

ington Monument for the observance of George Washington's Birthday on Thursday, February 22, 1996, are inserted in today's Congressional Record.

#### ¶17.7 ADJOURNMENT OVER

On motion of Mr. MONTGOMERY, by unanimous consent,

*Ordered*, That when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 12:30 p.m. on Tuesday, February 27, 1996, for "morning hour" debates.

And then,

#### ¶17.8 ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Ms. NORTON, pursuant to the special order heretofore agreed to, at 11 o'clock and 4 minutes a.m., the House adjourned until 12:30 p.m. on Tuesday, February 27, 1996.

#### ¶17.9 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. SCHAEFER:

H.R. 2967. A bill to extend the authorization of the Uranium Mill Tailings Radiation Control Act of 1978, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce.

By Mr. GEKAS (for himself and Mr. ROYCE):

H.R. 2968. A bill to prohibit the use of credit cards by officers and employees of the Federal Government; to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

By Mr. KLUG (for himself and Mr. KENNEDY of Massachusetts):

H.R. 2969. A bill to eliminate the Board of Tea Experts by repealing the Tea Importation Act of 1897; to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committee on Commerce, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. MCCOLLUM (for himself and Mr. SHAW):

H.R. 2970. A bill to provide for a judicial remedy for U.S. persons injured as a result of violations by foreign states of their arbitral obligations under international law; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. THOMAS:

H.R. 2971. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and the Social Security Act to reduce Social Security taxes and to provide for Social Security individual retirement accounts funded by Social Security payroll deductions; to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committee on Economic and Educational Opportunities, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. BARR:

H. Res. 364. Resolution providing for the consideration of the bill (H.R. 125) to repeal the ban on semiautomatic assault weapons and the ban on large capacity ammunition; to the Committee on Rules.

#### ¶17.10 MEMORIALS

Under clause 4 of rule XXII, memorials were presented and referred as follows:

201. The SPEAKER presented a memorial of the House of Representatives of the State of Maine, relative to memorializing the President and the Congress of the United

States to support full participation by the Republic of China on Taiwan in the United Nations; to the Committee on International Relations.

#### ¶17.11 ADDITIONAL SPONSORS

Under clause 4 of rule XXII, sponsors were added to public bills and resolutions as follows:

H.R. 1701: Mr. CAMP.

H.R. 1884: Mr. DELLUMS.

H.R. 2270: Mr. NEY.

H.R. 2320: Mr. DICKEY and Mr. SOLOMON.

H.R. 2391: Mr. HERGER, Mr. TAYLOR of North Carolina, Mr. BLILEY, Mr. ROHR-ABACHER, Mr. CUNNINGHAM, Mr. BARRETT of Nebraska, Mr. MCKEON, and Mr. SOUDER.

H.R. 2604: Mrs. MORELLA, Mr. MCCOLLUM, and Mr. DORNAN.

H.R. 2912: Mr. GEJDENSON, Mr. COSTELLO, Ms. LOFGREN, Mr. JACOBS, Mr. EVANS, Mr. TOWNS, Mr. MARTINEZ, Mr. SOLOMON, and Mr. BAKER of Louisiana.

H.R. 2922: Mr. FRAZER.

H.R. 2944: Mr. MINGE.

H.R. 2959: Mr. COYNE, Mr. NEAL of Massachusetts, Mr. TOWNS, Mr. BECERRA, Mr. KILDEE, Mr. COLEMAN, Mr. WYNN, Mrs. MINK of Hawaii, Mr. JACOBS, Mr. FATAH, Mr. FRAZER, Ms. VELAZQUEZ, and Mr. LAFALCE.

H. Res. 30: Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN, Mr. FRISA, Mrs. MALONEY, and Mr. GILMAN.

#### ¶17.12 PETITIONS, ETC.

Under clause 1 of rule XXII petitions and papers were laid on the Clerk's desk and referred as follows:

59. By the SPEAKER: Petition of the council of the city of New York, NY, relative to the Summer and Year-Round Youth Employment Programs; to the Committee on Economic and Educational Opportunities.

60. Also, petition of the city council of Chattanooga, TN, relative to the telecommunications bill; to the Committee on Commerce.

61. Also, petition of the city council of the city of Compton, CA, relative to the Barton-Stupak amendment in the telecommunications reform conference report; to the Committee on Commerce.

### TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 1996 (18)

The House was called to order by the SPEAKER pro tempore, Mrs. MORELLA, at 12:30 p.m., when, pursuant to the order of the House of Friday, February 23, 1996, Members were recognized for "morning hour" debates.

#### ¶18.1 RECESS—1:36 P.M.

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. SHAYS, pursuant to clause 12 of rule I, declared the House in recess at 1 o'clock and 36 minutes p.m., until 2 p.m.

#### ¶18.2 AFTER RECESS—2:00 P.M.

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. DUNCAN, called the House to order.

#### ¶18.3 APPROVAL OF THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. DUNCAN, announced he had examined and approved the Journal of the proceedings of Friday, February 23, 1996.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal was approved.

#### ¶18.4 COMMUNICATIONS

Executive and other communications, pursuant to clause 2, rule XXIV, were referred as follows:

2112. A letter from the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting notification that the Department's defense manpower requirements report for fiscal year 1997, will be submitted by April 30, 1996; to the Committee on National Security.

2113. A letter from the Managing Director, Federal Housing Finance Board, transmitting the Board's reports entitled "1996 Salary Rates" for its employees in grade 1-15 and "Executive Level Salary Ranges" for its executive level employees, pursuant to section 1206 of the Financial Institutions Reform, Recovery, and Enforcement Act of 1989 [FIRREA]; to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services.

2114. A letter from the Director, Office of Management and Budget, transmitting OMB estimate of the amount of change in outlays or receipts, as the case may be, in each fiscal year through fiscal year 2000 resulting from passage of H.R. 2353 and H.R. 2657, pursuant to Public Law 101-508, section 13101(a) (104 Stat. 1388-582); to the Committee on the Budget.

2115. A letter from the Director, Office of Management and Budget, transmitting OMB estimate of the amount of change in outlays or receipts, as the case may be, in each fiscal year through fiscal year 2000 resulting from passage of S. 652, H.R. 2029, and S. 1124, pursuant to Public Law 101-508, section 13101(a) (104 Stat. 1388-582); to the Committee on the Budget.

2116. A letter from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Department's third annual report to Congress on the implementation of the authority and use of fees collected under the Prescription Drug User Fee Act of 1992 [PDUFA] during the fiscal year 1995, pursuant to 21 U.S.C. 379g note; to the Committee on Commerce.

2117. A letter from the Inspector general, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting a report on Superfund financial activities at the National Institute of Environmental Health Services and the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry for fiscal year 1994, pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 7501 note; to the Committee on Commerce.

2118. A letter from the Secretary of Energy, transmitting the 32d quarterly report to Congress on the status of Exxon and stripper well oil overcharge funds as of September 30, 1995; to the Committee on Commerce.

2119. Assistant Legal Adviser for Treaty Affairs, Department of State, transmitting copies of international agreements, other than treaties, entered into by the United States, pursuant to 1 U.S.C. 112b(a); to the Committee on International Relations.

2120. Secretary of Transportation, transmitting the semiannual report of the inspector general for the period April 1, 1995, through September 30, 1995, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. app. (Insp. Gen. Act) section 5(b); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

2121. Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting a copy of D.C. Act 11-213, "Closing of a Public Alley in Square N-699, S.O. 93-84, Act of 1996," pursuant to D.C. Code, section 1-233(c)(1); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

2122. Auditor, District of Columbia, transmitting a copy of a report entitled "Audit of the Boxing and Wrestling Commission for Fiscal Year 1994," pursuant to D.C. Code, section 47-117(d); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

2123. Auditor, District of Columbia, transmitting a copy of a report entitled "Review of the Boxing Event of October 15, 1995 Regulated by the District of Columbia Boxing and Wrestling Commission," pursuant to D.C. Code, section 47-117(d); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

2124. A letter from the Administrator, Agency for International Development, transmitting the annual report under the Federal Managers' Financial Integrity Act for fiscal year 1995, pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 3512(c)(3); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

2125. A letter from the Principal Deputy Assistant for Public Affairs, Department of Defense, transmitting a report of activities under the Freedom of Information Act for calendar year 1995, pursuant to U.S.C. 552(d); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

2126. A letter from the Director, Office of Administration, Executive Office of the President, transmitting a report of activities under the Freedom of Information Act for calendar year 1995, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552(d); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

2127. A letter from the Secretary, Federal Trade Commission, transmitting a report of activities under the Freedom of Information Act for calendar year 1995, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552(d); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

2128. A letter from the General Counsel and Corporate Secretary, Legal Services Corporation, transmitting a copy of the annual report in compliance with the Government in the Sunshine Act during the calendar year 1995, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552b(j); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

2129. A letter from the vice president for Government and Public Affairs, National Railroad Passenger Corporation, transmitting the Corporation's 1995 annual report, and 1996 legislative report and grant request, pursuant to 49 U.S.C. 24315; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

2130. A letter from the Secretary of Transportation, transmitting the Department's report entitled "Tanker Navigation Safety Standards, 20 Year Tanker Size/Capacity Trend Analysis," pursuant to Public Law 101-380, section 4111(b)(11) (104 Stat. 516); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

2131. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Technology Policy, Department of Commerce, transmitting the biennial report on Federal agency use of the technology transfer authorities, in compliance with the section 3710(g)(2) of title 15, United States Code; to the Committee on Science.

2132. A letter from the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, transmitting a draft of proposed legislation to amend title 38, United States Code, to exempt full-time registered nurses, physician assistants, and expanded-function dental auxiliaries from restrictions on remunerated outside professional activities; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

2133. A letter from the Director, Administration and Management, Department of Defense, transmitting certification that the total cost for the planning, design, construction, and installation of equipment for the renovation of the Pentagon Reservation will not exceed \$1,218,000,000, pursuant to section 8095 of Public Law 104-61; jointly, to the Committees on Appropriations and National Security.

2134. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting notice of obligation of funds for Nonproliferation and Disarmament Fund [NDF] activities in Bosnia, pursuant to Public Law 104-99, section 301 (110 Stat. 38); jointly, to the Committees on Appropriations and International Relations.

2135. A letter from the Comptroller of the Currency, transmitting the annual report of consumer complaints filed against national banks for 1995; jointly, to the Committees on Banking and Financial Services and Commerce.

2136. A letter from the Secretary of Transportation, transmitting the Department's report to Congress on the benefits of safety belts and motorcycle helmets, pursuant to Public Law 102-240, section 1031(b)(2) (105 Stat. 1073); jointly, to the Committees on Commerce and Transportation and Infrastructure.

¶18.5 COMMUNICATION FROM THE CLERK—MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. DUNCAN, laid before the House a communication, which was read as follows:

U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
Washington, DC, February 23, 1996.  
Hon. NEWT GINGRICH,  
The Speaker, U.S. House of Representatives,  
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: Pursuant to the permission granted in Clause 5 of Rule III of the Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives, I have the honor to transmit a sealed envelope received from the White House on Friday, February 23 at 1:30 p.m. and said to contain a message from the President whereby he reports four deferral and four rescission proposals of budget authority under the Congressional Budget and Impoundment Control Act of 1974.

With warm regards,  
ROBIN H. CARLE,  
Clerk, U.S. House of Representatives.

¶18.6 IMPOUNDMENT CONTROL

The Clerk then read the message from the President, as follows:

*To the Congress of the United States:*  
In accordance with the Congressional Budget and Impoundment Control Act of 1974, I herewith report three new deferrals and one revised deferral, totaling \$3.6 billion, and four rescission proposals of budgetary resources, totaling \$140 million.

These deferrals affect the International Security Assistance programs as well as programs of the Agency for International Development. The rescission proposals affect the Department of Defense.

WILLIAM J. CLINTON,  
THE WHITE HOUSE, February 23, 1996.

By unanimous consent, the message, together with the accompanying papers, was referred to the Committee on Appropriations and ordered to be printed (H. Doc. 104-180).

¶18.7 STEVENSON-WYDLER TECHNOLOGY INNOVATION

Mrs. MORELLA moved to suspend the rules and agree to the following amendments of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 2196) to amend the Stevenson-Wydler Technology Innovation Act of 1980 with respect to inventions made under cooperative research and development agreements, and for other purposes:

Page 3, line 24, before "field" insert "pre-negotiated".

Page 5, line 4, strike out all after "only" down to and including "finds" in line 5 and insert "in exceptional circumstances and only if the Government determines".

Page 5, after line 15 insert: "This determination is subject to administrative appeal

and judicial review under section 203(2) of title 35, United States Code."

Page 13, strike out lines 10 through 17 and insert:

"Section 11(i) of the Stevenson-Wydler Technology Innovation Act of 1980 (15 U.S.C. 3710(i)) is amended by inserting 'loan, lease, or' before 'give'."

Page 21, strike out all after line 22 over to and including line 3 on page 22 and insert:

"(13) to coordinate Federal, State, and local technical standards activities and conformity assessment activities, with private sector technical standards activities and conformity assessment activities, with the goal of eliminating unnecessary duplication and complexity in the development and promulgation of conformity assessment requirements and measures."

Page 22, lines 5 and 6, strike out "by January 1, 1996," and insert "within 90 days after the date of enactment of this Act,".

Page 22, strike out all after line 7, over to and including line 5 on page 23 and insert:

"(d) UTILIZATION OF CONSENSUS TECHNICAL STANDARDS BY FEDERAL AGENCIES; REPORTS.—

"(1) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in paragraph (3) of this subsection, all Federal agencies and departments shall use technical standards that are developed or adopted by voluntary consensus standards bodies, using such technical standards as a means to carry out policy objectives or activities determined by the agencies and departments.

"(2) CONSULTATION; PARTICIPATION.—In carrying out paragraph (1) of this subsection, Federal agencies and departments shall consult with voluntary, private sector, consensus standards bodies and shall, when such participation is in the public interest and is compatible with agency and departmental missions, authorities, priorities, and budget resources, participate with such bodies in the development of technical standards.

"(3) EXCEPTION.—If compliance with paragraph (1) of this subsection is inconsistent with applicable law or otherwise impractical, a Federal agency or department may elect to use technical standards that are not developed or adopted by voluntary consensus standards bodies if the head of each such agency or department transmits to the Office of Management and Budget an explanation of the reasons for using such standards. Each year, beginning with fiscal year 1997, the Office of Management and Budget shall transmit to Congress and its committees a report summarizing all explanations received in the preceding year under this paragraph.

"(4) DEFINITION OF TECHNICAL STANDARDS.—As used in this subsection, the term 'technical standards' means performance-based or design-specific technical specifications and related management systems practices."

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. DUNCAN, recognized Mrs. MORELLA and Mr. TANNER, each for 20 minutes.

After debate,  
The question being put, viva voce,  
Will the House suspend the rules and agree to said amendments?

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

Mrs. MORELLA objected to the vote on the ground that a quorum was not present and not voting.

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

The point of no quorum was considered as withdrawn.