

mitting a draft of proposed legislation entitled "Medicare Equipment and Supply Amendments of 1992"; jointly, to the Committees on Energy and Commerce and Ways and Means.

¶67.5 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A message from the Senate by Mr. Hallen, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate had passed without amendment bills of the House of the following titles:

H.R. 1642. An Act to establish in the State of Texas the Palo Alto Battlefield National Historic Site, and for other purposes;

H.R. 1917. An Act for the relief of Michael Wu; and

H.R. 2556. An Act entitled the "Los Padres Condor Range and River Protection Act."

The message also announced that the Senate had passed bills of the following titles, in which the concurrence of the House is requested:

S. 893. An Act to amend title 18, United States Code, to impose criminal sanctions for violation of software copyright;

S. 1338. An Act for the relief of Chi Hsui Tsui, Jin Mie Tsui, Yin Whee Tsui, Yin Tao Tsui, and Yin Chao Tsui; and

S. 2079. An Act to establish the Marsh-Billings National Historical Park in the State of Vermont, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the Senate agreed to the amendment of the House to the bill (S. 756) entitled "An Act to amend title 17, United States Code, the copyright renewal provisions, and for other purposes."

¶67.6 WORDS TAKEN DOWN

Mr. DEFAZIO during one minute speeches addressed the House and, during the course of his remarks,

Mr. WALKER demanded that certain words be taken down.

The Clerk read the words taken down as follows:

Once again he has threatened to deny the reality of unemployment and veto the unemployment benefit extension for his own petty political gain.

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. MFUME, held the words taken down did not transgress the rules of the House, and said:

"The Chair has referred to Webster's Dictionary. The primary definition is: 'small, minor, having secondary rank or importance: having little or no importance or significance: marked by or reflective of narrow interests and sympathies.'

"The Chair rules that in the opinion of the Chair that does not transgress the rules of the House."

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. MFUME, in response to a parliamentary inquiry made by the gentleman from Pennsylvania [Mr. WALKER] wherein he questioned the words being correctly reported by the Clerk and that they should have included the phrase, "his own petty personal political gains", said:

"The Chair, in response to the gentleman's inquiry (point of order), reported the words that were handed to the Chair as recorded. The Chair believes, however, the gentleman from Oregon, for the sake of debate, will find

it in order to withdraw the word 'personal' if, in fact, it was uttered."

By unanimous consent, Mr. DEFAZIO withdrew the word, "personal", from the remarks.

¶67.7 VETERANS EMPLOYMENT AND GI BILL AMENDMENTS

Mr. MONTGOMERY moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 4342) to amend title 38, United States Code, to expand job assistance programs for Vietnam era veterans, and for other purposes; as amended.

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. MFUME, recognized Mr. MONTGOMERY and Mr. STUMP, each for 20 minutes.

After debate,

The question being put, viva voce,

Will the House suspend the rules and pass said bill, as amended?

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. MFUME, 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, as amended, was passed.

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

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

¶67.8 NATIONAL CEMETERY SYSTEM AND VA HOME LOAN AMENDMENTS

Mr. MONTGOMERY moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 4368) to amend title 38, United States Code, to extend eligibility for burial in national cemeteries to persons who have 20 years of service creditable for retired pay as members of a reserve component of the Armed Forces, and for other purposes; as amended.

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. MFUME, recognized Mr. MONTGOMERY and Mr. STUMP, each for 20 minutes.

After debate,

The question being put, viva voce,

Will the House suspend the rules and pass said bill, as amended?

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. MFUME, 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, as amended, was passed.

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

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

¶67.9 BALANCED BUDGET

Mr. SYNAR moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 5333) to provide that, beginning with fiscal year 1994, the President transmit to Congress and Congress consider a budget

that requires a balanced budget by fiscal year 1998 and for subsequent fiscal years, and for other purposes.

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. MFUME, recognized Mr. SYNAR and Mr. HORTON, 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. MFUME, announced that two-thirds of the Members present had voted in the affirmative.

Mr. HORTON 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. MFUME, pursuant to clause 5, rule I, announced that further proceedings on the motion were postponed.

¶67.10 MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

A message in writing from the President of the United States was communicated to the House by Mr. Saunders, one of his secretaries.

¶67.11 LANDSAT POLICY ACT

Mr. BROWN moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 3614) amending the Land Remote-Sensing Commercialization Act of 1984 to secure United States leadership in land remote-sensing by providing data continuity for the Landsat program and by establishing a new national land remote-sensing policy, and for other purposes; as amended.

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. MFUME, recognized Mr. BROWN and Mr. WALKER, each for 20 minutes.

After debate,

The question being put, viva voce,

Will the House suspend the rules and pass said bill, as amended?

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. MFUME, 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, as amended, was passed.

By unanimous consent, the title was amended so as to read: "An Act amending the Land Remote-Sensing Commercialization Act of 1984 to secure United States leadership in land remote-sensing by providing data continuity for the Landsat program and by establishing a new national Landsat policy, and for other purposes."

A motion to reconsider the votes whereby the rules were suspended and said bill, as amended, was passed 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 bill.

¶67.12 AFRICAN AMERICAN CIVIL WAR MEMORIAL

Mr. CLAY moved to suspend the rules and pass the joint resolution (H.J. Res. 320) authorizing the government of the District of Columbia to es-

publish, in the District of Columbia or its environs, a memorial to African Americans who died as Union soldiers during the Civil War; as amended.

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. MFUME, recognized Mr. CLAY and Mr. BARRETT, each for 20 minutes.

After debate,

The question being put, *viva voce*,

Will the House suspend the rules and pass said joint resolution, as amended?

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. MFUME, 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 joint resolution, as amended, was passed.

By unanimous consent, the title was amended so as to read: "Joint resolution authorizing the government of the District of Columbia to establish, in the District of Columbia or its environs, a memorial to African Americans who served with the Union forces during the Civil War."

A motion to reconsider the votes whereby the rules were suspended and said joint resolution, as amended, was passed 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 bill.

¶67.13 AMERICAN FOLKLIFE CENTER AUTHORIZATION

Mr. CLAY moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 5058) to authorize appropriations for the American Folklife Center for fiscal years 1993, 1994, 1995, 1996, and 1997.

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. MFUME, recognized Mr. CLAY and Mr. BARRETT, 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. MFUME, announced that two-thirds of the Members present had voted in the affirmative.

Mr. DUNCAN 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. MFUME, pursuant to clause 5, rule I, announced that further proceedings on the motion were postponed.

¶67.14 HELSINKI ACCORDS ACCEPTANCE

Mr. YATRON moved to suspend the rules and agree to the following concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 232); as amended:

Whereas the Helsinki Final Act and other documents of the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe, including the Moscow Conference on the Human Dimension (CDH) document, have established recognized standards for the promotion and protection of human rights, democracy, and the rule of law;

Whereas Principle VII of the Final Act sets forth specific commitments concerning respect for human rights and fundamental

freedoms, including freedom of thought, conscience, religion, or belief;

Whereas the Charter of Paris for a New Europe states that "human rights and fundamental freedoms are the birthright of all human beings, are inalienable and are guaranteed by law", and further provides that "Democratic government is based on the will of the people, expressed regularly through free and fair elections" and is the "best safeguard of freedom of expression, tolerance of all groups of society, and equality of opportunity for each person";

Whereas the Copenhagen Conference on the Human Dimension (CDH) document declares that the will of the people, freely and fairly expressed through periodic and genuine elections, is the basis of the authority and legitimacy of all government;

Whereas the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe is committed to protecting the right of persons belonging to national minorities to freely express, preserve, and develop their identity without any discrimination and in full equality before the law;

Whereas Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Moldova, Russia, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Ukraine, and Uzbekistan have gained their independence and have accepted all Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe commitments as participating states; and

Whereas human rights abuses have been reported in a number of these states, while others appear to be taking steps to promote and protect the rights of individuals within their territory: Now, therefore, be it

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

(1) the leaders of Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Moldova, Russia, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Ukraine, and Uzbekistan should take steps to implement all commitments on human rights, fundamental freedoms, and humanitarian cooperation (including those on monitoring activities) contained in the Helsinki Final Act, the Charter of Paris for a New Europe, or any other document of the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe;

(2) the parliamentary leadership of each of these states should consider the establishment, within their respective parliaments, of appropriate mechanisms for the promotion and protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms;

(3) the President should convey to the leaders of these states that respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms, as expressed in the Helsinki Final Act, the Charter of Paris for a New Europe, and other documents of the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe, is a vital element in achieving genuine security and cooperation in Europe; and

(4) the President should keep the Congress informed of the status of human rights and fundamental freedoms in each of these states.

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. MFUME, recognized Mr. YATRON and Mr. BROOMFIELD, 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. MFUME, 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: "Concurrent resolution calling on the leaders of the independent states of the former Soviet Union to take steps to implement all commitments on human rights, fundamental freedoms, and humanitarian cooperation contained in the Helsinki Final Act and other documents of the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe."

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.

¶67.15 CHINESE HARASSMENT OF JOURNALISTS

Mr. YATRON moved to suspend the rules and agree to the following resolution (H. Res. 461):

Whereas on May 17, 1992, Beijing state security officers confiscated materials from the office of Washington Post Beijing correspondent, Lena Sun;

Whereas the correspondent's husband and child were not allowed to leave their home during the interrogation and two United States Embassy officials were prevented from entering the Washington Post bureau;

Whereas security officials told Ms. Sun that a Chinese acquaintance had been arrested and that his case was under investigation;

Whereas on April 30, 1992, Chinese police detained and interrogated James Miles, a British Broadcasting Corporation correspondent, for attempting to report on a protest in Tiananmen Square;

Whereas in the last two months the New York Times bureau chief in Beijing, Nicholas Kristof, was summoned twice by the Chinese Foreign Ministry for articles the ministry described as "vicious slanders of the Chinese Government";

Whereas in September 1991, a journalist for the Independent, Andrew Higgins, was expelled from China while carrying out standard journalistic responsibilities;

Whereas foreign correspondent, Mike Chinoy and Bill Whitaker, in September 1991 were separately harassed by Chinese security officials while attempting to film United States Members of Congress commemorating the 1989 Tiananmen Square crackdown;

Whereas foreign correspondents have regularly reported that they are often under surveillance and that their contacts are frequently harassed;

Whereas it has been reported that Chinese authorities have increased surveillance and harassment of journalists in the past few months;

Whereas article 19 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights states that "Everyone has the right to freedom of opinion and expression; this right includes freedom to hold opinions without interference and to seek, receive and impart information and ideas through any media and regardless of frontiers."; Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That it is the sense of the House of Representatives that—

(1) the recent confiscation of materials from the Beijing bureau of the Washington Post and interrogation of its correspondents as well as the interrogation of the bureau chief for the New York Times and other for-