H.R. 166: Mr. STUPAK.
H.R. 168: Mr. STUPAK.
H.R. 367: Mr. TIAHRT and Mr. WATTS of Oklahoma.
H.R. 400: Mr. HINCHEY and Mr. LEWIS of Georgia.
H.R. 630: Mr. RADANOVICH and Mr. MARTINEZ.
H.R. 664: Mr. FROST and Mr. YATES.
H.R. 673: Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts and Mr. DELAHUNT.
H.R. 674: Mr. HILLEARY.
H.R. 680: Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts.
H.R. 727: Mr. BILBRAY.
H.R. 750: Mr. ACKERMAN, Mr. MATSUI, and Mr. PORTER.
H.R. 817: Mr. POMBO.
H.R. 882: Mr. LANTOS.
H. Con. Res. 18: Mr. BURTON of Indiana and Mr. YATES.

TUESDAY, MARCH 4, 1997 (16)

¶16.1 DESIGNATION OF SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, March 4, 1997.

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

NEWT GINGRICH,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

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

¶16.2 RECESS—12:58 P.M.

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

¶16.3 AFTER RECESS—2 P.M.

The SPEAKER called the House to order.

¶16.4 APPROVAL OF THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER announced he had examined and approved the Journal of the proceedings of Monday, March 3, 1997.

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

¶16.5 COMMUNICATIONS

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

2028. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Thiazopyr: Pesticide Tolerances [OPP–300455; FRL–5591–5] (RIN: 2070–AB78) received February 27, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 810(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

2029. A letter from the Administrator, Food and Consumer Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Food Assistance in Disaster and Distress Situations [Workplan Number 90–0001] (RIN: 0584–AB55) received February 27, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 810(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

2030. A letter from the Under Secretary of Defense, transmitting a report of a violation of the Anti-Deficiency Act—Air Force violation, case No. 95–16, which totaled $172,121, occurred in the fiscal year 1993 and fiscal year 1994 operation and maintenance, Air Force [O&M,AF] appropriations, pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 1517(b); to the Committee on Appropriations.

2031. A letter from the Director, Defense Procurement, Department of Defense transmitting the Department's final rule—Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement; Automatic Data Processing Equipment Leasing Costs [DFARS Case 96–D011] received February 27, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 810(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on National Security.

2032. A letter from the Director, Defense Procurement, Department of Defense, transmitting the Department's final rule—Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement; Earned Value Management System [DFARS Case 96–D024] received March 3, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 810(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on National Security.

2033. A letter from the Director, Office of Administration and Management, Department of Defense, transmitting the Department's final rule—Civilian Health and Medical Program of the Uniformed Services [CHAMPUS]; Program for Persons with Disabilities; Basic Program [DoD 6010.8–R] (RIN: 0720–AA32) received February 27, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 810(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on National Security.

2034. A letter from the Under Secretary of Defense, transmitting notification that the report to be submitted pursuant to 10 U.S.C. 115(a) will be submitted by April 30, 1997; to the Committee on National Security.

2035. A letter from the Assistant to the Board, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, transmitting the Board's final rule—Membership of State Banking Institutions in the Federal Reserve System; Recordkeeping and Confirmation of Certain Securities Transactions Effected by State Member Banks (Regulation H; Docket No. R–0909) received February 28, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services.

2036. A letter from the Secretary of Education, transmitting Final Regulations—Direct Grant Programs, pursuant to 20 U.S.C. 1232(f); to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

2037. A letter from the Assistant General Counsel for Regulations, Department of Education, transmitting the Department's report on the final regulations for direct grant programs, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(B); to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

2038. A letter from the Administrator, Energy Information Administration, Department of Energy, transmitting the Department's report entitled ''Performance Profiles of Major Energy Producers 1995,'' pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 7267; to the Committee on Commerce.

2039. A letter from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting the fourth annual report to Congress on progress in achieving the performance goals referenced in the Prescription Drug User Fee Act of 1992 [PDUFA], for the fiscal year 1996, pursuant to 21 U.S.C. 379g, note; to the Committee on Commerce.

2040. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—National Primary Drinking Water Regulations: Analytical Methods for Radionuclides [WH–FRL–5689–9] (RIN: 2040–AC88) received February 27, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

2041. A letter from the Chairman, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting the report of the nondisclosure of safeguards information for the quarter ending December 31, 1996, pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 2167(d); to the Committee on Commerce.

2042. A letter from the Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting the Commission's ''Major'' final rule—Revision of Holding Period Requirements in Rules 144 and 145 [Release No. 33–7390; File No. S7–17–95] (RIN: 3235–AG53) received February 21, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

2043. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting a copy of Presidential Determination No. 97–17: Suspending Restrictions on U.S. Relations With the Palestine Liberation Organization, pursuant to Public Law 104–107, section 604(b)(1) (110 Stat. 756); to the Committee on International Relations.

2044. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting notification that effective February 10, 1997, the danger pay rate for the Great Lakes Region of Africa, including areas of Rwanda, Uganda, and Zaire, was designated at the 25 percent level, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 5928; to the Committee on International Relations.

2045. A letter from the Executive Director, Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled, transmitting the Committee's final rule—Additions to the Procurement List [97–007] received February 28, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

2046. A letter from the Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Public Affairs, Department of Defense, transmitting a report of activities under the Freedom of Information Act for the calendar year 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552(e); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

2047. A letter from the Director, Division of Commissioned Personnel, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the annual report for the Public Health Service Commissioned Corps retirement system for fiscal year 1995, pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 9503(a)(1)(B); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

2048. A letter from the Director, Office of Administration, Executive Office of the President, 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.

2049. A letter from the Chairman and CEO, Farm Credit Administration, transmitting a report of activities under the Freedom of Information Act for the calendar year 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552(e); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

2050. A letter from the Chairman, National Transportation Safety Board, transmitting a report of activities under the Freedom of Information Act for the calendar year 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552; to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

2051. A letter from the Director, Office of Management and Budget, transmitting a report of activities under the Freedom of Information Act for the calendar year 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552(e); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

2052. A letter from the Chairman, U.S. Merit Systems Protection Board, transmitting a report of activities under the Freedom of Information Act for the calendar year 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552(e); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

2053. A letter from the Secretary of the Interior, transmitting the 1996 section 8 report on National Historic and Natural Landmarks that have been damaged or to which damage to their integrity is anticipated, pursuant to 16 U.S.C. 1a–5(a); to the Committee on Resources.

2054. A letter from the Secretary of the Interior, transmitting the Department's report

on the administration of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, pursuant to 16 U.S.C. 1373(f); to the Committee on Resources.

2055. A letter from the Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule—Fisheries Off West Coast States and in the Western Pacific; Western Pacific Bottomfish Fishery; Mau Zone Moratorium [Docket No. 961121322–7033–02; I.D. 110696B] (RIN: 0648–AJ02) received February 27, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

2056. A letter from the Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule—Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Species in the Rock Sole/Flathead Sole/''Other Flatfish'' Fishery Category by Vessels Using Trawl Gear in Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands [Docket No. 961107312–7021–02; I.D. 021997C] received February 27, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

2057. A letter from the Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule—Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Amendment 6 to the Fishery Management Plan for the Atlantic Mackerel, Squid, and Butterfish Fisheries [Docket No. 961125328–7032–02; I.D. 103196B] (RIN: 0648–AJ06) received February 27, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

2058. A letter from the Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule—Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Scallop Fishery; Registration Area D [Docket No. 960502124–6190–02; I.D. 021997E] received February 28, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

2059. A letter from the Acting Director, Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement, transmitting the Office's final rule—State Program Amendments (RIN: 1029–AB86 and 1029–AB87) received February 27, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

2060. A letter from the Acting Director, Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement, transmitting the Office's final rule—Ohio Regulatory Program [OH–239; Amendment Number 73] received February 27, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

2061. A letter from the Assistant Secretary (Civil Works), Department of the Army, transmitting the Department's report entitled ''Upper Jordan River, Utah—Mill Creek Flood Control Project,'' pursuant to section 301(a)(14) of the Water Resources Development Act [WRDA] of 1996; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

2062. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Model A320 Series Airplanes (Federal Aviation Administration) [Docket No. 96–NM–11–AD; Amdt. 39–9948; AD 97–05–94] (RIN: 2120–AA64) received February 27, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

2063. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Airworthiness Directives; Dornier Model 328–100 Series Airplanes (Federal Aviation Administration) [Docket No. 96–NM–116–AD; Amdt. 39–9949; AD 97–05–05] (RIN: 2120–AA64) received February 27, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

2064. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Airworthiness Directives; Boeing Model 747–200. –300, and –400 Series Airplanes (Federal Aviation Administration) [Docket No. 96–NM–71–AD; Amdt. 39–9945; AD 97–05–01] (RIN: 2120–AA64) received February 27, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

2065. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Airworthiness Directives; Empresa Brasileria de Aeronautica S.A. (EMBRAER) Model EMB–120 Series Airplanes (Federal Aviation Administration) [Docket No. 95–NM–51–AD; Amdt. 39–9946; AD 97–05–02] (RIN: 2120–AA64) received February 27, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

2066. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Airworthiness Directives; Boeing Model 727 Series Airplanes (Federal Aviation Administration) [Docket No. 96–NM–223–AD; Amdt. 39–9894; AD 97–02–09] (RIN: 2120–AA64) received February 27, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

2067. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Airworthiness Directives; Fokker Model F27 Mark 100, 200, 300, 400, 500, 600 and 700 Series Airplanes (Federal Aviation Administration) [Docket No. 96–NM–142–AD; Amdt. 39–9943; AD 97–04–18] (RIN: 2120–AA64) received February 27, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

2068. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Airworthiness Directives; Fokker Model F27 Series Airplanes Equipped with Walter Kidde Nose Wheel Steering System (Federal Aviation Administration) [Docket No. 96–NM–38–AD; Amdt. 39–9941; AD 97–04–16] (RIN: 2120–AA64) received February 27, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

2069. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Airworthiness Directives; Saab Model SAAB 2000 Series Airplanes (Federal Aviation Administration) [Docket No. 96–NM–236–AD; Amdt. 39–9944; AD 97–04–19] (RIN: 2120–AA64) received February 27, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

2070. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Airworthiness Directives; British Aerospace Model BAe 146 Series Airplanes and Model Avro 146–RJ Series Airplanes (Federal Aviation Administration) [Docket No. 96–NM–48–AD; Amdt. 39–9942; AD 97–04–17] (RIN: 2120–AA64) received February 27, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

2071. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Amendment to Class E Airspace; Johnston County Executive Airport, Olathe, KS (Federal Aviation Administration) [Airspace Docket No. 96–ACE–19] (RIN: 2120–AA66) received February 27, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

2072. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Amendment to Class E Airspace; Imperial, NE (Federal Aviation Administration) [Docket No. 96–ACE–20] (RIN: 2120–AA66) received February 27, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

2073. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Amendment of Class E Airspace; San Jose, CA (Federal Aviation Administration) [Airspace Docket No. 96–AWP–27] (RIN: 2120–AA66) received February 27, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

2074. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Revision of Class E Airspace; Victorville, CA (Federal Aviation Administration) [Airspace Docket No. 96–AWP–30] (RIN: 2120–AA66) received February 27, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

2075. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Establishment of Class D Airspace; Victorville, CA (Federal Aviation Administration) [Airspace Docket No. 95–AWP–26] (RIN: 2120–AA66) received February 27, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

2076. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Special Flight Rules in the Vicinity of Grand Canyon National Park (Federal Aviation Administration) [Docket No. 28537; Amendment Nos. 91–253, 93–73, 121–262, 135–66] (RIN: 2120–AF93) received February 27, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

2077. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Advisory Circular—Aviation Safety Action Programs (ASAP) (Federal Aviation Administration) (RIN: 2120–ZZ04) received February 27, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

2078. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Special Anchorage Area: Special Anchorage Great Kills Harbor, Staten Island, NY; Special Anchorage Sheepshead Bay, Brooklyn, NY (U.S. Coast Guard) [CGD01–96–012] (RIN: 2115–AA98) received February 27, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

2079. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Special Local Regulations: Intracoastal Waterway, St. Augustine, FL (U.S. Coast Guard) [CGD07–97–002] (RIN: 2115–AE46) received February 27, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

2080. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Drawbridge Operation Regulations; Gulf Intracoastal Waterway, LA (U.S. Coast Guard) [CGD8–97–001] (RIN: 2115–AE47) received February 27, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

2081. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Section 5309 (Section 3(J)) FTA New Starts Criteria (Federal Transit Administration) (RIN: 2132–AA50) received February 27, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

2082. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Implementation of the 1995 Amendments to the International Convention on Standards of Train-

ing, Certification and Watchkeeping for Seafarers, 1978 (STCW) (U.S. Coast Guard) [CGD 95–062] (RIN: 2115–AF26) received March 3, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

2083. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Branch, Department of the Treasury, transmitting the Department's final rule—Entry of Softwood Lumber Shipments from Canada (U.S. Customs Service) [T.D. 97–9] (RIN: 1515–AB97] received February 24, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

2084. A letter from the Assistant Commissioner (Examination), Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Petroleum Industry Coordinated Issue: Cost Depletion—Recoverable Reserves—received February 25, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

2085. A letter from the Assistant Commissioner (Examination), Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Construction/Real Estate Industry Coordinated Issue: Per Diem Allowances for Temporary Technical Services Employees—received February 25, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

2086. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Tax Avoidance Using Self-Amortizing Investments in Conduit Financing Entities [Notice 97–21] received February 28, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

2087. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Waiver of Certain Limitations on Obtaining Automatic Consent to Change an Accounting Period and Elect to be an S Corporation Effective January 1, 1997 [Notice 97–20] received February 28, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

2088. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Employee Plans and Exempt Organizations; Requests for Certain Determination Letters and Applications for Recognition of Exemption [Announcement 97–20] received February 28, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

2089. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Determination of Issue Price in the Case of Certain Debt Instruments Issued for Property [Rev. Rul. 97–10] received February 28, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

2090. A letter from the Chairman, Prospective Payment Assessment Commission, transmitting the Commission's report on issues affecting health care delivery in the United States, pursuant to Public Law 101–508, section 4002(g)(1)(B) (104 Stat. 1388–36); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

2091. A letter from the Department of State, Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, transmitting the Department's Federal Equal Opportunity Recruitment Program for fiscal year 1996, pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 3905(d)(2); jointly, to the Committees on International Relations and Government Reform and Oversight.

2092. A letter from the Railroad Retirement Board, transmitting the Board's justification of budget estimates for fiscal year 1998, pursuant to 45 U.S.C. 231f; jointly, to the Committees on Transportation and Infrastructure, Ways and Means, and Appropriations.

¶16.6 ORDER OF BUSINESS—SUSPENSION OF THE RULES

On motion of Mr. CANADY, by unanimous consent,

Ordered, That on Wednesday, March 5, 1997, the Speaker be authorized to entertain motions to suspend the rules and agree to the following concurrent resolutions:

H. Con. Res. 17. Concurrent resolution congratulating the people of Guatemala on the success of the recent negotiations to establish a peace process for Guatemala;

H. Con. Res. 18. Concurrent resolution congratulating the people of the Republic of Nicaragua on the success of their democratic elections;

S. Con. Res. 4. Concurrent resolution commending and thanking the Honorable Warren Christopher for his exemplary service as Secretary of State; and

Ordered further, That on Thursday, March 6, 1997, the Speaker be authorized to entertain a motion to suspend the rules and pass the following bill:

H.R. 513. A bill to exempt certain contracts entered into by the government of the District of Columbia from review by the Council of the District of Columbia.

¶16.7 REGARDING THE TEN COMMANDMENTS

Mr. CANADY moved to suspend the rules and agree to the following concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 31):

Whereas Judge Roy S. Moore, a lifelong resident of Etowah County, Alabama, graduate of the United States Military Academy with distinguished service to his country in Vietnam, and graduate of the University of Alabama School of Law, has served his country and his community with uncommon distinction;

Whereas another circuit judge in Alabama, has ordered Judge Moore to remove a copy of the Ten Commandments posted in his courtroom and the Alabama Supreme Court has granted a stay to review the matter;

Whereas the Ten Commandments have had a significant impact on the development of the fundamental legal principles of Western Civilization; and

Whereas the Ten Commandments set forth a code of moral conduct, observance of which is universally acknowledged to promote respect for our system of laws and the good of society: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate concurring), That it is the sense of Congress that—

(1) the Ten Commandments are a declaration of fundamental principles that are the cornerstones of a fair and just society; and

(2) the public display, including display in government offices and courthouses, of the Ten Commandments should be permitted.

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. GOODLATTE, recognized Mr. CANADY and Mr. SCOTT, each for 20 minutes.

After debate,

The question being put, viva voce,

Will the House suspend the rules and agree to said concurrent resolution?

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

Mr. CANADY 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. GOODLATTE, pursuant to clause 5(b)(1) of rule I, announced that further proceedings on the motion were postponed until Wednesday, March 5, 1997, pursuant to the prior announcement of the Chair.

And then,

¶16.8 ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Mr. ADERHOLT, at 3 o'clock and 1 minute p.m., the House adjourned.

¶16.9 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. COBLE (for himself and Mr. BERMAN):

H.R. 908. A bill to establish a Commission on Structural Alternatives for the Federal Courts of Appeals; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. HEFLEY (for himself and Mr. ORTIZ) (both by request):

H.R. 909. A bill to authorize certain construction at military installations for fiscal year 1998, and for other purposes; to the Committee on National Security.

By Mr. MARKEY (for himself, Mr. BURTON of Indiana, Mr. SPRATT, Mr. MORAN of Virginia, Mr. GREENWOOD, Mr. KLINK, Mr. POSHARD, Mr. KENNEDY of Massachusetts, Mrs. TAUSCHER, Mr. DEFAZIO, Mr. HINCHEY, Mr. FILNER, and Ms. HOOLEY of Oregon):

H.R. 910. A bill to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to require that violent television programming is limited to broadcast after the hours when children are reasonably likely to comprise a substantial portion of the audience, unless it is specifically rated on the basis of its violent content so that it is blockable by electronic means specifically on the basis of that content; to the Committee on Commerce.

By Mr. PORTER (for himself, Mr. ACKERMAN, Mr. BAKER, Mr. BARRETT of Nebraska, Mr. BARTLETT of Maryland, Mr. BEREUTER, Mr. BLILEY, Mr. BOEHLERT, Mr. BUNNING of Kentucky, Mr. CALLAHAN, Mr. CAMPBELL, Mr. CANADY of Florida, Mrs. CARSON, Ms. CHRISTIAN-GREEN, Mr. COOKSEY, Mr. COYNE, Mr. CUNNINGHAM, Ms. DANNER, Mr. DAVIS of Virginia, Mr. DICKEY, Mr. DOYLE, Ms. DUNN of Washington, Mr. EHLERS, Mr. EHRLICH, Mrs. EMERSON, Mr. ENGLISH of Pennsylvania, Mr. ENSIGN, Mr. EVANS, Mr. FATTAH, Mr. FILNER, Mr. FOLEY, Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts, Mr. FRANKS of New Jersey, Mr. FROST, Ms. FURSE, Mr. GALLEGLY, Mr. GILCHREST, Mr. GOODLATTE, Mr. GOODLING, Mr. GOSS, Mr. GREENWOOD, Mr. HALL of Ohio, Mr. HASTERT, Mr. HAYWORTH, Mr. HERGER, Mr. HOBSON, Mr. HOLDEN, Mr. HORN, Mrs. JOHNSON of Connecticut, Mrs. KELLY, Mr. KIM, Mr. LARGENT, Mr. LEACH, Mr. LIVINGSTON, Mr. MCCOLLUM, Mr. MCHUGH, Mr. MCKEON, Ms. MCKINNEY, Mr. MCINTOSH, Mr. MEEHAN, Ms. MOLINARI, Mr. NEAL of Massachusetts, Mr. NEY, Ms. NORTON, Mr. OLVER, Mr. OWENS, Mr. PARKER, Mr. PAYNE, Mr. PETRI, Mr. PICKETT, Mr. POSHARD, Mr. QUINN, Mr. RAMSTAD, Mr. RIGGS, Mr. ROMERO-BARCELO, Mr. SANDERS,