one such officer the special responsibility for international cooperation in all energy and related environmental research and development

(1) The Deputy Administrator (or in the absence or disability of the Deputy Administrator, or in the event of a vacancy in the office of the Deputy Administrator, the General Counsel or such other officer, determined according to such order as the Administrator shall prescribe) shall act for and perform the functions of the Administrator during any absence or disability of the Administrator or in the event of a vacancy in the office of the Administrator.

RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE ADMINISTRATOR

SEC. 103. The responsibilities of the Administrator shall include, but not be limited to:

(1) exercising central responsibility for policy planning, coordination, support, and management of research and development programs, including national, international, and other energy sources, including those programs of the Federal Energy Administration relating to the development of energy resources and utilization technologies; and

(2) encouraging and conducting research and development, including the demonstration of commercial feasibility and potential applications of the extraction, conversion, storage, transmission, and utilization phases related to the development and use of energy from fossil, nuclear, solar, geothermal, and other energy sources;

(3) engaging in and supporting environmental research, including, but not limited to, energy research related to the development of energy sources and utilization technologies;

(4) taking into account the existence, potential, and estimated results of all public and private research and development activities, including those activities of the Federal Energy Administration and the Department of Energy, in the development of energy resources using currently available technology in promoting increased utilization of energy resources, relevant to