

be directed to make the following technical change:

Strike the matter designating title I and section 101 and insert in lieu thereof "That".

**46.11 PROVIDING FOR THE CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 2715**

Mr. LINDER, by direction of the Committee on Rules, called up the following resolution (H. Res. 409):

*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 consideration of the bill (H.R. 2715) to amend chapter 35 of title 44, United States Code, popularly known as the Paperwork Reduction Act, to minimize the burden of Federal paperwork demands upon small businesses, educational and nonprofit institutions, Federal contractors, State and local governments, and other persons through the sponsorship and use of alternative information technologies. The first reading of the bill shall be dispensed with. General debate shall be confined to the bill and shall not exceed one hour equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Small Business. After general debate the bill shall be considered for amendment under the five-minute rule. It shall be in order to consider as an original bill for the purpose of amendment under the five-minute rule the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Small Business now printed in the bill. Each section of the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute shall be considered as read. During consideration of the bill for amendment, the Chairman of the Committee of the Whole may accord priority in recognition on the basis of whether the Member offering an amendment has caused it to be printed in the portion of the Congressional Record designated for that purpose in clause 6 of rule XXIII. Amendments so printed shall be considered as read. At the conclusion of consideration of the bill for amendment the Committee shall rise and report the bill to the House with such amendments as may have been adopted. Any Member may demand a separate vote in the House on any amendment adopted in the Committee of the Whole to the bill or to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute. The previous question shall be considered as ordered on the bill and amendments thereto to final passage without intervening motion except one motion to recommend with or without instructions.

When said resolution was considered. After debate,

On motion of Mr. LINDER, the previous question was ordered on the resolution to its adoption or rejection and under the operation thereof, the resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider the vote whereby said resolution was agreed to was, by unanimous consent, laid on the table.

**46.12 PAPERWORK ELIMINATION**

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. REGULA, pursuant to House Resolution 409 and rule XXIII, declared the House resolved into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union for the consideration of the bill (H.R. 2715) to amend chapter 35 of title 44, United States Code, popularly known as the Paperwork Reduction Act, to minimize the burden of Federal

paperwork demands upon small businesses, educational and nonprofit institutions, Federal contractors, State and local governments, and other persons through the sponsorship and use of alternative information technologies.

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. REGULA, by unanimous consent, designated Mr. TAYLOR of North Carolina as Chairman of the Committee of the Whole.

The Acting Chairman, Mr. BURTON assumed the Chair; and after some time spent therein,

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. BURTON, assumed the Chair.

When Mr. TAYLOR of North Carolina, Chairman, pursuant to House Resolution 409, reported the bill back to the House with an amendment adopted by the Committee.

The previous question having been ordered by said resolution.

The following amendment, reported from the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union, was agreed to:

Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert:

**SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

This Act may be cited as the "Paperwork Elimination Act of 1996".

**SEC. 2. PURPOSES.**

The purpose of this Act is to—

(1) minimize the burden of Federal paperwork demands upon small businesses, educational and nonprofit institutions, Federal contractors, State and local governments, and other persons through the sponsorship and use of alternative information technologies, including the use of electronic maintenance, submission, or disclosure of information to substitute for paper; and

(2) more effectively enable Federal agencies to achieve the purposes of chapter 35 of title 44, United States Code, popularly known as the "Paperwork Reduction Act".

**SEC. 3. AUTHORITY AND FUNCTIONS OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET.**

(a) DIRECTION AND OVERSIGHT OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY.—Section 3504(a)(1)(B)(vi) of title 44, United States Code, is amended to read as follows:

"(vi) the acquisition and use of information technology, including the use of alternative information technologies, such as the use of electronic submission, maintenance, or disclosure of information to substitute for paper."

(b) PROMOTION OF USE OF ELECTRONIC INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY.—Section 3504(h) of title 44, United States Code, is amended by striking "and" after the semicolon at the end of paragraph (4), by striking the period at the end of paragraph (5) and inserting "; and", and by adding at the end the following:

"(6) specifically promote the optional use of electronic maintenance, submission, or disclosure of information where appropriate, as an alternative information technology to substitute for paper."

**SEC. 4. ASSIGNMENT OF TASKS AND DEADLINES.**

Section 3505(a)(3) of title 44, United States Code, is amended by striking "and" after the semicolon at the end of subparagraph (B), by striking the period at the end of subparagraph (C) and inserting "; and", and by adding at the end the following:

"(D) a description of progress in providing for the use of electronic submission, maintenance, or disclosure of information to substitute for paper, including the extent to which such progress accomplishes reduction

of burden on small businesses or other persons."

**SEC. 5. FEDERAL AGENCY RESPONSIBILITIES.**

(a) PROVIDING FOR USE OF ELECTRONIC INFORMATION MANAGEMENT.—Section 3506(c)(1)(B) of title 44, United States Code, is amended by striking "and" after the semicolon at the end of clause (ii) and by adding at the end the following:

"(iv) provides for the optional use, where appropriate, of electronic maintenance, submission, or disclosure of information; and".

(b) PROMOTION OF ELECTRONIC INFORMATION MANAGEMENT.—Section 3506(c)(3)(C) of title 44, United States Code, is amended by striking "or" after the semicolon at the end of clause (ii), by adding "or" after the semicolon at the end of clause (iii), and by adding at the end the following:

"(iv) the promotion and optional use, where appropriate, of electronic maintenance, submission, or disclosure of information."

(c) USE OF ALTERNATIVE INFORMATION TECHNOLOGIES.—Section 3506(c)(3)(J) of title 44, United States Code, is amended to read as follows:

"(J) to the maximum extent practicable, uses alternative information technologies, including the use of electronic maintenance, submission, or disclosure of information, to reduce burden and improve data quality, agency efficiency and responsiveness to the public."

**SEC. 6. PUBLIC INFORMATION COLLECTION ACTIVITIES; SUBMISSION TO DIRECTOR; APPROVAL AND DELEGATION.**

Section 3507(a)(1)(D)(ii) of title 44, United States Code, is amended by striking "and" after the semicolon at the end of subclause (V), by adding "and" after the semicolon at the end of subclause (VI), and by adding at the end the following:

"(VII) a description of how respondents may, if appropriate, electronically maintain, submit, or disclose information under the collection of information."

**SEC. 7. RESPONSIVENESS TO CONGRESS.**

Section 3514(a)(2) of title 44, United States Code, is amended by striking "and" after the semicolon at the end of subparagraph (C), by striking the period at the end of subparagraph (D) and inserting "; and", and by adding at the end the following:

"(E) reduced the collection of information burden on small businesses and other persons through the use of electronic maintenance, submission, or disclosure of information to substitute for paper maintenance, submission, or disclosure of information, including—

"(i) a description of instances where such substitution has added to burden; and

"(ii) specific identification of such instances relating to the Internal Revenue Service."

**SEC. 8. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

This Act shall take effect October 1, 1997.

The bill, as amended, was ordered to be engrossed and read a third time, was read a third time by title.

The question being put, viva voce,

Will the House pass said bill?

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. BURTON, announced that the yeas had it.

Mr. TORKILDSEN objected to the vote on the ground that a quorum was not present and not voting.

A quorum not being present,

The roll was called under clause 4, rule XV, and the call was taken by electronic device.