

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

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

The title was amended so as to read:

“A bill to extend the authorities of the Iran and Libya Sanctions Act of 1996 until 2006, and for other purposes.”

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. GEKAS. Mr. Speaker, earlier today I missed rollcall votes No. 275 and No. 276 on H.J. Res. 55, Disapproving Normal Trade Relations with Vietnam and H.R. 1954, The Iran Libya Sanctions Act. During the vote I was in a part of the Capitol building where the occurrence of floor votes was not indicated by the light/bell system. I request that the RECORD reflect that had I been on the floor, I would have cast a vote against H.J. Res. 55 and in favor of H.R. 1954, which I have cosponsored.

CONGRATULATIONS TO HOUSTON SOLAR RACE TEAM ON WINNING WINSTON SOLAR CHALLENGE

(Mr. WICKER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. WICKER. Mr. Speaker, as we prepare to debate national energy policy, a solar-powered car race which concluded yesterday calls attention to the uses of alternative energy sources.

The Winston Solar Challenge is an educational competition among high school teams from across our Nation. The winner will compete in the world competition this November in Australia.

This 8-day race covered a 1,400 mile course from Texas to Indiana. The competition concluded late yesterday with the winning team finishing more than 271 miles in front of their closest competitor. I am immensely proud that the winner of this race is from the city of Houston, Mississippi, located in my district.

Under the guidance of advisers Danny Lantrip and Keith Reese, the team includes Captains Trey Ellison, Andy Goode, and members Daniel Black, Clay Bishop, Adam Duncan, Marshall Faulkner, Chris Free, Jason Mallone, Josh Moore, Casey Smith, Nikkie Smith, Bryan White, Jimmy Jones, and Jeannie Moore.

Congratulations to the Houston Solar Race Team on an extraordinary performance and a job well done. The city of Houston, Chickasaw County, the entire State of Mississippi, and now the United States of America are proud of you.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. SWEENEY). Pursuant to clause 12 of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

Accordingly (at 12 o'clock and 8 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

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AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. LATOURETTE) at 1 o'clock and 17 minutes p.m.

REPORT ON RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 2620, DEPARTMENTS OF VETERANS AFFAIRS AND HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT, AND INDEPENDENT AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2002

Ms. PRYCE of Ohio, from the Committee on Rules, submitted a privileged report (Rept. No. 107-164) on the resolution (H. Res. 210) providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 2620) making appropriations for the Departments of Veterans Affairs and Housing and Urban Development and for sundry independent agencies, boards, commissions, corporations, and offices for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2002, and for other purposes, which was referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed.

WAIVING A REQUIREMENT OF CLAUSE 6(a) OF RULE XIII WITH RESPECT TO CONSIDERATION OF CERTAIN RESOLUTIONS REPORTED FROM THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Ms. PRYCE of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, by the direction of the Committee on Rules, I call up House Resolution 209 and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 209

Resolved, That the requirement of clause 6(a) of rule XIII for a two-thirds vote to consider a report from the Committee on Rules on the same day it is presented to the House is waived with respect to any resolution reported on the legislative day of July 26, 2001, providing for consideration or disposition of the bill (H.R. 2620) making appropriations for the Departments of Veterans Affairs and Housing and Urban Development and for sundry independent agencies, boards, commissions, corporations, and offices for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2002.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentlewoman from Ohio (Ms. PRYCE) is recognized for 1 hour.

Ms. PRYCE of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, for the purposes of debate only, I yield the customary 30 minutes to the gentlewoman from New York (Ms. SLAUGHTER), 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, last night the Committee on Rules met and reported this resolution waiving clause 6(a) of rule

13, requiring a two-thirds vote to consider a rule on the same day it is reported from the Committee on Rules. The resolution applies the waiver to a special rule reported by the Committee on Rules on or before the legislative day of Thursday, July 26, 2001, if the rule provides for consideration of the first 2002 VA-HUD appropriations bill.

Mr. Speaker, as my colleagues are aware, the Committee on Appropriations has completed its work and filed H.R. 2620, the fiscal year 2002 VA-HUD appropriations bill and the Members have had the opportunity to review this legislation which addresses some of our Nation's most pressing needs. In fact, yesterday the Committee on Rules received testimony on this bill from a number of Members in anticipation of reporting a rule to bring this legislation before the House.

Adoption of this rule now will simply allow us to consider the appropriations package today rather than holding up this bill until tomorrow or even next week.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to support this rule and allow the House to complete its work on the business at hand.

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

Ms. SLAUGHTER. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentlewoman from Ohio for yielding me the customary 30 minutes, and I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong opposition to this martial-law rule. I oppose the process that it represents where the Committee on Rules meets in the midnight hour rather than opening its deliberations in the daytime.

The hearing for this measure was held yesterday afternoon at 3 p.m. We have had more than adequate time to prepare the rule. I am at a loss to explain why we are once again preparing to circumvent the rules of the body and ram this controversial measure, martial law, down the throats of our colleagues. What aversion does this leadership have to regular order?

The “martial-law measure” we are considering is an extremely heavy-handed process and, under the Rules of the House, a two-thirds vote is required to consider a rule on the same day that the Committee on Rules reports it. But martial-law procedures allow us to bring a rule to be considered on the same day it is reported with a majority, rather than two-thirds vote.

Frankly, this process is baffling to many of us. For the first time in years, we are using this heavy-handed procedure on an appropriations bill, making its initial pass through the House. If anyone could explain the real reason why we find ourselves in this position, I look forward to hearing it. I urge my colleagues to vote “no” on martial law.

Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

Ms. PRYCE of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, I have no further speakers, I yield back the balance of my time, and I move the previous question on the resolution.

The previous question was ordered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the resolution.

The question was taken; and the Speaker pro tempore announced that the ayes appeared to have it.

Ms. SLAUGHTER. Mr. Speaker, I object to the vote on the grounds that a quorum is not present and make the point of order that a quorum is not present.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Evidently a quorum is not present.

The Sergeant at Arms will notify absent Members.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 216, nays 200, not voting 17, as follows:

[Roll No. 277]

YEAS—216

Abercrombie	Goodlatte	Peterson (PA)	Ackerman	Harman	Napolitano
Aderholt	Goss	Petri	Allen	Hastings (FL)	Neal
Akin	Graham	Pickering	Andrews	Hill	Oberstar
Bachus	Granger	Pitts	Baca	Hilliard	Obey
Baker	Graves	Platts	Baird	Hinchey	Olver
Ballenger	Green (WI)	Pombo	Baldacci	Hinojosa	Ortiz
Barr	Greenwood	Portman	Baldwin	Hoeffel	Owens
Bartlett	Grucci	Pryce (OH)	Barcia	Holden	Pallone
Barton	Gutknecht	Putnam	Beccera	Holt	Pascrall
Bass	Hall (TX)	Quinn	Berkley	Honda	Pastor
Bentsen	Hansen	Radanovich	Berman	Hooley	Payne
Bereuter	Hart	Ramstad	Berry	Hoyer	Pelosi
Biggert	Hastings (WA)	Regula	Bishop	Inslee	Peterson (MN)
Bilirakis	Hayes	Rehberg	Blagojevich	Israel	Phelps
Blunt	Hayworth	Reynolds	Bonior	Jackson (IL)	Pomeroy
Boehlert	Hefley	Riley	Borski	Jackson-Lee	Price (NC)
Boehner	Herger	Rogers (KY)	Boswell	(TX)	Rahall
Bonilla	Hildeary	Rogers (MI)	Boucher	Jefferson	Rangel
Bono	Hobson	Rohrabacher	Boyd	John	Reyes
Brady (TX)	Hoekstra	Ros-Lehtinen	Brown (PA)	Johnson, E. B.	Rivers
Brown (SC)	Horn	Roukema	Brown (FL)	Jones (OH)	Rodriguez
Bryant	Hostettler	Royce	Brown (OH)	Kanjorski	Roemer
Burr	Hulshof	Ryan (WI)	Capps	Kaptur	Ross
Burton	Hunter	Ryun (KS)	Capuano	Kennedy (RI)	Rothman
Buyer	Hutchinson	Saxton	Cardin	Kildee	Royal-Allard
Callahan	Hyde	Scarborough	Carson (IN)	Kilpatrick	Rush
Calvert	Isakson	Schrock	Clay	Kind (WI)	Sabo
Camp	Issa	Sensenbrenner	Clayton	Klecka	Sanchez
Cannon	Jenkins	Sessions	Clement	Kucinich	Sanders
Cantor	Johnson (CT)	Shadegg	Clyburn	LaFalce	Sandlin
Capito	Johnson (IL)	Shaw	Condit	Langevin	Sawyer
Castle	Johnson, Sam	Shays	Conyers	Lantos	Schakowsky
Chabot	Jones (NC)	Sherwood	Costello	Larsen (WA)	Schiff
Chambliss	Keller	Shimkus	Coyne	Larson (CT)	Scott
Coble	Kelly	Shuster	Cramer	Lee	Serrano
Collins	Kennedy (MN)	Simmons	Crowley	Levin	Sherman
Combest	Kerns	Simpson	Cummins	Lewis (GA)	Shows
Cooksey	King (NY)	Skeen	Davis (CA)	Skelton	Slaughter
Cox	Kingston	Smith (MI)	Davis (FL)	Lofgren	Smith (WA)
Crane	Kirk	Smith (NJ)	Davis (IL)	Lowey	Smith (MS)
Crenshaw	Knollenberg	Smith (TX)	DeFazio	Lucas (KY)	Solis
Culberson	Kolbe	Souder	DeGette	Luther	Spratt
Cunningham	LaHood	Stearns	Delahunt	Maloney (CT)	Stark
Davis, Jo Ann	Largent	Stump	DeLauro	Maloney (NY)	Stenholm
Davis, Tom	Latham	Sununu	DeLauro	Markey	Strickland
Deal	LaTourette	Sweeney	Deutsch	Mascara	Stupak
DeLay	Leach	Tauzin	Dicks	Matheson	Tanner
DeMint	Lewis (CA)	Taylor (NC)	Dingell	Matsui	Tauscher
Diaz-Balart	Lewis (KY)	Terry	Doggett	McCarthy (MO)	Taylor (MS)
Doolittle	Linder	Thomas	Dooley	McCarthy (NY)	Thompson (CA)
Dreier	LoBiondo	Thornberry	Doyle	McCullom	Thompson (MS)
Duncan	Lucas (OK)	Thune	Edwards	McDermott	Thurman
Dunn	Manzullo	Tiabert	Ehrlich	McGovern	Tierney
Ehlers	McCrery	Tiberi	Ford	McIntyre	Towns
Emerson	McHugh	Toomey	Filner	McKinney	Turner
English	McInnis	Traficant	Frost	Meehan	Udall (CO)
Everett	McKeon	Upton	Gephart	Farr	Velazquez
Ferguson	Mica	Vitter	Gonzalez	Meeks (NY)	Visclosky
Flake	Miller (FL)	Walden	Gordon	Menendez	Watson (CA)
Fletcher	Miller, Gary	Walsh	Green (TX)	Ford	Watt (NC)
Foley	Moran (KS)	Wamp	Gutierrez	McDonald	Waxman
Forbes	Morella	Watkins (OK)	Hall (OH)	Miller, George	Weiner
Fossella	Nethercutt	Watts (OK)		Mink	Wexler
Frelinghuysen	Ney	Weldon (FL)		Moilohan	Woolsey
Gallegly	Norwood	Weldon (PA)		Moore	Wu
Ganske	Nussle	Weller		Moran (VA)	Wynn
Gekas	Osborne	Whitfield		Murtha	
Gibbons	Ose	Wicker		Nadler	
Gilchrest	Otter	Wilson			
Gillmor	Oxley	Wolf			
Gilman	Paul	Young (AK)			
Goode	Pence	Young (FL)			

NOT VOTING—17

Armey	Istook	Snyder
Blumenauer	Lipinski	Spence
Carson (OK)	McNulty	Tancredo
Cubin	Myrick	Udall (NM)
Ehrlich	Northup	Waters
Houghton	Schaffer	

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Mr. BERRY and Ms. ESHOO changed their vote from “yea” to “nay.”

So the resolution was agreed to.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. McNULTY. Mr. Speaker, I was absent earlier today to attend the funeral of a member of my family and I missed rollcall votes number 275, 276 and 277.

Had I been present and voting, I would have voted yes on rollcall 275, yes on rollcall 276, and no on rollcall 277.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY COMMITTEE ON RULES REGARDING AMENDMENTS TO LEGISLATIVE BRANCH APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2002

(Ms. PRYCE of Ohio asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. PRYCE of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, the Committee on Rules is planning to meet next week to grant a rule which may limit the amendment process on the Legislative Branch appropriations bill for fiscal year 2002. The bill was ordered reported by the Committee on Appropriations this morning and is expected to be filed later today.

Any Member wishing to offer an amendment must submit 55 copies of the amendment and one copy of a very brief explanation of the amendment to the Committee on Rules in room H-312 of the Capitol no later than 12 noon on Monday, July 30. Members should draft their amendments to the bill as reported by the Committee on Appropriations. The text is available at the Committee on Appropriations.

Members should use the Office of Legislative Counsel to ensure that their amendments are properly drafted and should check with the Office of the Parliamentarian to be certain their amendments comply with the rules of the House.

PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 2620, DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS AND HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT, AND INDEPENDENT AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2002

Ms. PRYCE of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, by direction of the Committee on Rules, I call up House Resolution 210 and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 210

Resolved, That at any time after the adoption of this resolution the Speaker may, pursuant to clause 2(b) of rule XVIII, declare the House resolved into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union for consideration of the bill (H.R. 2620) making appropriations for the Departments of Veterans Affairs and Housing and Urban Development and for sundry independent agencies, boards, commissions, corporations, and offices for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2002, and for other purposes. The first reading of the bill shall be dispensed with. All points of order against consideration of the bill are waived. General debate shall be confined to the bill and shall not exceed one hour equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations. After general debate the bill shall be considered for amendment under the five-minute rule. Points of order against provisions in the bill for failure to comply with clause 2 of rule