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

¶89.37 MAX WEINER POST OFFICE BUILDING

Mr. MCHUGH moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 4003) to designate the United States Postal Service building located at 2037 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, as the "Max Weiner Post Office Building".

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. HEFLEY, recognized Mr. MCHUGH and Mr. FATTAH, 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. HEFLEY, 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.

¶89.38 HIS HOLINESS POPE JOHN PAUL'S VISIT TO CUBA

Mr. GILMAN moved to suspend the rules and agree to the following resolution (H. Res. 362); as amended:

Whereas Pope John Paul II earlier this year undertook a first ever Papal visit to Cuba to speak directly to the Cuban people;

Whereas the Pope led the Cuban people in celebration throughout the island, including leading the largest open-air mass since 1959 on the last day of his visit in Jose Marti Plaza;

Whereas the Pope spoke directly with the Cuban people and the Cuban Government about the importance of fundamental human rights and the necessity for "each person enjoying freedom of expression, being free to undertake initiatives and make proposals within civil society, and enjoying appropriate freedom of association";

Whereas the Pope called for political freedom in Cuba, including a call to release "those who are isolated, persecuted, imprisoned for various offenses or for reasons of conscience, for ideas which though dissident are nonetheless peaceful";

Whereas the Pope called for greater religious freedom in Cuba and a "harmonious social climate and a suitable legislation that enables every person and every religious confession to live their faith freely, to express that faith in the context of public life and to count on adequate resources and opportunities to bring its spiritual, moral and civil benefits to bear on the life of the nation";

Whereas Cuban churches of all faiths supported the Papal visit and emerged from the visit with expectations of greater prominence and freedom to operate in Cuban society;

Whereas the Pope invoked the name of Father Felix Varela y Morales, "an undeniable patriot", who "spoke of democracy, judging it to be the political project best in keeping

with human nature", and the name of Jose Marti, "a writer and a teacher in the fullest sense of the word, deeply committed to democracy and independence, a patriot, a loyal friend even to those who did not share his political program";

Whereas the Pope remembered "those people who for various reasons have left the country but still feel that they are sons and daughters of Cuba" and established that "the Cuban people should be the protagonists of their own future and destiny";

Whereas the Pope both called for greater integration of the people of Cuba into the international community and criticized the Castro Government by saying "imposed isolation strikes the people indiscriminately, making it ever more difficult for the weakest to enjoy the bare essentials of decent living"; and

Whereas the Pope challenged Cuba and the international community of nations by saying "May Cuba with all its magnificent potential, open itself up to the world, and may the world open itself up to Cuba": Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the House of Representatives—

(1) commends Pope John Paul II for his visit to Cuba, for his frank criticism of the Cuban Government, and his message of hope to the Cuban people; and

(2) urges the international community to join the United States in actively supporting the freedom and democratic reforms for Cuba embodied in the Pope's homilies which have peacefully united Cubans in the common cause of liberty.

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. HEFLEY, recognized Mr. GILMAN and Mr. HAMILTON, each for 20 minutes.

After debate,

The question being put, *viva voce*,

Will the House suspend the rules and agree to said resolution, as amended?

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. HEFLEY, 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 resolution, as amended, was agreed to.

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

¶89.39 EXTRADITION OF CRIMINALS FROM MEXICO

Mr. GILMAN moved to suspend the rules and agree to the following resolution (H. Res. 381):

Whereas under the Extradition Treaty Between the United States of America and the United Mexican States, Mexico refused to extradite murder suspect and U.S. citizen Jose Luis Del Toro to the United States until the State of Florida agreed not to exercise its right to seek capital punishment in its criminal prosecution of him;

Whereas under the Extradition Treaty Mexico has refused to extradite other suspects of capital crimes; and

Whereas the Extradition Treaty interferes with the justice system of the United States and encourages criminals to flee to Mexico: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That it is the sense of the House of Representatives that the President should renegotiate the Extradition Treaty Between the United States of America and the United Mexican States, signed in Mexico City in 1978 (31 U.S.T. 5059), so that the possibility of

capital punishment will not interfere with the timely extradition of criminal suspects from Mexico to the United States.

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. HEFLEY, recognized Mr. GILMAN and Mr. HAMILTON, each for 20 minutes.

After debate,

The question being put, *viva voce*,

Will the House suspend the rules and agree to said resolution?

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. HEFLEY, 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 resolution was agreed to.

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

¶89.40 ORDER OF BUSINESS—VOTES POSTPONED

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. HEFLEY, by unanimous consent,

Ordered, That the 15-minute vote on the motion to instruct on the bill H.R. 4103 would be followed by a 5-minute vote on a motion to permit closed meetings of the conference, without prejudice to the authority for further 5-minute votes in the pending series under the provisions of clause 5(a) of rule I.

¶89.41 H.R. 4103—UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. HEFLEY, pursuant to clause 5, rule I, announced the unfinished business to be the motion that the managers on the part of the House at the conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the bill (H.R. 4103) making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1999, and for other purposes; be instructed to reduce, within the scope of the conference, the maximum amount possible from appropriations for low priority congressionally-directed projects not requested in the fiscal year 1999 Defense Department budget request and apply those funds to alleviate high priority military readiness needs for spare parts, quality of life programs, training exercises, retention bonuses, and recruitment initiatives.

The question being put, *viva voce*,

Will the House agree to said motion?

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. HEFLEY, 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 there appeared { Yeas 348
Nays 61

¶89.42 [Roll No. 431]

YEAS—348

Ackerman	Andrews	Baesler
Aderholt	Archer	Baker
Allen	Army	Baldacci