

¶113.6 SUBMISSION OF CONFERENCE
REPORT—H.R. 2158

Mr. LIVINGSTON submitted a conference report (Rept. No. 105-297) on the bill (H.R. 2158) making appropriations for the Departments of Veterans Affairs and Housing and Urban Development, and for sundry independent agencies, commissions, corporations, and offices for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998, and for other purposes; together with a statement thereon, for printing in the Record under the rule.

¶113.7 D.C. APPROPRIATIONS

Mr. LIVINGSTON submitted a privileged report (Rept. No. 105-298) on the bill (H.R. 2607) making appropriations for the government of the District of Columbia and other activities chargeable in whole or in part against the revenues of said District for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998, and for other purposes.

When said bill and report were referred to the Union Calendar and ordered printed.

Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XXI, all points of order were reserved.

¶113.8 PUBLIC WORKS PROJECTS

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mrs. EMERSON, laid before the House a communication, which was read as follows:

COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION AND
INFRASTRUCTURE, CONGRESS OF
THE UNITED STATES, HOUSE OF
REPRESENTATIVES,

Washington, DC, September 29, 1997.

Hon. NEWT GINGRICH,
Speaker of the House, U.S. House of Representatives, Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: Enclosed are copies of resolutions adopted on September 24, 1997 by the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure. Copies of the resolutions are being transmitted to the Department of the Army.

With kind personal regards, I am
Sincerely,

BUD SHUSTER,
Chairman.

The communication, together with the accompanying papers, was referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

¶113.9 VETERANS HEALTH PROGRAMS
IMPROVEMENTS

Mr. STUMP moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 2206) to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve programs of the Department of Veterans Affairs for homeless veterans, and for other purposes; as amended.

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mrs. EMERSON, recognized Mr. STUMP and Mr. EVANS, 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, Mrs. EMERSON, announced that two-thirds of the Members present had voted in the affirmative.

Mr. STEARNS objected to the vote on the ground that a quorum was not present and not voting.

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

The point of no quorum was considered as withdrawn.

¶113.10 MAJOR VA MEDICAL FACILITY
PROJECTS

Mr. STUMP moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 2571) to authorize major medical facility projects and major medical facility leases for the Department of Veterans Affairs for fiscal year 1998, and for other purposes.

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mrs. EMERSON, recognized Mr. STUMP and Mr. EVANS, 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, Mrs. EMERSON, 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 request the concurrence of the Senate in said bill.

¶113.11 VA DEPARTMENT EMPLOYMENT
DISCRIMINATION PREVENTION

Mr. STUMP moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 1703) to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for improved and expedited procedures for resolving complaints of unlawful employment discrimination arising within the Department of Veterans Affairs; as amended.

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mrs. EMERSON, recognized Mr. STUMP and Mr. EVANS, 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. STEARNS, 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.

By unanimous consent, the title was amended so as to read: "An Act to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for improvements in the system of the Department of Veterans Affairs for resolution and adjudication of complaints of employment discrimination."

A motion to reconsider the votes whereby the rules were suspended and said bill, as amended, was passed 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 bill.

¶113.12 EXPORT-IMPORT BANK
REAUTHORIZATION

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. STEARNS, pursuant to House Resolution 255 and rule XXIII, declared the House resolved into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union for the further consideration of the bill (H.R. 1370) to reauthorize the Export-Import Bank of the United States.

Mrs. EMERSON, Acting Chairman, assumed the chair; and after some time spent therein,

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. SOLOMON, assumed the Chair.

When Mrs. EMERSON, Acting Chairman, reported that the Committee, having had under consideration said bill, had come to no resolution thereon.

¶113.13 MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

A message in writing from the President of the United States was communicated to the House by Mr. Sherman Williams, one of his secretaries.

¶113.14 RECESS—4:07 P.M.

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. SOLOMON, pursuant to clause 12 of rule I, declared the House in recess at 4 o'clock and 7 minutes p.m., subject to the call of the Chair until approximately 5 o'clock p.m.

¶113.15 AFTER RECESS—5 P.M.

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. SHAW, called the House to order.

¶113.16 WAIVING POINTS OF ORDER
AGAINST THE CONFERENCE REPORT TO
ACCOMPANY H.R. 2160

Mr. HASTINGS of Washington, by direction of the Committee on Rules, called up the following resolution (H. Res. 232):

Resolved, That upon adoption of this resolution it shall be in order to consider the conference report to accompany the bill (H.R. 2160) making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998, and for other purposes. All points of order against the conference report and against its consideration are waived.

SEC. 2. Upon adoption of this resolution the House shall be considered to have adopted the concurrent resolution specified in section 3.

SEC. 3. The text of the concurrent resolution described in section 2 is as follows:

"Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate concurring), That in the enrollment of H.R. 2160 the Clerk of the House shall, in title IV, in the item relating to 'Domestic Food Programs—Food Stamp Program', strike the period and insert the following: *"Provided further*, That none of the funds made available under this heading shall be used for studies and evaluations."

When said resolution was considered.
After debate,

On motion of Mr. HASTINGS of Washington, the previous question was ordered on the resolution to its adoption or rejection.

The question being put, *viva voce*,

Will the House agree to said resolution?

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. SHAW, announced that the yeas had it.