

the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of the bill of the Senate (S. 2101) to provide educational assistance to the dependents of Federal law enforcement officials who are killed or disabled in the performance of their duties.

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.

#### ¶115.23 SEXUAL PREDATORS TRACKING

On motion of Mr. MCCOLLUM, by unanimous consent, the Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of the bill of the Senate (S. 1675) to provide for the nationwide tracking of convicted sexual predators, and for other purposes.

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 the bill was passed was, by unanimous consent, laid on the table.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk notify the Senate thereof.

By unanimous consent, H.R. 3456, a similar House bill, was laid on the table.

#### ¶115.24 RUSSIAN TROOPS REMOVAL FROM KALININGRAD

Mr. GILMAN, pursuant to House Resolution 525, moved to suspend the rules and agree to the following concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 51); as amended:

Whereas from 1945 to the early 1990's Kaliningrad was a Russian military outpost consisting of as many as 200,000 Russian military personnel concentrated in an area of 15,000 square kilometers and Kaliningrad has suffered substantial environmental damage as a result of this military presence;

Whereas since this time the number of Russian military personnel in Kaliningrad has declined significantly, although the number of such personnel in the region is still substantial;

Whereas polls conducted by the Kaliningrad Sociological Center have shown that over 60 percent of the Kaliningrad public favors development of Kaliningrad as an economic bridge between Europe and Russia;

Whereas establishment of Kaliningrad as a free economic zone by the Russian Government in 1994 represents a positive step toward Kaliningrad's integration into the Baltic and European economies and toward giving Kaliningrad an opportunity to flourish economically and to contribute substantially to the well-being of the Baltic region; and

Whereas Russian economic analysts at the Russian Foreign Policy Foundation have noted that militarization of Kaliningrad "corresponded neither to the needs of the population of the region itself, nor to the necessities of its economic development": Now, therefore, be it

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

(1) Lithuania, Latvia, and Estonia have the right to self-determination which extends to

the conduct of their foreign policy regarding membership in the North Atlantic Treaty Organization;

(2) development of the Kaliningrad region as a free trade zone will help ensure the freedom and future prosperity and stability of the Baltic region; and

(3) continued military reductions in and environmental restoration of the Kaliningrad region will greatly facilitate economic development and prosperity in Kaliningrad.

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. EWING, recognized Mr. GILMAN and Mr. FALEOMAVAEGA, 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. EWING, 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.

By unanimous consent, the title was amended so as to read: "Concurrent resolution expressing the sense of the Congress concerning economic development, environmental improvement, and stability in the Baltic region."

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

#### ¶115.25 TOURISM BOARD

Mr. OXLEY, pursuant to House Resolution 525, moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 2579) to establish the National Tourism Board and the National Tourism Organization to promote international travel and tourism to the United States; as amended.

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. EWING, recognized Mr. OXLEY and Mr. MANTON, 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. EWING, 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.

#### ¶115.26 TENSAS WILDLIFE REFUGE

Mr. SAXTON, pursuant to House Resolution 525, moved to suspend the rules

and agree to the following amendments of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 2660) to increase the amount authorized to be appropriated to the Department of the Interior for the Tensas River National Wildlife Refuge:

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#### SEC. 2. BAYOU SAUVAGE URBAN NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE.

(a) REFUGE EXPANSION.—Section 502(b)(1) of the Emergency Wetlands Resources Act of 1986 (Public Law 99-645; 100 Stat. 3590), is amended by inserting after the first sentence the following: "In addition, the Secretary may acquire, within such period as may be necessary, an area of approximately 4,228 acres, consisting of approximately 3,928 acres located north of Interstate 10 between Little Woods and Pointe-aux-Herbes and approximately 300 acres south of Interstate 10 between the Maxent Canal and Michoud Boulevard that contains the Big Oak Island archaeological site, as depicted on the map entitled "Bayou Sauvage Urban National Wildlife Refuge Expansion", dated August, 1996, on file with the United States Fish and Wildlife Service."

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. EWING, recognized Mr. SAXTON and Mr. FALEOMAVAEGA, each for 20 minutes.

After debate,

The question being put, *viva voce*,

Will the House suspend the rules and agree to said amendments?

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. EWING, 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 amendments were agreed to.

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

*Ordered*, That the Clerk notify the Senate thereof.

#### ¶115.27 WYOMING FISH CONVEYANCE

Mr. SAXTON, pursuant to House Resolution 525, moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill of the Senate (S. 1802) to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain property containing a fish and wildlife facility to the State of Wyoming, and for other purposes.

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. EWING, recognized Mr. SAXTON and Mr. FALEOMAVAEGA, 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. EWING, 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 notify the Senate thereof.