

their political subdivisions, domestic or international organizations or associations, or other persons to carry out the Act. Section 301 authorizes the Secretary to transfer biological control technology to States, Federal agencies, or other persons for use in control of plant pests or noxious weeds. Section 301 also authorizes cooperation with States and other persons in the administration of programs for the improvement of plants, plant products, and biological control organisms. Finally, Section 431 authorizes the Secretary to ensure that all phytosanitary import/export issues are addressed based on sound science and consistent with applicable international agreements.

Sec. 432. Buildings, land, people, claims, and agreements

Authorizes the Secretary to acquire and maintain real or personal property for special purposes; to enter into contracts, cooperative agreements, memoranda of understanding, and other agreements; to employ any person; or to make grants necessary for carrying out this Act. Section 432 also authorizes the payment of tort claims when the claims arise outside the United States in connection with activities authorized by this Act. Claims must be presented in writing within 2 years after the claim accrues.

Sec. 433. Reimbursable agreements

Authorizes the Secretary to enter into reimbursable fee agreements for preclearance at locations outside the United States for plants, plant products, biological control organisms, and articles. Funds collected are credited to accounts established by the Secretary and remain available until expended. Section 433 also authorizes the Secretary to pay employees performing inspection, quarantine, or other services relating to imports and exports for all overtime, night, or holiday work and to require the person for whom the service is performed to reimburse the Secretary for the services.

Sec. 434. Regulations and orders

Authorizes the Secretary to issue orders and regulations necessary to carry out this Act.

Sec. 435. Protection for mail handlers

This Act shall not apply to any employee of the United States in the performance of the duties of the employee in handling the mail.

Sec. 436. Preemption

Provides that no State or political subdivision may take an action to regulate in foreign commerce any article or means of conveyance, plant, biological control organism, plant pest, noxious weed, or plant product in order to control or eradicate a plant pest or noxious weed, or prevent the introduction or dissemination of a biological control organism, plant pest, or noxious weed.

Similarly, no State or political subdivision may take an action to regulate interstate commerce different from Federal regulations in any of the delineated items; control a plant pest or noxious weed; eradicate a plant pest or noxious weed; or prevent the introduction or dissemination of a biological control organism, plant pest, or noxious weed if the Secretary has issued a regulation or order to prevent the dissemination of the biological control organism, plant pest, or noxious weed. However, if State or local officials can demonstrate a special local circumstance, they can petition the Secretary to allow for the imposition of additional prohibitions or restrictions by the State or local government.

Sec. 437. Severability

Contains standard severability language.

Sec. 438. Repeals

Enumerates the list of laws being repealed and replaced by this Act.

Subtitle D—Authorizations of Appropriations

Sec. 441. Authorization of appropriations

Authorizes the appropriation of such amounts necessary to carry out this Act. Unless specifically authorized, no part of appropriated funds shall be used for indemnification purposes.

Sec. 442. Transfer authority

Authorizes the Secretary to transfer funds without fiscal year limitation from any agency or corporation of the Department to arrest, control, eradicate, and/or prevent the spread of a plant pest or noxious weed in connection with a threatening agricultural emergency.

Title V—Inspection Animals

Sec. 501. Inspection animal civil penalties

Provides for civil penalties of up to \$10,000 for causing harm to or interfering with a Department of Agriculture inspection animal.

Sec. 502. Inspection animal subpoena authority

Authorizes the Secretary to require the attendance of witnesses and production of documentary evidence through the use of subpoenas to aid in investigations and proceedings. This provision also authorizes the Secretary to request the Attorney General to take actions to enforce such subpoenas.

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PAUL COVERDELL,
PAT ROBERTS,
TOM HARKIN,
PATRICK LEAHY,
KENT CONRAD,
BOB KERREY,

Managers on the Part of the Senate.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12 of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

Accordingly (at 10 o'clock and 42 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

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AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. HASTINGS of Washington) at 12 o'clock and 32 minutes a.m.

REPORT ON RESOLUTION WAIVING POINTS OF ORDER AGAINST CONFERENCE REPORT ON H.R. 2559, AGRICULTURE RISK PROTECTION ACT OF 1999

Mr. SESSIONS, from the Committee on Rules, submitted a privileged report (Rept. No. 106-640) on the resolution (H. Res. 512) waiving points of order against the conference report to accompany the bill (H.R. 2559) to amend

the Federal Crop Insurance Act to strengthen the safety net for agricultural producers by providing greater access to more affordable risk management tools and improved protection from production and income loss, to improve the efficiency and integrity of the Federal crop insurance program, and for other purposes, which was referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed.

REPORT ON H.R. 4461, PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 4461, AGRICULTURE, RURAL DEVELOPMENT, FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2001

Mr. SESSIONS, from the Committee on Rules, submitted a privileged report (Rept. No. 106-641) providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 4461) making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2001, and for other purposes, which was referred to the Union Calendar and ordered to be printed.

HOUSE PASSED PERMANENT NORMAL TRADE RELATIONS FOR CHINA

(Mr. SESSIONS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. Speaker, today has been a glorious day for the United States House of Representatives. This body, actually yesterday, debated one of the most outstanding trade packages that will take place perhaps in my tenure in the House of Representatives, and I am pleased to report to those listeners that might be hearing us tonight that the House of Representatives earlier today passed what is known as the permanent normal trade relations with China. It was a stunning victory for people who choose to have free and fair trade around this globe.

SPECIAL ORDERS GRANTED

By unanimous consent, permission to address the House, following the legislative program and any special orders heretofore entered, was granted to:

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. MCNULTY) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Ms. BROWN of Florida, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. HOOLEY of Oregon, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. STABENOW, for 5 minutes, today.

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. BUYER) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. DUNCAN, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. REGULA, for 5 minutes, May 25.

(The following Member (at the request of Mr. GANSKE) to revise and extend his remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. KASICH, for 5 minutes, today.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REFERRED

A concurrent resolution of the Senate of the following title was taken from the Speaker's table and, under the rule, referred as follows:

S. Con. Res. 116. Concurrent resolution commending Israel's redeployment from southern Lebanon; to the Committee on International Relations.

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

Mr. THOMAS, from the Committee on House Administration, reported that committee had examined and found truly enrolled a bill of the House

of the following title, which was thereupon signed by the Speaker:

H.R. 371. An act to facilitate the naturalization of aliens who served with special guerrilla units or irregular forces in Laos.

BILLS PRESENTED TO THE PRESIDENT

Mr. THOMAS, from the Committee on House Administration, reported that that committee did on the following dates present to the President, for his approval, bills of the House of the following title:

On Tuesday, May 23, 2000:

H.R. 154. To allow the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture to establish a fee system for commercial filming activities on Federal land, and for other purposes.

H.R. 834. To extend the authorization for the Historic Preservation Fund and the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1832. To reform unfair and anti-competitive practices in the professional boxing industry.

On Wednesday, May 24, 2000:

H.R. 371. To facilitate the naturalization of aliens who served with special guerrilla units or irregular forces in Laos.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 12 o'clock and 34 minutes a.m.), the House adjourned until today, Thursday, May 25, 2000, at 10 a.m.

EXPENDITURE REPORTS CONCERNING OFFICIAL FOREIGN TRAVEL

Reports concerning the foreign currencies and U.S. dollars utilized for official foreign travel during the fourth quarter of 1999 and first quarter of 2000, by Committees of the U.S. House of Representatives, as well as a consolidated report of foreign currencies and U.S. dollars utilized for speaker-authorized official travel during second and fourth quarters of 1999, and first quarter of 2000, pursuant to Public Law 95-384, and for miscellaneous groups in connection with official foreign travel during the first quarter of 2000 are as follows:

AMENDED REPORT OF EXPENDITURES FOR OFFICIAL FOREIGN TRAVEL, COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, EXPENDED BETWEEN OCT. 1 AND DEC. 31, 1999

Name of Member or employee	Date		Country	Per diem ¹		Transportation		Other purposes		Total	
	Arrival	Departure		Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²
Hon. Eliot Engel	11/20	11/22	Ukraine		436.00						436.00
	11/22	11/23	Belgium		263.00		887.41				1,150.41
Catherine VanWay	10/30	11/5	Germany		1,458.00		1,999.01				3,457.01
Committee total					2,157.00		2,886.42				5,043.42

¹ Per diem constitutes lodging and meals.

² If foreign currency is used, enter U.S. dollar equivalent; if U.S. currency is used, enter amount expended.

TOM BLILEY, Chairman, Apr. 10, 2000.

REPORT OF EXPENDITURES FOR OFFICIAL FOREIGN TRAVEL, COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, EXPENDED BETWEEN OCT. 1 AND DEC. 31, 1999

Name of Member or employee	Date		Country	Per diem ¹		Transportation		Other purposes		Total	
	Arrival	Departure		Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²
Visit to France, Nov. 1-3, 1999:											
Hon. Curt Weldon	11/1	11/3	Germany		294.00	1,143.22		50.43			1,487.65
Visit to Panama, Nov. 14-16, 1999:											
Hon. Walter B. Jones	11/14	11/16	Panama		348.00						348.00
Mr. Christian P. Zur	11/14	11/16	Panama		348.00						348.00
Travel to Moldova, Russia, and Norway, Nov. 20-25, 1999:											
Hon. Curt Weldon	11/20	11/21	Moldova		225.00						225.00
	11/21	11/24	Russia		1,143.00						1,143.00
	11/24	11/25	Norway		276.00						276.00
Hon. Jim Saxton	11/20	11/21	Moldova		225.00						225.00
	11/21	11/24	Russia		1,143.00						1,143.00
	11/24	11/25	Norway		276.00						276.00
Hon. Roscoe G. Bartlett	11/20	11/21	Moldova		225.00						225.00
	11/21	11/24	Russia		1,143.00						1,143.00
	11/24	11/25	Norway		276.00						276.00
Mr. David J. Trachtenberg	11/20	11/21	Moldova		225.00						225.00
	11/21	11/24	Russia		1,143.00						1,143.00
Commercial airfare						1,486.27					1,486.27
Visit to Germany, Hungary, Italy and Ireland, Nov. 22-30, 1999:											
Hon. Ike Skelton	11/22	11/25	Germany		317.00						317.00
	11/25	11/27	Hungary		502.00						502.00
	11/27	11/29	Italy		586.00						586.00
	11/29	11/20	Ireland		195.00						195.00
Mr. Michael R. Higgins	11/22	11/25	Germany		317.00						317.00
	11/25	11/27	Hungary		502.00						502.00
	11/27	11/29	Italy		586.00						586.00
	11/29	11/20	Ireland		195.00						195.00
Visit to Curacao, Aruba, Ecuador and Panama, Dec. 2-10, 1999:											
Hon. Floyd D. Spence	12/2	12/4	Curacao		460.00						460.00
	12/4	12/6	Aruba		585.00						585.00
	12/6	12/8	Ecuador		385.00						385.00
	12/8	12/10	Panama		448.00						448.00
Hon. Solomon P. Ortiz	12/2	12/4	Curacao		460.00						460.00
	12/4	12/6	Aruba		585.00						585.00
	12/6	12/8	Ecuador		385.00						385.00
	12/8	12/10	Panama		448.00						448.00
Hon. Tillie K. Fowler	12/2	12/4	Curacao		460.00						460.00
	12/4	12/6	Aruba		585.00						585.00
	12/6	12/8	Ecuador		385.00						385.00
	12/8	12/10	Panama		448.00						448.00