

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.

¶96.23 KOSOVAR RIGHTS

Mr. BEREUTER moved to suspend the rules and agree to the following concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 155); as amended:

Whereas the Constitution of the Socialist Federal Republic of Yugoslavia, adopted in 1946 and the amended Yugoslav Constitution adopted in 1974, described the status of Kosova as one of the 8 constituent territorial units of the Yugoslav Federation;

Whereas the political rights of the Albanian majority in Kosova were curtailed when the Government of Yugoslavia illegally amended the Yugoslav federal constitution without the consent of the people of Kosova on March 23, 1989, revoking Kosova's autonomous status;

Whereas in 1990, the Parliament and Government of Kosova were abolished by further unlawful amendments to the Constitution of Yugoslavia;

Whereas in September 1990, a referendum on the question of independence for Kosova was held in which 87 percent of those eligible to participate voted and 99 percent of those voting supported independence for Kosova;

Whereas in May 1992, a Kosovar national parliament and President, Dr. Ibrahim Rugova, were freely and fairly elected, but were not permitted to assemble in Kosova;

Whereas according to the State Department Country Reports on Human Rights for 1995, "police repression continued at a high level against the ethnic Albanians of Kosova . . . and reflected a general campaign to keep [those] who are not ethnic Serbs intimidated and unable to exercise basic human and civil rights";

Whereas over 100,000 ethnic Albanians employed in the public sector have been removed from their jobs and replaced by Serbs since 1989;

Whereas the government in Belgrade has severely restricted the access of ethnic Albanians in Kosova to all levels of education, especially in the Albanian language;

Whereas the Organization on Security and Cooperation in Europe observers dispatched to Kosova in 1991 were expelled by the government in Belgrade in July 1993, and have not been reinstated as called for in United Nations Security Council Resolution 855 of August 1993;

Whereas following the departure of such observers, international human rights organizations have documented an increase in abuses;

Whereas the United Nations announced on February 27, 1995, that Serbia had granted it permission to open a Belgrade office to monitor human rights in Serbia and Kosova;

Whereas Congress directed the State Department to establish a United States Information Agency (U.S.I.A.) cultural center in Prishtina, Kosova, in section 223 of the Foreign Relations Authorization Act, Fiscal Years 1992 and 1993;

Whereas Secretary of State Warren Christopher announced on February 27, 1996, that Serbian leader Slobodan Milosevic has agreed to the establishment of such center and that preparations for the establishment of the center are proceeding;

Whereas, with the signing of the Dayton agreement on Bosnia, future peace in the Balkans hinges largely on a settlement of the status of Kosova; and

Whereas the President has explicitly warned the Government of Serbia that the

United States is prepared to respond in the event of escalated conflict in Kosova caused by Serbia: Now, therefore, be it

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

(1) the situation in Kosova must be resolved before the outer wall of sanctions against Serbia is lifted and Serbia is able to return to the international community;

(2) the human rights of the people of Kosova must be restored to levels guaranteed by international law;

(3) the United States should support the legitimate claims of the people of Kosova to determine their own political future;

(4) international observers should be returned to Kosova as soon as possible;

(5) the elected government of Kosova should be permitted to meet and exercise its legitimate mandate as elected representatives of the people of Kosova;

(6) all individuals whose employment was terminated on the basis of their ethnicity should be reinstated to their previous positions;

(7) the education system in Kosova should be reopened to all residents of Kosova regardless of ethnicity and the majority ethnic Albanian population should be allowed to educate its youth in its native tongue;

(8) the establishment of a United States Information Agency cultural center in Prishtina, Kosova, is to be commended; and

(9) the President should appoint a special envoy to aid in negotiating a resolution to the crisis in Kosova.

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. CALVERT, recognized Mr. BEREUTER and Mr. ENGEL, each for 20 minutes.

After debate,

The question being put, *viva voce*,

Will the House suspend the rules and agree to said concurrent resolution, as amended?

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. CALVERT, 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 concurrent resolution, as amended, was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider the vote whereby the rules were suspended and said concurrent resolution, as amended, 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.

¶96.24 MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT—HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. CALVERT, laid before the House a message from the President, which was read as follows:

To the Congress of the United States:

Pursuant to the requirements of 42 U.S.C. 3536, I transmit herewith the 30th Annual Report of the Department of Housing and Urban Development, which covers calendar year 1994.

WILLIAM J. CLINTON.

THE WHITE HOUSE, *July 29, 1996*.

By unanimous consent, the message, together with the accompanying papers, was referred to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services.

¶96.25 BILLS PRESENTED TO THE PRESIDENT

Mr. THOMAS, from the Committee on House Oversight, reported that that committee did on the following dates present to the President, for his approval, bills of the House of the following titles:

On July 25, 1996:

H.R. 2337. An Act to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for increased taxpayer protections.

On July 26, 1996:

H.R. 1114. An Act to authorize minors who are under the child labor provisions of the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 and who are under 18 years of age to load materials into balers and compactors that meet appropriate American National Standards Institute design safety standards.

And then,

¶96.26 ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Mr. JONES, at 3 o'clock and 54 minutes p.m., the House adjourned.

¶96.27 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. GILMAN: Committee on International Relations. H.R. 3846. A bill to amend the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 to authorize the provision of assistance for microenterprises, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 104-715). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

Mr. YOUNG of Alaska: Committee on Resources. H.R. 2292. A bill to preserve and protect the Hanford Reach of the Columbia River, and for other purposes; with an amendment (Rept. No. 104-716). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

Mr. YOUNG of Alaska: Committee on Resources. H.R. 3487. A bill to reauthorize the National Marine Sanctuaries Act, and for other purposes; with an amendment (Rept. No. 104-717). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

Mr. ARCHER: Committee on Ways and Means. H.R. 3815. A bill to make technical corrections and miscellaneous amendments to trade laws; with an amendment (Rept. No. 104-718). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

¶96.28 TIME LIMITATION OF REFERRED BILL

Pursuant to clause 5 of rule X, the following action was taken by the Speaker:

H.R. 3539. Referral to the Committee on Ways and Means extended for a period ending not later than July 30, 1996.

¶96.29 PRIVATE BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 1 of rule XXII, private bills and resolutions were introduced and severally referred as follows:

By Mr. BURTON of Indiana:

H.R. 3913. A bill to authorize the Secretary of Transportation to issue a certificate of documentation with appropriate endorsement for employment in the coastwise trade for the vessel *Western Atlantic*; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

H.R. 3914. A bill to authorize the Secretary of Transportation to issue a certificate of