

Foreign Affairs was discharged from further consideration of the following concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 189):

Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate concurring), That it is the sense of the Congress that—

(1) the United States, together with the international community, should make very appropriate effort to ensure that the people of Bosnia-Herzegovina have adequate medical supplies, food, and other humanitarian assistance during the winter of 1993-1994 in order to prevent a possible humanitarian disaster;

(2) the United States should support necessary and appropriate preparations to facilitate a relief effort in order to prevent a possible humanitarian disaster;

(3) all parties should cooperate with the provision of humanitarian assistance to those in need throughout the former Yugoslav republics, especially Bosnia-Herzegovina;

(4) the United States should provide similar assistance to the peoples endangered this winter throughout the former Yugoslav republics, especially the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia; and

(5) the United States should expend appropriated funds for such purposes as expeditiously as possible.

When said concurrent resolution was considered and agreed to.

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 request the concurrence of the Senate in said concurrent resolution.

¶140.52 INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF THE WORLD'S INDIGENOUS PEOPLES

On motion of Mr. HAMILTON, by unanimous consent, the following concurrent resolution of the Senate was taken from the Speaker's table (S. Con. Res. 44):

Whereas United Nations Resolution 45/164 of December 18, 1990, proclaimed the year 1993 as the International Year of the World's Indigenous Peoples, in order to strengthen international cooperation for a solution to the problems faced by indigenous communities in areas such as human rights, the environment, development, education, and health;

Whereas indigenous peoples are descendants of the original inhabitants of many countries with diverse cultures, religions, languages, and social and economic customs;

Whereas an estimated 300 million indigenous peoples live in more than 70 countries, including the United States;

Whereas indigenous peoples are often disadvantaged and face common difficulties in their homelands, including issues such as self-determination, the preservation of land and natural resources, the preservation of culture, arts, and language, and dismal social and economic conditions;

Whereas many indigenous peoples continue to face discrimination and exploitation in their homelands;

Whereas the rights and social and economic conditions of indigenous peoples have often been overlooked by individual nations and the international community; and

Whereas the United Nations Working Group on Indigenous Populations has drafted a Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives concurring), That it is the sense of the Congress that—

(1) the United States should cooperate with the United Nations in its efforts to raise the level of public interest in and consciousness of the problems of indigenous peoples;

(2) the United States should address the rights and improve the social and economic conditions of its own indigenous peoples, including Native American Indians, Alaska Natives, Native Hawaiians, Chamorros, American Samoans, and Palauans;

(3) the United States should support the United Nations in its efforts to establish international standards on the rights of indigenous peoples; and

(4) the United States recognizes that the year 1993 is an insufficient time period for promoting public awareness of the plight of indigenous peoples and urges the United Nations to proclaim an International Decade of the World's Indigenous Peoples.

When said concurrent resolution was considered and agreed to.

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.

¶140.53 FOOD STAMP PROGRAM

On motion of Mr. DE LA GARZA, by unanimous consent, the bill of the Senate (S. 1777) to extend the suspended implementation of certain requirements of the food stamp program on Indian reservations, to suspend certain eligibility requirements for the participation of retail food stores in the food stamp program, and for other purposes; was taken from the Speaker's table.

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

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

Ordered, That the Clerk notify the Senate thereof.

¶140.54 ENROLLMENT CORRECTION— S. 1766

On motion of Mr. DE LA GARZA, by unanimous consent, the following concurrent resolution of the Senate was taken from the Speaker's table (S. Con. Res. 56):

Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives concurring), That in the enrollment of the text of the bill (S. 1766) to amend the Lime Research, Promotion, and Consumer Information Act of 1990 to cover seedless and not seeded limes, to increase the exemption level, to delay the initial referendum date, and to alter the composition of the Lime Board, and for other purposes, the Secretary of the Senate shall make the following corrections:

In section 4(b)(1)—

(1) strike "The Secretary" and insert "Members"; and

(2) strike "shall—" and insert "appointed—".

When said concurrent resolution was considered and agreed to.

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.

¶140.55 HOUSING TECHNICAL AMENDMENT

On motion of Mr. GONZALEZ, by unanimous consent, the bill of the Senate (S. 1769) to make a technical correction, and for other purposes; was taken from the Speaker's table.

When said bill was considered and read twice.

Mr. GONZALEZ submitted the following amendment in the nature of a substitute which was agreed to:

Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the following:

SECTION 1. CDBG TECHNICAL AMENDMENT.

Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the city of Slidell, Louisiana may submit, not later than 10 days after the enactment of this Act, and the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development shall consider and accept, the final statement of community development objectives and projected use of funds required by section 104(a)(1) of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 in connection with a grant to the city of Slidell under title 1 of such Act for fiscal year 1994.

SEC. 2. INCREASE OF CDBG PUBLIC SERVICES CAP.

(A) IN GENERAL.—Section 105(a)(8) of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 (42 U.S.C. 5305(a)(8)) is amended—

(1) by striking "and" after the penultimate comma; and

(2) by inserting before the semicolon at the end the following: ", and except that of any amount of assistance under this title (including program income) in fiscal year 1994 to the City of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, such city may use not more than 20 percent in each such fiscal year for activities under this paragraph".

SEC. 3. CONVERSION PROJECTS.

(a) SECTION 23 CONVERSION.—

(1) AUTHORIZATION.—Notwithstanding contracts entered into pursuant to section 14(b)(2) of the United States Housing Act of 1937, the Secretary is authorized to enter into obligations for conversion of Leonard Terrace Apartments in Grand Rapids, Michigan, from a leasing housing contract under section 23 of such Act to a project-based rental assistance contract under section 8 of such Act.

(2) REPAYMENT REQUIRED.—The authorization made in paragraph (1) is conditioned on the repayment to the Secretary of all amounts received by the public housing agency under the comprehensive improvement assistance program under section 14 of the United States Housing Act of 1937 for the Leonard Terrace Apartment project and the amounts, as determined by the Secretary, received by the public housing agency under the formula in section 14(k) of such Act by reason of the project.

SEC. 4. EXCEPTION TO FIRE SAFETY REQUIREMENT FOR NEWLY CONSTRUCTED MULTIFAMILY PROPERTY.

In the case of any newly constructed multifamily property, as defined in section 31(c)(2)(A)(ii) of the Federal Fire Prevention and Control Act of 1974, in the city of New York in the State of New York, the requirement contained in section 31(c)(2)(A)(i) of the Federal Fire Prevention and Control Act of 1974 with respect to an automatic sprinkler system shall be deemed to be met if such property meets an equivalent level of safety (as defined in section 31(a)(3) of such Act).

The bill, as amended, was ordered to be read a third time, was read a third time by title, and passed.

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