

Ordered. That, during the consideration of the bill (H.R. 992) to end the Tucker Act shuffle, in the Committee of the Whole pursuant to House Resolution 382, after the legislative day of today no further debate or amendments to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute shall be in order, except as follows: On the legislative day of Thursday, March 12, the amendment by Representative Watt of North Carolina, if offered today, shall be further debatable for twenty minutes equally divided and controlled by Representative Watt of North Carolina and an opponent thereto.

¶17.17 TUCKER ACT SHUFFLE

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. HASTINGS of Washington, pursuant to House Resolution 382 and rule XXIII, declared the House resolved into the Committee of the Whole on the state of the Union for the consideration of the bill (H.R. 992) to end the Tucker Act shuffle.

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. EWING, by unanimous consent, designated Mr. EWING as Chairman of the Committee of the Whole; and after some time spent therein,

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

When Mr. SUNUNU, Acting Chairman, reported that the Committee, having had under consideration said bill, had come to no resolution thereon.

¶17.18 MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT— WAIVER OF EXECUTIVE ORDER WITH RESPECT TO VIETNAM

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. EWING, laid before the House a message from the President, which was read as follows:

To the Congress of the United States:

Pursuant to section 402(c)(2)(A) of the Trade Act of 1974, as amended (the "Act"), I have determined that a waiver of the application of subsections 402 (a) and (b) with respect to Vietnam will substantially promote the objectives of section 402. A copy of that determination is attached. I also have received assurances with respect to the emigration practices of Vietnam required by section 402(c)(2)(B) of the Act. This message constitutes the report to the Congress required by section 402(c)(2).

Pursuant to subsection 402(c)(2) of the Act, I shall issue an Executive order waiving the application of subsections (a) and (b) of section 402 of the Act with respect to Vietnam.

WILLIAM J. CLINTON.

THE WHITE HOUSE, *March 9, 1998.*

By unanimous consent, the message, together with the accompanying papers, was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means and ordered to be printed (H. Doc. 105-227).

¶17.19 LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted—

To Mr. PASCARELL, for today until 2 p.m.;

To Mr. TANNER, for today after 5 p.m. and March 12;

To Mr. DEUTSCH, for today after 3:30 p.m. and March 12; and

To Mr. MANTON, for today after 3 p.m.

And then,

¶17.20 ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Mr. HUNTER, at 8 o'clock and 5 minutes p.m., the House adjourned.

¶17.21 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:

Ms. PRYCE of Ohio: Committee on Rules. House Resolution 384. Resolution providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 2883) to amend provisions of law enacted by the Government Performance and Results Act of 1993 to improve Federal agency strategic plans and performance reports (Rept. No. 105-433). Referred to the House Calendar.

Mr. SOLOMON: Committee on Rules. House Resolution 385. Resolution waiving points of order against the conference report to accompany the bill (H.R. 1757) to consolidate international affairs agencies, to authorize appropriations for the Department of State and related agencies for fiscal years 1998 and 1999, and to ensure that the enlargement of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) proceeds in a manner consistent with United States interests, to strengthen relations between the United States and Russia, to preserve the prerogatives of the Congress with respect to certain arms control agreements, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 105-434). Referred to the House Calendar.

Mr. HYDE: Committee on the Judiciary. House Resolution 118. Bill to provide for the collection of data on traffic stops; with an amendment (Rept. No. 105-435). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

Mr. COBLE: Committee on the Judiciary. House Resolution 2696. Bill to amend title 17, United States Code, to provide for protection of certain original designs; with an amendment (Rept. No. 105-436). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

¶17.22 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. BUNNING of Kentucky (for himself and Mrs. KENNELLY of Connecticut):

H.R. 3433. A bill to amend the Social Security Act to establish a Ticket to Work and Self-Sufficiency Program in the Social Security Administration to provide beneficiaries with disabilities meaningful opportunities to return to work and to extend Medicare coverage for such beneficiaries, and to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a tax credit for impairment-related work expenses; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

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

H.R. 3434. A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to provide limited authority for concurrent receipt of military retired pay and veterans' disability compensation in the case of certain disabled military retirees who are over the age of 65; to the Committee on National Security.

By Mr. CAMPBELL (for himself, Mr. METCALF, Mr. TORRES, Mr. JACKSON,

Mr. TALENT, Mr. MCINTYRE, and Mr. FOX of Pennsylvania):

H.R. 3435. A bill to remove barriers to the provision of affordable housing for all Americans; to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services.

By Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts:

H.R. 3436. A bill to amend Public Law 96-87 to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to acquire certain lands for inclusion in the Frederick Law Olmstead National Historic Site; to the Committee on Resources.

By Mr. GOODE (for himself, Mr. BOUCHER, and Mr. SISISKY):

H.R. 3437. A bill to provide market transition assistance for quota holders, active tobacco producers, and tobacco-growing counties, to authorize a private Tobacco Production Control Corporation and tobacco loan associations to control the production and marketing and ensure the quality of tobacco in the United States, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, and in addition to the Committee on Ways and Means, 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 Mrs. KELLY (for herself, Mr. FROST, and Mr. TRAFICANT):

H.R. 3438. A bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to prohibit taking a child hostage in order to evade arrest; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. KENNEDY of Massachusetts:

H.R. 3439. A bill to amend the Community Reinvestment Act of 1977 to require insured credit unions to meet the credit needs of the community served by the credit union; to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services.

By Mr. ROEMER (for himself, Ms. ESHOO, Mr. KIND of Wisconsin, Mr. MORAN of Virginia, and Mr. DOOLEY of California):

H.R. 3440. A bill to improve the supply of well-qualified elementary school and secondary school teachers; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

By Mr. KLUG (for himself, Mr. CASTLE, Mr. GREENWOOD, Mr. KILDEE, Mr. ANDREWS, Mr. BARTON of Texas, Mr. ENSIGN, and Mr. WALSH):

H.R. 3441. A bill to amend the National Environmental Education Act to extend the programs under the Act, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

By Mr. MARKEY (for himself and Mr. MANTON):

H.R. 3442. A bill to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to require schools and libraries that receive universal service support for discounted telecommunications services to establish policies governing access to material that is inappropriate for children; to the Committee on Commerce.

By Mr. STUPAK:

H.R. 3443. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the requirement for computation of tax on the aggregate income of husband and wife and to repeal joint and several liability of husband and wife; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. REYES:

H. Con. Res. 240. Concurrent resolution expressing the sense of the Congress that postage stamps should be issued by the United States to honor and recognize the first permanent settlement of the western United States by the Spanish explorer Don Juan de Onate; to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

By Mr. VENTO:

H. Con. Res. 241. Concurrent resolution expressing the sense of the Congress regarding tax simplification and the adoption in 1998 of 10 tax changes to reduce individual tax preparation time by 60 minutes; to the Committee on Ways and Means.