

H.R. 469: Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas, Mr. BURR of North Carolina, Mr. HASTINGS of Washington, Mr. HINCHEY, and Mr. SWEENEY.
H.R. 472: Mr. COMBEST.

H.R. 483: Mr. PETRI, Mr. SANDLIN, and Mr. MATSUI.

H.R. 500: Mr. GEJDENSON and Mr. MCGOVERN.

H.R. 541: Mr. STRICKLAND, Mr. BORSKI, Mr. PHELPS, Mr. COYNE, and Mr. HOYER.

H.R. 555: Mr. BOUCHER, Ms. NORTON, and Mr. STARK.

H.R. 576: Mr. EDWARDS.

H.R. 637: Mr. PRICE of North Carolina, Mr. GILLMOR, and Ms. KAPTUR.

H.R. 645: Mr. MENENDEZ, Ms. MCCARTHY of Missouri, Mr. PORTER, Mr. SAWYER, and Mr. GORDON.

H.R. 661: Mr. LATOURETTE, Mr. SHOWS, Mr. BEREUTER, Mr. METCALF, and Mr. GEJDENSON.

H.R. 710: Mr. ROYCE, Mr. SHOWS, Mrs. BONO, Mr. BALDACCIO, Mr. BURTON of Indiana, Mr. HALL of Texas, Mr. KNOLLENBERG, Mr. LUCAS of Kentucky, Mr. TAUZIN, Mr. EDWARDS, Mr. HAYES, Mr. BACHUS, Mrs. ROUKEMA, Mr. MORAN of Kansas, Mr. RAMSTAD, Mr. BOYD, Mr. TURNER, Mr. WALSH, Mr. WATKINS, Mr. GREEN of Wisconsin, Mr. LARGENT, Mr. BAKER, Mr. RILEY, Mr. BALLENGER, Mr. ADERHOLT, Mr. SHIMKUS, Mr. MCINTYRE, Mr. BURR of North Carolina, Mrs. KELLY, Mrs. JOHNSON of Connecticut, Mr. THORNBERRY, Mr. JOHN, and Mr. BEREUTER.

H.R. 716: Mr. NUSSLE, Mr. ENGLISH, Mr. GEJDENSON, Mr. CRANE, Mr. PICKETT, Mr. RADANOVICH, Mr. FOLEY, and Mrs. NORTHUP.

H.R. 730: Mr. MASCARA.

H.R. 735: Mr. LOBIONDO, Mr. TRAFICANT, and Mr. DOOLITTLE.

H.R. 754: Mr. BARRETT of Wisconsin, Mr. BROWN of Ohio, Ms. KAPTUR, Mr. SHOWS, Mr. LATOURETTE, Mrs. JONES of Ohio, Mr. PALLONE, Mr. ENGLISH, Mr. OBERSTAR, Mr. GREEN of Texas, Mr. SANDERS, and Mr. MCGOVERN.

H.R. 796: Mr. SHOWS, Mr. JEFFERSON, Mr. WATKINS, Mr. BOUCHER, and Mrs. MYRICK.

H.R. 800: Mr. HOYER, Mr. REGULA, Mr. DAVIS of Florida, Mrs. JOHNSON of Connecticut, Mr. SHAYS, Mr. MOORE, Mr. WU, and Mr. FORD.

H.R. 832: Mr. GOODE and Mr. KILDEE.

H.J. Res. 25: Mr. WATTS of Oklahoma, Mr. SHOWS, Mr. BROWN of California, Mrs. CHRISTENSEN, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. HAYES, Mr. ABERCROMBIE, Mr. SMITH of Washington, Mr. ROMERO-BARCELO, Mr. TERRY, Ms. DANNER, Mr. SHERMAN, Mr. CUNNINGHAM, Mr. CLEMENT, Mr. BRYANT, Mr. HOSTETTLER, Mr. GREEN of Texas, Mr. MCKEON, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. PASTOR, Mr. LAHOOD, Mr. GOODE, Mr. PICKETT, and Mr. BARR of Georgia.

H. Con. Res. 8: Mr. CONDIT, Mr. GANSKE, and Mr. HINCHEY.

TUESDAY, MARCH 2, 1999 (15)

¶15.1 APPOINTMENT OF SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The House was called to order at 10:30 o'clock a.m. by the SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. STEARNS, who laid before the House the following communication:

WASHINGTON, DC,
March 2, 1999.

I hereby appoint the Honorable CLIFF STEARNS to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

J. DENNIS HASTERT,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Whereupon, pursuant to the order of the House of Tuesday, January 19, 1999, Members were recognized for "morn-ing-hour debate".

¶15.2 MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

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

¶15.3 RECESS—11:21 A.M.

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. MICA, pursuant to clause 12 of rule I, declared the House in recess at 11 o'clock 21 minutes a.m. until 12 o'clock p.m.

¶15.4 AFTER RECESS—12 P.M.

The SPEAKER called the House to order.

¶15.5 APPROVAL OF THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER announced he had examined and approved the Journal of the proceedings of Monday, March 1, 1999.

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

¶15.6 COMMUNICATIONS

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

792. A letter from the Acting Administrator, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Sugar to be Imported and Re-exported in Refined Form or in Sugar Containing Products, or Used for the Production of Polyhydric Alcohol (RIN: 0551-AA39) received February 22, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

793. A letter from the Under Secretary for Acquisition and Technology, Department of Defense, transmitting A report identifying the percentage of funds that were expended during the preceding fiscal year for performance of depot-level maintenance and repair workloads, pursuant to Public Law 105—85 section 358(e) (111 stat. 1696); to the Committee on Armed Services.

794. A letter from the Director, Defense Procurement, Department of Defense, transmitting the Department's final rule—Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement; Television-Audio Support Activity [DFARS Case 98-D008] received February 22, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Armed Services.

795. A letter from the Director, Defense Procurement, Department of Defense, transmitting the Department's final rule—Defense Federal Acquisition Regulations Supplement; Specifications and Standards Requisition [DFARS Case 98-D022] received February 10, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Armed Services.

796. A letter from the Director, Defense Procurement, Department of Defense, transmitting the Department's final rule—Defense Federal Acquisition Regulations Supplement; Flexible Progress Payments [DFARS Case 98-D400] received February 10, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Armed Services.

797. A letter from the Director, Defense Procurement, Department of Defense, transmitting the Department's final rule—Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement; People's Republic of China [DFARS Case 98-D305] received February 10, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Armed Services.

798. A letter from the Director, Defense Procurement, Department of Defense, transmitting the Department's final rule—Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement;

Singapore Accession to Government Procurement Agreement [DFARS Case 98-D029] received February 10, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Armed Services.

799. A letter from the Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense, transmitting the Department's final rule—Civilian Health and Medical Program of the Uniformed Services [CHAMPUS]; Individual Case Management [DoD 6010.8-R] (RIN: 0720-AA30) received February 10, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Armed Services.

800. A letter from the Assistant to the Board, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, transmitting the System's final rule—Credit by Brokers and Dealers; List of Foreign Margin Stocks [Regulation T] received February 18, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services.

801. A letter from the Assistant General Counsel for Regulations, Department of Education, transmitting the Department's final rule—Student Assistance General Provisions—received February 22, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

802. A letter from the Deputy Executive Secretary to the Department, Health and Human Services, transmitting the Department's final rule—Head Start Program (RIN: 0970-AB31) received February 22, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

803. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Michigan: Correction [MI67-02-7275; FRL-6302-3] received February 11, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

804. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Wyoming: Final Authorization of State Hazardous Waste Management Program Revision [FRL-6302-3] received February 11, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

805. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants Emissions: Group I Polymers and Resins and Group IV Polymers and Resins and Standards of Performance for Volatile Organic Compound (VOC) Emissions from the Polymer Manufacturing Industry [AD-FRL-6301-6] (RIN: 2060-AH-47) received February 11, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

806. A letter from the Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; District of Columbia; Reasonably Available Control Technology for Oxides of Nitrogen [DC017-2013a; FRL-6234-6] received February 18, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

807. A letter from the Director, Regulations Policy and Management Staff, FDA, Food and Drug Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule—Standards for Animal Food and Food Additives in Standardized Animal Food; Correction [Docket No. 95N-0313] received February 22, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

808. A letter from the Director, Regulations Policy and Management Staff, FDA, Food and Drug Administration, transmitting

the Administration's final rule—Foods and Drugs; Technical Amendments; Correction—received February 22, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

809. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting a supplement report about the continuing deployment of U.S. military personnel in Kenya; (H. Doc. No. 106—33); to the Committee on International Relations and ordered to be printed.

810. A letter from the Managing Director for Administration, Overseas Private Investment Corporation, transmitting the Corporation's final rule—Production of nonpublic records and testimony of OPIC employees in legal proceedings (RIN: 3420-AA02) received February 16, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on International Relations.

811. A letter from the Director, Congressional Budget Office, transmitting notification that the Congressional Budget Office has waived the deduction-of-pay requirement for a reemployed annuitant, pursuant to Public Law 102—190; to the Committee on Government Reform.

812. A letter from the Chairman, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, transmitting the 1999 Annual Performance Plan, pursuant to Public Law 103—62; to the Committee on Government Reform.

813. A letter from the Comptroller General, General Accounting Office, transmitting a monthly listing of new investigations, audits, and evaluations; to the Committee on Government Reform.

814. A letter from the Office of Inspector General, National Science Foundation, transmitting the semiannual report of the National Science Foundation for September 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. app. (Insp. Gen. Act) section 5(b); to the Committee on Government Reform.

815. A letter from the Chairman, National Transportation Safety Board, transmitting the report pursuant to the Federal Managers' Financial Integrity Act, pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 3512(c)(3); to the Committee on Government Reform.

816. A letter from the Director, Office of Management and Budget, transmitting the performance plan for fiscal year 2000; to the Committee on Government Reform.

817. A letter from the Secretary of Transportation, transmitting notification of a vacancy where an appointment is required for the Department of Transportation; to the Committee on Government Reform.

818. A letter from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Land and Minerals Management, Department of the Interior, transmitting notice on leasing systems for the Central Gulf of Mexico, Sale 172, scheduled to be held in March 1999, pursuant to 43 U.S.C. 1337(a)(8); to the Committee on Resources.

819. A letter from the Director, Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement, Department of the Interior, transmitting the Department's final rule—Alaska Regulatory Program [AK-007-FOR, Amendment No. VII] received February 22, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

820. A letter from the Director, Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement, Department of the Interior, transmitting the Department's final rule—Abandoned Mine Land (AML) Reclamation Program; Enhancing AML Reclamation (RIN: 1029-AB89) received February 22, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

821. A letter from the Director, National Marine Fisheries Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting an annual report on actions taken in respect to the New England fishing capacity

reduction initiative; to the Committee on Resources.

822. A letter from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule—Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Pollock by Vessels Catching Pollock for Processing by the Mothership Component in the Bering Sea subarea of the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands management area [Docket No. 981222313-8320-02; I.D. 020999B] received February 22, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

823. A letter from the Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule—Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Vessels Greater than 99 feet LOA Catching Pollock for Processing by the Inshore Component in the Bering Sea [Docket No. 981222313-8320-02; I.D. 021199A] received February 22, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

824. A letter from the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States, transmitting a copy of the Report of the Proceedings of the Judicial Conference of the United States, held in Washington D.C., on September 15, 1998, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. 331; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

825. A letter from the Director, Policy Directives and Instructions Branch, Immigration and Naturalization Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Nonimmigrant Visa Exemption for Certain Nationals of the British Virgin Islands Entering the United States Through St. THOMAS, United States Virgin Islands [INS No. 1956-98] (RIN: 1115-AF28) received February 22, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on the Judiciary.

826. A letter from the Director, Policy Directives and Instructions Branch, Immigration and Naturalization Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Exceptions to the Educational Requirements for Naturalization for Certain Applicants [INS No. 1702-96] (RIN: 1115-AE02) received February 22, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on the Judiciary.

827. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Safety Zone; Santa Barbara Channel, CA [COTP Los Angeles-Long Beach, CA; 98-012] (RIN: 2115-AA97) received February 22, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

828. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Drawbridge Operation Regulation; Chef Menteur Pass, LA [CGD8-96-053] (RIN: 2115-AE47) received February 22, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

829. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Safety Zone; Shlofmitz BatMitzvah Fireworks, Hudson River, Manhattan, New York [CGD01-99-001] (RIN: 2115-AA97) received February 22, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

830. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Drawbridge Operation Regulation; Back Bay of Biloxi, MS [CGD8-96-049] (RIN: 2115-AE47) received February 22, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

831. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Fees for Serv-

ices Performed in Connection with Motor Carrier Registration and Insurance (RIN: 2125-AE24) received February 22, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

832. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Airworthiness Directives; Boeing Model 747 Series Airplanes [Docket No. 98-NM-144-AD; Amendment 39-11025; AD 99-04-01] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received February 22, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

833. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Amendment of Class D Airspace; Hunter Army Airfield (AAF) [Airspace Docket No. 99-ASO-2] received February 22, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

834. A letter from the Chairman, Surface Transportation Board, transmitting the Board's final rule—Regulations Governing Fees For Services Performed In Connection With Licensing and Related Services—1999 Update—received February 17, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

835. A letter from the Director, National Institute of Standards and Technology, Department of Commerce, transmitting a list of donations under the "Computers for Learning" (K-12) program for the period July 1998 through December 31, 1998; to the Committee on Science.

836. A letter from the Assistant Commissioner (Examinations), Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Qualifying wages under section 41 in determining the tax credit for increasing research activities—received February 16, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

837. A letter from the Assistant Commissioner (Examination), Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—All Industries Coordinated Issue: Qualifying Wages Under Section 41 in Determining the Tax Credit for Increasing Research Activities, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

838. A letter from the Assistant Commissioner (Examination), Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Congressional Review of Market Segment Specialization Program (MSSP) Audit Techniques Guides—received February 16, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

839. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Election in respect of losses attributable to a disaster [Revenue Ruling 99-13] received February 23, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

840. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Weighted Average Interest Rate Update [Notice 99-11] received February 22, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

841. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Branch, U.S. Customs Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Gray Market Imports and Other Trademarked Goods [T.D. 99-21] (RIN: 1515-AB49) received February 22, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

842. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting notification of the intent to obligate Fiscal Year 1999 SEED funds by the the United States Information Agency; jointly to the Committees on International Relations and Appropriations.

843. A letter from the Assistant Secretary, Department of State, transmitting notification of the intent to obligate Fiscal Year 1999 SEED funds by the Department of State; jointly to the Committees on International Relations and Appropriations.

844. A letter from the Deputy Executive Secretary to the Department, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Department's final rule—Medicare Program; Changes to the MedicareChoice Program [HCFA-1030-F] (RIN: 0938-AI29) received February 22, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); jointly to the Committees on Ways and Means and Commerce.

845. A letter from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting a report on the schedule for the development of a prospective payment system (PPS) for home health services furnished under the Medicare program; jointly to the Committees on Ways and Means and Commerce.

¶15.7 MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT—
FEDERAL LABOR RELATIONS
AUTHORITY

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. STEARNS, laid before the House a message from the President, which was read as follows:

To the Congress of the United States:

In accordance with section 701 of the Civil Service Reform Act of 1978 (Public Law 95-454; 5 U.S.C. 7104(e)), I am pleased to transmit the Nineteenth Annual Report of the Federal Labor Relations Authority for Fiscal Year 1997.

The report includes information on the cases heard and decisions rendered by the Federal Labor Relations Authority, the General Counsel of the Authority, and the Federal Service Impasses Panel.

WILLIAM J. CLINTON.

THE WHITE HOUSE, *March 2, 1999.*

The message, together with the accompanying papers, was referred to the Committee on Government Reform.

¶15.8 COMMITTEE RESIGNATION—
MINORITY

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. STEARNS, laid before the House the following communication, which was read as follows:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES,
Washington, DC, February 23, 1999.

Hon. DENNIS HASTERT,
Speaker, The Capitol, Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER, on Feb. 12, 1999, I was appointed by the House Democratic Caucus to serve on the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence. According to Rule 19 E of the Rules of the Democratic Caucus, "no Democratic Member of the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence may serve on more than one standing committee during the Member's term of service on the select committee."

Rule 19 E also states that "Members shall be entitled to take leaves of absence from service on any committee (or subcommittee thereof) during the period they serve on the select committee and seniority rights on such committee (and on each subcommittee) to which they were assigned at the time shall be fully protected as if they had continued to serve during the period of leave of absence."

Accordingly, I am requesting a leave of absence from the House Committee on Science for the 106th Congress, with the understanding that my seniority rights on the

Committee will be fully protected in accordance with Rule 19 E of the Democratic Caucus. Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

TIM ROEMER,
Member of Congress.

By unanimous consent, the resignation was accepted.

¶15.9 YOUTH TO PERFORM WORK WITH
WOOD PRODUCTS

Mr. GOODLING moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 221) to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to permit certain youth to perform certain work with wood products; as amended.

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. STEARNS, recognized Mr. GOODLING and Mr. CLAY, 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. 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 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.

¶15.10 DISASTER MITIGATION BY SMALL
BUSINESSES

Mr. TALENT moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 818) to amend the Small Business Act to authorize a pilot program for the implementation of disaster mitigation measures by small businesses.

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. STEARNS, recognized Mr. TALENT and Mr. BAIRD, 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. 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 bill, 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.

¶15.11 APPLES EXPORT

Mr. COMBEST moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 609) to amend the Export Apple and Pear Act to limit the applicability of the Act to apples.

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. STEARNS, recognized Mr. COMBEST

and Mr. STENHOLM, 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. STEARNS, announced that two-thirds of the Members present had voted in the affirmative.

Mr. COMBEST 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. STEARNS, pursuant to clause 8, rule XX, announced that further proceedings on the motion were postponed.

¶15.12 NULIFICATION OF CONSTRAINTS ON
GUARANTEED FARM LOANS

Mr. COMBEST moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 882) to nullify any reservation of funds during fiscal year 1999 for guaranteed loans under the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act for qualified beginning farmers or ranchers, and for other purposes.

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. STEARNS, recognized Mr. COMBEST and Mr. STENHOLM, 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. 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 bill 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.

¶15.13 SOCIAL SECURITY GUARANTEE
INITIATIVE FOR THE 21ST CENTURY

Mr. SHAW moved to suspend the rules and pass the joint resolution (H.J. Res. 32) expressing the sense of the Congress that the President and the Congress should join in undertaking the Social Security Guarantee Initiative to strengthen and protect the retirement income security of all Americans through the creation of a fair and modern Social Security Program for the 21st century; as amended.

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. STEARNS, recognized Mr. SHAW and Mr. RANGEL, each for 20 minutes.

After debate,

The question being put, *viva voce*,

Will the House suspend the rules and pass said joint resolution, as amended?

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

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