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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.

¶112.18 AUGUSTUS F. HAWKINS POST OFFICE BUILDING

Mr. MCHUGH moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 643) to redesignate the Federal building located at 10301 South Compton Avenue, in Los Angeles, California, and known as the Watts Finance Office, as the "Augustus F. Hawkins Post Office".

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. STEARNS, recognized Mr. MCHUGH and Mr. FATTAH, each for 20 minutes.

After debate,

The question being put, *viva voce*,

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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.

¶112.19 JOHN K. RAFFERTY HAMILTON POST OFFICE BUILDING

Mr. MCHUGH moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 1374) to designate the United States Post Office building located at 680 State Highway 130 in Hamilton, New Jersey, as the "John K. Rafferty Hamilton Post Office Building"; as amended.

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. STEARNS, 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, as amended?

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. STEARNS, 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.

By unanimous consent, the title was amended so as to read: "An Act to designate the United States Post Office building located at 680 U.S. Highway 130 in Hamilton, New Jersey, as the 'John K. Rafferty Hamilton Post Office Building.'".

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

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

¶112.20 EDUCATION DOLLARS IN THE CLASSROOM

Mr. GOODLING moved to suspend the rules and agree to the following resolution (H. Res. 303); as amended:

Whereas effective teaching begins by helping children master basic academics, holding children to high standards, using effective, scientifically based methods of instruction in the classroom, engaging and involving parents, creating safe and orderly classrooms, and getting dollars to the classroom;

Whereas our Nation's children deserve an educational system that provides opportunities to excel;

Whereas States and localities must spend a significant amount of education tax dollars applying for and administering Federal education dollars;

Whereas the administrative costs of the United States are twice the average of other countries in the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD);

Whereas it is unknown exactly what percentage of Federal education dollars reaches the classroom, but according to the Department of Education, in 1998, 84 percent of the Department's elementary and secondary education dollars were allocated to local educational agencies and used for instruction and instructional support;

Whereas the remainder of the Department's dollars was allocated to States, universities, national programs, and other service providers;

Whereas the total spent by the Department for elementary and secondary education does not take into account what States must spend to receive Federal dollars and comply with requirements, it also does not reflect what portion of the Federal dollars allocated to school districts is spent on students in the classroom;

Whereas American students are not performing up to their full academic potential, despite significant Federal education initiatives, which span multiple Federal agencies;

Whereas according to the Digest of Education Statistics, during the 1995-96 school year only 54 percent of \$278,965,657,000 spent on elementary and secondary education was spent on "instruction";

Whereas according to the National Center for Education Statistics, in 1996, only 52 percent of staff employed in public elementary and secondary school systems were teachers;

Whereas according to the latest data available from the General Accounting Office, in fiscal year 1993, Federal education dollars funded 13,397 full-time equivalent positions in State educational agencies;

Whereas in fiscal year 1998, the Department of Education's paperwork and data reporting requirements totaled 40,000,000 "burden hours," which is the equivalent of 19,300 people working 40 hours a week for 1 full year;

Whereas too much of our Federal education funding is spent on bureaucracy, special interests, and ineffective programs, and too little is effectively spent on our Nation's youth;

Whereas getting 95 percent of all Federal elementary and secondary education funds to the classroom could provide substantial additional funding per classroom across the United States;

Whereas more education funding should be put in the hands of someone in a child's classroom who knows the child's name;

Whereas burdensome regulations, requirements, and mandates should be removed so that school districts can devote more resources to children in classrooms; and

Whereas President Clinton has stated: "We cannot ask the American people to spend more on education until we do a better job with the money we've got now.": Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the House of Representatives urges the Department of Education, States, and local educational agencies to work together to ensure that not less than 95 percent of all funds appropriated for the purpose of carrying out elementary and secondary education programs administered by the Department of Education is spent to improve the academic achievement of our children in their classrooms.

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. STEARNS, recognized Mr. GOODLING and Mr. CLAY, each for 20 minutes.

After debate,

The question being put, *viva voce*,

Will the House suspend the rules and agree to said resolution, as amended?

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. STEARNS, announced that two-thirds of the Members present had voted in the affirmative.

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

¶112.21 FATHER THEODORE M. HESBURGH CONGRESSIONAL GOLD MEDAL

Mr. BACHUS moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 1932) to authorize the President to award a gold medal on behalf of the Congress to Father Theodore M. Hesburgh, in recognition of his outstanding and enduring contributions to civil rights, higher education, the Catholic Church, the Nation, and the global community.

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. STEARNS, recognized Mr. BACHUS and Ms. WATERS, 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. SHIMKUS, 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.

¶112.22 UPPER DELAWARE SCENIC AND RECREATIONAL RIVER MONGAUP VISITOR CENTER

Mr. SHERWOOD moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 20) to