

plant pest or noxious weed; eradicate a plant pest or noxious weed; or prevent the introduction or dissemination of a biological control organism, plant pest, or noxious weed if the Secretary has issued a regulation or order to prevent the dissemination of the biological control organism, plant pest, or noxious weed. However, if State or local officials can demonstrate a special local circumstance, they can petition the Secretary to allow for the imposition of additional prohibitions or restrictions by the State or local government.

Sec. 437. Severability

Contains standard severability language.

Sec. 438. Repeals

Enumerates the list of laws being repealed and replaced by this Act.

Subtitle D—Authorizations of Appropriations

Sec. 441. Authorization of appropriations

Authorizes the appropriation of such amounts necessary to carry out this Act. Unless specifically authorized, no part of appropriated funds shall be used for indemnification purposes.

Sec. 442. Transfer authority

Authorizes the Secretary to transfer funds without fiscal year limitation from any agency or corporation of the Department to arrest, control, eradicate, and/or prevent the spread of a plant pest or noxious weed in connection with a threatening agricultural emergency.

Title V—Inspection Animals

Sec. 501. Inspection animal civil penalties

Provides for civil penalties of up to \$10,000 for causing harm to or interfering with a Department of Agriculture inspection animal.

Sec. 502. Inspection animal subpoena authority

Authorizes the Secretary to require the attendance of witnesses and production of documentary evidence through the use of subpoenas to aid in investigations and proceedings. This provision also authorizes the Secretary to request the Attorney General to take actions to enforce such subpoenas.

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RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12 of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

Accordingly (at 10 o'clock and 42 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

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AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. HASTINGS of Washington) at 12 o'clock and 32 minutes a.m.

REPORT ON RESOLUTION WAIVING POINTS OF ORDER AGAINST CONFERENCE REPORT ON H.R. 2559, AGRICULTURE RISK PROTECTION ACT OF 1999

Mr. SESSIONS, from the Committee on Rules, submitted a privileged report (Rept. No. 106-640) on the resolution (H. Res. 512) waiving points of order against the conference report to accompany the bill (H.R. 2559) to amend the Federal Crop Insurance Act to strengthen the safety net for agricultural producers by providing greater access to more affordable risk management tools and improved protection from production and income loss, to improve the efficiency and integrity of the Federal crop insurance program, and for other purposes, which was referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed.

REPORT ON H.R. 4461, PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 4461, AGRICULTURE, RURAL DEVELOPMENT, FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2001

Mr. SESSIONS, from the Committee on Rules, submitted a privileged report (Rept. No. 106-641) providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 4461) making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2001, and for other purposes, which was referred to the Union Calendar and ordered to be printed.

HOUSE PASSED PERMANENT NORMAL TRADE RELATIONS FOR CHINA

(Mr. SESSIONS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. Speaker, today has been a glorious day for the United States House of Representatives. This body, actually yesterday, debated one of the most outstanding trade packages that will take place perhaps in my tenure in the House of Representatives, and I am pleased to report to those listeners that might be hearing us tonight that the House of Representatives earlier today passed what is known as the permanent normal trade relations with China. It was a stunning victory for people who choose to have free and fair trade around this globe.

SPECIAL ORDERS GRANTED

By unanimous consent, permission to address the House, following the legislative program and any special orders heretofore entered, was granted to:

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. McNULTY) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Ms. BROWN of Florida, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. HOOLEY of Oregon, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. STABENOW, for 5 minutes, today.

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. BUYER) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. DUNCAN, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. REGULA, for 5 minutes, May 25.

(The following Member (at the request of Mr. GANSKE) to revise and extend his remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. KASICH, for 5 minutes, today.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REFERRED

A concurrent resolution of the Senate of the following title was taken from the Speaker's table and, under the rule, referred as follows:

S. Con. Res. 116. Concurrent resolution commending Israel's redeployment from southern Lebanon; to the Committee on International Relations.

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

Mr. THOMAS, from the Committee on House Administration, reported that that committee had examined and found truly enrolled a bill of the House of the following title, which was thereupon signed by the Speaker:

H.R. 371. An act to facilitate the naturalization of aliens who served with special guerrilla units or irregular forces in Laos.

BILLS PRESENTED TO THE PRESIDENT

Mr. THOMAS, from the Committee on House Administration, reported that that committee did on the following dates present to the President, for his approval, bills of the House of the following title:

On Tuesday, May 23, 2000:

H.R. 154. To allow the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture to establish a fee system for commercial filming activities on Federal land, and for other purposes.

H.R. 834. To extend the authorization for the Historic Preservation Fund and the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1832. To reform unfair and anti-competitive practices in the professional boxing industry.

On Wednesday, May 24, 2000:

H.R. 371. To facilitate the naturalization of aliens who served with special guerrilla units or irregular forces in Laos.