

Amended Requirements (RIN: 3150-AE26) received September 28, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

4635. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting the President's Memorandum of Justification regarding the drawdown of defense articles and services for United Nations Interim Administration in Kosovo, pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2411; to the Committee on International Relations.

4636. A letter from the Director, Office of Procurement and Property Management, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Agriculture Acquisition Regulation: Part 413 Reorganization: Simplified Acquisition Procedures [AGAR Case 96-05] (RIN: 0599-AA04) received August 27, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Government Reform.

4637. A letter from the Acting Director, United States Information Agency, transmitting the 1999 Integrity Act Report To The President and Congress; to the Committee on Government Reform.

4638. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife and Parks, Department of the Interior, transmitting a draft bill "To amend the Act establishing Big Thicket National Preserve"; to the Committee on Resources.

4639. A letter from the Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Office of Policy Development, Department of Justice, transmitting the Department's final rule—Civil Monetary Penalties Inflation Adjustment [AG Order No. 2249-99] (RIN: 1105-AA48) received August 30, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on the Judiciary.

4640. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting the Department's final rule—Technical Corrections to Regulations Regarding the Issuance of Immigrant and Non-immigrant Visas [Public Notice 2980] (RIN: 1400-AB03) received September 24, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on the Judiciary.

4641. A letter from the Legion of Valor of the United States of America, Inc., transmitting a copy of the Legion's annual audit as of April 30, 1999, pursuant to 36 U.S.C. 1101(28) and 1103; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

4642. A letter from the Deputy General Counsel, Small Business Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule—Pre-Disaster Mitigation Loans—received September 21, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Small Business.

4643. A letter from the Secretary of Labor, transmitting the quarterly reports on the expenditure and need for worker adjustment assistance training funds under the Trade Act of 1974, pursuant to 19 U.S.C. 2296(a)(2); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

4644. A letter from the Executive Office of the President, transmitting a proposal to amend the U.S. textile and apparel rules of origin; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

4645. A letter from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting a report on Agency Drug-Free Workplace Plans, pursuant to Public Law 100-71, section 503(a)(1)(A) (101 Stat. 468); jointly to the Committees on Appropriations and Government Reform.

4646. A letter from the Commission of the Federal Government to Combat the Proliferation of Weapons of Mass Destruction, transmitting the report of the Commission to Assess the Organization of the Federal Government to Combat the Proliferation of Weapons of Mass Destruction; jointly to the Committees on International Relations and Armed Services.

4647. A letter from the Acting Director, Defense Security Cooperation Agency, Depart-

ment of Defense, transmitting a report authorizing the transfer of up to \$100M in defense articles and services to the Government of Bosnia-Herzegovina; jointly to the Committees on International Relations and Appropriations.

4648. A letter from the Deputy Executive Secretary to the Secretary, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Service's final rule—Medicare Program; Revision of the Procedures for Requesting Exceptions to Cost Limits for Skilled Nursing Facilities and Elimination of Reclassifications [HCFA-1883-F] (RIN: 0938-A180) received August 9, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); jointly to the Committees on Ways and Means and Commerce.

¶107.8 COMMERCIAL SPACE TRANSPORTATION COMPETITIVENESS

Mr. SENSENBRENNER moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 2607) to promote the development of the commercial space transportation industry, to authorize appropriations for the Office of the Associate Administrator for Commercial Space Transportation, to authorize appropriations for the Office of Space Commercialization, and for other purposes; as amended.

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. MILLER of Florida, recognized Mr. SENSENBRENNER and Mr. LAMPSON, 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. MILLER of Florida, 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.

¶107.9 STANISLAUS COUNTY, CALIFORNIA

Mr. SENSENBRENNER moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 356) to provide for the conveyance of certain property from the United States to Stanislaus County, California; as amended.

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. MILLER of Florida, recognized Mr. SENSENBRENNER and Mr. LAMPSON, 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. MILLER of Florida, 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.

¶107.10 RAIL PASSENGER DISASTER FAMILY ASSISTANCE

Mr. PETRI moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 2681) to establish a program, coordinated by the National Transportation Safety Board, of assistance of families of passengers involved in rail passenger accidents.

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. MILLER of Florida, recognized Mr. PETRI and Mr. RAHALL, 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. MILLER of Florida, 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.

¶107.11 AMERICAN PUBLIC TRANSIT ASSOCIATION

Mr. PETRI moved to suspend the rules and agree to the following concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 171):

Whereas public transportation is a fundamental public service and an integral component of the Nation's surface transportation infrastructure;

Whereas public transportation service results in productive jobs for the Nation's workers and provides broad support for business and economic growth;

Whereas public transportation provides safe and efficient mobility for millions of people in the United States each day;

Whereas the American Public Transit Association was established in 1974 to promote and advance knowledge in all matters relating to public transportation; and

Whereas, during a period of remarkable resurgence in public transportation, the American Public Transit Association has provided a quarter of a century of service to the Nation as the professional association representing the transit industry: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate concurring), That Congress congratulates the American Public Transit Association for 25 years of commendable service to the transit industry and the Nation.

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. MILLER of Florida, recognized Mr. PETRI and Mr. RAHALL, 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. MILLER of Florida, 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 concurrent resolution was agreed to.

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

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

¶107.12 CHAPTER 12, TITLE 11, UNITED STATES CODE

Mr. GEKAS moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill of the Senate (S. 1606) to extend for 9 additional months the period for which chapter 12 of title 11, United States Code, is reenacted.

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. MILLER of Florida, recognized Mr. GEKAS and Ms. BALDWIN, 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. MILLER of Florida, 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.

¶107.13 UNITED STATES HOLOCAUST ASSETS COMMISSION

Mr. LAZIO moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 2401) to amend the United States Holocaust Assets Commission Act of 1998 to extend the period by which the final report is due and to authorize additional funding.

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. MILLER of Florida, recognized Mr. LAZIO and Mr. LAFALCE, 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. MILLER of Florida, 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.

¶107.14 TAIWAN-WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION

Mr. BEREUTER moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 1794) concerning the participation of Taiwan in the World Health Organization (WHO); as amended.

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. MILLER of Florida, recognized Mr. BE-

REUTER and Mr. BROWN of Ohio, 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. MILLER of Florida, 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.

¶107.15 REVOLUTIONARY ARMED FORCES OF COLUMBIA

Mr. BEREUTER moved to suspend the rules and agree to the following resolution (H. Res. 181):

Whereas Ingrid Washinawatok, a member of the Menominee Indian Nation of Wisconsin, Terence Freitas of California, and Lahe'ena'e Gay of Hawaii, were United States citizens involved in an effort to help the U'wa people of northeastern Colombia;

Whereas Ms. Washinawatok, Mr. Freitas, and Ms. Gay were kidnapped on February 25, 1999 by the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia (FARC), a group designated a foreign-based terrorist organization by the United States Department of State;

Whereas the FARC brutally murdered these 3 innocent United States civilians, whose bodies were discovered March 4, 1999;

Whereas this Congress will not tolerate violent acts against United States citizens abroad;

Whereas the FARC has a reprehensible history of committing atrocities against both Colombian and United States citizens, including over 1,000 Colombians abducted each year and 4 United States civilians who were seized for a month in 1998;

Whereas it is incumbent upon the Government of Colombia to quickly and effectively investigate, arrest, and extradite to the United States those responsible for the murders of Ms. Washinawatok, Mr. Freitas, and Ms. Gay; and

Whereas the United States Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) is empowered to investigate terrorist acts committed against United States citizens abroad: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the House of Representatives—

(1) decries the murders of Ingrid Washinawatok, Terence Freitas, and Lahe'ena'e Gay;

(2) strongly condemns the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia (FARC);

(3) calls on the Government of Colombia to find, arrest, and extradite to the United States for trial those responsible for the deaths of these United States citizens; and

(4) emphasizes the importance of this investigation to the United States Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) and urges the FBI to use any and every available resource to see that those who are responsible for the deaths of these United States citizens are swiftly brought to justice.

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. MILLER of Florida, recognized Mr. BEREUTER and Mr. DAVIS of Florida, 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. BEREUTER 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. MILLER of Florida, pursuant to clause 8, rule XX, announced that further proceedings on the motion were postponed.

¶107.16 PERU-FREEDOM OF PRESS, JUDICIAL AND ELECTORAL INSTITUTIONS

Mr. BEREUTER moved to suspend the rules and agree to the following resolution (H. Res. 57); as amended:

Whereas interference with freedom of the press and the independence of judicial and electoral institutions in Peru contributes to an erosion of democracy and the rule of law in Peru;

Whereas freedom of the press in Peru is under assault, and the Department of State's Peru Country Report on Human Rights Practices for 1998, found that "[t]he Government infringed on press freedom [. . . and] [j]ournalists faced increased harassment and intimidation";

Whereas the Department of State's Peru Country Report on Human Rights Practices for 1997, found that "[i]ncidents of harassment of media representatives increased to such an extent as to create the perception of an organized campaign of intimidation on the part of the Government, specifically, on the part of the armed forces and intelligence services";

Whereas the Organization of American States' Special Rapporteur on Freedom of Expression has called on the Government of Peru to cease all official harassment of journalists and to investigate and prosecute all abuses of freedom of speech and of the press;

Whereas Freedom House now classifies Peru as the only country in the Western Hemisphere, other than Cuba, where the press is "not free";

Whereas the Department of State's Peru Country Report on Human Rights Practices for 1997 states that Channel 2 television station reporters in Peru "revealed torture by Army Intelligence Service officers [and] the systematic wiretapping of journalists, government officials, and opposition politicians";

Whereas on July 13, 1997, the Government of Peru revoked the Peruvian citizenship of the Israeli-born owner of the Channel 2 television station, Baruch Ivcher, effectively removing him from control of Channel 2, leading the Department of State to conclude that "the Government's action in this case was widely interpreted as an attempt to prevent the station from broadcasting any more negative stories about the regime";

Whereas the Government of Peru has issued an INTERPOL warrant for Baruch Ivcher's arrest and brought criminal proceedings against him, against members of his immediate family, and against his former associates to secure lengthy prison sentences against them;

Whereas the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights found human rights violations against Baruch Ivcher by the Government of Peru in this case and on March 31,