

97-NM-336-AD; Amendment 39-10638; AD 98-14-04] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received July 6, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

10098. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Airworthiness Directives; Dornier Model 328-100 Series Airplanes [Docket No. 98-NM-103-AD; Amendment 39-10639; AD 98-14-05] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received July 6, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

10099. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Rules and regulations [Revenue Procedure 98-42] received June 29, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

10100. A letter from the Chief of Staff, Social Security Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule—Supplemental Security Income for the Aged, Blind, and Disabled; Charging Administration Fees for Making State Supplementary Payments [Regulations No. 16] (RIN: 0960-AE84) received July 2, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

10101. A letter from the Chief of Staff, Social Security Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule—Supplemental Security Income for the Aged, Blind, and Disabled; Valuation of the In-Kind Support and Maintenance With Cost-of-Living Adjustment (RIN: 0960-AD82) received July 2, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

#### ¶70.6 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A message from the Senate by Mr. Lundregan, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate had passed without amendment bills of the House of the following titles:

H.R. 1439. An Act to facilitate the sale of certain land in Tahoe National Forest in the State of California to Placer County, California.

H.R. 1460. An Act to allow for election of the Delegate from Guam by other than separate ballot, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1779. An Act to make a minor adjustment in the exterior boundary of the Devils Backbone Wilderness in the Mark Twain National Forest, Missouri, to exclude a small parcel of land containing improvements.

H.R. 2165. An Act 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.

H.R. 2217. An Act to extend the deadline under the Federal Power Act applicable to the construction of FERC Project Number 9248 in the State of Colorado, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2841. An Act to extend the time required for the construction of a hydroelectric project.

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

H.R. 434. An Act to provide for the conveyance of small parcels of land in the Carson National Forest and the Santa Fe National Forest, New Mexico, to the village of El Rito and the town of Jemez Springs, New Mexico.

H.R. 765. An Act to ensure maintenance of a herd of wild horses in Cape Lookout National Seashore.

H.R. 3616. An Act to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 1999 for military activi-

ties of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe personnel strengths for such fiscal year for the Armed Forces, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4101. An Act making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1999, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the Senate insists upon its amendment to the bill (H.R. 3616) "An Act to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 1999 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe personnel strengths for such fiscal year for the Armed Forces, and for other purposes," requests a conference with the House on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses thereon, and appoints Mr. THURMOND, Mr. WARNER, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. COATS, Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire, Mr. KEMPTHORNE, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. SANTORUM, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. GLENN, Mr. BYRD, Mr. ROBB, Mr. LIEBERMAN, and Mr. CLELAND, to be the conferees on the part of the Senate.

The message also announced that the Senate insists upon its amendment to the bill (H.R. 4101) "An Act making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1999, and for other purposes," requests a conference with the House on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses thereon, and appoints Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. SPECTER, Mr. BOND, Mr. GORTON, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mr. BURNS, Mr. STEVENS, Mr. BUMPERS, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. KOHL, Mr. LEAHY, Mrs. BOXER, and Mr. BYRD, to be the conferees on the part of the Senate.

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

S. 638. An Act to provide for the expeditious completion of the acquisition of private mineral interests within the Mount St. Helens National Volcanic Monument mandated by the 1982 Act that established the Monument, and for other purposes.

S. 1069. An Act entitled the "National Discovery Trails Act of 1997".

S. 1132. An Act to modify the boundaries of the Bandelier National Monument to include the lands within the headwaters of the Upper Alamo Watershed which drain into the Monument and which are not currently within the jurisdiction of a Federal land management agency, to authorize purchase or donation of those lands, and for other purposes.

S. 1403. An Act to amend the National Historic Preservation Act for purposes of establishing a national historic lighthouse preservation program.

S. 1418. An Act to promote the research, identification, assessment, exploration, and development of methane hydrate resources, and for other purposes.

S. 1510. An Act to direct the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture to convey certain lands to the county of Rio Arriba, New Mexico.

S. 1683. An Act to transfer administrative jurisdiction over part of the Lake Chelan Na-

tional Recreation Area from the Secretary of the Interior to the Secretary of Agriculture for inclusion in the Wenatchee National Forest.

S. 1695. An Act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to study the suitability and feasibility of designating the Sand Creek Massacre National Historic Site in the State of Colorado as a unit of the National Park System, and for other purposes.

S. 1807. An Act to transfer administrative jurisdiction over certain parcels of public domain land in Lake Country, Oregon, to facilitate management of the land, and for other purposes.

S. 2057. An Act to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 1999 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe personnel strengths for such fiscal year for the Armed Forces, and for other purposes.

S. 2058. An Act to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 1999 for defense activities of the Department of Energy, and for other purposes.

S. 2059. An Act to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 1999 for military construction, and for other purposes.

S. 2060. An Act to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 1999 for military activities of the Department of Defense to prescribe personnel strengths for such fiscal year for the Armed Forces, and for other purposes.

S. Con. Res. 105. Concurrent resolution expressing the sense of the Congress regarding the culpability of Slobodan Milosevic for war crimes, crimes against humanity, and genocide in the former Yugoslavia, and for other purposes.

#### ¶70.7 CHILD NUTRITION AND WIC REAUTHORIZATION

Mr. GOODLING moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 3874) to amend the Child Nutrition Act of 1966 to make improvements to the special supplemental nutrition program for women, infants, and children and to extend the authority of that program through fiscal year 2003; as amended.

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. STEARNS, recognized Mr. GOODLING and Mr. MARTINEZ, 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.

Mr. GOODLING 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. STEARNS, pursuant to clause 5, rule I, announced that further proceedings on the motion were postponed.

#### ¶70.8 AFFORDABLE HOUSING AND HOMEOWNERSHIP

Mr. LEACH moved to suspend the rules and agree to the following concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 208):

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

(1) the priorities of our Nation should include providing access to affordable housing that is safe, clean, and healthy and expanding homeownership opportunities; and

(2) these goals should be pursued through policies that—

(A) promote the ability of the private sector to produce affordable housing without excessive government regulation;

(B) encourage tax incentives, such as the mortgage interest deduction, at all levels of government; and

(C) facilitate the availability of capital for homeownership and housing production, including by continuing the essential roles carried out by the Federal National Mortgage Association, the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation, and the Federal Home Loan Banks.

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. STEARNS, recognized Mr. LEACH and Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts, 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. STEARNS, announced that two-thirds of the Members present had voted in the affirmative.

Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts 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. STEARNS, pursuant to clause 5, rule I, announced that further proceedings on the motion were postponed.

#### ¶70.9 WAR RISK INSURANCE REAUTHORIZATION

Mr. DUNCAN moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 4058) to amend title 49, United States Code, to extend the aviation insurance program, and for other purposes.

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. STEARNS, recognized Mr. DUNCAN and Mr. BORSKI, 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, 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 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.

#### ¶70.10 LAND FIRES IN FLORIDA

Mrs. FOWLER moved to suspend the rules and agree to the following concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 298):

Whereas during June and July 1998, wild land fires destroyed approximately 500,000 acres of land in northeast and central Florida, having an aggregate value of more than \$276,000,000;

Whereas the fires have affected 67 counties in the State of Florida;

Whereas the President of the United States issued a major disaster declaration for the State of Florida;

Whereas the fires have damaged at least 367 homes and 33 businesses;

Whereas the fires have caused business closures and have aggravated drought conditions, which will have a long-term impact on the economy of the region;

Whereas the fires have caused injuries to at least 95 people, the majority of whom are firefighters;

Whereas approximately 7,000 firefighters from 46 States have braved extreme conditions to assist firefighters in Florida in fighting the fires;

Whereas many agencies of or established by the Federal Government, including the Federal Emergency Management Agency, the Forest Service, the Department of Defense, the Department of Transportation, AmeriCorps, the Small Business Administration, the General Services Administration, the National Guard, the American National Red Cross, and the Civil Air Patrol, have contributed vital support functions in response to the fires; and

Whereas many State and local government agencies have also contributed vital support functions in response to the fires: Now, therefore, be it

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

(1) expresses deepest condolences to the State and people of Florida for the losses suffered as a result of the wild land fires occurring in June and July 1998;

(2) expresses support to the State and people of Florida as they overcome the effects of the fires;

(3) commends the heroic efforts of firefighters from across the Nation in battling the fires; and

(4) commends the many agencies of or established by the Federal Government and the many State and local government agencies that have contributed vital support functions in response to the fires.

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. STEARNS, recognized Mrs. FOWLER and Mr. BORSKI, 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. BERREUTER, 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 was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider the vote whereby the rules were suspended and said concurrent resolution was agreed to was, by unanimous consent, laid on the table.

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

#### ¶70.11 JAPANESE-AMERICAN RELATIONS

Mr. BERREUTER moved to suspend the rules and agree to the following resolution (H. Res. 392); as amended:

Whereas the maintenance and improvement of a very positive international relationship between the United States and Japan is vital to the two countries and to the entire global economic and trading system;

Whereas the United States-Japan Security Alliance and close economic cooperation have underpinned the security, stability, and prosperity of the Asia-Pacific region, thereby allowing that region to enjoy unmatched economic growth and development for nearly three decades;

Whereas the current financial crisis in Asia threatens the foundation of Asia's unmatched peace and prosperity, the stability of the global economic system, and related vital American security and economic interests;

Whereas, although the Government of Japan's \$128,000,000,000 economic stimulus and tax reduction package of April 24, 1998, includes numerous provisions designed to promote consumer spending and industrial growth, it is by no means clear that these measures will restore economic growth or will be targeted at the most productive sectors of the economy;

Whereas Japan's generous contributions to second line credits for the three International Monetary Fund program countries, South Korea, Thailand, and Indonesia, totaling \$19,000,000,000, and its substantial structural adjustment loans and export credits to Indonesia, have helped contain the financial crisis, but are an inadequate alternative to a strong Japanese economy;

Whereas Japan accounts for three-fourths of the total East Asian Gross Domestic Product and therefore has the potential to help pull the region out of the financial crisis by serving as its "engine of growth", just as the United States, by being an "engine of growth" and having open markets, earlier assisted Mexico emerge from a substantial financial crisis;

Whereas a further weakening of the yen could trigger a round of competitive devaluations among Japan's Asian neighbors;

Whereas deteriorating economic conditions and ongoing financial market turbulence in Asia make it increasingly important that Japan play a leadership role in helping to restore confidence in the economic future of the region;

Whereas that regional leadership role coincides with Japan's stated goal of promoting strong domestic demand-led growth and avoiding a significant increase in its external trade surplus;

Whereas Japan's continued economic stagnation depresses the level of its imports from the United States and other countries in the Asia-Pacific region, thereby forcing its neighbors in the region to rely more heavily on their exports to the United States for growth;

Whereas weakened economic fundamentals in Japan and an accommodative monetary policy, coupled with a robust United States economy, have weakened the value of the Japanese yen against the United States dollar and therefore stimulated a rapid expansion of exports and a fast-growing merchandise trade surplus with the United States, which increased from \$48,000,000,000 in 1996 to \$55,000,000,000 in 1997;

Whereas the bursting of Japan's investment bubble in 1991 has been accompanied by protracted asset-price and balance sheet adjustments by Japanese financial institutions, leading to a scarcity of credit and weak growth;

Whereas policies favoring low interest rates had encouraged, until recently, excessive private sector lending to overly indebted enterprises in Indonesia, Korea, and Thailand, and thereby contributed to the private debt crisis in the region;

Whereas past efforts to stimulate recovery through deficit spending targeted at the construction sector have proved inadequate and failed to accomplish their desired objectives;

Whereas inadequate deregulation initiatives have failed to restore vitality to the Japanese economy, while truly significant deregulation could add as much as a percentage point or more to Japanese economic growth; and

Whereas the continued failure of the Government of Japan to properly recognize and remedy the aforementioned policies will