whenever, in their opinion, the public interest shall warrant it.

The Senate concurrent resolution was concurred in.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

RECALL DESIGNEE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

WASHINGTON, DC,
July 27, 2002.

Pursuant to section 2 of Senate Concurrent Resolution 132, I hereby designate Representative RICHARD K. ARMEY of Texas to act jointly with the Majority Leader of the Senate or his designee, in the event of my death or inability, to notify the Members of the House and the Senate, respectively, of any reassembly under that concurrent resolution. In the event of the death or inability of my designee, the alternate Members of the House listed in the letter bearing this date that I have placed with the Clerk are designated, in turn, for the same purpose.

J. DENNIS HASTERT,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

ELECTION OF MEMBER TO COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, I offer a resolution (H. Res. 510) and I ask unanimous consent for its immediate consideration in the House.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Clerk will report the resolution.

The Clerk read as follows:

H. RES. 510

Resolved, That the following Member be and is hereby elected to the following standing committee of the House of Representatives:

Agriculture: Mr. GEKAS of Pennsylvania.

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

There was no objection.

The resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

DISPENSING WITH CALENDAR WEDNESDAY BUSINESS ON WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 4, 2002

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the business in order under the Calendar Wednesday rule be dispensed with on Wednesday, September 4, 2002.

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

There was no objection.

AUTHORIZING SPEAKER, MAJORITY LEADER, AND MINORITY LEADER TO ACCEPT RESIGNATIONS AND TO MAKE APPOINTMENTS AUTHORIZED BY LAW OR THE HOUSE NOT WITHSTANDING ADJOURNMENT

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that notwithstanding any adjournment of the House until Wednesday, September 4, 2002, the Speaker, majority leader, and minority leader be authorized to accept resignations and to make appointments authorized by law or by the House.

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

There was no objection.

PERMISSION TO ENTERTAIN MOTIONS TO SUSPEND THE RULES ON WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 2002

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the Speaker be authorized to entertain motions to suspend the rules on Wednesday, September 4, 2002, subject to consultation with the minority leader by Thursday, August 29, 2002.

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

There was no objection.

MANY THANKS TO STAFF

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

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, I would like to thank the following people for 5 days of incredibly hard work and long nights, the Parliamentarian's Office, the cloak room staff, the clerks, the door keepers, the Capitol Police, the legislative counsels, the pages, and all of those marvelous people I am looking at now who love to stay with us here at night, night after night after night.

APPOINTMENT OF HON. FRANK R. WOLF TO ACT AS SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE TO SIGN ENROLLED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS THROUGH SEPTEMBER 4, 2002

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC,
July 27, 2002.

I hereby appoint the Honorable FRANK R. WOLF or, if not available to perform this duty, the Honorable WAYNE T. GILCHREST to act as Speaker pro tempore to sign enrolled bills and joint resolutions through September 4, 2002.

J. DENNIS HASTERT,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the appointment is approved.

There was no objection.

COMMUNICATION FROM HON. ROBERT A. BORSKI, MEMBER OF CONGRESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Honorable ROBERT A. BORSKI, Member of Congress:

WASHINGTON, DC.
July 26, 2002.

Hon. J. DENNIS HASTERT,
Speaker of the House, Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: I am writing to inform you that today I resigned from the U.S. Congressional delegation to the NATO Parliamentary Assembly. My resignation is in accordance with my decision to not seek reelection to the House of Representatives in the 108th Congress.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

ROBERT A. BORSKI,
Member of Congress.

APPOINTMENT OF MEMBER TO UNITED STATES GROUP OF THE NORTH ATLANTIC ASSEMBLY

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, and pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 1928a and clause 10 of rule I, the Chair announces the Speaker's appointment of the following Member of the House to the United States Group of the North Atlantic Assembly to fill the existing vacancy thereon:

Mr. TANNER of Tennessee.

There was no objection.

APPOINTMENT OF ADDITIONAL CONFEREES ON H.R. 4546, BOB STUMP NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2003

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the Chair appoints the following additional conferees on H.R. 4546:

As additional conferees from the Committee on Small Business, for consideration of sections 243, 824, and 829 of the Senate amendment and modifications committed to conference: Mr. MANZULLO, Mrs. KELLY and Ms. VELÁZQUEZ.

There was no objection.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Clerk will notify the Senate of the change in conferees.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Mrs. ROUKEMA (at the request of Mr. ARMEY) for today after 5 p.m. on account of illness.

EXTENSION OF REMARKS

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

Ms. PELOSI, and to include extraneous material, notwithstanding the fact that it exceeds two pages of the RECORD and is estimated by the Public Printer to cost $1,690.

BILLS PRESENTED TO THE PRESIDENT

Jeff Trandahl, Clerk of the House reports that on July 26, 2002 he presented to the President of the United States, for his approval, the following bills.