

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

¶61.15 CHORNOBYL NUCLEAR DISASTER ANNIVERSARY

Mr. GILMAN moved to suspend the rules and agree to the following concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 167):

Whereas April 26, 1996, marks the tenth anniversary of the Chornobyl nuclear disaster;

Whereas United Nations General Assembly resolution 50/134 declares April 26, 1996, as the International Day Commemorating the Tenth Anniversary of the Chornobyl Nuclear Power Plant Accident and encourages member states to commemorate this tragic event;

Whereas serious radiological, health, and socioeconomic consequences for the populations of Ukraine, Belarus, and Russia, as well as for the populations of other affected areas, have been identified since the disaster;

Whereas over 3,500,000 inhabitants of the affected areas, including over 1,000,000 children, were exposed to dangerously high levels of radiation;

Whereas the populations of the affected areas, especially children, have experienced significant increases in thyroid cancer, immune deficiency diseases, birth defects, and other conditions, and these trends have accelerated over the 10 years since the disaster;

Whereas the lives and health of people in the affected areas continue to be heavily burdened by the ongoing effects of the Chornobyl accident;

Whereas numerous charitable, humanitarian, and environmental organizations from the United States and the international community have committed to overcome the extensive consequences of the Chornobyl disaster;

Whereas the United States has sought to help the people of Ukraine through various forms of assistance;

Whereas humanitarian assistance and public health research into Chornobyl's consequences will be needed in the coming decades when the greatest number of latent health effects is expected to emerge;

Whereas on December 20, 1995, the Ukrainian Government, the governments of the G-7 countries, and the Commission of the European Communities signed a memorandum of understanding to support the decision of Ukraine to close the Chornobyl nuclear power plant by the year 2000 with adequate support from the G-7 countries and international financial institutions;

Whereas the United States strongly supports the closing of the Chornobyl nuclear power plant and improving nuclear safety in Ukraine; and

Whereas representatives of Ukraine, the G-7 countries, and international financial institutions will meet at lease annually to monitor implementation of the program to close Chornobyl: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate concurring), That the Congress—

(1) recognizes April 26, 1996, as the tenth anniversary of the Chornobyl nuclear power plant disaster;

(2) urges the Government of Ukraine to continue its negotiations with the G-7 countries to implement the December 20, 1995, memorandum of understanding which calls for all nuclear reactors at Chornobyl to be shut down in a safe and expeditious manner; and

(3) calls upon the President—

(A) to support continued and enhanced United States assistance to provide medical relief, humanitarian assistance, social impact planning, and hospital development for Ukraine, Belarus, Russia, and other nations

most heavily afflicted by Chornobyl's aftermath;

(B) to encourage national and international health organizations to expand the scope of research into the public health consequences of Chornobyl, so that the global community can benefit from the findings of such research;

(C) to support the process of closing the Chornobyl nuclear power plant in an expeditious manner as envisioned by the December 20, 1995, memorandum of understanding; and

(D) to support the broadening of Ukraine's regional energy sources which will reduce its dependence on any individual country.

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. WICKER, recognized Mr. GILMAN and Mr. MORAN 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. WICKER, announced that two-thirds of the Members present had voted in the affirmative.

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey, 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. WICKER, pursuant to clause 5, rule I, announced that further proceedings on the motion were postponed.

¶61.16 PROVIDING FOR THE CONSIDERATION OF H. R. 3415

Mr. DREIER, by direction of the Committee on Rules, called up the following resolution (H. Res. 436):

Resolved. That upon the adoption of this resolution it shall be in order to consider in the House the bill (H.R. 3415) to amend to Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the 4.3-cent increase in the transportation motor fuels excise tax rates enacted by the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1993 and dedicated to the general fund of the Treasury. All points of order against the bill and against its consideration are waived. The amendment printed in the report of the Committee on Rules accompanying this resolution shall be considered as adopted. The bill, as amended, shall be debatable for one hour equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Ways and Means. The previous question shall be considered as ordered on the bill, as amended, to final passage without intervening motion except one motion to recommit with or without instructions.

When said resolution was considered.

After debate,

Mr. DREIER moved the previous question on the resolution to its adoption or rejection.

The question being put, *viva voce*, Will the House now order the previous question?

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

Mr. BEILENSEN 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.

When there appeared { Yeas 221
Nays 181

¶61.17 [Roll No. 180] YEAS—221

Allard	Franks (NJ)	Myers
Archer	Frelinghuysen	Myrick
Armedy	Funderburk	Nethercutt
Bachus	Ganske	Neumann
Baker (CA)	Gekas	Ney
Baker (LA)	Gilchrest	Norwood
Ballenger	Gillmor	Nussle
Barr	Gilman	Oxley
Barrett (NE)	Goodlatte	Packard
Bartlett	Goodling	Parker
Barton	Goss	Paxon
Bass	Graham	Petri
Bateman	Greene (UT)	Pombo
Bereuter	Greenwood	Porter
Bilbray	Gunderson	Pryce
Bilirakis	Gutknecht	Quillen
Bliley	Hancock	Quinn
Blute	Hansen	Radanovich
Boehlert	Hastert	Ramstad
Boehner	Hastings (WA)	Regula
Bonilla	Hayes	Riggs
Bono	Hayworth	Roberts
Brownback	Hefley	Rogers
Bryant (TN)	Heineman	Ros-Lehtinen
Bunning	Herger	Roth
Burr	Hilleary	Roukema
Burton	Hobson	Royce
Buyer	Hoekstra	Salmon
Callahan	Hoke	Sanford
Calvert	Horn	Saxton
Camp	Houghton	Scarborough
Campbell	Hunter	Schaefer
Canady	Hutchinson	Schiff
Castle	Hyde	Seastrand
Chabot	Inglis	Sensenbrenner
Chambliss	Istook	Shadegg
Chenoweth	Johnson (CT)	Shaw
Christensen	Johnson, Sam	Shays
Chrysler	Jones	Shuster
Coble	Kasich	Skeen
Collins (GA)	Kelly	Smith (NJ)
Combest	Kim	Smith (TX)
Cooley	King	Smith (WA)
Cox	Klug	Solomon
Crane	Knollenberg	Souder
Crapo	Kolbe	Spence
Creameans	LaHood	Stearns
Cubin	Latham	Stockman
Cunningham	LaTourrette	Stump
Davis	Laughlin	Talent
Deal	Lazio	Tate
DeLay	Leach	Tauzin
Diaz-Balart	Lewis (CA)	Taylor (NC)
Dickey	Lewis (KY)	Thomas
Doolittle	Lightfoot	Thornberry
Dornan	Linder	Tiahrt
Dreier	Livingston	Torkildsen
Duncan	LoBiondo	Upton
Dunn	Longley	Vucanovich
Ehlers	Manzullo	Walker
Ehrlich	Martinez	Walsh
Emerson	Martini	Wamp
English	McCollum	Weldon (FL)
Ensign	McCrery	Weldon (PA)
Everett	McDade	Weller
Ewing	McHugh	White
Fawell	McInnis	Whitfield
Fields (TX)	McKeon	Wicker
Flanagan	Metcalf	Wolf
Foley	Meyers	Young (AK)
Forbes	Mica	Young (FL)
Fowler	Miller (FL)	Zeliff
Fox	Moorhead	Zimmer
Franks (CT)	Morella	

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Abercrombie	Brown (OH)	de la Garza
Ackerman	Bryant (TX)	DeFazio
Andrews	Cardin	DeLauro
Baldacci	Chapman	Dellums
Barcia	Clay	Deutsch
Barrett (WI)	Clayton	Dicks
Becerra	Clement	Dingell
Beilenson	Clyburn	Dixon
Bentsen	Coleman	Doggett
Berman	Collins (IL)	Dooley
Bevill	Collins (MI)	Doyle
Bishop	Condit	Edwards
Bonior	Conyers	Engel
Borski	Costello	Eshoo
Boucher	Coyne	Evans
Brewster	Cramer	Farr
Brown (CA)	Cummings	Fattah
Brown (FL)	Danner	Fazio