

A motion to reconsider the vote whereby said concurrent resolution was agreed to was, by unanimous consent, laid on the table.

Ordered, That the Clerk notify the Senate thereof.

¶94.22 POINT OF PERSONAL PRIVILEGE

Mr. COX of California rose to a question of personal privilege.

The SPEAKER pro tempore Mr. ANDREWS of Texas, pursuant to clause 1 of rule IX, recognized Mr. COX of California for one hour.

Mr. COX of California made the following statement:

"Mr. Speaker, this morning I witnessed a drive-by shooting on ABC television on 'Good Morning America.' I witnessed it, and indeed I was in it.

"Yesterday, ABC came by my office to film me for 30 minutes, to talk about the Presidential campaign. They were interested because the President, President Bush is visiting my district in California today and yesterday. They were interested because poll numbers show the President faring less well than he has been faring in the past in California, specifically and nationally, and they wanted to get the view of a Member of Congress from California.

"For 30 minutes during this interview with ABC I was unstintingly supportive of President Bush, very bullish about his prospects, very critical of the Democratic nominee for President, Bill Clinton.

"I told the reporters that this Congress was in fact very much responsible for the economic gridlock that America is now experiencing, that President Bush has sent an economic growth package to this Congress and the Congress has not acted upon it, that President Bush has pushed for the balanced budget amendment in Congress, but Congress has not acted on it, that President Bush has pushed for the line-item veto, and just very recently in this Congress we have been having vote after vote on the line-item veto, and this Congress is standing in the doorway preventing it from happening.

"Yes, I said, the economy could be doing better, yes, I said, in California there are some people who, no question, are hurting. They want change, but what we must change is the Democratic leadership of this Congress, where we have not had a Republican Speaker since this Member was 2 years old, since 1954. That is what I told the reporters.

"This morning I was interested to watch 'Good Morning, America.' First they began with a very positive piece about Bill Clinton, criticizing President Bush on the economy. The reporter then said that the President is being criticized by Republican Members asking him to focus more on the economy. And as the reporter said that, this Member's face was on the screen and my lips were moving, but it was not my voice. I never said any such thing. And when they started playing my voice, what they left, the only audible part was, 'Yes, the economy could

be doing better and people do want change.' Of course, the rest of what I said, that they want change in Congress, this is where the gridlock is occurring and this is where the President has been stymied on his economic growth package, on the balanced-budget amendment, on tax relief, and on the line-item veto, all of that was cut out.

"Now, this was not the first time that I have had this experience with media bias. Not too long ago, NBC's 'Today Show' followed me around in California for an entire day.

"On that same day, Bill Clinton happened to be in my district. Bill Clinton was speaking very near to my office. CNN filmed me standing in front of Bill Clinton's appearance, and I was very critical of Bill Clinton, very critical of the 128 instances in which he raised taxes in Arkansas; very critical of his record.

"CNN dutifully reported what I said. And they had me saying just that.

"NBC, which was following me around the whole day, filmed me talking to the CNN reporters with a microphone under my chin and a camera on me. But when I appeared on the 'Today Show,' those were not the words coming out of my mouth, they were words from a different interview at a different location, even though it appeared I was doing a stand-up.

"And I was talking about the need for change in the Congress, the same things: Since 1954, one-party control, Americans do want change, I said.

"What appeared in the context of a very pro-Clinton piece was Congressman CHRIS COX saying, 'Well, the economy isn't doing well and we need change.' And the suggestion was that Bill Clinton is that change, and I was somehow supportive of Bill Clinton instead of President George Bush.

"Nothing could be further from the truth.

"So I was prepared yesterday for this 30-minute interview, during which time after time after time I spoke not only of my support for the President and my optimism about his chances for reelection because much is going to change between now and Labor Day and certainly between Labor Day and the election, and I even took the trouble to speak not in paragraphs and sentences discursively, but in sound bits. And I said, 'You mark my words,' and ABC has this on tape:

You mark my words, George Bush is going to be reelected; he is going to be reelected by a healthy margin: we are going to have strong Republican gains in the Congress. Bill Clinton is going to go the way of Jimmy Carter and Hillary Clinton is going to be remembered as the Winnie Mandela of American politics.

"Now, that does not sound very critical of George Bush. But what ended up on television was this spot, first very positive about Bill Clinton and then a piece saying, 'Republicans are saying George Bush should focus more attention on the economy,' and then CHRIS COX saying, 'The economy could do better, we need change,' followed, I should

add, by another fellow who came out and said, 'George Bush should get off the ticket.' Then the ABC reporter says, 'The Bush campaign is shirking these acts of Republican treason.'

"Now, it is not that hard in America these days to find critics of the President. A reliable news organization can go gather testimony against President Bush and for Bill Clinton. It is not hard to do. They do not have to take words like that and put them in my mouth. Yet that is exactly what happened.

"This is a clear case of distortion. I am delighted to have this opportunity to correct the record.

"The fact is, my colleagues, democracy only works—democracy only works when there is freely available information and when the facts are before the American people. If we distort those facts or change them 180 degrees as happened here, then, no question, democracy is going to fail.

"This morning, ABC stood for all bias for Clinton. I would like to see that corrected. In fact, I have discussed this with executives at ABC News. They have issued to me a letter of apology. I have undertaken to them to keep that letter confidential. I appreciated that they gave it to me. I will share it with the President and with Marlin Fitzwater.

"But I want my colleagues to know that I am indeed working very hard for the reelection of this President, that I am urging all of my colleagues to do the same. And of course I will be abroad throughout California making sure those poll numbers that we have seen serve only as a wake-up call to those for us who intend to work very hard for the President's reelection.

"Our economy depends upon it. As I said repeatedly during this 30 minutes that they got on tape yesterday, the President's economic growth plan has been blocked here in Congress. The President's plan for tax relief has been blocked here in Congress, the President's plan for a balanced-budget amendment has been blocked in Congress, the President's plan for a line-item veto, which even Bill Clinton supports, has been blocked here in this Congress. This is where the gridlock is occurring. This is where the change is required.

"I am very much looking forward to working with my future colleagues after November so that perhaps we will have a better opportunity to bust up the gridlock and move the economy forward and give some relief to the beleaguered American people."

¶94.23 SUBMISSION OF CONFERENCE REPORT—S. 323

Mr. WYDEN submitted a conference report (Rept. No. 102-767) on the bill of the Senate (S. 323) to require the Secretary of Health and Human Services to ensure that pregnant women receiving assistance under title X of the Public Health Service Act are provided with information and counseling regarding their pregnancies, and for other purposes; together with a state-

ment thereon, for printing in the Record under the rule.

¶94.24 SENATE BILLS REFERRED

Bills of the Senate of the following titles were taken from the Speaker's table and, under the rule, referred as follows:

S. 2725. An Act to authorize extension of time limitations for a FERC-issued license; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

S. 3112. An Act to amend the Public Health Service Act to make certain technical corrections, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

¶94.25 ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

Mr. ROSE, 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. 4026. An Act to formulate a plan for the management of natural and cultural resources on the Zuni Indian Reservation, on the lands of the Ramah Band of the Navajo Tribe of Indians, and the Navajo Nation, and in other areas within the Zuni River watershed and upstream from the Zuni Indian Reservation, and for other purposes.

¶94.26 LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted—

To Mr. CLEMENT, for today after 1:15 p.m.;

To Mr. STOKES, for today; and

To Mr. PETERSON of Florida, for today after 2 p.m.

And then,

¶94.27 ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Mr. GONZALEZ, pursuant to the special order heretofore agreed to, at 4 o'clock and 13 minutes p.m., the House adjourned until 12 o'clock noon on Monday, August 3, 1992.

¶94.28 REPORTS OF COMMITTEES ON PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XIII, reports of committees were delivered to the Clerk for printing and reference to the proper calendar, as follows:

Mr. ROSTENKOWSKI: Committee on Ways and Means. House Concurrent Resolution 246. Concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress with respect to the relation of trade agreements to health, safety, labor, and environmental laws of the United States (Rept. No. 102-635, Pt. 2).

Mr. FORD of Michigan. Committee on Education and Labor. H.R. 3603. A bill to promote family preservation and the prevention of foster care with emphasis on families where abuse of alcohol or drugs is present, and to improve the quality and delivery of child welfare, foster care, and adoption services; with amendments (Rept. No. 102-684, Pt. 2). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

Mr. ROSTENKOWSKI: Committee on Ways and Means. H.R. 5419. A bill to amend the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972 to authorize the Secretary of State to enter into international agreements to establish a global moratorium to prohibit harvesting of tuna through the use of purse seine nets deployed on or to encircle dolphins or other marine mammals, and for other purposes; with amendments (Rept. No. 102-746, Pt. 2).

Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

Mr. ROSTENKOWSKI: Committee on Ways and Means. H.R. 5013. A bill to promote the conservation of exotic wild birds; with amendments (Rept. No. 102-749, Pt. 2). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

Mr. MOAKLEY: Committee on Rules. House Resolution 536. Resolution providing for the consideration of the bill (H.R. 2782) to amend the Employees Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 to provide that such act does not preempt certain State laws (Rept. No. 102-761). Referred to the House Calendar.

Mr. BEILENSON: Committee on Rules. House Resolution 535. Resolution providing for the disposition of the Senate amendment to the bill (H.R. 2977) to authorize appropriations for public broadcasting, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 102-762). Referred to the House Calendar.

Mr. FORD of Michigan: Committee on Education and Labor. H.R. 5630. A bill to amend the Head Start Act to expand services provided by Head Start programs; to expand the authority of the Secretary of Health and Human Services to reduce the amount of matching funds required to be provided by particular Head Start agencies; to authorize the purchase of Head Start facilities; and for other purposes; with amendments (Rept. No. 102-763). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

Mr. ROSTENKOWSKI: Committee on Ways and Means. House Joint Resolution 507. Joint resolution to approve the extension of non-discriminatory treatment with respect to the products of the Republic of Albania (Rept. No. 102-764). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

Mr. JONES of North Carolina: Committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries. H.R. 3418. A bill to regulate fishing and other maritime activities in certain waters of Alaska, and for other purposes; with an amendment (Rept. No. 102-765, Pt. 1). Ordered to be printed.

Mr. ROSTENKOWSKI: Committee on Ways and Means. House Concurrent Resolution 179. Concurrent resolution expressing the sense of the Congress with regard to supporting increased donations of commodities for international hunger alleviation purposes through purchases of agricultural commodities from the United States and developing countries financed by the Government of Japan (Rept. No. 102-766, Pt. 1). Ordered to be printed.

Mr. WYDEN: Committee of Conference. Conference report on S. 323 (Rept. No. 102-767). Ordered to be printed.

Mr. JONES of North Carolina: Committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries. H.R. 5397. A bill to amend title 46, United States Code, to prohibit abandonment of barges, and for other purposes; with an amendment (Rept. No. 102-768). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

¶94.29 PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 5 of rule X and clause 4 of rule XXII, public bills and resolutions were introduced and severally referred as follows:

By Mr. ALLEN:

H.R. 5729. A bill to limit amounts expended by certain Government entities for overhead expenses; jointly, to the Committees on Government Operations, House Administration, and the Judiciary.

By Mr. SWIFT (for himself and Mr. WAXMAN):

H.R. 5730. A bill to amend the Toxic Substances Control Act to reduce the levels of lead in the environment, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. GUARINI (for himself, Mr. ROE, Mr. HUGHES, Mr. RANGEL, Mr. ANDREWS of New Jersey, Mr. DWYER of New Jersey, Mr. RINALDO, Mrs. KENNELLY, and Mrs. JOHNSON of Connecticut):

H.R. 5731. A bill to establish an Interstate Taxation Commission; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. LAFALCE (for himself and Mr. IRELAND):

H.R. 5732. A bill to amend the Small Business Act to permit extended participation by disadvantaged small business concerns in business development programs; to the Committee on Small Business.

By Mr. LEWIS of Florida (for himself, Mr. MCCOLLUM, Mr. LAGOMARSINO, Mr. GOSS, Mr. BILIRAKIS, Mr. LEHMAN of California, Mr. STUMP, Mr. JOHNSTON of Florida, Mr. PETERSON of Florida, Mr. JOHNSON of Texas, Mr. RHODES, Mr. WALSH, Mr. McMILLAN of North Carolina, Mr. SMITH of Florida, Mr. STEARNS, Mr. SHAW, Mr. OXLEY, Mr. IRELAND, Mr. ROHRABACHER, Mr. LIVINGSTON, and Mr. HUTTO):

H.R. 5733. A bill to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to expedite the deportation and exclusion of criminal aliens; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. MCCANDLESS:

H.R. 5734. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow individuals a credit against income tax for amounts contributed to a health care savings account and to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for a high deductible and protection against catastrophic medical care expenses for individuals who have established such accounts; jointly, to the Committees on Ways and Means and Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. PASTOR (for himself, Mr. KOLBE, Mr. RHODES, Mr. STUMP, and Mr. KYL):

H.R. 5735. A bill to amend the Southern Arizona Water Rights Settlement Act of 1982; to the Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs.

By Mr. RAHALL (for himself, Mr. WISE, Mr. MOLLOHAN, and Mr. STAGGERS):

H.R. 5736. A bill to designate the Gallipolis Locks and Dam, Ohio River, Ohio and West Virginia, as the "Robert C. Byrd Locks and Dam"; to the Committee on Public Works and Transportation.

By Mr. TANNER (for himself, Mrs. LOWEY of New York, and Mr. STUDDS):

H.R. 5737. A bill to provide that certain service in the American Field Service ambulance corps shall be considered active duty for the purposes of all laws administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. VENTO:

H.R. 5738. A bill to strengthen the protections afforded to units of the National Park System and certain other nationally significant historic and natural places, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs.

By Ms. OAKAR:

H.R. 5739. A bill to reauthorize the Export-Import Bank of the United States; to the Committee on Banking, Finance and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. BAKER (for himself, Mr. NEAL of North Carolina, Mr. BARNARD, Mr. BEREUTER, Mr. MCCOLLUM, Mr. THOMAS of Wyoming, Mr. HUBBARD, Mr. NEAL of Massachusetts, and Mr. STEARNS):

H.R. 5740. A bill to modernize and improve the Federal home loan bank system, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Finance and Urban Affairs.