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*Managers on the Part of the Senate.*

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. MAZZOLI, recognized Mr. WAXMAN and Mr. BLILEY, each for 20 minutes.

After debate,

The question being put, *viva voce*,

Will the House suspend the rules and agree to said conference report?

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. MAZZOLI, announced that two-thirds of the Members present had voted in the affirmative.

Mr. BILIRAKIS demanded that the vote be taken by the yeas and nays, which demand was supported by one-fifth of the Members present, so the yeas and nays were ordered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. MAZZOLI, pursuant to clause 5, rule I, announced that further proceedings on the motion were postponed.

¶56.5 WHALING MORATORIUM

Mr. STUDDS moved to suspend the rules and agree to the following concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 177); as amended:

Whereas whales are marine resources of great aesthetic, educational, and scientific interest and are a vital part of the marine ecosystem;

Whereas the International Whaling Commission adopted in 1982 an indefinite moratorium on commercial whaling, which was scheduled to go into effect in 1986, establishing zero global catch limits for 11 species of whales;

Whereas despite the moratorium on commercial whaling, thousands of whales have been killed since its inception by the commercial whaling nations;

Whereas there remain uncertainties as to the status of whale populations due to the difficulty of studying them, their slow reproductive rate, and the unpredictability of their recovery even when fully protected;

Whereas the consequences of removing whale populations from the marine ecosystem are not understood and cannot be predicted;

Whereas whales are subject to increasingly grave environmental threats from nonhunting causes, such as pollution, loss of habitat, oil spills, and the use of large-scale driftnets, which underscore the need for special safeguards for whale protection;

Whereas in addition, many of the more than 60 species of small cetaceans are subject to direct commercial harvest;

Whereas there is significant widespread support in the international community for the view that, for scientific, ecological, aesthetic, and educational reasons, whales should no longer be commercially hunted;

Whereas efforts made at the 1991 meeting of the International Whaling Commission to overturn the moratorium on commercial whaling were defeated; and

Whereas there is concern that, at future International Whaling Commission meetings, some countries will again press for an immediate resumption of commercial whaling on some stocks: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate concurring),* That it is the sense of the Congress that—

(1) United States policy should promote the conservation and protection of whale, dolphin, and porpoise populations;

(2) toward that goal, the United States should work to strengthen and maintain an International Whaling Commission moratorium on the commercial killing of whales, and work toward a similar moratorium on the direct commercial harvest of dolphins and porpoises;

(3) the United States should work to strengthen the International Whaling Commission by reaffirming its competence to regulate direct commercial whaling on all cetaceans, and should encourage the Commission to utilize the expertise of its Scientific Committee by seriously considering the Committee's recommendations; and

(4) in so promoting the conservation and protection of the world's whale populations, the United States should make the fullest use of diplomatic channels, appropriate domestic and international law, and all other available means.

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. MAZZOLI, recognized Mr. STUDDS and Mr. YOUNG of Alaska, each for 20 minutes.

After debate,

The question being put, *viva voce*,

Will the House suspend the rules and agree to said concurrent resolution, as amended?

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. MAZZOLI, announced that two-thirds of the Members present had voted in the affirmative.

So, two-thirds of the Members present having voted in favor thereof, the rules were suspended and said concurrent resolution, as amended, was agreed to.

By unanimous consent, the title was amended so as to read: "A concurrent resolution calling for a United States policy of strengthening and maintaining an International Whaling Commission moratorium on the commercial killing of whales, and otherwise expressing the sense of the Congress with respect to conserving and protecting the world's whale populations."

A motion to reconsider the votes whereby the rules were suspended and said concurrent resolution, as amended, was agreed to and the title was amended was, by unanimous consent, laid on the table.

*Ordered,* That the Clerk request the concurrence of the Senate in said concurrent resolution.

¶56.6 RATIFICATION OF 27TH AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION

Mr. BROOKS moved to suspend the rules and agree to the following concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 320):

*Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate concurring),* That Congress declares that the proposed article of amendment providing as follows:

"No law, varying the compensation for the services of the Senators and Representatives, shall take effect, until an election of Representatives shall have intervened."

has been ratified by a sufficient number of the States and has become a part of the Constitution.

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. MAZZOLI, recognized Mr. BROOKS and Mr. FISH, each for 20 minutes.

After debate,

The question being put, *viva voce*,

Will the House suspend the rules and agree to said concurrent resolution?

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. MAZZOLI, announced that two-thirds of the Members present had voted in the affirmative.

Mr. FISH demanded that the vote be taken by the yeas and nays, which demand was supported by one-fifth of the Members present, so the yeas and nays were ordered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. MAZZOLI, pursuant to clause 5, rule I, announced that further proceedings on the motion were postponed until Wednesday, May 20, 1992, pursuant to the prior announcement of the Chair.

¶56.7 COBALT STOCKPILE

Mr. BENNETT moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 4880) to reduce the stockpile requirement for, and authorize the disposal of, cobalt from the National Defense Stockpile.

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. MAZZOLI, recognized Mr. BENNETT and Mr. SPENCE, each for 20 minutes.

After debate,

The question being put, *viva voce*,

Will the House suspend the rules and pass said bill?

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. MAZZOLI, announced that two-thirds of the Members present had voted in the affirmative.

So, two-thirds of the Members present having voted in favor thereof, the rules were suspended and said bill was passed.

A motion to reconsider the vote whereby the rules were suspended and said bill was passed was, by unanimous consent, laid on the table.

*Ordered,* That the Clerk request the concurrence of the Senate in said bill.

¶56.8 PROVIDING FOR THE CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 4691

Mr. FROST, by direction of the Committee on Rules, called up the following resolution (H. Res. 457):

*Resolved,* That at any time after the adoption of this resolution the Speaker may, pursuant to clause 1(b) of rule XXIII, declare the House resolved into the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union for the consideration of the bill (H.R. 4691) to amend the Airport and Airway Improvement Act of 1982 to authorize appropriations for fiscal years 1993 and 1994, and for other purposes, and the first reading of the bill shall be dispensed with. After general debate, which shall be confined to the bill and the amendments made in order by this resolution and which shall not exceed two hours, with one hour to be equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Public Works and Transportation, with thirty minutes to be equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Ways and Means, and with thirty minutes to be equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, the bill shall be considered for amendment under the five-minute rule. It shall be in order to consider the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Public Works and Transportation now print-