

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,

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.

¶36.25 ORDER OF BUSINESS—ETHICS PROCESS REFORM

On motion of Mr. SENSENBRENNER, by unanimous consent,

Ordered, That the order of the House of February 12, 1997, with respect to the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct and related matters of said committee be extended through Wednesday, May 7, 1997, with the following modification:

After "Minority Leader" insert: ", or a Member designated from the floor by the Majority Leader or the Minority Leader at the time of notice pursuant to clause 2(a)(1) of rule IX."

¶36.26 BILL PRESENTED TO THE PRESIDENT

Mr. THOMAS, from the Committee on House Oversight, reported that that committee did on the following date present to the President, for his approval, a bill of the House of the following title:

On April 18, 1997:

H.R. 1003. An Act to clarify Federal law with respect to restricting the use of Federal funds in support of assisted suicide.

¶36.27 LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted—

To Ms. VELAZQUEZ, for today;
To Mr. DEUTSCH, for today;
To Mr. YATES, for today;
To Mr. RUSH, for today;
To Ms. KILPATRICK, for today;
To Mr. SCHIFF, for today and the balance of the week;
To Mr. TAYLOR of North Carolina, for today; and
To Mr. HOEKSTRA, for today.
And then,

¶36.28 ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Mr. HULSHOF, at 10 o'clock and 5 minutes p.m., the House adjourned.

¶36.29 REPORTS OF COMMITTEES ON PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XIII, reports of committees were delivered to the Clerk for printing and reference to the proper calendar, as follows:

[Pursuant to the order of the House on April 21, 1997 the following report was filed on April 22, 1997]

Mr. SENSENBRENNER: Committee on Science. H.R. 1278. A bill to authorize appropriations for the activities of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration for fiscal years 1998 and 1999, and for other purposes; with an amendment (Rept. No. 105-66 Pt. 1). Ordered to be printed.

[Submitted April 23, 1997]

Mr. YOUNG of Alaska: Committee on Resources. H.R. 449. A bill to provide for the orderly disposal of certain Federal lands in

Clark County, NV, and to provide for the acquisition of environmentally sensitive lands in the State of Nevada; with an amendment (Rept. No. 105-68). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

Mr. YOUNG of Alaska: Committee on Resources. House Concurrent Resolution 8. Resolution expressing the sense of Congress with respect to the significance of maintaining the health and stability of coral reef ecosystems; with amendments (Rept. No. 105-69). Referred to the House Calendar.

Mr. LINDER: Committee on Rules. House Resolution 125. Resolution 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 (Rept. No. 105-70). Referred to the House Calendar.

Mr. DIAZ-BALART: Committee on Rules. House Resolution 126. Resolution 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 (Rept. No. 105-71). Referred to the House Calendar.

Mr. DIAZ-BALART: Committee on Rules. House Resolution 127. Resolution 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 (Rept. No. 105-72). Referred to the House Calendar.

Mr. MCINNIS: Committee on Rules. House Resolution 128. Resolution providing for 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 (Rept. No. 105-73). Referred to the House Calendar.

¶36.30 TIME LIMITATION OF REFERRED BILL

Pursuant to clause 5 of rule X, the following action was taken by the Speaker:

[The following action occurred on April 22, 1997]

H.R. 1278. Referral to the Committee on Resources extended for a period ending not later than June 20, 1997.

¶36.31 REPORTED BILLS SEQUENTIALLY REFERRED

Under clause 5 of rule X, bills and reports were delivered to the Clerk for printing, and bills referred as follows:

[Pursuant to the order of the House on April 21, 1997 the following report was filed on April 22, 1997]

Mr. SENSENBRENNER: Committee on Science. H.R. 1277. A bill to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 1998 and fiscal year 1999 for the civilian research, development, demonstration, and commercial application activities of the Department of Energy, and for other purposes, with an amendment; referred to the Committee on Commerce for a period ending not later than June 6, 1997, for consideration of such provisions of the bill and amendment as fall within the jurisdiction of that committee pursuant to clause 1(e), rule X (Rept. No. 105-67, Pt. 1). Ordered to be printed.

¶36.32 PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 5 of rule X and clause 4 of rule XXII, public bills and resolutions were introduced and severally referred as follows:

By Mr. STUMP (for himself and Mr. EVANS) (both by request):

H.R. 1406. A bill to provide that the Disabled American Veterans corporation may

sue or be sued in the Federal courts; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. STUMP (for himself, Mr. SPENCE, Mr. DAVIS of Virginia, Mr. FARR of California, Mr. RIGGS, Mr. GOODE, and Mr. HILL):

H.R. 1407. A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to provide that the decoration known as the Purple Heart may only be awarded to members of the Armed Forces, and for other purposes; to the Committee on National Security.

By Mr. STUMP (for himself and Mr. EVANS):

H.R. 1408. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide that the statute of limitations shall not bar a claim for credit or refund based on a retroactive determination of an entitlement to receive military disability benefits; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

H.R. 1409. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to clarify the exclusion from gross income for veterans' benefits; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. BARR of Georgia (for himself, Mr. SOLOMON, Mr. LATOURETTE, Mr. BACHUS, Mr. NEY, Mr. EHRlich, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. JONES, Mrs. CHENOWETH, Mr. FOX of Pennsylvania, Mr. COBLE, Mr. CHABOT, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. GUTKNECHT, and Mr. CHAMBLISS):

H.R. 1410. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for a nonrefundable tax credit for law enforcement officers who purchase armor vests, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. BURR of North Carolina (for himself, Mr. GREENWOOD, Mr. BARTON of Texas, Mr. KLUG, Mr. COBURN, and Mr. DEAL of Georgia):

H.R. 1411. A bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act and the Public Health Service Act to facilitate the development and approval of new drugs and biological products, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce.

By Mr. DUNCAN:

H.R. 1412. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to require that envelopes provided by the Internal Revenue Service with the instructions for filing income tax returns be postage paid envelopes; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN (for himself, Mr. PALLONE, Mr. SMITH of New Jersey, Mr. FRANKS of New Jersey, Mr. PAYNE, Mr. PAPPAS, Mr. ROTHMAN, and Mr. PASCRELL):

H.R. 1413. A bill to provide for expanded research concerning the environmental and genetic susceptibilities for breast cancer; to the Committee on Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on National Security, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. GILMAN (for himself and Mr. HINCHEY):

H.R. 1414. A bill to recognize the organization known as the Ukrainian-American Veterans, Inc.; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. NORWOOD (for himself, Mr. BACHUS, Mr. BAKER, Mr. BARCIA of Michigan, Mr. BARR of Georgia, Mr. BARRETT of Wisconsin, Mr. BISHOP, Mr. BROWN of Ohio, Mr. CANADY of Florida, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. COBLE, Mr. COBURN, Mr. COMBEST, Mr. COOKSEY, Mr. CRAMER, Mr. DAVIS of Illinois, Mr. DAVIS of Virginia, Mr. DEAL of Georgia, Mr. DEFAZIO, Mr. DICKEY, Mr. DUNCAN, Mr. FILNER, Mr. FOLEY, Mr. FOX of Pennsylvania, Mr. FROST, Mr. GILMAN, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. HALL of Ohio, Mr. HILLEARY, Mr.