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Mr. CONYERS changed his vote from "yea" to "nay." So (two-thirds having voted in favor thereof) the rules were suspended and the bill, as amended, was passed. The vote was recorded by electronic表决.

The title was amended so as to read: "A bill to extend the authorities of the Iran and Libya Sanctions Act of 1996 until 2006, and for other purposes." A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. GÉKAS. Mr. Speaker, earlier today I missed rollcall votes No. 275 and No. 276 on H.J. Res. 55, Disapproving Normal Trade Relations with Vietnam and H.R. 154, The Iran Libya Sanctions Act. During the vote I was in a part of the Capitol building where the occurrence of floor votes was not indicated by the light bell system. I request that the RECORD reflect that had I been on the floor, I would have cast a vote against H.J. Res. 55 and in favor of H.R. 154, which I have cosponsored.

Congratulations to Houston Solar Race Team on Winning Winston Solar Challenge

(At 1 o'clock and 17 minutes p.m.)

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. SWEENEY). Pursuant to clause 12 of rule XIII, the Chair declares the House in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

Accordingly (at 12 o’clock and 8 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

WAIVING A REQUIREMENT OF CLAUSE 6(a) OF RULE XIII WITH RESPECT TO CONSIDERATION OF CERTAIN RESOLUTIONS REPORTED FROM THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Ms. PRYCE of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, by the direction of the Committee on Rules, I call up House Resolution 209 and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. Res. 209

Resolved. That the requirement of clause 6(a) of rule XIII for a two-thirds vote to consider a report from the Committee on Rules on the same day it is presented to the House is waived with respect to any resolution reported on the legislative day of July 26, 2001, providing for consideration or disposition of the bill (H.R. 2620) making appropriations for the Departments of Veterans Affairs and Housing and Urban Development and Independent Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2002. The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman from Ohio (Ms. PRYCE) is recognized for 1 hour.

Ms. PRYCE of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, for the purposes of debate only, I yield the customary 30 minutes to the gentleman from New York (Mr. SCHAFFER).

Mr. Speaker, last night the Committee on Rules met and reported this resolution waiving clause 6(a) of rule 13, requiring a two-thirds vote to consider a rule on the same day it is reported from the Committee on Rules. The resolution applies the waiver to a special rule reported by the Committee on Rules on or before the legislative day of Thursday, July 26, 2001, if the rule provides for consideration of the first 2002 VA–HUD appropriations bill.

Mr. Speaker, as my colleagues are aware, the Committee on Appropriations has completed its work and filed H.R. 2620, the fiscal year 2002 VA–HUD appropriations bill and the Members have had the opportunity to review this legislation which addresses some of our Nation’s most pressing needs. In fact, yesterday the Committee on Rules received testimony on this bill from a number of Members in anticipation of reporting a rule to bring this legislation before the House.

Adoption of this rule now will simply allow us to consider the appropriations package today rather than holding up this bill until tomorrow or even next week.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to support this rule and allow the House to complete its work on the business at hand.

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

Ms. Slaughter. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman from Ohio for