

H.R. 497. An Act to repeal the Federal charter of Group Hospitalization and Medical Services, Inc., and for other purposes; and H.R. 867. An Act to promote the adoption of children in foster care.

The message also announced that the Senate agrees to the report of the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendment of the House to the bill (S. 1026) "An Act to reauthorize the Export-Import Bank of the United States".

The message also announced that the Senate had passed bills and concurrent resolutions of the following titles, in which the concurrence of the House is requested:

S. 508. An Act to provide for the relief of Mai Hoa "Jasmin" Salehi;

S. 759. An Act to amend the State Department Basic Authorities Act of 1956 to require the Secretary of State to submit an annual report to Congress concerning diplomatic immunity;

S. 857. An Act for the relief of Roma Salobrit;

S. 1193. An Act to amend chapter 443 of title 49, United States Code, to extend the authorization of the aviation insurance program, and for other purposes;

S. 1258. An Act to amend the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970 to prohibit an alien who is not lawfully present in the United States from receiving assistance under that Act;

S. 1304. An Act for the relief of Belinda McGregor;

S. 1347. An Act to permit the city of Cleveland, Ohio, to convey certain lands that the United States conveyed to the city;

S. 1487. An Act to establish a National Voluntary Mutual Reunion Registry;

S. Con. Res. 58. Concurrent resolution expressing the concern of Congress over Russia's newly passed religion law; and

S. Con. Res. 66. Concurrent resolution to correct the enrollment of S. 399.

¶130.5 SUSPENSION OF THE RULES NOTICE

Mr. SOLOMON pursuant to section 2 of House Resolution 305, at 2:05 p.m. announced the Speaker would recognize Members for motions to suspend the rules under clause 2 of rule XXVII, with respect to the following bills and resolutions that may be considered today: S. 714, Extension and Improvement of the Native American Veteran Housing Loan Pilot Program; S. 1139, Small Business Reauthorization Act of 1997; H.R. 1129, Microcredit for Self-Reliance Act; H. Con. Res. 22, condemning religious persecution in Germany; H. Con. Res. 139, regarding participation in Expo 2000; H. Res. 245, on self-determination for the people of the Western Sahara; H. Con. Res. 156, regarding deterioration of human rights in Afghanistan; H.R. 1377, encouraging retirement income savings; H.R. 2920, immigration entry-exit control system; S. 1231, United States Fire Administration Authorization Act; H.R. 112, conveyance of certain property to Stanislaus County, California; H. R. 1805, Auburn Indian Restoration Act amendments; H.R. 2402, improvement of water-related facilities in Western United States; H.R. 2283, Arches National Park expansion; S. 669, acquisition of the Plains Railroad Depot at the Jimmy

Carter National Historic Site; H.R. 2834, Cleveland, Ohio land conveyance; H.R. 2626, Pilot Records Improvement Act of 1996 clarifications; S. 1258, Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act amendments; H.R. 2476, to address the needs of families of passengers involved in aircraft accidents; H.R. 1502, to designate the United States Courthouse in Benton, Illinois as the "James L. Foreman Courthouse"; H.R. 861, Adoption Promotion Act; S. 1026, Export-Import Bank Reauthorization Act; H.R. 2472, Energy Policy and Conservation Act extensions; and the conference report on S. 830, the Food and Drug Administration Modernization and Accountability Act.

¶130.6 PRIVILEGES OF THE HOUSE

Mr. GEPHARDT rose to a question of the privileges of the House and submitted the following resolution (H. Res. 318):

Whereas, the election contest concerning the 46th District of California should be dismissed as there is no credible evidence to show that the outcome of the election is different than the election of Congresswoman Loretta Sanchez.

Whereas, State of California authorities should continue an investigation into any questionable registration activities; and

Whereas, the Committee on House Oversight should examine voter registration procedures; and now therefore be it

Resolved, That the contest in the 46th District of California is dismissed.

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mrs. EMERSON, ruled that the resolution submitted did present a question of the privileges of the House under rule IX.

Mr. BOEHNER moved to lay the resolution on the table.

The question being put, viva voce, Will the House lay the resolution on the table?

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mrs. EMERSON, announced that the yeas had it.

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

A quorum not being present,

The roll was called under clause 4, rule XV, and the call was taken by electronic device.

when their appeared	{ Yeas 218 Nays 194 Answered present 1
affirmative	

¶130.7 [Roll No. 622] YEAS—218

Aderholt	Boehner	Christensen
Archer	Bonilla	Coble
Arney	Brady	Coburn
Bachus	Bryant	Collins
Baker	Bunning	Combest
Ballenger	Burr	Cook
Barr	Burton	Cooksey
Barrett (NE)	Buyer	Cox
Bartlett	Callahan	Crane
Barton	Calvert	Crapo
Bass	Camp	Cunningham
Bateman	Campbell	Davis (VA)
Bereuter	Canady	Deal
Bilbray	Cannon	DeLay
Bilirakis	Castle	Diaz-Balart
Bliley	Chabot	Dickey
Blunt	Chambliss	Doolittle
Boehler	Chenoweth	Dreier

Duncan	Kingston	Regula
Dunn	Knollenberg	Riggs
Ehlers	Kolbe	Rogan
Ehrlich	LaHood	Rogers
Emerson	Largent	Rohrabacher
English	Latham	Ros-Lehtinen
Ensign	LaTourrette	Roukema
Everett	Lazio	Royce
Ewing	Leach	Ryun
Fawell	Lewis (CA)	Salmon
Foley	Lewis (KY)	Sanford
Fossella	Linder	Saxton
Fowler	Livingston	Scarborough
Fox	LoBiondo	Schaefer, Dan
Franks (NJ)	Lucas	Schaffer, Bob
Frelinghuysen	Manzullo	Sensenbrenner
Gallegly	Martinez	Sessions
Ganske	McCollum	Shadegg
Gekas	McCrery	Shaw
Gibbons	McDade	Shays
Gilchrest	McHugh	Shimkus
Gilman	McInnis	Shuster
Goodlatte	McIntosh	Skeen
Goodling	McKeon	Smith (MI)
Goss	Metcalf	Smith (NJ)
Graham	Mica	Smith (OR)
Granger	Miller (FL)	Smith (TX)
Greenwood	Moran (KS)	Smith, Linda
Gutknecht	Morella	Snowbarger
Hansen	Myrick	Solomon
Hastert	Nethercutt	Souder
Hastings (WA)	Neumann	Spence
Hayworth	Ney	Stump
Hefley	Northup	Sununu
Herger	Norwood	Talent
Hill	Nussle	Tauzin
Hilleary	Oxley	Thomas
Hobson	Packard	Thornberry
Horn	Pappas	Thune
Hostettler	Parker	Tiahrt
Houghton	Paul	Traficant
Hulshof	Paxon	Upton
Hunter	Pease	Walsh
Hutchinson	Peterson (PA)	Watkins
Hyde	Petri	Watts (OK)
Inglis	Pickering	Weldon (FL)
Istook	Pitts	Weldon (PA)
Jenkins	Pombo	Weller
Johnson (CT)	Porter	White
Johnson, Sam	Portman	Whitfield
Jones	Pryce (OH)	Wicker
Kasich	Quinn	Wolf
Kelly	Radanovich	Young (AK)
Kim	Ramstad	Young (FL)
King (NY)	Redmond	

NAYS—194

Abercrombie	Dixon	Kanjorski
Allen	Doggett	Kaptur
Andrews	Dooley	Kennedy (MA)
Baesler	Doyle	Kennedy (RI)
Baldacci	Edwards	Kennelly
Barcia	Engel	Kildee
Barrett (WI)	Eshoo	Kilpatrick
Becerra	Etheridge	Kind (WI)
Bentsen	Evans	Klink
Berman	Farr	Kucinich
Berry	Fattah	LaFalce
Bishop	Fazio	Lampson
Blagojevich	Filner	Lantos
Blumenauer	Forbes	Levin
Bonior	Ford	Lewis (GA)
Borski	Frank (MA)	Lipinski
Boswell	Frost	Lofgren
Boucher	Furse	Lowe
Boyd	Gejdenson	Luther
Brown (CA)	Gephardt	Maloney (CT)
Brown (FL)	Goode	Maloney (NY)
Brown (OH)	Gordon	Manton
Cardin	Green	Markey
Carson	Gutierrez	Mascara
Clay	Hall (OH)	Matsui
Clayton	Hall (TX)	McCarthy (MO)
Clement	Hamilton	McCarthy (NY)
Clyburn	Harman	McGovern
Costello	Hastings (FL)	McHale
Coyne	Hefner	McIntyre
Cramer	Hilliard	McKinney
Cummings	Hinche	McNulty
Danner	Hinojosa	Meehan
Davis (FL)	Holden	Meek
Davis (IL)	Hooley	Menendez
DeFazio	Hoyer	Millender
DeGette	Jackson (IL)	McDonald
DeLauro	Jackson-Lee	Miller (CA)
Dellums	(TX)	Minge
Deutsch	Jefferson	Mink
Dicks	John	Moakley
Dingell	Johnson (WI)	Mollohan
	Johnson, E. B.	Moran (VA)

Murtha	Roemer	Stupak
Nadler	Rothman	Tanner
Neal	Roybal-Allard	Tauscher
Oberstar	Rush	Taylor (MS)
Obey	Sabo	Thompson
Olver	Sanchez	Thurman
Ortiz	Sanders	Tierney
Owens	Sandlin	Torres
Pallone	Sawyer	Towns
Pascarell	Scott	Turner
Pastor	Serrano	Velazquez
Payne	Sherman	Vento
Pelosi	Sisisky	Visclosky
Peterson (MN)	Skaggs	Waters
Pickett	Skelton	Watt (NC)
Pomeroy	Slaughter	Waxman
Poshard	Smith, Adam	Wexler
Price (NC)	Snyder	Weygand
Rahall	Spratt	Wise
Rangel	Stabenow	Woolsey
Reyes	Stark	Wynn
Rivers	Stenholm	
Rodriguez	Strickland	

ANSWERED "PRESENT"—1

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NOT VOTING—20

Ackerman	Gillmor	Schiff
Bono	Gonzalez	Schumer
Condit	Hoekstra	Stearns
Conyers	Klecza	Stokes
Cubin	Klug	Taylor (NC)
Flake	McDermott	Yates
Foglietta	Riley	

So the motion to lay the resolution on the table was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider the vote whereby said motion was agreed to was, by unanimous consent, laid on the table.

130.8 SUSPENSION OF THE RULES NOTICE

Mr. BEREUTER, pursuant to section 2 of House Resolution 305, at 2:55 p.m. announced the following correction in the bills of the foregoing announcement that the Speaker will recognize Members for motions to suspend the rules under clause 2 of rule XXVII: H.R. 867, instead of H.R. 861.

130.9 INTERNATIONAL BROADCASTS TO CHINA

Mr. ROYCE, pursuant to House Resolution 302, called up the bill (H.R. 2232) to provide for increased international broadcasting activities to China.

When said bill was considered and read twice.

Pursuant to House Resolution 302, the following amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on International Relations printed in the bill was considered as agreed to:

Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert:

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "Radio Free Asia Act of 1997".

SEC. 2. FINDINGS.

The Congress makes the following findings: (1) The Government of the People's Republic of China systematically controls the flow of information to the Chinese people.

(2) The Government of the People's Republic of China demonstrated that maintaining its monopoly on political power is a higher priority than economic development by announcing in January 1996 that its official news agency Xinhua, will supervise wire services selling economic information, including Dow Jones-Telerate, Bloomberg, and Reuters Business, and in announcing in February of 1996 the "Interim Internet Management Rules", which have the effect of censoring computer networks.

(3) Under the May 30, 1997, order of Premier Li Peng, all organizations that engage in business activities related to international computer networking must now apply for a license, increasing still further government control over access to the internet.

(4) Both Radio Free Asia and the Voice of America, as a surrogate for a free press in the People's Republic of China, provide an invaluable source of uncensored information to the Chinese people, including objective and authoritative news of in-country and regional events, as well as accurate news about the United States and its policies.

(5) Radio Free Asia currently broadcasts only 5 hours a day in the Mandarin dialect and 2 hours a day in Tibetan.

(6) Voice of America currently broadcasts only 10 hours a day in Mandarin and 3½ hours a day in Tibetan.

(7) Radio Free Asia and Voice of America should develop 24-hour-a-day service in Mandarin, Cantonese, and Tibetan, as well as further broadcasting capability in the dialects spoken in the People's Republic of China.

(8) Radio Free Asia and Voice of America, in working toward continuously broadcasting to the People's Republic of China in multiple languages, have the capability to immediately establish 24-hour-a-day Mandarin broadcasting to that nation by staggering the hours of Radio Free Asia and Voice of America.

(9) Simultaneous broadcasting on Voice of America radio and Worldnet television 7 days a week in Mandarin are also important and needed capabilities.

SEC. 3. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS FOR INCREASED FUNDING FOR RADIO FREE ASIA AND VOICE OF AMERICA BROADCASTING TO CHINA.

(a) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS FOR RADIO FREE ASIA—

(1) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There are authorized to be appropriated for "Radio Free Asia" \$30,000,000 for fiscal year 1998 and \$22,000,000 for fiscal year 1999.

(2) LIMITATIONS.—

(A) Of the funds under paragraph (1) authorized to be appropriated for fiscal year 1998, \$8,000,000 is authorized to be appropriated for one-time capital costs.

(B) Of the funds under paragraph (1), \$700,000 is authorized to be appropriated for each such fiscal year for additional personnel to staff Cantonese language broadcasting.

(b) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS FOR INTERNATIONAL BROADCASTING TO CHINA AND NORTH KOREA.—In addition to such sums as are otherwise authorized to be appropriated for "International Broadcasting Activities" for fiscal years 1998 and 1999, there are authorized to be appropriated for "International Broadcasting Activities" \$10,000,000 for fiscal year 1998 and \$7,000,000 for fiscal year 1999, which shall be available only for enhanced Voice of America broadcasting to China and North Korea.

(c) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS FOR RADIO CONSTRUCTION.—

(1) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—In addition to such sums as are otherwise authorized to be appropriated for "Radio Construction" for fiscal years 1998 and 1999, there are authorized to be appropriated for "Radio Construction" \$10,000,000 for fiscal year 1998 and \$3,000,000 for fiscal year 1999, which shall be available only for construction in support of enhanced broadcasting to China.

(2) LIMITATION.—Of the funds under paragraph (1) authorized to be appropriated for fiscal year 1998, \$3,000,000 is authorized to be appropriated to facilitate the timely augmentation of transmitters at Tinian, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

(d) ALLOCATION.—Of the amounts authorized to be appropriated for "International

Broadcasting Activities", the Director of the United States Information Agency and the Board of Broadcasting Governors shall seek to ensure that the amounts made available for broadcasting to nations whose people do not fully enjoy freedom of expression do not decline in proportion to the amounts made available for broadcasting to other nations.

(e) ALLOCATION OF FUNDS FOR NORTH KOREA.—Of the funds under subsection (b), \$2,000,000 is authorized to be appropriated for each fiscal year for additional personnel and broadcasting targeted at North Korea.

SEC. 4. REPORTING REQUIREMENT.

Not later than 90 days after the date of enactment of this Act, in consultation with the Board of Broadcasting Governors, the President shall prepare and transmit to Congress a report on a plan to achieve continuous broadcasting of Radio Free Asia and Voice of America to the People's Republic of China in multiple major dialects and languages.

SEC. 5. UTILIZATION OF UNITED STATES INTERNATIONAL BROADCASTING SERVICES FOR PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS REGARDING FUGITIVES FROM UNITED STATES JUSTICE.

United States international broadcasting services, particularly the Voice of America, shall produce and broadcast public service announcements, by radio, television, and Internet, regarding fugitives from the criminal justice system of the United States, including cases of international child abduction.

After debate,

Pursuant to House Resolution 302, the previous question was ordered.

The bill, as amended, was ordered to be engrossed and read a third time, was read a third time by title.

The question being put, viva voce,

Will the House pass said bill?

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mrs. EMERSON, announced that the yeas had it.

Mr. ROYCE 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, Mrs. EMERSON, pursuant to clause 5, rule I, announced that further proceedings on the question of passage of said bill were postponed.

130.10 DESIGNATION OF SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE TO SIGN ENROLLMENTS

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

WASHINGTON, DC,
November 9, 1997.

I hereby designate the Honorable CONSTANCE A. MORELLA to act as Speaker pro tempore to sign enrolled bills and joint resolutions for the remainder of the first session of the One Hundred Fifth Congress.

NEWT GINGRICH,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

By unanimous consent, the designation was accepted.

130.11 PUBLIC WORKS PROJECTS

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