

June 25, 1999 at 1:34 p.m. and said to contain a message from the President whereby he submits a copy of an Executive Order entitled, Implementation of the Chemical Weapons Convention and the Chemical Weapons Convention Implementation Act.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely,

MARTHA C. MORRISON
(For Jeff Trandahl).

¶72.6 NUCLEAR, BIOLOGICAL AND CHEMICAL WEAPONS

The Clerk then read the message from the President, as follows:

To the Congress of the United States:

On November 14, 1994, in light of the danger of the proliferation of nuclear, biological, and chemical weapons (weapons of mass destruction) and of the means of delivering such weapons, using my authority under the International Emergency Economic Powers Act (50 U.S.C. 1701 et seq.), I issued Executive Order 12938, declaring a national emergency to deal with this danger. Because the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction continues to pose an unusual and extraordinary threat to the national security, foreign policy, and economy of the United States, I have renewed the national emergency declared in Executive Order 12938 annually, most recently on November 12, 1998. Pursuant to section 204(b) of the International Emergency Economic Powers Act (50 U.S.C. 1703(b)), I hereby report to the Congress that I have exercised my statutory authority to further amend Executive Order 12938 in order to more effectively respond to the worldwide threat of weapons of mass destruction proliferation activities.

The new executive order, which implements the Chemical Weapons Convention Implementation Act of 1998, strengthens Executive Order 12938 by amending section 3 to authorize the United States to implement important provisions of the Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production, Stockpiling and Use of Chemical Weapons and on Their Destruction, a multilateral agreement that serves to reduce the threat posed by chemical weapons. Specifically, the amendment enables the United States Government to ensure that imports into the United States of certain chemicals from any source are permitted in a manner consistent with the relevant provisions of the Convention.

WILLIAM J. CLINTON.

THE WHITE HOUSE, June 25, 1999.

By unanimous consent, the message, together with the accompanying papers, was referred to the Committee on International Relations and ordered to be printed (H. Doc. 106-86).

¶72.7 SUBPOENA

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. PEASE, laid before the House the following communication from Ms. ESHOO:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,

Washington, DC, June 29, 1999,

Hon. J. DENNIS HASTERT,

Speaker of the House of Representatives, Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER, This is to formally notify you pursuant to Rule VIII of the Rules of the House that I received a subpoena for documents issued by the United States District Court for the Northern District of California.

After consultation with the Office of General Counsel, I have determined to comply with the subpoena to the extent that it is consistent with Rule VIII.

Sincerely,

ANNA G. ESHOO.

¶72.8 VETERANS BENEFITS IMPROVEMENTS

Mr. STUMP moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 2280) to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide a cost-of-living adjustment in rates of compensation paid for service-connected disabilities, to enhance the compensation, memorial affairs, and housing programs of the Department of Veteran Affairs, to improve retirement authorities applicable to judges of the United States Court of Appeals for Veteran Claims, and for other purposes; as amended.

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

Mr. STUMP 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. PEASE, pursuant to clause 8, rule XX, announced that further proceedings on the motion were postponed.

¶72.9 COMMEMORATION OF THE VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS

Mr. STUMP moved to suspend the rules and pass the joint resolution (H.J. Res. 34) congratulating and commending the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. PEASE, recognized Mr. STUMP and Mr. EVANS, each for 20 minutes.

After debate,

The question being put, *viva voce*,

Will the House suspend the rules and pass said joint resolution?

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. PEASE, 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 joint resolution was passed.

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

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

¶72.10 MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Sundry messages in writing from the President of the United States were communicated to the House by Mr. Sherman Williams, one of his secretaries.

¶72.11 VETERANS ENTREPRENEURSHIP

Mr. TALENT moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 1568) to provide technical, financial, and procurement assistance to veteran owned small businesses; as amended.

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. PEASE, recognized Mr. TALENT and Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York 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. PEASE, 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.

¶72.12 COMMUTER TAX RESTRICTIONS

Mr. GEKAS moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 2014) to prohibit a State from imposing a discriminatory commuter tax on non-residents.

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. PEASE, recognized Mr. GEKAS and Mr. NADLER, 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. PEASE, 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.

¶72.13 CONDEMNING ARSON OF SYNAGOGUES IN CALIFORNIA

Mr. GEKAS moved to suspend the rules and agree to the following resolution (H. Res. 226):

Whereas on the evening of June 18, 1999, in Sacramento, California, the Congregation B'nai Israel, Congregation Beth Shalom, and Keneset Israel Torah Center were victims of malicious and cowardly acts of arson;

Whereas such crimes against our institutions of faith are crimes against us all;

Whereas we have celebrated since our Nation's birth the rich and colorful diversity of its people, and the sanctity of a free and democratic society;

Whereas the liberties Americans enjoy are attributed in large part to the courage and determination of visionaries who made great strides in overcoming the barriers of oppression, intolerance, and discrimination in order to ensure fair and equal treatment for every American by every American;

Whereas this type of unacceptable behavior is a direct assault upon the fundamental rights of all Americans who cherish their freedom of religion; and

Whereas every Member of Congress serves in part as a role model and bears a responsibility to protect and honor the multitude of cultural institutions and traditions we enjoy in the United States of America: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the House of Representatives—

(1) condemns the crimes that occurred in Sacramento, California, at Congregation B'nai Israel, Congregation Beth Shalom, and Keneset Israel Torah Center on the evening of June 18, 1999;

(2) rejects such acts of intolerance and malice in our society and interprets such attacks on cultural and religious institutions as an attack on all Americans;

(3) in the strongest terms possible, is committed to using Federal law enforcement personnel and resources to identify the persons who committed these heinous acts and bring them to justice in a swift and deliberate manner;

(4) recognizes and applauds the residents of the Sacramento, California, area who have so quickly joined together to lend support and assistance to the victims of these despicable crimes, and remain committed to preserving the freedom of religion of all members of the community; and

(5) calls upon all Americans to categorically reject similar acts crimes of hate and intolerance.

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

Mr. OSE 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. PEASE, pursuant to clause 8, rule XX, announced that further proceedings on the motion were postponed.

¶72.14 MAURINE B. NEUBERGER UNITED STATES POST OFFICE

Mr. MCHUGH moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 1327) to designate the United States Postal Service building located at 34480 Highway 101 South in Cloverdale, Oregon, as the "Maurine B. Neuberger United States Post Office".

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. PEASE, 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. PEASE, 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.

¶72.15 PUBLIC RECONCILIATION AND HEALING

Mrs. CHENOWETH moved to suspend the rules and agree to the following concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 94):

Whereas it is the necessary duty of the people of this Nation not only to humbly offer up our prayers and needs to Almighty God, but also in a solemn and public manner to confess our shortcomings;

Whereas it is incumbent on all public bodies, as well as private persons, to revere and rely on God Almighty for our day-to-day existence, as well as to follow the charge to love and serve one another;

Whereas we have witnessed the rejection of God's love through gratuitous violence and mayhem, hate, abuse, exploitation, abandonment, and other harms, much of which has been directed at the most vulnerable of our society, our children;

Whereas oppression, violence, cultural and ethnic division, strife, and murder have stained our communities and the world;

Whereas we are compelled to remind the people of the United States of the events that currently burden the hearts of the people, including—

(1) the senseless murder of our young people in Jonesboro, Arkansas, West Paduca, Kentucky, Springfield, Oregon, Pearl, Mississippi, and Littleton, Colorado;

(2) the brutal deaths of individuals by dragging, beating, burning, and exposure in Texas, Alabama, and Wyoming; and

(3) the civil unrest, systematic genocide, and religious and political persecution in Yugoslavia, Tibet, Turkey, China, Rwanda, and Sudan;

Whereas despite all, we as a Nation have been blessed with great prosperity and an unprecedented period of economic stability, for which we owe a debt of gratitude; and

Whereas in previous times of public need and moral crisis, the Congress and the President have recommended the observance of a day of solemn prayer, fasting, and humiliation: Now, therefore, be it

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

(1) recognizes the unique opportunity that the dawn of a millennium presents to a people in a Nation under God to humble and reconcile themselves with God and with one another;

(2) urges all Americans to unite in seeking the face of God through humble prayer and fasting, persistently asking God to send spiritual strength and a renewed sense of humility to the Nation so that hate and indifference may be replaced with love and compassion, and so that the suffering in the Nation and the world may be healed by the hand of God; and

(3) recommends that the leaders in national, State, and local governments, in business, and in the clergy appoint, and call the

people they serve to observe, a day of solemn prayer, fasting, and humiliation before God.

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. PEASE, recognized Mrs. CHENOWETH and Mr. WAXMAN, 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. PEASE, announced that two-thirds of the Members present had voted in the affirmative.

Mrs. CHENOWETH 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. PEASE, pursuant to clause 8, rule XX, announced that further proceedings on the motion were postponed.

¶72.16 H.R. 2280—UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. PEASE, pursuant to clause 8, rule XX, announced the unfinished business to be the motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 2280) to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide a cost-of-living adjustment in rates of compensation paid for service-connected disabilities, to enhance the compensation, memorial affairs, and housing programs of the Department of Veteran Affairs, to improve retirement authorities applicable to judges of the United States Court of Appeals for Veteran Claims, and for other purposes; as amended.

The question being put,

Will the House suspend the rules and pass said bill, as amended?

The vote was taken by electronic device.

It was decided in the { Yeas 424
affirmative Nays 0

¶72.17 [Roll No. 257]
YEAS—424

Abercrombie	Bonior	Conyers
Ackerman	Bono	Cook
Aderholt	Borski	Cooksey
Andrews	Boswell	Costello
Archer	Boucher	Cox
Armey	Boyd	Coyne
Bachus	Brady (PA)	Cramer
Baird	Brady (TX)	Crane
Baker	Brown (FL)	Crowley
Baldacci	Brown (OH)	Cubin
Baldwin	Bryant	Cummings
Ballenger	Burr	Danner
Barcia	Burton	Davis (FL)
Barr	Buyer	Davis (IL)
Barrett (NE)	Callahan	Davis (VA)
Barrett (WI)	Calvert	Deal
Bartlett	Camp	DeFazio
Barton	Campbell	DeGette
Bass	Canady	Delahunt
Bateman	Capps	DeLauro
Becerra	Capuano	DeLay
Bentsen	Cardin	DeMint
Bereuter	Carson	Deutsch
Berkley	Castle	Diaz-Balart
Berman	Chabot	Dickey
Berry	Chambliss	Dicks
Biggert	Chenoweth	Dingell
Bilbray	Clay	Dixon
Bilirakis	Clayton	Doggett
Bishop	Clement	Dooley
Bliley	Clyburn	Doolittle
Blumenauer	Coble	Doyle
Blunt	Coburn	Dreier
Boehlert	Collins	Duncan
Boehner	Combest	Dunn
Bonilla	Condit	Edwards