

health care to veterans, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, and in addition to the Committee on Commerce, and Ways and Means, 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. STUMP (for himself, Mr. MONTGOMERY, Mr. HUTCHINSON, and Mr. EDWARDS):

H.R. 3118. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to reform eligibility for health care provided by the Department of Veterans Affairs; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. MONTGOMERY (by request):

H.R. 3119. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to revise and improve eligibility for medical care and services under that title, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, and in addition to the Committees on Ways and Means, and 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. FOX:

H.R. 3120. A bill to amend title 18, United States Code, with respect to witness retaliation, witness tampering and jury tampering; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. GILMAN (for himself and Mr. HAMILTON):

H.R. 3121. A bill to amend the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 and the Arms Export Control Act to make improvements to certain defense and security assistance provisions under those acts, to authorize the transfer of naval vessels to certain foreign countries, and for other purposes; to the Committee on International Relations, and in addition to the Committee on Rules, 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. BROWN of Ohio:

H.R. 3122. A bill to amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to provide for separate limitations on contributions to qualifying and nonqualifying House of Representatives candidates; to the Committee on House Oversight.

By Mr. CAMP:

H.R. 3123. A bill to amend title XVIII and title XIX of the Social Security Act to prohibit expenditures under the Medicare Program and Federal financial participation under the Medicaid Program for assisted suicide, euthanasia, or mercy killing, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, and in addition to the Committees on Ways and Means, and the Judiciary, 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. ENGLISH of Pennsylvania (for himself, Mr. HERGER, Mr. FOX, Mr. BREWSTER, Mr. STOCKMAN, Mr. HOUGHTON, Mr. CANADY, and Mr. BARR):

H.R. 3124. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to increase the amount of depreciable business assets which may be expensed, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. ENGLISH of Pennsylvania (for himself, Mr. HASTERT, Mr. FOX, Mr. CHRISTENSEN, Mr. STOCKMAN, and Mr. HOSTETTLER):

H.R. 3125. A bill to provide for improvements in financial security for senior citizens; to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committees on Commerce, the Judiciary, Rules, Government Reform and Oversight, and the Budget, for a pe-

riod 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. ENGLISH of Pennsylvania:

H.R. 3126. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to place the burden of proof on the Secretary to prove that the cash method of accounting does not clearly reflect income; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. ENSIGN:

H.R. 3127. A bill to provide for the orderly disposal of Federal lands in southern Nevada, and for the acquisition of certain environmentally sensitive lands in Nevada, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Resources.

By Mr. FLANAGAN (for himself and Mr. DINGELL):

H.R. 3128. A bill to make it unlawful to send lobbying communications to Congress which are fraudulent; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. MORAN:

H.R. 3129. A bill to amend title 5, United States Code, to allow loans under the thrift savings plan to be made for expenses associated with the adoption of a child; to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

By Mr. PETERSON of Florida (for himself, Mr. MORAN, Mr. DOOLEY, Mr. BAESLER, Mr. BERMAN, Ms. BROWN of Florida, Mr. CLEMENT, Mr. COLEMAN, Mr. DELLUMS, Mr. DIXON, Mr. FATTAH, Mr. FAZIO of California, Mr. FRAZER, Mr. HASTINGS of Florida, Mr. HEFNER, Mr. HILLIARD, Mr. HINCHEY, Ms. KAPTUR, Mr. LAFALCE, Mrs. LINCOLN, Mr. LEWIS of Georgia, Ms. LOFGREN, Ms. MCKINNEY, Mrs. MEEK of Florida, Mr. MINGE, Mr. NADLER, Ms. NORTON, Mr. OBERSTAR, Ms. PELOSI, Mr. POSHARD, Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD, Mr. SABO, Mr. SANDERS, Mrs. SCHROEDER, Mr. STENHOLM, Mr. STUPAK, Mr. TORRES, Ms. VELAZQUEZ, Mr. YATES, Mr. CLYBURN, Mr. JEFFERSON, Mr. PASTOR, Mr. CRAMER, Mr. ROSE, Mrs. THURMAN, Mr. PAYNE of Virginia, Ms. JACKSON-LEE, and Mr. PALLONE):

H.R. 3130. A bill to assure availability and continuity of health insurance and to simplify the administration of health coverage; to the Committee on Commerce, and in addition to the Committees on Ways and Means, the Judiciary, and 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. SHAYS:

H.R. 3131. A bill to amend title 49, United States Code, to permit a State located within 5 miles of an airport in another State to participate in the process for approval of airport development projects at the airport; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

By Mr. TOWNS:

H.R. 3132. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for Medicare contracting reforms, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, and in addition to the Committees on Ways and Means, 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. LIVINGSTON:

H.J. Res. 165. Joint resolution making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 1996, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Appropriations.

31.29 PRIVATE BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 1 of rule XXII,

Mr. SCARBOROUGH introduced a bill (H.R. 3133) to authorize the Secretary of Transportation to issue a certificate of documentation with appropriate endorsement for employment in the coastwise trade for the vessel *Karma*; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

31.30 ADDITIONAL SPONSORS

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

H.R. 598: Mr. BRYANT of Texas.

H.R. 777: Mrs. KELLY, Mr. STUPAK, Mr. QUINN, and Mr. BERMAN.

H.R. 778: Mrs. KELLY, Mr. STUPAK, Mr. QUINN, Mr. BERMAN, and Mr. TATE.

H.R. 779: Mr. THORNBERRY, Mr. TAYLOR of North Carolina, and Ms. JACKSON-LEE.

H.R. 780: Mr. TAYLOR of North Carolina and Ms. JACKSON-LEE.

H.R. 1046: Mr. STEARNS and Ms. HARMAN.

H.R. 1073: Mr. YOUNG of Alaska, Mr. PETE GEREN of Texas, Mr. ORTON, and Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas.

H.R. 1074: Mr. YOUNG of Alaska, Mr. PETE GEREN of Texas, Mr. ORTON, and Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas.

H.R. 1202: Mr. KENNEDY of Massachusetts and Mr. DELLUMS.

H.R. 1341: Mr. BARRETT of Wisconsin, Mr. BERMAN, Mr. BONIOR, Mr. COLEMAN, Mr. DEUTSCH, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. EVANS, Mr. FALCOMA, Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas, Mr. HINCHEY, Mr. JACOBS, Mr. MARTINEZ, Mr. MATSUI, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. MILLER of California, Mr. MOAKLEY, Mr. OBERSTAR, Ms. RIVERS, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. STARK, Mr. STUDDS, Mr. TORRES, and Mr. YATES.

H.R. 1386: Mr. GORDON.

H.R. 1406: Mr. KLECZKA, Mr. ROEMER, Mr. DICKS, Ms. DELAURO, Mr. WISE, and Mr. GEPHARDT.

H.R. 1464: Mr. BARTLETT of Maryland.

H.R. 1484: Ms. NORTON, Mr. BROWN of California, Mr. LANTOS, Mr. OBERSTAR, Mr. BENTSEN, and Mrs. CLAYTON.

H.R. 1618: Mr. MINGE.

H.R. 1619: Mr. WELDON of Pennsylvania.

H.R. 1733: Mr. LEWIS of Georgia.

H.R. 1802: Mr. HOKE.

H.R. 2086: Mr. CALVERT and Mr. CUNNINGHAM.

H.R. 2167: Mr. YATES.

H.R. 2200: Mr. LIVINGSTON and Mrs. VUCANOVICH.

H.R. 2214: Mr. WISE.

H.R. 2237: Mr. VENTO.

H.R. 2292: Mr. NETHERCUTT.

H.R. 2320: Mr. SMITH of Michigan, Mr. SAM JOHNSON, Mr. GUNDERSON, Mr. MCCOLLUM, Mr. WELDON of Florida, Mr. ISTOOK, Mr. BONILLA, Mr. HOUGHTON, Mr. BUNNING of Kentucky, and Mr. MANZULLO.

H.R. 2338: Mr. HILLIARD.

H.R. 2428: Mr. EMERSON.

H.R. 2508: Mr. GREENWOOD, Mr. TOWNS, Ms. PRYCE, Mr. KENNEDY of Massachusetts, and Mr. CHRYSLER.

H.R. 2579: Mr. TAYLOR of North Carolina, Mr. JACKSON, and Ms. MCKINNEY.

H.R. 2582: Mrs. MINK of Hawaii.

H.R. 2693: Mrs. CHENOWETH.

H.R. 2745: Ms. NORTON, Ms. JACKSON-LEE, Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas, Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas, Mr. SHAW, and Mr. GONZALEZ.

H.R. 2746: Ms. PELOSI, Mr. DEFAZIO, Mr. ANDREWS, and Mr. TORRICELLI.

H.R. 2893: Mr. SHAYS, Mr. GILMAN, Mrs. MORELLA, Mr. GUNDERSON, Mr. CALVERT, Mr. BROWNBACK, Mr. BOEHLERT, Mr. FRANKS of New Jersey, Mr. TORKILDSEN, Mr. QUINN, Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN, Mr. MARTINI, Mr. ABERCROMBIE, Mr. ACKERMAN, Mr. ANDREWS, Mr.

BALDACCI, Mr. BARRETT of Wisconsin, Mr. BECERRA, Mr. BEILENSON, Mr. BENTSEN, Mr. BERMAN, Mr. BEVILL, Mr. BISHOP, Mr. BONIOR, Mr. BORSKI, Mr. BOUCHER, Ms. BROWN of Florida, Mr. BROWN of Ohio, Mr. BRYANT of Texas, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. CLAY, Mrs. CLAYTON, Mr. CLEMENT, Mr. CLYBURN, Mr. COLEMAN, Miss COLLINS of Michigan, Mrs. COLLINS of Illinois, Mr. CONYERS, Mr. COSTELLO, Mr. COYNE, Ms. DANNER, Mr. DE LA GARZA, Mr. DEFazio, Ms. DELAURO, Mr. DELUMS, Mr. DICKS, Mr. DINGELL, Mr. DIXON, Mr. DOOLEY, Mr. DOYLE, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. EDWARDS, Mr. ENGEL, Ms. ESHOO, Mr. EVANS, Mr. FALEOMAVAEGA, Mr. FARR, Mr. FATTAH, Mr. FAZIO of California, Mr. FIELDS of Louisiana, Mr. FILNER, Mr. FLAKE, Mr. FOGLETTA, Mr. FORD, Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts, Mr. FRAZER, Mr. FROST, Ms. FURSE, Mr. GEJDBENSON, Mr. GEPHARDT, Mr. GIBBONS, Mr. GONZALEZ, Mr. GORDON, Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas, Mr. GUTIERREZ, Mr. HALL of Ohio, Ms. HARMAN, Mr. HASTINGS of Florida, Mr. HEFNER, Mr. HILLIARD, Mr. HINCHEY, Mr. HOLDEN, Mr. HOYER, Mr. JACKSON, Mr. JACOBS, Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas, Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota, Mr. JOHNSTON of Florida, Mr. KANJORSKI, Ms. KAPTUR, Mr. KENNEDY of Massachusetts, Mr. KENNEDY of Rhode Island, Mrs. KENNELLY, Mr. KILDEE, Mr. KLECZKA, Mr. KLINK, Mr. LAFALCE, Mr. LANTOS, Ms. JACKSON-LEE, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. LEWIS of Georgia, Mrs. LINCOLN, Mr. LIPINSKI, Ms. LOFGREN, Mrs. LOWEY, Mr. LUTHER, Mrs. MALONEY, Mr. MANTON, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. MARTINEZ, Mr. MASCARA, Mr. MATSUI, Ms. MCCARTHY, Mr. MCDERMOTT, Mr. MCHALE, Ms. MCKINNEY, Mr. MEEHAN, Mrs. MEEK of Florida, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. MILLER of California, Mr. MINGE, Mrs. MINK of Hawaii, Mr. MOAKLEY, Mr. MORAN, Mr. NADLER, Mr. NEAL of Massachusetts, Ms. NORTON, Mr. OBERSTAR, Mr. OBEY, Mr. OLVER, Mr. ORTIZ, Mr. ORTON, Mr. OWENS, Mr. PALLONE, Mr. PASTOR, Mr. PAYNE of New Jersey, Mr. PAYNE of Virginia, Ms. PELOSI, Mr. PETERSON of Florida, Mr. PICKETT, Mr. POSHARD, Mr. RAHALL, Mr. RANGEL, Mr. RICHARDSON, Ms. RIVERS, Mr. ROEMER, Mr. ROMERO-BARCELO, Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD, Mr. RUSH, Mr. SABO, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. SAWYER, Mrs. SCHROEDER, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. SCOTT, Mr. SERRANO, Mr. SKAGGS, Mr. SKELTON, Ms. SLAUGHTER, Mr. SPRATT, Mr. STARK, Mr. STENHOLM, Mr. STOKES, Mr. STUDDS, Mr. STUPAK, Mr. TEJEDA, Mr. THOMPSON, Mrs. THURMAN, Mr. TORRES, Mr. TORRICELLI, Mr. TOWNS, Mr. TRAFICANT, Mr. UNDERWOOD, Ms. VELAZQUEZ, Mr. VENTO, Mr. VOLKMER, Mr. WARD, Ms. WATERS, Mr. WATT of North Carolina, Mr. WAXMAN, Mr. WILLIAMS, Mr. WISE, Ms. WOOLSEY, Mr. WYNN, Mr. YATES, and Mr. SMITH of New Jersey.

H.R. 2914: Mr. JEFFERSON, Mr. BISHOP, Mr. OWENS, Mrs. COLLINS of Illinois, and Mr. KENNEDY of Rhode Island.

H.R. 2925: Mr. WHITFIELD, Mrs. VUCANOVICH, Mr. WICKER, Mr. SHAYS, and Mr. FOLEY.

H.R. 2959: Mr. HOBSON.

H.R. 2978: Mr. DAVIS.

H.R. 3002: Mr. CALVERT.

H.R. 3004: Mr. SOUDER, Mr. BOUCHER, Mr. STUPAK, Mr. GUNDERSON, Mr. CALVERT, and Mr. HASTERT.

H.R. 3012: Mr. WATTS of Oklahoma, Mr. PARKER, Mr. TEJEDA, and Mr. JEFFERSON.

H.R. 3048: Ms. MEYERS of Kansas, Mrs. LINCOLN, Mr. BOEHLERT, Mr. ZELIFF, Mr. EMERSON, Mr. CALVERT.

H.R. 3050: Mr. LUCAS and Mr. FOGLETTA.

H.R. 3067: Mr. UNDERWOOD, Mr. PACKARD, Mr. HUTCHINSON, and Mr. KENNEDY of Massachusetts.

H.R. 3103: Mr. ZIMMER.

H. Con. Res. 26: Mr. MANTON, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. MATSUI, Mr. STOCKMAN, Mr. KLECZKA, and Mr. FRANKS of New Jersey.

H. Con. Res. 47: Mr. CUNNINGHAM and Mr. DORNAN.

H. Con. Res. 151: Mr. FILNER.
H. Res. 30: Mr. HAMILTON, Mr. NORWOOD, Mr. MARKEY, and Mr. MYERS of Indiana.
H. Res. 49: Mr. LEWIS of Georgia.
H. Res. 385: Mr. SMITH of New Jersey.

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¶32.1 DESIGNATION OF SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore, Mrs. WALDHOLTZ, who laid before the House the following communication:

WASHINGTON, DC,
March 21, 1996.

I hereby designate the Honorable ENID G. WALDHOLTZ to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

NEWT GINGRICH,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

¶32.2 APPROVAL OF THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mrs. WALDHOLTZ, announced she had examined and approved the Journal of the proceedings of Wednesday, March 20, 1996.

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

¶32.3 COMMUNICATIONS

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

2279. A letter from the Chair, Architectural and Transportation Barriers Compliance Board, 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.

2280. A letter from the Secretary of Transportation, transmitting the Department's report entitled "Tanker Navigation Safety Standards, Crew Qualifications and Training," pursuant to Public Law 101-380, section 4111(c) (104 Stat. 516); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

2281. A letter from the Secretary of Transportation, transmitting the Department's report entitled "Tanker Simulator Training," pursuant to Public Law 101-380, section 4111(c) (104 Stat. 516); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

2282. A letter from the Secretary of Energy, transmitting the Department's report entitled "Beyond 2000: A Vision for the American Metal Casting Industry," pursuant to Public Law 101-425, section 10 (104 Stat. 919); to the Committee on Science.

2283. A letter from the Administrator, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's [NOAA] deep seabed mining report, pursuant to 30 U.S.C. 1469; jointly, to the Committees on Resources and International Relations.

¶32.4 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A message from the Senate by Mr. Lundregan, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate had passed with an amendment a bill of the House of the following title:

H.R. 3019. An Act making appropriations for fiscal year 1996 to make a further downpayment toward a balanced budget, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the Senate insists upon its amendment to the bill (H.R. 3019) "An Act making appropriations for fiscal year 1996 to

make a further downpayment toward a balanced budget, and for other purposes," requests a conference with the House on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses thereon, and appoints Mr. HATFIELD, Mr. STEVENS, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. SPECTER, Mr. DOMENICI, Mr. BOND, Mr. GORTON, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mr. MACK, Mr. BURNS, Mr. SHELBY, Mr. JEFFORDS, Mr. GREGG, Mr. BENNETT, Mr. CAMPBELL, Mr. BYRD, Mr. INOUE, Mr. HOLLINGS, Mr. JOHNSTON, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. BUMPERS, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. HARKIN, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. REID, Mr. KERREY, Mr. KOHL, and Mrs. MURRAY to be the conferees on the part of the Senate.

The message also announced that the Senate had passed bills and concurrent resolutions of the following titles, in which the concurrence of the House is requested:

S. 942. An Act to promote increased understanding of Federal regulations and increased voluntary compliance with such regulations by small entities, to provide for the designation of regional ombudsmen and oversight boards to monitor the enforcement practices of certain Federal agencies with respect to small business concerns, to provide relief from excessive and arbitrary regulatory enforcement actions against small entities, and for other purposes;

S. 956. An Act to establish a Commission on Structural Alternatives for the Federal Courts of Appeals;

S. Con. Res. 47. Concurrent resolution to provide for a Joint Congressional Committee on Inaugural Ceremonies; and

S. Con. Res. 48. Concurrent resolution authorizing the rotunda of the United States Capitol to be used on January 20, 1997, in connection with the proceedings and ceremonies for the inauguration of the President-elect and the Vice President-elect of the United States.

The message also announced that pursuant to sections 276h-276k, of title 22, United States Code, the Chair, on behalf of the Vice President, appoints Mrs. HUTCHISON as the chairperson of the Senate delegation to the Mexico-United States Interparliamentary Union during the 2d session of the 104th Congress.

¶32.5 PROVIDING FOR THE CONSIDERATION OF H.J. RES. 165

Mr. MCINNIS, by direction of the Committee on Rules, called up the following resolution (H. Res. 386):

Resolved, That upon the adoption of this resolution it shall be in order to consider in the House the joint resolution (H.J. Res. 165) making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 1996, and for other purposes. The joint resolution shall be debatable for one hour equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations. The previous question shall be considered as ordered on the joint resolution to final passage without intervening motion except one motion to recommit. The motion to recommit may include instructions only if offered by the minority leader or his designee.

SEC. 2. The requirement of clause 4(b) of rule XI for a two-thirds vote to consider a report from the Committee on Rules on the same day it is presented to the House is waived with respect to any resolution reported from that committee before April 1, 1996, and providing for consideration or disposition of any of the following measures.