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"(5) the Act of June 19, 1948 (46 App. U.S.C. 740; popularly known as the Admiralty Extension Act); and

"(6) other matters related to noncontractual civil liability.

"(c) The national board of the Auxiliary, and any Auxiliary district or region, may form a corporation under State law in accordance with policies established by the Commandant."

(b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections at the beginning of chapter 23 of title 14, United States Code, is amended by striking the item relating to section 821, and inserting the following:

"821. Administration of the Coast Guard Auxiliary."

SEC. 802. PURPOSE OF THE COAST GUARD AUXILIARY.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 822 of title 14, United States Code, is amended to read as follows:

"§822. Purpose of the Coast Guard Auxiliary

"The purpose of the Auxiliary is to assist the Coast Guard as authorized by the Commandant, in performing any Coast Guard function, power, duty, role, mission, or operation authorized by law."

(b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections at the beginning of chapter 23 of title 14, United States Code, is amended by striking the item relating to section 822 and inserting the following:

"822. Purpose of the Coast Guard Auxiliary."

SEC. 803. MEMBERS OF THE AUXILIARY; STATUS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 823 of title 14, United States Code, is amended—

(1) in the heading by adding "**and status**" after "**enrollments**";

(2) by inserting "(a)" before "The Auxiliary"; and

(3) by adding at the end the following new subsections:

"(b) A member of the Coast Guard Auxiliary is not a Federal employee except for the following purposes:

"(1) Chapter 26 of title 28 (popularly known as the Federal Tort Claims Act).

"(2) Section 2733 of title 10 (popularly known as the Military Claims Act).

"(3) The Act of March 3, 1925 (46 App. U.S.C. 781-790; popularly known as the Public Vessel Act).

"(4) The Act of March 9, 1920 (46 App. U.S.C. 741-752; popularly known as the Suits in Admiralty Act).

"(5) The Act of June 19, 1948 (46 App. U.S.C. 740; popularly known as the Admiralty Extension Act).

"(6) Other matters related to noncontractual civil liability.

"(7) Compensation for work injuries under chapter 81 of title 5.

"(8) The resolution of claims relating to damage to or loss of personal property of the member incident to service under section 3721 of title 31 (popularly known as the Military Personnel and Civilian Employees' Claims Act of 1964).

"(c) A member of the Auxiliary, while assigned to duty, shall be deemed to be a person acting under an officer of the United States or an agency thereof for purposes of section 1442(a)(1) of title 28."

(b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections at the beginning of chapter 23 of

title 14, United States Code, is amended by striking the item relating to section 823 and inserting the following:

"823. Eligibility, enrollments, and status."

SEC. 804. ASSIGNMENT AND PERFORMANCE OF DUTIES.

(a) TRAVEL AND SUBSISTENCE EXPENSE.—Section 830(a) of title 14, United States Code, is amended by striking "specific".

(b) ASSIGNMENT OF GENERAL DUTIES.—Section 831 of title 14, United States Code, is amended by striking "specific" each place it appears.

(c) BENEFITS FOR INJURY OR DEATH.—Section 832 of title 14, United States Code, is amended by striking "specific" each place it appears.

SEC. 805. COOPERATION WITH OTHER AGENCIES, STATES, TERRITORIES, AND POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 141 of title 14, United States Code, is amended—

(1) by striking the section heading and inserting the following:

"§141. Cooperation with other agencies, States, territories, and political subdivisions";

(2) in the first sentence of subsection (a), by inserting after "personnel and facilities" the following: "(including members of the Auxiliary and facilities governed under chapter 23)"; and

(3) by adding at the end of subsection (a) the following new sentence: "The Commandant may prescribe conditions, including reimbursement, under which personnel and facilities may be provided under this subsection."

(b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections at the beginning of chapter 7 of title 14, United States Code, is amended by striking the item relating to section 141 and inserting the following:

"141. Cooperation with other agencies, States, territories, and political subdivisions."

SEC. 806. VESSEL DEEMED PUBLIC VESSEL.

Section 827 of title 14, United States Code, is amended to read as follows:

"§827. Vessel deemed public vessel

"While assigned to authorized Coast Guard duty, any motorboat or yacht shall be deemed to be a public vessel of the United States and a vessel of the Coast Guard within the meaning of sections 646 and 647 of this title and other applicable provisions of law."

SEC. 807. AIRCRAFT DEEMED PUBLIC AIRCRAFT.

Section 828 of title 14, United States Code, is amended to read as follows:

"§828. Aircraft deemed public aircraft

"While assigned to authorized Coast Guard duty, any aircraft shall be deemed to be a Coast Guard aircraft, a public vessel of the United States, and a vessel of the Coast Guard within the meaning of sections 646 and 647 of this title and other applicable provisions of law. Subject to the provisions of sections 823a and 831 of this title, while assigned to duty, qualified Auxiliary pilots shall be deemed to be Coast Guard pilots."

SEC. 808. DISPOSAL OF CERTAIN MATERIAL.

Section 641(a) of title 14, United States Code, is amended—

(1) by inserting after "with or without charge," the following: "to the Coast Guard Auxiliary, including any incorporated unit thereof,"; and

(2) by striking "to any incorporated unit of the Coast Guard Auxiliary,".

APPOINTMENT OF CONFEREES

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the Chair appoints the following conferees:

COAST GUARD AUTHORIZATION ACT OF 1995 (S. 1004, AND HOUSE AMENDMENT THERETO)

From the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, for consideration of the Senate bill and the House amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Messrs. SHUSTER, YOUNG of Alaska, COBLE, Mrs. FOWLER, and Messrs. BAKER of California, OBERSTAR, CLEMENT, and POSHARD.

From the Committee on the Judiciary, for consideration of section 901 of the Senate bill, and section 430 of the House amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Messrs. HYDE, MCCOLLUM, and CONYERS.

There was no objection.

REMOVAL OF NAME OF MEMBER AS COSPONSOR OF H.R. 491

Mr. GEJDENSEN. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that my name be removed as a cosponsor of H.R. 491. It was incorrectly placed as a cosponsor.

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

There was no objection.

REMOVAL OF NAME OF MEMBER AS COSPONSOR OF H.R. 1202

Mr. TEJEDA. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that my name be removed as a cosponsor of H.R. 1202.

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

There was no objection.

LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM

(Mr. FAZIO of California asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. FAZIO of California. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Illinois [Mr. HASTERT] in order to learn more about the schedule for next week.

Mr. HASTERT. I thank the gentleman for yielding.

Mr. Speaker, I am happy to announce that this vote marks the end of legislative business for the week.

When we return next week, the House will meet in pro forma session on Monday, March 4. Please be advised that there will be no legislative business and no votes that day.

On Tuesday, March 5, the House will meet at 9:30 a.m. for morning hour and 11 a.m. for legislative business. We plan to take up three bills under suspension of the rules: H.R. 2778, a bill to give special tax treatment to United States troops in Bosnia; H.R. 2853, a bill to extend most-favored-nation status to Bulgaria; and H.R. 497, the National Gambling Impact and Policy Commission Act.

Members should be advised that we do expect recorded votes sometime around 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 5.

For the remainder of the week, we expect to consider the following bills, all of which will be subject to rules:

H.R. 994, the Small Business Growth and Administrative Accountability Act; the conference report for H.R. 927, the Cuban Liberty and Democratic Solidarity Act; a bill to Increase temporarily the public debt; an omnibus appropriations or continuing resolution for fiscal year 1996; and it is possible that we may consider a resolution allowing staff depositions in the investigation of the White House Travel Office.

On Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, we hope to conclude legislative business between 7 and 8 p.m. And we should have Members on their way back home to their districts by 2 p.m. on Friday, March 8.

Mr. FAZIO of California. Mr. Speaker, if the gentleman would further elaborate. There is an assumption that we would have votes as early as 1 on Tuesday afternoon?

Mr. HASTERT. If the gentleman will further yield, the assumption here is that the votes could come as early as 1 on Tuesday.

Mr. FAZIO of California. Would it not be possible if we had three suspensions to roll any votes on those suspensions and perhaps delay a little longer than 1?

Mr. HASTERT. We will take it under advisement to roll those votes. Still even rolling those votes it may be 2.

Mr. FAZIO of California. It might not prolong the time, but I think Members would appreciate, particularly on a suspension, as much delay as possible before a vote would actually be called.

Mr. HASTERT. I can tell the gentleman from California that we will roll those votes, but we cannot guarantee that they will go much beyond 2.

Mr. FAZIO of California. Mr. Speaker, let me yield to my friend, the gentleman from Missouri [Mr. VOLKMER].

Mr. VOLKMER. Mr. Speaker, I can tell the gentleman from Illinois I have a little bit of a problem, looking at the schedule, because the last part of it says Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, we hope to conclude legislative business between 7 and 8 p.m. That says Tuesday. What are we going to do after we do the three suspensions because that is all you have got listed for Tuesday?

Mr. HASTERT. We will go to the regulatory reform bill.

Mr. VOLKMER. We are going to do regulatory reform, and where is that on the schedule?

Mr. HASTERT. We will probably do the rule for the regulatory reform and then possibly get into the bill itself.

Mr. VOLKMER. Where is that on this schedule? The Small Business Growth and Administrative Accountability Act?

Mr. HASTERT. The name of the bill is H.R. 994, the Small Business Growth and Administrative Accountability Act.

Mr. VOLKMER. In other words, what is proposed we will first do, I guess it will be 1-minute on Tuesday.

Mr. HASTERT. It will be 1-minute.

Mr. VOLKMER. Then we will do the three suspensions. We will roll those. Then we will do those and then we will do the rule and then get into debate and see how far we can go on regulatory reform?

Mr. HASTERT. The gentleman is correct.

Mr. FAZIO of California. Mr. Speaker, if I can reclaim my time here just to confirm. There would be no further legislative business on Tuesday other than the regulatory reform bill that the gentleman mentioned, is that correct?

Mr. HASTERT. If the gentleman will yield further, at this time that is our assumption.

Mr. FAZIO of California. We would take up the rule, general debate, and perhaps consider the legislation, is that correct?

Mr. HASTERT. And amendments.

Mr. FAZIO of California. And all amendments thereto?

Mr. HASTERT. That is right.

Mr. FAZIO of California. Does the gentleman know what kind of rule we might anticipate?

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Mr. HASTERT. The Committee on Rules will be meeting this afternoon, and we will have the rule out later this afternoon.

Mr. FAZIO of California. We have no idea, really, how many amendments might be in order, whether an open rule would be required, but it would probably fill up the afternoon?

Mr. HASTERT. We expect it to be an open rule, yes.

Mr. VOLKMER. On the schedule, I appreciate that, because the way I read this, I did not see that in it.

Mr. HASTERT. I understand.

Mr. VOLKMER. Now we know why we are going to be here between 7 and 8. On the bill to increase temporarily the public debt, do you have any idea what date? Will that be a Wednesday or Thursday?

Mr. HASTERT. It could be Wednesday or could be Thursday.

Mr. VOLKMER. Do you know whether or not that would have an open rule, or would that be a closed rule like all of the other ones have been?

Mr. HASTERT. I would say that that bill probably will be a closed rule.

Mr. VOLKMER. The appropriation for continuing resolution, well, first let me ask this: The public debt, let us see, tomorrow is March 1, is it not?

Mr. HASTERT. Tomorrow is March 1.

Mr. VOLKMER. My understanding from earlier discussions with the leadership back before we recessed that we would be doing this by March 1.

Mr. HASTERT. That, plus we passed a piece of legislation that dealt with Social Security that said we could deal with it later than March 1.

Mr. VOLKMER. That is a firm schedule to do it next week?

The continuing resolution, instead of waiting until March 5, you are proposing to do that also next week? Is that correct?

Mr. HASTERT. We are proposing to do a continuing resolution or an omnibus appropriation next week.

Mr. VOLKMER. Right. But that would take care of those that expire on March 15? Is that correct?

Mr. HASTERT. That is our assumption.

Mr. VOLKMER. And would that continuing resolution or appropriation bill, whatever we want to call it, is that going to be for the rest of the fiscal year then? Is that going to be for another 2 or 3 months?

Mr. HASTERT. We are in negotiations with the White House, staff to staff, and intend that that will be on a higher level when those negotiations are finished. I think that result will show in the bill.

Mr. VOLKMER. I have been busy with the farm bill the last 2 days. There may have been announcements on this floor that I have missed. So has there been an announcement by the Committee on Rules on what we call the regulatory reform bill or the Accountability Act that amendments had to be to the Committee on Rules before today so Members knew if they had amendments to this bill, they had to have them in?

Mr. HASTERT. They just filed the rule, sir, and it is an open rule.

Mr. VOLKMER. It is an open rule?

Mr. HASTERT. Yes.

Mr. FAZIO of California. I thank the gentleman from Missouri [Mr. VOLKMER]. I think he has pretty much covered the issues that need to be covered.

DISPENSING WITH CALENDAR WEDNESDAY BUSINESS ON WEDNESDAY NEXT

Mr. FUNDERBURK. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the business in order under the calendar Wednesday rule be dispensed with on Wednesday next.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. NETHERCUTT). Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from North Carolina?

There was no objection.

ADJOURNMENT TO MONDAY, MARCH 4, 1996

Mr. FUNDERBURK. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 2 p.m. on Monday next.

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

There was no objection.

PERMISSION TO HAVE UNTIL 5 P.M., FRIDAY, MARCH 1, 1996, TO FILE CONFERENCE REPORT ON H.R. 927, CUBAN LIBERTY AND DEMOCRATIC SOLIDARITY (LIBERTAD) ACT OF 1995

Mr. FUNDERBURK. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the managers on the part of the House have