

H.R. 2969. An Act to eliminate the Board of Tea Experts by repealing the Tea Importation Act of 1897.

The message further announced that on the following dates the President approved and signed bills and a joint resolution of the Senate of the following titles:

On March 28, 1996:

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.

On April 1, 1996:

S.J. Res. 38. Joint resolution granting the consent of Congress to the Vermont-New Hampshire Interstate Public Water Supply Compact.

On April 9, 1996:

S. 4. An Act to give the President line-item veto authority with respect to appropriations, new direct spending, and limited tax benefits.

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

¶39.3 RECESS—1:20 P.M.

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. HOBSON, pursuant to clause 12 of rule I, declared the House in recess until 2 p.m.

¶39.4 AFTER RECESS—2 P.M.

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

¶39.5 APPROVAL OF THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. EWING, announced he had examined and approved the Journal of the proceedings of March 29, 1996.

Mr. SKAGGS, 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. EWING, announced that the yeas had it.

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

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. EWING, 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The point of no quorum was considered as withdrawn.

¶39.6 COMMUNICATIONS

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

2335. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting his requests for fiscal year 1996 supplemental appropriations totaling \$250 million to intensify our Nation's drug law enforcement, treatment, and prevention efforts, 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. 104-193); to the Committee on Appropriations and ordered to be printed.

2336. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting his re-

quest to make available appropriations totaling \$13,025,000 in budgetary authority for the Department of Health and Human Services, in addition a request to redirect appropriations totaling \$3,700,000 in budget authority to the Department of Health and Human Services, and to designate the amounts 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. 104-194); to the Committee on Appropriations and ordered to be printed.

2337. A communication from the President of the United States transmitting a report of 10 proposed rescissions of budgetary resources, totaling \$400.4 million affecting the Department of Defense, pursuant to 2 U.S.C. 683(a)(1) (H. Doc. No. 104-195); to the Committee on Appropriations and ordered to be printed.

2338. A letter from the Director, the Office of Management and Budget, transmitting the cumulative report on rescissions and deferrals of budget authority as of April 1, 1996, pursuant to 2 U.S.C. 685(e) (H. Doc. No. 104-192); to the Committee on Appropriations and ordered to be printed.

2339. A letter from the Chief of Legislative Affairs, Department of the Navy, transmitting notification that the Department of the Navy intends to transfer by sale the ship U.S.S. *Recovery* to the Taipei Economic and Cultural Representative Office, pursuant to 10 U.S.C. 7307(b)(2); to the Committee on National Security.

2340. A letter from the Acting Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting a report on the transfer of property to the Republic of Panama under the Panama Canal Treaty of 1977 and related agreements, pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 3784(b); to the Committee on National Security.

2341. A letter from the Comptroller General of the United States, transmitting a report entitled, "Financial Audit: Panama Canal Commission's 1995 and 1994 Financial Statements" (GAO/AIMD-96-61) March 1996, pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 9106(a); to the Committee on National Security.

2342. A letter from the General Counsel of the Department of Defense, transmitting a draft of proposed legislation entitled the "National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1997," pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 1110; to the Committee on National Security.

2343. A letter from the Chairman, Federal Financial Institutions Examination Council, transmitting the Council's 1995 annual report to the Congress, pursuant to 12 U.S.C. 3305; to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services.

2344. A letter from the Chairman, National Credit Union Administration, transmitting the 1995 annual report of the National Credit Union Administration, pursuant to 12 U.S.C. 1256; to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services.

2345. A letter from the Director, Office of Management and Budget, transmitting OMB's estimate of the amount of discretionary new budget authority and outlays for the current year—if any—and the budget year provided by House Joint Resolution 170, pursuant to Public Law 101-508, section 13101(a) (104 Stat. 1388-578); to the Committee on the Budget.

2346. A letter from the National Foundation on the Arts and the Humanities, transmitting the Federal Council on the Arts and the Humanities' 20th annual report on the Arts and Artifacts Indemnity Program for fiscal year 1995, pursuant to 20 U.S.C. 959(c); to the Committee on Economic and Educational Opportunities.

2347. A letter from the Secretary of Transportation, transmitting the Department's

20th annual report to Congress entitled "Automotive Fuel Economy Program," pursuant to 49 U.S.C. 32916; to the Committee on Commerce.

2348. A letter from the Chairman, Federal Trade Commission, transmitting the Commission's 80th annual report covering its accomplishments during the fiscal year ended September 30, 1994, pursuant to 15 U.S.C. 46(f); to the Committee on Commerce.

2349. A letter from the Acting Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting the semiannual report for the combined periods October 1, 1994 to September 30, 1995 listing voluntary contributions made by the U.S. Government to International Organizations, pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2226(b)(1); to the Committee on International Relations.

2350. A letter from the Acting Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting a report on chemical and biological weapons proliferation control efforts for the period of February 1, 1995 to January 31, 1996, pursuant to Public Law 102-182, section 308(a) (105 Stat. 1257); to the Committee on International Relations.

2351. A letter from the Assistant Legal Adviser for Treaty Affairs, Department of State, transmitting copies of international agreements, other than treaties, entered into by the United States, pursuant to 1 U.S.C. 112b(a); to the Committee on International Relations.

2352. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting a report on the evaluation from Liberia of private United States citizens and certain third-country nationals who have taken refuge in the United States Embassy compound wishing to leave. (H. Doc. No. 104-196); to the Committee on International Relations and ordered to be printed.

2353. A letter from the Chair, Foreign Claims Settlement Commission, Department of Justice, 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.

2354. A letter from the Executive Director, District of Columbia Financial Responsibility and Management Assistance Authority, transmitting the Authority's report on procedures for hiring experts and consultants, pursuant to Public Law 104-8, section 101(e)(1) (109 Stat. 101); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

2355. A letter from the Executive Director, District of Columbia Financial Responsibility and Management Assistance Authority, transmitting the Authority's report entitled "Report on Final Allocations of the District of Columbia's Fiscal Year 1996 Budget," pursuant to Public Law 104-8, section 202(d) (109 Stat. 113); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

2356. A letter from the Executive Director, Interstate Commission on the Potomac River Basin, 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.

2357. A letter from the Chairman, National Endowment for the Arts, transmitting a report of activities under the Freedom of Information Act for the calendar year 1995, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552(e); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

2358. A letter from the Director, Office of Government Ethics, transmitting a report of activities under the Freedom of Information Act for the calendar year 1995, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552(e); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

2359. A letter from the Special Counsel, Office of Special Counsel, transmitting the an-

usual report of the Office of the Special Counsel [OSC] for fiscal year [FY] 1995, pursuant to Public Law 101-12, section 3(a)(11) (103 Stat. 29); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

2360. A letter from the President and CEO, Overseas Private Investment Corporation, transmitting the Corporation's fifth annual management report, pursuant to Public Law 101-576, section 306(a) (104 Stat. 2854); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

2361. A letter from the Chairman, Railroad Retirement Board, 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.

2362. A letter from the Chairman, Federal Election Commission, transmitting 50 recommendations for legislative action, pursuant to 2 U.S.C. 438(a)(9); to the Committee on House Oversight.

2363. A letter from the Clerk, U.S. House of Representatives, transmitting the quarterly report of receipts and expenditures of appropriations and other funds for the period October 1, 1995, through December 31, 1995, as compiled by the Chief Administrative Officer, pursuant to 2 U.S.C. 104a (H. Doc. No. 104-191); to the Committee on House Oversight and ordered to be printed.

2364. 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.

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2366. A letter from the Attorney General of the United States, transmitting the 1995 annual report of the Federal Prison Industries, Inc. [FPI], pursuant to 18 U.S.C. 4127; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

2367. A letter from the Director, Federal Judicial Center, transmitting the Federal Judicial Center's annual report for 1995, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. 623(b); to the Committee on the Judiciary.

2368. A letter from the Secretary of Transportation, transmitting the Department's report entitled "Remote Alcohol Testing Program for Masters and Pilots," pursuant to Public Law. 101-380, section 4111(c) (104 Stat. 516); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

2369. A letter from the Secretary of Transportation, transmitting the Department's report entitled "Tanker Navigation Equipment, Systems, and Procedures Report," pursuant to Public Law 101-380, section 4111(c) (104 Stat. 516); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

2370. A letter from the Chairman, Federal Maritime Commission, transmitting the 34th annual report of the Federal Maritime Commission for fiscal year 1995, pursuant to 46 U.S.C. 1118; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

2371. A letter from the Acting Administrator, General Services Administration, transmitting an informational copy of the fiscal year 1997 Capital Investment and Leasing Program of the General Services Administration's Public Buildings Service, pursuant to 40 U.S.C. 606(a); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

2372. A letter from the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, transmitting a report covering the disposition of cases granted relief from administrative error, overpayment, and forfeiture by the Administrator in 1995, pursuant to 38 U.S.C. 503; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

2373. A letter from the Chairman, U.S. International Trade Commission, transmitting a draft of proposed legislation to provide authorization of appropriations for the U.S. International Trade Commission for fiscal year 1997, pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 1110; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

2374. A letter from the Director, Office of Government Ethics, transmitting the Office's fourth biennial report to the Congress, pursuant to Public Law 95-452, section 408 (102 Stat. 3032); jointly, to the Committees on the Judiciary and Government Reform and Oversight.

2375. A letter from the Administrator, Federal Aviation Administration, transmitting the Administration's report of progress on developing and certifying the traffic alert and collision avoidance system [TCAS] for the period October through December 1995, pursuant to Public Law 100-223, section 203(b) (101 Stat. 1518); jointly, to the Committees on Transportation and Infrastructure and Science.

2376. A letter from the Secretary of Transportation, transmitting a draft of proposed legislation entitled the "Department of Transportation Regulatory Reform Act of 1996"; jointly, to the Committees on Transportation and Infrastructure and Commerce.

2377. A letter from the Secretary of Commerce, transmitting the annual report of the National Technical Information Service [NTIS] for fiscal year 1994, pursuant to Public Law 100-519, section 212(f)(3) (102 Stat. 2596); jointly, to the Committee on Science and Commerce.

39.7 ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. EWING, announced that pursuant to clause 4, rule I, the Speaker pro tempore, Mr. EMERSON, had signed the following enrolled bills on Tuesday, April 2, 1996:

H.R. 956. An Act to establish legal standards and procedures for product liability litigation, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1561. An Act to consolidate the foreign affairs agencies of the United States; to authorize appropriations for the Department of State and related agencies for fiscal years 1996 and 1997; to responsibly reduce the authorizations of appropriations for United States foreign assistance programs for fiscal years 1996 and 1997, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1833. An Act to amend title 18, United States Code, to ban partial-birth abortions.

H.R. 2854. An Act to modify the operation of certain agricultural programs.

39.8 ADVISORY COMMISSION ON GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. EWING, by unanimous consent, announced that pursuant to the provisions of section 3(a) of Public Law 86-380, and the order of the House of Friday, March 29, 1996, authorizing the Speaker and the Minority Leader to appoint commissions, boards and committees authorized by law or by the House, the SPEAKER did on April 2, 1996, appoint to the Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations, the following Member, Mr. PAYNE, on the part of the House.

Ordered, That the Clerk notify the Senate of the foregoing appointment.

39.9 PROVIDING FOR THE CONSIDERATION OF H.J. RES. 159

Mr. MCINNIS, by direction of the Committee on Rules, called up the following resolution (H. Res. 395):

Resolved, That upon the adoption of this resolution it shall be in order without intervention of any point of order to consider in the House the joint resolution (H.J. Res. 159) proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States to require two-thirds majorities for bills increasing taxes. An amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of House Joint Resolution 169 shall be considered as adopted. The previous question shall be considered as ordered on the joint resolution, as amended, and on any further amendment thereto to final passage without intervening motion except: (1) three hours of debate on the joint resolution, as amended, which shall be equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on the Judiciary; (2) one motion to amend, if offered by the minority leader or his designee, which shall be considered as read and shall be separately debatable for one hour equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent; and (3) one motion to recommit with or without instructions.

When said resolution was considered.

After debate,

Mr. MCINNIS moved the previous question on the resolution to its adoption or rejection.

The question being put, viva voce,

Will the House now order the previous question?

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

Mr. SKAGGS 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 168

39.10 [Roll No. 111] YEAS—232

Allard	Coburn	Gillmor
Archer	Collins (GA)	Gilman
Armey	Combest	Goodlatte
Bachus	Cooley	Goodling
Baker (CA)	Cox	Gordon
Baker (LA)	Crane	Goss
Ballenger	Crapo	Graham
Barr	Cubin	Greene
Barrett (NE)	Cunningham	Greenwood
Bartlett	Davis	Gunderson
Barton	Deal	Gutknecht
Bass	DeLay	Hall (TX)
Bateman	Diaz-Balart	Hancock
Bereuter	Dickey	Hansen
Bilbray	Doolittle	Hastert
Bilirakis	Dornan	Hastings (WA)
Bliley	Dreier	Hayes
Blute	Duncan	Hayworth
Boehlert	Dunn	Hefley
Boehner	Ehlers	Heineman
Bonilla	Ehrlich	Henger
Bono	Emerson	Hilleary
Brownback	English	Hobson
Bryant (TN)	Ensign	Hoekstra
Bunn	Everett	Hoke
Bunning	Ewing	Horn
Burr	Fawell	Hostettler
Burton	Flanagan	Houghton
Buyer	Foley	Hutchinson
Callahan	Forbes	Hyde
Camp	Fowler	Inglis
Campbell	Fox	Istook
Canady	Franks (CT)	Johnson (CT)
Castle	Franks (NJ)	Johnson, Sam
Chabot	Frelinghuysen	Jones
Chambliss	Frisa	Kelly
Chenoweth	Funderburk	Kim
Christensen	Ganske	King
Chrysler	Gekas	Kingston
Clinger	Geren	Klug
Coble	Gilchrest	Knollenberg