

NOT VOTING—29

Bonilla	Harman	Payne
Brown (FL)	Houghton	Rangel
Cannon	Jackson-Lee	Rogers
Cardin	(TX)	Ros-Lehtinen
Conyers	Jefferson	Royce
Cooksey	Johnson, E. B.	Smith (TX)
Crapo	McDade	Solomon
Engel	McDermott	Waters
Ford	McNulty	Yates
Gilman	Millender-	
Gonzalez	McDonald	

So the bill was passed.

A motion to reconsider the vote whereby 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.

¶26.23 ORDER OF BUSINESS—

CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 2515

On motion of Mr. SMITH of Oregon, by unanimous consent,

Ordered, That the following resolution (H. Res. 394) be considered as adopted:

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. 2515) to address the declining health of forests on Federal lands in the United States through a program of recovery and protection consistent with the requirements of existing public land management and environmental laws, to establish a program to inventory, monitor, and analyze public and private forests and their resources, and for other purposes. 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 Agriculture. After general debate the bill shall be considered for amendment under the five-minute rule. In lieu of the amendment recommended by the Committee on Agriculture now printed in the bill, it shall be in order to consider as an original bill for the purpose of amendment under the five-minute rule an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of H.R. 3530. Each section of that amendment in the nature of a substitute shall be considered as read. Points of order against that amendment in the nature of a substitute for failure to comply with clause 7 of rule XVI or clause 5(a) of rule XXI are waived. 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. The chairman of the Committee of the Whole may: (1) postpone until a time during further consideration in the Committee of the Whole a request for a recorded vote on any amendment; and reduce to five minutes the minimum time for electronic voting on any postponed question that follows another electronic vote without intervening business, provided that the minimum time for electronic voting on the first in any series of questions shall be 15 minutes. 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 amendment in the nature of a substitute

made in order as original text. The previous question shall be considered as ordered on the bill and amendments thereto to final passage without intervening motion except one motion to recommit with or without instructions.

Ordered further, That during consideration of the bill (H.R. 2515) to address the declining health of forests on Federal lands in the United States through a program of recovery and protection consistent with the requirements of existing public land management and environmental laws, to establish a program to inventory, monitor, and analyze public and private forests and their resources, and for other purposes, in the Committee of the Whole pursuant to that resolution; (1) the amendment in the nature of a substitute made in order as original text be considered as read; and (2) after general debate, the bill be considered for amendment under the five-minute rule for a period not to extend beyond 1:30 p.m. on Friday March 27, 1998.

¶26.24 ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS—H.R. 2009

Mrs. CAPPS, by unanimous consent, was authorized to be considered as the first sponsor of the bill (H.R. 2009) to amend the Social Security Act to waive the 24 month waiting period for Medicare coverage of individuals disabled with amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS), to provide Medicare coverage of drugs used for treatment of ALS, and to amend the Public Health Service Act to increase Federal funding for research on ALS, for the purpose of adding cosponsors and requesting reprints pursuant to clause 4 of rule XXII.

¶26.25 LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted—

To Mr. GILLMOR, for today ;

To Mr. McNULTY, for today after 2 p.m.; and

To Mr. YATES, for today after 4:30 p.m.

And then,

¶26.26 ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Mr. GANSKE, at 11 o'clock and 17 minutes p.m., the House adjourned.

¶26.27 REPORTS OF COMMITTEES ON PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

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

Mr. SPENCE: Committee on National Security, H.R. 2786. A bill to authorize additional appropriations for the Department of Defense for ballistic missile defenses and other measures to counter the emerging threat posed to the United States and its allies in the Middle East and Persian Gulf region by the development and deployment of ballistic missiles by Iran; with amendments (Rept. No. 105-468 Pt. 1).

¶26.28 TIME LIMITATION OF REFERRED BILL

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

H.R. 2786. Referral to the Committee on International Relations extended for a period ending not later than March 26, 1998.

¶26.29 DISCHARGE OF COMMITTEE

Pursuant to clause 5 of rule X, the Committee on International Relations discharged from further consideration. H.R. 2786 referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union, and ordered to be printed.

¶26.30 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. ARCHER:

H.R. 3558. A bill to provide that the exception for certain real estate investment trusts from the treatment of stapled entities shall apply only to existing property, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. HYDE (for himself, Mr. INGLIS of South Carolina, Mr. HUTCHINSON, Mr. PEASE, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. CONYERS, Mr. BOUCHER, and Mr. DELAHUNT):

H.R. 3559. A bill to modify the application of the antitrust laws with respect to obtaining video programming for multichannel distribution, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. SMITH of Michigan:

H.R. 3560. A bill to amend title II of the Social Security Act and the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for a pilot program for personalized retirement security through personal retirement savings accounts to allow for more control by individuals over their Social Security retirement income, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. ANDREWS (for himself, Mr. SHAYS, Mr. CLAY, Mr. ROEMER, Mr. WALSH, Mr. FARR of California, Mr. NEAL of Massachusetts, Mr. DOOLEY of California, Mrs. MORELLA, Mr. QUINN, Mr. BARRETT of Wisconsin, Mr. SANDLIN, Mr. MILLER of California, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. KENNEDY of Massachusetts, Mr. LEWIS of Georgia, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. DINGELL, Mr. FROST, Mr. HORN, Mr. UNDERWOOD, Mr. MALONEY of Connecticut, Mr. HINCHEY, Mr. MURTHA, Mrs. KENNEDY of Connecticut, Mr. BORSKI, Mr. FAZIO of California, Mr. MARTINEZ, Mr. BALDACCI, Mr. FATTAH, Ms. WOOLSEY, Mr. KIND of Wisconsin, Ms. SANCHEZ, Ms. JACKSON-LEE, Mr. MORAN of Virginia, Mr. PETERSON of Minnesota, Mr. VENTO, Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts, Mr. KENNEDY of Rhode Island, Mr. KILDEE, Mr. LEACH, Mr. ADAM SMITH of Washington, Mr. SABO, Mrs. LOWEY, Mr. SAWYER, Mr. DEFazio, Mr. ACKERMAN, Mr. HOUGHTON, Mr. HALL of Ohio, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. LANTOS, Mr. KLINK, and Mr. SCOTT):

H.R. 3561. A bill to extend for five years the authorization of appropriations for the programs under the National and Community Service Act of 1990 and the Domestic Volunteer Service Act of 1973, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

By Mr. ANDREWS:

H.R. 3562. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow a credit against income tax to C corporations which have substantial employee ownership and to encourage stock ownership by employees by excluding from gross income stock paid as