

the Judiciary, Resources, Transportation and Infrastructure, Agriculture, and Commerce.

¶115.5 POINT OF ORDER

Mr. POMEROY, during one minute speeches addressed the House and, during the course of his remarks,

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

"Mr. Speaker, I make the point of order that discussion of the House Ethics Committee's proceedings on the floor of the House is not in order in the House. Is that correct?"

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

"The Chair sustains the gentleman's point of order. The gentleman from North Dakota [Mr. POMEROY] may proceed in order."

¶115.6 POINT OF ORDER

Mr. HOKE made a further point of order, and said:

"Mr. Speaker, I make a further point of order that the House rules provide that buttons may not be worn at the time that speeches are made on the floor of the House."

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

"The Chair sustains the point of order. The gentleman should remove the button."

¶115.7 COLD WAR

Mr. DORNAN, pursuant to House Resolution 525, moved to suspend the rules and agree to the following concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 180); as amended:

Whereas during the period of the Cold War, from the end of World War II until the collapse of the Soviet Union in 1991, the United States and the Soviet Union engaged in a global military rivalry;

Whereas this rivalry, potentially the most dangerous military confrontation in the history of mankind, has come to a close without a direct superpower military conflict;

Whereas military and civilian personnel of the Department of Defense, personnel in the intelligence community, members of the foreign service, and other officers and employees of the United States faithfully performed their duties during the Cold War;

Whereas many such personnel performed their duties while isolated from family and friends and served overseas under frequently arduous conditions in order to protect the United States and achieve a lasting peace; and

Whereas the discipline and dedication of those personnel were fundamental to the prevention of a superpower military conflict: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate concurring). That Congress hereby commends, and expresses its gratitude and appreciation for, the service and sacrifices of the members of the Armed Forces and civilian personnel of the Government who contributed to the historic victory in the Cold War.

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. GOODLATTE, recognized Mr. DORNAN and Mr. PICKETT, 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. GOODLATTE, 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 commending the members of the Armed Forces and civilian personnel of the Government who served the United States faithfully during the Cold War."

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.

¶115.8 RUSSIAN FORCES IN MOLDOVA

Mr. GILMAN, pursuant to House Resolution 525, moved to suspend the rules and agree to the following concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 145):

Whereas the United States Government has recognized and continues to emphasize its commitment to the independence and territorial integrity of the sovereign nation of Moldova;

Whereas units of the former Soviet 14th Army of the Russian Federation continue to be deployed on the territory of the sovereign nation of Moldova against the wishes of the government and the majority of the people of Moldova;

Whereas the Prime Minister of Russia and the Prime Minister of Moldova signed an agreement on October 21, 1994, according to which Russia would withdraw its military forces from Moldova within three years;

Whereas in the period since the agreement was signed, there have been negligible force reductions of the Russian Army in Moldova;

Whereas the Organization on Security and Cooperation in Europe has been engaged in efforts to resolve differences between the Government of Moldova and the authorities of the Transnistria region where the Russian Army continues to be deployed, and the Government of Ukraine has offered to use its good offices to assist in these efforts; and

Whereas the Parliamentary Assembly of the Organization on Security and Cooperation in Europe has passed a resolution calling for the "most rapid, continuing, unconditional, and full withdrawal" of the 14th Army of the Russian Federation: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate concurring). That the Congress—

(1) calls upon the Government of the Russian Federation to adhere to the provisions of the troop withdrawal agreement signed on October 21, 1994;

(2) welcomes recent statements by the Administration supporting Moldova's territorial integrity, and urges the Secretary of State to use every appropriate opportunity and means, including multilateral and bilateral diplomacy, to secure removal of Russian military forces from Moldova in accordance with the terms of the troop withdrawal agreement;

(3) urges all of Moldova's neighboring countries to recognize the sovereignty and territorial integrity of Moldova; and

(4) urges the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe to continue its efforts in resolving differences between the government of Moldova and the authorities of the Transnistria region, and welcomes the offer by the Government of Ukraine to assist in these efforts.

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. GOODLATTE, 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?

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

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey 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. GOODLATTE, by unanimous consent and pursuant to clause 5(b)(1) of rule I, announced that further proceedings were postponed.

¶115.9 U.S. MEMBERSHIP IN SOUTH PACIFIC

Mr. GILMAN, pursuant to House Resolution 525, moved to suspend the rules and agree to the following concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 189); as amended:

Whereas the United States and the South Pacific region enjoy a close and historic partnership built on a strong foundation of shared values and an unshakable commitment to democracy, development, and human rights;

Whereas the Pacific Island Nations and Governments, together with New Zealand and Australia, share many of the global objectives of the United States, including the nonproliferation of nuclear weapons, the protection of unique ecosystems, and sustainable economic development consistent with good resource management practices;

Whereas the United States, through support of the East-West Center in Hawaii, has facilitated establishment of the Pacific Islands Conference, wherein the heads of Pacific Island governments have met triennially to target critical research in furtherance of the region's trade, environment, and development; and

Whereas the United States is a member of the regional economic and social development body, the South Pacific Commission, participates in and plans to become a party to the regional environment body, the South Pacific Regional Environment Program, as well as being a dialogue partner for the regional political body, the South Pacific Forum: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate concurring). That the Congress—

(1) recognizes the traditional and close ties between the United States and the South Pacific region and reaffirms the value of these ties;

(2)(A) notes the need to continue to support the efforts of the nations and governments of the region to enhance the sustainable development of the more fragile island economies and their integration into the regional economy, while helping to ensure the protection of the unique ecosystems of the region; and