

of Class E Airspace; New Lisbon, WI, Mauston-New Lisbon Union Airport (Federal Aviation Administration) [Airspace Docket No. 96-AGL-22] (RIN: 2120-AA66) received February 20, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

1900. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Amendment to Class E Airspace; Eglin AFB, FL (Federal Aviation Administration) [Airspace Docket No. 96-ASO-34] (RIN: 2120-AA66) received February 20, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

1901. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Amendment to Class E Airspace; Deland, FL (Federal Aviation Administration) [Airspace Docket No. 96-ASO-30] (RIN: 2120-AA66) received February 20, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

1902. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Drawbridge Operation Regulations; Passaic River, New Jersey (U.S. Coast Guard) [CGD01-95-171] (RIN: 2115-AE47) received February 20, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

1903. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Lifesaving Equipment (U.S. Coast Guard) [CGD 84-069] (RIN: 2115-AB72) received February 20, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

1904. A letter from the Commissioner of Social Security, Social Security Administration, transmitting the Administration's final report on demonstration projects with respect to alternative methods of promoting vocational rehabilitation [VR] and helping Social Security disability insurance [DI] beneficiaries return to work, pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 1310 note; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

1905. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Medical, Dental, Etc. Expenses [Rev. Rul. 97-9] received February 14, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

1906. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Estate and Gift Tax Marital Deduction [TD 8714] (RIN: 1545-AU81) received February 18, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

1907. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Estate and Gift Tax Marital Deduction [REG-209830-96] (RIN: 1545-AU27) received February 18, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

1908. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Changes in Accounting Period and In Methods of Accounting [Rev. Proc. 97-18] received February 20, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

1909. A letter from the Chief of Staff, Social Security Administration, transmitting the Administration's "Major" final rule—Cycling Payment of Social Security Benefits [20 CFR Part 404] (RIN: 0960-AE31) received February 14, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

1910. A letter from the Secretary of the Interior, transmitting the Department's report

entitled "Certification of Lands to Which Indian Water Rights Are Appurtenant That Are Participating in the Uintah Unit of the Central Utah Project," pursuant to Public Law 102-575, section 211 (106 Stat. 4625); jointly, to the Committees on Appropriations and Resources.

1911. A letter from the Director, Congressional Budget Office, transmitting the Office's report on "Unauthorized Appropriations and Expiring Authorizations" by the Congressional Budget Office as of January 15, 1997, pursuant to 2 U.S.C. 602(f)(3); jointly, to the Committees on the Budget and Appropriations.

1912. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting a report on allocation of funds the executive branch intends to make available from funding levels established in the Foreign Operations, Export Financing, and Related Programs Appropriations Act, 1997, as enacted in Public Law 104-208, pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2413(a); jointly, to the Committees on International Relations and Appropriations.

1913. A letter from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting a draft of proposed legislation entitled "Military Beneficiaries Medicare Reimbursement Model Project Act of 1997"; jointly, to the Committees on Ways and Means, National Security, and Commerce.

¶12.6 COMMITTEE RESIGNATION— MAJORITY

The SPEAKER laid before the House the following communication, which was read as follows:

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, February 24, 1997.

Hon. NEWT GINGRICH,
The Capitol, Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: I hereby resign from the House Committee on Banking and Financial Services. Due to the time constraints on my new assignment on the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, I will not be able to continue serving on the Committee on Banking.

Sincerely,

FRANK A. LOBIONDO,
Member of Congress.

The resignation was accepted.

¶12.7 OFFICE OF FAIR EMPLOYMENT PRACTICES REVIEW PANEL

The SPEAKER announced that, in order to provide for the completion of ongoing proceedings in accordance with section 506 of the Congressional Accountability Act of 1995 (Public Law 104-1), the Review Panel of the Office of Fair Employment Practices was, by unanimous consent, and with the concurrence of each appointing authority, reconstituted in the 105th Congress in the same form as at the end of the 104th Congress as follows: Mr. Randy Johnson and Mr. Alan F. Coffey, Jr., appointed by the Speaker; Ms. Karen Nelson and Ms. Marda Robillard, appointed by the Minority Leader; Mr. DIAZ-BALART and Mr. NEY, appointed by the Chairman of the Committee on House Oversight; and Mr. JEFFERSON and Mr. PASTOR, appointed by the Ranking Minority Member of the Committee on House Oversight.

¶12.8 NATIONAL GAMBLING IMPACT AND POLICY COMMISSION

The SPEAKER, pursuant to the provisions of section 3(b)(1)(B) of Public Law 104-169 and the order of the House of Thursday, February 13, 1997, authorizing the Speaker, the Majority Leader and the Minority Leader to accept resignations and to make appointments authorized by law or by the House, and upon consultation with the Minority Leader, on February 13, 1997, appointed Mr. John Wilhelm of Washington, D.C., to the National Gambling Impact and Policy Commission, on the part of the House.

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

¶12.9 UNITED STATES AIR FORCE ACADEMY BOARD OF VISITORS

The SPEAKER, pursuant to the provisions of section 9355(a) of title 10, United States Code, appointed the following Members of the House to the Board of Visitors to the United States Air Force Academy: Messrs. DICKS and TANNER.

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

¶12.10 UNITED STATES COAST GUARD ACADEMY BOARD OF VISITORS

The SPEAKER, pursuant to the provisions of section 194(a) of title 14, United States Code, appointed Mr. GEJDENSON to the Board of Visitors to the United States Coast Guard Academy, on the part of the House.

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

¶12.11 UNITED STATES MERCHANT MARINE ACADEMY BOARD OF VISITORS

The SPEAKER, pursuant to the provisions of section 1295b(h) of title 46, United States Code, appointed Mr. MANTON to the Board of Visitors to the United States Merchant Marine Academy, on the part of the House.

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

¶12.12 UNITED STATES MILITARY ACADEMY BOARD OF VISITORS

The SPEAKER, pursuant to the provisions of section 4355(a) of title 10, United States Code, appointed the following Members of the House to the Board of Visitors to the United States Military Academy: Messrs. HEFNER and SKELTON.

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

¶12.13 UNITED STATES NAVAL ACADEMY BOARD OF VISITORS

The SPEAKER, pursuant to the provisions of section 6968(a) of title 10, United States Code, appointed the following Members of the House to the Board of Visitors to the United States Naval Academy: Messrs. HOYER and MCHALE.

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

¶12.14 SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION BOARD OF REGENTS

The SPEAKER, pursuant to provisions of sections 5580 and 5581 of the revised statutes (20 U.S.C. 42-43), appointed Mr. TORRES to the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution, on the part of the House.

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

¶12.15 GALLAUDET UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The SPEAKER, pursuant to section 103, Public Law 99-371 (20 U.S.C. 4303), appointed Mr. BONIOR to the Board of Trustees of Gallaudet University, on the part of the House.

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

¶12.16 KENNEDY CENTER BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The SPEAKER, pursuant to section 2(a) of the National Cultural Center Act (20 U.S.C. 76h(a)), appointed Mr. YATES to the Board of Trustees of the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, on the part of the House.

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

¶12.17 HOUSE PAGE BOARD

The SPEAKER laid before the House a communication, which was read as follows:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

OFFICE OF THE DEMOCRATIC LEADER,

Washington, DC, February 12, 1997.

Hon. NEWT GINGRICH,
Speaker of the House,
House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: Pursuant to Section 127 of Public Law 97-377 (2 U.S.C. 88b-3), I hereby appoint the following Member to the House of Representatives Page Board: Mr. KILDEE of Michigan.

Yours very truly,

RICHARD A. GEPHARDT.

¶12.18 AIRPORT AND AIRWAY TRUST FUND EXCISE TAX

Mr. ARCHER moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 668) to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to reinstate the Airport and Airway Trust Fund excise taxes, and for other purposes.

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. SOLOMON, recognized Mr. ARCHER and Mr. HILLEARY, each for 20 minutes.

After debate,

The question being put, *viva voce*,

Will the House suspend the rules and pass said bill?

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. SOLOMON, announced that two-thirds of the Members present had voted in the affirmative.

Mr. HILLEARY demanded that the vote be taken by the yeas and nays, which demand was supported by one-fifth of the Members present, so the yeas and nays were ordered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. SOLOMON, pursuant to clause 5, rule I, announced that further proceedings on the motion were postponed until

Wednesday, February 26, 1997, pursuant to the prior announcement of the Chair.

¶12.19 ORDER OF BUSINESS—SUSPENSION OF THE RULES

On motion of Mr. ARCHER, by unanimous consent,

Ordered, That on Wednesday, February 26, 1997, the Speaker is authorized to entertain motions to suspend the rules and pass the following bills:

H.R. 624, The Armored Car Reciprocity Amendments of 1997; and

H.R. 497, Repeal the Federal Charter of Group Hospitalization and Medical Services.

¶12.20 GEORGE WASHINGTON BIRTHDAY OBSERVANCE

On motion of Mr. ARCHER, by unanimous consent,

Ordered, That the program and the remarks of Mrs. MORELLA, representing the House of Representatives at the wreath laying ceremony at the Washington Monument for the observance of George Washington's birthday on Thursday, February 20, 1997, be printed in today's Congressional Record.

¶12.21 MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Sundry messages in writing from the President of the United States were communicated to the House by Mr. Sherman Williams, one of his secretaries.

¶12.22 MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT—U.S.-U.K. SOCIAL SECURITY AGREEMENT

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

To the Congress of the United States:

Pursuant to section 233(e)(1) of the Social Security Act, as amended by the Social Security Amendments of 1977 (Public Law 95-216, 42 U.S.C. 433(e)(1)), I transmit herewith the Supplementary Agreement Amending the Agreement Between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland on Social Security (the Supplementary Agreement), which consists of two separate instruments: a principal agreement and an administrative arrangement. The Supplementary Agreement, signed at London on June 6, 1996, is intended to modify certain provisions of the original United States-United Kingdom Social Security Agreement signed at London February 13, 1984.

The United States-United Kingdom Social Security Agreement is similar in objective to the social security agreements with Austria, Belgium, Canada, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Ireland, Italy, Luxembourg, The Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, Spain, Sweden, and Switzerland. Such bilateral agreements provide for limited coordination between the U.S. and foreign social security systems to eliminate dual social security coverage and taxation, and to help prevent the

loss of benefit protection that can occur when workers divide their careers between two countries.

The Supplementary Agreement, which would amend the 1984 Agreement to update and clarify several of its provisions, is necessitated by changes that have occurred in U.S. and English law in recent years. Among other things, the Supplementary Agreement removes certain restrictions in the original agreement concerning payment of UK disability benefits to residents of the United States. The Supplementary Agreement will also make a number of minor revisions in the Agreement to take account of other changes in U.S. and English law that have occurred in recent years.

The United States-United Kingdom Social Security Agreement, as amended, would continue to contain all provisions mandated by section 233 and other provisions that I deem appropriate to carry out the provisions of section 233, pursuant to section 233(c)(4) of the Act.

I also transmit for the information of the Congress a report prepared by the Social Security Administration explaining the key points of the Supplementary Agreement, along with a paragraph-by-paragraph explanation of the effect of the amendments on the principal agreement and the related administrative arrangement. Annexed to this report is the report required by section 233(e)(1) of the Act on the effect of the Agreement, as amended, on income and expenditures of the U.S. Social Security program and the number of individuals affected by the amended Agreement. The Department of State and the Social Security Administration have recommended the Supplementary Agreement and related documents to me.

I commend the United States-United Kingdom Social Security Agreement and related documents.

WILLIAM J. CLINTON.

THE WHITE HOUSE, February 25, 1997.

By unanimous consent, the message, together with the accompanying papers, was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means and ordered to be printed (H. Doc. 105-47).

¶12.23 MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT—1997 NATIONAL DRUG CONTROL STRATEGY

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

To the Congress of the United States:

I am pleased to transmit the 1997 National Drug Control Strategy to the Congress. This strategy renews our bipartisan commitment to reducing drug abuse and its destructive consequences. It reflects the combined and coordinated Federal effort that is directed by National Drug Control Policy Director Barry McCaffrey and includes every department and over 50 agencies. It enlists all State and local leaders from across the country who must share in