

\$15 million on February 22, 1996. However, the Account has remained continuously below the \$500 million balance required by the Algiers Accords since November 5, 1992. As of March 1, 1996, the total amount in the Security Account was \$195,370,127.71, and the total amount in the Interest Account was \$37,055,050.92.

Therefore, the United States continues to pursue Case A/28, filed in September 1993, to require Iran to meet its obligations under the Algiers Accords to replenish the Security Account. Iran filed its Statement of Defense in that case on August 30, 1995. The United States filed a Reply on December 4, 1995. Iran is scheduled to file its Rejoinder on June 4, 1996.

3. The Department of State continues to present other United States Government claims against Iran and to respond to claims brought against the United States by Iran, in coordination with concerned government agencies.

In November 1995, Iran filed its latest Response concerning the United States Request to Dismiss Certain Claims from Case B/61. The United States had filed its Request to Dismiss in August 1995 as part of its consolidated submission on the merits. Iran had previously filed its initial response in July 1995, and the United States filed a reply in August 1995. Case B/61 involves a claim by Iran for compensation with respect to primarily military equipment that Iran alleges it did not receive. Iran had sought to purchase or repair the equipment pursuant to commercial contracts with more than 50 private American companies. Iran alleges that it suffered direct losses and consequential damages in excess of \$2 billion in total because of the United States Government refusal to allow the export of the equipment after January 19, 1981, in alleged contravention of the Algiers Accords. Iran's November 1995 filing failed to show why the Tribunal should not dismiss immediately certain duplicative or otherwise improperly pleaded claims from Case B/61.

In December 1995, the Department of State represented the United States in hearings before the Tribunal on two government-to-government claims. In the first, Chamber Two heard oral arguments in Case B/36, the U.S. claim against Iran for its failure to honor debt obligations created by the sale of military surplus property to Iran shortly after the Second World War. In the second, also before Chamber Two, the Department of State presented the U.S. defense in Case B/58, Iran's claim that the United States is liable for damage caused to the Iranian State Railways during the Second World War.

In January 1996, in Case B/1 (Claims 2 & 3), Iran filed its Rebuttal Memorial Concerning Responsibility for Termination Costs, along with 20 volumes of exhibits and affidavits. In this briefing stream, the Tribunal is asked to decide whether Iran or the United States is liable for the costs arising from the termination of the U.S.-Iran Foreign

Military Sales program after Iran's default and its subsequent seizure of the U.S. embassy in Tehran in 1979. The United States is currently preparing a comprehensive response to Iran's brief.

In February 1996, the Departments of State and Justice represented the United States in a hearing before the full Tribunal in a government-to-government claim filed by Iran. Case A/27 is an interpretive dispute in which Iran claims that the United States is liable under the Algiers Accords for Tribunal awards issued in favor of Iran against U.S. nationals. The United States maintains that its obligation under the Algiers Accords is satisfied by the availability of domestic judicial procedures through which Iran can enforce awards in its favor.

Also in February 1996, Iran and the United States settled Iran's claims against the United States filed before the International Court of Justice concerning the July 3, 1988, downing of Iran Air 655 and certain of Iran's claims against the United States filed before the Iran-United States Tribunal concerning certain banking matters. The cases in question were dismissed from the International Court of Justice and the Iran-United States Tribunal on February 22, 1996. The settlement, *inter alia*, fulfills President Reagan's 1988 offer to make *ex gratia* payments to the survivors of the victims of the Iran Air shootdown. The survivors of each victim of the Iran Air shootdown will be paid \$300,000 (for wage-earning victims) or \$150,000 (for non-wage-earning victims). For this purpose, \$61 million was deposited with the Union Bank of Switzerland in Zurich in an account jointly held by the New York Federal Reserve Bank, acting as fiscal agent of the United States, and Bank Markazi, the central bank of Iran. Of an additional \$70 million in the settlement package, \$15 million was deposited in the Security Account established as part of the Algiers Accords. The remaining \$55 million was deposited in an account at the New York Federal Reserve Bank, from which funds can be drawn only (1) for deposits into the Security Account used to pay Tribunal awards to American claimants or for the payment of Iran's share of the operating expenses of the Tribunal, or (2) to pay debts incurred before the date of settlement and owed by Iranian banks to U.S. nationals. Under the terms of the settlement, no money will be paid to the Government of Iran.

4. Since my last report, the Tribunal has issued one important award in favor of a U.S. national considered a dual U.S.-Iranian national by the Tribunal. On November 7, 1995, Chamber Three issued a significant decision in Claim No. 213, *Dadras Int'l and Per-Am Construction Corp. v. The Islamic Republic of Iran*, awarding a dual national claimant \$3.1 million plus interest for architectural work performed for an Iranian government agency developing a housing complex outside Tehran, Iran.

The Tribunal held hearings in four large private claims. On October 23-27, 1995, Chamber One held a hearing in Claim No. 432, *Brown & Root, Inc. v. The Iranian Navy*, involving contract amounts owed in connection with the construction of the Iranian Navy Chahbahar and Bandar Projects in Iran. On January 18-19, 1996, Chamber One held a second hearing in Claim Nos. 842, 843, and 844, *Vera Aryeh, et al. v. The Islamic Republic of Iran*, in which allegations of fraud and forgery were considered. Finally, the United States Government filed a Memorial on the Application of the Treaty of Amity to Dual United States-Iranian Nationals in three private claims before the Tribunal: Claim No. 485, *Riahi v. The Islamic Republic of Iran*, in Chamber One on January 29, 1996; Claim No. 953, *Hakim v. The Islamic Republic of Iran*, in Chamber Two on February 27, 1996; and Claim No. 266, *Aryeh, et al. v. The Islamic Republic of Iran*, in Chamber Three on February 29, 1996. The Memorial argues that a good faith interpretation of the ordinary meaning of the 1955 Treaty of Amity leads to the conclusion that it protects all persons deemed to be U.S. nationals under U.S. laws when they undertake activities in Iran, regardless of whether they also possess another nationality.

5. The situation reviewed above continues to implicate important diplomatic, financial, and legal interests of the United States and its nationals and presents an unusual challenge to the national security and foreign policy of the United States. The Iranian Assets Control Regulations issued pursuant to Executive Order No. 12170 continue to play an important role in structuring our relationship with Iran and in enabling the United States to implement properly the Algiers Accords. I shall continue to exercise the powers at my disposal to deal with these problems and will continue to report periodically to the Congress on significant developments.

WILLIAM J. CLINTON.

THE WHITE HOUSE, May 16, 1996.

By unanimous consent, the message, together with accompanying papers, was referred to the Committee on International Relations and ordered to be printed (H. Doc. 104-214).

¶59.24 BILLS PRESENTED TO THE PRESIDENT

Mr. THOMAS, from the Committee on House Oversight reported that that committee did on this day present to the President, for his approval, bills of the House of the following title:

H.R. 1836. An Act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to acquire property in the town of East Hampton, Suffolk County, New York, for inclusion in the Amagansett National Wildlife Refuge; and

H.R. 1743. An Act to amend the Water Resources Act of 1984 to extend the authorizations of appropriations through fiscal year 2000, and for other purposes.

¶59.25 LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to Mr. MANZULLO, for today after 3:00 p.m.

And then,

¶59.26 ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Mr. CANADY, pursuant to the special order heretofore agreed to, at 8 o'clock and 8 minutes p.m., the House adjourned until 2:00 p.m. on Monday, May 20, 1996.

¶59.27 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. YOUNG of Alaska: Committee on Resources. H.R. 2909. A bill to amend the Silvio O. Conte National Fish and Wildlife Refuge Act to provide that the Secretary of the Interior may acquire lands for purposes of that Act only be donation or exchange, or otherwise with the consent of the owner of the lands (Rept. No. 104-579). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

Mr. DREIER: Committee on Rules. House Resolution 436. Resolution providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 3415) to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the 4.3-cent increase in the transportation motor fuels tax rates enacted by the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1993 and dedicated to the general fund of the Treasury (Rept. No. 104-580). Referred to the House Calendar.

Mr. GOSS: Committee on Rules. House Resolution 437. Resolution providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 3259) to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 1997 for intelligence and intelligence-related activities of the United States Government, the Community Management Account, and the Central Intelligence Agency Retirement and Disability System, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 104-581). Referred to the House Calendar.

Mr. DIAZ-BALART: Committee on Rules. House Resolution 438. Resolution providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 3144) to establish a United States policy for the deployment of a national missile defense system, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 104-582). Referred to the House Calendar.

Mr. SPENCE: Committee on National Security. H.R. 3144. A bill to establish a United States policy for the deployment of a national missile defense system, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 104-583, Pt. 1). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

¶59.28 TIME LIMITATION OF REFERRED BILL

Pursuant to clause 5 of rule X the following action was taken by the Speaker:

H.R. 3107. Referral to the Committee on Ways and Means extended for a period ending not later than May 31, 1996.

H.R. 3144. Referral to the Committee on International Relations extended for a period ending not later than May 16, 1996.

¶59.29 DISCHARGE OF COMMITTEE

Pursuant to clause 5 of rule X the following action was taken by the Speaker: The Committee on International Relations discharged from further consideration; H.R. 3144 referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

The Committee on National Security discharged from further consideration; H.R. 3259 referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

¶59.30 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. WATTS of Oklahoma (for himself, Mr. TALENT, Mrs. MYRICK, Mr. ENGLISH of Pennsylvania, Mr. WELDON of Florida, Mr. KNOLLENBERG, Mr. KOLBE, Mr. RIGGS, Mr. CHABOT, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. COBURN, Mr. FLANAGAN, Mr. GUTKNECHT, Mr. LARGENT, Mr. LATOURETTE, Mr. NORWOOD, Mrs. SEASTRAND, Mr. SOUDER, Mr. STOCKMAN, Mr. THORNBERRY, Mr. WELLER, Mr. WICKER, Mr. BAKER of Louisiana, Mr. BALLENGER, Mr. BARTLETT of Maryland, Mr. BARTON of Texas, Mr. BLUTE, Mr. BURTON of Indiana, Mr. CALVERT, Mr. DOOLITTLE, Mr. DORNAN, Mr. EMERSON, Mr. HASTERT, Mr. HAYES, Mr. HOEKSTRA, Mr. HOKE, Mr. HUTCHINSON, Mr. KING, Mr. KINGSTON, Mr. LEWIS of Kentucky, Mr. LINDER, Mr. MCCREY, Mr. SHAYS, Mr. WAMP, Mr. MCINTOSH, Mr. DELAY, and Mr. TAYLOR of North Carolina):

H.R. 3467. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow the designation of renewal communities, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committees on Economic and Educational Opportunities, Banking and Financial Services, 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. GEKAS (for himself, Mr. PASTOR, Mr. HASTERT, Mr. HAYWORTH, Mr. UPTON, Mr. BERMAN, Mr. ROHRABACHER, Mr. CUNNINGHAM, Mr. BREWSTER, Mr. GUTKNECHT, Mr. STUMP, Mr. BILBRAY, Mr. EHLERS, Mr. HOBSON, Mrs. JOHNSON of Connecticut, Mr. SERRANO, Mr. BURR, Mr. ROYCE, Mr. CLEMENT, Mr. BLUTE, Mr. SCHIFF, Mr. FORBES, Mr. ZIMMER, Mr. BUYER, Mrs. KELLY, and Mr. STENHOLM):

H.R. 3468. A bill to establish rules governing product liability actions against raw materials and bulk component suppliers to medical device manufacturers, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committee on 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. BORSKI (for himself, Mr. OBERSTAR, Mr. LIPINSKI, Mr. BREWSTER, and Ms. DELAURO):

H.R. 3469. A bill to improve economic productivity and create thousands of jobs by establishing an infrastructure reinvestment fund which will provide immediate, upfront funding of intermodal surface transportation programs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, and in addition to the Committees on the Budget, 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. VENTO:

H.R. 3470. A bill to enhance the conservation and protection of the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness and the Voyageurs

National Park; to the Committee on Resources.

By Mrs. KELLY:

H.R. 3471. A bill to authorize the Corps of Engineers to enter into a cooperative agreement with the State of New York to fund one or more projects for habitat restoration in the Hudson River Basin, NY; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

By Mr. KENNEDY of Massachusetts (for himself, Mr. HINCHEY, Mr. FALCOMA, and Mr. FATTAH):

H.R. 3472. A bill to amend the Agricultural Trade Act of 1978 to eliminate current Federal subsidies for alcoholic beverage promotions overseas; to the Committee on Agriculture.

H.R. 3473. A bill to establish advertising requirements for alcoholic beverages; to the Committee on Commerce.

H.R. 3474. A bill to require health warnings to be included in alcoholic beverage advertisements, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce.

H.R. 3475. A bill to require an annual report by the Secretary of Health and Human Services on alcohol advertising practices, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce.

H.R. 3476. A bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to provide incentives to colleges and universities to develop, implement, and improve alcohol abuse prevention and education programs on their campuses, to strengthen sanctions, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Economic and Educational Opportunities.

By Mr. KENNEDY of Massachusetts:

H.R. 3477. A bill to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to restrict employers in obtaining, disclosing, and using of genetic information; to the Committee on Economic and Education Opportunities.

By Mr. KENNEDY of Massachusetts (for himself, Mr. HINCHEY, Mr. FALCOMA, and Mr. FATTAH):

H.R. 3478. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to eliminate tax deductions for advertising and goodwill expenditures relating to alcohol beverages; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

H.R. 3479. A bill to carry out a comprehensive program dealing with alcohol and alcohol abuse; to the Committee on Commerce, and in addition to the Committees on Ways and Means, Economic and Educational Opportunities, and Agriculture, 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. LAHOOD (for himself and Mr. PETERSON of Minnesota):

H.R. 3480. A bill to amend title 49, United States Code, to ensure the ability of utility providers to establish, improve, operate, and maintain utility structures, facilities, and equipment for the benefit, safety, and well-being of consumers, by removing limitations on maximum driving and on-duty time pertaining to utility vehicle operators and drivers, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

By Mr. LIGHTFOOT (for himself, Mr. MCCOLLUM, Mr. HUNTER, Mr. ROHRABACHER, Mr. BARR, Mr. HERGER, Mr. ISTOOK, Mrs. CHENOWETH, Mr. MANZULLO, Mr. DOOLITTLE, Mr. BARTON of Texas, Mr. SKEEN, Mr. HANCOCK, Mr. COBURN, Mrs. CUBIN, Mr. CUNNINGHAM, Mr. LIVINGSTON, Mr. CRANE, Mr. CHRYSLER, Mr. SAM JOHNSON, Mr. HANSEN, Mr. TAYLOR of North Carolina, Mr. MICA, Mr. BAKER of California, Mr. PACKARD, and Mr. STEARNS):

H.R. 3481. A bill to repeal the minimum wage requirement of the Fair Labor Stand-