

9777. A letter from the Director, Defense Security Assistance Agency, transmitting a copy of Transmittal No. 15-98 which is regarding Amendment 2 to the Agreement between the U.S. and Israel for the Arrow Deployability Program (ADP), pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2767(f); to the Committee on International Relations.

9778. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting a report of Political contributions by nominees as chiefs of mission, ambassadors at large, or ministers, and their families, pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 3944(b)(2); to the Committee on International Relations.

9779. A letter from the Assistant Legal Adviser for Treaty Affairs, Department of State, transmitting copies of international agreements, other than treaties, entered into by the United States, pursuant to 1 U.S.C. 112b(a); to the Committee on International Relations.

9780. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting a copy of D.C. Act 12-369, "Police Officers, Fire Fighters, and Teachers Retirement Benefit Replacement Plan Act of 1998," pursuant to D.C. Code section 1-233(c)(1); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

9781. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting a copy of D.C. Act 12-370, "International Fuel Tax Agreement Amendment Act of 1998," pursuant to D.C. Code section 1-233(c)(1); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

9782. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting a copy of D.C. Act 12-368, "Public Employee Relations Board Amendment Act of 1998," pursuant to D.C. Code section 1-233(c)(1); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

9783. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting a copy of D.C. Act 12-359, "Uniform Statutory Form Power of Attorney Act of 1998," pursuant to D.C. Code section 1-233(c)(1); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

9784. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting a copy of D.C. Act 12-362, "Eastern Market Open Air Retailing Second Temporary Act of 1998," pursuant to D.C. Code section 1-233(c)(1); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

9785. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting a copy of D.C. Act 12-361, "Moratorium on the Issuance of New Retailer's Licenses Class B and Closing of a Public Alley in Square 5259, S.O. 92-45, Applicant Extension Temporary Amendment Act of 1998," pursuant to D.C. Code section 1-233(c)(1); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

9786. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting a copy of D.C. Act 12-360, "Designation of Excepted Service Positions Temporary Amendment Act of 1998," pursuant to D.C. Code section 1-233(c)(1); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

9787. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting a copy of D.C. Act 12-358, "Library and Public Housing Drug Free Zone Amendment Act of 1998," pursuant to D.C. Code section 1-233(c)(1); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

9788. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting a copy of D.C. Act 12-373, "Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Federal Law Conformity, Motor Vehicle Insurance, Regulatory Reform, and Consumer Law Temporary Amendment Act of 1998," pursuant to D.C. Code section 1-233(c)(1); to the Com-

mittee on Government Reform and Oversight.

9789. A letter from the Executive Director, Committee For Purchase From People Who Are Blind Or Severely Disabled, transmitting the Committee's final rule—Procurement List; Additions and Deletions—received June 15, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

9790. A letter from the Acting Chair, Fish and Wildlife Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Subsistence Management Regulations for Public Lands in Alaska, Subpart C and Subpart D—1998-1999 Subsistence Taking of Fish and Wildlife Regulations (RIN: 1018-AE12) received June 18, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

9791. A letter from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule—Fisheries Off West Coast States and in the Western Pacific; Pacific Coast Groundfish Fishery; Whiting Closure for the Mothership Sector [Docket No. 971229312-7312-01; I.D. 052898A] received June 15, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

9792. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Airworthiness Directives; Cessna Aircraft Company Model 182S Airplanes [Docket No. 98-CE-59-AD; Amendment 39-10598; AD 98-13-10] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received June 18, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

9793. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Changes in accounting periods and in methods of accounting [Revenue Procedure 98-39] received June 16, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

9794. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Certain Transfers of Stock or Securities by U.S. Persons to Foreign Corporations and Related Reporting Requirements [TD 8770] (RIN: 1545-AP81; RIN: 1545-A132) received June 18, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

¶62.8 JUSTICE DEPARTMENT AUTHORIZATION

Mr. HYDE moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 3303) to authorize appropriations for the Department of Justice for fiscal years 1999, 2000, 2001; to authorize appropriations for fiscal years 1999 and 2000 to carry out certain programs administered by the Department of Justice; to amend title 28 of the United States Code with respect to the use of funds available to the Department of Justice, and for other purposes; as amended.

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. NETHERCUTT, recognized Mr. HYDE and Mr. FALEOMAVEAGA, 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, 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.

¶62.9 MONEY LAUNDERING THROUGH MEXICAN FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS

Mr. MCCOLLUM moved to suspend the rules and agree to the following concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 288):

Whereas, Mexico is an important ally of the United States and these countries' economies, cultures, and security interests are permanently intertwined;

Whereas illegal drugs continue to destroy our cities and kill our children, the illegal international narcotics trade poses a direct and pernicious threat to the vital national interests of the United States, and combating this threat is one of our Nation's highest priorities;

Whereas Mexico is one of the major source countries for narcotic drugs and other controlled substances entering the United States;

Whereas criminal organizations engage in money laundering to reap the financial benefits of the illegal narcotics trade and combating money laundering is a necessary and integral part of a national strategy to combat the narcotics trade;

Whereas Mexico is currently unable to limit meaningfully the laundering of drug proceeds in its financial institutions, as noted in the Department of State's 1997 International Narcotics Control Strategy Report, which indicates that Mexico "continues to be the money laundering haven of choice for the transportation of US cash drug proceeds";

Whereas, despite the commitment of President Zedillo to combat drug trafficking and money laundering, the Government of Mexico "acknowledges that narcotics-related corruption is pervasive and entrenched within the criminal justice system and that it has spread beyond that sector", as demonstrated by the February 1997 arrest of the chief of Mexico's National Counternarcotics Institute on charges of accepting bribes from, and complicity with, the drug cartels, shortly after receiving confidential briefings from United States law enforcement agencies;

Whereas progressively more violent, organized, and widespread illegal drug operations constitute a threat not only to the health and well-being of the Mexican people but also to the integrity of the Mexican Government and its law enforcement agencies;

Whereas the vast majority of people and public servants in Mexico support ridding their country of this dark and sinister threat;

Whereas the United States Customs Service, in conjunction with other United States law enforcement agencies, recently concluded "Operation Casablanca", the largest undercover money laundering investigation in the history of the United States, in which over 100 persons were arrested and 3 Mexican financial institutions were indicted;

Whereas Operation Casablanca is in the interest of the people of the United States, as it strikes a direct blow against the laundering of the proceeds of illegal drug sales in Mexican financial institutions and is necessary for an effective effort against money laundering in the United States;

Whereas United States law enforcement agents participating in Operation Casablanca placed themselves in peril of severe