

Whereas if Representative Hilliard did travel to Libya, his actions would be in direct violation of United States policy toward Libya;

Whereas this episode raises questions of propriety regarding travel to Libya, Representative Hilliard should explain his reasons for traveling to Libya and his activities while there;

Whereas the Committee should inquire of Representative Earl Hilliard what individual, organization, government agency or other entity paid for his travel to and from Libya and his expenses while in Libya;

Whereas Representative Hilliard has not disclosed whether he engaged in any transactions relating to his travel to and from Libya, or in other transactions while in Libya;

Whereas these circumstances warrant an immediate affirmation by the House of its unequivocal opposition to travel to Libya by its members and to terrorism and the terrorist agenda pursued by the Libyan government of Moammar Ghadafi; and

Whereas Representative Earl Hilliard has conducted himself in a manner which is inconsistent with the dignity of the House and is not conduct appropriate to the House and its members: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the House Committee on Standards of Official Conduct undertake an immediate and thorough investigation of the circumstances surrounding Representative Earl Hilliard's travel to Libya and report back to the House.

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. HUTCHINSON, responded to the foregoing notice, and said:

"Under rule IX, a resolution offered from the floor by a Member other than the majority leader or the minority leader as a question of the privileges of the House has immediate precedence only at a time or place designated by the Speaker in the legislative schedule within two legislative days of its being properly noticed. The Chair will announce the designation at a later time. The determination whether the resolution constitutes a question of privilege will made at the time designated for consideration of the resolution."

¶106.37 ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

Mr. THOMAS, from the Committee on House Oversight, reported that that committee had examined and found truly enrolled a bill of the House of the following title, which was thereupon signed by the Speaker:

H.R. 111. An Act to provide for the conveyance of a parcel of unused agricultural land in Dos Palos, California, to the Dos Palos Ag Boosters for use as a farm school.

¶106.38 BILL PRESENTED TO THE PRESIDENT

Mr. THOMAS, from the Committee on House Oversight, reported that that committee did on this day present to the President, for his approval, a bill of the House of the following title:

H.R. 680. An Act to amend the Federal Property and Administrative Services Act of 1949 to authorize the transfer of surplus personal property to States for donation to non-profit providers of necessities to impoverished families and individuals, and to authorize the transfer of surplus real property to States, political subdivisions and instrumentalities of States, and nonprofit organizations for providing housing or housing assistance for low-income individuals or families.

¶106.39 LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted—

To Mr. GIBBONS, for today after 6 p.m. and the balance of the week;

To Mr. HUNTER, for today;

To Mr. SCHIFF through October 3; and

To Mr. MCHALE, for today after 3 p.m.

And then,

¶106.40 ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Mr. WELDON of Pennsylvania, at 11 o'clock and 21 minutes p.m., the House adjourned.

¶106.41 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. GOSS: Committee on Rules. House Resolution 242. Resolution waiving points of order against the conference report to accompany the bill (H.R. 2266) making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 105-267). Referred to the House Calendar.

Mr. HASTINGS of Washington: Committee on Rules. House Resolution 243. Resolution providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 901) to preserve the sovereignty of the United States over public lands and acquired lands owned by the United States, and to preserve State sovereignty and private property rights in non-Federal lands surrounding those public lands and acquired lands (Rept. No. 105-268). Referred to the House Calendar.

¶106.42 PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 5 of rule X and clause 4 of rule XXII, public bills and resolutions were introduced and severally referred, as follows:

By Mr. SMITH of Texas:
H.R. 2533. A bill to amend the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996 and the Immigration and Nationality Act to clarify eligibility for relief from removal and deportation for certain aliens; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. COMBEST (for himself, Mr. DOOLEY of California, Mr. SMITH of Oregon, and Mr. STENHOLM):

H.R. 2534. A bill to reform, extend, and repeal certain agricultural research, extension, and education programs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture.

By Mr. MCKEON (for himself, Mr. GOODLING, Mr. BOEHNER, Mrs. ROURKEMA, Mr. BARRETT of Nebraska, Mr. RIGGS, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. MCINTOSH, Mr. NORWOOD, Mr. HOEKSTRA, Mr. SAM JOHNSON, Mr. GREENWOOD, Mr. PETERSON of Pennsylvania, and Mr. UPTON):

H.R. 2535. A bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to allow the consolidation of student loans under the Federal Family Loan Program and the Direct Loan Program; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

By Mr. MCKEON (for himself and Mr. KILDEE):

H.R. 2536. A bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 with respect to improving the administration of the student financial assistance programs under title IV of that Act; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

By Mr. STUMP:
H.R. 2537. A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to revise the rules relating to

the court-ordered apportionment of the retired pay of members of the Armed Forces to former spouses, and for other purposes; to the Committee on National Security, and in addition to the Committee on Ways and Means, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. REDMOND:

H.R. 2538. A bill to establish a Presidential commission to determine the validity of certain land claims arising out of the Treaty of Guadalupe-Hidalgo of 1848 involving the descendants of persons who were Mexican citizens at the time of the Treaty; to the Committee on Resources.

By Mr. BEREUTER:

H.R. 2539. A bill to prohibit the use of United States funds to provide for the participation of certain Chinese officials in international conferences, exchanges, programs, and activities, and for other purposes; to the Committee on International Relations.

By Ms. MILLENDER-MCDONALD (for herself, Mr. FILNER, Ms. CHRISTIAN-GREEN, Mrs. MEEK of Florida, Mr. UNDERWOOD, Mr. DELLUMS, Mr. CLAY, Mrs. MINK of Hawaii, Mr. MCGOVERN, Mr. FROST, Mr. YATES, and Mr. DAVIS of Virginia):

H.R. 2540. A bill to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to facilitate the immigration to the United States of certain aliens born in the Philippines or Japan who were fathered by United States citizens; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mrs. MORELLA (for herself and Mr. DAVIS of Virginia):

H.R. 2541. A bill to amend title 5, United States Code, to extend the authority under which comparability allowances may be paid to Government physicians, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

By Ms. RIVERS:

H.R. 2542. A bill to prevent Members of Congress from receiving any automatic pay adjustment which might otherwise take effect in 1998; to the Committee on House Oversight, and in addition to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. STARK (for himself, Mr. DELLUMS, and Mr. MILLER of California):

H.R. 2543. A bill to amend titles XVIII and XIX of the Social Security Act to require hospitals, skilled nursing facilities, home health agencies, hospice programs, clinical laboratories, and ambulance services to fund annual financial and compliance audits as a condition of participation under the Medicare and Medicaid programs; to the Committee on Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Ways and Means, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. FALEOMAVAEGA:

H. Con. Res. 157. Concurrent resolution expressing the sense of the Congress regarding the effects of global warming-induced climate disruption on the Pacific nations that are allies of the United States and the resulting threat to the global interests of the United States; to the Committee on International Relations.

¶106.43 ADDITIONAL SPONSORS

Under clause 4 of rule XXII, sponsors were added to public bills and resolutions as follows:

H.R. 165: Mr. CAPPS.