

MONDAY, OCTOBER 18, 1993 (118)

¶118.1 DESIGNATION OF SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The House was called to order by the SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. MONTGOMERY, who laid before the House the following communication:

WASHINGTON, DC,
October 18, 1993.

I hereby designate the Honorable G.V. (SONNY) MONTGOMERY to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

THOMAS S. FOLEY,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

¶118.2 APPROVAL OF THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. MONTGOMERY, announced he had examined and approved the Journal of the proceedings of Friday, October 15, 1993.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal was approved.

¶118.3 PERMISSION TO FILE CONFERENCE REPORT

On motion of Mr. NATCHER, by unanimous consent, the managers on the part of the House were granted permission until midnight tonight to file a conference report (Rept. No. 103-300) on the bill (H.R. 2750) making appropriations for the Department of Transportation and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1994, and for other purposes; together with a statement thereon, for printing in the Record under the rule.

¶118.4 ORDER OF BUSINESS—
CONFERENCE REPORT ON H.R. 2750

On motion of Mr. NATCHER, by unanimous consent,

Ordered, That, notwithstanding the provisions of clause (2) of rule XXVIII, it be in order at any time on Wednesday, October 20, 1993, or any day thereafter, to consider the conference report, amendments in disagreement, to the bill (H.R. 2750) making appropriations for the Department of Transportation and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1994, and for other purposes; and that the conference report, amendments in disagreement, and motions printed in the joint explanatory statement of the committee of conference to dispose of amendments in disagreement be considered as read when called up for consideration.

¶118.5 COMMUNICATION FROM THE
CLERK—MESSAGE FROM THE
PRESIDENT

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. MONTGOMERY, laid before the House a communication, which was read as follows:

WASHINGTON, DC,
October 18, 1993.

Hon. THOMAS S. FOLEY,
*The Speaker, U.S. House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.*

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: Pursuant to the permission granted in Clause 5 of Rule III of the Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives, I have the honor to transmit a sealed envelope received from the White House on Friday,

October 15, 1993 at 4:08 p.m. and said to contain a message from the President wherein he reports under section 8(b) of the Fishermen's Protective Act (Pelly Amendment) concerning Panama.

With great respect, I am,
Sincerely yours,

DONNALD K. ANDERSON,
Clerk, House of Representatives.
(By) W. RAYMOND COLLEY,
Deputy Clerk.

¶118.6 YELLOWFIN TUNA—PANAMA

The Clerk then read the message from the President, as follows:

To the Congress of the United States:

Pursuant to section 8(b) of the Fishermen's Protective Act of 1967, as amended (22 U.S.C. 1978(b)), generally known as the Pelly Amendment, I am notifying you that on August 18, 1993, in accordance with section 101(a) of the Marine Mammal Protection Act (MMPA), the Secretary of Commerce certified to me that a ban on the importation of yellowfin tuna and yellowfin tuna products from Panama has been in effect since December 22, 1992. This ban is the result of a finding by the Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, that Panama's marine mammal program was not comparable to that of the United States, as required by the MMPA.

By the terms of the MMPA, such certification is deemed to be a certification for the purposes of the Pelly Amendment, which requires that I consider and, at my discretion, order the prohibition of imports into the United States of any products from the certified country to the extent that such prohibition is sanctioned by the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade. The Pelly Amendment also requires that I report to the Congress any actions taken under this subsection and, if no import prohibitions have been ordered, the reasons for this action.

After thorough review, I have determined that additional sanctions against Panama will not be imposed at this time. The Government of Panama is currently engaged in developing a marine mammal program that is comparable to that of the United States. The results of these efforts should be evident in an anticipated annual report and request for a finding of comparability for 1994 from Panama.

WILLIAM J. CLINTON,
THE WHITE HOUSE, *October 15, 1993.*

By unanimous consent, the message was referred to the Committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries and ordered to be printed (H. Doc. 103-151).

¶118.7 ARKANSAS BEACH DESIGNATION

Mr. VENTO moved to suspend the rules and pass the joint resolution of the Senate (S.J. Res. 78) designating the beach at 53 degrees 53'51"N, 166 degrees 34'15"W to 53 degrees 53'48"N, 166 degrees 34'21"W on Hog Island, which lies in the Northeast Bay of Unalaska, Alaska as "Arkansas Beach" in commemoration of the 206th regiment of the National Guard, who served during

the Japanese attack on Dutch Harbor, Unalaska, on June 3 and 4, 1942.

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. MONTGOMERY, recognized Mr. VENTO and Mr. CALVERT, each for 20 minutes.

After debate,

The question being put, *viva voce*,

Will the House suspend the rules and pass said joint resolution?

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. MONTGOMERY, announced that two-thirds of the Members present had voted in the affirmative.

So, two-thirds of the Members present having voted in favor thereof, the rules were suspended and said joint resolution was passed.

A motion to reconsider the vote whereby the rules were suspended and said joint resolution was passed was, by unanimous consent, laid on the table.

Ordered, That the Clerk notify the Senate thereof.

¶118.8 RED RIVER DESIGNATION

Mr. VENTO moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 914) to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate certain segments of the Red River in Kentucky as components of the national wild and scenic rivers system, and for other purposes; as amended.

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. MONTGOMERY, recognized Mr. VENTO and Mr. CALVERT, each for 20 minutes.

After debate,

The question being put, *viva voce*,

Will the House suspend the rules and pass said bill, as amended?

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. MONTGOMERY, announced that two-thirds of the Members present had voted in the affirmative.

So, two-thirds of the Members present having voted in favor thereof, the rules were suspended and said bill, as amended, was passed.

A motion to reconsider the vote whereby the rules were suspended and said bill, as amended, was passed was, by unanimous consent, laid on the table.

Ordered, That the Clerk request the concurrence of the Senate in said bill.

¶118.9 INTERNATIONAL RESCUE
COMMITTEE

Mr. LANTOS moved to suspend the rules and agree to the following concurrent resolution of the Senate (S. Con. Res. 47):

Whereas the International Rescue Committee, which this year is marking the sixtieth anniversary of its founding, is a beacon of hope for the world's refugees, displaced by war, civil insurrection, ethnic conflict, political and religious persecution and famine;

Whereas in crisis after crisis—in Europe, Central America, Africa, and Asia—the field staff of the International Rescue Committee is often the first relief support on site to ease the suffering of refugees by stabilizing health conditions with critically needed sanitation, health care, and medical assistance;

Whereas the programs of the International Rescue Committee are also concerned with