TUESDAY, MARCH 5, 1996 (22)

¶22.1 DESIGNATION OF SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The House was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by the SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. REGULA, who laid before the House the following communication:

WASHINGTON, DC,
March 5, 1996.

I hereby designate the Honorable RALPH REGULA to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

NEWT GINGRICH,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Whereupon, pursuant to the order of the House of Friday, May 12, 1995, Members were recognized for ''morning hour'' debates.

¶22.2 RECESS—9:53 A.M.

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. REGULA, pursuant to clause 12 of rule I, declared the House in recess until 11:00 a.m.

¶22.3 AFTER RECESS—11:00 A.M.

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

¶22.4 APPROVAL OF THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. ROGERS, announced he had examined and approved the Journal of the proceedings of Monday, March 4, 1996.

Mr. GOSS, pursuant to clause 1, rule I, objected to the Chair's approval of the Journal.

The question being put, viva voce,

Will the House agree to the Chair's approval of said Journal?

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. ROGERS, announced that the yeas had it.

Mr. GOSS objected to the vote on the ground that a quorum was not present and not voting.

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. ROGERS, pursuant to clause 5, rule I, announced that the vote would be postponed until later today.

The point of no quorum was considered as withdrawn.

¶22.5 COMMUNICATIONS

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

2174. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting his requests for emergency fiscal year 1996 supplemental appropriations for emergency expenses related to recent natural disasters in the United States and the Virgin Islands, and to designate the amount made available as an emergency requirement pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(D)(i) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985, as amended, pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 1107 (H. Doc. No. 104–183); to the Committee on Appropriations and ordered to be printed.

2175. A letter from the Secretary of Energy, transmitting notification of the Department's intention to contract the sale of Naval Petroleum Reserve Numbered 1, also known as the Elk Hills Reserve without providing for the use of competitive procedures; to the Committee on National Security.

2176. A letter from the Secretary of Education, transmitting final priority—Research in Education of Individuals with Disabilities Program, pursuant to 20 U.S.C. 1232(d)(1); to the Committee on Economic and Educational Opportunities.

2177. A letter from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Department's report entitled ''Ambulatory Surgery, Preadmission Testing, and Same-day Surgery: State Medicaid Programs' Experience and Findings from the Literature,'' pursuant to Public Law 101–508, section 4755(b)(3)(d) (104 Stat. 1388–210); to the Committee on Commerce.

2178. A letter from the Acting Secretary of State, transmitting a list of all potential sales and licensed commercial exports under the act of major weapons or weapons-related defense equipment valued at $7 million or more, or of any other weapons or weapons-related defense equipment valued at $25 million or more, which the administration considers eligible for approval during the calendar year 1996 and which may, therefore, result in notification to the Congress this year, pursuant to section 25(a)(1) of the Arms Export Control Act; to the Committee on International Relations.

2179. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting a report on the progress made toward opening the U.S. Embassy in Jerusalem, pursuant to Public Law 104–45, section 6 (109 Stat. 400); to the Committee on International Relations.

2180. A letter from the Executive Director, Committee for Purchase from People who are Blind or Severely Disabled, 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.

2181. A letter from the Director, Communications and Legislative Affairs, Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, transmitting a report of activities under the Freedom of Information Act for calendar year 1995, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552; to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

2182. A letter from the Chairman, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, 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.

2183. A letter from the Chairman, Federal Maritime 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.

2184. A letter from the Chairman, Board of Governors, Federal Reserve System, transmitting a report of activities under the Freedom of Information Act for calendar year 1995, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552; to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

2185. A letter from the National Endowment for Democracy, 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.

2186. A letter from the Chairman, Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting a report of activities under the Freedom of Information Act for calendar year 1995, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552(b); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

2187. A letter from the Chairman, U.S. Merit Systems Protection Board, 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.

2188. A letter from the U.S. Copyright Office, transmitting a report of activities under the Freedom of Information Act for calendar year 1995, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552; to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

2189. A letter from the Director, U.S. Information Agency, 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.

2190. A letter from the U.S. Trade Representative, 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.

2191. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting the President's March 1, 1996, determination regarding certification of the 31 major illicit narcotics producing and transit countries, pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2291; to the Committee on International Relations.

¶22.6 COMMITTEES AND SUBCOMMITTEES TO SIT

On motion of Mr. GOSS, by unanimous consent, the following committees and their subcommittees were granted permission to sit during the 5-minute rule today: the Committee on Agriculture, the Committee on Commerce, the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight, the Committee on International Relations, the Committee on National Security, the Committee on Resources, the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, and the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence.

¶22.7 MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Sundry messages in writing from the President of the United States were communicated to the House by Mr. Edwin Thomas, one of his secretaries.

¶22.8 SUBPOENA

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. ROGERS, laid before the House the following communication from the Clerk of the House:

OFFICE OF THE CLERK,
U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, February 27, 1996.

Hon. NEWT GINGRICH,
Speaker, House of Representatives, Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: This is to formally notify you pursuant to Rule L (50) of the Rules of the House that a member of my staff has been served with a subpoena issued by the Circuit Court for Baltimore City, Maryland. This subpoena relates to her employment by former Representative Kweisi Mfume.

After consultation with the General Counsel, I have determined that compliance with the subpoena is consistent with the privileges and precedents of the House.

Sincerely,

ROBIN H. CARLE,
Clerk of the House.

¶22.9 TAX BENEFITS FOR U.S. TROOPS IN BOSNIA

Mr. BUNNING moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 2778) to provide that members of the Armed Forces performing services for the peacekeeping effort in the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina shall be entitled to certain tax benefits in the same manner as if such services were performed in a combat zone; as amended.