

¶23.7 COMMUNICATION FROM THE CLERK—MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

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

OFFICE OF THE CLERK,  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
Washington, DC, March 15, 1999.

Hon. J. DENNIS HASTERT,  
*The Speaker, House of Representatives,*  
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: Pursuant to the permission granted in Clause 5 of Rule III of the Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives. I have the honor to transmit a sealed envelope received from the White House on March 15, 1999 at 4:44 p.m. and said to contain a message from the President whereby he submits a 6-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to Iran.

With best wishes, I am  
Sincerely,

JEFF TRANDAHL.

¶23.8 NATIONAL EMERGENCY WITH RESPECT TO IRAN

The Clerk then read the message from the President, as follows:

*To the Congress of the United States:*

As required by section 401(c) of the National Emergencies Act, 50 U.S.C. 1641(c), section 204(c) of the International Emergency Economic Powers Act (IEEPA), 50 U.S.C. 1703(c), and section 505(c) of the International Security and Development Cooperation Act of 1985, 22 U.S.C. 2349aa-9(c), I transmit herewith a 6-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to Iran that was declared in Executive Order 12957 of March 15, 1995.

WILLIAM J. CLINTON.

THE WHITE HOUSE, *March 15, 1999.*

By unanimous consent, the message, together with the accompanying papers, was referred to the Committee on International Relations and ordered to be printed (H. Doc. 106-40).

¶23.9 WOMEN'S BUSINESS CENTER

Mrs. KELLY moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 774) to amend the Small Business Act to change the conditions of participation and provide an authorization for the women's business center program; as amended.

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. LINDER, recognized Mrs. KELLY and Ms. VELAZQUEZ, 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. LINDER, announced that two-thirds of the Members present had voted in the affirmative.

Mrs. KELLY 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. LINDER, pursuant to clause 8, rule XX, announced that further proceedings on the motion were postponed.

¶23.10 D.C. COURT EMPLOYEES WHISTLEBLOWER PROTECTION

Mr. DAVIS of Virginia moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 858) to amend title 11, District of Columbia Code, to extend coverage under the whistleblower protection provisions of the District of Columbia Comprehensive Merit Personnel Act of 1978 to personnel of the courts of the District of Columbia.

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. LINDER, recognized Mr. DAVIS of Virginia and Ms. NORTON, 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. LINDER, 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.

¶23.11 FEDERAL RESERVE BOARD RETIREMENT PORTABILITY

Mr. MICA moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 807) to amend title 5, United States Code, to provide portability of service credit for persons who leave employment with the Federal Reserve Board to take positions with other government agencies; as amended.

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. LINDER, recognized Mr. MICA and Ms. NORTON, 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. LINDER, 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.

By unanimous consent, the title was amended so as to read: "An Act to amend title 5, United States Code, to provide portability of service credit for persons who leave employment with the Federal Reserve Board to take positions with other Government agencies, and for other purposes."

A motion to reconsider the votes whereby the rules were suspended and said bill, as amended, was passed and the title was amended was, by unanimous consent, laid on the table.

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

¶23.12 RECOGNITION OF JOE DIMAGGIO

Mr. GILMAN moved to suspend the rules and agree to the following resolution (H. Res. 105):

Whereas Joseph Paul ("Joe") DiMaggio was born in Martinez, California, on November 25, 1914;

Whereas Joe DiMaggio was the son of Sicilian immigrants, Joseph Paul and Rosalia DiMaggio, and was the 2nd of 3 brothers to play Major League Baseball;

Whereas Joe DiMaggio played 13 seasons in the major leagues, all for the New York Yankees;

Whereas Joe DiMaggio, who wore Number 5 in Yankee pinstripes, became a baseball icon in the 1941 season by hitting safely in 56 consecutive games, a major league record that has stood for more than 5 decades and has never been seriously challenged;

Whereas Joe DiMaggio compiled a .325 batting average during his storied career and played on 9 World Series championship teams;

Whereas Joe DiMaggio was selected to the Baseball Hall of Fame in 1955, 4 years after his retirement, in his 1st year of eligibility;

Whereas Joe DiMaggio in 1969 was voted Major League Baseball's greatest living player;

Whereas Joe DiMaggio served the Nation in World War II as a member of the Army Air Corps;

Whereas Joe DiMaggio was tireless in helping others and was devoted to the "Joe DiMaggio Children's Hospital" in Hollywood, Florida;

Whereas Joe DiMaggio will be remembered as a role model for generations of young people; and

Whereas Joe DiMaggio transcended baseball and will remain a symbol for the ages of talent, commitment, and achievement: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the House of Representatives recognizes and honors Joe DiMaggio—

(1) for his storied baseball career;

(2) for his many contributions to the Nation throughout his lifetime; and

(3) for transcending baseball and becoming a symbol for the ages of talent, commitment, and achievement.

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. SHIMKUS, recognized Mr. GILMAN and Mr. CUMMINGS, 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. SHIMKUS, 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.

¶23.13 PALESTINIAN STATE DECLARATION OPPOSITION

Mr. GILMAN moved to suspend the rules and agree to the following concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 24):

Whereas at the heart of the Oslo peace process lies the basic, irrevocable commitment made by Palestinian Chairman Yasir Arafat that, in his words, "all outstanding issues relating to permanent status will be resolved through negotiations";

Whereas resolving the political status of the territory controlled by the Palestinian Authority while ensuring Israel's security is one of the central issues of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict;

Whereas a declaration of statehood by the Palestinians outside the framework of negotiations would, therefore, constitute a most fundamental violation of the Oslo process;

Whereas Yasir Arafat and other Palestinian leaders have repeatedly threatened to declare unilaterally the establishment of a Palestinian state;

Whereas the unilateral declaration of a Palestinian state would introduce a dramatically destabilizing element into the Middle East, risking Israeli countermeasures, a quick descent into violence, and an end to the entire peace process; and

Whereas, in light of continuing statements by Palestinian leaders, United States opposition to any unilateral Palestinian declaration of statehood should be made clear and unambiguous: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate concurring), That—*

(1) the final political status of the territory controlled by the Palestinian Authority can only be determined through negotiations and agreement between Israel and the Palestinian Authority;

(2) any attempt to establish Palestinian statehood outside the negotiating process will invoke the strongest congressional opposition; and

(3) the President should unequivocally assert United States opposition to the unilateral declaration of a Palestinian state, making clear that such a declaration would be a grievous violation of the Oslo accords and that a declared state would not be recognized by the United States.

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. SHIMKUS, recognized Mr. GILMAN and Mr. GEJDENSON, each for 20 minutes.

By unanimous consent, the time for debate was extended by 20 minutes to be equally divided and controlled by Mr. GILMAN and Mr. GEJDENSON.

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. SHIMKUS, announced that two-thirds of the Members present had voted in the affirmative.

Mr. SALMON 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.

¶23.14 PROVIDING FOR THE CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 819

Mrs. MYRICK, by direction of the Committee on Rules, called up the following resolution (H. Res. 104):

*Resolved*, That at any time after the adoption of this resolution the Speaker may, pursuant to clause 2(b) of rule XVIII, declare the House resolved into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union for consideration of the bill (H.R. 819) to authorize appropriations for the Federal Maritime Commission for fiscal years 2000 and 2001. The first reading of the bill shall be dispensed with. General debate shall be confined to the bill and shall not exceed one hour equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure. After general debate the bill shall

be considered for amendment under the five-minute rule. The bill shall be considered as read. During consideration of the bill for amendment, the chairman of the Committee of the Whole may accord priority in recognition on the basis of whether the Member offering an amendment has caused it to be printed in the portion of the Congressional Record designated for that purpose in clause 8 of rule XVIII. Amendments so printed shall be considered as read. 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 amendment; 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. At the conclusion of consideration of the bill for amendment the Committee shall rise and report the bill to the House with such amendments as may have been adopted. The previous question shall be considered as ordered on the bill and amendments thereto to final passage without intervening motion except one motion to recommit with or without instructions.

When said resolution was considered.

After debate,

On motion of Mrs. MYRICK, 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.

¶23.15 MARITIME COMMISSION AUTHORIZATION FY 2000 AND 2001

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mrs. MYRICK, pursuant to House Resolution 104 and rule XVIII, 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. 819) to authorize appropriations for the Federal Maritime Commission for fiscal years 2000 and 2001.

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

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

When Mr. STEARNS, Chairman, pursuant to House Resolution 104, reported the bill back to the House.

The previous question having been ordered by said resolution.

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

The question being put, *viva voce*,

Will the House pass said bill?

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. PEASE, announced that the yeas had it.

Mr. SHUSTER 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 vote was taken by electronic device.

It was decided in the affirmative { Yeas ..... 403 Nays ..... 3

¶23.16 [Roll No. 50] YEAS—403

Abercrombie	Dicks	Kapture
Ackerman	Dingell	Kasich
Aderholt	Dixon	Kelly
Allen	Doggett	Kennedy
Andrews	Doolittle	Kildee
Archer	Doyle	Kilpatrick
Armey	Dreier	Kind (WI)
Bachus	Dunn	Kingston
Baird	Edwards	Kleczka
Baker	Ehlers	Klink
Baldacci	Ehrlich	Knollenberg
Baldwin	Emerson	Kolbe
Ballenger	Engel	Kucinich
Barcia	English	Kuykendall
Barr	Eshoo	LaFalce
Barrett (NE)	Etheridge	LaHood
Barrett (WI)	Evans	Lampson
Barton	Everett	Lantos
Bass	Ewing	Largent
Bateman	Farr	Larson
Becerra	Fattah	Latham
Bentsen	Filner	LaTourette
Bereuter	Fletcher	Lazio
Berkley	Foley	Leach
Berman	Forbes	Lee
Berry	Ford	Levin
Biggert	Fossella	Lewis (CA)
Bilbray	Fowler	Lewis (GA)
Bishop	Frank (MA)	Linder
Blagojevich	Franks (NJ)	Lipinski
Bliley	Frelinghuysen	LoBiondo
Blumenauer	Frost	Lofgren
Blunt	Gallely	Lowe
Boehlert	Ganske	Lucas (KY)
Boehner	Gejdenson	Lucas (OK)
Bonilla	Gekas	Luther
Bonior	Gephardt	Maloney (CT)
Bono	Gibbons	Maloney (NY)
Borski	Gillmor	Manzullo
Boswell	Gilman	Markey
Boucher	Gonzalez	Martinez
Brady (PA)	Goode	Mascara
Brady (TX)	Goodlatte	Matsui
Brown (CA)	Goodling	McCarthy (MO)
Brown (FL)	Gordon	McCarthy (NY)
Brown (OH)	Goss	McCollum
Bryant	Graham	McCreery
Burr	Granger	McDermott
Burton	Green (TX)	McGovern
Buyer	Green (WI)	McHugh
Calvert	Greenwood	McInnis
Camp	Gutierrez	McIntosh
Campbell	Gutknecht	McIntyre
Canady	Hall (TX)	McKeon
Cannon	Hansen	McKinney
Capps	Hastings (WA)	McNulty
Capuano	Hayes	Meehan
Cardin	Hayworth	Meek (FL)
Carson	Hefley	Meeks (NY)
Castle	Herger	Menendez
Chabot	Hill (IN)	Metcalf
Chambliss	Hill (MT)	Mica
Clay	Hillery	Miller (FL)
Clayton	Hilliard	Miller, Gary
Clement	Hinches	Miller, George
Clyburn	Hinojosa	Minge
Coble	Hobson	Mink
Coburn	Hoefel	Mollohan
Collins	Hoekstra	Moore
Combest	Holden	Moran (KS)
Condit	Holt	Moran (VA)
Conyers	Hooley	Morella
Cook	Horn	Murtha
Cooksey	Houghton	Myrick
Costello	Hoyer	Nadler
Cox	Hulshof	Napolitano
Coyne	Hunter	Neal
Crane	Hutchinson	Nethercutt
Crowley	Hyde	Ney
Cummings	Inslee	Northup
Cunningham	Isakson	Norwood
Danner	Istook	Nussle
Davis (FL)	Jackson (IL)	Oberstar
Davis (IL)	Jackson-Lee	Obey
Davis (VA)	(TX)	Olver
Deal	Jefferson	Ortiz
DeGette	Jenkins	Ose
Delahunt	John	Owens
DeLauro	Johnson (CT)	Packard
DeLay	Johnson, E. B.	Pallone
DeMint	Johnson, Sam	Pascrell
Deutsch	Jones (NC)	Pastor
Diaz-Balart	Jones (OH)	Payne
Dickey	Kanjorski	Pease