5. There were no funds specifically appropriated to implement this program. The expenses incurred by the Federal Government in the 6-month period from October 21, 1995, through April 20, 1996, that are directly attributable to the exercise of powers and authorities conferred by the declaration of the national emergency with respect to Significant Narcotics Traffickers are estimated at approximately $500,000 from previously appropriated funds. Personnel costs were largely centered in the Department of the Treasury (particularly in the Office of Foreign Assets Control, the Office of the General Counsel, and the U.S. Customs Service), the Department of Justice, and the Department of State.

6. Executive Order No. 12978 provides this Administration with a new tool for combating the actions of significant foreign narcotics traffickers centered in Colombia, and the unparalleled violence, corruption, and harm that they cause in the United States and abroad. The Order is designed to deny these traffickers the benefit of any assetts subject to the jurisdiction of the United States and to prevent United States persons from engaging in any commercial dealings with them, their front companies, and their agents. Executive Order No. 12978 demonstrates the U.S. commitment to end the scourge that such traffickers have wrought upon society in the United States and beyond.

The magnitude and the dimension of the problem in Colombia—perhaps the most pivotal country of all in terms of the world's cocaine trade—is extremely grave. I shall continue to exercise the powers at my disposal to apply economic sanctions against significant foreign narcotics traffickers and their violent and corrupting activities as long as these measures are appropriate, and will continue to report periodically to the Congress on significant developments pursuant to 50 U.S.C. 1703(c).

WILLIAM J. CLINTON.

THE WHITE HOUSE, *April 23, 1996.*

By unanimous consent, the message, together with the accompanying papers, was referred to the Committee on International Relations and ordered to be printed (H. Doc. 104–200).

¶45.30 PROVIDING FOR THE CONSIDERATION OF H.J. RES. 175

Mr. DREIER, by direction of the Committee on Rules, reported (Rept. No. 104–534) the resolution (H. Res. 411) providing for consideration of the joint resolution (H.J. Res 175) making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 1996, and for other purposes.

When said resolution and report were referred to the House Calendar and ordered printed.

¶45.31 LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted—

To Mr. UNDERWOOD for today and balance of the week;

To Mrs. COLLINS of Illinois, for today; and

To Mr. FIELDS of Texas, for April 17.

And then,

¶45.32 ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Mr. KINGSTON, at 10 o'clock and 45 minutes p.m., the House adjourned.

¶45.33 REPORTS OF COMMITTEES ON PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XIII, reports of committees were delivered to the Clerk for printing and reference to the proper calendar, as follows:

Mr. BLILEY: Committee on Commerce. H.R. 2024. A bill to phase out the use of mercury in batteries and provide for the efficient and cost-effective collection and recycling or proper disposal of used nickel cadmium batteries, small sealed lead-acid batteries, and certain other batteries, and for other purposes; with an amendment (Rept. No. 104–530). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

Mr. YOUNG of Alaska: Committee on Resources. H.R. 1823. A bill to amend the Central Utah Project Completion Act to direct the Secretary of the Interior to allow for prepayment of repayment contracts between the United States and the Central Utah Water Conservancy District dated December 28, 1965, and November 26, 1985, and for other purposes; with an amendment (Rept. No. 104–531). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

Mr. LINDER: Committee on Rules. House Resolution 409. Resolution providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 2715) to amend chapter 35 of title 44, United States Code, popularly known as the Paperwork Reduction Act, to minimize the burden of Federal paperwork demands upon small businesses, educational and nonprofit institutions, Federal contractors, State and local governments, and other persons through the sponsorship and use of alternative information technologies (Rept. No. 104–532). Referred to the House Calendar.

Mr. GOSS: Committee on Rules. House Resolution 410. Resolution providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 1675) to amend the National Wildlife Refuge System Administration Act of 1966 to improve the management of the National Wildlife Refuge System, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 104–533). Referred to the House Calendar.

Mr. DREIER: Committee on Rules. House Resolution 411. Resolution providing for consideration of the joint resolution (H.J. Res. 175) making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 1996, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 104–534). Referred to the House Calendar.

¶45.34 PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 5 of rule X and clause 4 of rule XXII, public bills and resolutions were introduced and severally referred as follows:

By Mr. MONTGOMERY:

H.R. 3285. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to restore the authority of the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish research corporations at medical centers in the Veterans Health Administration; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Ms. MOLINARI (for herself, Mr. ARCHER, Mr. BUNNING of Kentucky, Ms. PRYCE, Mr. SOLOMON, Mr. TIAHRT, and Mr. SHAW):

H.R. 3286. A bill to help families defray adoption costs, and to promote the adoption of minority children; to the Committee on Ways and Means for a period ending not later than May 3, 1996, and in addition to the Committees on Resources and Economic and Educational Opportunities for a period ending not later than April 30, 1996, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. BARRETT of Nebraska:

H.R. 3287. A bill to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey the Crawford National Fish Hatchery to the city of Crawford, NE; to the Committee on Resources.

By Mr. BROWDER:

H.R. 3288. A bill to direct that funds appropriated to the Department of Defense for fiscal year 1996 for certain medical research relating to illnesses suffered by veterans who served in the Persian Gulf war shall be obligated in accordance with peer review procedures of the Food and Drug Administration; to the Committee on National Security.

H.R. 3289. A bill to grant jurisdiction to the States over new gambling activities conducted on Indian lands; to the Committee on Resources.

By Mr. COOLEY (for himself, Mr. YOUNG of Alaska, Mr. HANSEN, and Mr. REGULA):

H.R. 3290. A bill to authorize appropriations for the Bureau of Land Management for each of the fiscal years 1997 through 2002; to the Committee on Resources.

By Ms. DUNN of Washington:

H.R. 3291. A bill to require the President to submit a separately identified appropriation request to provide priority funding for the national parks of the United States, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

By Mr. HINCHEY (for himself, Mr. FILNER, Mr. DEFAZIO, and Mr. DELLUMS):

H.R. 3292. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for coverage of qualified acupuncturist services under part B of the Medicare Program, and to amend title 5, United States Code, to provide for coverage of such services under the Federal Employees Health Benefits Program; to the Committee on Commerce, and in addition to the Committees on Ways and Means, and Government Reform and Oversight, 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 Mrs. LOWEY:

H.R. 3293. A bill to amend title XIV of the Public Health Service Act (commonly known as the Safe Drinking Water Act) to establish a screening program for estrogenic substances; to the Committee on Commerce.

By Mr. MORAN (for himself, Mr. KENNEDY of Massachusetts, Mr. FRAZER, Mr. GREEN of Texas, Ms. NORTON, Mr. STUPAK, Mr. BRYANT of Texas, Mr. WILSON, Mr. LIPINSKI, Mr. RANGEL, Ms. KAPTUR, Mr. SANDERS, and Ms. MCKINNEY):

H.R. 3294. A bill to amend the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 to withhold U.S. assistance from countries determined to be violating the human rights of working children, and for other purposes; to the Committee on International Relations.

By Mrs. MORELLA:

H.R. 3295. A bill to amend title 5, United States Code, to extend the treatment currently afforded to Federal judges under the Federal Employees Group Life Insurance Program to certain other judicial officials, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight, 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. NETHERCUTT (for himself, Mr. CALVERT, Ms. LOFGREN, Mr. WELLER, Ms. DUNN of Washington, Mr. BEREUTER, and Mr. SKEEN):