

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

PERMISSION TO FILE CONFERENCE REPORT ON S. 641, RYAN WHITE CARE REAUTHORIZATION ACT OF 1995

Mr. COBURN. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the managers on the part of the House may have until midnight tonight, April 30, 1996, to file the conference report on the Senate bill, S. 641, to reauthorize the Ryan White CARE Act of 1990, and for other purposes.

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

There was no objection.

REMOVAL OF NAME OF MEMBER AS COSPONSOR OF H.R. 1972

Mr. METCALF. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to remove my name as cosponsor from the bill, H.R. 1972.

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

There was no objection.

REPORT ON RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 2641, UNITED STATES MARSHALS SERVICE IMPROVEMENT ACT OF 1996

Ms. PRYCE, from the Committee on Rules, submitted a privileged report (Rept. No. 104-543) on the resolution (H. Res. 418) providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 2641) to amend title 28, United States Code, to provide for appointment of United States marshals by the Director of the United States Marshals Service, which was referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed.

REPORT ON RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 2149, OCEAN SHIPPING REFORM ACT

Ms. PRYCE, from the Committee on Rules, submitted a privileged report (Rept. No. 104-544) on the resolution (H. Res. 419) providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 2149) to reduce regulation, promote efficiencies, and encourage competition in the international ocean transportation system of the United States, to eliminate the Federal Maritime Commission, and for other purposes, which was referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed.

FAREWELL TO DOORKEEPER GARY HEUER

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

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take a few moments here to

pause and offer our best wishes and our thanks to someone whom all of us in this Chamber know—Gary Heuer. After 28 years of Government service, Gary is retiring. I hope he is retiring knowing that he carries with him our admiration and respect.

After dedicating his life's work to his country, Gary deserves our heartiest thanks. As much as we might selfishly miss him here where his work has been so needed and appreciated, we can all wish that in his retirement he will always have what he always gave to us—the very best.

I direct your attention to the west doors of the Speaker's lobby. The heavily bearded gentleman—known to some of the Pages as the Mountain Man—is, as most of you know, Gary Heuer. His somewhat imposing presence masks a kind and gentle core. His even manner with all people, and an intellect sharp in the ways of the legislative process have made him a tower of stability in a too-frequently chaotic atmosphere.

Gary's government service began in 1962 with a 4 year stint in the Air Force as a member of our expeditionary forces in Southeast Asia, where he was awarded the Good Conduct Medal. In 1966 he began working for U.S. Steel after moving to Texas. As we all know, moving to Texas is the sign of a truly intelligent man.

Gary began working for the Office of the Doorkeeper in 1972, and in the following 24 years, he has provided this body and its Members with a dedication that we've all come to admire and respect. Many of us here today have found ourselves relying on Gary for his insight and information with regard to the activities in this Chamber. We—as well as those future Members who have yet to tread these Halls—will find ourselves poorer for his absence.

Few present today have been so privileged to witness the history that Gary has observed—and, in a way, been a part of. SONNY MONTGOMERY, JIM QUILLEN, BILL YOUNG, JOHN MYERS, TOM BEVILL—those are just a few of the names with whom Gary has shared his time on Capitol Hill. Starting with Carl Albert, Gary has served under five Speakers of the House.

Six Presidents have presided over our country while Gary has watched from his vantage point here on the Hill.

All of us who know Gary will mark his retirement as the departure of a knowledgeable and dependable co-worker. Those of us who know him well, especially his friends in the Chamber security unit of the Sergeant at Arms, will note his retirement as we would the departure of a much-loved member of the family.

I understand Gary will be trading his station in the Speaker's Lobby for the woodlands of Maryland and Indiana—his two homes. And let me tell you, as much as we will miss him, that does not sound like a bad swap. But I hope he will not forget he also has a home in our hearts—the mat at the door will always read welcome.

With true affection and respect we say to him, Gary, thank you and God bless you.

In your retirement, for all you have seen and all you have observed, please do not write a book. Thank you, Gary.

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TRIBUTE TO GARY HEUER

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

Mr. TRAFICANT. Mr. Speaker, I want to concur and associate myself with the remarks of my distinguished majority leader. I think the tribute that was made here is absolutely on target. Many times we hear a name and we do not put a name with a face, and Gary has helped so many of us.

I just want to rise and say thank you, and I know when you pass, as you chronicled all of the highlights, you also did some traveling back and forth to Jack Brooks' office. Anybody that could stand Chairman Brooks has earned some distinction in our hearts. He was a tough customer.

So Gary, on behalf of all of us on this side of the aisle, we appreciate all of the kind remarks, all of the advice and counsel you gave us, all of the little things that Members ask about, and I think it is fitting that the tribute was made by our majority leader. I want to associate myself with those remarks, and I want to say God bless you from all of us.

SPECIAL ORDERS

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. GOODLATTE). Under the Speaker's announced policy of May 12, 1995, and under a previous order of the House, the following Members will be recognized for 5 minutes each.

LANGUAGE AND ITS RELATIONSHIP TO IMMIGRATION IN THIS COUNTRY

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Guam [Mr. UNDERWOOD] is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. UNDERWOOD. Mr. Speaker, for my 5 minutes, I want to speak to the issue of language and its relationship to immigration in this country. There has been a great deal of debate in recent months about the issue of declaring English the official language of the United States. Much of this movement is fueled by a sense of resentment about trying to deal with new, diverse elements in American society dealing with the pervasive sense of foreignness that many people have. People talk different, people look different, people act different. One of the ways that perhaps some people feel the way to kind of bring some order into this is to declare English the official language.

There is not much we can do about such resentment except to kind of wait