

Torres	Watkins	Whitfield
Traficant	Watts (OK)	Wicker
Turner	Weldon (FL)	Wise
Upton	Weldon (PA)	Wolf
Visclosky	Weller	Wynn
Walsh	Weygand	Young (AK)
Wamp	White	Young (FL)

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Abercrombie	Hilliard	Nadler
Ackerman	Hinchey	Oberstar
Allen	Hoyer	Oliver
Becerra	Hyde	Ortiz
Berman	Jackson (IL)	Owens
Bonior	Kelly	Paul
Brown (CA)	Kennedy (MA)	Pease
Brown (OH)	Kennedy (RI)	Pelosi
Capps	Kennelly	Pombo
Clay	Kildee	Radanovich
Clement	Kilpatrick	Rivers
Coble	LaFalce	Rogan
Cummings	LaHood	Roybal-Allard
Davis (IL)	Lampson	Sabo
DeFazio	Lantos	Sanchez
DeGette	Levin	Sanders
Delahunt	Lewis (GA)	Scarborough
DeLauro	Lofgren	Schumer
Deutsch	Lowe	Serrano
Dingell	Luther	Shays
Dixon	Maloney (NY)	Sherman
Doggett	Manton	Skaggs
Dooley	Markey	Slaughter
Dreier	Martinez	Stokes
Engel	Matsui	Stupak
Eshoo	McCarthy (MO)	Tanner
Fattah	McCarthy (NY)	Tauscher
Fazio	McCollum	Tierney
Filner	McGovern	Towns
Forbes	McKinney	Velazquez
Frank (MA)	Meehan	Vento
Furse	Meek (FL)	Watt (NC)
Gejdenson	Meeks (NY)	Waxman
Gephardt	Menendez	Wexler
Gilman	Miller (CA)	Woolsey
Gordon	Mink	Yates
Gutierrez	Moakley	
Hastings (FL)	Morella	

NOT VOTING—22

Brown (FL)	Jackson-Lee	Payne
Cannon	(TX)	Rangel
Cardin	Jefferson	Riggs
Conyers	Johnson, E. B.	Rothman
Ford	Klecza	Royce
Gonzalez	McDermott	Schiff
Harman	Millender	Stark
Houghton	McDonald	Waters

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The Clerk announced the following pair:

On this vote:

Mr. Kleczka for, with Mr. McDermott against.

Mr. MOAKLEY, Mr. FORBES and Mrs. KELLY changed their vote from "aye" to "no."

So the amendment was agreed to.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. RIGGS. Mr. Chairman, on Roll-call Nos. 68 and 69, I was unavoidably detained on other business and unable to be present in the House Chamber. Had I been present, I would have voted "no" on No. 68 and "yes" on No. 69, respectively.

The CHAIRMAN pro tempore (Mr. SUNUNU). Are there any other amendments?

If not, the question is on the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute, as amended.

The committee amendment in the nature of a substitute, as amended, was agreed to.

The CHAIRMAN pro tempore. Under the rule, the Committee rises.

Accordingly, the Committee rose; and the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. GIB-

BONS) having assumed the chair, Mr. SUNUNU, Chairman pro tempore of the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union, reported that that Committee, having had under consideration the bill (H.R. 2589) to amend the provisions of title 17, United States Code, with respect to the duration of copyright, and for other purposes, pursuant to House Resolution 390, he reported the bill back to the House with an amendment adopted by the Committee of the Whole.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the rule, the previous question is ordered.

Is a separate vote demanded on any amendment to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute adopted by the Committee of the Whole? If not, the question is on the adoption of the amendment.

The amendment was agreed to.

The bill was ordered to be engrossed and read a third time, was read the third time, and passed, and a motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

AUTHORIZING THE CLERK TO MAKE CORRECTIONS IN THE ENGROSSMENT OF H.R. 2589, COPYRIGHT TERM EXTENSION ACT

Mr. COBLE. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the Clerk be authorized in the engrossment of the bill, H.R. 2589, to insert "Sonny Bono" before "Copyright Term Extension Act" each place it appears; in other words, the bill bear Sonny's name.

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

There was no objection.

AUTHORIZING THE CLERK TO MAKE FURTHER CORRECTIONS IN ENGROSSMENT OF H.R. 2589, SONNY BONO COPYRIGHT TERM EXTENSION ACT

Mr. COBLE. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that in the engrossment of the bill, H.R. 2589, the Clerk be authorized to correct section numbers, punctuation, and cross-references and to make such other technical and conforming changes as may be necessary to reflect the actions of the House in amending the bill.

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

There was no objection.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. COBLE. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend their remarks on the legislation just passed.

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

There was no objection.

REMOVAL OF NAME OF MEMBER AS COSPONSOR OF H.R. 3310

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to take my name off of H.R. 3310 as a cosponsor.

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

There was no objection.

REMOVAL OF NAME OF MEMBER AS COSPONSOR OF H.R. 2500

Mr. FATTAH. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to remove my name as a cosponsor to H.R. 2500, the Responsible Borrower Protection Act.

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

There was no objection.

REPORT ON RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 3246, FAIRNESS FOR SMALL BUSINESS AND EMPLOYEES ACT OF 1998

Mrs. MYRICK, from the Committee on Rules, submitted a privileged report (Rept. No. 105-463) on the resolution (H. Res. 393) providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 3246) to assist small businesses and labor organizations in defending themselves against government bureaucracy; to ensure that employees entitled to reinstatement get their jobs back quickly; to protect the right of employers to have a hearing to present their case in certain representation cases; and to prevent the use of the National Labor Relations Act for the purpose of disrupting or inflicting economic harm on employers, which was referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed.

REPORT ON RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 2515, FOREST RECOVERY AND PROTECTION ACT OF 1998

Mrs. MYRICK, from the Committee on Rules, submitted a privileged report (Rept. No. 105-464) on the resolution (H. Res. 394) providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 2515) to address the declining health of forests on Federal lands in the United States through a program of recovery and protection consistent with the requirements of existing public land management and environmental laws, to establish a program to inventory, monitor, and analyze public and private forests and their resources, and for other purposes, which was referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed.

EXTENDING THE VISA WAIVER PILOT PROGRAM

Mrs. MYRICK. Mr. Speaker, by direction of the Committee on Rules, I call up House Resolution 391 and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 391

Resolved, That at any time after the adoption of this resolution the Speaker may, pursuant to clause 1(b) of rule XXIII, declare the House resolved into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union for consideration of the bill (H.R. 2578) to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to extend the visa waiver pilot program, and to provide for the collection of data with respect to the number of non-immigrants who remain in the United States after the expiration of the period of stay authorized by the Attorney General. The first reading of the bill shall be dispensed with. 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 the Judiciary. After general debate the bill shall be considered for amendment under the five-minute rule. The bill shall be considered as read. No amendment to the bill shall be in order unless printed in the portion of the Congressional Record designated for that purpose in clause 6 of rule XXIII. The chairman of the Committee of the Whole may: (1) postpone until a time during further consideration in the Committee of the Whole a request for a recorded vote on any amendment; and (2) reduce to five minutes the minimum time for electronic voting on any postponed question that follows another electronic vote without intervening business, provided that the minimum time for electronic voting on the first in any series of questions shall be 15 minutes. At the conclusion of consideration of the bill for amendment the Committee shall rise and report the bill to the House with such amendments as may have been adopted. The previous question shall be considered as ordered on the bill and amendments thereto to final passage without intervening motion except one motion to recommit with or without instructions.

SEC. 2. After passage of H.R. 2578, it shall be in order to consider in the House S. 1178. It shall be in order to move that the House strike all after the enacting clause of the Senate bill and insert in lieu thereof the provisions of H.R. 2578 as passed by the House.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentlewoman from North Carolina (Mrs. MYRICK) is recognized for 1 hour.

Mrs. MYRICK. Mr. Speaker, for purposes of debate only, I yield the customary 30 minutes to the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. HALL), pending which I yield myself such time as I may consume. During consideration of this resolution, all time is yielded for the purpose of debate only.

Mr. Speaker, yesterday the Committee on Rules met and granted a modified open rule to H.R. 2587, which provides for 1 hour of general debate, equally divided and controlled by the chairman and the ranking minority member of the Committee on the Judiciary.

The rule also provides that no amendment to the bill will be in order unless it has been preprinted in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD.

The rule allows the Chairman of the Committee of the Whole to postpone votes during consideration of the bill and to reduce voting time to 5 minutes on the postponed question if a vote follows a 15-minute vote.

The rule provides for one motion to recommit, with or without instructions.

Finally, the rule provides that after passage of the House bill, it will be in order to insert the House-passed language into the Senate bill number.

Since 1986, the visa waiver pilot program has allowed tourists from our closest allies to enter the United States for up to 90 days without a visa. In order to participate in the program, a tourist must first purchase a round trip ticket, must not pose a safety threat to United States citizens, and must abide by all of the waiver program's rules and regulations.

H.R. 2578 would extend the visa waiver pilot program through September 30, 1999, and will require the Attorney General to collect data on non-immigrant aliens who unlawfully remain in the United States.

Mr. Speaker, the visa waiver pilot program enjoys broad, bipartisan support. In fact, the program has been so successful that under today's open rule we will consider amendments to extend the program to countries such as Greece, Portugal, and South Korea.

I urge all of my colleagues to support this open rule.

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

Mr. HALL of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, I want to thank my colleague, the gentlewoman from North Carolina (Mrs. MYRICK) for yielding me the time. This rule will allow a debate on H.R. 2578, which is a bill to extend the visa waiver pilot program. As my colleague has described, this rule provides 1 hour of general debate, to be equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on the Judiciary. Under this rule, amendments will be allowed under the 5-minute rule, which is the normal amending process in the House, provided that amendments have been previously printed in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD.

The bill extends for 2 years the visa waiver pilot program started in 1988 and said to expire April 30, 1998. Under the program, tourists and business travelers from some countries can come to the United States for up to 90 days without a visa.

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The program is intended primarily to assist the U.S. terrorism industry. The bill is fairly easy to understand. The Committee on the Judiciary approved it by voice vote. I would urge a vote on the rule.

Mr. Speaker, I have no requests for time, and I yield back the balance of my time.

Mrs. MYRICK. Mr. Speaker, I yield 1 minute to the gentleman from California (Mr. CUNNINGHAM).

Mr. CUNNINGHAM. Mr. Speaker, I thank both sides of the aisle for bringing the legislation forward. I know that in the case of Greece, Greece has been our ally for a long time. I recently went with the Chairman on my first

trip ever in 7 years to Greece. I know the problems associated with an ally of ours, just the fact of trying to get a visa. Since my wife is Portuguese, of course I support that as well.

I would like to thank the gentlewoman from North Carolina (Mrs. MYRICK) and the Members on the other side of the aisle for the legislation. It is good legislation and a long time overdue.

Mrs. MYRICK. Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time, and I move the previous question on the resolution.

The previous question was ordered.

The resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. CHAMBLISS). Pursuant to House Resolution 391 and rule XXIII, the Chair declares the House in the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union for the consideration of the bill, H.R. 2578.

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IN THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Accordingly, the House resolved itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union for the consideration of the bill (H.R. 2578) to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to extend the visa waiver pilot program, and to provide for the collection of data with respect to the number of nonimmigrants who remain in the United States after the expiration of the period of stay authorized by the Attorney General, with Mr. SUNUNU in the chair.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The CHAIRMAN. Pursuant to the rule, the bill is considered as having been read the first time.

Under the rule, the gentleman from Texas (Mr. SMITH) and the gentleman from North Carolina (Mr. WATT) each will control 30 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Texas (Mr. SMITH).

Mr. SMITH of Texas. Mr. Chairman, I yield myself such time as I may consume. Let me first explain the bill; then I want to very quickly yield to the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. HYDE), chairman of the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Chairman, H.R. 2578 extends the visa waiver pilot program. The visa waiver program allows business visitors and tourists to enter the United States without obtaining a visa. Currently, 26 nations have qualified as visa waiver countries.

Normally, a consular officer conducts a face-to-face interview with a visa applicant to check for fraudulent documents and to weed out individuals who do not plan to leave the United States before their visas expire.

Since the visa waiver program removes the ordinary visa requirement, there is very legitimate concern that those intending to violate our immigration laws, and perhaps more serious