

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. RIGGS, recognized Mr. GEKAS and Mr. PAYNE, 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. RIGGS, 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 notify the Senate thereof.

¶112.8 MATTHEW SHEPARD

Mr. GEKAS moved to suspend the rules and agree to the following resolution (H. Res. 597):

Resolved, That it is the sense of the House that—

(1) Mr. Matthew Shepard, a 21-year-old student at the University of Wyoming in Laramie, Wyoming, was physically beaten and tortured, tied to a wooden fence and left for dead;

(2) Mr. Matthew Shepard died as a result of his injuries on October 12, 1998, in a Colorado hospital surrounded by his loving family and friends; and

(3) the House—

(A) condemns the actions which occurred in Laramie, Wyoming, as unacceptable and outrageous;

(B) urges each Member of Congress and every citizen of the United States, in his or her own way, through his or her church, synagogue, mosque, workplace, or social organization, to join in denouncing and encouraging others to denounce this outrageous murder of another human being;

(C) pledges to join in efforts to bring an end to such crimes, and to encourage all Americans to dedicate themselves to ending violence in the United States; and

(D) pledges to do everything in its power to fight the sort of prejudice and intolerance that leads to the murder of innocent people.

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. RIGGS, recognized Mr. GEKAS and Ms. DEGETTE, 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. RIGGS, 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.

¶112.9 FOOD STAMP COUPON REFORM

Mr. GOODLATTE moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill of the Senate (S. 1733) to require the Commissioner of Social Security and food stamp State agencies to take certain actions to ensure that food stamp cou-

pons are not issued for deceased individuals to require the Commissioner of Social Security and food stamp State agencies to take certain actions to ensure that food stamp coupons are not issued for deceased individuals.

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. RIGGS, recognized Mr. GOODLATTE and Mr. STENHOLM, 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. RIGGS, announced that two-thirds of the Members present had voted in the affirmative.

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

¶112.10 COALBED METHANE GAS CONTRACTS

Mrs. CUBIN moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill of the Senate (S. 2500) to protect the sanctity of contracts and leases entered into by surface patent holders with respect to coalbed methane gas.

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. RIGGS, recognized Mrs. CUBIN and Mr. MILLER of California, 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. RIGGS, 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 notify the Senate thereof.

¶112.11 WAYNE NATIONAL FOREST OIL AND GAS

Mrs. CUBIN moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 1467) to provide for the continuance of oil and gas operations pursuant to certain existing leases in the Wayne National Forest; as amended.

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. RIGGS, recognized Mrs. CUBIN and Mr. MILLER of California, 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. RIGGS, 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, as amended, was passed.

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

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

¶112.12 OUTER CONTINENTAL SHELF

Mrs. CUBIN moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 3972) to amend the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act to prohibit the Secretary of the Interior from charging State and local government agencies for certain uses of the sand, gravel, and shell resources of the outer Continental Shelf.

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. RIGGS, recognized Mrs. CUBIN and Mr. MILLER of California, 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. RIGGS, 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.

¶112.13 RESTRICTION REMOVAL FOR CERTAIN CAHUILLA INDIANS

Mrs. CUBIN moved to suspend the rules and agree to the following amendment of the Senate (H.R. 700) to remove the restriction on the distribution of certain revenues from the Mineral Springs parcel to certain members of the Aqua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians:

Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert:

SECTION 1. FINDINGS.

Congress finds that—

(1) among its purposes, the Act entitled "An Act to provide for the equalization of allotments on the Agua Caliente (Palm Springs) Reservation in California, and for other purposes", approved September 21, 1959, commonly known as the "Agua Caliente Equalization Act of 1959" (25 U.S.C. 951 et seq.) (referred to in this section as the "Act") was intended to provide for a reasonable degree of equalization of the value of allotments made to members of the Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians;

(2) the Act was enacted in response to litigation in Federal courts in *Segundo, et al. v. United States*, 123 F. Supp. 554 (1954);

(3) the case referred to in paragraph (2) was appealed under the case name *United States v. Pierce*, 235 F. 2d 885 (1956) and that case affirmed the entitlement of certain members of the Band to allotments of approximately equal value to lands allotted to other members of the Band;

(4)(A) to achieve the equalization referred to in paragraph (3), section 3 of the Act (25 U.S.C.