

H.R. 93: Mr. HUNTER.
 H.R. 98: Mr. STARK, Mr. KENNEDY of Massachusetts, Mr. BEREUTER, Mr. UNDERWOOD, Ms. NORTON, Mr. MARTINEZ, Mrs. MALONEY of New York, and Mr. LAFALCE.
 H.R. 125: Mr. LIPINSKI and Mr. PORTER.
 H.R. 127: Ms. SLAUGHTER, Mr. TIAHRT, Mrs. EMERSON, Mr. CANADY of Florida, and Mr. STUPAK.
 H.R. 131: Mr. BARTLETT of Maryland.
 H.R. 145: Mr. FATTAH and Mr. POSHARD.
 H.R. 169: Mr. HAYWORTH, Mr. SENSENBRENNER, Mr. HOSTETTLER, Mr. BALLENGER, Mr. MCINTOSH, Mr. QUINN, Mr. KIM, Mr. FOX of Pennsylvania, Mr. ENSIGN, Mr. PAPPAS, Mr. FOLEY, Mr. GOODLATTE, Mr. GALLEGLY, Mr. CRAMER, Mr. NEY, Mr. DUNCAN, Mr. PITTS, Mr. DEUTSCH, and Mr. SAM JOHNSON.
 H.R. 200: Mr. WELDON of Pennsylvania, Mr. SHAYS, Mr. BEREUTER, Mr. SENSENBRENNER, Mr. NORWOOD, and Mr. CANADY of Florida.
 H.R. 225: Mrs. THURMAN.
 H.R. 235: Mr. YATES, Mr. TRAFICANT, Ms. NORTON, Mr. KING of New York, Mr. GUTIERREZ, Ms. SLAUGHTER, Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts, Mr. DOYLE, Mr. DEUTSCH, Mrs. CLAYTON, Mr. McNULTY, and Mr. BERMAN.
 H.R. 279: Mr. MASCARA, Mr. ENGEL, and Mr. LIPINSKI.
 H.R. 280: Mr. WATT of North Carolina, Mr. WELDON of Pennsylvania, Mr. FATTAH, Mr. DELLUMS, Mr. NEAL of Massachusetts, Mr. UNDERWOOD, Ms. CHRISTIAN-GREEN, Mr. GEJDENSON, Mr. BALDACCII, Ms. NORTON, Mr. FROST, Mr. FOGLETTA, Mr. ABERCROMBIE, Mr. DAVIS of Illinois, Mr. RANGEL, Ms. LOFGREN, and Mr. TORRES.
 H.R. 284: Mr. NADLER, Mr. MORAN of Virginia, and Mr. DELLUMS.
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 H.R. 289: Ms. PELOSI, Ms. NORTON, and Mr. FOGLETTA.
 H.R. 292: Mr. INGLIS of South Carolina and Mr. TIAHRT.
 H.R. 311: Mr. SHADEGG.
 H.R. 312: Mr. LARGENT, Mr. METCALF, Mrs. EMERSON, Mr. ROYCE, Mr. WATTS of Oklahoma, Mr. MCKEON, Mr. BURTON of Indiana, Mr. NORWOOD, Mr. SMITH of New Jersey, and Mr. TIAHRT.
 H.R. 331: Mr. DIAZ-BALART.
 H.R. 350: Mr. NEY, Mr. EVANS, Mr. WAMP, Mr. TAYLOR of North Carolina, Mr. BEREUTER, Ms. LOFGREN, Mr. DOYLE, Mr. DUNCAN, and Mr. MILLER of California.
 H.R. 371: Mr. SOLOMON, Ms. LOFGREN, and Mr. SABO.
 H.R. 383: Ms. PELOSI and Mr. SMITH of New Jersey.
 H.R. 386: Mr. BORSKI and Mr. SCOTT.
 H.R. 399: Mr. SMITH of New Jersey and Ms. FURSE.
 H.R. 408: Mr. MCHUGH, Mr. GREEN, Mr. BACHUS, Mr. TORRES, Ms. JACKSON-LEE, and Mr. ROGAN.
 H.R. 415: Mr. LIPINSKI.
 H.R. 423: Mr. PITTS and Mr. FATTAH.
 H.R. 424: Mr. HORN.
 H.R. 446: Mr. GALLEGLY, Mr. LATOURETTE, and Mrs. MYRICK.
 H.R. 450: Mrs. KELLY, Mr. EHRlich, Mr. STARK, Mr. DUNCAN, Mr. BISHOP, Mr. McDERMOTT, and Ms. DUNN of Washington.
 H.R. 466: Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts, Mr. GREEN, Mr. FLAKE, Mr. METCALF, Mr. CONYERS, Mr. DAVIS of Illinois, Mr. RUSH, Ms. RIVERS, Mr. MANTON, Ms. NORTON, Mr. FATTAH, Mr. KENNEDY of Massachusetts, Mr. HEFNER, Mr. MASCARA, Mr. TOWNS, Mr. BONIOR, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. DOYLE, and Mr. GILMAN.
 H.R. 475: Mr. WHITFIELD and Mr. SCARBOROUGH.
 H.R. 484: Mr. HASTINGS of Washington, Ms. GRANGER, Mr. BURR of North Carolina, Mr. BOEHNER, Mr. TALENT, and Mr. HAYWORTH.
 H.R. 491: Mr. MCHUGH and Mr. SCARBOROUGH.

H.R. 499: Mr. ARMEY, Mr. DELAY, Mr. ARCHER, Mr. SAM JOHNSON, Ms. GRANGER, Mr. BARTON of Texas, Mr. BRADY, Mr. THORNBERRY, Mr. COMBEST, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. SMITH of Texas, Mr. PAUL, Mr. GONZALEZ, Mr. TURNER, Mr. HALL of Texas, Mr. EDWARDS, Mr. STENHOLM, Mr. GREEN, Mr. BENTSEN, Mr. FROST, Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas, Ms. JACKSON-LEE, Mr. HINOJOSA, Mr. REYES, Mr. LAMPSON, and Mr. SANDLIN.
 H.R. 543: Mr. KING of New York, Mr. CANADY of Florida, and Mr. LIPINSKI.
 H.J. Res. 1: Mr. CANADY of Florida, Mr. LUCAS of Oklahoma, Mr. MANZULLO, Mr. PARKER, and Mr. WICKER.
 H.J. Res. 2: Mr. CANADY of Florida.
 H.J. Res. 8: Mr. STARK, Mr. BENTSEN, and Mr. GREEN.
 H.J. Res. 19: Mr. SHAYS.
 H.J. Res. 27: Mrs. MYRICK and Mr. LEWIS of Kentucky.
 H. Con. Res. 10: Mr. TOWNS, Mr. ROYCE, Mr. BURTON of Indiana, and Mr. LIPINSKI.
 H. Res. 28: Mrs. MYRICK, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. PITTS, and Mr. LIPINSKI.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 1997 (7)

¶7.1 DESIGNATION OF SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The House was called to order by the SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. EWING, who laid before the House the following communication:

WASHINGTON, DC,
 February 6, 1997.

I hereby designate the Honorable THOMAS W. EWING to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

NEWT GINGRICH,
 Speaker of the House of Representatives.

¶7.2 APPROVAL OF THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. EWING, announced he had examined and approved the Journal of the proceedings of Wednesday, February 5, 1997.

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

¶7.3 COMMUNICATIONS

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

1660. A letter from the Acting Secretary of State, transmitting the fiscal year 1996 annual report under the Federal Managers' Financial Integrity Act [FMFIA] of 1982, pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 3512(c)(3); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

1661. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Airworthiness Directives; Jetstream Model 4101 Airplanes (Federal Aviation Administration) [Docket No. 96-NM-86-AD; Amdt. 39-9914; AD 97-03-08] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received February 6, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

1662. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Airworthiness Directives; Raytheon Model Hawker 800 and 1000 and Model DH/BH/HS/BAe 125 Series Airplanes (Including Major Variants C29A, U125, and U125A Series Airplanes) (Federal Aviation Administration) [Docket No. 95-NM-258-AD; Amdt. 39-9913; AD 97-03-07] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received February 6, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

1663. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting

the Department's final rule—Amendment to Class E Airspace, Lee's Summit, MO [Docket No. 96-ACE-15] (RIN: 2120-AA66) received February 6, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

1664. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Amendment of Class E Airspace; Cortez, Colorado (Federal Aviation Administration) [Airspace Docket No. 96-ANM-022] (RIN: 2120-xxxx) received February 6, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

1665. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Amendment to Class E Airspace; Tampa, FL (Federal Aviation Administration) [Airspace Docket No. 96-ASO-32] (RIN: 2120-AA66) received February 6, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

1666. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Amendment to Class E Airspace; Knob Noster, MO (Federal Aviation Administration) [Docket No. 96-ACE-17] (RIN: 2120-AA66) received February 6, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

1667. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Amendment to Class E Airspace; Hays, KS (Federal Aviation Administration) [Docket No. 96-ACE-16] (RIN: 2120-AA66) received February 6, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

1668. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Amendment to Class E Airspace; Miami Opa Locka Airport, FL (Federal Aviation Administration) [Airspace Docket No. 97-ASO-1] (RIN: 2120-AA66) received February 6, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

1669. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Amendment to Class D Airspace; Homestead, FL (Federal Aviation Administration) [Airspace Docket No. 96-ASO-2] (RIN: 2120-AA66) received February 6, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

¶7.4 MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

A message in writing from the President of the United States was communicated to the House by Mr. Sherman Williams, one of his secretaries.

¶7.5 ORDER OF BUSINESS—SUSPENSION OF AVAILABILITY OF STATUTORY "FAST TRACK" PROCEDURES

On motion of Mr. SOLOMON, by unanimous consent,

Ordered, That it may not be in order before Thursday, February 13, 1997, for the House to consider a motion to proceed under section 518A(e)(6)(A) of the Foreign Operations, Export Financing, and Related Programs Appropriations Act, 1997, as contained in section 101(c) of the Omnibus Consolidated Appropriations Act, 1997.

¶7.6 COMMITTEE RESIGNATION—MINORITY

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. EWING, laid before the House the fol-

lowing communication, which was read as follows:

February 5, 1997.

Hon. NEWT GINGRICH,
Speaker of the House,
U.S. House of Representatives, Washington, DC.
DEAR MR. SPEAKER: I hereby tender my resignation from the House Committee on the Budget.

Sincerely,

LOUISE M. SLAUGHTER.

By unanimous consent, the resignation was accepted.

¶7.7 COMMITTEE ELECTION—MINORITY

Mr. BOSWELL, by direction of the Democratic Caucus, submitted the following privileged resolution (H. Res. 42):

Resolved, That the following named Members be, and that they are hereby, elected to the following standing committees of the House of Representatives:

To the Committee on Science: George Brown Jr., California.

In lieu of the Members elected in H. Res. 36 to the Committee on Small Business, the following Members: John LaFalce, New York, Ike Skelton, Missouri, Norman Sisisky, Virginia, Floyd Flake, New York, Glenn Poshard, Illinois, Nydia Velazquez, New York, Bill Luther, Minnesota, John Baldacci, Maine, Jesse Jackson, Jr., Illinois, Juanita Millender-McDonald, California, Robert A. Weygand, Rhode Island, Danny K. Davis, Illinois, Allen Boyd, Florida, Carolyn McCarthy, New York, William Pascrell, New Jersey, Virgil Goode, Virginia.

In lieu of the Members elected in H. Res. 36 to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, the following Members: Lane Evans, Illinois, Joseph Kennedy, Massachusetts, Bob Filner, California, Luis Gutierrez, Illinois, Sanford Bishop, Georgia, James Clyburn, South Carolina, Corrine Brown, Florida, Mike Doyle, Pennsylvania, Frank Mascara, Pennsylvania, Collin Peterson, Minnesota, Julia Carson, Indiana, Silvestre Reyes, Texas, Victor Snyder, Arkansas.

When said resolution was considered and agreed to.

A motion to reconsider the vote whereby said resolution was agreed to was, by unanimous consent, laid on the table.

¶7.8 COMMITTEE ELECTION—MAJORITY

Mr. SOLOMON, by unanimous consent, submitted the following resolution (H. Res. 43):

Resolved, That the following named Member be, and he is hereby, elected to the following standing committee of the House of Representatives: Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Mr. LaHood.

When said resolution was considered and agreed to.

A motion to reconsider the vote whereby said resolution was agreed to was, by unanimous consent, laid on the table.

¶7.9 MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT— BUDGET OF THE U.S. GOVERNMENT, FY 1998

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. EWING, laid before the House a message from the President, which was read as follows:

To the Congress of the United States:

The 1998 Budget, which I am transmitting to you with this message,

builds upon our successful economic program of the last four years by balancing the budget while investing in the future.

My budget reaches balance in 2002 the right way—cutting unnecessary and lower-priority spending while protecting our values. It strengthens Medicare and Medicaid, improves last year's welfare reform law, and provides tax relief to help Americans raise their children, send them to college, and save for the future. It invests in education and training, the environment, science and technology, and law enforcement to raise living standards and the quality of life for average Americans.

Over the last four years, my Administration and Congress have already done much of the hard work of reaching balance in 2002. We have reversed the trend of higher deficits that we inherited, and we have gone almost two-thirds of the way to reaching balance. Now, I want to work with Congress to achieve the final increment of deficit cutting and bring the budget into balance for the first time since 1969.

BUILDING A BRIDGE TO THE 21ST CENTURY

For four years, my Administration has worked to prepare America for the future, to create a Government and a set of policies that will help give Americans the tools they need to compete in an increasingly competitive, global economy.

We have worked to create opportunity for all Americans, to demand responsibility from all Americans, and to strengthen the American community. We have worked to bring the Nation together because, as Americans have shown time and again over the years, together we can overcome whatever hurdles stand before us.

Working with Congress and the American people, we have put America on the right path. Today, the United States is safer, stronger, and more prosperous. Our budget deficit is much smaller, our Government much leaner, and our policies much wiser.

The economic plan that we put in place in 1993 has exceeded all expectations. Already, it has helped to reduce the deficit by 63 percent—from the record \$290 billion of 1992 to just \$107 billion in 1996—and it has spurred a record of strong growth, low interest rates, low inflation, millions of new jobs, and record exports for four years.

While cutting the deficit, we also have cut the Federal work force by over 250,000 positions, bringing it to its smallest size in 30 years and, as a share of the civilian work force, its smallest since the 1930s. We have eliminated Federal regulations that we don't need and improved the ones we do. And we have done all this while improving the service that Federal agencies are providing to the American people.

We have cut wisely. We have, in fact, cut enough in unnecessary and lower-priority spending to find the resources to invest in the future. That's why we were able to cut taxes for 15 million

working families, to make college more affordable for 10 million students, to put tens of thousands of young people to work through national service, to invest more in basic and biomedical research, and to help reduce crime by putting more police on the street.

My plan to reach balance in 2002 provides the resources to continue these important investments. We must not only provide tax relief for average Americans, but also increase access to education and training; expand health insurance to the unemployed and children who lack it; better protect the environment; enhance our investments in biomedical and other research; beef up our law enforcement efforts; and provide the needed funds for a thriving global policy and a strong defense.

PUTTING THE BUILDING BLOCKS IN PLACE

When my Administration took office in 1993, we inherited an economy that had barely grown over the previous four years while creating few jobs. The budget deficit had hit record levels, and experts in and out of Government expected it to go higher. Savings and investment were down, interest rates were up, and incomes remained stagnant making it harder for families to pay their bills.

We put in place a comprehensive set of policies that are bearing fruit. By cutting the deficit from \$290 billion to \$107 billion last year, my economic program (and the strong economy it helped create) has brought the deficit to its lowest level since 1981. As a share of Gross Domestic Product (GDP), we have our smallest deficit since 1974 and the smallest of any major industrialized nation.

Other parts of my economic policy also are helping to create jobs and raise living standards. With regard to trade, for instance, my Administration not only completed the Uruguay Round of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade and the North American Free Trade Agreement, but also more than 200 separate trade agreements, helping to raise exports to record levels. By opening overseas markets to American goods—by encouraging free and fair trade—we are creating high-wage jobs at home.

Taken together, our budget and trade policies have helped to create over 11 million new jobs in the last four years. After two decades of troubling stagnation, incomes have begun to rise again while inequality shrinks. Also, partly due to a strong economy (and partly to our policies), poverty, welfare, and crime are down all across America.

With strong growth, low interest rates, low inflation, millions more jobs, record exports, more savings and investment, and higher incomes, the Nation is enjoying what such experts as Alan Greenspan, the chairman of the Federal Reserve, have described as the healthiest economy in a generation.

Now, our challenge is to complete the job that we began in 1993—to bring the budget into balance for the first time since 1969 while continuing to invest in