

and approved the Journal of the proceedings of Tuesday, May 19, 1998.

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

48.3 COMMUNICATIONS

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

9197. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting his requests for FY 1999 budget amendments for the Departments of Agriculture, Commerce, Defense, and Transportation; the Environmental Protection Agency; International Assistance Programs; the District of Columbia; and, the Postal Service, pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 1107; (H. Doc. No. 105—255); to the Committee on Appropriations and ordered to be printed.

9198. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting a copy of D.C. Act 12-344, "TANF and TANF-Related Medicare Managed Care Program Temporary Amendment Act of 1998" received May 19, 1998, pursuant to D.C. Code section 1-233(c)(1); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

9199. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting a copy of D.C. Act 12-337, "Uniform Controlled Substances Amendment Act of 1998" received May 19, 1998, pursuant to D.C. Code section 1-233(c)(1); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

9200. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting a copy of D.C. Act 12-336, "Parking Meter Fee Moratorium Amendment Act of 1998" received May 19, 1998, pursuant to D.C. Code section 1-233(c)(1); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

9201. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting a copy of D.C. Act 12-330, "Uniform Interstate Family Support Amendment Act of 1998" received May 19, 1998, pursuant to D.C. Code section 1-233(c)(1); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

9202. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting a copy of D.C. Act 12-329, "Public Assistance Temporary Amendment Act of 1998" received May 19, 1998, pursuant to D.C. Code section 1-233(c)(1); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

9203. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting a copy of D.C. Act 12-332, "District of Columbia Unemployment Compensation Federal Conformity Amendment Act of 1998" received May 19, 1998, pursuant to D.C. Code section 1-233(c)(1); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

9204. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting a copy of D.C. Act 12-333, "Eastern Market Open Air Retailing Temporary Act of 1998" received May 19, 1998, pursuant to D.C. Code section 1-233(c)(1); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

9205. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting a copy of D.C. Act 12-338, "Georgetown Business Improvement District Temporary Amendment Act of 1998" received May 19, 1998, pursuant to D.C. Code section 1-233(c)(1); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

9206. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting a copy of D.C. Act 12-335, "Correctional Treatment Facility Temporary Amendment Act of 1998" received May 19, 1998, pursuant to D.C. Code section 1-233(c)(1); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

9207. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting a

copy of D.C. Act 12-340, "Residency Requirement Reinstatement Amendment Act of 1998" received May 19, 1998, pursuant to D.C. Code section 1-233(c)(1); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

9208. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting a copy of D.C. Act 12-342, "Advisory Neighborhood Commissions Act of 1975 Financial Reporting Amendment Act of 1998" received May 19, 1998, pursuant to D.C. Code section 1-233(c)(1); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

9209. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting a copy of D.C. Act 12-341, "Definition of Optometry Amendment Act of 1998" received May 19, 1998, pursuant to D.C. Code section 1-233(c)(1); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

9210. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting a copy of D.C. Act 12-343, "Truth in Sentencing Amendment Act of 1998" received May 19, 1998, pursuant to D.C. Code section 1-233(c)(1); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

9211. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting a copy of D.C. Act 12-328, "Children's Defense Fund Equitable Real Property Tax Relief Temporary Act of 1998" received May 19, 1998, pursuant to D.C. Code section 1-233(c)(1); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

9212. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting a copy of D.C. Act 12-334, "Motor Vehicle Excessive Idling Fine Increase Temporary Amendment Act of 1998" received May 19, 1998, pursuant to D.C. Code section 1-233(c)(1); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

48.4 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A message from the Senate by Mr. Lundregan, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate had passed without amendment a bill of the House of the following title:

H.R. 3301. An act to amend chapter 51 of title 31, United States Code, to allow the Secretary of the Treasury greater discretion with regard to the placement of the required inscriptions on quarter dollars issued under the 50 States Commemorative Coin Program.

48.5 PROVIDING FOR FURTHER

CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 3616

Mr. SOLOMON, by direction of the Committee on Rules, called up the following resolution (H. Res. 441):

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 further consideration of the bill (H.R. 3616) to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 1999 for military activities of the Department of Defense, to prescribe military personnel strengths for fiscal year 1999, and for other purposes. No further general debate shall be in order. The bill shall be considered for amendment under the five-minute rule.

SEC. 2. (a) It shall be in order to consider as an original bill for the purpose of amendment under the five-minute rule the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on National Security now printed in the bill. The committee amendment in the nature of a substitute shall be considered as read. All points of order against the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute are waived.

(b) No amendment to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute

shall be in order except the amendments printed in the report of the Committee on Rules accompanying this resolution and amendments en bloc described in section 3 of this resolution.

(c) Except as specified in section 5 of this resolution, each amendment printed in the report of the Committee on Rules shall be considered only in the order printed in the report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question in the House or in the Committee of the Whole. Unless otherwise specified in the report, each amendment printed in the report shall be debatable for 10 minutes equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent and shall not be subject to amendment (except that the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on National Security each may offer one pro forma amendment for the purpose of further debate on any pending amendment).

(d) All points of order against amendments printed in the report of the Committee on Rules or amendments en bloc described in section 3 of this resolution are waived.

(e)(1) Consideration of the amendments in part A of the report of the Committee on Rules shall begin with an additional period of general debate, which shall be confined to the subject of the policy of the United States with respect to the People's Republic of China and shall not exceed two hours equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on National Security.

(2) Consideration of the amendments in part C of the report of the Committee on Rules shall begin with an additional period of general debate, which shall be confined to the subject of the assignment of members of the armed forces to assist in border control and shall not exceed 30 minutes equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on National Security.

SEC. 3. It shall be in order at any time for the chairman of the Committee on National Security or his designee to offer amendments en bloc consisting of amendments printed in part D of the report of the Committee on Rules not earlier disposed of germane modifications of any such amendment. Amendments en bloc offered pursuant to this section shall be considered as read (except that modifications shall be reported), shall be debatable for 20 minutes equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on National Security or their designees, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question in the House or in the Committee of the Whole. For the purpose of inclusion in such amendments en bloc, an amendment printed in the form of a motion to strike may be modified to the form of a germane perfecting amendment to the text originally proposed to be stricken. The original proponent of an amendment included in such amendments en bloc may insert a statement in the Congressional Record immediately before the disposition of the amendments en bloc.

SEC. 4. 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 amendments; and (2) 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.

SEC. 5. The chairman of the Committee of the Whole may recognize for consideration of