

Wolf Yates Zelff
Woolsey Young (AK) Zimmer
Wynn Young (FL)

NOT VOTING—22

Borski Ford Stokes
Bryant (TX) Fowler Studts
Clinger Gibbons Thomas
Collins (IL) Harman Torricelli
Conyers McDermott Waters
DeLay Pickett Weldon (PA)
Dornan Smith (WA)
Filner Stark

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So (two-thirds having voted in favor thereof) the rules were suspended and the resolution was agreed to.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. ROGERS). Pursuant to the provisions of clause 5 of rule I, the Chair announces that he will reduce to a minimum of 5 minutes the period of time within which a vote by electronic device will be taken on the additional motion to suspend the rules on which the Chair had postponed further proceedings.

EMANCIPATION OF IRANIAN BAHAI COMMUNITY

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The unfinished business is the question of suspending the rules and agreeing to the concurrent resolution, House Concurrent Resolution 102.

The Clerk read the title of the concurrent resolution.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from New York [Mr. GILMAN] that the House suspend the rules and agree to the concurrent resolution, House Concurrent Resolution 102, on which the yeas and nays are ordered.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 408, nays 0, not voting 23, as follows:

[Roll No 96]

YEAS—408

Abercrombie Bereuter Buyer
Ackerman Bevell Callahan
Allard Bilbray Calvert
Andrews Bilirakis Camp
Archer Bishop Campbell
Army Bliley Canady
Bachus Blute Cardin
Baesler Boehlert Castle
Baker (CA) Boehner Chabot
Baker (LA) Bonilla Chambliss
Baldacci Bonior Chapman
Ballenger Bono Chenoweth
Barcia Boucher Christensen
Barr Browder Chrysler
Barrett (NE) Brown (CA) Clay
Barrett (WI) Brown (FL) Clayton
Bartlett Brown (OH) Clement
Barton Brownback Clyburn
Bass Bryant (TN) Coble
Bateman Bunn Coburn
Becerra Bunning Coleman
Beilenson Burr Collins (GA)
Bentsen Burton Collins (MI)

Combest
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Conyers
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Costello
Cox
Coyne
Cramer
Crane
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Cubin
Cunningham
Danner
Davis
de la Garza
Deal
DeFazio
DeLauro
Dellums
Deutsch
Diaz-Balart
Dickey
Dingell
Dixon
Doggett
Dooley
Doolittle
Doyle
Dreier
Duncan
Dunn
Durbin
Edwards
Ehlers
Ehrlich
Emerson
Engel
English
Ensign
Eshoo
Evans
Everett
Ewing
Farr
Fattah
Fawell
Fazio
Fields (LA)
Fields (TX)
Flanagan
Foglietta
Foley
Forbes
Fox
Frank (MA)
Franks (CT)
Franks (NJ)
Frelinghuysen
Frisa
Frost
Funderburk
Furse
Gallegly
Ganske
Gejdenson
Gekas
Gephardt
Geren
Gilchrist
Gillmor
Gilman
Gonzalez
Goodlatte
Goodling
Gordon
Goss
Graham
Green
Greenwood
Gutierrez
Gutknecht
Hall (OH)
Hall (TX)
Hamilton
Hancock
Hansen
Hastert
Hastings (FL)
Hastings (WA)
Hayes
Hayworth
Hefley
Hefner
Heineman
Herger
Hilleary
Hilliard
Hinchev

Hobson
Hoekstra
Hoke
Holden
Horn
Hostettler
Houghton
Hoyer
Hunter
Hutchinson
Hyde
Inglis
Istook
Jackson (IL)
Jackson-Lee
(TX)
Jacobs
Jefferson
Johnson (CT)
Johnson (SD)
Johnson, E. B.
Johnson, Sam
Johnston
Jones
Kanjorski
Kaptur
Kasich
Kelly
Kennedy (MA)
Kennedy (RI)
Kennelly
Kildee
Kim
King
Kingston
Kleczka
Klink
Klug
Knollenberg
Kolbe
LaFalce
LaHood
Lantos
Largent
Latham
LaTourette
Laughlin
Lazio
Leach
Levin
Lewis (CA)
Lewis (GA)
Lewis (KY)
Lightfoot
Lincoln
Linder
Lipinski
Livingston
LoBiondo
Lofgren
Longley
Lowey
Lucas
Luther
Maloney
Manton
Manzullo
Markey
Martinez
Martini
Mascara
Matsui
McCarthy
McCollum
McCrery
McDade
McHale
McHugh
McInnis
McIntosh
McKeon
McKinney
McNulty
Meehan
Meek
Menendez
Metcalz
Meyers
Mica
Miller (CA)
Miller (FL)
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Moakley
Molinari
Mollohan
Montgomery
Moorhead
Moran

Morella
Murtha
Myers
Myrick
Nadler
Neal
Nethercutt
Neumann
Ney
Norwood
Nussle
Oberstar
Obey
Olver
Ortiz
Orton
Owens
Oxley
Packard
Pallone
Parker
Pastor
Paxon
Payne (NJ)
Payne (VA)
Pelosi
Peterson (FL)
Peterson (MN)
Petri
Pickett
Pombo
Pomeroy
Porter
Portman
Poshard
Pryce
Quillen
Quinn
Radanovich
Rahall
Ramstad
Rangel
Reed
Regula
Richardson
Riggs
Rivers
Roberts
Roemer
Rogers
Rohrabacher
Ros-Lehtinen
Rose
Roth
Roukema
Roybal-Allard
Royce
Rush
Sabo
Salmon
Sanders
Sanford
Sawyer
Saxton
Scarborough
Schaefer
Schiff
Schroeder
Schumer
Scott
Seastrand
Sensenbrenner
Serrano
Shadegg
Shaw
Shays
Shuster
Sisisky
Skaggs
Skeen
Skelton
Slaughter
Smith (MI)
Smith (NJ)
Smith (TX)
Solomon
Souder
Spence
Spratt
Stark
Stearns
Stenholm
Stockman
Stump
Stupak
Talent
Tanner
Tate
Tauzin

Taylor (MS)
Taylor (NC)
Tejeda
Thompson
Thornberry
Thornton
Thurman
Tiahrt
Torkildsen
Torres
Towns
Traficant
Upton
Velazquez
Vento

Visclosky
Volkmer
Vucanovich
Waldholtz
Walker
Walsh
Wamp
Ward
Waters
Watt (NC)
Watts (OK)
Waxman
Weldon (FL)
Weller
White

Whitfield
Wicker
Williams
Wilson
Wise
Wolf
Woolsey
Wynn
Yates
Young (AK)
Young (FL)
Zeliff
Zimmer

NOT VOTING—23

Berman
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Bryant (TX)
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Collins (IL)
DeLay
Dicks
Dornan
Filner
Flake
Ford
Fowler
Gibbons
Gunderson
Harman
McDermott
Smith (WA)
Stokes
Studds
Thomas
Torricelli
Weldon (PA)

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So (two-thirds having voted in favor thereof) the rules were suspended and the concurrent resolution was agreed to.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

REPORT ON RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 3136, CONTRACT WITH AMERICA ADVANCEMENT ACT OF 1996

Mr. GOSS, from the Committee on Rules, submitted a privileged report (Rept. No. 104-500) on the resolution (H. Res. 391) providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 3136) to provide for enactment of the Senior Citizens' Right to Work Act of 1996, the Line-Item Veto Act, and the Small Business Growth and Fairness Act of 1996, and to provide for a permanent increase in the public debt limit, which was referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed.

REPORT ON RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 3103, HEALTH COVERAGE AVAILABILITY AND AFFORDABILITY ACT OF 1996

Mr. GOSS, from the Committee on Rules, submitted a privileged report (Rept. No. 104-501) on the resolution (H. Res. 392) providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 3103) to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to improve portability and continuity of health insurance coverage in the group and individual markets, to combat waste, fraud, and abuse in health insurance and health care delivery, to promote the use of medical savings accounts, to improve access to long-term care services and coverage, to simplify the administration of health insurance, and for other purposes, which was referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed.

REPORT ON RESOLUTION WAIVING POINTS OF ORDER AGAINST CONFERENCE REPORT ON H.R. 2854, FEDERAL AGRICULTURE IMPROVEMENT AND REFORM ACT OF 1996

Mr. GOSS, from the Committee on Rules submitted a privileged report (Rept. No. 104-502) on the resolution (H. Res. 393) waiving points of order against the conference report to accompany the bill (H.R. 2854) to modify the operation of certain agricultural programs, which was referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed.

REPORT ON RESOLUTION WAIVING POINTS OF ORDER AGAINST CONFERENCE REPORT ON H.R. 956, COMMON SENSE PRODUCT LIABILITY LEGAL REFORM ACT OF 1996

Mr. GOSS, from the Committee on Rules submitted a privileged report (Rept. No. 104-503) on the resolution (H. Res. 394) waiving points of order against the conference report to accompany the bill (H.R. 956) to establish legal standards and procedures for product liability litigation, and for other purposes, which was referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed.

REPORT OF DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES REGARDING RADIATION CONTROL FOR HEALTH AND SAFETY ACT OF 1968—MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following message from the President of the United States; which was read and, together with the accompanying papers, without objection, referred to the Committee on Commerce:

To the Congress of the United States:

In accordance with section 540 of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (21 U.S.C. 360qq) (previously section 360D of the Public Health Service Act), I am submitting the report of the Department of Health and Human Services regarding the administration of the Radiation Control for Health and Safety Act of 1968 during calendar year 1994.

The report recommends the repeal of section 540 of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act that requires the completion of this annual report. All the information found in this report is available to the Congress on a more immediate basis through the Center for Devices and Radiological Health technical reports, the Radiological Health Bulletin, and other publicly available sources. The Agency resources devoted to the preparation of this report could be put to other, better uses.

WILLIAM J. CLINTON.

THE WHITE HOUSE, March 27, 1996.

1996 TRADE POLICY AGENDA AND 1995 ANNUAL REPORT ON TRADE AGREEMENTS PROGRAM—MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following message from the President of the United States; which was read and, together with the accompanying papers, without objection, referred to the Committee on Ways and Means:

To the Congress of the United States:

As required by section 163 of the Trade Act of 1974, as amended (19 U.S.C. 2213), I transmit herewith the 1996 Trade Policy Agenda and 1995 Annual Report on the Trade Agreements Program.

WILLIAM J. CLINTON.

THE WHITE HOUSE, March 27, 1996.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Clerk of the House of Representatives:

WASHINGTON, DC,
March 27, 1996.

Hon. NEWT GINGRICH,
Speaker, House of Representatives, Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: This is to formally notify you, pursuant to Rule L (50) of the Rules of the House of Representatives, that I, as custodian of records for the Office of the Clerk, U.S. House of Representatives, have been served with three grand jury subpoenas duces tecum issued by the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan.

After consultation with the Office of General Counsel, I have determined that the Clerk's Office has no documents responsive to the subpoenas. Through counsel, I will so notify the appropriate Assistant U.S. Attorney.

Sincerely,

ROBIN H. CARLE,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.

SPECIAL ORDERS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of May 12, 1995, and under a previous order of the House, the following Members will be recognized for 5 minutes each.

FDA REFORM

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Pennsylvania [Mr. FOX] is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. FOX of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I appreciate the opportunity to address my colleagues tonight on a very important topic. Today it was announced that legislation will be introduced this week on FDA reform. This is long overdue here in the Congress, to make sure we help protect the health and safety of our constituents.

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Today Congressman GREENWOOD, the task force chairman under Congress-

man BLILEY started out with a discussion of our mission and was followed with remarks from Chairman BILIRAKIS, Chairman BARTON, Congressman KLUG, Congressman BUYER, Congressman PALLONE, and Congressman RICHARDSON.

It is a bipartisan effort, Mr. Speaker, for the purpose of making sure that we stop the insidious problem we have had in the country with the FDA treatment delayed become FDA treatment denied. We need to save lives, extend the years, and improve quality of life for all of our constituents. An idea whose time has arrived is FDA reform, not just for food, but for medical devices and pharmaceuticals as well.

It may well be the most extensive and important piece of legislation we will deal with in the second session of the 104th Congress, that being FDA reform. If we can hasten the approval process for drugs and medical devices while patients await a cure or a vaccine, we will certainly have accomplished much as Congressman and Senators.

Mr. Speaker, lest anyone believe otherwise, we are certainly not going to reduce in any way the safety of drugs, the efficacy of those drugs, but we want to speed up the process of the approval. It can be done through streamlining the clinical research, through third-party review and through working with international harmonization, by accepting certified results of tests by other countries.

I am hopeful the many people who came to Washington today who had illnesses such as cancer, ALS, epilepsy, AIDS, and a myriad of other conditions they have come to us saying, look, we need to make sure we can live longer, please, do not stop us from getting the experimental drugs, the miracle drugs we need in order to live a little longer and hope for a cure.

I believe today, ladies and gentleman, that we have heard from the American people, that we can work together in a bipartisan fashion, House and Senate together, working with the White House and working with the FDA. Dr. Kessler has a very important organization that he heads. We need to work with him to make sure the reforms we need are ones that can be embraced by all, because what we are talking about is the health care and the life of all of our constituents across this United States, in the country where 85 percent of the new drugs to extend life and to sustain life are being created. We want to make sure those discoveries stay here and the jobs of the people who are, thankfully, making those discoveries every day.

I thank you for the opportunity to address my colleagues, and I hope that we will fast-track this important legislation and it does in fact become passed before the end of the session.

TRIBUTE TO DAVID PACKARD

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. COLLINS of Georgia). Under a previous