

cific island heads of government, would be an excellent opportunity for the United States to foster and improve diplomatic relations with the Pacific island nations;

(3) through diplomacy and participation in the human and natural resource development of the Pacific region, the United States will increase the possibility of gaining access to valuable resources, thus strengthening the position of the United States as a world power economically and strategically in the new millennium; and

(4) the United States should fulfill its longstanding commitment to the democratization and economic prosperity of the Pacific island nations by promoting their earliest integration in the mainstream of bilateral, regional, and global commerce and trade.

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. MILLER of Florida, recognized Mr. GILMAN and Mr. FALDOMAEGA, 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. MILLER of Florida, announced that two-thirds of the Members present had voted in the affirmative.

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

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. MILLER of Florida, pursuant to clause 5, rule I, announced that further proceedings on the motion were postponed.

The point of no quorum was considered as withdrawn.

#### ¶94.15 SERBIAN POLICE CONDEMNATION

Mr. GILMAN moved to suspend the rules and agree to the following concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 315); as amended:

Whereas the ethnic Albanian population of the province of Kosova, which makes up the overwhelming majority of the population of that area, has been denied internationally recognized human rights and political rights, including the protection of life, freedom of speech, freedom of assembly, and freedom of the press;

Whereas Serbian police and military forces have engaged in brutal suppression of the Albanian people, and the number of Serbian police and military forces which have been deployed in Kosova is estimated at some 50,000 men;

Whereas human rights groups have reported and documented instances of Serbian forces conducting abductions and summary executions of innocent ethnic Albanian civilians in reprisal killings that are similar to those conducted by Nazi forces during World War II and are similar to the ethnic cleansing which was carried out by ethnic Serbian troops in Bosnia;

Whereas Serbian forces have indiscriminately shelled and burned villages, reducing them to rubble, in order to drive out the ethnic Albanian inhabitants, inflicting heavy material losses upon the ethnic Albanians in Kosova;

Whereas hundreds of ethnic Albanians, including women and children, have been killed and over 200,000 ethnic Albanians have been forced to flee and have become refugees as a result of this Serbian military action;

Whereas the stubborn denial of human rights and political rights to the ethnic Albanian majority in Kosova by the Government of Serbia has been the major factor in the radicalization of the political situation

in the province and made the prospects of a peaceful resolution of the conflict there difficult if not impossible;

Whereas the dissolution of the Socialist Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (SFRY) resulted in 5 independent states and the ownership of the blocked assets of the SFRY has yet to be determined and apportioned among the successor states; and

Whereas the United States and the governments of other countries have blocked the assets of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (Serbia and Montenegro) as part of the blocked assets of the SFRY: Now, therefore, be it

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

(1) deeply deplores and strongly condemns the appalling loss of life and the extensive destruction of property in Kosova that is the consequence of the brutal actions of Serbian police and military forces against the ethnic Albanian population of the province;

(2) believes that the Government of Serbia is primarily responsible for the loss of life and destruction of property, and thus Serbia should bear the principal burden of providing compensation for the loss of life and for the costs of rebuilding areas which its forces have devastated;

(3) urges the President and officials he designates to work with the Congress to draft legislation and regulations which will permit the claims of ethnic Albanians from Kosova who have suffered as a consequence of the brutal actions of Serbian police and military forces in Kosova to be considered, without prejudice to the claims of United States nationals, when claims settlement negotiations involving the assets of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (Serbia and Montenegro) which the United States has blocked or asserted control over takes place;

(4) urges that, in drafting such legislation and implementing regulations, special consideration be given to the circumstances of the Government of the Republic of Montenegro and to persons located in and organized under the laws of the Republic of Montenegro;

(5) urges the President and the Secretary of State to urge all other countries to follow a policy which permits ethnic Albanians who have suffered as a consequence of the brutal actions of Serbian police and military forces in Kosova to make claims against the assets of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (Serbia and Montenegro) which are in the control of the respective country; and

(6) requests that a copy of this resolution be transmitted to the President and the Secretary of State by the Clerk of the House of Representatives and the Secretary of the Senate.

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. MILLER of Florida, recognized Mr. GILMAN and Mr. LANTOS, each for 20 minutes.

After debate,

The question being put, *viva voce*,

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

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. HANSEN, announced that two-thirds of the Members present had voted in the affirmative.

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

#### ¶94.16 RICHARD C. LEE U.S. COURTHOUSE

Mr. KIM moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill of the Senate (S. 1355) to designate the United States courthouse located in New Haven, Connecticut, as the "Richard C. Lee United States Courthouse"; as amended.

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. HANSEN, recognized Mr. KIM and Mr. TRAFICANT, 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. HANSEN, announced that two-thirds of the Members present had voted in the affirmative.

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

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

The point of no quorum was considered as withdrawn.

#### ¶94.17 ROBERT K. RODIBAUGH U.S. BANKRUPTCY COURTHOUSE

Mr. KIM moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 81) to designate the United States courthouse located at 401 South Michigan Street in South Bend, Indiana, as the "Robert K. Rodibaugh United States Bankruptcy Courthouse".

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. HANSEN, recognized Mr. KIM and Mr. TRAFICANT, 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. HANSEN, announced that two-thirds of the Members present had voted in the affirmative.

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

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

The point of no quorum was considered as withdrawn.

#### ¶94.18 BENEFITS OF NONCITIZENS

Mr. CAMP moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 4558) to make technical amendments to clarify the provision of benefits for noncitizens, and to improve the provision of unemployment insurance, child support, and supplemental security income benefits; as amended.

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. HANSEN, recognized Mr. CAMP and Mr. LEVIN, 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. HANSEN, announced that two-thirds of the Members present had voted in the affirmative.