

Mr. GOSS. I yield to the gentleman from Florida.

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Mr. Chairman, the gentleman has my assurance that I will do everything I can to strengthen it in the way he has put forward.

Mr. GOSS. The gentleman continues to make a contribution to the committee, and we hope to see him again.

Ms. PELOSI. Mr. Chairman, I move to strike the requisite number of words.

Mr. Chairman, the hour is late and I would like to say more, but I do want to very enthusiastically commend the gentleman for this very important amendment.

On the committee we have had a tradition of chairman Louis Stokes, our former colleague, when he was the Chair of the committee, was a champion for promoting diversity in the intelligence community. That banner was later carried by our late colleague Congressman Julian Dixon as ranking member of the committee, and now the gentleman from Florida (Mr. HASTINGS) and others on the committee are advancing this.

All of us have worked very hard to impress upon the intelligence community the value of diversity to mission success. We want the very best people, and we want to draw upon the knowledge of other cultures, the language, the possibility, the opportunities, the personalities that are in our country and that understand the culture of other countries.

Part of the success of intelligence is understanding plans and intentions. It takes a great deal of access and imagination. Diversity brings both of those in a way that I think we are missing and have a deficit in our current intelligence resources.

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We have tremendous resources, however. We are blessed with courageous and patriotic people who work every day to protect the American people. That resource can be improved and enhanced by the work that the gentleman from Florida (Mr. HASTINGS) is presenting here this evening.

We cannot say it enough. We need to expand the diversity of our workforce, and we need to expand the language capabilities to another issue that was addressed here this evening. We hope that the amendment of the gentleman from Florida will build upon the work of Mr. Stokes and our dear late colleague Mr. Dixon in a way that will be exponential in light of the new hires that will have to happen in light of September 11.

Again, I commend the gentleman and my distinguished chairman for agreeing to the amendment.

The CHAIRMAN pro tempore (Mr. WHITFIELD). The question is on the amendments offered by the gentleman from Florida (Mr. HASTINGS).

The amendments were agreed to.

The CHAIRMAN pro tempore. Are there other amendments?

If not, the question is on the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute, as amended.

The committee amendment in the nature of a substitute, as amended, was agreed to.

The CHAIRMAN pro tempore. Under the rule, the committee rises.

Accordingly, the Committee rose; and the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. PORTMAN) having assumed the chair, Mr. WHITFIELD, Chairman pro tempore of the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union, reported that that Committee, having had under consideration the bill (H.R. 4628) to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2003 for intelligence and intelligence-related activities of the United States Government, the Community Management Account, and the Central Intelligence Agency Retirement and Disability System, and for other purposes, pursuant to House Resolution 497, he reported the bill back to the House with an amendment adopted by the Committee of the Whole.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the rule, the previous question is ordered.

Is a separate vote demanded on any amendment to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute adopted by the Committee of the Whole? If not, the question is on the amendment.

The amendment was agreed to.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the engrossment and third reading of the bill.

The bill was ordered to be engrossed and read a third time, and was read the third time, and passed, and a motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

AUTHORIZING THE CLERK TO MAKE CORRECTIONS IN EN-GROSSMENT OF H.R. 4628, INTELLIGENCE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2003

Mr. GOSS. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that in the engrossment of the bill, H.R. 4628, just passed, the Clerk be authorized to make such technical and conforming changes as necessary to reflect the actions of the House.

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

There was no objection.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. GOSS. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material on the bill (H.R. 4628) to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2003 for intelligence and intelligence-related activities of the United States Government, the Community Management Account, and the Central Intelligence Agency Retirement and Disability System, and for other purposes.

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

There was no objection.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12 of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess until approximately 9 a.m. today.

Accordingly (at 2 o'clock and 45 minutes a.m.), the House stood in recess until approximately 9 a.m.

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AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. SESSIONS) at 9 a.m.

REPORT ON RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF SENATE AMENDMENT TO H.R. 4546, BOB STUMP NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2003

Mr. REYNOLDS, from the Committee on Rules, submitted a privileged report (Rept. No. 107-611) on the resolution (H. Res. 500) providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 4546) relating to consideration of the Senate amendment to the bill (H.R. 4546) to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2003 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe personnel strengths for such fiscal year for the Armed Forces, and for other purposes, which was referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed.

REPORT ON RESOLUTION WAIVING REQUIREMENT OF CLAUSE 6(a) OF RULE XIII WITH RESPECT TO CONSIDERATION OF CERTAIN RESOLUTIONS

Mr. REYNOLDS, from the Committee on Rules, submitted a privileged report (Rept. No. 107-612) on the resolution (H. Res. 501) waiving a requirement of clause 6(a) of rule XIII with respect to consideration of certain resolutions reported from the Committee on Rules, which was referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Mr. KNOLLENBERG (at the request of Mr. ARMEY) for today after 2:00 p.m. and July 25 on account of a death in the family.

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

Mr. Trandahl, Clerk of the House, reported and found truly an enrolled bill of the House of the following title,