do and what this President is about to do in America's best interest? More importantly, Mr. Speaker, we, as elected Representatives of approximately 600,000 people each across this country, have to be able to ask ourselves the ultimate question: Can we go into that family's home when their son or daughter or mother or father or brother or sister are sent home as a casualty of this conflict and be able to justify the job and the mission that they did?

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I am a strong supporter of our military, Mr. Speaker, and proudly so, and I will be a strong supporter if the President deploys them there. But I do not support the President's policy, and I do not believe he has made the case.

Let me say in closing, Mr. Speaker, in coming to my conclusions 2 weeks ago I had to rely on a friend of mine who has been in Sarajevo for 3 years. His name is John Jordan. He is a Rhode Island volunteer firefighter. He went over to Sarajevo because he heard that the fire and emergency services personnel were being abused by the military even though they were trying to serve the Croats, Serbs, Muslems, all factions. He went over to volunteer to help them. He ended up staying 3 years.

Mr. Speaker, he was featured by ABC–TV as their person of the week for the work that he did as a volunteer. He brought 50 other Americans over with him to help the Serbian fire brigade with Keenan Slimmick, who was the fire chief before he was assassinated.

John Jordan was shot twice while he was in Sarajevo. He was beaten in the chest with the blunt end of a rifle. He had concussions, shrapnel wounds, but stayed there helping all of the various people in Sarajevo get decent medical protection and protection from fires and disasters.

We sent an airlift of supplies over to him a year and a half ago., We sent three or four fire trucks, rescue equipment that had been donated from around the country, to help him perform this mission in Sarajevo of humanitarian aid to these people during the time this President did nothing to satisfy those concerns he spoke of last night.

I asked John Jordan to come down to Washington to tell me what he thought we should do. John Jordan, American citizen, after 3 years in Sarajevo, gave me the following quote, Mr. Speaker, which appeared in an AP wire story on October 22 in regard to what we are going to face in Bosnia. Every one of us in this body have to understand in a context of the quotes I have given what John Jordan said will occur there:

''We're going to face some very, very ugly, heavily armed, prone-to-violence people who are totally unafraid of the United States,'' he said. ''I've had more than one Serb commander say to me, 'I really wish the U.S. instead of the French were running the airport. If we can just get enough of you in one place at one time, we can kill 200 or 300 of you, you'll be out of this war forever, and you won't be a problem anymore. You'll leave just like you left Beirut.'''

Mr. Speaker, that is a question we have to wrestle with. Are our kids heading for another Beirut? I hope not, Mr. Speaker, and while I would like to think that this Congress would have the same ability that the Bundestag is going to have, that the other parliaments, like Italy, are going to have in approving of sending in of their troops, we are not going to have that because our President said our troops are going with or without the support of this Congress and with or without the support of the American people.

But, Mr. Speaker, I can assure you of one thing. He may send the troops, but we will make sure that we do not have a repeat of the debacle that occurred in Somalia because our kids are not going to be shortchanged, there is not going to be some political decision determining what we will or will not send once they are over there. If the commitment is made and the troops are sent, then they are going to get every bit of support that this body and our committees in Congress can muster to make sure that our troops are protected.

Mr. Speaker, I would ask our colleagues to consider what is about to confront us both this week and next week if, in fact, we have a vote. I am considering legislation right now that I may offer as an amendment if, in fact, we have an up-or-down vote on Bosnia, but again I would close by saying the vote is not really going to matter, Mr. Speaker, because the dice have already been rolled, and the President has already made up his mind, the troops have already been committed, and those of us who have concerns are not isolationists, we are not people who are immoral, and we are not people who think that there is not a proper role for America to help provide security throughout the world. We just question the way that we got to where we are and the decision of this President to put 20,000 kids in harm's way between these warring factions that have been at each other's throats not for 4 years, and not for one decade, but decade after decade and century after century.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Mr. HEFNER (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT) for today, on account of medical reasons.

Mrs. FOWLER (at the request of Mr. ARMEY) for today, on account of illness in the family.

SPECIAL ORDERS GRANTED

By unanimous consent, permission to address the House, following the legislative program and any special orders heretofore entered, was granted to:

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. JOHNSTON of Florida) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mrs. CLAYTON, for 5 minutes, today.
Mrs. MALONEY, for 5 minutes, today.
Mr. PALLONE, for 5 minutes, today.
Mr. ABERCROMBIE, for 5 minutes, today.

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. HUTCHINSON of Florida) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. HUTCHINSON, for 5 minutes, today.
Mr. MCINNIS, for 5 minutes, today.
Mr. BURTON of Indiana, for 5 minutes each day, today, and on November 29 and 30, and December 1.
Mr. DORNAN, for 5 minutes, today.
Mr. DUNCAN, for 5 minutes, today.
Mr. MANZULLO, for 5 minutes, today.
Mr. KINGSTON, for 5 minutes, today.

(The following Members (at his own request) to revise and extend his remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. CUNNINGHAM, for 5 minutes, today.

EXTENSION OF REMARKS

By unanimous consent, permission to revise and extend remarks was granted to:

(Mr. TRAFICANT, and to include therein extraneous material, notwithstanding the fact that it exceeds two pages of the RECORD and is estimated by the Public Printer to cost $1,472.)

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. JOHNSTON of Florida) and to include extraneous matter:)

Mr. WYNN.
Mr. STOKES.
Mr. SCHUMER in two instances.
Mr. TRAFICANT.
Mrs. MALONEY.
Mr. KILDEE in two instances.
Ms. NORTON.
Mr. TOWNS.
Mr. JACOBS.
Mr. LAFALCE.
Mrs. MEEK of Florida in two instances.
Mr. BERMAN in two instances.
Mr. WILSON.
Mr. MURTHA.
Mr. STARK.
Mr. GEPHARDT.
Mr. POSHARD.

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. HUTCHINSON) and to include extraneous matter:)

Mr. SOLOMON.
Mr. MOORHEAD.
Mr. WOLF.
Mr. BEREUTER.
Mr. BASS.
Mr. BRYANT of Texas.

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. WELDON of Pennsylvania) and to include extraneous matter:)

Mr. BAKER of California.
Mr. OWENS.
Mr. BRYANT of Tennessee.
Mr. KIM.
Ms. MCCARTHY.

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

Mr. THOMAS, from the Committee on House Oversight, reported that that

committee had examined and found truly enrolled a bill of the House of the following title, which was thereupon signed by the Speaker:

H.R. 2491. An act to provide for reconciliation pursuant to section 105 of the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 1996.

SENATE ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

The SPEAKER announced his signature to enrolled bills of the Senate of the following titles:

S. 440. An act to amend title 23, United States Code, to provide for the designation of the National Highway System, and for other purposes.

S. 1328. An act to amend the commencement dates of certain temporary Federal judgeships.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. WELDON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 11 o'clock and 26 minutes p.m.), the House adjourned until tomorrow, Wednesday, November 29, 1995, at 10 a.m.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 2 of rule XXIV, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

1716. A letter from the Under Secretary of Defense, transmitting the Secretary's Selected Acquisition Reports [SAR's] for the quarter ending September 30, 1995, pursuant to 10 U.S.C. 2432; to the Committee on National Security.

1717. A letter from the Deputy Director, Defense Security Assistance Agency, transmitting notification concerning the Department of the Air Force's proposed Letter(s) of Offer and Acceptance [LOA] to the United Kingdom for defense articles and services (Transmittal No. 96–16), pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2776(b); to the Committee on International Relations.

1718. A letter from the Deputy Director, Defense Security Assistance Agency, transmitting notification concerning the Department of the Air Force's proposed Letter(s) of Offer and Acceptance [LOA] to Belgium for defense articles and services (Transmittal No. 96–15), pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2776(b); to the Committee on International Relations.

1719. A letter from the Director, Defense Security Assistance Agency, transmitting a copy of Transmittal No. C–96 which relates to enhancements or upgrades from the level of sensitivity of technology or capability described in section 36(b)(1) AECA certifications 91–03 of June 11, 1991 and 94–017 of February 28, 1994, pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2776(b)(5)(A); to the Committee on International Relations.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES ON PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XIII, reports of committees were delivered to the Clerk for printing and reference to the proper calendar, as follows:

Mr. YOUNG of Alaska: Committee on Resources. H.R. 33. A bill to transfer the Fish Farming Experimental Laboratory in Stuttgart, AK, to the Department of Agriculture, and for other purposes (Rept. 104–357). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

Mr. SHUSTER: Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure. H.R. 255. A bill to designate the Federal Justice Building in Miami, FL, as the ''James Lawrence King Federal Justice Building'' (Rept. 104–361). Referred to the House Calendar.

Mr. SHUSTER: Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure. H.R. 395. A bill to designate the U.S. courthouse and Federal building to be constructed at the southeastern corner of Liberty and South Virginia Streets in Reno, NV, as the ''Bruce R. Thompson United States Courthouse and Federal Building'' (Rept. 104–362). Referred to the House Calendar.

Mr. SHUSTER: Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure. H.R. 653. A bill to designate the U.S. courthouse under construction in White Plains, NY, as the ''Thurgood Marshall United States Courthouse'' (Rept. 104–363). Referred to the House Calendar.

Mr. SHUSTER: Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure. H.R. 840. A bill to designate the Federal building and U.S. courthouse located at 215 South Evans Street in Greenville, NC, as the ''Walter B. Jones Federal Building and United States Courthouse'' (Rept. 104–364). Referred to the House Calendar.

Mr. SHUSTER: Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure. H.R. 869. A bill to designate the Federal building and U.S. courthouse located at 125 Market Street in Youngstown, OH, as the ''Thomas D. Lambros Federal Building and U.S. Courthouse'', with amendments (Rept. 104–365). Referred to the House Calendar.

Mr. SHUSTER: Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure. H.R. 965. A bill to designate the Federal building located at 600 Martin Luther King, Jr. Place in Louisville, KY, as the ''Romano L. Mazzoli Federal Building'' (Rept. 104–366). Referred to the House Calendar.

Mr. SHUSTER: Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure. H.R. 1804. A bill to designate the U.S. post office-courthouse located at South 6th and Rogers Avenue, Fort Smith, AR, as the ''Judge Isaac C. Parker Federal Building'' (Rept. 104–367). Referred to the House Calendar.

Mr. SHUSTER: Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure. H.R. 2636. A bill to transfer jurisdiction over certain parcels of Federal real property located in the District of Columbia, and for other purposes (Rept. 104–368, Pt. 1). Ordered to be printed.

Mr. BLILEY: Committee of Conference. Conference report on H.R. 1058. A bill to reform Federal securities litigation, and for other purposes (Rept. 104–369). Ordered to be printed.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES ON PRIVATE BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XIII, reports of committees were delivered to the Clerk for printing and reference to the proper calendar, as follows:

Mr. HYDE: Committee on the Judiciary. H.R. 418. A bill for the relief of Arthur J. Carron, Jr. (Rept. 104–358). Ordered to be printed.

Mr. HYDE: Committee on the Judiciary. H.R. 419. A bill for the relief of Benchmark Rail Group, Inc. (Rept. 104–359). Ordered to be printed.

Mr. HYDE: Committee on the Judiciary. H.R. 1315. A bill for the relief of Kris Murty (Rept. 104–360). Ordered to be printed.

DISCHARGE OF COMMITTEE

Pursuant to clause 5 of rule X the following action was taken by the Speaker:

[The following action occurred on Nov. 24, 1995]

H.R. 1122. The Committee on Commerce discharged from further consideration. Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 5 of rule X and clause 4 of rule XXII, public bills and resolutions were introduced and severally referred as follows:

By Mr. BARRETT of Nebraska:

H.R. 2679. A bill to revise the boundary of the North Platte National Wildlife Refuge; to the Committee on Resources.

By Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota:

H.R. 2680. A bill to authorize a land conveyance at the Radar Bomb Scoring Site, Belle Fourche, SD; to the Committee on National Security.

By Ms. NORTON:

H.R. 2681. A bill to amend the act of incorporation of the American University to reduce the minimum number of members of the university's board of trustees from 40 to 25; to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

By Mr. SOLOMON:

H.R. 2682. A bill to amend the Clean Air Act to provide for additional reductions in emissions of sulfur dioxide and oxides of nitrogen in regions contributing to acid deposition in the Adirondacks; to the Committee on Commerce.

By Mr. WOLF (for himself, Mrs. MORELLA, and Mr. DAVIS):

H.R. 2683. A bill to amend title 5, United States Code, to extend to employees of the Federal Bureau of Investigation certain procedural and appeal rights with respect to certain adverse personnel actions; to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

By Mr. ISTOOK (for himself, Mr. BACHUS, Mr. BAKER of California, Mr. BALLENGER, Mr. BARR, Mr. BARRETT of Nebraska, Mr. BARTON of Texas, Mr. BLILEY, Mr. BONILLA, Mr. BUNNING of Kentucky, Mr. BURTON of Indiana, Mr. CALLAHAN, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mrs. CHENOWETH, Mr. CHRISTENSEN, Mr. CHRYSLER, Mr. COBLE, Mr. COBURN, Mr. COLLINS of Georgia, Mr. CONDIT, Mr. COOLEY, Mr. CRANE, Mr. CRAPO, Mrs. CUBIN, Mr. CUNNINGHAM, Mr. DEAL of Georgia, Mr. DICKEY, Mr. DOOLITTLE, Mr. DORNAN, Mr. DUNCAN, Mr. EMERSON, Mr. EVERETT, Mr. FORBES, Mr. FUNDERBURK, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. GUTKNECHT, Mr. HALL of Texas, Mr. HANCOCK, Mr. HANSEN, Mr. HASTERT, Mr. HAYWORTH, Mr. HEFLEY, Mr. HEINEMAN, Mr. HERGER, Mr. HILLEARY, Mr. HUNTER, Mr. INGLIS of South Carolina, Mr. SAM JOHNSON, Mr. JONES, Mr. KASICH, Mr. KIM, Mr. KINGSTON, Mr. LARGENT, Mr. LAUGHLIN, Mr. LEWIS of Kentucky, Mr. LIGHTFOOT, Mr. LINDER, Mr. LIVINGSTON, Mr. LUCAS, Mr. MCCOLLUM, Mr. MCCRERY, Mr. MCHUGH, Mr. MCINTOSH, Mr. MCNULTY, Mr. MONTGOMERY, Mr. MOORHEAD, Mr. MYERS of Indiana, Mrs. MYRICK, Mr. NORWOOD, Mr. OXLEY, Mr. PACKARD, Mr.