

WASHINGTON, DC,
March 13, 1996.

I hereby designate the Honorable TERRY EVERETT to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

NEWT GINGRICH,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

¶27.2 APPROVAL OF THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. EVERETT, announced he had examined and approved the Journal of the proceedings of Tuesday, March 12, 1996.

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

¶27.3 COMMUNICATIONS

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

2240. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting a copy of D.C. Act 11-221, "Prison Industrial Act of 1996," pursuant to D.C. Code, section 1-233(c)(1); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

2241. A letter from the Chairman, African Development Foundation, transmitting the 1995 annual report in compliance with the Inspector General Act Amendments of 1988, pursuant to Public Law 100-504, section 104(a) (102 Stat. 2525); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

2242. A letter from the Chairman, Consumer Product Safety 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.

2243. A letter from the Chairman, Federal Maritime Commission, 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.

2244. A letter from the General Counsel, Office of National Drug Control Policy, 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.

2245. A letter from the Director, Office of Personnel Management, 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.

2246. A letter from the Deputy Associate Director for Compliance, Department of the Interior, transmitting notification of proposed refunds of excess royalty payments in OCS areas, pursuant to 43 U.S.C. 1339(b); to the Committee on Resources.

2247. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Land and Minerals Management, Department of the Interior, transmitting a copy of the final rulemaking governing bidding for OCS natural gas and oil leases, pursuant to 43 U.S.C. 1337(a)(4); to the Committee on Resources.

¶27.4 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A message from the Senate by Mr. Lundregan, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate had passed a concurrent resolution of the following title, in which the concurrence of the House is requested:

S. Con. Res. 45. Concurrent resolution authorizing the use of the Capitol Rotunda on May 2, 1996, for the presentation of the Congressional Gold Medal to Reverend and Mrs. Billy Graham.

The message also announced that the Senate agrees to the amendment of the House to the bill (S. 1494) "An Act 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."

The message also announced that pursuant to section 9355(a) of title 10, United States Code, the Chair, on behalf of the Vice President, appoints Mr. BURNS, from the Committee on Appropriations, Mr. KEMPTHORNE, from the Committee on Armed Services, and Mr. EXON, at large, to the Board of Visitors of the United States Air Force Academy.

The message also announced that pursuant to section 4355(a) of title 10, United States Code, the Chair, on behalf of the Vice President, appoints Mr. COCHRAN, from the Committee on Appropriations, Mr. REID, from the Committee on Appropriations, Mrs. HUTCHISON, from the Committee on Armed Services, and Mr. LEVIN, at large, to the Board of Visitors of the United States Military Academy.

The message also announced that pursuant to section 6968(a) of title 10, United States Code, the Chair, on behalf of the Vice President, appoints Mr. HATFIELD, from the Committee on Appropriations, Ms. MIKULSKI, from the Committee on Appropriations, Mr. MCCAIN, from the Committee on Armed Services, and Mr. SARBANES, at large, to the Board of Visitors of the United States Naval Academy.

¶27.5 COMMITTEES AND SUBCOMMITTEES TO SIT

On motion of Ms. PRYCE, by unanimous consent, the following committees and their subcommittees were granted permission to sit today during the 5-minute rule: the Committee on Banking and Financial Services, 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, and the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

¶27.6 PROVIDING FOR THE CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 2703

Ms. PRYCE, by direction of the Committee on Rules, called up the following resolution (H. Res. 380):

Resolved, That at any time after the adoption of this resolution the Speaker may, pursuant to clause 1(b) of rule XXIII, declare the House resolved into the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union for consideration of the bill (H.R. 2703) to combat terrorism. The first reading of the bill shall be dispensed with. General debate shall be confined to the bill and shall not exceed one hour equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on the Judiciary. After general debate the bill shall be considered for amendment under the five-minute rule and shall be considered as read. No amendment shall be in order except those printed in the report of the Committee on Rules accompanying this resolution and amendments en bloc described in section 2 of this resolu-

tion. Each amendment printed in the report may be considered only in the order printed, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment except as specified in the report, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question in the House or in the Committee of the Whole. All points of order against amendments printed in the report are waived. The chairman of the Committee of the Whole may postpone until a time during further consideration in the Committee of the Whole a request for a recorded vote on any amendment. The chairman of the Committee of the Whole may reduce to not less than five minutes the time for voting by electronic device on any postponed question that immediately follows another vote by electronic device without intervening business, provided that the time for voting by electronic device on the first in any series of questions shall be not less than fifteen minutes. At the conclusion of consideration of the bill for amendment the Committee shall rise and report the bill to the House with such amendments as may have been adopted. The previous question shall be considered as ordered on the bill and amendments thereto to final passage without intervening motion except one motion to recommend with or without instructions.

SEC. 2. It shall be in order at any time for the chairman of the Committee on the Judiciary or a designee to offer amendments en bloc consisting of amendments printed in the report of the Committee on Rules accompanying this resolution that were not earlier disposed of or germane modifications of any such amendments. Amendments en bloc offered pursuant to this section shall be considered as read (except the modifications shall be reported), shall be debatable for twenty minutes equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on the Judiciary or their designees, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question in the House or in the Committee of the Whole. For the purpose of inclusion in such amendments en bloc, an amendment printed in the form of a motion to strike may be modified to the form of a germane perfecting amendment to the text originally proposed to be stricken. All points of order against such amendment en bloc are waived. The original proponent of an amendment included in such amendments en bloc may insert a statement in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD immediately before the disposition of the amendments en bloc.

SEC. 3. After passage of H.R. 2703, it shall be in order to take from the Speaker's table the bill (S. 735) to prevent and punish acts of terrorism, and for other purposes, and to consider the Senate bill in the House. It shall be in order to move to strike all after the enacting clause of the Senate bill and to insert in lieu thereof the provisions of H.R. 2703 as passed by the House. If the motion is adopted and the Senate bill, as amended, is passed, then it shall be in order to more that the House insist on its amendments to S. 735 and request a conference with the Senate thereon.

When said resolution was considered. After debate,

On motion of Ms. PRYCE, the previous question was ordered on the resolution to its adoption or rejection.

The question being put, viva voce,

Will the House agree to said resolution?

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