

for the Securities and Exchange Commission for fiscal years 1998 and 1999, and for other purposes; the bill (H.R. 2165) to extend the deadline under the Federal Power Act applicable to the construction of FERC Project Number 3862 in the State of Iowa, and for other purposes; the bill (H.R. 2207) to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act concerning a proposal to construct a deep ocean outfall off the coast of Mayaguez, Puerto Rico; the bill of the Senate (S. 819) to designate the United States courthouse at 200 South Washington Street in Alexandria, Virginia, as the "Martin V.B. Bostetter, Jr. United States Courthouse"; the bill of the Senate (S. 833) to designate the Federal building courthouse at Public Square and Superior Avenue in Cleveland, Ohio, as the "Howard M. Metzbaum United States Courthouse"; the bill (H.R. 548) to designate the United States courthouse located at 500 Pearl Street in New York City, New York, as the "Ted Weiss United States Courthouse"; and the bill (H.R. 595) to designate the Federal building and United States courthouse located at 475 Mulberry Street in Macon, Georgia, as the "William Augustus Bootle Federal Building and United States Courthouse".

Ordered, That the Clerk notify the Senate of the passage of said Senate bills and request the concurrence of the Senate in said House bills.

¶132.68 SENSE OF CONGRESS REGARDING THE OCEAN

On motion of Mr. ARMEY, by unanimous consent,

Ordered, That the amendments recommended by the Committee on Resources to the concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 131) expressing the sense of Congress regarding the Ocean, be considered as agreed to and the following concurrent resolution, as amended, be considered as agreed to and a motion to reconsider be laid on the table:

Whereas the ocean, which comprises nearly three-quarters of the Earth's surface, sustains a large part of the Earth's biodiversity, provides an important source of food, and interacts with and affects global weather and climate;

Whereas the ocean is critical to national security, is the common means of transportation among coastal nations, and carries 95 percent of the United States foreign trade;

Whereas the ocean and sea floor contain vast energy and mineral resources that are critical to the economy of the United States and the world;

Whereas ocean resources are limited and susceptible to change as a direct and indirect result of human activities, and such changes can impact the ability of the ocean to provide the benefits upon which the Nation depends;

Whereas the vast majority of the deep ocean is unexplored and unknown, and the ocean is truly the last frontier on Earth for science and civilization;

Whereas there exists significant promise for the development of new ocean technologies for stewardship of ocean resources that will contribute to the economy through business and manufacturing innovations and the creation of new jobs;

Whereas any nation's use or misuse of ocean resources has effects far beyond that nation's borders;

Whereas it has been 30 years since the Commission on Marine Science, Engineering, and Resources (popularly known as the Stratton Commission) met to examine the state of United States ocean policy and issued recommendations that led to the present Federal structure for oceanography and marine resource management; and

Whereas 1998 has been declared the International Year of the Ocean, and in order to observe such celebration, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and other Federal agencies, in cooperation with organizations concerned with ocean science and marine resources have resolved to promote exploration, utilization, conservation, and public awareness of the ocean: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate concurring), That it is the sense of the Congress that—

(1) the ocean is of paramount importance to the economic future, environmental quality, and national security of the United States;

(2) the United States has a responsibility to exercise and promote comprehensive stewardship of the ocean and the living marine resources it contains; and

(3) Federal agencies are encouraged to take advantage of the United States and international focus on the oceans in 1998, to—

(A) review United States oceanography and marine resource management policies and programs;

(B) identify opportunities to streamline, better direct, and increase interagency cooperation in oceanographic research and marine resource management policies and programs; and

(C) develop scientific, educational, and resource management programs which will advance the exploration of the ocean and the sustainable use of ocean resources.

Amend the title so as to read: "Concurrent resolution acknowledging 1998 as the International Year of the Ocean and expressing the sense of Congress regarding the ocean."

Ordered, That the Clerk request the concurrence of the Senate in said concurrent resolution.

¶132.69 AVIATION INSURANCE REAUTHORIZATION

On motion of Mr. ARMEY, by unanimous consent,

Ordered, That the bill of the Senate (S. 1193) to amend chapter 443 of title 49, United States Code, to extend the authorization of the aviation insurance program, and for other purposes, the counterpart of the bill (H.R. 2036) to amend chapter 443 of title 49, United States Code, to extend the authorization of the aviation insurance program, and for other purposes, considered by the House on Monday, September 29, 1997, be considered as passed and the motion to reconsider be laid on the table; and

Ordered further, That H.R. 2036 be laid on the table.

Ordered, That the Clerk notify the Senate thereof.

¶132.70 INVESTIGATIVE SUBCOMMITTEES—MAJORITY

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. LAHOOD, by unanimous consent, and pursuant to clause 6 of rule X, announced that the Speaker, appointed to

serve as needed on investigative subcommittees as prescribed by the recently enacted ethics reforms, the following Members: Messrs. BATEMAN, BRYANT, DEAL, HASTINGS of Washington, MCCREARY, MCKEON, MILLER of Florida, PORTMAN, TALENT and THORBERRY.

¶132.71 COMMITTEE ON STANDARDS—MINORITY

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. LAHOOD, pursuant to clause 6 of rule X, laid before the House a communication, which was read as follows:

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, OFFICE OF THE DEMOCRATIC LEADER,

Washington, DC, November 13, 1997.

Speaker NEWT GINGRICH,
House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: Following is the list of Members I have selected to serve as the "pool" for purposes relating to the Committee on Standards:

Mr. Clyburn of South Carolina.
Mr. Doyle of Pennsylvania.
Mr. Edwards of Texas.
Mr. Klink of Pennsylvania.
Mr. Lewis of Georgia.
Ms. Meek of Florida.
Mr. Scott of Virginia.
Mr. Stupak of Michigan.
Mr. Tanner of Tennessee.
Sincerely,

RICHARD A. GEPHARDT.

¶132.72 FURTHER MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A further message from the Senate by Mr. Lundregan, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate had passed without amendment a bill of the House of the following title:

S. 1559. An Act to provide for the design, construction, furnishing, and equipping of a Center for Historically Black Heritage within Florida A&M University.

The message also announced that the Senate had passed with amendments in which the concurrence of the House is requested, a bill of the House of the following title:

H.R. 1271. An Act to authorize the Federal Aviation Administration's research, engineering, and development programs for fiscal years 1998 through 2000, and for other purposes.

¶132.73 PASSED AND AGREED TO—S. 1565, S. 1559 AND S. CON. RES. 70

On motion of Mr. THUNE, by unanimous consent,

Ordered, That the following measures be taken from the Speaker's table and be considered as passed or agreed to respectively, and that in each case a motion to reconsider be considered as laid on the table: the bills of the Senate (S. 1565) to make technical corrections to the Nicaraguan Adjustment and Central American Relief Act; (S. 1559) to provide for the design, construction, furnishing, and equipping of a Center for Historically Black Heritage within Florida A&M University; and the following concurrent resolution of the Senate (S. Con. Res. 70) to correct a technical error in the enrollment of the bill S. 1026:

Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives concurring). That, in the enrollment of the bill (S. 1026) to reauthorize the Export-Import Bank of the United States, the Secretary of the Senate shall strike subsection (a) of section 2 and insert the following:

“(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 7 of the Export-Import Bank Act of 1945 (12 U.S.C. 635f) is amended by striking ‘until’ and all that follows through ‘but’ and inserting ‘until the close of business on September 30, 2001, but’.”

Ordered, That the Clerk notify the Senate thereof.

¶132.74 LOWER BRULE SIOUX TRIBE

On motion of Mr. THUNE, by unanimous consent,

Ordered, That the Committee on Resources be discharged from further consideration of the bill of the Senate (S. 156) to provide certain benefits of the Pick-Sloan Missouri River Basin program to the Lower Brule Sioux Tribe, and for other purposes, and that the bill be considered as passed; and that a motion to reconsider be considered as laid on the table.

Ordered, That the Clerk notify the Senate thereof.

¶132.75 SENSE OF HOUSE REGARDING IRAQ

On motion of Mr. THUNE, by unanimous consent,

Ordered, That the Committee on International Relations be discharged from further consideration of the resolution (H. Res. 322) expressing the sense of the House that the United States should act to resolve the crisis with Iraq in a manner that assures full Iraqi compliance with United Nations Security Council resolutions regarding the destruction of Iraq’s capability to produce and deliver weapons of mass destruction, and that peaceful and diplomatic efforts should be pursued, but that if such efforts fail, multilateral military action or unilateral United States military action should be taken; that the resolution, and the amendment to the preamble at the desk, be considered as agreed to; and that a motion to reconsider be considered as laid on the table.

¶132.76 PERMISSION TO FILE REPORT

On motion of Mr. THUNE, by unanimous consent, the Committee on Banking and Financial Services was granted permission until no later than December 19, 1997, to file a report on the bill (H.R. 217) to amend title IV of the Stewart B. McKinney Homeless Assistance Act to consolidate the Federal programs for housing assistance for the homeless into a block grant program that ensures that States and communities are provided sufficient flexibility to use assistance amounts effectively.

¶132.77 SENATE BILLS REFERRED

A bill of the Senate of the following title was taken from the Speaker’s table and, under the rule, referred as follows:

S. 1371. An Act to establish felony violations for the failure to pay legal child sup-

port obligations, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

S. 1564. An Act to provide redress for inadequate restitution of assets seized by the United States Government during World War II which belonged to victims of the Holocaust, and for other purposes; to the Committee on International Relations.

¶132.78 ENROLLED JOINT RESOLUTION SIGNED

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

H.J. Res. 103. Joint resolution waiving certain enrollment requirements with respect to certain specified bills of the One Hundred Fifth Congress.

¶132.79 BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS 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, bills and joint resolutions of the House of the following titles:

H.R. 2366. An Act to transfer to the Secretary of Agriculture the authority to conduct the census of agriculture, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1840. An Act to provide a law enforcement exception to the prohibition on the advertising of certain electronic devices.

H.R. 1090. An Act to amend title 38, United States Code, to allow revision of veterans benefits decisions based on clear and unmistakable error.

H.J. Res. 91. Joint Resolution granting the consent of Congress to the Apalachicola-Chattahoochee-Flint River Basin Compact.

H.J. Res. 92. Joint Resolution granting the consent of Congress to the Alabama-Coosa-Tallapoosa River Basin Compact.

H.R. 1086. An Act to codify without substantive change laws related to transportation and to improve the United States Code.

H.R. 2813. An Act to waive time limitations specified by law in order to allow the Medal of Honor to be awarded to Robert R. Ingram of Jacksonville, Florida, for acts of valor while a Navy Hospital Corpsman in the Republic of Vietnam during the Vietnam conflict.

¶132.80 LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted—

To Mr. ROEMER, for today after 3 p.m.;

To Mr. YATES, for today after 5 p.m.; and

To Mrs. FOWLER, for today after 5 p.m.

And then,

¶132.81 ADJOURNMENT SINE DIE

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. PEASE, pursuant to Senate Concurrent Resolution 68, at 10 o’clock and 44 minutes p.m., declared the First Session of the One Hundred Fifth Congress adjourned sine die.

¶132.82 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. ROGERS: Committee of Conference. Conference report on H.R. 2267. A bill making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce, Justice, and State, the Judiciary, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 105-405). Ordered to be printed.

Mr. GOSS: Committee on Rules. House Resolution 330. Resolution waiving points of order against the conference report to accompany the bill (H.R. 2267) making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce, Justice, and State, the Judiciary, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 105-406). Referred to the House Calendar.

¶132.83 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 New Jersey (for himself, Mr. BERMAN, and Mr. DAVIS of Virginia):

H.R. 3037. A bill to clarify that unmarried children of Vietnamese reeducation camp internees are eligible for refugee status under the Orderly Departure Program; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. BOYD:

H.R. 3038. A bill to provide for the design, construction, furnishing, and equipping of a Center for Historically Black Heritage within Florida A&M University; to the Committee on Resources.

By Mr. STUMP (for himself, Mr. EVANS, Mr. QUINN, and Mr. FILNER):

H.R. 3039. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to guarantee loans to provide multifamily transitional housing for homeless veterans, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs.

By Mr. BARTON of Texas (for himself, Mr. BRADY, and Mr. HALL of Texas):

H.R. 3040. A bill to monitor and analyze energy use, and conduct continuous commissioning in Federal buildings to optimize building energy system; to the Committee on Commerce.

By Mr. DIAZ-BALART:

H.R. 3041. A bill to make technical corrections to the Nicaraguan Adjustment and Central American Relief Act; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. KOLBE (for himself and Mr. PASTOR):

H.R. 3042. A bill to amend the Morris K. Udall Scholarship and Excellence in National Environmental and Native American Public Policy Act of 1992 to establish the United States Institute for Environmental Conflict Resolution to conduct environmental conflict resolution and training, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce, and in addition to the Committee on Resources, 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. FRANKS of New Jersey:

H.R. 3043. A bill to amend section 485(f)(1)(F) of the Higher Education Act of 1965 to provide for the disclosure of all criminal incidents that manifest evidence of prejudice based on race, gender, religion, sexual orientation, ethnicity, or disability; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

By Mr. MINGE:

H.R. 3044. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide that economic subsidies provided by a State or local government for a particular business to locate or remain within the government’s jurisdiction shall be taxable to such business, and