mitting a draft of proposed legislation entitled ''Medicare Equipment and Supply Amendments of 1992''; jointly, to the Committees on Energy and Commerce and Ways and Means.

¶67.5 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A message from the Senate by Mr. Hallen, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate had passed without amendment bills of the House of the following titles:

H.R. 1642. An Act to establish in the State of Texas the Palo Alto Battlefield National Historic Site, and for other purposes;

H.R. 1917. An Act for the relief of Michael Wu; and

H.R. 2556. An Act entitled the ''Los Padres Condor Range and River Protection Act.''

The message also announced that the Senate had passed bills of the following titles, in which the concurrence of the House is requested:

S. 893. An Act to amend title 18, United States Code, to impose criminal sanctions for violation of software copyright;

S. 1338. An Act for the relief of Chi Hsii Tsui, Jin Mie Tsui, Yin Whee Tsui, Yin Tao Tsui, and Yin Chao Tsui; and

S. 2079. An Act to establish the Marsh-Billings National Historical Park in the State of Vermont, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the Senate agreed to the amendment of the House to the bill (S. 756) entitled ''An Act to amend title 17, United States Code, the copyright renewal provisions, and for other purposes.''

¶67.6 WORDS TAKEN DOWN

Mr. DEFAZIO during one minute speeches addressed the House and, during the course of his remarks,

Mr. WALKER demanded that certain words be taken down.

The Clerk read the words taken down as follows:

Once again he has threatened to deny the reality of unemployment and veto the unemployment benefit extension for his own petty political gain.

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. MFUME, held the words taken down did not transgress the rules of the House, and said:

''The Chair has referred to Webster's Dictionary. The primary definition is: 'small, minor, having secondary rank or importance: having little or no importance or significance: marked by or reflective of narrow interests and sympathies.'

''The Chair rules that in the opinion of the Chair that does not transgress the rules of the House.''.

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. MFUME, in response to a parliamentary inquiry made by the gentleman from Pennsylvania [Mr. WALKER] wherein he questioned the words being correctly reported by the Clerk and that they should have included the phrase, ''his own petty personal political gains'', said:

''The Chair, in response to the gentleman's inquiry (point of order), reported the words that were handed to the Chair as recorded. The Chair believes, however, the gentleman from Oregon, for the sake of debate, will find it in order to withdraw the word 'personal' if, in fact, it was uttered.''.

By unanimous consent, Mr. DEFAZIO withdrew the word, ''personal'', from the remarks.

¶67.7 VETERANS EMPLOYMENT AND GI BILL AMENDMENTS

Mr. MONTGOMERY moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 4342) to amend title 38, United States Code, to expand job assistance programs for Vietnam era veterans, and for other purposes; as amended.

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. MFUME, recognized Mr. MONTGOMERY and Mr. STUMP, each for 20 minutes.

After debate,

The question being put, viva voce,

Will the House suspend the rules and pass said bill, as amended?

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. MFUME, announced that two-thirds of the Members present had voted in the affirmative.

So, two-thirds of the Members present having voted in favor thereof, the rules were suspended and said bill, as amended, was passed.

A motion to reconsider the vote whereby the rules were suspended and said bill, as amended, was passed was, by unanimous consent, laid on the table.

Ordered, That the Clerk request the concurrence of the Senate in said bill.

¶67.8 NATIONAL CEMETERY SYSTEM AND VA HOME LOAN AMENDMENTS

Mr. MONTGOMERY moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 4368) to amend title 38, United States Code, to extend eligibility for burial in national cemeteries to persons who have 20 years of service creditable for retired pay as members of a reserve component of the Armed Forces, and for other purposes; as amended.

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. MFUME, recognized Mr. MONTGOMERY and Mr. STUMP, each for 20 minutes.

After debate,

The question being put, viva voce,

Will the House suspend the rules and pass said bill, as amended?

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. MFUME, announced that two-thirds of the Members present had voted in the affirmative.

So, two-thirds of the Members present having voted in favor thereof, the rules were suspended and said bill, as amended, was passed.

A motion to reconsider the vote whereby the rules were suspended and said bill, as amended, was passed was, by unanimous consent, laid on the table.

Ordered, That the Clerk request the concurrence of the Senate in said bill.

¶67.9 BALANCED BUDGET

Mr. SYNAR moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 5333) to provide that, beginning with fiscal year 1994, the President transmit to Congress and Congress consider a budget that requires a balanced budget by fiscal year 1998 and for subsequent fiscal years, and for other purposes.

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. MFUME, recognized Mr. SYNAR and Mr. HORTON, each for 20 minutes.

After debate,

The question being put, viva voce,

Will the House suspend the rules and pass said bill?

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. MFUME, announced that two-thirds of the Members present had voted in the affirmative.

Mr. HORTON demanded that the vote be taken by the yeas and nays, which demand was supported by one-fifth of the Members present, so the yeas and nays were ordered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. MFUME, pursuant to clause 5, rule I, announced that further proceedings on the motion were postponed.

¶67.10 MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

A message in writing from the President of the United States was communicated to the House by Mr. Saunders, one of his secretaries.

¶67.11 LANDSAT POLICY ACT

Mr. BROWN moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 3614) amending the Land Remote-Sensing Commercialization Act of 1984 to secure United States leadership in land remote-sensing by providing data continuity for the Landsat program and by establishing a new national land remote-sensing policy, and for other purposes; as amended.

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. MFUME, recognized Mr. BROWN and Mr. WALKER, each for 20 minutes.

After debate,

The question being put, viva voce,

Will the House suspend the rules and pass said bill, as amended?

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. MFUME, announced that two-thirds of the Members present had voted in the affirmative.

So, two-thirds of the Members present having voted in favor thereof, the rules were suspended and said bill, as amended, was passed.

By unanimous consent, the title was amended so as to read: ''An Act amending the Land Remote-Sensing Commercialization Act of 1984 to secure United States leadership in land remote-sensing by providing data continuity for the Landsat program and by establishing a new national Landsat policy, and for other purposes.''.

A motion to reconsider the votes whereby the rules were suspended and said bill, as amended, was passed and the title was amended was, by unanimous consent, laid on the table.

Ordered, That the Clerk request the concurrence of the Senate in said bill.

¶67.12 AFRICAN AMERICAN CIVIL WAR MEMORIAL

Mr. CLAY moved to suspend the rules and pass the joint resolution (H.J. Res. 320) authorizing the government of the District of Columbia to es-