

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. BALLENGER, 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 amendment of the Senate was agreed to.

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

Ordered, That the Clerk notify the Senate thereof.

¶112.23 RECESS—1:31 P.M.

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. BALLENGER, pursuant to clause 12 of rule I, declared the House in recess at 1 o'clock and 31 minutes p.m., until approximately 3 o'clock p.m.

¶112.24 AFTER RECESS—3:08 P.M.

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. PEASE, called the House to order.

¶112.25 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 bills of the House of the following titles:

H.R. 2370. An Act to amend the Organic Act of Guam to clarify local executive and legislative provisions in such Act, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3055. An Act to deem the activities of the Miccosukee Tribe on the Miccosukee Reserved Area to be consistent with the purposes of the Everglades National Park, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the Senate has passed bills of the following titles in which concurrence of the House is requested:

S. 2536. An Act to protect the safety of United States nationals and the interests of the United States at home and abroad, to improve global cooperation and responsiveness to international crime and terrorism, and to more effectively deter international crime and acts of violence.

The message also announced that the Senate agrees to the amendment of the House to the bill (S. 1525) "An Act to provide financial assistance for higher education to the dependents of Federal, State, and local public safety officers who are killed or permanently and totally disabled as the result of a traumatic injury sustained in the line of duty."

¶112.26 SUSPENSION OF THE RULES NOTICE

Mr. ENGLISH, pursuant to House Resolution 589, at 3:09 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 to be considered today: S. Con. Res 120, to redesignate the United States Capitol Police headquarters building located at 119 D Street, Northeast, Washington, D.C., as the "Eney, Chestnut, Gibson Memorial Building"; and S. Con. Res. 83, remem-

bering the life of George Washington and his contributions to the Nation.

¶112.27 FINANCIAL CRISES IN ASIA, RUSSIA, AND OTHER REGIONS

Mr. ENGLISH moved to suspend the rules and agree to the following resolution (H. Res. 598):

Whereas the current financial crises in Asia, Russia, and other regions have involved massive depreciation in the currencies of several key steel-producing and steel consuming countries, along with a collapse in the domestic demand for steel in these countries;

Whereas the crises have generated and will continue to generate surges in United States imports of steel, both from the countries whose currencies have depreciated in the crisis and from steel producing countries that are no longer able to export steel to the countries in economic crisis;

Whereas United States imports of finished steel mill products from Asian steel producing countries—the People's Republic of China, Japan, South Korea, India, Taiwan, Indonesia, Thailand, and Malaysia—have increased by 79 percent in the first 5 months of 1998 compared to the same period in 1997;

Whereas year-to-date imports of steel from Russia now exceed the record import levels of 1997, and steel imports from Russia and Ukraine now approach 2,500,000 net tons;

Whereas foreign government trade restrictions and private restraints of trade distort international trade and investment patterns and result in burdens on United States commerce, including absorption of a disproportionate share of diverted steel trade;

Whereas the European Union, for example, despite also being a major economy, in 1997 imported only one-tenth as much finished steel products from Asian steel producing countries as the United States did and has restricted imports of steel from the Commonwealth of Independent States, including Russia;

Whereas the United States is simultaneously facing a substantial increase in steel imports from countries within the Commonwealth of Independent States, including Russia, caused in part by the closure of Asian markets;

Whereas the United States, through the International Monetary Fund, generously participates in a bailout of the crisis countries on terms that do not deter and in fact encourage them to export their way out of the crisis; and

Whereas there is a well-recognized need for improvements in the enforcement of United States trade laws to provide an effective response to such situations: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That—

(1) in accordance with rule IX, clause 1, of the Rules of the House of Representatives, it is the sense of the House of Representatives that its integrity has been impugned by the failure of the executive branch to expeditiously enforce title VII of the Tariff Act of 1930 in response to the surge of steel imports resulting from the financial crises in Asia, Russia, and other regions; and

(2) the House of Representatives calls upon the President—

(A) to immediately review, for the 10-day period beginning on the date of the adoption of this resolution, the entry into the customs territory of the United States of all steel products that are the product or manufacture of Australia, China, South Africa, Ukraine, Indonesia, India, Japan, Russia, South Korea, or Brazil;

(B) if, after the 10-day period described in subparagraph (A), the President finds that the Governments of Australia, China, South

Africa, Ukraine, Indonesia, India, Japan, Russia, South Korea, or Brazil are not abiding by the spirit and letter of international trade agreements with respect to imports of steel products into the United States, to immediately impose a 1-year ban on the imports of all steel products that are the product or manufacture of Australia, China, South Africa, Ukraine, Indonesia, India, Japan, Russia, South Korea, or Brazil;

(C) to establish a task force within the executive branch to closely monitor imports of steel products into the United States from other countries to determine whether or not international trade agreements are being violated; and

(D) not later than January 5, 1999, to report to Congress on any other actions the President has taken, or intends to take, to ensure that all trading partners of the United States abide by the spirit and letter of international trade agreements with respect to imports of steel products into the United States.

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. PEASE, recognized Mr. ENGLISH and Mr. CRANE, 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. BONILLA, announced that two-thirds of the Members present had voted in the affirmative.

Mr. ENGLISH 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 vote was taken by electronic device.

It was decided in the { Yeas 345
affirmative { Nays 44

¶112.28 [Roll No. 532] YEAS—345

Abercrombie	Castle	Engel
Aderholt	Chabot	English
Andrews	Chambliss	Ensign
Bachus	Chenoweth	Eshoo
Baesler	Christensen	Etheridge
Baker	Clay	Evans
Baldacci	Clayton	Everett
Barcia	Clement	Ewing
Barrett (NE)	Clyburn	Farr
Barrett (WI)	Coburn	Fattah
Bartlett	Combest	Fazio
Bass	Condit	Filner
Bateman	Conyers	Foley
Becerra	Cook	Forbes
Bentsen	Costello	Ford
Bereuter	Cox	Fox
Berry	Coyne	Franks (NJ)
Bilirakis	Cramer	Frelinghuysen
Bishop	Crapo	Gallely
Blagojevich	Cubin	Ganske
Blumenauer	Cummings	Gejdenson
Boehlert	Cunningham	Gekas
Boehner	Danner	Gephardt
Bonilla	Davis (FL)	Gibbons
Bonior	Davis (IL)	Gilchrest
Borski	DeFazio	Gillmor
Boswell	DeGette	Gilman
Boucher	Delahunt	Gonzalez
Boyd	DeLauro	Goode
Brady (PA)	Deusch	Goodlatte
Brown (CA)	Diaz-Balart	Goodling
Brown (FL)	Dickey	Gordon
Brown (OH)	Dicks	Goss
Bryant	Dingell	Granger
Bunning	Dixon	Gutierrez
Burton	Doggett	Gutknecht
Buyer	Dooley	Hall (OH)
Calvert	Doolittle	Hall (TX)
Canady	Doyle	Hamilton
Cannon	Duncan	Hansen
Capps	Edwards	Harman
Cardin	Ehrlich	Hastert
Carson	Emerson	Hastings (FL)