

Mr. Speaker, H.Con.Res. 148 sends that message directly to Beijing, as well as cautioning Taipei against independence initiatives that are destabilizing, and I would strongly urge our colleagues to adopt this well-crafted measure.

Mr. BERMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of this resolution. I wish to congratulate Mr. COX both for introducing it and for his willingness to perfect it further in committee.

I share the concern that we send a strong message to both sides of the Taiwan Strait that differences be solved peacefully.

Efforts by the People's Republic of China in recent days to intimidate the Taiwanese voters in their presidential elections, I think, have boomeranged against China.

Not only have these bellicose moves helped President Lee in his election race but a recent poll indicates that support for reunification with China has dropped to 16 percent from 20 percent in July when the missile tests began.

The military exercises have unsettled the entire Asian region, calling into question China's interest in regional peace and stability.

I hope that China will soften considerably its current hardline position toward Taiwan. I note that President Lee has already offered an olive branch, calling recently for more trust and personal contact between China and Taiwan.

A substantial basis exists for a strong relationship across the Strait. Recent official economic figures show a 9-percent growth in Taiwanese investment in China in January and February. After the Taiwanese election, I hope more concrete steps will be taken by both sides to strengthen their economic and other contracts.

Finally, the Clinton administration deserves to be congratulated for the strong and forceful position it has taken. Characterizing the missile tests as irresponsible and reckless, the administration has dispatched two carrier battle groups to the region. We have a clear interest in securing peace and stability in Asia and protecting the right of passage in international waters. That is the same message we are delivering to both China and Taiwan in this resolution.

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

The SPEAKER pro tempore.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. HUTCHINSON).

The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from New York [Mr. GILMAN] that the House suspend the rules and agree to the concurrent resolution, House Concurrent Resolution 148, as amended.

The question was taken.

Mr. SOLOMON. Mr. Speaker, I object to the vote on the ground that a quorum is not present and make the point of order that a quorum is not present.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 5, rule I and the Chair's prior announcement, further proceedings on this motion will be postponed.

The point of no quorum is considered withdrawn.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A message from the Senate by Mr. Lundregan, one of its clerks, an-

nounced that the Senate had passed without amendment bills of the House of the following titles:

H.R. 1266. An act to provide for the exchange of lands within Admiralty Island National Monument, and for other purposes; and

H.R. 1787. An act to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to repeal the saccharin notice requirement.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES ADMINISTRATIVE REFORM TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS ACT

Mr. EHLERS. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 2739) to provide for representational allowance for Members of the House of Representatives, to make technical and conforming changes to sundry provisions of law in consequence of administrative reforms in the House of Representatives, and for other purposes, as amended.

The Clerk read as follows:

H.R. 2739

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE; TABLE OF CONTENTS.

(a) SHORT TITLE.—This Act may be cited as the "House of Representatives Administrative Reform Technical Corrections Act".

(b) TABLE OF CONTENTS.—The table of contents for this Act is as follows:

Sec. 1. Short title; table of contents.

TITLE I—PROVISIONS RELATING TO ALLOWANCES AND ACCOUNTS IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND OTHER ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

Sec. 101. Representational allowance for Members of House of Representatives.

Sec. 102. Adjustment of House of Representatives allowances by Committee on House Oversight.

Sec. 103. Limitation on allowance authority of Committee on House Oversight.

Sec. 104. Clerk hire employees of Members of House of Representatives.

Sec. 105. Payments from applicable accounts of House of Representatives.

Sec. 106. Report of disbursements for House of Representatives.

Sec. 107. Cafeteria plan provision.

Sec. 108. Annotated United States Code for Members of House of Representatives to be paid for from Members' Representational Allowance.

Sec. 109. Capitol Police citation release.

TITLE II—TECHNICAL AND CONFORMING AMENDMENTS AND REPEALS RELATING TO ADMINISTRATIVE REFORMS IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Sec. 201. Provisions relating to election of Representatives.

Sec. 202. Provisions relating to organization of Congress.

Sec. 203. Provisions relating to compensation and allowances of Members.

Sec. 204. Provisions relating to officers and employees of House of Representatives.

Sec. 205. Provisions relating to Library of Congress.

Sec. 206. Provisions relating to congressional and committee procedure; investigations.

Sec. 207. Provisions relating to Office of Law Revision Counsel.

Sec. 208. Provisions relating to Legislative Classification Office.

Sec. 209. Provisions relating to classification of employees of House of Representatives.

Sec. 210. Provisions relating to payroll administration in House of Representatives.

Sec. 211. Provisions relating to contested elections.

Sec. 212. Provisions relating to Joint Committee on Congressional Operations.

Sec. 213. Provisions relating to Congressional Budget Office.

Sec. 214. Provisions relating to the States.

Sec. 215. Provisions relating to Government organization and employees.

Sec. 216. Provisions codified in appendices to title 5, United States Code.

Sec. 217. Provisions relating to commerce and trade.

Sec. 218. Provisions relating to foreign relations and intercourse.

Sec. 219. Provisions relating to money and finance.

Sec. 220. Provisions relating to Postal Service.

Sec. 221. Provisions relating to public buildings, property, and works.

Sec. 222. Provisions relating to the public health and welfare.

Sec. 223. Provisions relating to public printing and documents.

Sec. 224. Provisions relating to territories and insular possessions.

Sec. 225. Miscellaneous uncodified provisions relating to House of Representatives.

TITLE I—PROVISIONS RELATING TO ALLOWANCES AND ACCOUNTS IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND OTHER ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

SEC. 101. REPRESENTATIONAL ALLOWANCE FOR MEMBERS OF HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

(a) IN GENERAL.—There is established for the House of Representatives a single allowance, to be known as the "Members' Representational Allowance", which shall be available to support the conduct of the official and representational duties of a Member of the House of Representatives with respect to the district from which the Member is elected.

(b) MERGER.—The Clerk Hire Allowance, the Official Expenses Allowance, and the Official Mail Allowance, as in effect on the day before the effective date of this section, are merged into the Members' Representational Allowance.

(c) DEFINITION.—As used in this section, the term "Member of the House of Representatives" means a Representative in, or a Delegate or Resident Commissioner to, the Congress.

(d) REGULATIONS.—The Committee on House Oversight of the House of Representatives shall have authority to prescribe regulations to carry out this section.

(e) EFFECTIVE DATE.—This section shall take effect on September 1, 1995 and shall apply with respect to official and representational duties carried out on or after that date.

SEC. 102. ADJUSTMENT OF HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES ALLOWANCES BY COMMITTEE ON HOUSE OVERSIGHT.

House Resolution 457, Ninety-second Congress, agreed to July 21, 1971, as enacted into permanent law by chapter IV of the Supplemental Appropriations Act, 1972 (2 U.S.C. 57), is amended to read as follows:

"SECTION 1. ADJUSTMENT OF HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES ALLOWANCES BY COMMITTEE ON HOUSE OVERSIGHT.

"(a) IN GENERAL.—Subject to the provision of law specified in subsection (b), the Committee on House Oversight of the House of Representatives may, by order of the Committee, fix and adjust the amounts, terms, and conditions of, and other matters relating to, allowances of the House of Representatives within the following categories:

"(1) For Members of the House of Representatives, the Members' Representational Allowance, including all aspects of the Official Mail Allowance within the jurisdiction of the Committee