Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

2168. A letter from the Director, U.S. Trade and Development Agency, transmitting a report of activities under the Freedom of Information Act for calendar year 1995, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552(e); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

2169. A letter from the Chairman, U.S. International Trade Commission, transmitting a report of activities under the Freedom of Information Act for calendar year 1995, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552(e); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

2170. A letter from the Marshal of the Court, Supreme Court of the United States, transmitting the annual report on administrative costs of protecting Supreme Court Officials, pursuant to 40 U.S.C. 13n(c); to the Committee on the Judiciary.

2171. A letter from the Secretary of Commerce, transmitting the 1995 annual report of the visiting committee on advanced technology of the National Institute of Standards and Technology [NIST], U.S. Department of Commerce, pursuant to Public Law 100–418, section 5131(b) (102 Stat. 1443); to the Committee on Science.

2172. A letter from the Chairman, U.S. International Trade Commission, transmitting a copy of the 84th quarterly report on trade between the United States and China, the successor states to the former Soviet Union and other title IV countries during July–September 1995, pursuant to 19 U.S.C. 2440; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

2173. A letter from the Chair, Defense Environmental Response Task Force, transmitting a report on the actions of the Defense Environmental Response Task Force; jointly, to the Committees on National Security and Commerce.

¶21.4 COMMUNICATION FROM THE CLERK—MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

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

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
OFFICE OF THE CLERK,
Washington, DC, March 1, 1996.

Hon. NEWT GINGRICH,
The Speaker, 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, March 1st at 3:25 p.m. and said to contain a message from the President whereby he notifies the Congress of the declaration of a national emergency with respect to Cuba.

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

¶21.5 NATIONAL EMERGENCY WITH RESPECT TO CUBA

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

To the Congress of the United States:

Pursuant to section 1 of title II of Public Law 65–24, ch. 30, 50 U.S.C. 191 and sections 201 and 301 of the National Emergencies Act, 50 U.S.C. 1601 *et seq.*, United States Code, I hereby report that I have exercised my statutory authority to declare a national emergency in response to the Government of Cuba's destruction of two unarmed U.S.-registered civilian aircraft in international airspace north of Cuba.

In the proclamation, I have authorized and directed the Secretary of Transportation to make an issue such rules and regulations that the Secretary may find appropriate to prevent unauthorized U.S. vessels from entering Cuban territorial waters.

I have authorized these rules and regulations as a result of the Government of Cuba's demonstrated willingness to use reckless force, including deadly force, in the ostensible enforcement of its sovereignty. I have determined that the unauthorized departures of vessels intending to enter Cuban territorial waters could jeopardize the safety of certain U.S. citizens and other persons residing in the United States and threaten a disturbance of international relations. I have, accordingly, declared a national emergency in response to these threats.

WILLIAM J. CLINTON.

THE WHITE HOUSE, *March 1, 1996.*

By unanimous consent, the message, together with the accompanying papers, was referred to the Committee on International Relations and ordered to be printed (H. Doc. 104–181).

¶21.6 BILLS PRESENTED TO THE PRESIDENT

Mr. THOMAS, from the Committee on House Oversight, reported that that committee did on the following dates present to the President, for his approval, bills of the House of the following titles:

On February 23, 1996:

H.R. 1718. An Act to designate the United States courthouse located at 197 Main Street in Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania, as the ''Max Rosenn United States Courthouse.''

On February 28, 1996:

H.R. 2196. An Act 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.

¶21.7 LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to Mr. STOKES, for today through March 15.

And then,

¶21.8 ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Mr. MCINTOSH, at 2 o'clock and 17 minutes p.m., the House adjourned.

¶21.9 REPORTS OF COMMITTEES ON PUBLIC BILLS AN 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. ARCHER: Committee on Ways and Means. H.R. 2969. A bill to eliminate the Board of Tea Experts by repealing the Tea Importation Act of 1897 (Rept. No. 104–467 Pt. 1). Ordered to be printed.

Mr. GILMAN: Committee of Conference. Conference report on H.R. 927. A bill to seek international sanctions against the Castro government in Cuba, to plan for support of a transition government leading to a democratically elected government in Cuba, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 104–468). Ordered to be printed.

Mr. HYDE: Committee on the Judiciary. H.R. 2202. A bill to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to improve deterrence of illegal immigration to the United States by increasing border patrol and investigative personnel, by increasing penalties for alien smuggling and for document fraud, by reforming exclusion and deportation law and procedures, by improving the verification system for eligibility for employment, and through other measures, to reform the legal immigration system and facilitate legal entries into the United States, and for other purposes; with an amendment (Rept. No. 104–469, Pt. 1). Ordered to be printed.

¶21.10 TIME LIMITATION OF REFERRED BILL

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

H.R. 2202. Referral to the Committees on Agriculture, Banking and Financial Services, Economic and Educational Opportunities, Government Reform and Oversight, National Security, and Ways and Means extended for a period ending not later than March 8, 1996.

H.R. 2969. Referral to the Committee on commerce extended for a period ending not later than March 7, 1996.

¶21.11 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. EWING (for himself and Mr. LEWIS of Kentucky):

H.R. 3002. A bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to exempt certain small lenders from the audit requirements of the guaranteed student loan program; to the Committee on Economic and Educational Opportunities.

¶21.12 ADDITIONAL SPONSORS

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

H.R. 580: Mr. PASTOR and Ms. SLAUGHTER.
H.R. 842: Mr. ALLARD and Mr. GREENWOOD.
H.R. 989: Ms. LOFGREN.
H.R. 1143: Mr. MINGE.
H.R. 1496: Mr. PAYNE of Virginia and Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN.
H.R. 1733: Mr. QUILLEN.
H.R. 1884: Ms. ESHOO.
H.R. 1965: Mr. SCHUMER and Mr. MCNULTY.
H.R. 2655: Mr. SCHUMER.
H.R. 2676: Mr. PETE GEREN of Texas.
H.R. 2751: Mr. CRAMER.
H.R. 2827: Mr. GONZALEZ.
H.R. 2856: Mr. CLYBURN.
H.R. 2922: Mr. COSTELLO.
H. Con. Res. 21: Mr. JOHNSTON of Florida.
H. Con. Res. 145: Mr. BROWN of Ohio, Mr. BERMAN, Mr. FRAZER, Mrs. KENNELLY, Ms. SLAUGHTER, Mr. PORTER and Mrs. MEYERS.

¶21.13 PETITIONS, ETC.

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

64. By the SPEAKER: Petition of the city council of the city of Seattle, WA, relative to the council's opposition to the proposed immigration legislation currently before the U.S. Senate and strongly urging its defeat as a bill which imposes unfair and unwise restrictions on legal immigration; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

65. Also, petition of the city council of Toledo, OH, relative to the Great Lakes Critical Programs Act; to the Committee on Transportation And Infrastructure.