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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.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Stated for:

Mr. MICA. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 333, H.R. 2291 I was unavoidably detained due to a delayed air flight. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea."

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 333, regarding H.R. 2291 I was unavoidably delayed because of delays in my airplane travel from Houston due to rain storm delays. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea."

Mr. GREEN of Texas. Mr. Speaker, this afternoon, I was unavoidably detained and missed rollcall vote No. 333. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea."

RECOGNIZING THE IMPORTANT RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND MEXICO

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. WALDEN of Oregon). The pending business is the question of suspending the rules and agreeing to the resolution, H. Res. 233.

The Clerk read the title of the resolution.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. HYDE) that the House suspend the rules and agree to the resolution, H. Res. 233, on which the yeas and nays are ordered.

This is a 5-minute vote.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 407, nays 0, not voting 24, as follows:

[Roll No. 334]

YEAS—407

Abercrombie	Boswell	Coyne	Lantos	Rogers (KY)	Wilson	Woolsey	Wynn
Ackerman	Boucher	Cramer	Largent	Rogers (MI)	Wolf	Wu	Young (FL)
Aderholt	Boyd	Crenshaw	Larsen (WA)	Rohrabacher			
Akin	Brady (PA)	Crowley	Larson (CT)	Ros-Lehtinen			
Allen	Brady (TX)	Cubin	Latham	Ross	Barton	Hastings (FL)	Nadler
Andrews	Brown (FL)	Culberson	LaTourette	Rothman	Carson (IN)	Hayes	Pascarella
Armey	Brown (OH)	Cummings	Leach	Roukema	Crane	Horn	Rangel
Baca	Brown (SC)	Cunningham	Lee	Royal-Allard	DeFazio	Lampson	Reyes
Bachus	Bryant	Davis (CA)	Levin	Rush	DeLay	Lipinski	Riley
Baird	Burr	Davis (FL)	Lewis (CA)	Ryan (WI)	Etheridge	McNulty	Sherman
Baker	Burton	Davis (IL)	Lewis (GA)	Ryun (KS)	Foley	Mollohan	Traficant
Baldacci	Buyer	Davis, Jo Ann	Luther	Sabo	Frank	Murtha	Young (AK)
Baldwin	Callahan	Davis, Tom	LoBiondo	Sanchez			
Ballenger	Calvert	Deal	Lofgren	Sanders			
Barcia	Camp	DeGette	Gephhardt	Lowey			
Barr	Cannon	Delahunt	Gibbons	Lucas (KY)			
Barrett	Cantor	Dicks	Gilchrest	Lucas (OK)			
Bartlett	Capito	Dingell	Gillmor	Luther			
Bass	Capps	Dobie	Gilman	Maloney (CT)			
Becerra	Capuano	Diaz-Balart	Gonzalez	Maloney (NY)			
Bentsen	Cardin	Doolittle	Goode	Manzullo			
Bereuter	Carson (OK)	Doggett	Ford	Markley			
Berkley	Castle	Doolittle	Ferguson	Gordon			
Berman	Chabot	Dole	Fitzgerald	Goss			
Berry	Chambliss	Doolittle	Flake	Graham			
Biggert	Clay	Doyle	Ford	Granger			
Bilirakis	Clayton	Dreier	Fossella	Graves			
Bishop	Clement	Duncan	Frelinghuysen	Green (TX)			
Blagojevich	Clyburn	Dunn	Frost	Green (WI)			
Blumenauer	Coble	Edwards	Gallo	Goodlatte			
Blunt	Collins	Ehlers	Ganske	Gordon			
Boehlert	Combest	Ehrlich	Gekas	Goss			
Boehner	Condit	Emerson	Gibbons	Graham			
Bonilla	Conyers	Engel	Gilchrest	Granger			
Bonior	Cooksey	English	Gillmor	Green (TX)			
Bono	Costello	Eshoo	Gilman	Green (WI)			
Borski	Cox	Evans	Gutierrez	Greenwood			

NOT VOTING—24

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Ms. HOOLEY of Oregon changed her vote from "yea" to "nay."

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.

REMOVAL OF NAME OF MEMBER AS COSPONSOR OF H.R. 2107

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to remove my name from H.R. 2107.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. WALDEN of Oregon). Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Ohio?

There was no objection.

ANNOUNCEMENT REGARDING AMENDMENT PROCESS FOR H.R. 2586, NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT, FISCAL YEAR 2002

(Mrs. MYRICK asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. MYRICK. Mr. Speaker, this morning a Dear Colleague letter was sent to all Members informing them that the Committee on Rules is planning to meet early in the week of September 10 to grant a rule which may limit the amendment process on H.R. 2586, the National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2002.

The bill was ordered reported by the Committee on Armed Services on August 1 and the committee report was filed yesterday. Any Member wishing to offer an amendment should submit 55 copies of the amendment and one copy of a brief explanation of the amendment to the Committee on Rules in room H 312 in the Capitol no later than 2 p.m. on Friday, September 7.

Amendments should be drafted to the text of H.R. 2586, as ordered reported by the Committee on Armed Services. That text is available at the Committee on Armed Services or on its Web site. 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 that their amendments comply with the rules of the House.

MAKING IN ORDER ON THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 2001, OR ANY DAY THEREAFTER CONSIDERATION OF H.J. RES. 51, APPROVING EXTENSION OF NONDISCRIMINATORY TREATMENT WITH RESPECT TO PRODUCTS OF THE SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM

Mrs. MYRICK. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that it be in order at any time on September 5, 2001, or any day thereafter, to consider in the House the joint resolution (House Joint Resolution 51) approving the extension of nondiscriminatory treatment with respect to the products of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam; that the joint resolution be considered as read for amendment; that all points of order against the joint resolution and against its consideration be waived; that the joint resolution be debatable for 2 hours equally divided and controlled by the chairman of the Committee on Ways and Means and a Member opposed to the joint resolution; and that consistent with section 151 of the Trade Act of 1974 the previous question be considered as ordered on the joint resolution to final passage without intervening motion.

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

There was no objection.

MAKING IN ORDER ON THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2001 CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 2833, VIETNAM HUMAN RIGHTS ACT

Mrs. MYRICK. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that it be in order at any time on the legislative day of Thursday, September 6, 2001, without intervention of any point of order, to consider in the House H.R. 2833, the Vietnam Human Rights Act; that the bill be considered as read for amendment; that the bill be debatable for 1 hour, equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on International Relations; and that the previous question be considered as ordered on the bill to final passage without intervening motion except one motion to recommit.

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

There was no objection.

EXPRESSING SORROW OF THE HOUSE REGARDING DEATH OF THE HONORABLE FLOYD SPENCE FROM THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

Mr. SPRATT. Mr. Speaker, I offer a privileged resolution (H. Res. 234) and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 234

Resolved, That the House has heard with profound sorrow of the death of the Honorable Floyd Spence, a Representative from the State of South Carolina.

Resolved, That the Clerk communicate these solutions to the Senate and transmit a copy thereof to the family of the deceased.

Resolved, That when the House adjourns today, it adjourn as a further mark of respect to the memory of the deceased.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from South Carolina (Mr. SPRATT) for 1 hour.

Mr. SPRATT. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to yield 30 minutes to my colleague, the gentleman from South Carolina (Mr. GRAHAM).

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

There was no objection.

Mr. SPRATT. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, while we were on recess, FLOYD SPENCE, a native South Carolinian, a friend of us all, and a Member of excellent standing passed away.

FLOYD was a star athlete, a student leader, a naval officer in Korea, a State legislator, and a pioneer Republican in a State that, at the time, was thoroughly Democratic.

For 30 long, dedicated years he served here proudly, with total loyalty to this grand old institution of the Republic and to the Armed Forces of the United States, whom he effectively represented on the Committee on Armed Services for all of that time, 6 of them as a very able chairman of the committee.

Many Members overcome obstructions or hurdles or suffer hardships to serve here. Few of us endure what FLOYD SPENCE endured, a double lung transplant. At the time, he was one of the few in America ever to survive such a procedure. I can recall his recounting how after the operation every movement of his body was excruciatingly painful. Yet, even though he had reason, I never heard him complain. I never heard him express anxiety about his condition. I never heard him boast.

I often heard him stand before groups, particularly from South Carolina, and tell them, "I am glad to be here." He would pause a minute and say, "Heck, I am glad to be anywhere." It was that kind of understated humor, that kind of affability, that kind of civility, that made him the gentleman from South Carolina on this floor, in the committee, not just in name but in the truest sense of the word. He left us all a worthy example to emulate, personally and professionally.

To his family, to his four proud sons, to Debbie, his wife, we extend our heartfelt sorrow. We will miss FLOYD too, but rest assured, we will always, always, remember him, and never forget his courage, his spirit, and the sterling example he left us of what it means to serve in this great institution.

Mr. Speaker, I yield 30 seconds to the gentleman from Texas (Mr. ORTIZ).

Mr. ORTIZ. Mr. Speaker, I had the privilege of knowing FLOYD SPENCE for about 20 years. He was my good friend.

Just like my good friend, the gentleman from South Carolina (Mr. SPRATT), says, he had a great sense of humor. I can remember when one day he said, You know, I have more spare parts than a used car dealer.

He was a great gentleman. I loved him. My family loved him, and Debbie, who nourished him when he had the double lung transplant. When we would see FLOYD, as the gentleman said, we would ask, "You have a new suit?" And he would say, "No, it is secondhand used." This was the kind of guy he was. We loved him.

To Debbie and his sons: We are going to miss this great American.

Mr. Speaker, like my colleagues, I rise with a heavy heart today as we pay tribute to a friend, a colleague, and a stalwart for our nation's armed services and the country. FLOYD SPENCE and I were friends for as long as I have been in Congress.

In addition to his zeal and dedication on behalf of his constituents in his beloved South Carolina, I admired his outlook on life.

FLOYD was determined to squeeze every drop of life he could from his time on this earth—and he succeeded.

From the double lung transplant to the kidney transplant, FLOYD said he had more spare parts than a used car dealer. What was amazing was that he survived all this for so long. He had an amazing ability to recover from deadly afflictions.

He was supremely dedicated to his duty to South Carolina, to our armed services, and to the United States of America. I know this because I traveled with FLOYD to places on every part of this planet to inspect our military bases. Wherever we went, he insisted we talk to enlisted men, not just the generals.

Our nation has lost a great hero. I have lost my friend, mi amigo.

I offer Debbie and his children—David, Zack, Benjamin and Caldwell—my deepest condolences for their loss.

FLOYD loved his family so very much. It was Debbie, when FLOYD had the double lung transplant and was at his lowest, who gave him the support and encouragement he needed, and nursed him back to health.

FLOYD had a stubborn resolution to live, to enjoy life. He knew his time was one day at a time—he told me that each day was extra icing on the cake of his life. The antirejection medicine he took greatly diminished his ability to ward off simple infections.

I will miss that giant of a man with a laugh he was quick to share. The camaraderie often noted as now missing in the House of Representatives had led our critics, and ourselves, leads people to say that we lack either bi-partisanship or simple human trust.

But because of my friendships with so many of my Republican colleagues, most notably my friend FLOYD SPENCE, I know the trust we engender here is real and it works on behalf of the American people.

We may disagree on the issues of the day, but we are united in our belief that close bipartisan relationships serve all of us and the American people we represent.

I will miss you, FLOYD. I thank the gentleman from South Carolina for speeding our consideration of this resolution today.

Mr. SPRATT. Mr. Speaker, I yield 3 minutes to the gentleman from Arizona (Mr. STUMP), chairman of the Committee on Armed Services.