the rules were suspended and the bill, as amended, was passed. A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12 of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess until approximately noon today.

Accordingly (at 11 o'clock and 47 minutes a.m.), the House stood in recess until approximately noon.

AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. WHITFIELD) at 12 o'clock and 5 minutes p.m.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA FAMILY COURT ACT OF 2001

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The pending business is the question of suspending the rules and passing the bill, H.R. 2657, on its own merits, as amended, was passed.

As amended, was passed.

PERMISSION TO EXPAND TIME FOR GENERAL DEBATE DURING CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 2586, NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2002

Mr. STUMP. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that during consideration of H.R. 2586 in the Committee of the Whole pursuant to the order of September 19, 2001, general debate be enlarged to 2 hours equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Armed Services.

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

There was no objection.

NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2002

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the order of the House of Wednesday, September 19, 2001, and rule XVIII, the Chair declares the House in the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union for the consideration of the bill, H.R. 2586.

The Chair designates the gentleman from Illinois (Mrs. BIGGERT) as Chairman of the Committee of the Whole, and requests the gentleman from Kentucky (Mr. WHITFIELD) to assume the chair temporarily.

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 consideration of the bill (H.R. 2586) to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2002 for military activities of the Department of Defense, to prescribe military personnel strengths for fiscal year 2002, and for other purposes, with Mr. WHITFIELD (Chairman pro tempore) in the chair.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The CHAIRMAN pro tempore. Pursuant to the order of the House of Wednesday, September 19, 2001, and rule XVIII, the Chair declares the House in the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union for the consideration of the bill (H.R. 2586) to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2002 for military activities of the Department of Defense, to prescribe military personnel strengths for fiscal year 2002, and for other purposes, with Mr. WHITFIELD (Chairman pro tempore) in the chair.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The CHAIRMAN pro tempore. Pursuant to the order of the House of Wednesday, September 19, 2001, the bill