

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.  
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 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.  
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 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.  
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 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.  
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 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

the American people. My budget does that.

IMPROVING PERFORMANCE IN A BALANCED  
BUDGET WORLD

Led by the Vice President's National Performance Review, we are truly creating a Government that "works better and costs less."

We have cut the Federal work force by over 250,000 positions, eliminated over 200 programs and projects, closed nearly 2,000 obsolete field offices, cut red tape, and eliminated thousands of pages of regulations while dramatically simplifying thousands more. We also are providing better service for Americans—at the Social Security Administration, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and other agencies.

Our efforts to balance the budget will continue to put a premium on spending wisely. I am determined that we will provide the highest-quality service to Americans for the lowest price. And I will demand that agencies continue to search for better and better ways to achieve results for the American people.

As we move ahead, we plan to follow a series of strategies that build upon our successes to date. We will, for instance, restructure agencies to make them more flexible and decentralized. We will work to ensure that Federal employees and their managers work together to achieve common goals. We will expand competition to ensure that agencies perform their functions as efficiently as possible.

Government cannot solve all of our problems, but it surely must help us solve many of them. We need an effective Government to serve as a partner with States, localities, business and labor, communities, schools, and families. Only when we can show the American people that Government can, in fact, work better for them can we restore their confidence in it. And I am determined to do just that.

CREATING OPPORTUNITY, DEMANDING RESPONSIBILITY, AND STRENGTHENING COMMUNITY

I worked with the last Congress to ensure that as many as 25 million Americans no longer have to fear that they will lose their access to health insurance if they lose their jobs or change jobs; that people no longer will be denied coverage because they have preexisting medical conditions; that insurance companies will sell coverage to small employer groups and to individuals who lose group coverage; and that self-employed people will find it easier and cheaper to get health insurance. Now, I want to strengthen both Medicare and Medicaid to ensure that they continue to serve the tens of millions of Americans who rely on them, to expand health care coverage to help the growing numbers of American children and families who lack insurance, and to promote public health. My budget invests more in biomedical research, in programs to combat infectious diseases, in the Ryan White AIDS program that provides potentially life-extending drug therapies to many people with AIDS, and in community health

centers and Indian Health Service facilities that serve critically underserved populations.

We have to ensure that every American has the skills and education needed to win in the new economy, and we can do that only if every American is ready for a lifetime of continuous learning. My budget expands Head Start, increases our investments in Federal elementary and secondary education programs, launches a new effort to jumpstart needed school renovation and construction, and provides funds for America Reads to ensure that all children can read well and independently by the end of third grade. To expand higher education and training to all Americans, I propose HOPE scholarship tax credits of up to \$1,500 for two years, tax deductions of up to \$10,000, the largest increase in Pell Grant scholarships in two decades, lower student loan fees and interest rates, and the G.I Bill for America's Workers so they can choose where to get the best job training available.

We do not have to choose between a stronger economy and a cleaner environment. Over the last four years, we have produced both. Now, we want to go further. In this budget, I am proposing the funds to speed up toxic waste clean-ups, to redevelop abandoned and contaminated sites known as "brownfields," to improve the facilities at our national parks, to advance our salmon recovery efforts, to invest in energy efficiency and renewable energy, to further our environmental efforts overseas, and to expand our work with States, localities, private groups, and others to restore such sensitive ecosystems at the South Florida Everglades and California's Bay-Delta area between San Francisco and Sacramento.

We must maintain our leadership in research, the results of which have so greatly improved our health and well-being. Federal research, in concert with the private sector, creates new knowledge, trains our workers, generates new jobs and industries, solves many of our health care challenges, strengthens our ability to address environmental issues, enables us to teach our children better, and ensures that we can maintain a strong, capable national defense. I am proposing to increase our investments in basic research in health sciences at the National Institutes of Health, in basic research and education at the National Science Foundation, in research at other agencies that depend on science and technology, and in cooperative ventures with industry, such as through the successful Advanced Technology Program and Manufacturing Extension Partnerships.

I want to build on our efforts to fight crime, curb the scourge of illegal drugs, and secure the Nation's borders. Crime is falling all across America. And, under the Brady Bill that I fought so hard to achieve, we have prevented over 100,000 felons, fugitives, and stalkers from obtaining guns. Now, I want

to make further progress and, in particular, target juvenile crime and violence. My budget continues our progress toward putting 100,000 more police on the street. It renews our efforts to fight drug abuse, particularly by focusing on youth prevention programs to reverse the recent trends of softening attitudes toward drugs and more drug use by young Americans. It also strengthens our efforts to control illegal immigration by stopping those who want to enter illegally, quickly removing those who slipped by, and making it harder for illegal immigrants to get jobs.

Because some American communities have grown disconnected from the opportunity and prosperity that most of us enjoy, I want to help communities attract private investment to spur their revitalization. Because permanent solutions must come from the community level, my budget proposes to create opportunities and offer incentives for individuals and businesses to participate directly in addressing local problems. I want to expand my national service program so that more Americans can volunteer and earn money for college. I want to expand Empowerment Zones and Enterprise Communities, making more and more communities eligible for the tax incentives and other support that can spur a return of business and jobs. I also want to expand the Community Development Financial Institutions Fund to enhance credit and other services to distressed areas. In addition, the Nation's capital, which suffers from a unique set of challenges, would benefit greatly from the groundbreaking proposal that I have previously outlined.

I am pleased that, today, 2.1 million fewer Americans are on welfare than the day I took office, both because of a strong economy and because I have helped States to test innovative ways to move people from welfare to work and protect children. I am also pleased that I could sign last year's welfare reform legislation, because I believe it will promote my basic goals of work, family, and responsibility. I have directed my Administration to work closely with States so that we can make welfare reform succeed. Last year's law, however, also included excessive budget cuts, mainly affecting nutrition programs, legal immigrants, and children, that had nothing to do with welfare reform. In signing the bill, I said that I would seek legislation to address those problems. My budget does that.

Over the last four years, we have provided tax relief to millions of working Americans and to small businesses. But I want to go further by helping middle-income Americans raise their children, send them to college, and save for the future. For those Americans, my tax plan offers a \$500 per child tax credit for all children under 13, a \$1,500-a-year tax credit to help families send their children to college for two years, a \$10,000 tax deduction for tuition and fees for higher education and training,

and expanded Individual Retirement Accounts to encourage saving and enable families to cope with unforeseen problems. I am also proposing to ensure that homeowners do not have to pay capital gains taxes on 99 percent of all homes sales. My tax plan would promote the hiring of long-term welfare recipients in order to help move people from welfare to work, restore the tax credit that encourages business research and development, and expand tax credits for Empowerment Zones and Enterprise Communities. And it would help finance my tax relief by eliminating unwarranted tax loopholes and preferences.

On the international front, we must continue to project our leadership abroad while we advance our national goals. With the Cold War over, we have a great opportunity to expand democracy overseas, but we will have a much better chance to succeed if we fulfill our international commitments. In this budget, I am proposing that we pay our arrears to the United Nations and other international organizations, so that our leadership is not undermined at this crucial time. But I will also insist that these institutions control their budgets and enact the reforms that our Government and others have called for. In addition, we must continue our support for Russia and the New Independent States of the Soviet Union as they make the difficult transition to free markets and democracy, and we must be prepared to do whatever we can to advance the difficult, but vital, peace process in the Middle East. A strong, coherent foreign policy also will help us further our progress in opening markets abroad, and my budget proposes strong, continued support for the Federal efforts that help to expand exports.

Finally, our goals both at home and abroad must rest on the firm foundation of a strong national defense. It is a strong defense that safeguards our interests, prevents conflict, and secures the peace. We must ensure that our armed forces are highly ready and armed with the best equipment that technology can provide. They must be prepared and trained for the new threats to our security—from the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction, to ethnic and regional conflicts, to terrorism and drug trafficking that directly threaten our free and open society. My budget continues to sustain and modernize the world's strongest and most ready military force, a force capable of prevailing in two nearly simultaneous regional conflicts. It fully funds our commitment to maintain the highest levels of training and readiness, and to equip our uniformed men and women with the most advanced technologies in the world. We must never fall short when it comes to defense.

#### CONCLUSION

Our policies are working. By dramatically cutting the deficit and investing in the future, we have helped to spur four years of strong economic

growth, providing vast new opportunities for millions of Americans. Jobs, incomes, savings, investment, exports, and homeownership are all up. Crime, poverty, teen pregnancy, and inequality are all down. Clearly, we are moving in the right direction.

But our work is not done. For too long, the Federal Government has spent much more than it received, creating deficits that cast doubt on both our economic future and our ability to govern. In the last four years, we have made huge progress, cutting the deficit by nearly two-thirds. I urge Congress to help me finish the job and balance the budget by 2002—giving the American people the balanced budget they deserve.

WILLIAM J. CLINTON.

February 6, 1997.

By unanimous consent, the message was referred to the Committee on Appropriations and ordered to be printed (H. Doc. 105-3).

#### ¶7.10 ADJOURNMENT OVER

On motion of Mr. SNOWBARGER, by unanimous consent,

*Ordered*, That when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet on Monday, February 10, 1997, at 2 o'clock p.m.

#### ¶7.11 HOUR OF MEETING

On motion of Mr. SNOWBARGER, by unanimous consent,

*Ordered*, That when the House adjourns on Monday, February 10, 1997, it adjourn to meet at 12:30 p.m. on Tuesday, February 11, 1997, for "morning-hour debate".

#### ¶7.12 CALENDAR WEDNESDAY BUSINESS DISPENSED WITH

On motion of Mr. SNOWBARGER, by unanimous consent,

*Ordered*, That business in order for consideration on Wednesday, February 12, 1997, under clause 7, rule XXIV, the Calendar Wednesday rule, be dispensed with.

And then,

#### ¶7.13 ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Mr. OWENS, pursuant to the special order heretofore agreed to, at 11 o'clock and 28 minutes a.m., the House adjourned until 2 o'clock p.m. on Monday, February 10, 1997.

#### ¶7.14 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. CANADY: Committee on the Judiciary. House Joint Resolution 2. Resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States with respect to the number of terms of office of Members of the Senate and the House of Representatives (Rept. No. 105-2). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

#### ¶7.15 PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 5 of rule X and clause 4 of rule XXII, public bills and resolu-

tions were introduced and severally referred as follows:

By Mr. WHITFIELD (for himself, Mr. OXLEY, and Mr. MANTON):

H.R. 624. A bill to amend the Armored Car Industry Reciprocity Act of 1993 to clarify certain requirements and to improve the flow of interstate commerce; to the Committee on Commerce.

By Mrs. JOHNSON of Connecticut (for herself, Mr. DINGELL, Mr. GREENWOOD, Mr. STARK, Mr. SHAW, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. SAXTON, Mr. PALLONE, Mr. DEFAZIO, Mr. MCDERMOTT, Mr. KLECZKA, Mr. RAHALL, Mr. ACKERMAN, Mr. HILLIARD, Mr. COBURN, Ms. PELOSI, Mr. BORSKI, Mr. ENSIGN, Mr. LEACH, Mr. DEUTSCH, Mr. GORDON, Mr. WAXMAN, Mrs. THURMAN, Mr. MILLER of California, Ms. SLAUGHTER, Mr. OLVER, Mr. DELLUMS, Ms. LOFGREEN, Mr. SHAYS, Mr. FOGLIETTA, Mr. NEY, Mr. NADLER, Mrs. CLAYTON, Mr. TOWNS, Mr. SAWYER, Mr. KLINK, Mr. RUSH, Mr. STUPAK, Mr. LAFALCE, Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts, Ms. ESHOO, Mr. BROWN of Ohio, Mr. GREEN, Ms. FURSE, Mr. ENGEL, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. STRICKLAND, Mr. FROST, Mr. BOUCHER, Ms. DEGETTE, and Mr. MANTON):

H.R. 625. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide additional consumer protections for Medicare supplemental insurance; to the Committee on Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on 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. ABERCROMBIE (for himself, Mrs. MINK of Hawaii, and Mr. FALCOMA):

H.R. 626. A bill to provide Federal housing assistance to native Hawaiians; to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services.

By Mr. ABERCROMBIE (for himself, Mr. KIM, and Mrs. MINK of Hawaii):

H.R. 627. A bill to establish a visa waiver pilot program for nationals of Korea who are traveling in tour groups to the United States; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. ABERCROMBIE (for himself, Ms. HARMAN, and Mr. FROST):

H.R. 628. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to restore a 100-percent deduction for business meals and entertainment and the deduction for the travel expenses of spouses and others accompanying the taxpayer on business; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. BARTON of Texas (for himself, Mr. HALL of Texas, Mr. BALDACCI, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. ALLEN, Mr. ARCHER, Mr. BENTSEN, Mr. COMBEST, Mr. DELAY, Mr. EDWARDS, Ms. GRANGER, Mr. GREEN, Ms. JACKSON-LEE, Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas, Mr. SAM JOHNSON, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. SMITH of Texas, Mr. STENHOLM, Mr. THORBERRY, Mr. TURNER, Mr. NORWOOD, and Mr. BURR of North Carolina):

H.R. 629. A bill to grant the consent of the Congress to the Texas Low-Level Radioactive Waste Disposal Compact; to the Committee on Commerce.

By Mr. BILBRAY (for himself, Mr. LEWIS of California, Mr. TORRES, Mr. CALVERT, Mr. HUNTER, Mr. FILNER, Mr. CUNNINGHAM, Mr. HERGER, Mr. ROHRBACHER, Mr. PACKARD, Mr. DOOLEY of California, and Mr. COX of California):

H.R. 630. A bill to amend the Clean Air Act to permit the exclusive application of California State regulations regarding reformu-

lated gas in certain areas within the State; to the Committee on Commerce.

By Mr. CANADY of Florida:

H.R. 631. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to place the burden on the Secretary of the Treasury of proving the accuracy of determinations forming a basis for certain notices of deficiency; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. CHRISTENSEN:

H.R. 632. A bill to eliminate automatic pay adjustments for Members of Congress, and for other purposes; to the Committee on House Oversight, 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. DAVIS of Virginia:

H.R. 633. A bill to amend the Foreign Service Act of 1980 to provide that the annuities of certain special agents and security personnel of the Department of State be computed in the same way as applies generally with respect to Federal law enforcement officers, and for other purposes; to the Committee on International Relations, 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. FAWELL (for himself, Mr. GOODLING, Mr. STENHOLM, Mr. DOOLEY of California, Mr. HOEKSTRA, and Mr. HALL of Texas):

H.R. 634. A bill to amend the National Labor Relations Act to allow labor-management cooperative efforts that improve economic competitiveness in the United States to continue to thrive, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

By Mr. FOX of Pennsylvania (for himself, Mr. LANTOS, Mrs. KELLY, Mr. NEAL of Massachusetts, Ms. RIVERS, Mr. GUTIERREZ, Mr. SHAYS, Ms. FURSE, Ms. MOLINARI, Mr. MANTON, Mr. ANDREWS, and Mr. FARR of California):

H.R. 635. A bill to amend the Animal Welfare Act to extend the licensing requirements of the act to additional dealers in animals and to strengthen the registration, prohibition, and enforcement provisions of the act; to the Committee on Agriculture.

By Mr. FOX of Pennsylvania:

H.R. 636. A bill to prohibit fund-raising at the White House and elsewhere; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN:

H.R. 637. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow a credit against the estate tax for certain transfers of real property for conservation purposes; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. GEKAS (for himself, Mr. ROHRBACHER, Mr. ISTOOK, Mr. HANSEN, Mr. COX of California, Mr. WOLF, Mr. DAVIS of Virginia, Mrs. MORELLA, Mr. GILCHREST, Mr. HAYWORTH, Mr. BERREUTER, Mr. EHLERS, and Mr. HORN):

H.R. 638. A bill to amend title 31, United States Code, to provide for continuing appropriations in the absence of regular appropriations; to the Committee on Appropriations.

By Mr. HILL:

H.R. 639. A bill to establish a commission on structural alternatives for the Federal Courts of Appeals; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. HOSTETTLER (for himself, Mr. COMBEST, Mr. BARRETT of Nebraska, Mr. GOODLATTE, Mr. SOUDER, Mr. MCINTOSH, Mr. BURTON of Indiana, Mr. SMITH of Michigan, Mr. LEWIS of Kentucky, Mr. BAKER, Mr. MCCREY,

Mr. MCHUGH, Mr. HERGER, Mr. ROYCE, Mr. BONILLA, Mr. RIGGS, Mr. LATHAM, Mr. BARR of Georgia, Mr. CHRISTENSEN, and Mr. DOOLITTLE):

H.R. 640. A bill to amend the wetland conservation provisions of the Food Security Act of 1985 and the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to permit the unimpeded use of privately owned crop, range, and pasture lands that have been used for the planting of crops or the grazing of livestock in at least 5 of preceding 10 years; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, and in addition to the Committee on 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. HUNTER (for himself, Mr. BACHUS, Mr. BARCIA of Michigan, Mr. BARR of Georgia, Mr. BARTLETT of Maryland, Mr. BARTON of Texas, Mr. BUNNING of Kentucky, Mr. BURTON of Indiana, Mr. COBURN, Mr. CRANE, Mr. DICKEY, Mrs. EMERSON, Mr. FORBES, Mr. HANSEN, Mr. HILL, Mr. HOEKSTRA, Mr. INGLIS of South Carolina, Mr. LEWIS of Kentucky, Mrs. MYRICK, Mr. PAPPAS, Mr. PETRI, Mr. PITTS, Mr. SMITH of New Jersey, Mr. STEARNS, Mr. TAYLOR of Mississippi, and Mr. YOUNG of Alaska):

H.R. 641. A bill to implement equal protection under the 14th article of amendment to the Constitution for the right to life of each born and preborn human person from the moment of fertilization; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. LAHOOD:

H.R. 642. A bill to amend title 39, United States Code, to prevent certain types of mail matter from being sent by a Member of the House of Representatives as part of a mass mailing; to the Committee on House Oversight, 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. LATOURETTE (for himself, Mr. STOKES, Mr. REGULA, Mr. OBERSTAR, Mr. TRAFICANT, Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas, Mr. CUMMINGS, Mr. CLAY, Mr. SAWYER, Ms. KAPTUR, Ms. NORTON, Mr. HOUGHTON, Mr. BROWN of Ohio, Mrs. MEEK of Florida, Mrs. MALONEY of New York, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. OLVER, Mr. FILNER, Mr. FAZIO of California, Mr. OXLEY, Mr. WATT of North Carolina, Mr. BARRETT of Wisconsin, Mr. COYNE, Mr. SCOTT, Mrs. CLAYTON, Mr. RANGEL, Mr. LEWIS of Georgia, Mr. FROST, Mr. TOWNS, Ms. SLAUGHTER, Mr. BONIOR, Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts, Mr. MASCARA, Mr. JEFFERSON, Mr. OWENS, and Mr. LEWIS of California):

H.R. 643. A bill to designate the U.S. courthouse to be constructed at the corner of Superior and Huron Roads, in Cleveland, OH, as the "Carl B. Stokes United States Courthouse"; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

By Mr. LATOURETTE (for himself, Mr. MCCOLLUM, Mr. GILLMOR, Mr. PITTS, Mr. PETRI, Mr. CLEMENT, Mr. METCALF, Mr. PEASE, and Mr. CRAMER):

H.R. 644. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for the deposit of the general revenue portion of the motor fuel excise taxes into the highway trust fund and airport and airway trust fund, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. OBEY (for himself, Mr. KIND of Wisconsin, Mr. JOHNSON of Wisconsin, and Mr. BARRETT of Wisconsin):

H.R. 645. A bill to amend the Commodity Exchange Act to require the Commodity Futures Trading Commission to regulate certain cash markets, such as the National Cheese Exchange, until the Commission determines that the market does not establish reference points for other transactions; to the Committee on Agriculture.

H.R. 646. A bill to improve price discovery in milk and dairy markets by reducing the effects of the National Cheese Exchange on the basic formula price established under milk marketing orders, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture.

By Mr. PETRI:

H.R. 647. A bill to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to prescribe a salary base for an exemption of an employee for the wage requirements of such Act, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

By Mr. SANDERS (for himself and Mr. SMITH of New Jersey):

H.R. 648. A bill to prohibit the Secretary of Defense from treating as allowable costs under a defense contract any restructuring costs of the Boeing Co. arising from its acquisition of the McDonnell Douglas Corp.; to the Committee on National Security.

By Mr. DAN SCHAEFER of Colorado (for himself and Mr. HALL of Texas):

H.R. 649. A bill to amend sections of the Department of Energy Organization Act that are obsolete or inconsistent with other statutes and to repeal a related section of the Federal Energy Administration Act of 1974; to the Committee on Commerce.

By Mr. VISCLOSKEY (for himself, Mr. HOSTETTLER, Mr. ROEMER, Mr. MCINTOSH, Mr. BURTON of Indiana, Mrs. CARSON, Mr. HAMILTON, and Mr. PEASE):

H.R. 650. A bill to amend title 23, United States Code, to improve safety at public railway-highway crossings, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

By Mr. WHITE:

H.R. 651. A bill to extend the deadline under the Federal Power Act for the construction of a hydroelectric project located in the State of Washington, and for other Purposes; to the Committee on Commerce.

H.R. 652. A bill to extend the deadline under the Federal Power Act for the construction of a hydroelectric project located in the State of Washington, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce.

By Mr. WHITE (for himself, Mr. BUCHER, Ms. DUNN of Washington, Mr. BOEHNER, Mr. GOODLATTE, and Mr. ENGLISH of Pennsylvania):

H.R. 653. A bill to amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to permit interactive computer services to provide their facilities free of charge to candidates for Federal offices for the purpose of disseminating campaign information and enhancing public debate; to the Committee on House Oversight.

By Mr. BERREUTER (for himself, Mr. BERMAN, Mr. ACKERMAN, Mr. ROYCE, and Mr. GILMAN):

H. Con. Res. 16. Concurrent resolution concerning the urgent need to improve the living standards of those South Asians living in the Ganges and the Brahmaputra River Basin; to the Committee on International Relations, and in addition to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services, 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. BOSWELL:

H. Res. 42. Resolution designating minority membership to certain standing committees of the House; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. SOLOMON:

H. Res. 43. Resolution electing Representative RAY LAHOOD of Illinois to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs; considered and agreed to.

#### 7.16 PRIVATE BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 1 of rule XXII:

Mr. PETRI introduced a bill (H.R. 654) for the relief of Thomas McDermott, Sr.; which was referred to the Committee on Resources.

#### 7.17 ADDITIONAL SPONSORS

Under clause 4 of rule XXII, sponsors were added to public bills and resolutions as follows:

H.R. 84: Ms. NORTON.

H.R. 99: Mr. METCALF and Mr. ENGLISH of Pennsylvania.

H.R. 126: Mr. TIAHRT and Mr. MANZULLO.

H.R. 131: Mr. SHADEGG and Mr. TIAHRT.

H.R. 132: Mr. STEARNS and Mr. MANZULLO.

H.R. 137: Mr. BEREUTER.

H.R. 165: Mr. EVANS.

H.R. 192: Mr. SOLOMON, Mr. SHADEGG, Mr. MCCREERY, Mr. DEFAZIO, Ms. KAPTUR, and Mr. TIAHRT.

H.R. 216: Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. STOKES, Mr. DOYLE, Mr. CAMPBELL, Mr. McNULTY, and Mr. KUCINICH.

H.R. 306: Mr. JACKSON and Mr. HORN.

H.R. 373: Mr. JACKSON, Mr. SERRANO, Mrs. MEEK of Florida, Mrs. CLAYTON, and Mr. UNDERWOOD.

H.R. 414: Mr. SOLOMON, Mr. SHADEGG, Mr. MCCREERY, Mr. DEFAZIO, Mrs. KAPTUR, and Mr. TIAHRT.

H.R. 446: Mr. HAYWORTH, Mr. HULSHOF, and Mr. FOLEY.

H.R. 493: Mr. LEACH, Mr. LUTHER, Mr. BILBRAY, and Mr. WAXMAN.

H.R. 554: Mr. LATHAM.

H.R. 586: Mr. BARR of Georgia and Ms. MOLINARI.

H.J. Res. 28: Mr. CRANE, Mr. LIPINSKI, Mr. HAMILTON, Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts, Mr. GREEN, and Mr. McNULTY.

H. Con. Res. 13: Mrs. CLAYTON, Ms. KAPTUR, Mr. RAHALL, Mr. CLEMENT, Mr. UNDERWOOD, Mr. STARK, and Mr. MASCARA.

### MONDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 1997 (8)

#### 8.1 DESIGNATION OF SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,  
February 10, 1997.

I hereby designate the Honorable MAC COLLINS to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

NEWT GINGRICH,  
*Speaker of the House of Representatives.*

#### 8.2 APPROVAL OF THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. COLLINS, announced he had examined and approved the Journal of the proceedings of Thursday, February 6, 1997.

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

#### 8.3 COMMUNICATIONS

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

1670. A letter from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Importation of Fresh Hass

Avocado Fruit Grown in Michoacan, Mexico [Docket No. 94-116-5] (RIN: 0579-AA84) received February 6, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

1671. A letter from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Ports Designated for the Exportation of Animals; Georgia [Docket No. 96-054-2] received February 7, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

1672. A letter from the Administrator, Farm Service Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Tobacco-Tobacco Loan Program, Importer Assessments (Commodity Credit Corporation) (RIN: 0560-AD93) received February 6, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

1673. A letter from the Administrator, Food and Consumer Service, transmitting the Service's "Major" final rule—Child and Adult Care Food Program Improved Targeting of Day Care Home Reimbursements; Correction and Extension of Comment Period (RIN: 0584-AC42) received February 7, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

1674. A letter from the Director, the Office of Management and Budget, transmitting the cumulative report on rescissions and deferrals of budget authority as of January 1, 1997, pursuant to 2 U.S.C. 685(e) (H. Doc. No. 105-42); to the Committee on Appropriations and ordered to be printed.

1675. A letter from the Director, Defense Procurement, Department of Defense, transmitting the Department's final rule—Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement; Application of Berry Amendment [DFARS Case 96-D333] received February 7, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on National Security.

1676. A letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting a copy of the final report as required by the Mexican Debt Disclosure Act of 1995, pursuant to Public Law 104-6, section 404(a) (109 Stat. 90); to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services.

1677. A letter from the Assistant to the Board, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, transmitting the Board's final rule—Regulation H, Expanded Examination Cycle for Certain Small Insured Institutions [Docket No. R-0957] received February 7, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services.

1678. A letter from the Acting General Counsel, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting the Department's final rule—Public Housing Management Assessment Program [Docket No. FR-3447-1-03] (RIN: 2577-AA89) received February 3, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services.

1679. A letter from the Acting General Counsel, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting the Department's final rule—Fiscal Year 1997 Portfolio Reengineering Demonstration Program Guidelines [Docket No. FR-4162-N-01] received February 3, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services.

1680. A letter from the Director of the Office of Regulations Management, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting the Department's final rule—Loan Guaranty; Flood Insurance Requirements (RIN: 2900-AH63) received February 4, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services.

1681. A letter from the President and Chairman, Export-Import Bank of the United

States, transmitting a report involving United States exports to Algeria, pursuant to 12 U.S.C. 635(b)(3)(i); to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services.

1682. A letter from the Director of the Office of Legislative Affairs, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, transmitting the Corporation's final rule—Forms, Instructions, and Reports (RIN: 3064-AB89) received February 4, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services.

1683. A letter from the Federal Register Liaison Officer, Office of Thrift Supervision, transmitting the Office's final rule—Expanded Examination Cycle for Certain Small Insured Institutions [Docket No. 96-114] (RIN: 1550-AB02) received February 7, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services.

1684. A letter from the Secretary of Education, transmitting final regulations—The State Vocational Rehabilitation Services Program, pursuant to 20 U.S.C. 1232(f) GEPA Sec. 437(f); to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

1685. A letter from the Assistant General Counsel for Regulations, Department of Education, transmitting the Department's report on the Disability and Rehabilitation Research Projects and Centers Program, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(B); to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

1686. A letter from the Assistant General Counsel for Regulations, Department of Education, transmitting the Department's report on the State Vocational Rehabilitation Services Program, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(B); to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

1687. A letter from the Acting Assistant Secretary of Labor for OSHA, Occupational Safety and Health Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule—Reporting Occupational Injury and Illness Data to OSHA [Docket No. R-02] (RIN: 1218-AB24) received February 10, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

1688. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting a copy of Presidential Determination No. 96-54: Exempting the United States Air Force's operating location near Groom Lake, Nevada, from any Federal, State, interstate, or local hazardous or solid waste laws that might require the disclosure of classified information concerning that operating location to unauthorized persons, pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 6961; to the Committee on Commerce.

1689. A letter from the Director of the Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Substituted Cyclohexyldiamino Ethyl Esters; Revocation of a Significant New Use Rule [OPPTS-50598B; FRL-5580-5] received February 4, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

1690. A letter from the Director of the Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Illinois [IL154-1a; FRL-5685-7] received February 4, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

1691. A letter from the Director of the Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Illinois [IL153-1a; FRL-5685-1] received February 4, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

1692. A letter from the Director of the Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Land