Mr. FRANKS of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and agree to the concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 167), authorizing the Architect of the Capitol to permit temporary construction and other work on the Capitol Grounds that may be necessary for construction of a building on Constitution Avenue Northwest, between 2nd Street Northwest and Louisiana Avenue Northwest.

The Clerk read as follows:

Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate concurring),

SECTION 1. USE OF CAPITOL GROUNDS.

The Architect of the Capitol may permit temporary construction and other work on the Capitol Grounds that may be necessary for construction of a building on Constitution Avenue Northwest, between 2nd Street Northwest and Louisiana Avenue Northwest.

Such work may include activities resulting in temporary obstruction of a curbside parking lane on Louisiana Avenue Northwest and on Constitution Avenue Northwest, between 2nd Street Northwest and Louisiana Avenue Northwest.

SEC. 2. PERIOD OF USE.

Work on the Capitol Grounds under section 1 is authorized during the period beginning August 6, 1999, and ending October 31, 2001, or such longer period as the Architect of the Capitol determines necessary.

SEC. 3. TERMS AND CONDITIONS.

(a) In General.—Work on the Capitol Grounds under section 1 may not begin until the Architect of the Capitol receives such assurances as the Architect may require to ensure that—

(1) all areas of the Capitol Grounds that are disturbed by reason of such work will be restored to their original condition without expense to the United States; and

(2) such work will be carried out so as not to interfere with the needs of Congress, under conditions to be prescribed by the Architect of the Capitol.

(b) EXPENSES AND LIABILITIES.—The United States shall not incur any expense or liability incident to any activity associated with work on the Capitol Grounds under section 1.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from New Jersey (Mr. FRANKS) and the gentlewoman from the District of Columbia (Ms. Norton) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from New Jersey (Mr. FRANKS).

Mr. FRANKS of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, House Concurrent Resolution 167 will authorize the Architect of the Capitol to enter into an agreement with the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners for a construction project that is scheduled to begin August 15, 1999.

The Carpenters and Joiners Union headquarters is located on Constitution Avenue between 2nd Street and
Mr. FRANKS of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material on House Concurrent Resolution 167, the measure just considered by the House.

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

There was no objection.

AMERICAN INVENTORS PROTECTION ACT OF 1999

Mr. COBLE. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 1907) to amend title 35, United States Code, to provide enhanced protection for inventors and innovators, protect patent terms, reduce patent litigation, and for other purposes, as amended.

The Clerk read as follows:

H.R. 1907

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

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the “American Inventors Protection Act of 1999”.

SEC. 2. TABLE OF CONTENTS.

The table of contents is as follows:

Sec. 1. Short title.
Sec. 2. Table of contents.

TITLE I—INVENTORS’ RIGHTS

Sec. 101. Short title.
Sec. 102. Invention promotion services.
Sec. 103. Effective date.

TITLE II—FIRST INVENTOR DEFENSE

Sec. 201. Short title.
Sec. 203. Effective date and applicability.

TITLE III—PATENT TERM GUARANTEE

Sec. 301. Short title.
Sec. 302. Patent term guarantee authority.
Sec. 303. Continued examination of patent applications.
Sec. 304. Technical clarification.
Sec. 305. Effective date.

TITLE IV—UNITED STATES PUBLICATION OF PATENT APPLICATIONS PUBLISHED ABROAD

Sec. 401. Short title.
Sec. 402. Publication.
Sec. 403. Time for claiming benefit of earlier filing date.
Sec. 404. Provisional rights.
Sec. 405. Prior art effect of published applications.
Sec. 406. Cost recovery for publication.
Sec. 407. Conforming amendments.
Sec. 408. Effective date.

TITLE V—OPTIONAL INTER PARTES REEXAMINATION PROCEDURE

Sec. 501. Short title.
Sec. 502. Ex parte reexamination of patents.
Sec. 503. Definitions.
Sec. 504. Optional inter partes reexamination procedures.
Sec. 505. Conforming amendments.
Sec. 506. Report to Congress.
Sec. 507. Estoppel effect of reexamination.
Sec. 508. Effective date.