

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

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

The title was amended so as to read:

“A bill to extend the authorities of the Iran and Libya Sanctions Act of 1996 until 2006, and for other purposes.”.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. GEKAS. Mr. Speaker, earlier today I missed rollcall votes No. 275 and No. 276 on H.J. Res. 55, Disapproving Normal Trade Relations with Vietnam and H.R. 1954, The Iran Libya Sanctions Act. During the vote I was in a part of the Capitol building where the occurrence of floor votes was not indicated by the light/bell system. I request that the RECORD reflect that had I been on the floor, I would have cast a vote against H.J. Res. 55 and in favor of H.R. 1954, which I have cosponsored.

CONGRATULATIONS TO HOUSTON SOLAR RACE TEAM ON WINNING WINSTON SOLAR CHALLENGE

(Mr. WICKER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. WICKER. Mr. Speaker, as we prepare to debate national energy policy, a solar-powered car race which concluded yesterday calls attention to the uses of alternative energy sources.

The Winston Solar Challenge is an educational competition among high school teams from across our Nation. The winner will compete in the world competition this November in Australia.

This 8-day race covered a 1,400 mile course from Texas to Indiana. The competition concluded late yesterday with the winning team finishing more than 271 miles in front of their closest competitor. I am immensely proud that the winner of this race is from the city of Houston, Mississippi, located in my district.

Under the guidance of advisers Danny Lantrip and Keith Reese, the team includes Captains Trey Ellison, Andy Goode, and members Daniel Black, Clay Bishop, Adam Duncan, Marshall Faulkner, Chris Free, Jason Mallone, Josh Moore, Casey Smith, Nikkie Smith, Bryan White, Jimmy Jones, and Jeannie Moore.

Congratulations to the Houston Solar Race Team on an extraordinary performance and a job well done. The city of Houston, Chickasaw County, the entire State of Mississippi, and now the United States of America are proud of you.

RECESS

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

Accordingly (at 12 o'clock and 8 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. LATOURETTE) at 1 o'clock and 17 minutes p.m.

REPORT ON RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 2620, DEPARTMENTS OF VETERANS AFFAIRS AND HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT, AND INDEPENDENT AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2002

Ms. PRYCE of Ohio, from the Committee on Rules, submitted a privileged report (Rept. No. 107-164) on the resolution (H. Res. 210) providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 2620) making appropriations for the Departments of Veterans Affairs and Housing and Urban Development and for sundry independent agencies, boards, commissions, corporations, and offices for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2002, and for other purposes, which was referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed.

WAIVING A REQUIREMENT OF CLAUSE 6(a) OF RULE XIII WITH RESPECT TO CONSIDERATION OF CERTAIN RESOLUTIONS REPORTED FROM THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Ms. PRYCE of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, by the direction of the Committee on Rules, I call up House Resolution 209 and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 209

Resolved, That the requirement of clause 6(a) of rule XIII for a two-thirds vote to consider a report from the Committee on Rules on the same day it is presented to the House is waived with respect to any resolution reported on the legislative day of July 26, 2001, providing for consideration or disposition of the bill (H.R. 2620) making appropriations for the Departments of Veterans Affairs and Housing and Urban Development and for sundry independent agencies, boards, commissions, corporations, and offices for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2002.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentlewoman from Ohio (Ms. PRYCE) is recognized for 1 hour.

Ms. PRYCE of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, for the purposes of debate only, I yield the customary 30 minutes to the gentlewoman from New York (Ms. SLAUGHTER), pending which I yield myself such time as I may consume. During consideration of this resolution, all time yielded is for the purpose of debate only.

Mr. Speaker, last night the Committee on Rules met and reported this resolution waiving clause 6(a) of rule

13, requiring a two-thirds vote to consider a rule on the same day it is reported from the Committee on Rules. The resolution applies the waiver to a special rule reported by the Committee on Rules on or before the legislative day of Thursday, July 26, 2001, if the rule provides for consideration of the first 2002 VA-HUD appropriations bill.

Mr. Speaker, as my colleagues are aware, the Committee on Appropriations has completed its work and filed H.R. 2620, the fiscal year 2002 VA-HUD appropriations bill and the Members have had the opportunity to review this legislation which addresses some of our Nation's most pressing needs. In fact, yesterday the Committee on Rules received testimony on this bill from a number of Members in anticipation of reporting a rule to bring this legislation before the House.

Adoption of this rule now will simply allow us to consider the appropriations package today rather than holding up this bill until tomorrow or even next week.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to support this rule and allow the House to complete its work on the business at hand.

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

Ms. SLAUGHTER. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentlewoman from Ohio for yielding me the customary 30 minutes, and I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong opposition to this martial-law rule. I oppose the process that it represents where the Committee on Rules meets in the midnight hour rather than opening its deliberations in the daytime.

The hearing for this measure was held yesterday afternoon at 3 p.m. We have had more than adequate time to prepare the rule. I am at a loss to explain why we are once again preparing to circumvent the rules of the body and ram this controversial measure, martial law, down the throats of our colleagues. What aversion does this leadership have to regular order?

The “martial-law measure” we are considering is an extremely heavy-handed process and, under the Rules of the House, a two-thirds vote is required to consider a rule on the same day that the Committee on Rules reports it. But martial-law procedures allow us to bring a rule to be considered on the same day it is reported with a majority, rather than two-thirds vote.

Frankly, this process is baffling to many of us. For the first time in years, we are using this heavy-handed procedure on an appropriations bill, making its initial pass through the House. If anyone could explain the real reason why we find ourselves in this position, I look forward to hearing it. I urge my colleagues to vote “no” on martial law.

Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

Ms. PRYCE of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, I have no further speakers, I yield back the balance of my time, and I move the previous question on the resolution.