KENNEDY of Rhode Island, Mr. LANTOS, Mr. LAZIO of New York, Mr. MCGOVERN, Mr. SALMON, Mrs. TAUSCHER, and Mr. WICKER.

H.R. 591: Mr. STARK, Mr. RUSH, Mr. FOGLIETTA, Mr. NADLER, and Mr. HINCHEY.

H.R. 598: Mr. MCINTOSH and Mr. EVANS.

H.R. 612: Mr. WAXMAN, Mr. LATOURETTE, Mr. MANTON, Mr. COOKSEY, Mr. VISCLOSKY, Mr. TIERNEY, Mr. SCOTT, and Mr. ROTHMAN.

H.R. 628: Mr. WYNN and Mr. STUPAK.

H.R. 635: Ms. PELOSI.

H.R. 665: Mr. SCHIFF.

H.R. 680: Mr. MCINTOSH.

H.R. 687: Mr. OWENS, Mr. DELLUMS, Ms. BROWN of Florida, and Mr. MCGOVERN.

H.R. 766: Ms. SLAUGHTER, Ms. KILPATRICK, and Mr. GEJDENSON.

H.R. 767: Mr. KLUG.

H.R. 815: Mr. BENTSEN, Mr. LEWIS of Georgia, Mr. DELLUMS, Mr. ACKERMAN, Mrs. KELLY, Mr. GILMAN, Mr. PICKETT, Ms. SLAUGHTER, Mr. NADLER, Mr. DICKEY, Mr. TIERNEY, Ms. DELAURO, Ms. RIVERS, Mrs. MORELLA, Mr. BERRY, Mr. CLYBURN, Mr. OLVER, Mr. LAFALCE, Mr. HINCHEY, and Mr. WALSH.

H.R. 858: Mr. CANADY of Florida, Mr. HEFLEY, Mr. HILLIARD, Mr. RADANOVICH, Mr. RIGGS, Mr. POMBO, and Mr. PARKER.

H.R. 898: Mr. DOOLEY of California.

H.R. 901: Mr. PETERSON of Pennsylvania, Mr. SHADEGG, Mr. GRAHAM, and Mr. CRAPO.

H.J. Res. 32: Mr. GALLEGLY.

H.J. Res. 40: Mr. GRAHAM.

H.J. Res. 58: Mr. BONO, Mr. SOUDER, Mr. BURTON of Indiana, Mr. BARR of Georgia, and Mr. GRAHAM.

H. Con. Res. 13: Mr. HEFNER, Mr. STUPAK, Mrs. FOWLER, Mr. PRICE of North Carolina, Mr. CLAY, Mr. GEJDENSON, Ms. RIVERS, Mrs. CARSON, and Mr. KANJORSKI.

H. Con. Res. 18: Mr. FALEOMAVAEGA and Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts.

H. Con. Res. 31: Mr. RYUN, Mr. WATTS of Oklahoma, Mrs. CHENOWETH, Mr. HILLEARY, Mr. CRANE, Mr. ISTOOK, Mr. GOODLATTE, Mr. COBURN, Mr. EVERETT, Mr. BACHUS, Mr. ROGAN, Mr. CALLAHAN, Mr. WOLF, Mr. PICKERING, and Mr. WICKER.

H. Res. 15: Mr. SERRANO, Mr. NADLER, Mr. KENNEDY of Rhode Island, Mr. SHAYS, Mr. JACKSON, Mrs. MORELLA, Mrs. MEEK of Florida, and Mr. SALMON.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 5, 1997 (17)

¶17.1 DESIGNATION OF SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, March 5, 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.

¶17.2 APPROVAL OF THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. EWING, announced he had examined and approved the Journal of the proceedings of Tuesday, March 4, 1997.

Mr. MILLER of California, 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 pro tempore, Mr. EWING, announced that the yeas had it.

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

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. EWING, 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.

¶17.3 COMMUNICATIONS

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

2093. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting a report pursuant to section 1306(c) of the National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 1997, pursuant to Public Law 104–201, section 1306(c) (110 Stat. 2707); to the Committee on National Security.

2094. A letter from the Managing Director, Federal Housing Finance Board, transmitting the Board's reports entitled ''1997 Salary Rates'' for its employees in grades 1–15 and ''Executive Level Salary Ranges'' for its executive level employees, pursuant to section 1206 of the Financial Institutions Reform, Recovery, and Enforcement Act of 1989 [FIRREA]; to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services.

2095. A letter from the Acting Director, Defense Security Assistance Agency, transmitting the Department of the Army's proposed lease of defense articles to the NATO Maintenance and Supply Agency [NAMSA] [Transmittal No. 08–97], pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2; to the Committee on International Relations.

2096. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting notification of a proposed manufacturing license agreement for production of major military equipment with Spain (Transmittal No. DTC–13–97), pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2776(d); to the Committee on International Relations.

2097. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting notification of a proposed manufacturing license agreement for production of major military equipment with Spain (Transmittal No. DTC–12–97), pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2776(d); to the Committee on International Relations.

2098. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting certification of a proposed manufacturing license agreement for production of major military equipment with Japan (Transmittal No. DTC–19–97), pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2776(d); to the Committee on International Relations.

2099. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting notification of a proposed manufacturing license agreement for production of major military equipment with the United Kingdom (Transmittal No. DTC–39–97), pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2776(d); to the Committee on International Relations.

2100. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting certification of a proposed license for the export of defense articles or defense services sold commercially to Switzerland (Transmittal No. DTC–2–97), pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2776(c); to the Committee on International Relations.

2101. A letter from the Director of Fiscal Resources, Department of the Interior, 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.

2102. A letter from the Director of Communications and Legislative Affairs, Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, 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.

2103. A letter from the Chairman, Federal Maritime Commission, 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.

2104. A letter from the Chairman, International Trade Commission, 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.

2105. A letter from the Acting Executive Secretary, National Security Council, 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.

2106. A letter from The Special Counsel, Office of the Special Counsel, 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.

2107. A letter from the Director, U.S. Trade and Development Agency, 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.

2108. A letter from the Director, Financial Services, Library of Congress, transmitting a copy of the U.S. Capitol Preservation Commission annual report for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1996; to the Committee on House Oversight.

2109. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting notification of his determination that Israel is not being denied its right to participate in the activities of the International Atomic Energy Agency, pursuant to Public Law 99–88, chapter V (99 Stat. 232); Public Law 100–461, title I (102 Stat. 2268–3); jointly, to the Committees on International Relations and Appropriations.

2110. A letter from the Director of Communications and Legislative Affairs, Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, transmitting a copy of the Commission's report entitled ''Federal Sector Report on EEO Complaints and Appeals, FY 1995'' and a copy of the EEOC's ''Annual Report on the Employment of Minorities, Women, and People with Disabilities in the Federal Government, FY 1995,'' pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 2000e–4(e); jointly, to the Committees on Government Reform and Oversight and Education and the Workforce.

2111. A letter from the Fiscal Assistant Secretary, Department of the Treasury, transmitting the Department's December 1996 ''Treasury Bulletin,'' pursuant to 26 U.S.C. 9602(a); jointly, to the Committees on Ways and Means and Transportation and Infrastructure.

2112. A letter from the Assistant Attorney General of the United States, transmitting a draft of proposed legislation entitled ''Anti-Gang and Youth Violence Act of 1997''; jointly, to the Committees on the Judiciary, Education and the Workforce, and Commerce.

¶17.4 MOTION TO ADJOURN

Mr. MILLER of California moved that the House do now adjourn.

The question being put, viva voce,

Will the House now adjourn?

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. EWING, announced that the nays had it.

So the motion to adjourn was not agreed to.

¶17.5 PEACE PROCESS IN GUATEMALA

Mr. GILMAN moved to suspend the rules and agree to the following concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 17):

Whereas on December 29, 1996, the Government of Guatemala and the representatives of the Unidad Revolucionaria Nacional Guatemala signed an historic peace accord ending 36 years of armed confrontation;

Whereas the peace accord includes the creation of a commission to implement a wide range of reforms to the political, economic, social, and judicial systems of Guatemala, including an enhanced respect for human rights and the rule of law, improved health and education services, attention to the needs of refugees and displaced persons, and the role of the military in a democratic society;

Whereas the peace accord represents the completion of a long and important negotiation process with the goal of achieving lasting peace, national reconciliation, political stability, and renewed economic growth in Guatemala; and

Whereas lasting peace, political stability, and economic development in Guatemala is in the best interest of all nations of the Western Hemisphere, including the United States: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate concurring), That the Congress—

(1) congratulates the Guatemalan Government of President Alvaro Arzu for its extraordinary accomplishments in negotiating an end to hostilities and beginning the process of national reconciliation and reconstruction;

(2) recognizes the commitment of the Unidad Revolucionaria Nacional Guatemala in Guatemala to agree to end the devastating warfare and to resolve their differences in a peaceful manner within a democratic political arena;

(3) commends all of the people of Guatemala for their determination to achieve a lasting peace and encourages their strong commitment to democratic principles and social justice for all; and

(4) affirms the commitment of the United States to help support a sustainable peace and development of strong democratic institutions in Guatemala.

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. EWING, recognized Mr. GILMAN and Mr. HAMILTON, 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. EWING, announced that two-thirds of the Members present had voted in the affirmative.

Mr. GILMAN 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. GILMAN, pursuant to clause 5, rule I, announced that further proceedings on the motion were postponed.

¶17.6 NICARAGUAN DEMOCRACY

Mr. GILMAN moved to suspend the rules and agree to the following concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 18):

Whereas on October 20, 1996, the people of the Republic of Nicaragua held truly democratic, multiparty elections to choose their government;

Whereas these elections were deemed by international and domestic observers to be free and fair and a legitimate expression of the will of the people of the Republic of Nicaragua;

Whereas on January 10, 1997, Arnoldo Aleman was peacefully sworn in to the office of President of the Republic of Nicaragua and immediately promised to continue down the path to democracy, national reconciliation and reconstruction that are started by the previous administration of President Violeta Barrios de Chamorro; and

Whereas this historic event of democratic elections in the Republic of Nicaragua and the inauguration of President Arnoldo Aleman should be honored: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate concurring), That the Congress—

(1) congratulates the people of the Republic of Nicaragua for the successful completion of the historic democratic, multiparty elections held on October 20, 1996;

(2) congratulates former President Violeta Barrios de Chamorro for her personal courage and her commitment to democracy, which have helped her achieve a profound political and economic transition in the Republic of Nicaragua;

(3) encourages all Nicaraguans to work together after taking this critical step on the long road to lasting peace and democracy;

(4) recognizes that all Nicaraguans should continue to work together in order to ensure a stable democracy, respect for human rights, a free and market-oriented economy, and social justice for all people;

(5) reaffirms the commitment of the United States to help the Republic of Nicaragua move toward freedom and democracy; and

(6) further reaffirms that the United States is strongly committed to encouraging democracy and peaceful development throughout the Western Hemisphere.

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. EWING, recognized Mr. GILMAN and Mr. HAMILTON, 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. EWING, announced that two-thirds of the Members present had voted in the affirmative.

Mr. GILMAN 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. EWING, pursuant to clause 5, rule I, announced that further proceedings on the motion were postponed.

¶17.7 WARREN CHRISTOPHER

Mr. GILMAN moved to suspend the rules and agree to the following concurrent resolution of the Senate (S. Con. Res. 4):

Whereas Secretary Warren Christopher served as Secretary of State from 1993 until 1997, and maintained the tradition of that Office by representing the international interests of the United States with great dignity, grace, and ability;

Whereas Secretary Christopher, during his tenure as Secretary of State, engaged in more international travel than any other Secretary of State in United States history, reflecting his indefatigable commitment to advancing peace and justice, protecting and promoting United States interests, and preserving United States leadership in international affairs;

Whereas Secretary Christopher has played a key leadership role in United States foreign policy achievements, including ending the war in Bosnia, restoring an elected government in Haiti, and advancing peace in the Middle East;

Whereas Secretary Christopher served with distinction as Deputy Secretary of State from 1977 until 1981 and, among his accomplishments as Deputy Secretary, is credited with skillfully negotiating the release of American hostages in Iran;

Whereas Secretary Christopher has had a distinguished career in law and public service in California;

Whereas Secretary Christopher, born in Scranton, North Dakota, is one of North Dakota's most distinguished native sons and has always displayed the quiet strength and work ethic associated with the people of the Great Plains;

Whereas in 1997 Secretary Christopher leaves his position as the 63d Secretary of State; and

Whereas Secretary Christopher has earned the respect and admiration of Congress and the American people: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives concurring), That Congress commends and thanks the Honorable Warren Christopher for his exemplary diplomatic service, and for his skillful and indefatigable efforts to advance peace and justice around the world.

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. EWING, recognized Mr. GILMAN and Mr. HAMILTON, 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. EWING, announced that two-thirds of the Members present had voted in the affirmative.

So, two-thirds of the Members present having voted in favor thereof, the rules were suspended and said concurrent resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider the vote whereby the rules were suspended and said concurrent resolution was agreed to was, by unanimous consent, laid on the table.

Ordered, That the Clerk notify the Senate thereof.

¶17.8 MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT—NATIONAL EMERGENCY WITH RESPECT TO IRAN

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

To the Congress of the United States:

Section 202(d) of the National Emergencies Act (50 U.S.C. 1622(d)) provides for the automatic termination of a national emergency unless, prior to the anniversary date of its declaration, the President publishes in the *Federal Register* and transmits to the Congress a notice stating that the emergency is to continue in effect beyond the anniversary date. In accordance with this provision, I have sent the enclosed notice, stating that the Iran emergency declared on March 15, 1995, pursuant to the International Emergency Economic Powers Act (50 U.S.C. 1701–1706)