

efits based on that individual's service as a Member, and for other purposes; as amended.

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. EWING, recognized Mr. THOMAS and Mr. FAZIO, each for 20 minutes.

After debate,

¶115.35 POINT OF ORDER

Mr. BARRETT of Wisconsin, during debate addressed the House and, during the course of his remarks,

Mr. THOMAS made a point of order, and said:

"Mr. Speaker, the gentleman from Wisconsin [Mr. BARRETT] is not speaking to the legislation in front of us, and he knows it."

Mr. BARRETT of Wisconsin was recognized to speak to the point of order, and said:

"I am tying this into the reforms that are going on in this body. The previous speaker spoke to the many reforms that he thought were necessary. I acknowledge that there are reforms that are necessary. I also think that this is very consistent with those reforms and whether we have reform in this body."

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. GUTKNECHT, sustained the point of order, and said:

"The gentleman from Wisconsin should confine his remarks to the subjects contained with this bill. The Chair sustains the point of order."

¶115.36 POINT OF ORDER

Mr. FAZIO made a point of order, and said:

"Mr. Speaker, a number of Members have spoken on the issue of reform, as it has come before the body during this entire Congress. Speakers who preceded the gentleman from Wisconsin [Mr. BARRETT] have certainly strayed from the subject of this bill. They have talked about a range of legislation. To allow the gentleman from Wisconsin to proceed would only be fair in light of what has happened in prior discussion of this legislation."

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. GUTKNECHT, responded to the point of order, and said:

"Points of order were not made concerning the statements that were made previously. A point of order was made at this particular point. \* \* \*

"Under the precedents, the Chair does not take the initiative regarding relevancy of debate. The point of order was raised by the gentleman from California [Mr. THOMAS]."

Mr. BARRETT of Wisconsin was recognized to speak to the point of order, and said:

"Mr. Speaker, I think that this is very relevant because I think that the issue here is whether Members who have been accused of committing crimes or have been convicted of committing crimes can— \* \* \*"

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. GUTKNECHT, responded, and said:

"The Chair has ruled. The gentleman from Wisconsin [Mr. BARRETT] will confine his remarks to subjects in this bill."

¶115.37 POINT OF ORDER

Mr. BARRETT of Wisconsin further addressed the House and during the course of his remarks,

Mr. THOMAS made a point of order, and said:

"Mr. Speaker, the gentleman from Wisconsin well knows the Speaker ruled that out of order, yet he continued to read. The comity of the House is threatened by the gentleman from Wisconsin, yet he speaks of potential crimes. And he does it by willfully violating the rules of the House."

Mr. BARRETT of Wisconsin was recognized to speak to the point of order, and said:

"Again, my whole point here is I think that this is a good bill. I support this bill. In fact, I am a cosponsor of a similar version of this bill. I think that we should pass this legislation.

"My point, in a generic sense, is that we as a body have to make sure that we police ourselves as well. And to police ourselves as well means that we have to disclose reports that we have paid for. Why would we spend \$500,000 on a report and not release it to the public? That is my only point."

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. GUTKNECHT, sustained the point of order, and said:

"The point of order is sustained. The gentleman from Wisconsin will confine his remarks to the bill before the House."

After further debate,

The question being put, viva voce,

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

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

Mr. RIGGS demanded that the vote be taken by the yeas and nays, which demand was supported by one-fifth of the Members present, so the yeas and nays were ordered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. GUTKNECHT, pursuant to clause 5, rule I, announced that further proceedings on the motion were postponed.

¶115.38 SUBMISSION OF CONFERENCE REPORT—H.R. 3539

Mr. SHUSTER submitted a conference report (Rept. No. 104-848) on the bill (H.R. 3539) to amend title 49, United States Code, to reauthorize programs of the Federal Aviation Administration, and for other purposes; together with a statement thereon, for printing in the Record under the rule.

¶115.39 NATIONAL MUSEUM OF AMERICAN INDIANS

Mr. THOMAS, pursuant to House Resolution 525, moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill of the Senate (S. 1970) to amend the National Museum of the American Indian Act to make improvements in the Act, and for other purposes.

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. GUTKNECHT, recognized Mr. THOMAS and Mr. FAZIO, 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. GUTKNECHT, 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.

¶115.40 INTERNET ELECTION INFORMATION

Mr. THOMAS, pursuant to House Resolution 525, moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 3700) to amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to permit interactive computer services to provide their facilities free of charge to candidates for Federal offices for the purpose of disseminating campaign information and enhancing public debate; as amended.

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. GUTKNECHT, recognized Mr. THOMAS and Mr. FAZIO, 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. GUTKNECHT, 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.

¶115.41 WATER RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT

Mr. SHUSTER, pursuant to House Resolution 525, moved to suspend the rules and agree to the following conference report (Rept. No. 104-843):

The committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendment of the House to the bill (S. 640), to provide for the conservation and development of water and related resources, to authorize the Secretary of the Army to construct various projects for improvements to rivers and harbors of the United States, and for other purposes, having met, after full and free conference, have agreed to recommend and do recommend to their respective Houses as follows:

That the Senate recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the House and agree to the same with an amendment as follows:

In lieu of the matter proposed to be inserted by the House amendment, insert the following:

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE; TABLE OF CONTENTS.

(a) SHORT TITLE.—This Act may be cited as the "Water Resources Development Act of 1996".