

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.

¶18.8 HOUSING OPPORTUNITY PROGRAM
EXTENSION

Mr. LAZIO moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill of the Senate (S. 1494) to provide an extension for fiscal year 1996 for certain programs administered by the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development and the Secretary of Agriculture, and for other purposes; as amended.

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

Mr. LAZIO 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.

¶18.9 H.R. 2196—UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. DUNCAN, pursuant to clause 5, rule I, announced the unfinished business to be the motion to suspend the rules and agree to the amendments of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 2196) to amend the Stevenson-Wylder Technology Innovation Act of 1980 with respect to inventions made under cooperative research and development agreements, and for other purposes.

The question being put, *viva voce*,

Will the House suspend the rules and agree to said Senate amendments?

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

So, two-thirds of the Members present having voted in favor thereof, the rules were suspended and said Senate amendments were agreed to.

A motion to reconsider the vote whereby the rules were suspended and said Senate amendments were agreed to was, by unanimous consent, laid on the table.

Ordered, That the Clerk notify the Senate thereof.

¶18.10 S. 1494—UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. DUNCAN, pursuant to clause 5, rule I, announced the further unfinished business to be the motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill of the Senate (S. 1494) to provide an extension for fiscal year 1996 for certain programs administered by the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development and the Secretary of Agriculture, and for other purposes; as amended.

The question being put, *viva voce*,

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

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. DUNCAN, announced that two-thirds of those 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 notify the Senate thereof.

¶18.11 PROVIDING FOR THE
CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 2854

Mr. GOSS, by direction of the Committee on Rules, reported (Rept. No. 104-463) the resolution (H. Res. 366) providing for the consideration of the bill (H.R. 2854) to modify the operation of certain agricultural programs.

When said resolution and report were referred to the House Calendar and ordered printed.

¶18.12 LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted—

To Mr. STOKES, for today through March 15;

To Ms. MCKINNEY, for today and the balance of the week; and

To Ms. FURSE, for today and the balance of the week.

And then,

¶18.13 ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Mr. GOSS, at 10 o'clock and 1 minute p.m., the House adjourned.

¶18.14 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. SOLOMON: Committee on Rules. House Resolution 366. Resolution providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 2854) to modify the operation of certain agricultural programs (Rept. No. 104-463). Referred to the House Calendar.

¶18.15 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. BLILEY (for himself, Mr. ARCHER, Mr. ROGERS, Mr. FIELDS of Texas, Mr. DINGELL, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. OXLEY, and Mr. TAUZIN):

H.R. 2972. A bill to authorize appropriations for the Securities and Exchange Commission, to reduce the fees collected under the Federal securities laws, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce.

By Mr. ROBERTS (for himself, Mr. EMERSON, Mr. GUNDERSON, Mr. ALLARD, Mr. BARRETT of Nebraska, Mr. EWING, and Mr. SMITH of Michigan):

H.R. 2973. A bill to reform and extend Department of Agriculture programs related to agricultural credit, rural development, conservation, trade, research, and promotion of agricultural commodities; to the Committee on Agriculture, and in addition to the Com-

mittees on Ways and Means, and International Relations, 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. CHRYSLER:

H.R. 2974. A bill to amend the Violent Crime Control and Law Enforcement Act of 1994 to provide enhanced penalties for crimes against elderly and child victims; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts (for himself, Mr. YATES, and Ms. PELOSI):

H.R. 2975. A bill to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to establish a Board of Visa Appeals within the Department of State to review decisions of consular officers concerning visa applications, revocations, and cancellations; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. GANSKE (for himself, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. BARR, Mr. BOUCHER, Mr. COBURN, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas, Mr. JOHNSTON of Florida, Mr. KENNEDY of Massachusetts, Mr. KLECZKA, Ms. LOFGREN, Mr. McDERMOTT, Mrs. MEEK of Florida, Mr. MORAN, Mr. NADLER, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. SERRANO, Mrs. SMITH of Washington, Mr. STARK, Mr. STUDDS, Mr. TRAFICANT, Mr. WAXMAN, Mr. WHITFIELD, and Mr. WISE):

H.R. 2976. A bill to prohibit health plans from interfering with health care provider communications with their patients; to the Committee on Commerce, and in addition to the Committees on Ways and Means, Economic and Educational Opportunities, and Government Reform and Oversight, 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. GEKAS (for himself and Mr. REED):

H.R. 2977. A bill to reauthorize alternative means of dispute resolution in the Federal administrative process, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. MORAN:

H.R. 2978. A bill to amend chapters 83 and 84 of title 5, United States Code, to provide for measures to preserve the value of deferred annuities over the period of the time between separation from Government service and when payments commence, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

By Mr. LANTOS (for himself and Mr. KING):

H. Res. 365. Resolution condemning the visit of Louis Farrakhan to Libya, Iran, and Iraq as well as certain statements he made during those visits, and urging the President to take appropriate action to determine if such visits, statements, and actions resulting from agreements or understandings reached during these visits violate Federal law; to the Committee on International Relations.

¶18.16 MEMORIALS

Under clause 4 of rule XXII,

202. The SPEAKER presented a memorial of the Senate of the State of Washington, relative to the Honorable Barbara Charline Jordan; to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

¶18.17 ADDITIONAL SPONSORS

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

H.R. 26: Mr. CAMP.

H.R. 263: Mr. NADLER.

H.R. 345: Mr. JACOBS.