Whereas the United States, acting through its agencies, has established itself as a global leader in coral reef stewardship by launching the International Coral Reef Initiative and by maintaining professional networks for the purposes of sharing knowledge and information on coral reefs, furnishing near real-time data collected at coral reef sites, providing a repository for historical data relating to coral reefs, and making substantial contributions to the general fund of coral reef knowledge; and

Whereas 1997 has been declared the ''International Year of the Reef'' by the coral reef research community and over 40 national and international scientific, conservation, and academic organizations: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate concurring), That the Congress recognizes the significance of maintaining the health and stability of coral reef ecosystems, by—

(1) promoting comprehensive stewardship for coral reef ecosystems;

(2) encouraging research, monitoring, and assessment of and education on coral reef ecosystems; and

(3) improving the coordination of coral reef efforts and activities of Federal agencies, academic institutions, nongovernmental organizations, and industry.

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. KOLBE, recognized Mr. SAXTON and Mr. ABERCROMBIE, 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. KOLBE, 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 recognizing the significance of maintaining the health and stability of coral reef ecosystems.''.

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.

¶36.17 AFRICAN ELEPHANT CONSERVATION

Mr. SAXTON, pursuant to House Resolution 117, moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 39) to reauthorize the African Elephant Conservation Act.

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. KOLBE, recognized Mr. SAXTON and Mr. ABERCROMBIE, 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. KOLBE, 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.

¶36.18 SOUTHERN NEVADA PUBLIC LAND MANAGEMENT

Mr. HANSEN, pursuant to House Resolution 117, moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 449) to provide for the orderly disposal of certain Federal lands in Clark County, Nevada, and to provide for the acquisition of environmentally sensitive lands in the State of Nevada; as amended.

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. KOLBE, recognized Mr. HANSEN and Mr. ABERCROMBIE, 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. EWING, 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.

¶36.19 LEAKING UNDERGROUND STORAGE TANK TRUST FUND

Mr. OXLEY, pursuant to House Resolution 117, moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 688) to amend the Solid Waste Disposal Act to require at least 85 percent of funds appropriated to the Environmental Protection Agency from the Leaking Underground Storage Tank Trust Fund to be distributed to States for cooperative agreements for undertaking corrective action and for enforcement of subtitle I of such Act; as amended.

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. EWING, recognized Mr. OXLEY and Mr. STUPAK, 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. EWING, 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.

¶36.20 PROVIDING FOR THE CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 1271

Mr. MCINNIS, by direction of the Committee on Rules, reported (Rept. No. 105–70) the resolution (H. Res. 125) providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 1271) to authorize the Federal Aviation Administration's research, engineering, and development programs for fiscal years 1998 through 2000, and for other purposes; referred to the House Calendar and ordered printed.

¶36.21 PROVIDING FOR THE CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 1273

Mr. MCINNIS, by direction of the Committee on Rules, reported (Rept. No. 105–71) the resolution (H. Res. 126) providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 1273) to authorize appropriations for fiscal years 1998 and 1999 for the National Science Foundation, and for other purposes; referred to the House Calendar and ordered printed.

¶36.22 PROVIDING FOR THE CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 1274

Mr. MCINNIS, by direction of the Committee on Rules, reported (Rept. No. 105–72) the resolution (H. Res. 127) providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 1274) to authorize appropriations for the National Institute of Standards and Technology for fiscal years 1998 and 1999, and for other purposes; referred to the House Calendar and ordered printed.

¶36.23 PROVIDING FOR THE CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 1275

Mr. MCINNIS, by direction of the Committee on Rules, reported (Rept. No. 105–73) the resolution (H. Res. 128) providing for the consideration of the bill (H.R. 1275) to authorize appropriations for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration for fiscal years 1998 and 1999, and for other purposes; referred to the House Calendar and ordered printed.

¶36.24 FIRE ADMINISTRATION AUTHORIZATION

Mr. SENSENBRENNER, pursuant to House Resolution 117, moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 1272) to authorize for fiscal years 1998 and 1999 for the United States Fire Administration, and for other purposes; as amended.

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. EWING, recognized Mr. SENSENBRENNER and Mr. BARCIA, 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. EWING, 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,