

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;