

Whereas the United States has reduced its diplomatic presence in the South Pacific to a minimum, the Agency for International Development is closing posts in the region, and the current very modest program of United States foreign assistance to Pacific Island countries may be reduced; and

Whereas the United States has an opportunity to bolster its links with the Pacific Island countries through the negotiation of a Joint Declaration of Cooperation: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate concurring), That it is the sense of the Congress that—

(1) it is in the national interest for the United States to remain actively engaged in the South Pacific region as a means of supporting the important United States commercial and strategic interests, and to encourage the consolidation of democratic values;

(2) the United States should encourage economic, trade, and investment relationships with the countries of the South Pacific, in particular through the Joint Commercial Commission and its working group, and through other Asia/Pacific regional forums;

(3) the United States should seek to maintain its diplomatic presence in the South Pacific region;

(4) notwithstanding current fiscal constraints, the executive branch, particularly the Department of State, should work actively with the Congress to continue the very modest levels of foreign assistance provided to the region and to encourage the active participation in the region of other international donors;

(5) the United States has interests in preserving the natural resources and biodiversity of the South Pacific region, and is uniquely positioned to promote sustainable development through active participation in the South Pacific Regional Environmental Program and the United Nations Global Conference for the Sustainable Development of Small Island States and through implementation of the Biodiversity and Climate Conventions;

(6) the United States should cooperate closely with regional governments to strengthen sustainable management principles and practices as they apply to the region's fisheries resources;

(7) the United States should avail itself of the opportunity for contact with leaders of all South Pacific countries through regular Ministerial/Cabinet level meetings, including at the South Pacific Forum dialogue, to ensure that the views of regional governments are given consideration in policy deliberations; and

(8) the United States should take an active interest in the proposed Joint Declaration of Cooperation between the United States and certain Pacific Island governments as an opportunity for the United States to renew its commitment to the region.

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. MONTGOMERY, recognized Mr. FALEOMAVAEGA and Mr. GILMAN, each for 20 minutes.

After debate,

The question being put, *viva voce*,

Will the House suspend the rules and agree to said concurrent resolution, as amended?

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. MONTGOMERY, announced that two-thirds of the Members present had voted in the affirmative.

So, two-thirds of the Members present having voted in favor thereof, the rules were suspended and said concurrent resolution, as amended, was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider the vote whereby the rules were suspended and said concurrent resolution, as amended, was agreed to was, by unanimous consent, laid on the table.

Ordered, That the Clerk request the concurrence of the Senate in said concurrent resolution.

¶11.11 MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT—
ALASKA'S MINERAL RESOURCES

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. MONTGOMERY, laid before the House a message from the President, which was read as follows:

To the Congress of the United States:

I transmit herewith the 1993 Annual Report on Alaska's Mineral Resources, as required by section 1011 of the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act (Public Law 96-487; 16 U.S.C. 3151). This report contains pertinent public information relating to minerals in Alaska gathered by the U.S. Geological Survey, the U.S. Bureau of Mines, and other Federal agencies.

WILLIAM J. CLINTON.

THE WHITE HOUSE, *February 22, 1994.*

By unanimous consent, the message, together with the accompanying papers, was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources.

¶11.12 MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT—
RADIATION CONTROL

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. MONTGOMERY, laid before the House a message from the President, which was read as follows:

To the Congress of the United States:

In accordance with section 540 of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (21 U.S.C. 360qq) (previously section 360D of the Public Health Service Act), I am submitting the report of the Department of Health and Human Services regarding the administration of the Radiation Control for Health and Safety Act of 1968 during calendar year 1992.

The report recommends the repeal of section 540 of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act that requires the completion of this annual report. All the information found in this report is available to the Congress on a more immediate basis through the Center for Devices and Radiological Health technical reports, the Radiological Health Bulletin and other publicly available sources. This annual report serves little useful purpose and diverts Agency resources from more productive activities.

WILLIAM J. CLINTON.

THE WHITE HOUSE, *February 22, 1994.*

By unanimous consent, the message, together with the accompanying papers, was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

¶11.13 BILL PRESENTED TO THE
PRESIDENT

Mr. ROSE, from the Committee on House Administration, reported that that committee did on this day present to the President, for his approval, a bill of the House of the following title:

H.R. 3759. An Act making emergency supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1994, and for other purposes.

And then,

¶11.14 ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Mr. MICA, pursuant to the special order heretofore agreed to, at 2 o'clock and 44 minutes p.m., the House adjourned until 1 o'clock p.m. on Wednesday, February 23, 1994.

¶11.15 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:

[Pursuant to the order of the House on February 11, 1994, the following report was filed on February 16, 1994]

Mr. FORD of Michigan: Committee on Education and Labor. H.R. 6. A bill to extend for 6 years the authorizations of appropriations for the programs under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 and for other purposes; with amendments (Rept. No. 103-425). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

¶11.16 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 Mr. BROWN of California (for himself, Mr. VALENTINE, Mr. MINETA, Mrs. LLOYD, Mr. BOEHLERT, Mrs. MORELLA, Mr. SWETT, Mr. KLEIN, Mr. MCHALE, Ms. ESHOO, Mr. TRAFICANT, Mr. BACCHUS of Florida, Mr. BARCIA of Michigan, Mr. FINGERHUT, Ms. HARMAN, Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia, Mr. COPPERSMITH, Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas, Mr. MINGE, Mr. DEAL, Mr. SCOTT, Mr. BECERRA, Mr. BARCA of Wisconsin, Mr. RUSH, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. OLVER, and Ms. SLAUGHTER):

H.R. 3870. A bill to promote the research and development of environmental technologies; to the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology.

By Mr. ARMEY (for himself, Mr. COMBEST, Mr. LINDER, Mr. DELAY, Mr. KING, Mr. HOEKSTRA, Mr. WALKER, Mr. BACHUS Alabama, Mr. HANCOCK, Mr. SMITH of Michigan, Mr. LEVY, Mr. BONILLA, Mr. CRANE, and Mr. LIGHTFOOT):

H.R. 3871. A bill to repeal the substantiation requirement for the deduction of certain charitable contributions which was added by the Revenue Reconciliation Act of 1993; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. CONDIT (for himself, Mr. PETERSON of Florida, Ms. SCHENK, Mr. CUNNINGHAM, and Mr. CANADY):

H.R. 3872. A bill to require the Federal Government to incarcerate or to reimburse State and local governments for the cost of incarcerating criminal aliens; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Ms. NORTON (for herself, Mr. BLACKWELL, Mr. DELLUMS, Mr. EVANS, Mr. FILNER, Mr. FROST, Mr. HINCHEY, Mr. JEFFERSON, Mr. LEWIS of Georgia, Mr. MANTON, Mr. MORAN, Mrs. MORELLA, Mr. MURPHY, Mr. OLVER, Mr. OWENS, Mr. RANGEL, Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. SERRANO, Mr. SHAYS, Mr. STOKES, Mrs. UNSOELD, Ms. VELAZQUEZ, Mr. WALSH, Mr. WATT, and Mr. WYNN):