

So the motion to adjourn was not agreed to.

¶18.20 MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

A message in writing from the President of the United States was communicated to the House by Mr. Sherman Williams, one of his secretaries.

¶18.21 COMMITTEE RESIGNATION—
MINORITY

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. RIGGS, laid before the House the following communication, which was read as follows:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, March 6, 1997.

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

DEAR SPEAKER GINGRICH: Effective immediately, I hereby resign from the Committee on International Relations.

Sincerely,

DENNIS J. KUCINICH,
Member of Congress.

By unanimous consent, the resignation was accepted.

¶18.22 MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT—
TRADE AGREEMENTS PROGRAMS

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

To the Congress of the United States:

As required by section 163 of the Trade Act of 1974, as amended (19 U.S.C. 2213), I transmit herewith the 1997 Trade Policy Agenda and 1996 Annual Report on the Trade Agreements Program.

WILLIAM J. CLINTON,
THE WHITE HOUSE, March 6, 1997.

By unanimous consent, the message, together with the accompanying papers, was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

¶18.23 PERMANENT SELECT COMMITTEE
ON INTELLIGENCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. LAHOOD, by unanimous consent, announced that the Speaker, pursuant to the provisions of clause 1 of rule XLVIII and clause 6(f) of rule X, notwithstanding the requirement of clause 1(a)(3) of rule XLVIII, appointed to the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, the following Members: Messrs. SKELTON and BISHOP.

¶18.24 COMMITTEE RESIGNATION—
MINORITY

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. PEASE, laid before the House the following communication, which was read as follows:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, March 6, 1997.

Hon. NEWT GINGRICH,
Speaker, U.S. House of Representatives, U.S. Capitol, Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: This letter is to inform you that in order for me to accept an appointment by Democratic Leader Richard Gephardt to a seat on the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, it will be necessary for me to interrupt my service on the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs

and as Ranking Member of its subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations.

Rule 19 F. of the Preamble and Rules of the Democratic Caucus provides that no Democratic Member of the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence may serve on more than one standing committee during that Member's term of service on the select committee. However, the rule also provides that Members shall be entitled to take leaves of absence from service on any committee (or subcommittee thereof) during the period they serve on the select committee and seniority rights on such committee (and on each subcommittee) to which they were assigned at the time shall be fully protected as if they had continued to serve during the period of leave of absence.

While I will remain committed to protecting and enhancing the needs and benefits of our nation's veterans, this letter constitutes notice of my intent to take the necessary leave of absence from the Committee on Veterans' Affairs in order to accept an appointment to the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence.

With kindest regards, I remain
Sincerely yours,

SANFORD D. BISHOP, Jr.,
Member of Congress.

By unanimous consent, the resignation was accepted.

¶18.25 LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted—

To Mr. MCNULTY, for today;
To Mr. STRICKLAND, for today;
To Ms. KILPATRICK, for today;
To Mr. STABENOW, for today; and
To Mrs. MALONEY, for today.
And then,

¶18.26 ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Mr. PAUL, pursuant to the special order heretofore agreed to, at 3 o'clock and 21 minutes p.m., the House adjourned until 2 o'clock p.m. on Monday, March 10, 1996.

¶18.27 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. TALENT: Committee on Small Business. H.R. 852. A bill to amend chapter 35 of title 44, United States Code, popularly known as the Paperwork Reduction Act, to minimize the burden of Federal paperwork demands upon small businesses, educational and nonprofit institutions, Federal contractors, State and local governments, and other persons through the sponsorship and use of alternative information technologies (Rept. No. 105-7, Pt. 1). Ordered to be printed.

¶18.28 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. BILBRAY (for himself, Mr. HORN, Mrs. KELLY, Mr. KOLBE, Mr. BOEHLERT, Mr. WYNN, and Mr. TRAFICANT):

H.R. 963. A bill to prohibit employment discrimination on any basis other than factors pertaining to job performance; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce, and in addition to the Committees on the Judiciary, Government Reform and Oversight, and House Oversight, for a period to be sub-

sequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. BURR of North Carolina:

H.R. 964. A bill to authorize the marketing of breast self-examination pads without restriction; to the Committee on Commerce.

By Mr. DOOLITTLE (for himself, Mr.

DELAY, Mr. SAM JOHNSON, Mr. YOUNG of Alaska, Mr. BALLENGER, Mrs. CHENOWETH, Mr. MCKEON, Mr. RADANOVICH, Mr. LEWIS of California, Mr. LEWIS of Kentucky, Mr. MCINNIS, Mr. HUNTER, and Mr. ROHRBACHER):

H.R. 965. A bill to amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to reform the financing of campaigns for election for Federal office; to the Committee on House Oversight, and in addition to the Committee on Ways and Means, 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. COMBEST (for himself and Mr. HILLIARD):

H.R. 966. A bill to provide reimbursement under the Medicare Program for telehealth services, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Ways and Means, 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. GILMAN (for himself, Mr. HYDE, Mr. SOLOMON, Mr. COX of California, Mr. BURTON of Indiana, Mr. SMITH of New Jersey, Mr. ROHRBACHER, Mr. PAYNE, and Mr. LANTOS):

H.R. 967. A bill to prohibit the use of United States funds to provide for the participation of certain Chinese officials in international conferences, programs, and activities and to provide that certain Chinese officials shall be ineligible to receive visas and excluded from admission to the United States; to the Committee on International Relations, and in addition to the Committee on the Judiciary, 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. EHRlich (for himself, Mr. BURR of North Carolina, and Mr. MINGE):

H.R. 968. A bill to amend title XVIII and XIX of the Social Security Act to permit a waiver of the prohibition of offering nurse aide training and competency evaluation programs in certain nursing facilities; to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committee on Commerce, 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. FILNER:

H.R. 969. A bill to establish sources of funding for the certain transportation infrastructure projects in the vicinity of the border between the United States and Mexico that are necessary to accommodate increased traffic resulting from the implementation of the North American Free-Trade Agreement, including construction of new Federal border crossing facilities, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, and in addition to the Committee on the Judiciary, 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. BARTON of Texas (for himself, Mr. BILBRAY, Mr. WISE, Mr. REGULA,