

(A) by inserting "(1)" after "(c)"; and

(B) by adding at the end the following:

"(2) If at the time of the appointment of the Deputy Under Secretary for Health under subsection (a)(1), both the position of Under Secretary for Health and the position of Associate Deputy Under Secretary for Health are held by individuals who are doctors of medicine, the individual appointed as Deputy Under Secretary for Health may be someone who is not a doctor of medicine.

"(3) If at the time of the appointment of the Associate Deputy Under Secretary for Health under subsection (a)(2), both the position of Under Secretary for Health and the position of Deputy Under Secretary for Health are held by individuals who are doctors of medicine, the individual appointed as Associate Deputy Under Secretary for Health may be someone who is not a doctor of medicine."

When said bill, as amended, was considered, read twice, ordered to be read a third time, was read a third time by title, and passed.

By unanimous consent, the title was amended so as to read: "An Act to amend title 38, United States Code, to allow one of the three senior officials in the Veterans Health Administration of the Department of Veterans Affairs to be an individual who is not a doctor of medicine."

A motion to reconsider the votes whereby the bill, as amended, was passed and the title was amended was, by unanimous consent, laid on the table.

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

¶134.7 VETERANS HEALTH IMPROVEMENT

Mr. MONTGOMERY moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 3313) to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve health care services of the Department of Veterans Affairs relating to women veterans, to extend and expand authority for the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to provide priority health care to veterans who were exposed to ionizing radiation or to Agent Orange, to expand the scope of services that may be provided to veterans through Vet Centers, and for other purposes; as amended.

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. VOLKMER, recognized Mr. MONTGOMERY and Mr. STUMP, 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. VOLKMER, 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.

¶134.8 SURVIVING SPOUSES' VA BENEFITS

Mr. MONTGOMERY moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 3456) to amend title 38, United States Code, to restore certain benefits eligibility to unremarried surviving spouses of veterans; as amended.

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. VOLKMER, recognized Mr. MONTGOMERY and Mr. STUMP, 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. VOLKMER, 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.

¶134.9 AMERICAN INDIAN AGRICULTURAL LANDS AND RESOURCES

Mr. RICHARDSON moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 1425) to improve the management, productivity, and use of Indian agricultural lands and resources; as amended.

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. VOLKMER, recognized Mr. RICHARDSON 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.

¶134.10 AIR FORCE MEMORIAL

Mr. CLAY moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 898) to authorize the Air Force Memorial Foundation to establish a memorial in the District of Columbia or its environs.

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. COPPERSMITH, recognized Mr. CLAY and Mr. BARRETT, each for 20 minutes.

After debate,

The question being put, *viva voce*,

Will the House suspend the rules and pass said bill?

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. COPPERSMITH, 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 was passed.

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

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

¶134.11 PROVIDING FOR THE CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 322

Ms. SLAUGHTER, by direction of the Committee on Rules, called up the following resolution (H. Res. 303):

Resolved, That at any time after the adoption of this resolution the Speaker may, pursuant to clause 1(b) of rule XXIII, declare the House resolved into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union for consideration of the bill (H.R. 322) to modify the requirements applicable to locatable minerals on public domain lands, consistent with the principles of self-initiation of mining claims, and for other purposes. The first reading of the bill shall be dispensed with. General debate shall be confined to the bill and shall not exceed one hour equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Natural Resources. After general debate the bill shall be considered for amendment under the five-minute rule. It shall be in order to consider as an original bill for the purpose of amendment under the five-minute rule the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Natural Resources now printed in the bill. The committee amendment in the nature of a substitute shall be considered by title rather than by section. Each title shall be considered as read. The amendments en bloc specified in the report of the Committee on Rules accompanying this resolution to be offered by Representative Miller of California or a designee may amend portions of the bill not yet read for amendment, shall be considered as read, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question in the House or in the Committee of the Whole. At the conclusion of consideration of the bill for amendment the Committee shall rise and report the bill to the House with such amendments as may have been adopted. Any Member may demand a separate vote in the House on any amendment adopted in the Committee of the Whole to the bill or to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute. The previous question shall be considered as ordered on the bill and amendments thereto to final passage without intervening motion except one motion to recommend with or without instructions.

When said resolution was considered.

After debate,

On motion of Ms. SLAUGHTER, the previous question was ordered on the resolution to its adoption or rejection and under the operation thereof, the resolution was agreed to.

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

¶134.12 MINERAL EXPLORATION AND DEVELOPMENT

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. COPPERSMITH, pursuant to House Resolution 303 and rule XXIII, declared the House resolved into the Committee