

asked whether there was anything in it that was untoward or special or could cause problems, and I was told no by the gentleman from Oregon. It turned out to be the pincushion bill which granted special status to the Republican and Democratic Parties for taxes and postage, or some damn thing like that—pardon my expression—and it wound up months later on the front pages of all the papers that Congress had enacted themselves and their parties this special benefit.

Now, I ask the gentleman, in good faith: Is there anything of this nature in this bill?

Mr. FRENZEL. I yield to the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. VANIK).

Mr. VANIK. Mr. Speaker, I would say to the gentleman that we have carefully examined the provisions of the Senate, the proposal before us. We find no reason to believe that there is anything that would cause any embarrassment to the House. We are satisfied that the proposals by the other body are consistent with the proposals that left the House.

Mr. BAUMAN. I thank the gentleman for his assurance.

Mr. FRENZEL. Mr. Speaker, further reserving the right to object, I yield to the gentleman from New York (Mr. CONABLE).

Mr. CONABLE. Mr. Speaker, I would like to say that I support this measure. It is an omnibus bill bringing in a very large number of very small matters which are more for the convenience of the Members than any possible source of embarrassment. If there were to have been any serious controversy in any of these measures or procedures as such, it would have been screened out long before it arrived at this point.

Let me say also, Mr. Speaker, that I am pleased—although I was unable to be here to participate—that we have already dealt with the installment sales bill, the resolution of which was entirely appropriate.

Mr. FRENZEL. Mr. Speaker, I withdraw my reservation of objection.

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

There was no objection.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

CONGRESSIONAL REPORTS ELIMINATION ACT OF 1980

Mr. BROOKS. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to take from the Speaker's desk the bill (H.R. 6686) to discontinue or amend certain requirements for agency reports to Congress, with Senate amendments thereto, and concur in the Senate amendments.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The Clerk read the Senate amendments, as follows:

Page 2, strike out lines 22 and 23.
Page 2, line 24, strike out "(e)" and insert "(d)".
Page 3, line 1, strike out "(f)" and insert "(e)".
Page 3, line 3, strike out "(g)" and insert "(f)".

Page 3, strike out lines 8 to 11, inclusive.
Page 3, strike out lines 13 to 17, inclusive.
Page 3, line 18, strike out "(c)" and insert "Sec. 103. (a)".
Page 3, strike out lines 20 to 25, inclusive.
Page 4, line 1, strike out "(e)" and insert "(b)".
Page 4, strike out lines 9 to 12, inclusive.
Page 4, line 13, strike out "(c)" and insert "(b)".
Page 4, line 16, strike out "(d)" and insert "(c)".
Page 4, strike out all after line 21 over to and including line 2 on page 5.
Page 5, line 3, strike out "(c)" and insert "Sec. 105".
Page 5, strike out lines 6 to 17, inclusive.
Page 6, strike out lines 1 to 7, inclusive.
Page 6, line 8, strike out "(f)" and insert "(d)".
Page 6, strike out lines 10 to 16, inclusive.
Page 6, line 17, strike out "(j)" and insert "(e)".
Page 6, strike out lines 20 to 22, inclusive.
Page 6, line 23, strike out "(l)" and insert "(f)".
Page 7, strike out lines 1 to 15, inclusive.
Page 7, strike out lines 22 to 24, inclusive.
Page 8, line 1, strike out "(c)" and insert "(b)".
Page 8, line 8, strike out "(d)" and insert "(c)".
Page 12, strike out lines 1 to 6, inclusive.
Page 12, line 8, strike out "114." and insert "113".
Page 12, line 13, strike out "115." and insert "114".
Page 12, line 17, strike out "116." and insert "115".
Page 13, line 2, strike out "117." and insert "116".
Page 13, line 10, strike out "118." and insert "117".
Page 13, line 15, strike out "119." and insert "118".
Page 14, line 2, strike out "120." and insert "119".
Page 14, line 6, strike out "121." and insert "120".
Page 14, line 15, strike out "122." and insert "121".
Page 14, strike out lines 19 to 22, inclusive.
Page 15, strike out lines 2 to 6, inclusive.
Page 15, strike out lines 8 to 14, inclusive.
Page 18, line 8, strike out "203." and insert "202".
Page 19, line 8, strike out "204." and insert "203".
Page 20, strike out lines 7 to 18, inclusive.
Page 20, line 19, strike out "(e)" and insert "(c)".
Page 21, line 3, strike out "(f)" and insert "(d)".
Page 21, line 19, strike out "(g)" and insert "(e)".
Page 22, line 11, strike out "(h)" and insert "(f)".
Page 23, strike out lines 1 to 10, inclusive.
Page 23, line 11, strike out "(j)" and insert "(g)".
Page 23, line 18, strike out "(k)" and insert "(h)".
Page 23, strike out all after line 23 over to and including line 6 on page 24.
Page 24, strike out lines 9 to 20, inclusive.
Page 24, line 21, strike out "(c)" and insert "Sec. 204".
Page 25, line 3, strike out "206." and insert "205".
Page 25, line 15, strike out "207." and insert "206".
Page 27, line 4, strike out "208." and insert "207".
Page 27, line 11, strike out "209. (a)" and insert "208".
Page 27, strike out all after line 17, over to and including line 6 on page 28.
Page 28, line 8, strike out "210." and insert "209".

Page 29, strike out lines 10 to 15, inclusive.
Page 29, line 16, strike out "(g)" and insert "(f)".
Page 30, line 3, strike out "211." and insert "210".
Page 30, line 8, strike out "212." and insert "211".
Page 30, line 21, strike out "213." and insert "212".
Page 31, strike out lines 12 to 18, inclusive.
Page 31, line 21, strike out "215." and insert "213".

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

Mr. HORTON. Mr. Speaker, reserving the right to object, I yield to the gentleman from Texas (Mr. Brooks) for the purpose of explaining what these Senate amendments do.

Mr. BROOKS. Mr. Speaker, I would say to my distinguished friend that this bill as passed by the House eliminated 79 reports and modified 52 reports presently required by law to be submitted to the Congress.

The Senate has removed other specified reports that were indicated to be vital to their committees, leaving a total of 95 reports either eliminated or modified. And this number represents a considerable amount of staff time to be available for work on more priority items.

Most of the information contained in the reports affected by this bill will still be available on an ad hoc basis. The Senate action and the amendments do not substantially affect the House-passed bill.

Mr. HORTON. I thank the gentleman. As one who is always looking for ways to reduce unnecessary Federal paperwork, I want to register my support for this conference report on H.R. 6686, the Congressional Reports Elimination Act of 1980.

Mr. Speaker, I withdraw my reservation of objection.

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

Mr. ROUSSELOT. Mr. Speaker, reserving the right to object, can the gentleman from Texas assure us that there is nothing highly unusual in this particular report, or something of which we are not aware other than maybe what has been mentioned?

Mr. BROOKS. If the gentleman will yield, I will say to my distinguished and able friend, the gentleman from California, that the only thing unusual about this legislation is that it will save the Government a little money.

Mr. ROUSSELOT. How much?

Mr. BROOKS. I do not know how much. It will cut out some unnecessary reports. I think that the gentleman would support it wholeheartedly, in following with his own policy of recommending that kind of change.

Mr. ROUSSELOT. Further reserving the right to object, Mr. Speaker, there is no doubt that we support that concept, that idea. That is fine. I was merely asking the question because so many times conference reports come back with all kinds of interesting additions or little

items that nobody suspected, especially when we do it under unanimous consent.

Now, the gentleman can assure us that there is nothing new or unusual in this conference that has been added by the other body?

Mr. BROOKS. I think the bill is just as clean as you can get it. We will bet on that.

Mr. ROUSSELOT. Mr. Speaker, after that heavy assurance, I will withdraw my reservation of objection.

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

There was no objection.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

COMMENDING ELMER B. STAATS, COMPTROLLER GENERAL OF THE UNITED STATES

Mr. BROOKS. Mr. Speaker, I send to the desk a resolution (H. Res. 805) to commend Elmer B. Staats, Comptroller General of the United States, on the occasion of the conclusion of his distinguished career of Federal service, and ask unanimous consent for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the title of the resolution.

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

Mr. HORTON. Mr. Speaker, reserving the right to object, and I will not object, I take this opportunity to yield to the gentleman from Texas (Mr. BROOKS) so that he can explain the resolution.

Mr. BROOKS. Mr. Speaker, I offer, with pleasure, a House resolution honoring Comptroller General Elmer B. Staats for his long years of dedicated service to the Congress and the country.

The resolution, which is cosponsored by Congressman FRANK HORTON, ranking minority member of the Committee on Government Operations, calls attention to the many achievements and contributions of Comptroller General Staats during his tenure in office, which have resulted in substantial improvement in the management of Federal programs and congressional oversight of those programs.

The occasion for the resolution is the impending retirement of Mr. Staats as his 15-year term as Comptroller General comes to an end. Previous to that service he held the position of Deputy Director of the Bureau of the Budget under four presidents.

It has been a distinguished, notable career and it is fitting that Congress should recognize it.

(Mr. BROOKS asked and was given permission to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. HORTON. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman and I join him in this bipartisan tribute to Mr. Staats. It is appropriate that we commemorate his retirement and call attention to his lengthy dedication to the principles of government economy and efficiency.

I have had the privilege of working closely with General Staats. From that productive association—and from my service with him on the Procurement Commission and the Commission on Federal Paperwork—I can assure this House that I know of no more dedicated public servant.

I am proud to sponsor this resolution, and I withdraw my reservation of objection.

Mrs. FENWICK. Mr. Speaker, reserving the right to object—and I shall not object—I would like to associate myself with the remarks of our previous colleagues concerning our Comptroller General. Surely we had no finer public servant.

Mr. Speaker, I withdraw my reservation of objection.

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

There was no objection.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. Res. 805

Whereas the Congress and the Nation wish to recognize the dedicated service of Elmer B. Staats as Comptroller General of the United States since 1966, during which time he has exhibited selfless devotion to the objective of making the General Accounting Office, an arm of the legislative branch of Government, a valuable asset to the Congress.

Whereas the Congress and the Nation wish to express their appreciation for the service of Elmer B. Staats prior to 1966 as Deputy Director of the Bureau of the Budget under four Presidents, during which time he consistently applied himself in innumerable ways to the objective of improving the efficiency and effectiveness of governmental programs and activities; and

Whereas the Congress and the Nation note with praise the lifelong contributions of Comptroller General Staats to the cause of strengthening the profession of public administration and the spirit of public service: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the House of Representatives hereby commends The Honorable Elmer B. Staats, Fifth Comptroller General of the United States, for his long and distinguished public career and for his immense contributions to the goals of improved management of Federal programs and activities and strengthened congressional oversight.

SEC. 2. A copy of this resolution shall be transmitted to the distinguished Comptroller General of the United States, Elmer B. Staats.

The resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

PERMISSION FOR COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS TO HAVE UNTIL MIDNIGHT, OCTOBER 17, 1980, TO FILE SUNDRY OVERSIGHT REPORTS

Mr. BROOKS. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Government Operations may have until midnight, October 17, 1980, to file sundry oversight reports.

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

There was no objection.

PERMISSION FOR COMMITTEE ON INTERSTATE AND FOREIGN COMMERCE TO HAVE UNTIL MIDNIGHT OCTOBER 8, 1980, TO FILE REPORT ON H.R. 4178

Mr. SCHEUER. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce may have until midnight, October 8, 1980, to file a report on H.R. 4178.

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

There was no objection.

CONFERENCE REPORT ON S. 1482, CLASSIFIED INFORMATION PROCEDURES ACT

Mr. MAZZOLI. Mr. Speaker, I call up the conference report on the Senate bill (S. 1482) to provide certain pretrial, trial and appellate procedures for criminal cases involving classified information, and ask unanimous consent that the statement of the managers be read in lieu of the report.

The Clerk read the title of the Senate bill.

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

There was no objection.

The Clerk read the statement.

(For conference report and statement, see proceedings of the House of September 30, 1980.)

Mr. MAZZOLI (during the reading). Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the statement be considered as read.

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

There was no objection.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman from Kentucky (Mr. MAZZOLI) will be recognized for 30 minutes, and the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. McCLOY) will be recognized for 30 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Kentucky (Mr. MAZZOLI).

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Mr. MAZZOLI. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

I would like to make mention on page 1 of the conference report there is a typographical error, section 1(a) of which defining unclassified information should be defining classified information.

Mr. Speaker, this important legislation responds to a phenomenon currently threatening both the fair administration of justice and the effective operation of our intelligence services.

The phenomenon has come to be called "graymail." Graymail occurs when the Government is prevented from initiating a prosecution or is forced to dismiss a pending prosecution because of its fear that the defendant will disclose or cause the disclosure of classified information during trial.

The phenomenon is not limited to espionage prosecutions. Graymail can also occur—indeed, it has occurred—in narcotics and murder trials, as well as in cases involving the prosecution of Gov-