

Oberstar	Sanders	Thomas
Obey	Sanford	Thompson
Olver	Sawyer	Thornberry
Ortiz	Saxton	Thornton
Orton	Scarborough	Thurman
Owens	Schaefer	Tiahrt
Oxley	Schiff	Torkildsen
Packard	Schroeder	Torres
Pallone	Schumer	Torrice
Parker	Scott	Towns
Pastor	Seastrand	Traficant
Paxon	Sensenbrenner	Tucker
Payne (NJ)	Serrano	Upton
Payne (VA)	Shadegg	Velazquez
Peterson (FL)	Shaw	Vento
Peterson (MN)	Shays	Visclosky
Petri	Shuster	Volkmer
Pombo	Sisisky	Vucanovich
Pomeroy	Skaggs	Waldholtz
Porter	Skeen	Walker
Portman	Skelton	Walsh
Poshard	Slaughter	Wamp
Pryce	Smith (MI)	Ward
Quillen	Smith (NJ)	Waters
Quinn	Smith (TX)	Watt (NC)
Radanovich	Smith (WA)	Watts (OK)
Rahall	Solomon	Waxman
Ramstad	Souder	Weldon (FL)
Reed	Spence	Weldon (PA)
Regula	Spratt	Weller
Richardson	Stark	White
Riggs	Stearns	Whitfield
Rivers	Stenholm	Wicker
Roberts	Stockman	Williams
Roemer	Stokes	Wilson
Rogers	Studds	Wise
Rohrabacher	Stump	Wolf
Ros-Lehtinen	Stupak	Woolsey
Rose	Talent	Wyden
Roth	Tanner	Wynn
Roukema	Tate	Yates
Royce	Tauzin	Young (AK)
Rush	Taylor (MS)	Young (FL)
Sabo	Taylor (NC)	Zeliff
Salmon	Tejeda	Zimmer

ANSWERED "PRESENT"—2

Becerra Roybal-Allard

NOT VOTING—9

Ackerman	Frost	Pickett
Chapman	Ganske	Rangel
Dickey	Pelosi	Reynolds

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Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD changed her vote from "yea" to "present."

So the conference report was agreed to.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

#### GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. CLINGER. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend their remarks, and include extraneous material, on the bill just passed.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. MCINNIS). Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Pennsylvania?

There was no objection.

#### REMOVAL OF NAME OF MEMBER AS COSPONSOR OF H.R. 555

Mr. MARKEY. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the name of the gentleman from Florida [Mr. FOLEY] be removed as a cosponsor of H.R. 555.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Massachusetts?

There was no objection.

#### PROVIDING FOR LANGUAGE CLARIFICATION IN CERTAIN STATUTORY REFERENCES RESULTING FROM CHANGES MADE IN THE REORGANIZATION OF THE HOUSE AT THE BEGINNING OF THE 104TH CONGRESS

Mr. THOMAS. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent for the immediate consideration of the bill (H.R. 1421) to provide that references in the statutes of the United States to any committee or officer of the House of Representatives the name or jurisdiction of which was changed as part of the reorganization of the House of Representatives at the beginning of the 104th Congress shall be treated as referring to the currently applicable committee or officer of the House of Representatives.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from California?

Mr. FAZIO of California. Mr. Speaker, reserving the right to object, will the gentleman from California explain the purpose of the legislation?

Mr. THOMAS. Mr. Speaker, will the gentleman yield?

Mr. FAZIO of California. Further reserving the right to object, Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from California.

Mr. THOMAS. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for yielding.

What this bill does is attempt to conform the statutes that are on the books with the changes that were made at the beginning of the 104th Congress. As we know, there were three committees that were dissolved, there were significant restructurings in terms of jurisdictions, and all this bill does is to treat references to the old structure in public law as referring to the new structure. References to the old committees are to be treated as referring to the new committees.

This is, in essence, a conforming bill. It does not make policy. Indeed, it simply conforms to policy that has already been passed allowing the new committees to reference themselves in the statutes that are already on the books.

Mr. Speaker, this bill provides that references in public law to any committee or officer of the House whose name or jurisdiction was changed as a part of the reorganization of the House at the beginning of this Congress, shall be treated as referring to the currently applicable committee or officer.

Mr. Speaker, on the first day of the 104th Congress, the new Republican majority lived up to its commitment to the American people by passing major reforms. Among these reforms was the wholesale restructuring of the committee system, which included elimination of three major committees. Committee jurisdictions were consolidated, and the names of several committees were changed.

The primary purpose of this bill is to treat references to the old structure in public law as referring to the new structure. References to

the old committees are to be treated as referring to the new committees.

In the course of restructuring the internal operations of the House, we also eliminated the positions of Director of Non-Legislative and Financial Services and the House Doorkeeper. We created the position of Chief Administrative Officer, and we redefined the responsibilities of the Clerk and the Sergeant-at-Arms.

The Committee on House Oversight has been charged in House rules with providing policy direction for and oversight of the House officers, and is continuing to direct the restructuring of the internal operations of the House. References in public law to the function, duty, or authority of a House officer are to be treated as referring to the officer exercising that function, duty, or authority, as determined by the Committee.

Mr. Speaker, enactment of this bill will result in no changes in policy, rather it will reflect policy changes already made.

Mr. FAZIO of California. Mr. Speaker, further reserving the right to object, if there is no further debate, I would certainly concur in the adoption of the bill.

Mr. Speaker, I withdraw my reservation of objection.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from California [Mr. THOMAS]?

There was no objection.

The Clerk read the bill, as follows:

H.R. 1421

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

#### SECTION 1. REFERENCES IN LAW TO COMMITTEES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

(a) REFERENCES TO COMMITTEES WITH NEW NAMES.—Except as provided in subsection (c), any reference in any provision of law enacted before January 4, 1995, to—

(1) the Committee on Armed Services of the House of Representatives shall be treated as referring to the Committee on National Security of the House of Representatives;

(2) the Committee on Banking, Finance and Urban Affairs of the House of Representatives shall be treated as referring to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services of the House of Representatives;

(3) the Committee on Education and Labor of the House of Representatives shall be treated as referring to the Committee on Economic and Educational Opportunities of the House of Representatives;

(4) the Committee on Energy and Commerce of the House of Representatives shall be treated as referring to the Committee on Commerce of the House of Representatives;

(5) the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the House of Representatives shall be treated as referring to the Committee on International Relations of House of Representatives;

(6) the Committee on Government Operations of the House of Representatives shall be treated as referring to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight of the House of Representatives;

(7) the Committee on House Administration of the House of Representatives shall be treated as referring to the Committee on House Oversight of the House of Representatives;

(8) the Committee on Natural Resources of the House of Representatives shall be treated as referring to the Committee on Resources of the House of Representatives;

(9) the Committee on Public Works and Transportation of the House of Representatives shall be treated as referring to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives; and

(10) the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology of the House of Representatives shall be treated as referring to the Committee on Science of the House of Representatives.

(b) REFERENCES TO ABOLISHED COMMITTEES.—Any reference in any provision of law enacted before January 4, 1995, to—

(1) the Committee on District of Columbia of the House of Representatives shall be treated as referring to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight of the House of Representatives;

(2) the Committee on Post Office and Civil Service of the House of Representatives shall be treated as referring to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight of the House of Representatives, except that a reference with respect to the House Commission on Congressional Mailings Standards (the "Franking Commission") shall be treated as referring to the Committee on House Oversight of the House of Representatives; and

(3) the Committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries of the House of Representatives shall be treated as referring to—

(A) the Committee on Agriculture of the House of Representatives, in the case of a provision of law relating to inspection of seafood or seafood products;

(B) the Committee on National Security of the House of Representatives, in the case of a provision of law relating to interoceanic canals, the Merchant Marine Academy and State Maritime Academies, or national security aspects of merchant marine;

(C) the Committee on Resources of the House of Representatives, in the case of a provision of law relating to fisheries, wildlife, international fishing agreements, marine affairs (including coastal zone management) except for measures relating to oil and other pollution of navigable waters, or oceanography;

(D) the Committee on Science of the House of Representatives, in the case of a provision of law relating to marine research; and

(E) the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives, in the case of a provision of law relating to a matter other than a matter described in any of subparagraphs (A) through (D).

(c) REFERENCES TO COMMITTEES WITH JURISDICTION CHANGES.—Any reference in any provision of law enacted before January 4, 1995, to—

(1) the Committee on Energy and Commerce of the House of Representatives shall be treated as referring to—

(A) the Committee on Agriculture of the House of Representatives, in the case of a provision of law relating to inspection of seafood or seafood products;

(B) the Committee on Banking and Financial Services of the House of Representatives, in the case of provision of law relating to bank capital markets activities generally or to depository institution securities activities generally; and

(C) the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives, in the case of a provision of law relating to railroads, railway labor, or railroad retirement and unemployment (except revenue measures related thereto); and

(2) the Committee on Government Operations of the House of Representatives shall be treated as referring to the Committee on the Budget of the House of Representatives

in the case of a provision of law relating to the establishment, extension, and enforcement of special controls over the Federal budget.

#### SEC. 2. REFERENCES IN LAW TO OFFICERS OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

Any reference in any provision of law enacted before January 4, 1995, to a function, duty, or authority—

(1) of the Clerk of the House of Representatives shall be treated as referring, with respect to that function, duty, or authority, to the officer of the House of Representatives exercising that function, duty, or authority, as determined by the Committee on House Oversight of the House of Representatives;

(2) of the Doorkeeper of the House of Representatives shall be treated as referring, with respect to that function, duty, or authority, to the officer of the House of Representatives exercising that function, duty, or authority, as determined by the Committee on House Oversight of the House of Representatives;

(3) of the Postmaster of the House of Representatives shall be treated as referring, with respect to that function, duty, or authority, to the officer of the House of Representatives exercising that function, duty, or authority, as determined by the Committee on House Oversight of the House of Representatives; and

(4) of the Director of Non-legislative and Financial Services of the House of Representatives shall be treated as referring, with respect to that function, duty, or authority, to the officer of the House of Representatives exercising that function, duty, or authority, as determined by the Committee on House Oversight of the House of Representatives.

The bill was ordered to be engrossed and read a third time, was read the third time, and passed, and a motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

#### REMOVAL OF NAMES OF MEMBERS AS COSPONSORS OF H.R. 42

Mr. WAXMAN. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to delete the names of the gentleman from Minnesota [Mr. OBERSTAR], the gentleman from California [Mr. BONO], and the gentleman from Florida [Ms. ROSLEHTINEN] as cosponsors of the bill, H.R. 42, the Ryan White Reauthorization Act of 1995.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from California?

There was no objection.

#### CFTC REAUTHORIZATION ACT OF 1995

Mr. ROBERTS. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to take from the Speaker's table the Senate bill (S. 178) to amend the Commodity Exchange Act to extend the authorization for the Commodity Futures Trading Commission, and for other purposes, and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the title of the Senate bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Kansas?

Mr. DE LA GARZA. Mr. Speaker, reserving the right to object, I do so to

yield to our distinguished committee chairman for an explanation of the legislation, and I yield to the gentleman.

Mr. ROBERTS. Mr. Speaker, I thank the distinguished minority leader of the Committee on Agriculture for yielding.

Mr. Speaker, S. 178, the CFTC Reauthorization Act of 1995, was adopted in the other body on February 10. The bill is a simple one-line reauthorization that provides authority for appropriations through the year 2000.

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The Committee on Agriculture on Tuesday reported companion legislation by a voice vote and the presence of a quorum. Since the bills are identical and have no opposition, they are identical and have no opposition in either body, we are considering S. 178 so that we may expedite the reauthorization of the Commission.

Mr. Speaker, S. 178, the CFTC Reauthorization Act of 1995 was adopted in the other body February 10, 1995. The bill is a simple one-line reauthorization providing authority for appropriations for the Commodity Futures Trading Commission through the year 2000 at such sums as may be necessary. The Committee on Agriculture on Tuesday reported companion legislation by voice vote in the presence of a quorum. Since the bills are substantially identical and had no opposition in either body, we are considering today S. 178 so that we may expedite the reauthorization of the Commission.

Mr. Speaker, this is the first time in the 20-year history of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission there has not been, in conjunction with a CFTC reauthorization, either significant amendments to the Commodity Exchange Act or outright questions about whether or not the CFTC should continue to exist.

The CFTC is a mature regulatory organization that is overseeing the most innovative and efficient markets in the world—our futures markets, where risk management concepts were born and the price discovery process provides U.S. commerce and industry the information necessary to compete in a global economy. The CFTC has reached regulatory parity with every other Federal regulator, and I would point out to my colleagues has done so with minimal resources and a staff of approximately 550 full-time employees.

Mr. Speaker, I urge the House to adopt S. 178 today and move it on to the White House, where, I am certain, the President will sign the bill.

Mr. DE LA GARZA. I thank the gentleman for his comments.

Mr. Speaker, I support the legislation.

Mr. Speaker, I commend the distinguished chairman of the Agriculture Committee, Mr. ROBERTS, as well as the chairman, Mr. EWING, and ranking minority member, Mr. ROSE, of the Risk Management and Specialty Crops Subcommittee for their leadership in providing for the expeditious consideration of S. 178, the Commodity Futures Trading Commission Reauthorization Act of 1995. This Senate bill is identical to H.R. 618 which was reported unanimously from the Committee on Agriculture without amendment. The bill authorizes