To the Congress of the United States:

Pursuant to section 233(e)(1) of the Social Security Act (the ''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 Second Supplementary Agreement Amending the Agreement Between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of Canada with Respect to Social Security (the Second Supplementary Agreement). The Second Supplementary Agreement, signed at Ottawa on May 28, 1996, is intended to modify certain provisions of the original United States-Canada Social Security Agreement signed at Ottawa March 11, 1981, which was amended once before by the Supplementary Agreement of May 10, 1983.

The United States-Canada Social Security Agreement is similar in objective to the social security agreements with Austria, Belgium, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Ireland, Italy, Luxembourg, The Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, and the United Kingdom. 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 Second Supplementary Agreement provides Canada with a specific basis to enter into a mutual assistance arrangement with the United States. This enables each Governments' Social Security agency to assist the other in enhancing the administration of their respective foreign benefits programs. The Social Security Administration has benefited from a similar mutual assistance arrangement with the United Kingdom. The Second Supplementary Agreement will also make a number of minor revisions in the Agreement to take into account other changes in U.S. and Canadian law that have occurred in recent years.

The United States-Canada 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 Second Supplementary Agreement, along with a paragraph-by-paragraph explanation of the effect of the amendments on the Agreement. 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 Second Supplementary Agreement and related documents to me.

I commend the United States-Canada Second Supplementary Social Security Agreement and related documents.

WILLIAM J. CLINTON.

THE WHITE HOUSE, *March 3, 1997.*

The message, together with the accompanying papers, was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means and ordered to be printed (H. Doc. 105–49).

And then,

¶15.9 ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Mr. WOLF, pursuant to the special order agreed to on February 27, 1997, at 2 o'clock and 30 minutes p.m., the House adjourned until 12:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 4, 1997.

¶15.10 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. COX of California (for himself, Mr. RAHALL, Mr. ANDREWS, Mr. HALL of Texas, Mr. DELAY, Mr. LIVINGSTON, Mr. BLILEY, Mr. SOLOMON, Ms. MOLINARI, Mr. PITTS, Mr. LARGENT, Mr. MCCOLLUM, Mr. TALENT, Mr. BURTON of Indiana, Mr. BACHUS, Mr. BAKER, Mr. BARR of Georgia, Mr. BARTLETT of Maryland, Mr. BILBRAY, Mr. BONILLA, Mr. BONO, Mr. BRYANT, Mr. BUNNING of Kentucky, Mr. CALLAHAN, Mr. CALVERT, Mr. CANNON, Mr. CANADY of Florida, Mr. CHABOT, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mrs. CHENOWETH, Mr. CHRISTENSEN, Mr. COBURN, Mr. COLLINS, Mr. COOK, Mr. COOKSEY, Mr. CRANE, Mr. CRAPO, Mrs. CUBIN, Mr. DEAL of Georgia, Mr. DOOLITTLE, Mr. DREIER, Mr. DUNCAN, Mr. EHRLICH, Mrs. EMERSON, Mr. FOLEY, Mr. FORBES, Mr. FOX of Pennsylvania, Mr. GALLEGLY, Mr. GIBBONS, Mr. GOODLING, Mr. GRAHAM, Ms. GRANGER, Mr. HASTINGS of Washington, Mr. HAYWORTH, Mr. HEFLEY, Mr. HERGER, Mr. HILL, Mr. HORN, Mr. HOSTETTLER, Mr. HULSHOF, Mr. HUNTER, Mr. HUTCHINSON, Mr. INGLIS of South Carolina, Mr. SAM JOHNSON, Mr. JONES, Mrs. KELLY, Mr. KIM, Mr. KING of New York, Mr. KINGSTON, Mr. KNOLLENBERG, Mr. KOLBE, Mr. LATOURETTE, Mr. LEWIS of Kentucky, Mr. LINDER, Mr. LUCAS of Oklahoma, Mr. MCCRERY, Mr. MCINTOSH, Mr. MCHUGH, Mr. MCKEON, Mr. MANZULLO, Mr. METCALF, Mr. MORAN of Kansas, Mrs. MYRICK, Mr. NORWOOD, Mr. PACKARD, Mr. PAPPAS, Mr. PARKER, Mr. PAUL, Mr. PEASE, Mr. POMBO, Mr. RIGGS, Mr. RILEY, Mr. ROGAN, Mr. ROHRABACHER, Mr. ROYCE, Mr. RYUN, Mr. SAXTON, Mr. SCARBOROUGH, Mr. BOB SCHAFFER, Mr. SENSENBRENNER, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. SHADEGG, Mr. SKEEN, Mr. SMITH of Texas, Mrs. LINDA SMITH of Washington, Mr. SMITH of Michigan, Mr. SMITH of Oregon, Mr. SNOWBARGER, Mr. STEARNS, Mr. STUMP, Mr. TAYLOR of North Carolina, Mr. WALSH, Mr. WATTS of Oklahoma, Mr. WELDON of Pennsylvania, Mr. WELDON of Florida, and Mr. YOUNG of Alaska):

H.R. 902. A bill to repeal the Federal estate and gift taxes and the tax on generation-skipping transfers; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. COBLE (for himself and Mr. GOODLATTE):

H.R. 903. A bill to amend title 28, United States Code, with respect to arbitration in U.S. district courts, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. FALEOMAVAEGA:

H.R. 904. A bill to amend the definition of State in the Federal Home Loan Bank Act to include American Samoa within the meaning of such term; to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services.

H.R. 905. A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to provide that U.S. nationals should be eligible for advanced training in, and for financial assistance as members of, the Senior Reserve Officers' Training Corps; to the Committee on National Security.

By Mr. MCINTOSH (for himself, Mr. GOODLATTE, Mr. BACHUS, Mr. DAVIS of Virginia, Mr. FROST, Mr. BOUCHER, Mr. CONDIT, Mrs. MYRICK, Ms. LOFGREN, and Mr. MORAN of Virginia):

H.R. 906. A bill to provide for a reduced rate of postage for certain mailings that under Federal or State law, are required to be made by local governments; to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

By Mr. SANFORD (for himself, Mr. CLEMENT, Mr. LARGENT, Mr. BALLENGER, Mr. CALVERT, Mr. CAMPBELL, Mr. CHABOT, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. COBURN, Mr. DEAL of Georgia, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. HERGER, Mr. HILLEARY, Mr. HOEKSTRA, Mr. HOSTETTLER, Mr. ISTOOK, Mr. JONES. Mr. KINGSTON, Mr. KLUG, Mr. LATOURETTE, Mr. LUCAS of Oklahoma, Mr. MCINTOSH, Mr. MICA, Mrs. MYRICK, Mr. NEY, Mrs. NORTHUP, Mr. NORWOOD, Mr. PICKERING, Mr. SALMON, Mr. SCARBOROUGH, Mr. SENSENBRENNER, Mr. SHADEGG, Mr. SOUDER, Mr. SPENCE, Mr. SPRATT, Mr. TAUZIN, Mr. TAYLOR of North Carolina Mr. TAYLOR of Mississippi, Mr. THORNBERRY, Mr. WATKINS, Mr. WATTS of Oklahoma, and Mr. WHITFIELD):

H.R. 907. A bill to amend title 23, United States Code, to modify the minimum allocation formula under the Federal-aid highways program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

By Mr. SHAW (for himself, Mr. MICA, Mr. BACHUS, Mr. HUNTER, Mr. WATTS of Oklahoma, Mr. TRAFICANT, Mr. FOLEY, Mrs. MYRICK, Mr. MCCOLLUM, Mr. ENGLISH of Pennsylvania, and Mr. LATOURETTE):

H.J. Res. 58. Joint resolution disapproving the certification of the President under section 490(b) of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 regarding foreign assistance for Mexico during fiscal year 1997; to the Committee on International Relations.

By Mr. ADERHOLT (for himself, Mr. RILEY, Mr. CANADY of Florida, and Mr. BARR of Georgia):

H. Con. Res. 31. Concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress regarding the display of the Ten Commandments by Judge Roy S. Moore, a judge on the circuit court of the State of Alabama; to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, 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.

¶15.11 ADDITIONAL SPONSORS

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

H.R. 8: Mr. RADANOVICH.

H.R. 108: Mr. DEFAZIO and Mr. LEWIS of Georgia.