

Mr. COOKSEY. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 29, I was inadvertently detained. Had I been present, I would have voted "yes."

Mr. HANSEN. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 29, I was unavoidably detained. Had I been present, I would have voted "yes."

Mr. BILBRAY. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 29, I was inadvertently detained. Had I been present, I would have voted "yes."

EXPORT APPLE ACT

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. SHIMKUS). The pending business is the question of suspending the rules and passing the bill, H.R. 609.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Texas (Mr. CONDIT) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 609, 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 416, nays 0, not voting 17, as follows:

[Roll No. 30]

YEAS—416

Abercrombie	Chenoweth	Fossella
Ackerman	Clay	Fowler
Aderholt	Clayton	Frank (MA)
Allen	Clement	Franks (NJ)
Andrews	Clyburn	Frelinghuysen
Archer	Coble	Frost
Armey	Coburn	Gallegly
Bachus	Collins	Ganske
Baird	Combust	Gedjenson
Baker	Condit	Gekas
Baldacci	Conyers	Gephardt
Baldwin	Cook	Gibbons
Ballenger	Cooksey	Gilchrest
Barcia	Costello	Gillmor
Barr	Cox	Gilman
Barrett (NE)	Coyne	Gonzalez
Barrett (WI)	Cramer	Goode
Bartlett	Crane	Goodlatte
Barton	Crowley	Goodling
Bass	Cubin	Gordon
Bateman	Cummings	Goss
Becerra	Cunningham	Graham
Bentsen	Danner	Green (TX)
Bereuter	Davis (FL)	Green (WI)
Berkley	Davis (IL)	Greenwood
Berry	Davis (VA)	Gutierrez
Biggert	Deal	Gutknecht
Bilbray	DeFazio	Hall (OH)
Bilirakis	DeGette	Hall (TX)
Bishop	Delahunt	Hansen
Blagojevich	DeLauro	Hastings (FL)
Bliley	DeLay	Hastings (WA)
Blumenauer	DeMint	Hayes
Blunt	Deutsch	Hayworth
Boehrlert	Diaz-Balart	Hefley
Boehner	Dickey	Herger
Bonilla	Dicks	Hill (IN)
Bonior	Dingell	Hill (MT)
Bono	Dixon	Hilleary
Borski	Doggett	Hinchey
Boswell	Doolley	Hinojosa
Boucher	Doolittle	Hobson
Boyd	Doyle	Hoefl
Brady (PA)	Dreier	Hoekstra
Brady (TX)	Duncan	Holden
Brown (CA)	Edwards	Holt
Brown (FL)	Ehlers	Hooley
Brown (OH)	Ehrlich	Horn
Bryant	Emerson	Hostettler
Burr	Engel	Houghton
Burton	English	Hoyer
Calvert	Eshoo	Hulshof
Camp	Etheridge	Hutchinson
Campbell	Ewing	Hyde
Canady	Farr	Inslee
Capuano	Fattah	Isakson
Cardin	Filner	Isakson
Carson	Fletcher	Jackson (IL)
Castle	Foley	Jackson-Lee
Chabot	Forbes	(TX)
Chambliss	Ford	Jefferson

Jenkins	Moore	Shaw
John	Moran (KS)	Shays
Johnson (CT)	Moran (VA)	Sherman
Johnson, E. B.	Morella	Sherwood
Johnson, Sam	Murtha	Shimkus
Jones (NC)	Myrick	Shows
Jones (OH)	Nadler	Shuster
Kanjorski	Napolitano	Simpson
Kaptur	Neal	Sisisky
Kasich	Nethercutt	Skeen
Kelly	Ney	Skelton
Kennedy	Northup	Slaughter
Kildee	Norwood	Smith (MI)
Kilpatrick	Nussle	Smith (NJ)
Kind (WI)	Oberstar	Smith (TX)
King (NY)	Obey	Smith (WA)
Kingston	Olver	Snyder
Klecza	Ortiz	Souder
Klink	Ose	Spratt
Knollenberg	Owens	Stabenow
Kolbe	Oxley	Stark
Kucinich	Packard	Stearns
Kuykendall	Pallone	Stenholm
LaFalce	Pascrell	Strickland
LaHood	Pastor	Stump
Lampson	Paul	Stupak
Lantos	Payne	Sununu
Largent	Pease	Sweeney
Larson	Pelosi	Talent
Latham	Peterson (MN)	Tancredo
LaTourette	Peterson (PA)	Tanner
Lazio	Petri	Tauscher
Leach	Phelps	Tauzin
Lee	Pickering	Taylor (MS)
Levin	Pickett	Taylor (NC)
Lewis (CA)	Pitts	Terry
Lewis (GA)	Pombo	Thomas
Lewis (KY)	Pomeroy	Thompson (CA)
Linder	Porter	Thompson (MS)
Lipinski	Portman	Thornberry
LoBiondo	Price (NC)	Thune
Loftgren	Pryce (OH)	Thurman
Lowe	Quinn	Tiahrt
Lucas (KY)	Radanovich	Tierney
Lucas (OK)	Rahall	Toomey
Luther	Ramstad	Towns
Maloney (CT)	Rangel	Trafficant
Maloney (NY)	Regula	Turner
Manzullo	Reyes	Udall (CO)
Markey	Reynolds	Udall (NM)
Martinez	Riley	Upton
Mascara	Rivers	Velazquez
Matsui	Rodriguez	Vento
McCarthy (MO)	Roemer	Visclosky
McCarthy (NY)	Rogan	Walden
McCrery	Rohrabacher	Walsh
McDermott	Ros-Lehtinen	Wamp
McGovern	Rothman	Waters
McHugh	Roukema	Watt (NC)
McInnis	Roybal-Allard	Watts (OK)
McIntosh	Royce	Waxman
McIntyre	Ryan (WI)	Weiner
McKeon	Ryun (KS)	Weldon (FL)
Sabo	Salmom	Weldon (PA)
Salmon	Sanchez	Weller
Sanchez	Sanders	Wexler
Sandlin	Sandlin	Weygand
Sanford	Sanford	Whitfield
Sawyer	Sawyer	Wicker
Saxton	Saxton	Wilson
Scarborough	Scarborough	Wise
Schaffer	Schaffer	Wolf
Schakowsky	Schakowsky	Woolsey
Scott	Scott	Wu
Sensenbrenner	Serrano	Wynn
Serrano	Sessions	Young (AK)
Sessions	Shadegg	Young (FL)

NOT VOTING—17

Berman	Evans	McKinney
Buyer	Everett	Rogers
Callahan	Granger	Rush
Cannon	Hilliard	Spence
Capps	Hunter	Watkins
Dunn	McCollum	

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So (two-thirds having voted in favor thereof), the rules were suspended and the bill was passed.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

REPORT ON RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 603, CLARIFYING THE APPLICATION OF THE ACT POPULARLY KNOWN AS THE "DEATH ON THE HIGH SEAS ACT" TO AVIATION INCIDENTS

Mr. HASTINGS of Washington, from the Committee on Rules, submitted a privileged report (Rept. No. 106-37) on the resolution (H. Res. 85) providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 603) to amend title 49, United States Code, to clarify the application of the Act popularly known as the "Death on the High Seas Act" to aviation incidents, which was referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed.

REPORT ON RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 661, CONDITIONALLY PROHIBITING THE OPERATION OF SUPERSONIC AIRCRAFT

Mr. HASTINGS of Washington, from the Committee on Rules, submitted a privileged report (Rept. No. 106-38) on the resolution (H. Res. 86) providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 661) to direct the Secretary of Transportation to prohibit the commercial operation of supersonic transport category aircraft that do not comply with stage 3 noise levels if the European Union adopts certain aircraft noise regulations, which was referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed.

ELECTION OF MEMBERS TO JOINT COMMITTEE ON PRINTING AND JOINT COMMITTEE OF CONGRESS ON THE LIBRARY

Mr. THOMAS. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on House Administration be discharged from further consideration of the resolution (H. Res. 87) and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the title of the resolution.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. SHIMKUS). Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from California?

Mr. HOYER. Reserving the right to object, Mr. Speaker, I will not object, but I yield to the gentleman from California (Mr. THOMAS) for the purpose of explaining the resolution.

Mr. THOMAS. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for yielding.

It is my pleasure to announce that the Committee on House Administration now has its full complement of members on both sides of the aisle, and this resolution constitutes the Joint Committee of Congress on the Library, consisting of the chairman and ranking member, the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. BOEHNER), the gentleman from Michigan (Mr. EHLERS), the gentleman from Maryland (Mr. HOYER), and the gentleman from Florida (Mr. DAVIS); and the Joint Committee on Printing, the chairman, the gentleman from Ohio

(Mr. BOEHNER), the ranking member, the gentleman from Maryland (Mr. HOYER), the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. NEY), and the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. FATTAH).

Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman.

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, I withdraw my reservation of objection.

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

There was no objection.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 87

Resolved, That the following named Members be, and they are hereby, elected to the following joint committees of Congress, to serve with the chairman of the Committee on House Administration:

Joint Committee of Congress on the Library: Mr. Boehner, Mr. Ehlers, Mr. Hoyer, and Mr. Davis of Florida.

Joint Committee on Printing: Mr. Boehner, Mr. Ney, Mr. Hoyer, and Mr. Fattah.

The resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

ELECTION OF MEMBER TO CERTAIN STANDING COMMITTEES OF THE HOUSE

Mr. THOMAS. Mr. Speaker, I offer a resolution (H. Res. 88) and ask unanimous consent for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 88

Resolved, That the following named Member be, and he is hereby, elected to the following standing committees of the House of Representatives:

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Mr. Isakson.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Mr. Isakson.

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

There was no objection.

The resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

SPECIAL ORDERS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 6, 1999, and under a previous order of the House, the following Members will be recognized for 5 minutes each.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from the District of Columbia (Ms. NORTON) is recognized for 5 minutes.

(Ms. NORTON addressed the House. Her remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Florida (Mr. STEARNS) is recognized for 5 minutes.

(Mr. STEARNS addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Tennessee (Mr. FORD) is recognized for 5 minutes.

(Mr. FORD addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

CONDEMNING THE CUBAN DICTATORSHIP'S CRACKDOWN ON THE INTERNAL OPPOSITION

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Florida (Mr. DIAZ-BALART) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. DIAZ-BALART. Mr. Speaker, in recent weeks the Cuban dictatorship has carried out a brutal crackdown of the brave internal opposition and independent press, taking Cuba's four best known internal opponents, Felix Bonne Carcasses, Marta Beatriz Roque Cabello, Vladimiro Roca Antunez, and Rene Gomez Manzano, to trial on trumped-up charges, and arresting scores of other peaceful opponents without cause or justification.

The internal opposition in Cuba is working intently and valiantly to draw international attention to Cuba's deplorable human rights situation, and continues to strengthen and grow, despite the Stalinist repression, in its opposition to the Castro dictatorship.

At this time of extraordinary repression, the internal opposition requires and deserves the firm and unwavering support and solidarity of the international community. The Cuban dictatorships repressive crackdown against the brave internal opposition and the independent press must be condemned in the strongest possible terms.

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The internal opposition and independent press of Cuba have our profound admiration and firm solidarity.

We must demand of the Cuban dictatorship the release of all political prisoners, the legalization of all political parties, labor unions and the press, and the scheduling of free and fair internationally supervised elections.

Mr. Speaker, I call on the government of Spain, of Prime Minister Aznar, to cancel the announced trip to Castro's Cuba of the King of Spain; and I call upon the member states of the Ibero-American summit to boycott the upcoming meeting that has been, incredibly, scheduled for November in the capital of the Cuban dictatorship.

Martin Luther King rightfully declared that an injustice anywhere is an affront to injustice everywhere. Going to Cuba to shake the Cuban tyrant's hand would be an ultimately immoral act. Now, more than ever, it is incumbent upon the entire international community to demonstrate firm solidarity with the oppressed people of

Cuba and with the brave internal opposition.

According to press reports from Cuba, the following dissidents and journalists have been arrested by the Cuban dictatorship in the last few days:

Efren Martinez Pulgaron, Ana Maria Ortega Jimenez, Marisela Pompa, Angel Polanco, Odilia Collazo, Arnaldo Ramos, Lazaro Rodriguez, Jose Orlando Gonzalez Bridon, Lazaro Cala, Felix Perera, Oswaldo Paya Sardinas, Ofelia Nardo Cruz, Regis Iglesias, Angel Moya Acosta, Miriam Cantillo, Benigno Torralba, Ramon Alfonso William, Gisela Concepcion Bolanos, Marvin Hernandez Monzon, Jesus David Martinez Garcia, Julian Martinez Baez, Juan Francisco Monzon Oviedo, Nestor Rodriguez Lobaina, Ivan Hernandez Carrillo, Felix Navarro Rodriguez, Pedro H. Rojas, Leonel Morejon Almagro, Reinaldo Cosano Allen, Jesus Llanes Pelletier, Maria Menendez Villar, Oscar Elias Biscet, Rolando Munoz Yyobre, Miriam Cantillo, Omar Rodriguez Saludos, Diosdado Gonzalez Marrero, Ileana Somiellan Fleitas, Nanci Sotolongo, Odalys Curbelo, Juan Antonio Sanchez, Hector Cruz, Israel Bayon, Raul Rivero and Orlando Bordon.

There are certainly many others who have been arrested but who we have not been able to find out about as of yet.

Mr. Speaker, our admiration, our support, and our prayers go out to all of these brave Cuban patriots and to all of the suffering and oppressed Cuban people.

TEXAS INDEPENDENCE DAY

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. SHIMKUS). Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Texas (Mr. GREEN) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. GREEN of Texas. Mr. Speaker, today is a special day, particularly in Texas, because in Texas March 2 is Texas Independence Day. In 1836, 163 years ago today, the Republic of Texas was born. As I left Houston this morning, spring is coming to Texas. The bluebonnets are blooming, and we are actually seeing a lot of changes, and that is what has happened in Texas.

Mr. Speaker, let me set the stage for what happened 163 years ago. On March 1, 1836, 54 delegates representing settlements across Texas gathered for the Texas Convention of 1836 in a small farm village at Washington-on-the-Brazos.

From the beginning, it was an event marked by haste and urgency because Santa Anna's forces were closing in on the defenders of the Alamo. Within days it would fall, setting off a chain reaction of defeats for the small Texas Army, which would nevertheless emerge victorious at the battle of San Jacinto 6 weeks later on April 21. March 2 is when the delegates in Washington-on-the-Brazos actually drew up the Constitution and declared independence.