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Mr. LEWIS of Georgia changed his vote from "aye" to "no." So the bill was passed.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Stated for:

Mr. CUNNINGHAM. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall vote 343 concerning partial-birth abortion, I was detained. Had I been present, I would have voted "ave."

SENSE OF CONGRESS THAT CHINA SHOULD CEASE PERSECUTION OF FALUN GONG PRACTITIONERS

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. LAHOOD). The unfinished business is the question of suspending the rules and agreeing to the concurrent resolution. H. Con. Res. 188, as amended.

The Clerk read the title of the concurrent resolution.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentlewoman from Florida (Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN) that the House suspend the rules and agree to the concurrent resolution, H. Con. Res. 188, as amended, 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 420, nays 0, not voting 14. as follows:

[Roll No. 344] YEAS-420

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

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

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IN THE MATTER OF REPRESENTA-TIVE JAMES A. TRAFICANT, JR.

Mr. HEFLEY. Mr. Speaker, I call up the privileged resolution (H. Res. 495) in the matter of JAMES A. TRAFICANT, Jr., and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. Res. 495

Resolved, That, pursuant to Article I, Section 5, Clause 2 of the United States Constitution, Representative James A. Traficant, Jr., be, and he hereby is, expelled from the House of Representatives.

The SPEAKER. The resolution constitutes a question of the privileges of the House and may be called up at any time.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER

The SPEAKER. Before our debate begins, the Chair will make a statement about the decorum expected in the Chamber.

The Chair has often reiterated that Members should refrain from references in debate to the conduct of other sitting Members where such conduct is not the question actually pending before the House, either by way of a report from the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct, or by way of another question of the privileges of the House.

This principle is documented on pages 174 and 703 of the House Rules and Manual and reflects the consistent rulings of the Chair.

It is also well established that indecent language either against the proceedings of the House or cast against its Membership is out of order.

Disciplinary matters, by their very nature, involve personalities. The calling up of a resolution reported by the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct or the offering of a resolution as a similar question of the privileges of the House embarks the House on consideration of a proposition that admits references in debate to a sitting Member's conduct.

This exception to the general rule against engaging in personality, admitting references to a Member's conduct when that conduct is the very question under consideration by the House, is closely limited.

This point was well stated by the Chair on July 31, 1979, as follows: while a wide range of discussion is permitted during debate on a disciplinary resolution, clause 1 of rule XVII still prohibits the use of language which is personally abusive.

This was reiterated by the Chair as recently as January 27, 1997. It also extends to language which is profane, vulgar or obscene and to comportment which constitutes a breach of decorum.

On the question about to be pending before the House, the resolution offered by the gentleman from Colorado (Mr. HEFLEY), as chairman of the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct, Members should confine their remarks in debate to the merits of that precise question.

Members should refrain from remarks that constitute personalities with respect to members of the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct, with respect to other sitting Members whose conduct is not the subject of the pending report, or to Members of the other body.

The Chair asks and expects the cooperation of all Members in maintaining a level of decorum that properly dignifies the proceedings of this House.

As always, the galleries must refrain from any manifestation of approval or disapproval of the proceedings.

Pursuant to clause 4 of rule XVII, the Chair intends to take necessary initiatives to ensure proper decorum.

MOTION OFFERED BY MR. LATOURETTE

Mr. LATOURETTE. Mr. Speaker, I offer a motion.

The Clerk read as follows:

Mr. LATOURETTE moves to postpone further consideration of House Resolution 495 until September 4, 2002.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. HANSEN). The gentleman from Ohio (Mr. LATOURETTE) is recognized for 1 hour.

Mr. LATOURETTE. Mr. Speaker, as a first matter of business, I ask unanimous consent to yield 30 minutes of my time to the gentleman from Colorado (Mr. HEFLEY), the distinguished chairman of the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct, and further ask that he be permitted to yield time from that 30 minutes.

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

There was no objection.

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

Mr. Speaker, my motion to postpone would postpone the proceedings until a date certain, as a matter of fact, the day we would return from recess.

Mr. Speaker, this is a historic moment in the House of Representatives. Not since 1861, nearly 120 years ago, has the House expelled one of its Members. As we consider the resolution of expulsion today, it seems to me that we should do so with all the care and due regard for both this institution and the individual involved. This institution makes the Nation's laws; therefore, we have the obligation to be more concerned with the rule of law and the observance of law than any other institution in America.

Mr. Speaker, I wish I could take credit for those words, but I cannot. Those words were spoken by the Honorable Louis Stokes in 1980, the only other time that the House of Representatives has taken upon this course of action since the American Civil War; and on that particular occasion, which was the expulsion vote of Representative Myers

of Pennsylvania, Congressman Stokes rose and made the same motion that I am making here this evening.

I would ask Members to pay attention to the similarities between where we find ourselves today and where the Congress found themselves in 1980, the only other time that this happened in this Congress's history, again, since the Civil War. Representative Myers had been convicted by a jury of a felony, of felonies. Representative TRAFI-CANT has been convicted by a jury of felonies. Representative Myers was pending sentence and had not been sentenced on the date that the resolution was brought to the floor. Congressman TRAFICANT has not been sentenced by the judge in Ohio. The House considered the resolution against Representative Myers on the last day before Congress left town for a 1-month recess in 1980. Tonight, we are 2 days from a 1month recess in 2002. Representative Myers was caught on videotape accepting \$50,000 from an individual who was dressed up as an Arab sheik; he admitted his conduct before the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct. Congressman TRAFICANT, in his case, there is no videotape, there is no audiotape, there are no fingerprints, and he has denied the allegations.

In this matter, although there were numerous witnesses that testified in the proceeding in Cleveland, Ohio, in Federal court, I would submit to Members, in my opinion, it boils down to a case of direct testimony in conflict. There are, and those of my colleagues that have practiced law know that there is something that we prosecutors used to do called "putting lipstick on the pig," and you would have one witness that was seminal to your case, but you would call on other witnesses to say oh. I went to the bank. or I picked up the newspaper that morning, or I did this or I did that, seemingly to corroborate the main witness's testimony.

I would give an example, because since I have traveled the floor since this matter came about, the one count, although all are serious, and I will tell my colleagues right now, so that there is no confusion about where I come from, that if Congressman TRAFICANT committed these acts, I will vote to expel him, because they are reprehensible.

The most serious example that has been given to me as I have talked to other Members on the floor deals with kickbacks, the allegation that a member of his staff was hired and was required to deposit his congressional paycheck and every month take \$2,500 in cash and deliver it to the Congressman.

Over the course of time, and this fellow's name was Sinclair. Over the course of time that this was alleged to have occurred, it would have been \$2,500 a month for the months of his employment; it adds up to \$32,500. During the same period of time, the government also indicated that Congressman TRAFICANT had received \$13,000 in cash bribes from another individual.