H.R. 407: Mr. LANTOS, Mr. GREEN, Ms. JACKSON-LEE, Mr. CONDIT, Mr. SERRANO, Ms. LOFGREN, Mr. FARR of California, and Mrs. MALONEY of New York.

H.R. 416: Mr. RANGEL, Ms. JACKSON-LEE, and Mr. GREEN.

H.R. 417: Mr. EVANS, Mr. FALEOMAVAEGA, Mr. GREEN, Ms. RIVERS, Ms. JACKSON-LEE, Mr. TOWNS, Mrs. THURMAN, Mr. RANGEL, Mr. BENTSEN, Mr. DELAHUNT, Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas, Ms. SLAUGHTER, Mr. TRAFICANT, Mr. BAKER, Ms. LOFGREN, Mr. TORRES, Mr. HEFNER, Mr. FAZIO of California, Mr. WEXLER, and Mr. COOKSEY.

H.R. 418: Mr. CLEMENT, Mr. EHLERS, Mr. ACKERMAN, Mr. BORSKI, Mr. GEJDENSON, Mr. LOBIONDO, Mr. BEREUTER, Mr. FILNER, Mr. FOX of Pennsylvania, Mr. LIPINSKI, and Mr. FAZIO of California.

H.R. 423: Mr. STENHOLM.

H.R. 426: Mr. SENSENBRENNER, Mr. GOODLING, Mr. JOHN, Mr. BUNNING of Kentucky, and Mr. PICKERING.

H.R. 446: Mr. CALVERT, Mr. LIPINSKI, and Mr. ADAM SMITH of Washington.

H.R. 459: Mr. SMITH of New Jersey.

H.R. 471: Mr. CANADY of Florida, Mr. FOLEY, and Mr. DEAL of Georgia.

H.R. 484: Mr. SHADEGG.

H.R. 498: Mr. BARRETT of Wisconsin.

H.R. 505: Mrs. KENNELLY of Connecticut, Mr. KLECZKA, Mr. ACKERMAN, Ms. NORTON, Mr. WATT of North Carolina, and Mr. STARK.

H.R. 519: Mr. PORTER.

H.R. 525: Mr. CHRISTENSEN, Mr. BUNNING of Kentucky, Mr. HAYWORTH, Mr. ENGLISH of Pennsylvania, and Mr. SHAW.

H.R. 539: Mr. ACKERMAN.

H.R. 543: Mr. LAMPSON, Mr. WELDON of Pennsylvania, Mr. NEY, and Mr. BURTON of Indiana.

H.R. 544: Mrs. LOWEY.

H.R. 546: Mr. FROST, Mrs. LOWEY, Mr. HINCHEY, and Mr. CONYERS.

H.R. 551: Mrs. MEEK of Florida.

H.R. 552: Mr. GILCHREST and Ms. LOFGREN.

H.R. 556: Mr. TRAFICANT and Mr. MCDERMOTT.

H.R. 562: Mr. CAMPBELL.

H.R. 574: Ms. ESHOO, Mr. BONIOR, and Mr. FOGLIETTA.

H.R. 586: Mrs. CHENOWETH, Mrs. CUBIN, Mr. HYDE, and Mr. MANZULLO.

H.R. 590: Ms. NORTON, Mr. ENGLISH of Pennsylvania, Mrs. LINDA SMITH of Washington, Mr. SHAYS, Mr. MCDERMOTT, and Mr. MILLER of California.

H.R. 600: Mrs. CLAYTON, Mr. DICKS, Mr. GUTIERREZ, Mrs. KENNELLY of Connecticut, Mr. MARKEY, Ms. MCKINNEY, Mr. NADLER, Mr. PASTOR, Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. SERRANO, and Ms. SLAUGHTER.

H.R. 604: Mr. CANADY of Florida, Mr. SHERMAN, Mr. SAM JOHNSON, Mr. BRYANT, and Mr. ROGAN.

H.R. 607: Mr. MCDERMOTT and Mr. ROHRABACHER.

H.R. 610: Mr. LIPINSKI.

H.R. 614: Mr. KLUG, Mr. FOLEY, Mr. GOODLING, Mr. WELDON of Pennsylvania, Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN, and Mr. MINGE.

H.R. 615: Mr. ENGLISH of Pennsylvania.

H.R. 617: Mrs. LOWEY, Ms. JACKSON-LEE, Mrs. CARSON, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. KENNEDY of Rhode Island, and Mr. ACKERMAN.

H.R. 641: Mrs. CHENOWETH, Mr. LARGENT, and Mr. PACKARD.

H.R. 643: Mr. DELLUMS, Mr. NEY, Mr. PACKARD, Mr. FOGLIETTA, Mr. EVANS, Mr. ACKERMAN, and Mr. THOMPSON.

H.R. 644: Mr. NEY.

H.R. 680: Ms. DANNER, Mr. LAFALCE, Mr. GEJDENSON, Mrs. MEEK of Florida, Mr. MCDERMOTT, Mr. BROWN of California, Mr. FROST, Mr. SERRANO, Mr. MILLER of California, Mr. CLYBURN, Mr. ROMERO-BARCELO, Mr. OLVER, Mr. MARTINEZ, Ms. LOFGREN, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. ACKERMAN, Mr. COYNE, Mr. TORRES, Mr. BENTSEN, Mr. POSHARD, Mr. INGLIS of South Carolina, Mrs. CARSON, Mr. LIPINSKI, Mr. KILDEE, Mr. MASCARA, Mr. ROEMER, and Mr. BALDACCI.

H.R. 687: Mr. BARRETT of Wisconsin, Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts, Mr. ENGLISH of Pennsylvania, and Mr. LIPINSKI.

H.R. 688: Mr. GREENWOOD.

H.R. 694: Mr. STUPAK and Mr. TRAFICANT.

H.R. 710: Mr. ADAM SMITH of Washington.

H.R. 716: Mr. BALLENGER, Mr. KLUG, Mr. TALENT, and Mr. CUNNINGHAM.

H.R. 727: Mr. QUINN.

H.J. Res. 1: Mr. EVERETT, Mr. KINGSTON, and Mr. FOX of Pennsylvania.

H.J. Res. 6: Mr. GOODLATTE, Mrs. MYRICK, and Mr. BURR of North Carolina.

H.J. Res. 10: Mr. LEWIS of Kentucky and Mr. FOLEY.

H.J. Res. 14: Mr. BEREUTER.

H.J. Res. 16: Mrs. MYRICK.

H.J. Res. 17: Mr. ABERCROMBIE, Mr. FROST, and Mr. LAFALCE.

H.J. Res. 28: Mr. BOUCHER.

H.J. Res. 45: Mr. FATTAH and Mr. WATT of North Carolina.

H. Con. Res. 6: Mrs. THURMAN, Mr. KENNEDY of Rhode Island, and Mr. EVANS.

H. Con. Res. 10: Mr. HASTINGS of Washington and Mr. SHIMKUS.

H. Res. 28: Mr. SKEEN.

H. Res. 39: Mr. CAMPBELL, Mr. FROST, and Mr. BOEHLERT.

H. Res. 40: Mr. DINGELL, Mr. BROWN of Ohio, Mr. OBERSTAR, Ms. MCKINNEY, Ms. JACKSON-LEE, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. SANDERS, and Ms. NORTON.

H. Res. 48: Mr. ROMERO-BARCELO, Mr. GREEN, and Mr. SOLOMON.

¶11.40 PETITIONS, ETC.

Under clause 1 of rule XXII, petitions and papers were laid on the Clerk's desk and referred as follows:

6. By the SPEAKER: Petition of the Puerto Rico Bar Association board of directors, relative to opposition to the death penalty being imposed on Puerto Ricans; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

7. Also, petition of the municipality of Mayaguez, Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, relative to the death penalty; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 1997 (12)

¶12.1 DESIGNATION OF SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The House was called to order at 12:30 p.m. by the SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. CHAMBLISS, who laid before the House the following communication:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, February 25, 1997.

I hereby designate the Honorable SAXBY CHAMBLISS to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

NEWT GINGRICH,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Whereupon, pursuant to the order of the House of Tuesday, January 21, 1997, Members were recognized for ''morning-hour debate''.

¶12.2 RECESS—1:09 P.M.

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. CHAMBLISS, pursuant to clause 12 of rule I, declared the House in recess until 2 o'clock p.m.

¶12.3 AFTER RECESS—2 P.M.

The SPEAKER called the House to order.

¶12.4 APPROVAL OF THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER announced he had examined and approved the Journal of the proceedings of Thursday, February 13, 1997.

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

¶12.5 COMMUNICATIONS

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

1832. A letter from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Tomatoes Grown in Florida; Assessment Rate [Docket No. FV96–966–1 FIR] received February 14, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

1833. A letter from the Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller), Department of Defense, transmitting a report of a violation of the Anti-Deficiency Act—Air Force violation, case number 95–02, which totaled $43,170, occurred in the fiscal year 1988 military construction, Air National Guard appropriation, pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 1517(b); to the Committee on Appropriations.

1834. A letter from the Director, the Office of Management and Budget, transmitting the cumulative report on rescissions and deferrals of budget authority as of February 1, 1997, pursuant to 2 U.S.C. 685(e) (H. Doc. No. 105–46); to the Committee on Appropriations and ordered to be printed.

1835. A letter from the Principal Assistant Deputy Under Secretary (Industrial Affairs and Installations), Department of Defense, transmitting the Commission's final report on alternative utilization of military facilities, pursuant to Public Law 100–456, section 2819(b)(4) (102 Stat. 2120); to the Committee on National Security.

1836. A letter from the Assistant to the Board, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, transmitting the Board's ''Major'' final rule—Bank Holding Companies and Change in Bank Control (Regulation Y) [Docket Nos. R–0935; R–0936] received February 20, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services.

1837. A letter from the Director, Office of Management and Budget, transmitting OMB's estimate of the amount of discretionary new budget authority and outlays for the current year, if any, and the budget year provided by House Joint Resolution 25, pursuant to Public Law 101–508, section 13101(a) (104 Stat. 1388–578); to the Committee on the Budget.

1838. A letter from the Assistant Secretary, Department of Education, transmitting Final Regulations—Research and Demonstration Project and Rehabilitation Research and Training Center, pursuant to 20 U.S.C. 1232(f) GEPA, section 437(f); to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

1839. A letter from the Assistant Secretary, Department of Education, transmitting Final Regulations—Projects With Industry, pursuant to 20 U.S.C. 1232(f) GEPA, section 437(f); to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

1840. A letter from the Assistant General Counsel for Regulations, Department of Education, transmitting the Department's report on the notice of final funding priorities for the research and demonstration project and the rehabilitation research and training centers, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(B); to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

1841. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Pension and Welfare Benefits, Department of Labor, transmitting the Department's final rule—Class Exemption for the Receipt of Certain Investment Services by Individuals for Whose Benefit Individual Retirement Accounts or Retirement Plans for

Self-Employed Individuals Have Been Established or Maintained [Prohibited Transaction Exemption 97– ; Application D–09707] received February 10, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

1842. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Employment Standards, Department of Labor, transmitting the Department's final rule—Technical Amendments of Rules Relating to Labor-Management Programs, Labor-Management Standards, and Standards of Conduct for Federal Sector Labor Organizations (RIN: 1215–AB16) received February 18, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

1843. A letter from the Acting Secretary of Energy, transmitting a report on the progress made in carrying out a 5-year program on the cofiring of natural gas with coal in utility and industrial boilers, pursuant to Public Law 102–486, section 2013(c) (106 Stat. 3060); to the Committee on Commerce.

1844. A letter from the Deputy Assistant Administrator, Office of Diversion Control, Department of Justice, transmitting the Department's final rule—Exemption from Import and Export Requirements for Personal Use (Drug Enforcement Administration) [DEA Number 146I] (RIN: 1117–AA38) received January 31, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

1845. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; California State Implementation Plan Revision, South Coast Air Quality Management District and Yolo-Solano Air Quality Management District [CA–13–0027a; FRL–5688–2] received February 18, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

1846. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Clean Air Act Final Interim Approval of Operating Permits Program; Delegation of Section 112 Standards; State of Maine [AD–FRL–5689–6] received February 18, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

1847. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants: Petroleum Refineries [AD–FRL–5690–9] (RIN: 2060–AD94) received February 18, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

1848. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Pennsylvania Source-Specific VOC and NOx RACT Determinations, and 1990 Base Year Emissions for One Source; Correction [PA 083–4036a, PA 083–4037a, PA 069–4035a; FRL–5690–4] received February 18, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

1849. 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: Oregon [OR34–1–6136a, OR51–7266a, OR58–7273a; FRL–5680–3] received February 20, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

1850. 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 Air Quality Implementation Plans; Maryland; Control of Volatile Organic Compound Emissions from Open Fires, ''Once-in, Always-in,'' and Definition for the Term ''Annual'' [MD040–3010a and MD048–3011a; FRL–5688–5] received February 20, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

1851. 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: Washington [WA50–7123a; FRL–5692–8] received February 20, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

1852. A letter from the Managing Director, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule—Implementation of the Telecommunication Act of 1996: Telemessaging, Electronic Publishing, and Alarm Monitoring Services [CC Docket No. 96–152] received February 14, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

1853. A letter from the Chair, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule—Standards for Business Practices of Interstate Natural Gas Pipelines [Docket No. RM96–1–003; Order No. 587–B] received February 20, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

1854. A letter from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Department's final rule—Iron-Containing Supplements and Drugs: Label Warning Statements and Unit-Dose Packaging Requirements [Docket Nos. 91P–0186 and 93P–0306] received February 18, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

1855. A letter from the Deputy Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule—Exemption of Acquisition by Registered Public-Utility Holding Companies of Securities of Nonutility Companies Engaged in Certain Energy-Related and Gas-Related Activities; Exemption of Capital Contributions and Advances to Such Companies [Release No. 35–26667; File No. S7–12–95] (RIN: 3235–AG46) received February 18, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

1856. A letter from the Director, Defense Security Assistance Agency, transmitting notification concerning the Department of the Navy's proposed Letter(s) of Offer and Acceptance [LOA] to the Taipei Economic and Cultural Representative Office [TECRO] in the United States for defense articles and services (Transmittal No. 97–09), pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2776(b); to the Committee on International Relations.

1857. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting the fiscal year 1996 report on implementation of the support for East European Democracy Act [SEED] Program, pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 5474; to the Committee on International Relations.

1858. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting the Department's final rule—Removal of Commercial Communications Satellites and Hot Section Technology from State's USML for Transfer to Commerce's CCL [Public Notice] received February 19, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on International Relations.

1859. A letter from the Acting Comptroller General of the United States, transmitting a list of all reports issued or released in January 1997, pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 719(h); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

1860. A letter from the General Counsel, Administrative Conference of the United States, transmitting a report of activities under the Freedom of Information Act for the calendar year 1994, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552(d); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

1861. A letter from the Chair, Architectural and Transportation Barriers Compliance Board, transmitting the Board's consolidated semiannual report on activities of the inspector general, and the annual report under the Federal Managers' Financial Integrity Act [FEMA] of 1982, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. app. (Insp. Gen. Act) section 5(b); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

1862. A letter from the Director, Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service, 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.

1863. A letter from FOIA Administrator, Office of the General Counsel, Legal Services Corporation, transmitting a report of activities under the Freedom of Information Act for the calendar year 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552(d); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

1864. A letter from the Administrator, National Aeronautics and Space Administration, transmitting the semiannual report on activities of the inspector general for the period April 1, 1996, through September 30, 1996, and the semiannual management report on the status of audit followup for the same period, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. app. (Insp. Gen. Act) section 5(b); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

1865. A letter from the Director, Office of Management and Budget, transmitting an accounting statement covering Federal stewardship property, investments, and responsibilities that was recently recommended by the Federal Accounting Standards Advisory Board [FASAB] and approved in its entirety by the Secretary of the Treasury, the Director of the Office of Management and Budget [OMB], and the Comptroller General, pursuant to Public Law 101–576, section 307 (104 Stat. 2855); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

1866. A letter from the Director, Selective Service System, transmitting a report of activities under the Freedom of Information Act for the calendar year 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552(d); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

1867. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Civil Monetary Penalty Inflation Adjustment [OST Docket No. OST–97–2116] (RIN: 2105–AC63) received February 20, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C.; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

1868. A letter from the Director, Office of Government Relations, Smithsonian Institution, transmitting a copy of the annual Proceedings of the 105th Continental Congress of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution, pursuant to 36 U.S.C. 18b; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

1869. A letter from the Clerk, U.S. Court of Appeals, District of Columbia Circuit, transmitting an opinion of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit (No. 95–7189—United States of America, ex rel. D.J. Findley versus FPC—Boron Employees' Club, et al.); to the Committee on the Judiciary.

1870. A letter from the Clerk, U.S. Court of Appeals, District of Columbia Circuit, transmitting an opinion of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit (No. 96–3014—United States of America versus Rasheed Adeshina Idowu); to the Committee on the Judiciary.

1871. A letter from the Vice President for Government Affairs, National Railroad Passenger Corporation [Amtrak], transmitting the Corporation's 1996 annual report, and fiscal year 1998 legislative report and grant re-

quest, pursuant to 45 U.S.C. 548(a); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

1872. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Hazardous Materials: Cargo Tank Motor Vehicles in Liquefied Compressed Gas Service; Interim Final Rule (Research and Special Programs Administration) [Docket No. RSPA–97–2133 (HM–225)] (RIN: 2137–AC97) received February 18, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

1873. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Airworthiness Directives; Aerospatiale Model ATR42–3000 and ATR42–320 Series Airplanes (Federal Aviation Administration [Docket No. 97–NM–24–AD; Amdt. 39–9933; AD 97–04–09] (RIN: 2120–AA64) received February 20, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

1874. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Airworthiness Directives; Raytheon Aircraft Company (formerly Beech Aircraft Corporation) Models 1900, 1900C, and 1900D Airplanes (Federal Aviation Administration) [Docket No. 97–CE–06–AD; Amdt. 39–9937; AD 97–04–02] (RIN: 2120–AA64) received February 20, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

1875. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Airworthiness Directives; Mitsubishi Heavy Industries, Ltd., MU–2B Series Airplanes (Federal Aviation Administration) [Docket No. 96–CE–45–AD; Amdt. 39–9938; AD 97–04–13] (RIN: 2120–AA64) received February 20, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

1876. 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–97–AD; Amdt. 39–9917; AD 97–03–12] (RIN: 2120–AA64) received February 20, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

1877. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Airworthiness Directives; Air Tractor, Inc. Models AT–802 and AT–802A Airplanes (Federal Aviation Administration) [Docket No. 96–CE–48–AD; Amdt. 39–9935; AD 97–04–11] (RIN: 2120–AA64) received February 20, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

1878. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Airworthiness Directives; Fokker Model F28 Mark 0100 Series Airplanes (Federal Aviation Administration) [Docket No. 95–NM–02–AD; Amdt. 39–9915; AD 97–03–09] (RIN: 2120–AA64) received February 20, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

1879. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Airworthiness Directives; Saab Model SAAB SF340A, SAAB 340B, and SAAB 2000 Series Airplanes (Federal Aviation Administration) [Docket No. 96–NM–69–AD; Amdt. 39–9923; AD 97–03–18] (RIN: 2120–AA64) received February 20, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

1880. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Amendment to Time of Designation for Restricted Area R–4305, Lake Superior, MN (Federal Aviation Administration) [Airspace Docket No. 96–AGL–16] (RIN: 2120–AA66) received February 20, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

1881. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Modification of Class E Airspace; Big Rapids, MI, Roben-Hood Airport [Airspace Docket No. 96–AGL–25] (RIN: 2120–AA66) received February 20, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

1882. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Modification of Class E Airspace; Pinckneyville, IL, Pinckneyville-Du Quoin Airport (Federal Aviation Administration) [Airspace Docket No. 96–AGL–26] (RIN: 2120–AA66) received February 20, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

1883. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Modification of Class E Airspace; Monticello, IN, White County Airport (Federal Aviation Administration) [Airspace Docket No. 96–AGL–21] (RIN: 2120–AA66) received February 20, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

1884. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Establishment of Class E Airspace; Apalachicola, FL (Federal Aviation Administration) [Airspace Docket No. 96–ASO–35] (RIN: 2120–AA66) received February 20, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

1885. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Modification of Class D Airspace; Mount Clemens, MI (Federal Aviation Administration) [Airspace Docket No. 97–AGL–1] (RIN: 2120–AA66) received February 20, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

1886. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Modification of Class D Airspace; Minot, ND (Federal Aviation Administration) [Airspace Docket No. 97–AGL–3] (RIN: 2120–AA66) received February 20, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

1887. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Modification of Class D Airspace; Shreveport Downtown Airport, LA (Federal Aviation Administration) [Airspace Docket No. 97–ASW–01] (RIN: 2120–AA66) received February 20, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

1888. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Modification of Class D Airspace; Blytheville, AR (Federal Aviation Administration) [Airspace Docket No. 96–ASW–29] (RIN: 2120–AA66) received February 20, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

1889. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Standard Instrument Approach Procedures; Miscellaneous Amendments (Federal Aviation Administration) [Docket No. 28804; Amdt. No. 1782] (RIN: 2120–AA65) received February 20, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

1890. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Standard Instrument Approach Procedures; Miscellaneous Amendments (Federal Aviation Administration) [Docket No. 28805; Amdt. No. 1783] (RIN: 2120–AA65) received February 20, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

1891. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Standard Instrument Approach Procedures; Miscellaneous Amendments (Federal Aviation Administration) [Docket No. 28803; Amdt. No. 1781] (RIN: 2120–AA65) received February 20, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

1892. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Establishment of Class E Airspace; Hazard, KY (Federal Aviation Administration) [Airspace Docket No. 96–ASO–36] (RIN: 2120–AA66) received February 20, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

1893. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Establishment of Class E Airspace; Canadaigua, NY (Federal Aviation Administration) [Airspace Docket No. 96–AEA–14] (RIN: 2120–AA66) received February 20, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

1894. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Establishment of Class E Airspace; Johnstown, NY (Federal Aviation Administration) [Airspace Docket No. 96–AEA–16] (RIN: 2120–AA66) received February 20, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

1895. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Establishment of Class E Airspace; Stuart, VA (Federal Aviation Administration) [Airspace Docket No. 96–AEA–15] (RIN: 2120–AA66) received February 20, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

1896. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Establishment of Class E Airspace; Sonora, TX (Federal Aviation Administration) [Airspace Docket No. 96–ASW–05] (RIN: 2120–AA66) received February 20, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

1897. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Establishment of Class E Airspace; Rolla, ND, Rolla Municipal Airport (Federal Aviation Administration) [Airspace Docket No. 96–AGL–23] (RIN: 2120–AA66) received February 20, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

1898. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Establishment of Class E Airspace; Carrington, ND, Carrington Municipal Airport (Federal Aviation Administration) [Airspace Docket No. 96–AGL–20] (RIN: 2120–AA66) received February 20, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

1899. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Establishment

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 Amendents 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

the responsibility to protect our children and all citizens from the scourge of illegal drugs.

In the *1996 National Drug Control Strategy*, we set forth the basis of a coherent, rational, long-term national effort to reduce illicit drug use and its consequences. Building upon that framework, the *1997 National Drug Control Strategy* adopts a 10-year national drug-control strategy that includes quantifiable measures of effectiveness. The use of a long-term strategy, with annual reports to the Congress and consistent outreach to the American people on our progress, will allow us to execute a dynamic, comprehensive plan for the Nation and will help us to achieve our goals.

We know from the past decade of Federal drug control efforts that progress in achieving our goals will not occur overnight. But our success in reducing casual drug use over the last decade demonstrates that drug abuse is not an incurable social ill. Thanks to the bipartisan efforts of the Congress and the past three administrations, combined with broad-based efforts of citizens and communities throughout the United States, we have made tremendous progress since the 1970's in reducing drug use.

Nonetheless, we are deeply concerned about the rising trend of drug use by young Americans. While overall use of drugs in the United States has fallen dramatically—by half in 15 years—adolescent drug abuse continues to rise. That is why the number one goal of our strategy is to motivate America's youth to reject illegal drugs and substance abuse.

Our strategy contains programs that will help youth to recognize the terrible risks associated with the use of illegal substances. The cornerstone of this effort will be our national media campaign that will target our youth with a consistent anti-drug message. But government cannot do this job alone. We challenge the national media and entertainment industry to join us—by renouncing the glamorization of drug abuse and realistically portraying its consequences.

All Americans must accept responsibility to teach young people that drugs are wrong, drugs are illegal, and drugs are deadly. We must renew our commitment to the drug prevention strategies that deter first-time drug use and halt the progression from alcohol and tobacco use to illicit drugs.

While we continue to teach our children the dangers of drugs, we must also increase the safety of our citizens by substantially reducing drug-related crime and violence. At the beginning of my Administration, we set out to change this country's approach to crime by putting more police officers on our streets, taking guns out of the hands of criminals and juveniles, and breaking the back of violent street gangs. We are making a difference. For the fifth year in a row serious crime in this country has declined. This is the longest period of decline in over 25 years. But our work is far from done and we must continue to move in the right direction.

More than half of all individuals brought into the Nation's criminal justice systems have substance abuse problems. Unless we also break the cycle of drugs and violence, criminal addicts will end up back on the street, committing more crimes, and back in the criminal justice system, still hooked on drugs. The criminal justice system should reduce drug demand—not prolong or tolerate it. Our strategy implements testing and sanctions through coerced abstinence as a way to reduce the level of drug use in the population of offenders under criminal justice supervision, and thereby reduce the level of other criminal behavior.

Our strategy supports the expansion of drug-free workplaces, which have proven so successful and we will continue to seek more effective, efficient, and accessible drug treatment to ensure that we are responsive to emerging drug-abuse trends.

We must continue to shield America's air, land, and sea frontiers from the drug threat. By devoting more resources to protecting the Southwest border than ever before, we are increasing drug seizures, stopping drug smugglers, and disrupting major drug trafficking operations. We must continue our interdiction efforts, which have greatly disrupted the trafficking patterns of cocaine smugglers and have blocked the free flow of cocaine through the western Caribbean into Florida and the Southeast.

Our comprehensive effort to reduce the drug flow cannot be limited to seizing drugs as they enter the United States. We must persist in our efforts to break foreign and domestic sources of supply. We know that by working with source and transit nations, we can greatly reduce foreign supply. International criminal narcotics organizations are a threat to our national security. But if we target these networks, we can dismantle them—as we did the Cali Cartel.

We will continue to oppose all calls for the legalization of illicit drugs. Our vigilance is needed now more than ever. We will continue to ensure that all Americans have access to safe and effective medicine. However, the current drug legalization movement sends the wrong message to our children. It undermines the concerted efforts of parents, educators, businesses, elected leaders, community groups, and others to achieve a healthy, drug-free society.

I am confident that the national challenge of drug abuse can be met by extending our strategic vision into the future, educating citizens, treating addiction, and seizing the initiative in dealing with criminals who traffic not only in illegal drugs but in human misery and lost lives.

Every year drug abuse kills 14,000 Americans and costs taxpayers nearly $70 billion. Drug abuse fuels spouse and child abuse, property and violent crime, the incarceration of young men and women, the spread of AIDS, workplace and motor vehicle accidents, and absenteeism in the work force.

For our children's sake and the sake of this Nation, this menace must be confronted through a rational, coherent, cooperative, and long-range strategy. I ask the Congress to join me in a partnership to carry out this national strategy to reduce illegal drug use and its devastating impact on America.

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 the Judiciary, the Committee on Agriculture, the Committee on Banking and Financial Services, the Committee on Commerce, the Committee on Education and the Workforce, the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight, the Committee on International Relations, the Committee on National Security, the Committee on Resources, the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, and the Committee on Ways and Means.

And then,

¶12.24 ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Mr.ROHRABACHER, at 5 o'clock and 45 minutes p.m., the House adjourned.

¶12.25 REPORTS OF COMMITTEES ON PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

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

Mr. BLILEY: Committee on Commerce. H.R. 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 (Rept. No. 105–6). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

¶12.26 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. SCHUMER (by request):

H.R. 810. A bill to deter and punish serious gang and violent crime, promote accountability in the juvenile justice system, prevent juvenile and youth crime, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committee on Education and the Workforce, 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. ROHRABACHER (for himself, Ms. KAPTUR, Mr. CAMPBELL, Mr. HUNTER, Mr. FORBES, Mr. ABERCROMBIE, Mr. ACKERMAN, Mr. BARR of Georgia, Mr. BARTLETT of Maryland, Mr. BURTON of Indiana, Mr. CALVERT, Mrs. CHENOWETH, Mr. CONDIT, Mr. COX of California, Mr. CUNNINGHAM, Mr. DAVIS of Virginia, Mr. DELLUMS, Mr. DOOLITTLE, Mr. DUNCAN, Mr. FOLEY, Mr. GILLMOR, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. HANSEN, Mr. HAYWORTH, Mr. LARGENT, Mr. MASCARA, Mr. NEY, Mr. NORWOOD, Mr. PAUL, Mr. ROYCE, Mr. SANFORD, Mr. SCHIFF, Mr. SMITH of

Michigan, Mr. STEARNS, Mr. TIAHRT, Mr. TRAFICANT, Mr. WALSH, Mr. WAMP, and Ms. WATERS):

H.R. 811. A bill to restore the term of patents and to provide for the publication of patent applications; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. HUNTER (for himself, Mr. ROHRABACHER, and Mr. TRAFICANT):

H.R. 812. A bill to amend title 35, United States Code, to enable the Patent and Trademark Office to improve the integrity of the U.S. patent system and to further ensure the validity of U.S. patents, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. BACHUS (for himself, Mr. SHUSTER, Mr. RILEY, Mr. CLEMENT, Mr. EVERETT, and Mr. STUMP):

H.R. 813. A bill to amend the National Highway System Designation Act of 1995 to prohibit the Secretary of Transportation from requiring States to use the metric system with respect to designing, advertising, or preparing documents for Federal-aid highway projects; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

By Mr. BLUMENAUER:

H.R. 814. A bill to prevent children from injuring themselves with firearms; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. CARDIN (for himself, Mrs. ROUKEMA, Mr. DINGELL, Mr. SHAYS, Mr. STARK, Mr. DAVIS of Virginia, Mr. WAXMAN, Mr. CONDIT, Mr. BROWN of Ohio, Mr. KENNEDY of Rhode Island, Mr. POMEROY, Mrs. THURMAN, Mr. GEJDENSON, Mrs. MEEK of Florida, Mr. CLEMENT, Mr. DOYLE, Mr. NORWOOD, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. EVANS, Mr. MCDERMOTT, Mr. FROST, Mr. CAMPBELL, Mr. CONYERS, Mr. RAHALL, Mr. MCGOVERN, and Mr. GANSKE)

H.R. 815. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, the Public Health Service Act, the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, and titles XVIII and XIX of the Social Security Act to assure access to emergency medical services under group health plans, health insurance coverage, and the Medicare and Medicaid programs; to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committees on Commerce, and Education and the Workforce, 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. CASTLE:

H.R. 816. A bill to prohibit the use of Federal funds for certain amenities and personal comforts in the Federal prison system; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mrs. CHENOWETH (for herself, Mr. YOUNG of Alaska, Mr. BOB SCHAFFER, Mr. DOOLITTLE, Mr. PETERSON of Pennsylvania, Mr. HILL, and Mr. RADANOVICH):

H.R. 817. A bill to require the appointment of the Chief of the Forest Service by the President, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate; to the Committee on Agriculture.

By Mr. CONDIT (for himself, Mr. MCDERMOTT, and Mr. FOGLIETTA):

H.R. 818. A bill to require that employees who participate in cash or deferred arrangements are free to determine whether to be invested in employer real property and employer securities, and if not, to protect such employees by applying the same prohibited transaction rules that apply to traditional defined benefit pension plans, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

H.R. 819. A bill to require annual, detailed investment reports by plans with qualified cash or deferred arrangements, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

By Mr. DINGELL:

H.R. 820. A bill to amend title XXVII of the Public Health Service Act to establish standards for protection of consumers in managed care plans and other health insurance coverage; to the Committee on Commerce.

By Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts:

H.R. 821. A bill to provide for an increase in the supplemental security insurance benefit standard for long-term care recipients based on the cost of living adjustment; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. HASTINGS of Washington:

H.R. 822. A bill to facilitate a land exchange involving private land within the exterior boundaries of Wenatchee National Forest in Chelan County, WA; to the Committee on Resources.

By Mr. HILLEARY:

H.R. 823. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to reinstate the airport and airway trust fund excise taxes and to suspend the 4.3-cent general revenue portion of such taxes during the reinstatement period; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. HYDE:

H.R. 824. A bill to redesignate the Federal building located at 717 Madison Place, NW., in the District of Columbia, as the ''Howard T. Markey National Courts Building''; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

By Mrs. MALONEY of New York (for herself, Mr. LAFALCE, Mr. CONYERS, Mr. FROST, Mr. STARK, Mr. ACKERMAN, Mr. MEEHAN, Mr. ABERCROMBIE, Ms. PELOSI, Ms. KILPATRICK, Mr. ROMERO-BARCELO, and Mr. JEFFERSON):

H.R. 825. A bill to require the Attorney General to promulgate regulations relating to gender-related persecution, including female genital mutilation, for use in determining an alien's eligibility for asylum or withholding of deportation; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. NEY (for himself, Mr. OXLEY, Mr. BARR of Georgia, Mr. BAKER, Mr. RIGGS, Mr. LOBIONDO, Mr. TRAFICANT, Mr. HOBSON, and Mr. FOX of Pennsylvania):

H.R. 826. A bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to provide specific penalties for taking a firearm from a Federal law enforcement officer; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Ms. NORTON:

H.R. 827. A bill to provide for nuclear disarmament and economic conversion in accordance with the District of Columbia Initiative Measure No. 37 of 1993; to the Committee on National Security, and in addition to the Committee on International Relations, 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. FATTAH:

H.R. 828. A bill to require States to equalize funding for education throughout the State; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

By Mr. OLVER:

H.R. 829. A bill to amend the Federal Property and Administrative Services Act of 1949 to prohibit executive agencies from awarding contracts that contain a provision allowing for the acquisition by the contractor, at Government expense, of certain equipment or facilities to carry out the contract, if the principal purpose of such provision is to increase competition by establishing an alternative source of supply for property or services; to the Committee on Government reform and Oversight.

By Mr. PETRI:

H.R. 830. A bill to amend chapter 35 of title 44, United States Code, popularly known as the Paperwork Reduction Act, to require that collections of information that ask a respondent to specify a racial classification or ethnic classification from among a list of classifications shall provide an opportunity for the respondent to specify, respectively, ''multiracial'' or ''multiethnic''; to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

By Mr. REGULA (for himself, Mr. SHAYS, Mr. ROHRABACHER, and Mr. HANSEN):

H.R. 831. A bill to provide for the retrocession of the District of Columbia to the State of Maryland, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. STEARNS:

H.R. 832. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for a program of research and education regarding menopause and related conditions; to the Committee on Commerce.

H.R. 833. A bill to require the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study regarding Fort King, FL; to the Committee on Resources.

By Mr. TAYLOR of North Carolina:

H.R. 834. A bill to permit the current refunding of certain tax-exempt bonds; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mrs. THURMAN (for herself, Mrs. MEEK of Florida, Ms. BROWN of Florida, Mr. GOSS, Mr. DEUTSCH, Mr. BOYD, Mr. FOLEY, Mrs. FOWLER, Mr. WEXLER, Mr. CANADY of Florida, and Mr. MCCOLLUM):

H.R. 835. A bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to improve the Federal medical assistance percentage used under the Medicaid Program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce.

By Mr. FORBES:

H. Con. Res. 24. Concurrent resolution expressing the sense of the Congress that a postage stamp should be issued in recognition of the services rendered by this Nation's volunteer firefighters; to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

By Mr. DAN SCHAEFER of Colorado (for himself, Mr. HEFLEY, Mr. MCINNIS, and Mr. BOB SCHAFFER):

H. Con. Res. 25. Concurrent resolution providing for acceptance of a statute of Jack Swigert, presented by the State of Colorado, for placement in National Statuary Hall, and for other purposes; to the Committee on House Oversight.

By Mr. SHIMKUS:

H. Con. Res. 26. Concurrent resolution relating to the treatment of Social Security under any constitutional amendment requiring a balanced budget; to the Committee on Rules.

By Mr. BLILEY:

H. Res. 74. Resolution providing amounts for the expenses of the Committee on Commerce in the 105th Congress; to the Committee on House Oversight.

By Mr. GOODLING:

H. Res. 75. Resolution providing amounts for the expenses of the Committee on Education and the Workforce in the 105th Congress; to the Committee on House Oversight.

By Mr. PORTER:

H. Res. 76. Resolution expressing the sense of the House of Representatives concerning the human rights situation in the People's Republic of China as it relates to China's position in the international community and encouraging the United States, in conjunction with other members of the U.N. Commission on Human Rights, to work with China to promote the improvement of human rights; to the Committee on International Relations.

¶12.27 MEMORIALS

Under clause 4 of rule XXII, memorials were presented and referred as follows:

20. By the SPEAKER: Memorial of the Senate of the State of New Hampshire, relative to Senate Resolution No. 1: recognizing the contributions and accomplishments of Paul E. Tsongas, former U.S. Senator; to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

21. Also, memorial of the Senate of the State of South Dakota, relative to Senate Resolution No. 2: urging the passage of a balanced budget amendment to the U.S. Constitution; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

¶12.28 ADDITIONAL SPONSORS

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

H.R. 14: Mr. LATHAM, Mr. SKELTON, Mr. GRAHAM, and Mr. LUCAS of Oklahoma.

H.R. 17: Mr. ACKERMAN and Ms. JACKSON-LEE.

H.R. 18: Ms. JACKSON-LEE, Mr. FORBES, Ms. DEGETTE, Mr. BARR of Georgia, Mr. MURTHA, Mr. MCCOLLUM, Mr. ROHRABACHER, Mr. ANDREWS, Mr. FAZIO of California, and Mr. TALENT.

H.R. 21: Mr. BUNNING of Kentucky, Mr. BLUMENAUER, Ms. NORTON, and Mr. CAMPBELL.

H.R. 40: Mr. SERRANO and Mr. THOMPSON.

H.R. 41: Mr. BAKER, Mr. LIPINSKI, Mr. FOX of Pennsylvania, and Mr. CANADY of Florida.

H.R. 45: Mr. NADLER and Mr. ANDREWS.

H.R. 54: Mr. MILLER of California, Mr. CALVERT, Mr. BROWN of California, and Mr. HEFLEY.

H.R. 58: Mr. CASTLE, Mr. LUCAS of Oklahoma, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. ROMERO-BARCELO, Mr. MINGE, Mr. SKELTON, Mr. VENTO, Mr. DELLUMS, Mr. PEASE, and Mr. GUTIERREZ.

H.R. 69: Mr. MARTINEZ, Ms. NORTON, and Mr. OWENS.

H.R. 96: Mr. EVERETT, and Mr. DOYLE.

H.R. 127: Mr. MASCARA, Mr. SKAGGS, Mr. WELLER, Mr. PICKETT, Mr. BENTSEN, Mr. EHRLICH, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. MARTINEZ, Mr. HOSTETTLER, and Mrs. FOWLER.

H.R. 141: Mr. DELLUMS and Ms. MCCARTHY of Missouri.

H.R. 165: Mr. OLVER, Mr. HALL of Texas, Mr. BILBRAY, Mr. GILMAN, Mr. HORN, Mr. FROST, Mrs. MEEK of Florida, and Mr. JEFFERSON.

H.R. 166: Mr. RANGEL, Mr. EVANS, Mr. OBERSTAR, and Mr. ROMERO-BARCELO.

H.R. 167: Mr. RANGEL, Mr. EVANS, Mr. OBERSTAR, and Mr. ROMERO-BARCELO.

H.R. 168: Mr. RANGEL, Mr. EVANS, Mr. OBERSTAR, and Mr. ROMERO-BARCELO.

H.R. 180: Ms. BROWN of Florida.

H.R. 218: Mr. BAKER, Mr. FOLEY, and Mr. FOX of Pennsylvania.

H.R. 235: Mrs. MORELLA, Mr. PORTER, Mr. RANGEL, Mr. ACKERMAN, Mr. STARK, Mr. BARRETT of Nebraska, and Mr. SAXTON.

H.R. 292: Mr. HOEKSTRA, Mr. COBLE, Mr. PAUL, Mr. LARGENT, Mr. CALVERT, Mr. BARTON of Texas, Mr. DICKEY, Mr. BONO, Mr. BEREUTER, and Mr. HEFLEY.

H.R. 297: Mr. FATTAH, Mr. DELLUMS, Mr. ENGEL, Ms. PELOSI, and Mr. FROST.

H.R. 298: Mr. POMBO.

H.R. 301: Mr. DELLUMS, Mr. ENGEL, Ms. PELOSI, Mr. LIPINSKI, and Mr. FROST.

H.R. 304: Ms. BROWN of Florida, Ms. FURSE, Mrs. CLAYTON, and Mr. JEFFERSON.

H.R. 338: Mr. NORWOOD.

H.R. 339: Mr. SANDLIN and Mr. PICKERING.

H.R. 367: Mr. GREEN, Mr. KILDEE, Mr. GILLMOR, and Mr. BURTON of Indiana.

H.R. 400: Mr. HYDE, Mr. SMITH of Oregon, Mr. LAHOOD, and Ms. DEGETTE.

H.R. 407: Mr. FILNER, Mrs. MORELLA, Mr. FROST, Mr. MCNULTY, Ms. SANCHEZ, Mr. COBURN, Mr. DINGELL, Mr. WATT of North Carolina, Mr. BROWN of Ohio, Mr. STARK, Ms. ESHOO, Mr. OLVER, Mr. MCHALE, and Mr. CONYERS.

H.R. 426: Mrs. LINDA SMITH of Washington, Mr. DINGELL, Mr. COBURN, Mr. KINGSTON, Mr. PEASE, and Mr. FARR of California.

H.R. 437: Mr. MILLER of California, Mr. DEUTSCH, Mr. PICKETT, Mr. PALLONE, Ms. RIVERS, Mr. MANTON, Mr. LAZIO of New York, Mr. GILCHREST, Mr. HINCHEY, Ms. KAPTUR, Mr. DELAHUNT, Mr. FROST, Mr. MCHUGH, Mr. LAFALCE, Mrs. THURMAN, Mr. RIGGS, Mr. WALSH, Mrs. MORELLA, Mr. GREEN, Mrs. MINK of Hawaii, Mr. MCDERMOTT, Mr. KENNEDY of Rhode Island, Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts, Mr. FALEOMAVAEGA, Mr. TRAFICANT, Mr. QUINN, Mr. KLUG, Mrs. KELLY, Mr. CLYBURN, Mr. GEJDENSON, Mrs. LOWEY, Mr. BATEMAN, Mr. BILBRAY, Mr. GOSS, Mr. EHLERS, Mr. FRANKS of New Jersey, Mr. BAKER, Mr. HORN, Mr. FOLEY, Mr. WELDON of Pennsylvania, Mr. CANADY of Florida, Mr. KENNEDY of Massachusetts, Mr. SPENCE, Ms. JACKSON-LEE, Mrs. MEEK of Florida, and Mr. LATOURETTE.

H.R. 446: Mr. METCALF, Ms. PRYCE of Ohio, Ms. NORTON, Mr. GREENWOOD, and Mr. MORAN of Virginia.

H.R. 469: Mr. EVANS.

H.R. 475: Mrs. JOHNSON of Connecticut.

H.R. 491: Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN, Mr. SENSENBRENNER, Ms. CHRISTIAN-GREEN, Mr. KENNEDY of Massachusetts, Mr. BEREUTER, Mr. CANADY of Florida, and Mr. ENGLISH of Pennsylvania.

H.R. 493: Mr. FRANKS of New Jersey.

H.R. 498: Mr. THOMPSON and Mr. COYNE.

H.R. 500: Mr. MCNULTY, Ms. RIVERS, and Mrs. KELLY.

H.R. 551: Mr. VENTO, Ms. PELOSI, Mr. SABO, and Mr. HINCHEY.

H.R. 552: Mr. ADAM SMITH of Washington, Mr. BORSKI, Mr. FILNER, Mrs. MORELLA, and Mr. HINCHEY.

H.R. 553: Mr. WALSH, Mr. FILNER, Mr. HEFNER, Mr. MCINTYRE, Mr. KIND of Wisconsin, and Mr. ABERCROMBIE.

H.R. 556: Mr. RUSH, Ms. NORTON, Mrs. MORELLA, Mr. FROST, and Mr. MCGOVERN.

H.R. 558: Mrs. MALONEY of New York.

H.R. 586: Mr. ANDREWS, Mr. BAKER, Mr. BARTLETT of Maryland, Mr. BEREUTER, Mr. CALVERT, Mr. CASTLE, Ms. CHRISTIAN-GREEN, Ms. DEGETTE, Mr. EVERETT, Mr. GUTIERREZ, Mr. INGLIS of South Carolina, Mr. MATSUI, Mr. METCALF, Mr. PALLONE, Ms. RIVERS, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. SHIMKUS, Mr. SNYDER, Mr. TAYLOR of North Carolina, and Mr. THOMPSON.

H.R. 600: Ms. LOFGREN, Mr. SABO, and Mr. MILLER of California.

H.R. 616: Ms. LOFGREN, Mr. GANSKE, Mr. FORD, Mr. NEY, Ms. BROWN of Florida, Mr. CONDIT, Ms. JACKSON-LEE, Mr. PRICE of North Carolina, Mr. ROMERO-BARCELO, Mr. GREEN, and Mr. KLECZKA.

H.R. 635: Ms. LOFGREN, Mr. KLECZKA, and Ms. NORTON.

H.R. 651: Ms. DUNN of Washington.

H.R. 652: Ms. DUNN of Washington.

H.R. 673: Ms. LOFGREN.

H.R. 676: Ms. PELOSI, Mr. LAFALCE, Ms. CHRISTIAN-GREEN, and Ms. WATERS.

H.R. 680: Mr. LUTHER.

H.R. 685: Mr. BERMAN, Mr. COYNE, Mr. FATTAH, Mr. LEWIS of Georgia, Mr. MCGOVERN, Mr. RUSH, and Mr. WATT of North Carolina.

H.R. 688: Mr. LAHOOD, Mr. UPTON, Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN, Mr. HAMILTON, Mr. JONES, Mr. SMITH of Michigan, Mr. CAMP, and Mr. RUSH.

H.R. 748: Mr. SAXTON.

H.R. 756: Mr. KASICH, Mr. WATTS of Oklahoma, Mr. SAWYER, Mr. SERRANO, Mr. CALLAHAN, Mr. KILDEE, Mrs. MORELLA, Mr. GEKAS, Mr. WELDON of Pennsylvania, Mr. QUINN, Mr. GILCHREST, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. ROMERO-BARCELO, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. BAKER, Mr. JEFFERSON, and Mr. RAHALL.

H.R. 758: Mr. CASTLE, Mr. TALENT, Mr. PAUL, Mr. PETERSON of Pennsylvania, Mr. MCCOLLUM, Mr. GANSKE, Mr. RAMSTAD, Mr. BRADY, Mr. CANNON, Mr. WATKINS, and Mr. HASTINGS of Washington.

H.R. 786: Mr. WHITFIELD, Mr. JONES, Mr. INGLIS of South Carolina, Mr. ETHERIDGE, Mr. HILLIARD, Mr. COBLE, and Mr. LEWIS of Georgia.

H.R. 789: Mr. KLECZKA.

H.R. 790: Mr. PICKERING.

H.R. 791: Mr. BOSWELL.

H.R. 799: Mrs. CHENOWETH.

H.J. Res. 1: Mr. GINGRICH, Mr. COMBEST, Mr. COLLINS, Mr. GILCHREST, Mr. GOODLING, Mr. HOBSON, and Mr. SMITH of Texas.

H.J. Res. 9: Ms. DELAURO.

H.J. Res. 54: Mr. BRADY, Mr. CLEMENT, Mr. KENNEDY of Massachusetts, Mr. LAZIO of New York, Mr. MILLER of Florida, Mr. POMEROY, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. STUPAK, Mr. SUNUNU, and Mr. THUNE.

H.J. Res. 55: Mr. MCINTOSH and Mr. HILLEARY.

H. Con. Res. 8: Mr. MILLER of California, Mr. ROHRABACHER, Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN, Mrs. KELLY, Mr. HORN, Mr. EVANS, Mr. CANADY of Florida, Mr. BILBRAY, Mr. MICA, Mr. FOLEY, Mr. KLUG, Mr. ROGAN, Mr. GREENWOOD, Mr. PORTMAN, Ms. CHRISTIAN-GREEN, Mr. ROMERO-BARCELO, Mr. MARKEY, Ms. LOFGREN, Mr. GILCHREST, and Mr. DEUTSCH.

H. Con. Res. 13: Mr. FAZIO of California, Mr. GOODE, Mr. DICKS, Mr. HALL of Ohio, Mr. HOLDEN, Mr. MANTON, Ms. CHRISTIAN-GREEN, Mr. EVANS, Mr. BARTLETT of Maryland, Mr. HAMILTON, Mr. GREEN, Mr. KLECZKA, Mrs. MALONEY of New York, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. SANDLIN, Mr. LUCAS of Oklahoma, Mr. WATTS of Oklahoma, Mr. MCINTYRE, Mr. MURTHA, Mrs. MINK of Hawaii, Mr. WALSH, Mr. POSHARD, Mr. KENNEDY of Rhode Island, Mr. FALEOMAVAEGA, Mr. BILBRAY, Mr. ADAM SMITH of Washington, Mr. BEREUTER, and Ms. VELAZQUEZ.

H. Res. 22: Mrs. CLAYTON, Mr. DELLUMS, Mr. HORN, and Mr. BARRETT of Wisconsin.

H. Res. 23: Mr. METCALF.

H. Res. 48: Mr. BALDACCI and Mr. DAVIS of Virginia.

H. Res. 64: Mr. PETRI and Mr. MINGE.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 1997 (13)

The House was called to order by the SPEAKER.

¶13.1 APPROVAL OF THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER announced he had examined and approved the Journal of the proceedings of Tuesday, February 25, 1997.

Mr. SHAYS, pursuant to clause 1, rule I, objected to the Chair's approval of the Journal.

The question being put, viva voce,

Will the House agree to the Chair's approval of said Journal?

The SPEAKER announced that the yeas had it.

Mr. SHAYS objected to the vote on the ground that a quorum was not present and not voting.

The SPEAKER, pursuant to clause 5, rule I, announced that the vote would be postponed until later today.

The point of no quorum was considered as withdrawn.