CONGRESSIONAL RECORD—HOUSE

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Smith (TX) Smith (WA) Leach Petri Lewis (CA) Pombo Lewis (KY) Porter Solomon Lightfoot Portman Souder Linder Pryce Spence Livingston Quillen Stearns LoBiondo Quinn Stump Radanovich Talent Longley Lucas Ramstad Tate Manzullo Tauzin Regula Taylor (NC) Martini Riggs Thomas Thornberry McCollum Roberts McHugh Rogers Rohrabacher Torkildsen McIntosh Ros-Lehtinen McKeon Roth Upton Metcalf Roukema Vucanovich Meyers Royce Salmon Waldholtz Walker Mica Miller (FL) Sanford Walsh Wamp Watts (OK) Molinari Saxton Scarborough Moorhead Schaefer Weldon (FL) Morella Myrick Schiff Weldon (PA) Nethercutt Seastrand Weller White Whitfield Neumann Sensenbrenner Ney Norwood Shadegg Wicker Shaw Nussle Shays Wolf Young (AK) Shuster Oxley Packard Young (FL) Skeen Smith (MI) Parker Zeliff Smith (NJ) Paxon Zimmer

NOT VOTING-21

Dornan Durbin Baker (LA) Johnson (SD) Bevill McCrery Bryant (TX) Ford McDade Myers Stockman Chabot Green Chapman Harman Hayes Collins (MI) Hoke Williams

□ 1749

Mr. ENSIGN changed his vote from "ave" to "no.

Mr. GIBBONS changed his vote from "no" to "ave.

So the motion to recommit was rejected.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. LAHOOD). The question is on the passage of the bill.

Pursuant to clause 7 of rule XV, the yeas and nays are ordered.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were yeas 209, nays 206, not voting 17, as follows:

[Roll No. 55]

YEAS-209 Chambliss Allard Chenoweth Archer Christensen Armey Bachus Chrysler Baker (CA) Clinger Ballenger Coble Collins (GA) Barr Barrett (NE) Combest Bartlett Cooley Barton Cox Crane Bass Bateman Crapo Bereuter Cremeans Bilirakis Cubin Bliley Cunningham Blute Davis Boehlert Deal DeLay Diaz-Balart Boehner Bonilla Bono Dickey Doolittle Brownback Bryant (TN) Dornan Bunn Dreier Bunning Dunn Burr Ehlers Burton Ehrlich Buyer Callahan Emerson English Calvert Everett Ewing Fawell Camp Canady

Fields (TX) Foley Forbes Fowler Fox Franks (NJ) Frelinghuysen Frisa Funderburk Furse Gallegly Ganske Gekas Geren Gilchrest Gillmor Gilman Gingrich Goodlatte Goodling Goss Graham Greenwood Gunderson Gutknecht Hancock Hansen Hastert Hastings (WA) Hayworth Hefley

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Andrews

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Bentsen

Berman

Bilbray

Bishop

Bonior

Borski

Boucher

Brewster

Browder

Brown (CA)

Brown (FL)

Brown (OH)

Campbell

Cardin

Castle

Clayton

Clement

Clyburn

Coleman

Collins (IL)

Coburn

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Costello

Coyne

Cramer

Danner

DeFazio

DeLauro

Dellums

Deutsch

Dicks

Dixon

Dingell

Doggett

Dooley

Doyle

Engel

Ensign

Eshoo

Evans

Fattah

Fields (LA)

Fazio

Filner

Flake

Farr

Edwards

de la Garza

Beilenson

Baldacci

Barrett (WI)

Quillen Radanovich Ramstad Regula Roberts Rogers Rohrabacher Ros-Lehtinen Roukema Salmon Sanford Saxton

NAYS-206

Flanagan McHale Foglietta McHugh Ford McIntosh Frank (MA) McKinney Franks (CT) McNulty Frost Meehan Gejdenson Meek Menendez Gephardt Gibbons Mevers Gonzalez Miller (CA) Gordon Minge Gutierrez Mink Hall (OH) Hall (TX) Moakley Mollohan Hamilton Montgomery Harman Hastings (FL) Morella Hefner Murtha Hilliard Nadler Hinchey Neal Holden Oberstar Obey Hoyer Jackson (IL) Olver Jackson-Lee Ortiz Orton Jacobs Owens Jefferson Pallone Johnson, E. B. Pastor Payne (NJ) Johnston Kanjorski Payne (VA) Kaptur Peľosi Kennedy (MA) Peterson (FL) Peterson (MN) Kennedy (RI) Kennelly Petri Kildee Pickett Kleczka Pomeroy Klink Poshard Quinn Klug LaFalce Rahall Lantos Rangel Largent Reed Levin Lewis (GA) Richardson Rivers Lincoln Roemer Lipinski Rose Roybal-Allard LoBiondo Lofgren Rush Sabo Sanders Lowey Luther Maloney Sawyer Manton Markey Scarborough Schroeder Martinez Schumer Martini Scott Serrano Mascara

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Slaughter Souder Spratt Stark Stenholm Studds Stupak Tanner Taylor (MS) Tejeda Thompson Baker (LA)

Thornton Ward Thurman Waters Torres Watt (NC) Torricelli Waxman Williams Towns Traficant Wilson Velazquez Wise Woolsey Vento ๋ Visclosky Wynn Volkmer Yates Wamp Zimmer NOT VOTING-17

Collins (MI) McCrerv Bevill Duncan Myers Bryant (TX) Durbin Stockman Chabot Green Stokes Taylor (NC) Chapman Hayes Johnson (SD) Clay

□ 1806

Mrs. MEEK of Florida changed her vote from "yea" to "nay.

So the bill was passed.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. LIVINGSTON. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend their remarks on H.R. 3019, and that they may include tabular and extraneous material.

The SPEAKER pro tempore BARRETT of Nebraska). Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Louisiana?

There was no objection.

REPORT ON RESOLUTION WAIVING POINTS OF ORDER AGAINST CON-FERENCE REPORT ON H.R. 1561, AMERICAN OVERSEAS IN-TERESTS ACT OF 1996

Mr. GOSS, from the Committee on Rules, submitted a privileged report (Rept. 104-476) on the resolution (H. Res. 375) waiving points of order against the conference report to accompany the bill (H.R. 1561) to consolidate the foreign affairs agencies of the United States; to authorize appropriations for the Department of State and related agencies for fiscal years 1996 and 1997; to responsibly reduce the authorizations of appropriations for United States foreign assistance programs for fiscal years 1996 and 1997, and for other purposes which was referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed.

REPORT ON RESOLUTION PROVID-FOR CONSIDERATION H.R. 2703, THE EFFECTIVE DEATH PENALTY AND PUBLIC SAFETY ACT OF 1996

Mr. GOSS, for the Committee on Rules, submitted a privileged report (Rept. No. 104-191) on the resolution (H. Res. 376) providing for the consideration of the bill (H.R. 2703) to combat terrorism, which was referred to the House Calender and ordered to printed.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A message from the Senate by Mr. Lundregan, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate had passed without amendment a bill of the House of the following title:

H.R. 3021. An act to guarantee the continuing full investment of Social Security and other Federal funds in obligations of the United States.

PROVIDING SPECIAL AUTHORITIES TO COMMITTEE ON GOVERN-MENT REFORM AND OVERSIGHT TO OBTAIN TESTIMONY ON THE WHITE HOUSE TRAVEL OFFICE MATTER

Mrs. WALDHOLTZ. Mr. Speaker, by direction of the Committee on Rules, I call up House Resolution 369 and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 369

Resolved, That-

(a) The Chairman of the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight, for purposes of the committee's investigation and study of the White House Travel Office mater, may, upon consultation with the ranking minority member of the committee, authorize the taking of affidavits, and of depositions pursuant to notice or subpoena, by a member or staff of the committee designated by the chairman, or require the furnishing of information by interrogatory, under oath administered by a person otherwise authorized by law to administer oaths.

(b) Deposition and affidavit testimony, and information received by interrogatory, shall be deemed to have been taken in executive session of the committee in Washington, District of Columbia. All deposition and affidavit testimony and information received by interrogatory shall be considered nonpublic until received by the committee, except that all such testimony and information shall, unless otherwise directed by the committee be available for use by members of the committee in open session of the committee.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentlewoman from Utah [Mrs. WALDHOLTZ] is recognized for 1 hour.

Mrs. WALDHOLTZ. Mr. Speaker, for the purpose of debate only, I yield the customary 30 minutes to the gentleman from Ohio [Mr. HALL], pending which I yield myself such time as I may consume. During consideration of this resolution, all time yielded is for the purpose of debate only.

Mr. Speaker, let me announce at the outset, in the interest of time, that the bipartisan leadership has agreed to limit debate on this resolution to two speakers on each side.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mrs. WALDHOLTZ. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material on House Resolution 369.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentlewoman from Utah?

There was no objection.

Mrs. WALDHOLTZ. Mr. Speaker, House Resolution 369 is a resolution

providing special authorities to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight to take testimony in the matter of the White House Travel Office. Under the terms of the resolution the chairman of the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight, upon consulting with the ranking minority member, may authorize any member or designated staff of the committee to take sworn affidavits and depositions pursuant to notice or subpoena and could require furnishing of information by written interrogatories under oath. Any such testimony received would be considered to have been received in executive session by the committee in Washington, DC, would be considered as nonpublic until received by the committee and, thereafter, could be used by any member of the committee in open session related to the investigation of the White House Travel Office matter unless the committee directs otherwise.

The reason this authority requires the approval of the House is because it departs from the standing House rule, clause 2(h), rule XI, that requires a quorum of at least two members of a committee to take testimony.

□ 1815

This resolution differs from the House rule in that it would permit the chairman to authorize any member or staff of the committee to take testimony by sworn deposition or affidavit.

Mr. Speaker, on May 19, 1993, seven White House Travel Office staffers, after years, and in some cases decades, of faithful service, were summarily fired and told to vacate their offices in 2 hours. Later the same day, the White House announced the launching of an FBI criminal investigation of the former employees, which ended in Office Director Billy Dale's indictment on two embezzlement charges—charges proved utterly meritless when a Federal jury acquitted him after less than 2 hours of deliberation.

Mr. Speaker, before his complete exoneration, Billy Dale endured 2½ years of investigation, prosecution, and humiliation. One of Mr. Dale's daughters was forced to account for every penny spent on her wedding and honeymoon, and the other was asked by an interrogator whether she wasn't worried about letting her father handle her money. Mr. Dale's father died without ever seeing his son exonerated. Mr. Dale's legal bills amounted to over \$500,000. Billy Dale—an innocent man—felt the full weight of the FBI, the IRS, the Justice Department, and the White House arrayed against him. The public deserves to know the truth. Billy Dale deserves to have this story told.

I commend Chairman CLINGER for his efforts in this matter. He has brought home to the American people the enormity of the wrong committed against these seven people.

Chairman CLINGER has indicated that the special authority is needed because of the reluctance and even refusal of certain potential witnesses to cooperate voluntarily in submitting to staff interviews preliminary to a hearing. This makes it extremely difficult, if not impossible, for a committee to adequately prepare background information and questions for a hearing.

Absent such important background information prior to a formal hearing, the committee is left to elicit the same information during the course of the hearing—something that can greatly prolong a hearing and reduce members to searching for the appropriate questions to ask of a witness.

Mr. Speaker, I want to emphasize that the special authority proposed in the resolution before us today is something that the Rules Committee and the House have granted only in extraordinary circumstances where there is a compelling need for such authority and it is investigation-specific. This is not a grant of blanket authority for all investigations of the Government Reform and Oversight Committee or any other committee.

But this body has granted such authority in the past. Examples of investigation authorization resolutions that have contained special deposition authority include: the President Nixon impeachment proceedings, Koreagate, Abscam, and Iran-Contra.

Moreover, the committee has made it clear that the granting of this special authority should be accompanied by assurances that the minority will not only be consulted prior to the noticing of any special testimony, but guaranteed participation and access in the process, just as it would in a committee hearing.

Chairman CLINGER has assured both us and the committee minority that this was his clear and unequivocal commitment and intent from the start. And it is my understanding that Chairman CLINGER, a man of his word, has worked with the minority, led by the distinguished gentlewoman from Illinois, Mrs. COLLINS, in crafting this resolution and the limits that have been placed on its scope. In fact, the committee met early this morning and passed the resolution by a bipartisan voice vote.

Finally, I would note that the special testimony authority language of House Resolution 369 is nearly identical to that contained in House Resolution 12 in the 100th Congress, creating the House Select Committee on Iran-Contra.

That resolution was drafted on a bipartisan basis and overwhelmingly adopted by the House on January 7, 1987, by a vote of 416 to 2.

I urge my colleagues to give this resolution the same measure of bipartisan support that the Iran-Contra resolution had in the 100th Congress so that the Government Reform and Oversight Committee can expedite its hearings process and complete its investigation.

Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.