

Mr. COOKSEY. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 29, I was inadvertently detained. Had I been present, I would have voted "yes."

Mr. HANSEN. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 29, I was unavoidably detained. Had I been present, I would have voted "yes."

Mr. BILBRAY. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 29, I was inadvertently detained. Had I been present, I would have voted "yes."

EXPORT APPLE ACT

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. SHIMKUS). The pending business is the question of suspending the rules and passing the bill, H.R. 609.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Texas (Mr. CONDIT) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 609, on which the yeas and nays are ordered.

This will be a 5-minute vote.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 416, nays 0, not voting 17, as follows:

[Roll No. 30]

YEAS—416

Abercrombie	Chenoweth	Fossella	Jenkins	Moore	Shaw
Ackerman	Clay	Fowler	John	Moran (KS)	Shays
Aderholt	Clayton	Frank (MA)	Johnson (CT)	Moran (VA)	Sherman
Allen	Clement	Franks (NJ)	Johnson, E. B.	Morella	Sherwood
Andrews	Clyburn	Frelinghuysen	Johnson, Sam	Murtha	Shimkus
Archer	Coble	Frost	Jones (NC)	Myrick	Shows
Armey	Coburn	Gallegly	Jones (OH)	Nadler	Shuster
Bachus	Collins	Ganske	Kanjorski	Napolitano	Simpson
Baird	Combest	Gejdenson	Kaptur	Neal	Sisisky
Baker	Condit	Gekas	Kasich	Nethercutt	Skeen
Baldacci	Conyers	Gephart	Kelly	Ney	Skelton
Baldwin	Cook	Gibbons	Kennedy	Northup	Slaughter
Ballenger	Cooksey	Gilchrest	Kildee	Norwood	Smith (MI)
Barcia	Costello	Gillmor	Kilpatrick	Nussle	Smith (NJ)
Barr	Cox	Gilman	Kind (WI)	Oberstar	Smith (TX)
Barrett (NE)	Coyne	Gonzalez	King (NY)	Olver	Smith (WA)
Barrett (WI)	Cramer	Goodre	Kingston	Ortiz	Snyder
Bartlett	Crane	Goodlatte	Klein	Ose	Souder
Barton	Crowley	Goodling	Knollenberg	Owens	Spratt
Bass	Cubin	Gordon	Kolbe	Oxley	Stabenow
Bateman	Cummings	Goss	Kucinich	Packard	Stark
Becerra	Cunningham	Graham	Kuykendall	Pallone	Stearns
Bentsen	Danner	Green (TX)	LaFalce	Pascarella	Stenholm
Bereuter	Davis (FL)	Green (WI)	LaHood	Pastor	Strickland
Berkley	Davis (IL)	Greenwood	Lampson	Paul	Stump
Berry	Davis (VA)	Gutierrez	Lantos	Payne	Stupak
Biggert	Deal	Gutknecht	Largent	Pease	Sununu
Bilbray	DeFazio	Hall (OH)	Larson	Pelosi	Sweeney
Bilirakis	DeGette	Hall (TX)	Latham	Peterson (MN)	Talent
Bishop	Delahunt	Hansen	LaTourette	Peterson (PA)	Tancredo
Blagojevich	DeLauro	Hastings (FL)	Lazio	Petri	Tanner
Billey	DeLay	Hastings (WA)	Leach	Phelps	Tauscher
Blumenauer	DeMint	Hayes	Lee	Pickering	Tauzin
Blunt	Deutsch	Hayworth	Levin	Pickett	Taylor (MS)
Boehlert	Diaz-Balart	Hefley	Lewis (CA)	Pitts	Taylor (NC)
Boehner	Dickey	Herger	Lewis (GA)	Pombo	Terry
Bonilla	Dicks	Hill (IN)	Lewis (KY)	Pomeroy	Thomas
Bonior	Dingell	Hill (MT)	Linder	Porter	Thompson (CA)
Bono	Dixon	Hilleary	Lipinski	Portman	Thompson (MS)
Borski	Doggett	Hinchey	LoBiondo	Price (NC)	Thornberry
Boswell	Dooley	Hinojosa	Lofgren	Pryce (OH)	Thune
Boucher	Doolittle	Hobson	Lowey	Quinn	Thurman
Boyd	Doyle	Hoefel	Lucas (KY)	Radanovich	Tiabrt
Brady (PA)	Dreier	Hoekstra	Lucas (OK)	Rahall	Tierney
Brady (TX)	Duncan	Holden	Luther	Ramstad	Toomey
Brown (CA)	Edwards	Holt	Maloney (CT)	Rangel	Traficant
Brown (FL)	Ehlers	Hoooley	Maloney (NY)	Regula	Turner
Brown (OH)	Ehrlich	Horn	Manzullo	Reyes	Udall (CO)
Bryant	Emerson	Hostettler	Markey	Reynolds	Udall (NM)
Burr	Engel	Houghton	Martinez	Riley	Upton
Burton	English	Hoyer	McGovern	Rivers	Velazquez
Calvert	Eshoo	Hulshof	McCarthy (MO)	Rodriguez	Vento
Camp	Etheridge	Hutchinson	McCarthy (NY)	Roemer	Visclosky
Campbell	Ewing	Hyde	McCrory	Rogan	Walden
Canady	Farr	Insllee	McDermott	Rohrabacher	Walsh
Capuano	Fattah	Isakson	McGovern	Ros-Lehtinen	Wamp
Cardin	Filner	Istook	McNulty	Rothman	Waters
Carson	Fletcher	Jackson (IL)	Meehan	Roukema	Watt (NC)
Castle	Foley	Jackson-Lee	McHugh	Royal-Ballard	Watts (OK)
Chabot	Forbes	(TX)	McInnis	Roybal-Allard	Waxman
Chambliss	Ford	Jefferson	McIntosh	Royce	Weiner
			McIntyre	Ryan (WI)	Weldon (FL)
			McKeon	Ryun (KS)	Sabo
			McNulty	Sabro	Weldon (PA)
			Meehan	Salmon	Weller
			Meek (FL)	Sanchez	Wexler
			Meeks (NY)	Sanders	Weygand
			Menendez	Sandlin	Whitfield
			Metcalf	Sanford	Wicker
			Mica	Sawyer	Wilson
			Millender-	Saxton	Wise
			McDonald	Scarborough	Wolf
			Miller (FL)	Schaffer	Woolsey
			Miller, Gary	Schakowsky	Wu
			Miller, George	Scott	Wynn
			Minge	Sensenbrenner	Young (AK)
			Mink	Serrano	Young (FL)
			Moakley	Sessions	
			Mollohan	Shadegg	

NOT VOTING—17

Berman	Evans	McKinney
Buyer	Everett	Rogers
Callahan	Granger	Rush
Cannon	Hilliard	Spence
Capps	Hunter	Watkins
Dunn	McCollum	

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So (two-thirds having voted in favor thereof), the rules were suspended and the bill was passed.

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. 603, CLARIFYING THE APPLICATION OF THE ACT POPULARLY KNOWN AS THE "DEATH ON THE HIGH SEAS ACT" TO AVIATION INCIDENTS

Mr. HASTINGS of Washington, from the Committee on Rules, submitted a privileged report (Rept. No. 106-37) on the resolution (H. Res. 85) providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 603) to amend title 49, United States Code, to clarify the application of the Act popularly known as the "Death on the High Seas Act" to aviation incidents, which was referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed.

REPORT ON RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 661, CONDITIONALLY PROHIBITING THE OPERATION OF SUPERSONIC AIRCRAFT

Mr. HASTINGS of Washington, from the Committee on Rules, submitted a privileged report (Rept. No. 106-38) on the resolution (H. Res. 86) providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 661) to direct the Secretary of Transportation to prohibit the commercial operation of supersonic transport category aircraft that do not comply with stage 3 noise levels if the European Union adopts certain aircraft noise regulations, which was referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed.

ELECTION OF MEMBERS TO JOINT COMMITTEE ON PRINTING AND JOINT COMMITTEE OF CONGRESS ON THE LIBRARY

Mr. THOMAS. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on House Administration be discharged from further consideration of the resolution (H. Res. 87) and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the title of the resolution.

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

Mr. HOYER. Reserving the right to object, Mr. Speaker, I will not object, but I yield to the gentleman from California (Mr. THOMAS) for the purpose of explaining the resolution.

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

It is my pleasure to announce that the Committee on House Administration now has its full complement of members on both sides of the aisle, and this resolution constitutes the Joint Committee of Congress on the Library, consisting of the chairman and ranking member, the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. BOEHNER), the gentleman from Michigan (Mr. EHLERS), the gentleman from Maryland (Mr. HOYER), and the gentleman from Florida (Mr. DAVIS); and the Joint Committee on Printing, the chairman, the gentleman from Ohio

(Mr. BOEHNER), the ranking member, the gentleman from Maryland (Mr. HOYER), the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. NEY), and the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. FATTAH).

Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman. Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, I withdraw my reservation of objection.

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

There was no objection.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 87

Resolved, That the following named Members be, and they are hereby, elected to the following joint committees of Congress, to serve with the chairman of the Committee on House Administration:

Joint Committee of Congress on the Library: Mr. Boehner, Mr. Ehlers, Mr. Hoyer, and Mr. Davis of Florida.

Joint Committee on Printing: Mr. Boehner, Mr. Ney, Mr. Hoyer, and Mr. Fattah.

The resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

ELECTION OF MEMBER TO CERTAIN STANDING COMMITTEES OF THE HOUSE

Mr. THOMAS. Mr. Speaker, I offer a resolution (H. Res. 88) and ask unanimous consent for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 88

Resolved, That the following named Member be, and he is hereby, elected to the following standing committees of the House of Representatives:

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Mr. Isakson.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Mr. Isakson.

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

There was no objection.

The resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

SPECIAL ORDERS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 6, 1999, and under a previous order of the House, the following Members will be recognized for 5 minutes each.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentlewoman from the District of Columbia (Ms. NORTON) is recognized for 5 minutes.

(Ms. NORTON addressed the House. Her remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Florida (Mr. STEARNS) is recognized for 5 minutes.

(Mr. STEARNS addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Tennessee (Mr. FORD) is recognized for 5 minutes.

(Mr. FORD addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

CONDEMNING THE CUBAN DICTATORSHIP'S CRACKDOWN ON THE INTERNAL OPPOSITION

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Florida (Mr. DIAZ-BALART) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. DIAZ-BALART. Mr. Speaker, in recent weeks the Cuban dictatorship has carried out a brutal crackdown of the brave internal opposition and independent press, taking Cuba's four best known internal opponents, Felix Bonne Carcasses, Marta Beatriz Roque Cabello, Vladimiro Roca Antunez, and Rene Gomez Manzano, to trial on trumped-up charges, and arresting scores of other peaceful opponents without cause or justification.

The internal opposition in Cuba is working intensely and valiantly to draw international attention to Cuba's deplorable human rights situation, and continues to strengthen and grow, despite the Stalinist repression, in its opposition to the Castro dictatorship.

At this time of extraordinary repression, the internal opposition requires and deserves the firm and unwavering support and solidarity of the international community. The Cuban dictatorships repressive crackdown against the brave internal opposition and the independent press must be condemned in the strongest possible terms.

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The internal opposition and independent press of Cuba have our profound admiration and firm solidarity.

We must demand of the Cuban dictatorship the release of all political prisoners, the legalization of all political parties, labor unions and the press, and the scheduling of free and fair internationally supervised elections.

Mr. Speaker, I call on the government of Spain, of Prime Minister Aznar, to cancel the announced trip to Castro's Cuba of the King of Spain; and I call upon the member states of the Ibero-American summit to boycott the upcoming meeting that has been, incredibly, scheduled for November in the capital of the Cuban dictatorship.

Martin Luther King rightfully declared that an injustice anywhere is an affront to injustice everywhere. Going to Cuba to shake the Cuban tyrant's hand would be an ultimately immoral act. Now, more than ever, it is incumbent upon the entire international community to demonstrate firm solidarity with the oppressed people of

Cuba and with the brave internal opposition.

According to press reports from Cuba, the following dissidents and journalists have been arrested by the Cuban dictatorship in the last few days:

Efren Martinez Pulgaron, Ana Maria Ortega Jimenez, Marisela Pompa, Angel Polanco, Odilia Collazo, Arnaldo Ramos, Lazaro Rodriguez, Jose Orlando Gonzalez Bridon, Lazaro Cala, Felix Perera, Oswaldo Paya Sardinas, Ofelia Nardo Cruz, Regis Iglesias, Angel Moya Acosta, Miriam Cantillo, Benigno Torralba, Ramon Alfonso William, Gisela Concepcion Bolanos, Marvin Hernandez Monzon, Jesus David Martinez Garcia, Julian Martinez Baez, Juan Francisco Monzon Oviedo, Nestor Rodriguez Lobaina, Ivan Hernandez Carrillo, Felix Navarro Rodriguez, Pedro H. Rojas, Leonel Morejon Almagro, Reinaldo Cosano Allen, Jesus Llanes Pelletier, Maria Menendez Villar, Oscar Elias Biscet, Rolando Munoz Yyobre, Miriam Cantillo, Omar Rodriguez Saludos, Diosdado Gonzalez Marrero, Ileana Somiellan Fleitas, Nanci Sotolongo, Odalys Curbelo, Juan Antonio Sanchez, Hector Cruz, Israel Bayon, Raul Rivero and Orlando Bordon.

There are certainly many others who have been arrested but who we have not been able to find out about as of yet.

Mr. Speaker, our admiration, our support, and our prayers go out to all of these brave Cuban patriots and to all of the suffering and oppressed Cuban people.

TEXAS INDEPENDENCE DAY

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. SHIMKUS). Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Texas (Mr. GREEN) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. GREEN of Texas. Mr. Speaker, today is a special day, particularly in Texas, because in Texas March 2 is Texas Independence Day. In 1836, 163 years ago today, the Republic of Texas was born. As I left Houston this morning, spring is coming to Texas. The bluebonnets are blooming, and we are actually seeing a lot of changes, and that is what has happened in Texas.

Mr. Speaker, let me set the stage for what happened 163 years ago. On March 1, 1836, 54 delegates representing settlements across Texas gathered for the Texas Convention of 1836 in a small farm village at Washington-on-the-Brazos.

From the beginning, it was an event marked by haste and urgency because Santa Anna's forces were closing in on the defenders of the Alamo. Within days it would fall, setting off a chain reaction of defeats for the small Texas Army, which would nevertheless emerge victorious at the battle of San Jacinto 6 weeks later on April 21. March 2 is when the delegates in Washington-on-the-Brazos actually drew up the Constitution and declared independence.