

The bill, as amended, was ordered to be read a third time, was read a third time by title, and passed.

A motion to reconsider the votes whereby 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 amendment.

By unanimous consent, H.R. 3662, a similar House bill, was laid on the table.

¶54.14 MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages in writing from the President of the United States were communicated to the House by Mr. Sherman Williams, one of his secretaries.

¶54.15 UNITED STATES AND PHILIPPINE RELATIONS

Mr. GILMAN moved to suspend the rules and agree to the following resolution (H. Res. 404):

Whereas 1998 marks 100 years of special ties between the people of the United States and the people of the Philippines and is also the centennial celebration of Philippine independence from Spain which initiated relations with the United States;

Whereas the people of the Philippines have on many occasions demonstrated their strong commitment to democratic principles and practices, the free exchange of views on matters of public concern, and the development of a strong civil society;

Whereas the Philippines has embraced economic reform and free market principles and, despite current challenging circumstances, its economy has registered significant economic growth in recent years benefiting the lives of the people of the Philippines;

Whereas the large Philippine-American community has immeasurably enriched the fabric of American society and culture;

Whereas Filipino soldiers fought shoulder to shoulder with American troops on the battlefields of World War II, Korea, and Vietnam;

Whereas the Philippines is an increasingly important trading partner of the United States as well as the recipient of significant direct American investment;

Whereas the United States relies on the Philippines as a partner and treaty ally in fostering regional stability, enhancing prosperity, and promoting peace and democracy; and

Whereas the 100th anniversary of relations between the people of the United States and the people of the Philippines offers an opportunity for the United States and the Philippines to renew their commitment to international cooperation on issues of mutual interest and concern: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the House of Representatives—

(1) congratulates the Philippines on the commemoration of its independence from Spain;

(2) looks forward to a broadening and deepening of friendship and cooperation with the Philippines in the years ahead for the mutual benefit of the people of the United States and the people of the Philippines;

(3) supports the efforts of the Philippines to further strengthen democracy, human rights, the rule of law, and the expansion of free market economics both at home and abroad; and

(4) recognizes the close relationship between the nations and the people of the United States and the people of the Phil-

ippines and pledges its support to work closely with the Philippines in addressing new challenges as we begin our second century of friendship and cooperation.

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. STEARNS, recognized Mr. GILMAN and Mr. WEXLER, each for 20 minutes.

After debate,
The question being put, *viva voce*,
Will the House suspend the rules and agree to said resolution?

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. STEARNS, 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 resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider the vote whereby the rules were suspended and said resolution was agreed to was, by unanimous consent, laid on the table.

¶54.16 AFFIRMING U.S. SUPPORT FOR TAIWAN AND THEIR ROLE IN ASIAN FINANCIAL CRISIS

Mr. GILMAN moved to suspend the rules and agree to the following concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 270); as amended:

Whereas the President of the United States has announced he intends to travel to Beijing in June 1998 to discuss the common interests of the United States and the People's Republic of China;

Whereas the American people desire strong relations with the people on both sides of the Taiwan Strait;

Whereas it is the policy of the United States Government to take all necessary action to ensure peace and stability on the Taiwan Strait, while continuing mutually beneficial trade relations with Taiwan's vibrant economy;

Whereas the American people have repeatedly welcomed and supported democracy for the people of Taiwan;

Whereas Taiwan set an example for democratization in the region having successfully held free and fair elections at the local and national level and encouraging the development of democratic institutions;

Whereas the American people seek to promote economic stability and growth amidst the current financial turmoil in the Asia-Pacific region;

Whereas Taiwan's economy has weathered the current Asian financial crisis better than others in the region;

Whereas Taiwan has proposed to use various means to help stabilize the economies of many of its neighbors, including possibilities for action by the Asian Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) forum of which it is a member;

Whereas Taiwan has expressed its willingness to provide financial assistance to its neighbors;

Whereas in the spring of 1996, the political leadership of the People's Republic of China used provocative military maneuvers, including missile launch exercises in the Taiwan Strait, in an attempt to intimidate the people of Taiwan during their historic, free, and democratic presidential election;

Whereas officials of the People's Republic of China refuse to renounce the use of force against the people on Taiwan;

Whereas the use of force, and the threat to use force, by the People's Republic of China against Taiwan undermines regional stability; and

Whereas a senior United States executive branch official has again recently called

upon the People's Republic of China to renounce any use of force against Taiwan: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate concurring), That it is the sense of the Congress that—

(1) the United States abides by all previous understandings of a "one China" policy and its abiding interest in a peaceful resolution of the Taiwan Straits issue; and

(2) the President of the United States should seek, at the June summit meeting this year in Beijing, a public renunciation by the People's Republic of China of any use of force, or threat to use force, against democratic Taiwan.

Amend the title so as to read: "Concurrent resolution acknowledging Taiwan's desire to play a positive role in the current Asian financial crisis and affirming the support of the American people for peace and stability on the Taiwan Strait and security for Taiwan's democracy."

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. STEARNS, recognized Mr. GILMAN and Mr. FALEOMAVAEGA, 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. STEARNS, announced that two-thirds of the Members present had voted in the affirmative.

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

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

The point of no quorum was considered as withdrawn.

¶54.17 PROVIDING FOR THE CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 2709

Mr. GOSS, by direction of the Committee on Rules, called up the following resolution (H. Res. 457):

Resolved, That upon adoption of this resolution it shall be in order to take from the Speaker's table the bill (H.R. 2709) to impose certain sanctions on foreign persons who transfer items contributing to Iran's efforts to acquire, develop, or produce ballistic missiles, with the Senate amendments thereto, and to consider in the House a single motion offered by the chairman of the Committee on International Relations or his designee that the House concur in each of the Senate amendments. The Senate amendments and the motion shall be considered as read. The motion shall be debatable for one hour equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on International Relations. The previous question shall be considered as ordered on the motion to final adoption without intervening motion or demand for division of the question.

When said resolution was considered.

After debate,
On motion of Mr. GOSS, the previous question was ordered on the resolution to its adoption or rejection and under the operation thereof, the resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider the vote whereby said resolution was agreed to was, by unanimous consent, laid on the table.

54.18 IRAN MISSILE PROLIFERATION
SANCTIONS

Mr. GILMAN, pursuant to the provisions of House Resolution 457, moved that the bill (H.R. 2709) to impose certain sanctions on foreign persons who transfer items contributing to Iran's efforts to acquire, develop, or produce ballistic missiles; together with the following amendments of the Senate thereto, be taken from the Speaker's table; and that the House concur in said Senate amendments:

Page 2, lines 15 and 16, strike out "August 8, 1995—" and insert "January 22, 1998—".

Page 6, lines 24 and 25, strike out "August 8, 1995—" and insert "January 22, 1998—".

After debate,
Pursuant to House Resolution 457, the previous question was ordered on the motion.

The question being put, viva voce,
Will the House agree to said motion?
The Speaker pro tempore, Mr. BURR, announced that the yeas had it.

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

A quorum not being present,
The roll was called under clause 4, rule XV, and the call was taken by electronic device.

It was decided in the affirmative	<table border="0"> <tr> <td>Yeas</td> <td>392</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Nays</td> <td>22</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Answered present</td> <td>3</td> </tr> </table>	Yeas	392	Nays	22	Answered present	3
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54.19 [Roll No. 211]
YEAS—392

Abercrombie	Camp	Dreier
Ackerman	Campbell	Duncan
Aderholt	Canady	Dunn
Allen	Cannon	Edwards
Andrews	Capps	Ehlers
Archer	Cardin	Ehrlich
Armey	Carson	Emerson
Bachus	Castle	Engel
Baesler	Chabot	English
Baker	Chambliss	Ensign
Baldacci	Chenoweth	Eshoo
Ballenger	Christensen	Etheridge
Barcia	Clay	Evans
Barr	Clayton	Everett
Barrett (NE)	Clement	Ewing
Barrett (WI)	Clyburn	Fattah
Bartlett	Coble	Fawell
Barton	Coburn	Filner
Bass	Collins	Foley
Bateman	Combust	Forbes
Becerra	Condit	Ford
Bentsen	Cook	Fossella
Bereuter	Cooksey	Fowler
Berman	Costello	Fox
Berry	Cox	Frank (MA)
Bilbray	Coyne	Franks (NJ)
Bilirakis	Cramer	Frelinghuysen
Blagojevich	Crane	Frost
Bliley	Crapo	Gallegly
Blumenauer	Cubin	Ganske
Blunt	Cummings	Gejdenson
Boehlert	Cunningham	Gekas
Boehner	Danner	Gibbons
Bonilla	Davis (FL)	Gilchrist
Bono	Davis (IL)	Gillmor
Borski	Davis (VA)	Gilman
Boswell	Deal	Goode
Boucher	DeFazio	Goodlatte
Boyd	DeGette	Gordon
Brady (PA)	Delahunt	Goss
Brady (TX)	DeLauro	Graham
Brown (FL)	DeLay	Granger
Brown (OH)	Diaz-Balart	Green
Bryant	Dickey	Greenwood
Bunning	Dicks	Gutierrez
Burr	Dingell	Gutknecht
Burton	Dixon	Hall (OH)
Buyer	Doggett	Hall (TX)
Callahan	Doolittle	Hansen
Calvert	Doyle	Harman

Hastert	McIntyre	Saxton
Hastings (WA)	McKeon	Scarborough
Hayworth	McKinney	Schaefer, Dan
Hefley	McNulty	Schaffer, Bob
Hefner	Meehan	Scott
Herger	Meek (FL)	Sensenbrenner
Hill	Meeks (NY)	Serrano
Hilleary	Menendez	Sessions
Hilliard	Metcalfe	Shadegg
Hinches	Mica	Shaw
Hinojosa	Millender-	Shays
Hobson	McDonald	Sherman
Hoekstra	Miller (CA)	Shimkus
Holden	Miller (FL)	Shuster
Hooley	Minge	Sisisky
Horn	Moakley	Skaggs
Hoyer	Mollohan	Skeen
Hulshof	Morella	Skelton
Hutchinson	Myrick	Slaughter
Hyde	Nadler	Smith (MI)
Istook	Neal	Smith (NJ)
Jackson (IL)	Nethercutt	Smith (OR)
Jackson-Lee	Neumann	Smith (TX)
(TX)	Ney	Smith, Adam
Jenkins	Northup	Smith, Linda
John	Norwood	Snowbarger
Johnson (CT)	Nussle	Snyder
Johnson (WI)	Oberstar	Solomon
Jones	Olver	Souder
Kaptur	Ortiz	Spence
Kasich	Owens	Spratt
Kelly	Oxley	Stabenow
Kennedy (RI)	Packard	Stark
Kennelly	Pallone	Stearns
Kildee	Pappas	Stenholm
Kilpatrick	Parker	Stokes
Kim	Pascrell	Strickland
Kind (WI)	Pastor	Stump
King (NY)	Paxon	Stupak
Kingston	Payne	Sununu
Klecicka	Pease	Talent
Klink	Pelosi	Tanner
Klug	Peterson (MN)	Tauscher
Knollenberg	Peterson (PA)	Tauzin
Kolbe	Petri	Taylor (MS)
Kucinich	Pickering	Taylor (NC)
LaHood	Pickett	Thomas
Lampson	Pitts	Thompson
Lantos	Pombo	Thornberry
Largent	Pomeroy	Thune
Latham	Porter	Thurman
LaTourette	Portman	Tiahrt
Lazio	Poshard	Tierney
Lee	Price (NC)	Torres
Levin	Pryce (OH)	Towns
Lewis (CA)	Quinn	Trafficant
Lewis (KY)	Radanovich	Turner
Linder	Ramstad	Upton
Lipinski	Rangel	Velazquez
Livingston	Redmond	Vento
LoBiondo	Regula	Visclosky
Lowe	Reyes	Walsh
Lucas	Riggs	Wamp
Luther	Riley	Waters
Maloney (CT)	Rivers	Watkins
Maloney (NY)	Rodriguez	Watt (NC)
Manton	Roemer	Watts (OK)
Manzullo	Rogan	Waxman
Markey	Rogers	Weldon (FL)
Martinez	Rohrabacher	Weldon (PA)
Mascara	Ros-Lehtinen	Weller
Matsui	Rothman	Weygand
McCarthy (MO)	Roukema	White
McCarthy (NY)	Roybal-Allard	Whitfield
McCollum	Royce	Wicker
McCrary	Ryun	Wise
McDade	Salmon	Wolf
McGovern	Sanchez	Woolsey
McHale	Sanders	Wynn
McHugh	Sandlin	Young (AK)
McInnis	Sanford	
McIntosh	Sawyer	

NAYS—22

Brown (CA)	Johnson, E. B.	Moran (VA)
Conyers	Kanjorski	Murtha
Dooley	Kennedy (MA)	Obey
Furse	LaFalce	Paul
Hamilton	Lofgren	Rahall
Hastings (FL)	McDermott	Yates
Hostettler	Mink	
Jefferson	Moran (KS)	

ANSWERED "PRESENT"—3

Bonior	Fazio	Gephardt
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NOT VOTING—16

Bishop	Gonzalez	Hunter
Deutsch	Goodling	Inglis
Farr	Houghton	Johnson, Sam

Leach	Sabo	Young (FL)
Lewis (GA)	Schumer	
Rush	Wexler	

So the motion was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider the vote whereby said Senate amendments were agreed to was, by unanimous consent, laid on the table.

Ordered, That the Clerk notify the Senate thereof.

54.20 H. RES. 417—UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. BURR, pursuant to clause 5, rule I, announced the unfinished business to be the motion to suspend the rules and agree to the resolution (H. Res. 417) regarding the importance of fathers in the raising and development of their children, as amended.

The question being put,

Will the House suspend the rules and agree to said resolution, as amended?

The vote was taken by electronic device.

It was decided in the affirmative	<table border="0"> <tr> <td>Yeas</td> <td>415</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Nays</td> <td>0</td> </tr> </table>	Yeas	415	Nays	0
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Nays	0				

54.21 [Roll No. 212]
YEAS—415

Abercrombie	Chenoweth	Ford
Ackerman	Christensen	Fossella
Aderholt	Clay	Fowler
Allen	Clayton	Fox
Andrews	Clement	Frank (MA)
Archer	Clyburn	Franks (NJ)
Armey	Coble	Frelinghuysen
Bachus	Coburn	Frost
Baesler	Collins	Furse
Baker	Combust	Gallegly
Baldacci	Condit	Ganske
Barcia	Conyers	Gejdenson
Barr	Cook	Gekas
Barrett (NE)	Cooksey	Gephardt
Barrett (WI)	Costello	Gibbons
Bartlett	Cox	Gilchrist
Barton	Coyne	Gillmor
Bass	Cramer	Gilman
Bateman	Crane	Goode
Becerra	Crapo	Goodlatte
Bentsen	Cubin	Goodling
Bereuter	Cummings	Gordon
Berman	Cunningham	Goss
Berry	Danner	Graham
Bilbray	Davis (FL)	Granger
Bilirakis	Davis (IL)	Green
Bishop	Davis (VA)	Greenwood
Blagojevich	Deal	Gutierrez
Bliley	DeFazio	Gutknecht
Blumenauer	DeGette	Hall (OH)
Blunt	Delahunt	Hall (TX)
Boehlert	DeLauro	Hamilton
Boehner	DeLay	Hansen
Bonilla	Diaz-Balart	Harman
Bonior	Dickey	Hastert
Bono	Dicks	Hastings (FL)
Borski	Dingell	Hastings (WA)
Boswell	Dixon	Hayworth
Boucher	Doggett	Hefley
Boyd	Dooley	Hefner
Brady (PA)	Doolittle	Herger
Brady (TX)	Doyle	Hill
Brown (CA)	Dreier	Hilleary
Brown (FL)	Duncan	Hilliard
Brown (OH)	Dunn	Hinches
Bryant	Edwards	Hinojosa
Bunning	Ehlers	Hobson
Burr	Ehrlich	Hoekstra
Burton	Emerson	Holden
Buyer	Engel	Hooley
Callahan	English	Horn
Calvert	Ensign	Hostettler
Camp	Eshoo	Hoyer
Campbell	Etheridge	Hulshof
Canady	Evans	Hutchinson
Cannon	Everett	Hyde
Capps	Ewing	Istook
Cardin	Fattah	Jackson (IL)
Carson	Fazio	Jackson-Lee
Castle	Filner	(TX)
Chabot	Foley	Jefferson
Chambliss	Forbes	Jenkins