¶37.1 APPROVAL OF THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER announced he had examined and approved the Journal of the proceedings of Wednesday, March 27, 1996.

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

¶37.2 COMMUNICATIONS

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

2311. A letter from the Secretary of Defense, transmitting the Department's report entitled ''Annual Report to the President and the Congress, March 1996,'' pursuant to 10 U.S.C. 113 (c) and (e); to the Committee on National Security.

2312. A letter from the Comptroller General of the United States, transmitting the list of all reports issued or released in February 1996, pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 719(h); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

2313. A letter from the Executive Director, District of Columbia Financial Responsibility and Management Assistance Authority, transmitting a report entitled ''Report on the Mayor's District of Columbia FY 1997 Budget and Multiyear Plan'' adopted by the District of Columbia Financial Responsibility and Management Assistance Authority on March 21, 1996, pursuant to section 202(d) of Public Law 104–8; to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

2314. A letter from the Chairman, Nuclear Regulatory 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.

2315. A letter from the Commissioner, Social Security Administration, transmitting a report of activities under the Freedom of Information Act for the calendar year 1995, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552(d); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

¶37.3 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A message from the Senate by Mr. Lundregan, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate agreed to the following resolution:

S. RES. 234

Whereas, the Senate fondly remembers former Secretary of State, former Governor of Maine, and former Senator from Maine, Edmund S. Muskie;

Whereas, Edmund S. Muskie spent six years in the Maine House of Representatives, becoming minority leader;

Whereas, in 1954, voters made Edmund S. Muskie the State's first Democratic Governor in 20 years;

Whereas, after a second two-year term, he went on in 1958 to become the first popularly elected Democratic Senator in Maine's history;

Whereas, Edmund S. Muskie in 1968, was chosen as Democratic Vice-Presidential nominee;

Whereas, Edmund S. Muskie left the Senate to become President Carter's Secretary of State; and

Whereas, Edmund S. Muskie served with honor and distinction in each of these capacities: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate has heard with profound sorrow and deep regret the announcement of the death of the Honorable Edmund S. Muskie, formerly a Senator from the State of Maine.

Resolved, That the Secretary communicate these resolutions to the House of Representatives and transmit an enrolled copy thereof to the family of the deceased.

Resolved, That when the Senate adjourns today, it adjourn as a further mark of respect to the memory of the deceased Senator.

The message also announced that the Senate had passed without amendment concurrent resolutions of the House of the following titles:

H. Con. Res. 146. Concurrent resolution authorizing the 1996 Special Olympics Torch Relay to be run through the Capitol Grounds; and

H. Con. Res. 147. Concurrent resolution authorizing the use of the Capitol grounds for the fifteenth annual National Peace Officers' Memorial Service.

The message also announced that the Senate agrees to the report of the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendments of the House to the bill (S. 4) ''An act to grant the power to the President to reduce budget authority.''

The message also 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. 49. Concurrent resolution providing for certain corrections to be made in the enrollment of the bill (H.R. 2854) to modify the operation of certain agricultural programs.

¶37.4 COMMITTEES TO SIT

On motion of Mr. SOLOMON, 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 Economic and Educational Opportunities, the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight, the Committee on International Relations, the Committee on the Judiciary, the Committee on National Security, the Committee on Resources, the Committee on Science, the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, and the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence.

¶37.5 PROVIDING FOR THE CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 3161

Mr. SOLOMON, by direction of the Committee on Rules, called up the following resolution (H. Res. 391):

Resolved, That upon the adoption of this resolution it shall be in order without intervention of any point of order (except those arising under section 425(a) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974) to consider in the House the bill (H.R. 3136) to provide for the enactment of the Senior Citizens' Right to Work Act of 1996, the Line Item Veto Act, and the Small Business Growth and Fairness Act of 1996, and to provide for a permanent increase in the public debt limit. The amendments specified in the report of the Committee on Rules accompanying this resolution shall be considered as adopted. The previous question shall be considered as ordered on the bill, as amended, and on any further amendment thereto to final passage without intervening motion except: (1) one hour of debate on the bill, as amended, equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Ways and Means; (2) a further amendment, if offered by the chairman of the Committee on Ways and Means, which shall be in order without intervention of any point of order (except those arising under section 425(a) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974) or demand for division of the question, shall be considered as read, and shall be separately debatable for 10 minutes equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent; and (3) one motion to recommit, which may include instructions only if offered by the Minority Leader or his designee.

SEC. 2. If, before March 30, 1996, the House has received a message informing it that the Senate has adopted the conference report to accompany the bill (S. 4) to grant the power to the President to reduce budget authority, and for other purposes, then—

(a) in the engrossment of H.R. 3136 the Clerk shall strike title II (unless it has been amended) and redesignate the subsequent titles accordingly; and

(b) the House shall be considered to have adopted that conference report.

When said resolution was considered.

Mr. SOLOMON, by unanimous consent, submitted the following amendment which was agreed to:

Page 2, line 9, strike ''one hour'' and all that follows through ''Means'' on line 12, and insert in lieu thereof the following:

''80 minutes of debate on the bill, as amended, with 60 minutes equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Ways and Mean and 20 minutes equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight or their designees.''.

After debate,

Mr. SOLOMON moved the previous question on the resolution, as amended, to its adoption or rejection.

The question being put, viva voce,

Will the House now order the previous question?

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. HASTINGS of Washington, announced that the yeas had it.

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

A quorum not being present,

The roll was called under clause 4, rule XV, and the call was taken by electronic device.

When there appeared { Yeas ..... 232 / Nays ..... 180 }

¶37.6 [Roll No. 97]

YEAS—232

Allard	Burton	Davis
Archer	Buyer	Deal
Armey	Callahan	DeLay
Bachus	Calvert	Diaz-Balart
Baker (CA)	Camp	Dickey
Baker (LA)	Campbell	Doolittle
Ballenger	Canady	Dornan
Barr	Castle	Dreier
Barrett (NE)	Chabot	Duncan
Bartlett	Chambliss	Dunn
Barton	Chenoweth	Ehlers
Bass	Christensen	Ehrlich
Bateman	Chrysler	Emerson
Bilbray	Clinger	English
Bilirakis	Coble	Ensign
Bliley	Coburn	Everett
Boehlert	Collins (GA)	Ewing
Boehner	Combest	Fawell
Bonilla	Cooley	Fields (TX)
Bono	Cox	Flanagan
Brownback	Crane	Foley
Bryant (TN)	Crapo	Fox
Bunn	Cremeans	Franks (CT)
Bunning	Cubin	Franks (NJ)
Burr	Cunningham	Frelinghuysen