

¶46.8 PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 5 of Rule X and clause 4 of Rule XXII,

Mr. BOEHNER introduced a resolution (H. Res. 440) expressing the sense of the Congress that the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight should confer immunity from prosecution for information and testimony concerning illegal foreign fundraising activities; which was referred to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

¶46.9 ADDITIONAL SPONSORS

Under clause 4 of rule XXII, sponsors were added to public bills and resolutions as follows:

H.R. 519: Mr. HEFLEY.
 H.R. 1375: Mr. SPENCE, and Mr. BENTSEN.
 H.R. 1415: Mr. SCHUMER.
 H.R. 1782: Mr. CAMPBELL.
 H.R. 1813: Mr. PASTOR.
 H.R. 1995: Ms. STABENOW, Mr. GEJDENSON, Ms. LEE, Mr. STRICKLAND, Mr. HALL of Ohio, Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York, Mr. RUSH, Mr. GREEN, Mr. WISE, Mr. NADLER, Mrs. CAPPS, Mr. KUCINICH, Mr. PASTOR, Mr. HOYER, Mr. REYES, Mr. ORTIZ, Mr. JOHNSON of Wisconsin, Mr. FORD, Mr. MORAN of Virginia, Ms. MCCARTHY of Missouri, Ms. KAPTUR, Mr. KIND of Wisconsin, and Mr. ANDREWS.
 H.R. 2009: Mr. MOLLOHAN, Mr. HINCHEY, Mrs. MALONEY of New York, Mr. HANSEN, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. MORAN of Virginia, Mr. DAVIS of Virginia, Mr. COSTELLO, Mr. HASTINGS of Florida, and Ms. MCCARTHY of Missouri.
 H.R. 2499: Mr. MCDADE, Mrs. ROUKEMA, and Mr. METCALF.
 H.R. 2504: Mr. PETERSON of Minnesota, and Mr. GUTIERREZ.
 H.R. 2752: Mr. STUMP, Mr. GIBBONS, and Mr. BROWN of California.
 H.R. 2760: Mr. BASS, Mr. SESSIONS, and Mr. BARRETT of Nebraska.
 H.R. 2817: Mr. HERGER, Mr. FALEOMAVAEGA, and Mr. HEFLEY.
 H.R. 2840: Mr. TALENT and Mr. SANDLIN.
 H.R. 2884: Mr. MCHUGH.
 H.R. 2990: Mr. MANTON, Mr. HALL of Texas, and Mr. LANTOS.
 H.R. 3333: Ms. SLAUGHTER and Mr. PALLONE.
 H.R. 3341: Mr. DOOLEY of California.
 H.R. 3396: Mr. RILEY and Mr. ADERHOLT.
 H.R. 3570: Mr. KUCINICH, Mr. SKAGGS, Mr. MCGOVERN, Mr. HINCHEY and Mr. BENTSEN.
 H.R. 3615: Ms. CARSON and Mr. LAMPSON.
 H.R. 3792: Mr. GOODLATTE and Mr. COBURN.
 H.R. 3809: Mr. WAMP and Mr. THOMAS.
 H.R. 3820: Mr. LUTHER and Mr. BARRETT of Wisconsin.
 H.R. 3835: Mr. LATOURETTE, Mr. LEACH, Mr. BONIOR, and Mr. FROST.
 H. Con. Res. 207: Mr. PAUL.
 H. Res. 425: Mr. DELAHUNT, Mr. SHAYS, Mr. FARR of California, Mr. BROWN of California, and Mr. MILLER of California.

TUESDAY, MAY 19, 1998 (47)

The House was called to order at 10:30 a.m. by the SPEAKER.

¶47.1 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A message from the Senate by Mr. Lundregan, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate passed a bill of the following title, in which concurrence of the House is requested:

S. 1723. An Act to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to assist the United States to remain competitive by increasing the access of United States firms and institutions of higher education to skilled personnel and by expanding educational and training opportunities for American students and workers.

¶47.2 "MORNING-HOUR DEBATE"

The SPEAKER, pursuant to the order of the House of Tuesday, January 21, 1997, recognized Members for "morning-hour debate".

¶47.3 RECESS—11:21 A.M.

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. PETRI, pursuant to clause 12 of rule I, declared the House in recess until 12 noon.

¶47.4 AFTER RECESS—12 NOON

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mrs. EMERSON, called the House to order.

¶47.5 APPROVAL OF THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mrs. EMERSON, announced she had examined and approved the Journal of the proceedings of Monday, May 18, 1998.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal was approved.

¶47.6 COMMUNICATIONS

Executive and other communications, pursuant to clause 2, rule XXIV, were referred as follows:

9183. A letter from the Chairman, Postal Rate Commission, transmitting a copy of the Postal Rate Commission's recommended decision in the Omnibus Rate Case R97-1; to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

9184. A letter from the the Chief Administrative Officer, the U.S. House of Representatives, transmitting the quarterly report of receipts and expenditures of appropriations and other funds for the period January 1, 1998 through March 31, 1998 as compiled by the Chief Administrative Officer, pursuant to 2 U.S.C. 104a; (H. Doc. No. 105-254); to the Committee on House Oversight and ordered to be printed.

9185. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—SPECIAL LOCAL REGULATIONS; River Race Augusta, Augusta, GA [CGD07-98-013] (RIN: 2115-AE46) received May 14, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

9186. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Airworthiness Directives; Boeing Model 747 and 767 Series Airplanes [Docket No. 98-NM-111-AD; Amendment 39-10522; AD 98-10-10] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received May 14, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

9187. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Airworthiness Directives; Bell Helicopter Textron (Bell)-manufactured Model HH-1K, TH-1F, TH-1L, UH-1A, UH-1B, UH-1E, UH-1F, UH-1H, UH-1L, and UH-1P Helicopters; and Southwest Florida Aviation SW204, SW204HP, SW205, and SW205A-1 Helicopters [Docket No. 97-SW-35; Amendment 39-10521; AD 97-20-09] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received May 14, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

9188. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Airworthiness Directives; Alexander Schleicher Segelflugzeugbau Model ASK 21 Sailplanes [Docket No. 97-CE-103-AD; Amendment 39-10518; AD 98-10-07] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received May 14, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

9189. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Airworthiness Directives; Construcciones Aeronauticas, S.A. (CASA) Model C-212 Series Airplanes [Docket No. 97-NM-297-AD; Amendment 39-10519; AD 98-10-08] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received May 14, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

9190. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Airworthiness Directives; Bell Helicopter Textron (Bell) Model 204B, 205A, and 205A-1 Helicopters [Docket No. 97-SW-32-AD; Amendment 39-10520; AD 97-18-11] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received May 14, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

9191. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Airworthiness Directives; Burkhardt Grob Luft-und Raumfahrt Models G115C, G115C2, G115D, and G115D2 Airplanes [Docket No. 98-CE-24-AD; Amendment 39-10517; AD 98-10-06] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received May 14, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

9192. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Prohibition Against Certain Flights Within the Territory and Airspace of Afghanistan [Docket No. 27744; SFAR67] (RIN: 2120-AG56) received May 14, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

9193. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Airworthiness Directives; McDonnell Douglas Model DC-9-10, -20, -30, -40, and -50 Series Airplanes, and C-9 (Military) Airplanes [Docket No. 97-NM-40-AD; Amendment 39-10473; AD 98-08-24] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received May 14, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

9194. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Airworthiness Directives; Eurocopter France Model SA-365N1, AS-365N2, and SA-366G1 Helicopters [Docket No. 97-SW-49-AD; Amendment 39-10515; AD 98-10-04] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received May 14, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

9195. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Standard Instrument Approach Procedures; Miscellaneous Amendments [Docket No. 29214; Amdt. No. 1866] (RIN: 2120-AA65) received May 14, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

9196. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Aviation Charter Rules [Docket OST-97-2356] (RIN: 2105-AB91) received May 14, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

¶47.7 PRIVATE CALENDAR BUSINESS
DISPENSED WITH

On motion of Mr. HYDE, by unanimous consent,

Ordered, That business in order today, under clause 6, rule XXIV, the Private Calendar rule, be dispensed with.

¶47.8 COMMUNICATION FROM THE
CLERK—MESSAGE FROM THE
PRESIDENT

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mrs. EMERSON, laid before the House a communication, which was read as follows:

OFFICE OF THE CLERK,
Washington, DC, May 19, 1998.

Hon. NEWT GINGRICH,
The Speaker, House of Representatives, Wash-
ington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: Pursuant to the permission granted in Clause 5 of Rule III of the Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives, I have the honor to transmit a sealed envelope received from the White House on May 18, 1998 at 3:35 p.m. and said to contain a message from the President whereby he notifies the Congress that he has issued a notice continuing the national emergency with respect to Burma.

With warm regards,

ROBIN H. CARLE,
Clerk.

¶47.9 NATIONAL EMERGENCY WITH
RESPECT TO BURMA

The Clerk then read the message from the President, as follows:

To the Congress of the United States:

Section 202(d) of the National Emergencies Act (50 U.S.C. 1622(d)) provides for the automatic termination of a national emergency unless, prior to the anniversary date of its declaration, the President publishes in the Federal Register and transmits to the Congress a notice stating that the emergency is to continue in effect beyond the anniversary date. In accordance with this provision, I have sent the enclosed notice to the Federal Register for publication, stating that the emergency declared with respect to Burma is to continue in effect beyond May 20, 1998.

As long as the Government of Burma continues its policies of committing large-scale repression of the democratic opposition in Burma, this situation continues to pose an unusual and extraordinary threat to the national security and foreign policy of the United States. For this reason, I have determined that it is necessary to maintain in force these emergency authorities beyond May 20, 1998.

WILLIAM J. CLINTON.

THE WHITE HOUSE, May 18, 1998.

By unanimous consent, the message, together with the accompanying papers, was referred to the Committee on International Relations and ordered to be printed (H. Doc. 105-253).

¶47.10 RICKY RAY HEMOPHILIA RELIEF
FUND

Mr. HYDE moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 1023) to provide for compassionate payments with regard to individual with blood-clotting disorders, such as hemophilia, who contracted human immunodeficiency virus due to contaminated blood products, and for other purposes; as amended.

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mrs. EMERSON, recognized Mr. HYDE and Mr. SCOTT, 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, Mrs. EMERSON, 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.

By unanimous consent, the title was amended so as to read: "An Act to provide for compassionate payments with regard to individuals with blood-clotting disorders, such as hemophilia, who contracted human immunodeficiency virus due to contaminated antihemophilic factor, and for other purposes."

A motion to reconsider the votes whereby the rules were suspended and said bill, as amended, was passed 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 bill.

¶47.11 VETERANS' TRANSITIONAL
HOUSING

Mr. STUMP moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 3039) to amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to guarantee loans to provide multifamily transitional housing for homeless veterans, and for other purposes; as amended.

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mrs. EMERSON, recognized Mr. STUMP and Mr. EVANS, 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, Mrs. EMERSON, announced that two-thirds of the Members present had voted in the affirmative.

Mr. STUMP 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, Mrs. EMERSON, pursuant to clause 5, rule I, announced that further proceedings on the motion were postponed.

¶47.12 VETERANS' MAJOR MEDICAL
FACILITIES

Mr. STUMP moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 3603) to authorize major medical facility projects and major medical facility leases for the Department of Veterans Affairs for fiscal year 1999, and for other purposes; as amended.

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mrs. EMERSON, recognized Mr. STUMP and Mr. EVANS, 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, Mrs. EMERSON, 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.

¶47.13 COLLECTION OF INFORMATION
PIRACY

Mr. COBLE moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 2652) to amend title 17, United States Code, to prevent the misappropriation of collections of information; as amended.

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mrs. EMERSON, recognized Mr. COBLE and Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts, 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, Mrs. EMERSON, 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.

¶47.14 PRISON RELEASE ORDERS

Mr. COBLE moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 3718) to limit the jurisdiction of the Federal courts with respect to prison release orders.

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mrs. EMERSON, recognized Mr. COBLE and Mr. SCOTT, 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. SHIMKUS, announced that two-thirds of the Members present had voted in the affirmative.

Mr. SCOTT objected to the vote on the ground that a quorum was not present and not voting.

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. SHIMKUS, pursuant to clause 5, rule I, announced that further proceedings on the motion were postponed.

The point of no quorum was considered as withdrawn.

¶47.15 DRUG FREE BORDERS

Mr. ARCHER moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 3809) to authorize appropriations for the United States Customs Service for fiscal years 1999 and 2000, and for other purposes; as amended.

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. SHIMKUS, recognized Mr. ARCHER and Mr. MATSUI, each for 20 minutes.