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So the conference report was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider the vote whereby said conference report was agreed to was, by unanimous consent, laid on the table.

Ordered, That the Clerk notify the Senate thereof.

¶10.13 PERMISSION TO FILE REPORT

On motion of Mr. KILDEE, by unanimous consent, the Committee on Education and Labor was granted permission until 3 p.m., Friday, February 18, 1994, to file a report on the bill (H.R. 6) "Improving America's Schools Act of 1994".

¶10.14 QUESTION OF ORDER OF THE HOUSE

Mr. GEPHARDT, rose and said:

"Following my unanimous consent request to put in place an agreed upon format for recognitions to address the House during a ninety day trial period beginning February 23, 1994, including a "morning hour" debate, an "Oxford style" debate and restriction on special order speeches, the Speaker will announce his guidelines for recognition. In so doing it is stipulated that the establishment of this format for recognition by the Speaker is without prejudice to the Speaker's ultimate power of recognition under clause 1, rule XIV, should circumstances so warrant."

Accordingly,

On motion of Mr. GEPHARDT, by unanimous consent,

Ordered, That the special orders previously granted by the House to address the House on dates through May 23, 1994, be vacated;

Ordered further, That during the period beginning February 23, 1994, and for ninety days thereafter, on Mondays and Tuesdays of each week the House convene ninety minutes earlier than the time otherwise established by order of the House solely for the purpose of conducting "morning hour" debates to be followed by a recess declared by the Speaker pursuant to clause 12, rule I, under the following conditions:

(1) Prayer by the Chaplain, approval of the Journal and the pledge of allegiance to the flag to be postponed until the resumption of the House session following the completion of morning hour debate;

(2) Debate to be limited not to exceed thirty minutes allocated to each party, with initial and subsequent recognition alternating daily between parties to be conferred by the Speaker only pursuant to lists submitted by the Majority Leader and Minority Leader, respectively (no Member on such lists to be permitted to address the House for longer than five minutes except for the Majority Leader and the Minority Leader); and

Ordered further, That on every third Wednesday, beginning on a day to be designated by the Speaker and mutually agreed upon by the Majority Leader and Minority Leader, it shall be in

order, at a time to be determined by the Speaker, for the Speaker to recognize the Majority Leader and Minority Leader (or their designees), jointly, for a period of not to exceed two hours, for the purpose of holding a structured debate. The topic of the debate, when mutually agreed upon by the Majority Leader and Minority Leader, shall be announced by the Speaker. The format of the debate, which shall allow for participation by four Members of the Majority party and four from the Minority party in the House, chosen by their respective party leaders, with specified times for presentations and rebuttals by all participants, and periods of questioning of each Member by others participating, shall be announced to the House by the Speaker.

Thereupon, The SPEAKER announced that with respect to special orders to address the House for up to one hour at the conclusion of legislative business or on days when no legislative business is scheduled, the Chair announces that:

(1) On Tuesday, following legislative business, there will be an unlimited period of special orders (not extending beyond midnight), with recognition for five-minutes and then for longer special orders alternating between the parties and with initial recognition (for longer special orders) rotating on a daily basis between the parties, and with the first hour of recognition on each side reserved to the House leadership (Majority Leader and Whip and Minority Leader or their designees);

(2) On Mondays, Wednesdays (except those Wednesdays when "Oxford style" debates are in order), Thursdays and Fridays, the Chair will recognize Members from each party for up to two hours of special order debate at the conclusion of legislative business and five minute special orders, or when no legislative business is scheduled (not extending beyond midnight), again with initial recognition alternating between the parties on a daily basis and with the allocation of time within each two hour period (or shorter period if prorated to end by midnight) to be determined by a list submitted to the Chair by the House leadership (Majority Leader and Whip and Minority Leader or designees), respectively, and with the first hour of recognition on each side reserved to the House leadership (Majority Leader and Whip and Minority Leader or their designees). (Members will be limited to signing up for all such special orders no earlier than one week prior to the special order, and additional guidelines may be established for such sign-ups by the Majority and Minority Leaders, respectively). One minute speeches on those days both prior to and at the conclusion of legislative business shall be at the discretion of the Speaker.

(3) Pursuant to clause 9(b)(1) of rule I, during this trial period the television cameras will not pan the chamber, but a "crawl" indicating Morning Hour or that the House has completed its legislative business and is proceeding with

special order speeches will appear on the screen. Other television camera adaptations during this period may be announced by the Chair; and

(4) Special orders to extend beyond the four hour period may be permitted at the discretion of the Chair with advance consultation between the leaderships and notification to the House.

¶10.15 LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted—

To Mr. HUTTO, for today;

To Mr. RUSH, for today and balance of the week;

To Mrs. FOWLER, for today;

To Mr. MINETA, for today; and

To Mr. JACOBS, for today.

And then,

¶10.16 ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Mr. HOYER, pursuant to the provisions of House Concurrent Resolution 206, at 7 o'clock and 31 minutes p.m., the House adjourned until 2 o'clock p.m. on Tuesday, February 22, 1994.

¶10.17 REPORTS OF COMMITTEES ON PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XIII, reports of committees were delivered to the Clerk for printing and reference to the proper calendar, as follows:

Mr. NATCHER: Committee of Conference. Conference report on H.R. 3759. A bill making emergency supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1994, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 103-424). Ordered to be printed.

¶10.18 PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 5 of rule X and clause 4 of rule XXII, public bills and resolutions were introduced and severally referred as follows:

By Mrs. JOHNSON of Connecticut (for herself and Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts):

H.R. 3865. A bill to amend the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980 (Superfund) to provide for the cleanup of municipal waste landfill Superfund sites, and for other purposes; jointly, to the Committees on Energy and Commerce and Public Works and Transportation.

By Mr. SANDERS (for himself, Mr. PALLONE, Mr. WILLIAMS, Mr. OBEY, Mr. COLEMAN, Mr. SABO, Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas, Mr. PETERSON of Minnesota, Mr. VENTO, Mr. OLVER, Mr. GEJDENSON, Mr. KOPETSKI, Mr. RAHALL, Mr. HAMBURG, Mr. FILNER, Mr. LANTOS, Mrs. SCHROEDER, Mr. OBERSTAR, Mr. TORRES, Mr. MARKEY, and Mr. JACOBS):

H.R.3866. A bill to provide certain employee protection benefits for railroad employees; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. SWETT:

H.R. 3867. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide that a foster care provider and qualified foster individual may share the same home; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. TEJEDA:

H.R. 3868. A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to authorize the Secretary of the Army to enroll civilians, under certain circumstances, in the physician assistant