

CONGRATULATIONS TO HON. BILL REDMOND ON HIS ELECTION TO CONGRESS

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

Mr. SKEEN. Mr. Speaker, the vote is in and the people have spoken in New Mexico's Third Congressional District, and they are sending another Republican to Congress. I would like to congratulate the gentleman from Los Alamos, NM, BILL REDMOND, for winning New Mexico's special election held yesterday in northern New Mexico.

Mr. REDMOND will be an excellent Member of the House of Representatives and will support many of the principles our majority party stands for: lower taxes, a balanced Federal budget, a strong national defense, family values and a get-tough attitude on crime.

Mr. REDMOND won his election by being honest with the people about his views and concerns on the important issues facing New Mexicans and all Americans. BILL REDMOND, we look forward to working with you throughout the remainder of the 105th Congress. Congratulations and thanks to all of the Republicans that helped make this come about.

PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 1469, 1997 EMERGENCY SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT FOR RECOVERY FROM NATURAL DISASTERS, AND FOR OVERSEAS PEACEKEEPING EFFORTS, INCLUDING THOSE IN BOSNIA

Mr. SOLOMON. Mr. Speaker, by direction of the Committee on Rules, I call up House Resolution 146 and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 146

*Resolved*, That at any time after the adoption of this resolution the Speaker may, pursuant to clause 1(b) of rule XXIII, declare the House resolved into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union for consideration of the bill (H.R. 1469) making emergency supplemental appropriations for recovery from natural disasters, and for overseas peacekeeping efforts, including those in Bosnia, for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1997, and for other purposes. The first reading of the bill shall be dispensed with. All points of order against consideration of the bill are waived. General debate shall be confined to the bill and shall not exceed one hour equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations. The amendment printed in part 1 of the report of the Committee on Rules accompanying this resolution and an amendment striking lines 8 through 17 on page 24 shall be considered as adopted in the House and in the Committee of the Whole. Points of order against provisions in the bill for failure to comply with clause 2 or 6 of rule XXI are waived except as follows: page 3, line 1, through line 9; page 10, line 3, through line 15; page 25, line 1, through line 21; page 26,

line 8, through line 15; and page 33, line 14, through page 34, line 19. Before consideration of any other amendment it shall be in order to consider the amendments printed in part 2 of the report of the Committee on Rules. Each amendment printed in part 2 of the report may be considered only in the order printed in the report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question in the House or in the Committee of the Whole. All points of order against the amendments printed in part 2 of the report are waived. During consideration of the bill for further amendment, the Chairman of the Committee of the Whole may accord priority in recognition on the basis of whether the Member offering an amendment has caused it to be printed in the portion of the Congressional Record designated for that purpose in clause 6 of rule XXIII. Amendments so printed shall be considered as read. The Chairman of the Committee of the Whole may: (1) postpone until a time during further consideration in the Committee of the Whole a request for a recorded vote on any amendment; and (2) reduce to five minutes the minimum time for electronic voting on any postponed question that follows another electronic vote without intervening business, provided that the minimum time for electronic voting on the first in any series of questions shall be fifteen minutes. During consideration of the bill, points of order against amendments for failure to comply with clause 2(e) of rule XXI are waived. At the conclusion of consideration of the bill for amendment, the Committee shall rise and report the bill to the House with such amendments as may have been adopted. The previous question shall be considered as ordered on the bill and any amendments thereto to final passage without intervening motion except one motion to recommit with or without instructions.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. STEARNS). The gentleman from New York [Mr. SOLOMON] is recognized for 1 hour.

Mr. SOLOMON. Mr. Speaker, for the purpose of debate only, I yield the customary 30 minutes to the gentleman from Massachusetts [Mr. MOAKLEY], 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, House Resolution 146 provides for the consideration of H.R. 1469, which is the Emergency Supplemental Appropriations bill for Fiscal Year 1997, under an open rule. In fact, this rule may be described as an "open-plus" rule.

The rule provides 1 hour of general debate, equally divided and controlled between the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations, and it waives all points of order against consideration of the bill.

The rule further provides that the amendment printed in the rule and the Riggs amendment relating to the WIC program, printed in part 1 of the Committee on Rules report, shall be considered as adopted when the rule passes.

All points of order against provisions of the bill for failure to comply with

clause 2, which prohibits the unauthorized or legislative provisions in a general appropriations bill, or clause 6, prohibiting a reappropriations in a general appropriations bill, of rule XXI, are waived except as specified in the rule itself.

These exceptions relate to those legislative and unauthorized provisions contained in the bill reported by the Committee on Appropriations which were objected to by the authorizing committee of jurisdiction. In an effort to be as fair as possible to all Members and to respect the committee system, the Committee on Rules followed its standard protocol of leaving any provision to which an authorized committee objection was raised subject to a point of order. Specifically, this rule leaves the following unprotected:

Provisions relating to enrollments in the Conservation Reserve Program; provisions establishing exemptions to the Endangered Species Act for disaster areas; language changing existing procurement rules with respect to currency paper; and unauthorized parking garage and rescissions of contract authority from the transportation trust funds.

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The rule also waives all points of order against each amendment printed in part 2 of the report of the Committee on Rules. It provides that these amendments may only be offered in the order specified, shall be debatable for the time specified in this report, equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall be considered as having been read, shall be offered only by the Member designated in the report, and shall not be subject to further amendment or a demand for a division of the question.

Once these nine amendments have been considered by the House, the rule also provides for consideration of the bill for amendment under the 5-minute rule. The rule grants priority in recognition to those Members who have preprinted their amendments in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD prior to their consideration if otherwise consistent with House rules.

The rule also allows the chairman of the Committee of the Whole to postpone votes during consideration of the bill, and to reduce the vote to 5 minutes on a postponed question if the vote follows a 15-minute vote.

The rule waives points of order against all amendments for failure to comply with clause 2(e) of rule XXI, prohibiting nonemergency designated amendments to be offered to an appropriations bill containing an emergency designation.

Finally, the rule provides for one motion to recommit, with or without instructions.

Mr. Speaker, H.R. 1469 is an important bill for this country, particularly parts of the country. It seeks to provide needed disaster relief for thousands and thousands of families around