REPORT ON RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 987, WORKPLACE PRESERVATION ACT

Mr. REYNOLDS, from the Committee on Rules, submitted a privileged report (Rept. No. 106-280) on the resolution (H. Res. 271) providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 987) to require the Secretary of Labor to wait for completion of a National Academy of Sciences study before promulgating a standard or guideline on ergonomics, which was referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed.

REPORT ON RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 2031, TWENTY-FIRST AMENDMENT ENFORCEMENT ACT

Mr. REYNOLDS, from the Committee on rules, submitted a privileged report (Rept. No. 106-281) on the resolution (H. Res. 272) providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 2031) to provide for injunctive relief in Federal district court to enforce State laws relating to the interstate transportation of intoxicating liquor, which was referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed.

ANNOUNCEMENT REGARDING AMENDMENT PROCESS FOR H.R. 417, PARTISAN CAMPAIGN FINANCE REFORM ACT OF 1999

Mr. REYNOLDS. Mr. Speaker, a "Dear Colleague" letter will be sent to all Members informing them that the Committee on Rules is planning to meet this week to grant a rule which may limit the amendment process for floor consideration of H.R. 417, the Bipartisan Campaign Finance Reform Act of 1999.

The Committee on House Administration ordered H.R. 417 reported this evening and is expected to file its committee report on Wednesday, August 4. Any Member wishing to offer an amendment should submit 55 copies and a brief explanation of the amendment to the Committee on Rules in room H-312 of the Capitol by 4 p.m. on Wednesday, August 4. Amendments should be drafted to the bill as ordered reported by the Committee on House Administration. Copies of the bill may be obtained from the Committee on House Administration, and is also expected to be posted on that committee’s web site.

Members should use the Office of Legislative Counsel to ensure that their amendments are properly drafted and should check with the Office of the Parliamentarian to be certain their amendments comply with the rules of the House.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. CALLAHAN. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks on further consideration of the bill (H.R. 2206), making appropriations for foreign operations, export financing, and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000, and for other purposes.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. CALVERT). Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Alabama?

There was no objection.

REQUEST FOR CONSIDERATION OF S. 1467

Mr. SHUSTER. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to take from the Speaker’s table the bill (S. 1467) and ask for its immediate consideration in the House.

Mr. OBEY. Mr. Speaker, I object. The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair is not able to entertain the gentleman’s request.

Mr. SHUSTER. Mr. Speaker, the gentleman from Minnesota (Mr. OBERT), I understand, is reserving the right to object.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. SHUSTER) is not recognized for that purpose.

Mr. SHUSTER. May I ask why the gentleman is objecting? Is it in order, Mr. Speaker, for me to ask why the gentleman is objecting?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker’s guidelines, the Chair is not recognizing the gentlemen from Pennsylvania for that purpose at this time.

APPPOINTMENT OF CONFEREES ON H.R. 2488, FINANCIAL FREEDOM ACT OF 1999

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the Chair announces the Speaker’s appointment of the following conferees on the bill (H.R. 2488) to provide reconciliation pursuant to sections 105 and 211 of the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2000:

For consideration of the House bill, and the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference:

Messrs. ARCHER, ARMLEY, CRANE, THOMAS, RANGEL, and STARK.

As additional conferees for consideration of sections 313, 315-316, 318, 325, 333, 338, 341-42, 344-45, 351, 362-63, 365, 369, 371, 381, 1261, 1305, and 1406 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference:

Messrs. GOODLING, BOEHNER, and CLAY.

There was no objection.

FOREIGN OPERATIONS, EXPORT FINANCING, AND RELATED PROGRAMS APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2000

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to House Resolution 263 and rule XVIII, the Chair declares the House in the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union for the further consideration of the bill, H.R. 2606.

IN THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Accordingly, the House resolved itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union for the further consideration of the bill (H.R. 2606) making appropriations for foreign operations, export financing, and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000, and for other purposes, with Mr. THORNBERRY in the chair.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The CHAIRMAN, when the Committee of the Whole rose on Thursday, July 29, 1999, amendment No. 3 printed in part B of House Report 106-269 by the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. PITTS) had been disposed of.

Under the order of the House of that day, it is now in order to consider amendment No. 6 printed in the Congressional Record by the gentleman from New Jersey (Mr. ANDREWS).

AMENDMENT NO. 6 OFFERED BY MR. ANDREWS

Mr. ANDREWS. Mr. Chairman, I offer an amendment. The CHAIRMAN. The Clerk will designate the amendment.

The text of the amendment is as follows:

Amendment No. 6 offered by Mr. ANDREWS: Page 116, after line 5, insert the following: PROHIBITION ON FUNDS FOR NEW OPIE PROJECTS SEC. 585. None of the funds made available by this Act may be used by the Overseas Private Investment Corporation, after the enactment of this Act, for the issuance of any new guarantee, insurance, reinsurance, or financial assistance, or for initiating any other activity which the Corporation is otherwise authorized to undertake.

The CHAIRMAN. Pursuant to the previous order of the House, the gentleman from New Jersey (Mr. ANDREWS) and a Member opposite each will control 15 minutes.

Does the gentleman from Alabama (Mr. CALLAHAN) seek to control the time in opposition? Mr. CALLAHAN. Yes, I do, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. Chairman, I ask unanimous consent that my time be halved with the gentlewoman from California (Ms. PELOSI), and that she be given the authority to yield the time for her 7 1/2 minutes.

The CHAIRMAN. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Alabama?

There was no objection.

The CHAIRMAN. The gentlemen from New Jersey (Mr. ANDREWS) is recognized for 15 minutes.

Mr. ANDREWS. Mr. Chairman, I yield myself such time as I may consume.