injury or death in order to combat the illegal narcotics trade;

Whereas recently the Government of Mexico has reportedly announced a desire to investigate and possibly prosecute United States law enforcement officials involved in Operation Casablanca on the ground that United States law enforcement agents allegedly operated on Mexican soil without prior notification of the Government of Mexico;

Whereas the Government of Mexico had been notified of the broad concept but not details of a money laundering investigation; whereas notification of details could have jeopardized the safety of United States law enforcement officials; and

Whereas notification to foreign governments of the specifics of undercover money laundering investigations conducted by the United States could, under certain circumstances, render ineffective such investigations, which would be contrary to the interests of the United States: Now, therefore, be it

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

(1) undercover law enforcement investigations, including under appropriate circumstances sting operations, are necessary to counter increasingly sophisticated money laundering schemes that involve financial institutions in this country and other countries, including Mexico; and

(2) the United States should not agree to extradite to Mexico United States law enforcement agents involved in Operation Casablanca for actions taken within the scope of Operation Casablanca.

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. NETHERCUTT, recognized Mr. MCCOLLUM 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?

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. NETHERCUTT, announced that two-thirds of the Members present had voted in the affirmative.

Mr. MCCOLLUM 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, Mr. NETHERCUTT, pursuant to clause 5, rule I, announced that further proceedings on the motion were postponed.

¶62.10 REJECTION OF POSTAL RATE INCREASE

Mr. LATOURETTE moved to suspend the rules and agree to the following resolution (H. Res. 452):

Whereas the United States Postal Service has realized a cumulative net income of approximately $5,800,000,000 during the past three and one-half fiscal years;

Whereas the national rate of inflation has declined substantially during that time;

Whereas the postal customers and taxpayers of the United States deserve to share in the recent financial gains of the Postal Service;

Whereas any increase in postage rates affects every citizen, resident, and business in the United States, and is especially harmful to individuals living on low or fixed incomes;

Whereas the Postal Rate Commission issued a recommended decision on May 11, 1998, that proposes, among other things, increases in certain postage rates;

Whereas it has been estimated that the proposed rate increase for first-class mail would increase the annual revenue of the Postal Service by approximately $1,000,000,000; and

Whereas the Board of Governors of the Postal Service is expected to meet in June 1998 to act upon the recommended decision: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That it is the sense of the House of Representatives that the Board of Governors of the United States Postal Service should reject the recommended decision issued by the Postal Rate Commission on May 11, 1998, to the extent that it provides for any increase in postage rates.

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. NETHERCUTT, recognized Mr. LATOURETTE and Mr. DAVIS of Illinois, 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. NETHERCUTT, announced that two-thirds of the Members present had voted in the affirmative.

Mr. LATHAM 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, Mr. NETHERCUTT, pursuant to clause 5, rule I, announced that further proceedings on the motion were postponed.

¶62.11 MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. MEMORIAL

Mrs. SMITH of Washington moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H. J. Res. 113) approving the location of a Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial in the Nation's Capitol.

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. NETHERCUTT, recognized Mrs. SMITH of Washington and Mr. FALEOMAVAEGA, each for 20 minutes.

After debate,

The question being put, viva voce,

Will the House suspend the rules and pass said joint resolution?

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. NETHERCUTT, 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 joint resolution was passed.

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

Ordered, That the Clerk request the concurrence of the Senate in said joint resolution.

¶62.12 CAPE COD NATIONAL SEASHORE LAND EXCHANGE

Mrs. SMITH of Washington moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 2411) to provide for a land exchange involving the Cape Cod National Seashore and to extend the authority for the Cape Code National Seashore Advisory Commission, as amended.

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. NETHERCUTT, recognized Mrs. SMITH of Washington and Mr. DELAHUNT, 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, Mr. NETHERCUTT, 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 was passed was, by unanimous consent, laid on the table.

Ordered, That the Clerk request the concurrence of the Senate in said bill.

¶62.13 RECESS—3:35 P.M.

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. NETHERCUTT, pursuant to clause 12 of rule I, declared the House in recess at 3 o'clock and 35 minutes p.m., subject to the call of the Chair.

¶62.14 AFTER RECESS—4:20 P.M.

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. NETHERCUTT, called the House to order.

¶62.15 SELECT COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL SECURITY AND MILITARY/COMMERCIAL CONCERNS WITH THE PRC

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. NETHERCUTT, by unanimous consent, announced that the Speaker, pursuant to the provisions of section 3(a) of House Resolution 463, 105th Congress, appointed to the Select Committee on U.S. National Security and Military/Commercial Concerns with the People's Republic of China, the following Members: Messrs. COX, Chairman, GOSS, BEREUTER, HANSEN, WELDON of Pennsylvania, DICKS, SPRATT, Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD, and Mr. SCOTT.

¶62.16 MILITARY CONSTRUCTION APPROPRIATIONS

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. NETHERCUTT, pursuant to House Resolution 477 and rule XXIII, declared the House resolved into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union for the consideration of the bill (H.R. 4059) making appropriations for military construction, family housing, and base realignment and closure for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1999, and for other purposes.

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

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

When Mr. PEASE, Chairman, pursuant to House Resolution 477, reported the bill back to the House.