

section 5581 of the Revised Statutes of the United States (20 U.S.C. 43), the vacancy on the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution, in the class other than Members of Congress, occurring by reason of the expiration of the term of Samuel Curtis Johnson of Wisconsin on December 4, 1995, is filed by the appointment of Anne D'Harnoncourt of Pennsylvania. The appointment is for a term of six years and shall take effect on December 5, 1995.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from California [Mr. THOMAS] and the gentleman from Maryland [Mr. HOYER] will each be recognized for 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from California [Mr. THOMAS].

Mr. THOMAS. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Joint Resolution 111 provides for the appointment of Anne D'Harnoncourt to the Smithsonian Institute's Board of Regents. Ms. D'Harnoncourt serves as the director of the Philadelphia Museum of Art. In addition to her current position, she has worked at the Tate Gallery in London and the Art Institute of Chicago. The knowledge she possesses from her vast arts background will obviously prove beneficial to the Smithsonian's Board. I urge my colleagues to support House Joint Resolution 111.

Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume and join my colleague, the gentleman from California [Mr. THOMAS], in strong support of this resolution.

Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. THOMAS. Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. SHAYS). The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from California [Mr. THOMAS] that the House suspend the rules and pass the joint resolution, House Joint Resolution 111.

The question was taken.

Mr. HILLEARY. Mr. Speaker, on that I demand the yeas and nays.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 5 of rule I and the Chair's prior announcement, further proceedings on this motion will be postponed.

APPOINTMENT OF LOUIS GERSTNER TO SMITHSONIAN BOARD OF REGENTS

Mr. THOMAS. Mr. Speaker, I have moved to suspend the rules and pass the joint resolution (H.J. Res. 112) providing for the appointment of Louis Gerstner as a citizen regent of the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution.

The Clerk read as follows:

H.J. RES. 112

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That, in accordance with section 5581 of the Revised Statutes of the United States (20 U.S.C. 43), the vacancy on the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian

Institution, in the class other than Members of Congress, occurring by reason of the resignation of Ira Michael Heyman of California on May 27, 1994, is filled by the appointment of Louis Gerstner of Connecticut. The appointment is for a term of six years and shall take effect on the date on which this joint resolution becomes law.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from California [Mr. THOMAS] and the gentleman from Maryland [Mr. HOYER] will each be recognized for 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from California [Mr. THOMAS].

Mr. THOMAS. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

House Joint Resolution 112, which provides for the appointment of Louis Gerstner to the Smithsonian Institution's Board of Regents is, I think, equally luminous. Louis Gerstner's impressive credentials begin with his current position as chairman of the board and chief executive officer of the IBM Corp. Prior to his work at IBM, Mr. Gerstner has held top positions at RJR Nabisco, American Express, and the management consulting firm of McKinsey & Co.

While Mr. Gerstner obviously offers a diverse and impressive business background, I think it is especially significant with his appointment as a regent of the Smithsonian to emphasize that Mr. Gerstner, throughout his lifetime, has had a continuous commitment to improving our system of education, and this seems to be an excellent appointment as a citizen regent. I urge my colleagues to support House Joint Resolution 112.

Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Once again I am pleased to join the chairman of the Committee on House Oversight, Mr. THOMAS, in support of this resolution. The nominee will, I am sure, make a very outstanding contribution to the work of the Smithsonian Board of Regents.

Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. THOMAS. Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from California [Mr. THOMAS] that the House suspend the rules and pass the joint resolution, House Joint Resolution 112.

The question was taken.

Mr. HILLEARY. Mr. Speaker, on that I demand the yeas and nays.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 5 of rule I and the Chair's prior announcement, further proceedings on this motion will be postponed.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. THOMAS. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend their remarks and in-

clude extraneous material on House Joint Resolution 69, House Joint Resolution 110, House Joint Resolution 111, and House Joint Resolution 112, the resolutions just considered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from California?

There was no objection.

LAND CONVEYANCE TO CITY OF SUMPTER, OR

Mr. COOLEY. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass bill (H.R. 1581) to require the Secretary of Agriculture to convey certain lands under the jurisdiction of the Department of Agriculture to the City of Sumpter, Oregon.

The Clerk read as follows:

H.R. 1581

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. LAND CONVEYANCE, CITY OF SUMPTER, OREGON.

(a) CONVEYANCE REQUIRED.—The Secretary of Agriculture shall convey, without consideration, to the city of Sumpter, Oregon (in this section referred to as the "City"), all right, title, and interest of the United States in and to a parcel of real property of approximately 1.43 acres consisting of all of block 8 of the REVISED PLAN OF SUMPTER TOWNSITE in the City, as shown in plat recorded March 6, 1897, in Plat Book 3, page 26; including the alley running through such block, vacated by Ordinance No. 1966-3, recorded December 14, 1966, in Deed 66-50-014.

(b) ADDITIONAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY.—The real property to be conveyed under subsection (a) consists of the same property that was deeded to the United States in the following deeds:

(1) Warranty Deed from Sumpter Power & Water Company to the United States of America dated October 12, 1949, and recorded in Vol. 152, page 170 of Baker County records on December 22, 1949.

(2) Warranty Deed from Mrs. Alice Windle to the United States of America dated October 11, 1949, and recorded in Vol. 152, page 168 of Baker County records on December 22, 1949.

(3) Warranty Deed from Alice L. Windle Charles and James M. Charles to the United States of America dated August 8, 1962, and recorded in Book 172, page 1331 on August 27, 1962.

(c) CONDITION OF CONVEYANCE.—The conveyance under subsection (a) shall be subject to the condition that the City use the conveyed property only for public purposes, such as a city park, information center, or interpretive area.

(d) RELEASE.—Notwithstanding the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act of 1980 (42 U.S.C. 9601 et seq.), upon making the conveyance required by subsection (a), the United States is relieved from liability for any and all claims arising from the presence of hazardous materials on the conveyed property, and the City shall thereafter be liable for any and all such claims.

(e) REVERSIONARY INTEREST.—If the Secretary of Agriculture determines that the real property conveyed under subsection (a) is not being used in accordance with the condition specified in subsection (c) or that the City has initiated proceedings to sell, lease, exchange, or otherwise dispose of all or a portion of the property, then, at the option