

ting the Service's final rule—Environmental Cleanup Costs; Private Letter Rulings; Pre-submission Conferences (Announcement 97-22) received March 5, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

2185. A letter from the Internal Revenue Service, Chief, Regulations Unit, transmitting the Service's final rule—Part I—Section 6621.—Determination of Interest Rate (Revenue Ruling 97-12) received March 5, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

And then,

¶19.4 ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Mr. BARRETT of Nebraska, pursuant to the special order agreed to on Thursday, March 6, 1997, at 2 o'clock and 5 minutes p.m., the House adjourned until 12:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 11, 1997.

¶19.5 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. YOUNG of Alaska: Committee on Resources. H.R. 412. A bill to approve a settlement agreement between the Bureau of Reclamation and the Oroville-Tonasket Irrigation District; with an amendment (Rept. No. 105-8). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

Mr. YOUNG of Alaska: Committee on Resources. H.R. 63. A bill to designate the reservoir created by Trinity Dam in the Central Valley project, CA, as "Trinity Lake" (Rept. No. 105-9). Referred to the House Calendar.

Mr. GILMAN: Committee on International Relations. House Joint Resolution 58. 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; with amendment (Rept. No. 105-10). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

¶19.6 PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 5 of rule X and clause 4 of the rule XXII, public bills and resolutions were introduced and severally referred as follows:

By Mr. GOODLATTE (for himself, Mr. SMITH of Oregon, and Mr. STENHOLM):

H.R. 1000. A bill to require States to establish a system to prevent prisoners from being considered part of any household for purposes of determining eligibility of the household for food stamp benefits and the amount of food stamp benefits to be provided to the household under the Food Stamp Act of 1977; to the Committee on Agriculture.

By Mr. THOMAS (for himself and Mr. BILIRAKIS):

H.R. 1001. A bill to extend the term of appointment of certain members of the Prospective Payment Assessment Commission and the Physician Payment Review Commission; 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 Mrs. MORELLA (for herself, Mrs. JOHNSON of Connecticut, Mrs. LOWEY, Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas, Mr. GREENWOOD, Ms. MOLINARI, Ms. DUNN of Washington, Mrs. KENNELLY of Connecticut, Mr. CARDIN, Mrs. KELLY, Mrs. MALONEY of New York,

Ms. SLAUGHTER, Mr. STEARNS, Ms. FURSE, Mrs. MEEK of Florida, Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD, Ms. LOFGREN, Ms. GRANGER, Mr. MCDERMOTT, Mr. KILDEE, Mr. ENGLISH of Pennsylvania, Mr. FROST, Mr. YATES, Mr. NEAL of Massachusetts, Mr. BOUCHER, Mr. EVANS, Ms. CHRISTIAN-GREEN, Mr. DAVIS of Illinois, Ms. RIVERS, Ms. JACKSON-LEE, Ms. NORTON, Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts, Mr. MANTON, and Mr. FALEOMAVAEGA):

H.R. 1002. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to standardize coverage of bone mass measurements under part B of the Medicare Program; 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. MILLER of California (for himself, Ms. PELOSI, Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts, Mr. MARKEY, Mrs. MEEK of Florida, Mrs. MALONEY of New York, Mr. ABERCROMBIE, Mr. HINCHEY, Mr. STARK, Mr. OWENS, Mr. PORTER, and Mr. EHLERS):

H. Res. 87. Resolution expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that the United States and the United Nations should condemn coral reef fisheries that are harmful to coral reef ecosystems and promote the development of sustainable coral reef fishing practices worldwide; to the Committee on Resources, 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.

¶19.7 ADDITIONAL SPONSORS

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

H.R. 338: Mr. HINCHEY.

H.R. 340: Mr. PAUL.

H.R. 418: Mr. WAXMAN, Mr. KLUG, Mr. BUNNING of Kentucky, Mr. OBERSTAR, Mr. FOGLIETTA, Ms. PRYCE of Ohio, Ms. NORTON, Ms. KILPATRICK, Ms. DELAURO, Mr. COSTELLO, Mr. DAVIS of Virginia, Ms. ESHOO, Mr. GUTIERREZ, Mr. HUTCHINSON, Mr. STUPAK, Mr. GIBBONS, Mr. FLAKE, Mr. ROTHMAN, and Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas.

H.R. 498: Mr. KLECZKA.

H.R. 587: Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts and Mr. LOFGREN.

H.R. 641: Mr. PAUL and Mr. SOUDER.

H.R. 662: Mr. KENNEDY of Rhode Island, Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts, Mr. CONYERS, Mr. STARK, Mrs. MINK of Hawaii, Mr. FROST, Mr. OBERSTAR, Mr. TOWNS, Mr. PASTOR, Mr. DAVIS of Illinois, Mr. OWENS, Mr. JEFFERSON, and Ms. PELOSI.

H.R. 663: Mr. MCDERMOTT, Ms. NORTON, Mr. KENNEDY of Rhode Island, Mr. CONYERS, Mr. HINOJOSA, Mrs. MINK of Hawaii, Mr. CLAY, Mr. FILNER, Mr. OBERSTAR, Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts, Mr. PASTOR, Mr. DAVIS of Illinois, Ms. WATERS, Ms. JACKSON-LEE, and Ms. PELOSI.

H.R. 680: Mr. BARRETT of Wisconsin, Mr. DOYLE, and Mr. NEAL of Massachusetts.

H.R. 709: Mr. CALVERT.

H.R. 750: Mr. FOX of Pennsylvania and Mr. WATTS of Oklahoma.

H.R. 784: Ms. SLAUGHTER and Mr. EVANS.

H.R. 805: Mr. LIPINSKI.

H.R. 831: Mr. PORTER.

H.R. 873: Mr. DOYLE.

H.R. 955: Mr. MANZULLO.

H.J. Res. 58: Mr. JEFFERSON, Mr. WYNN, Ms. KAPTUR, Mr. CASTLE, Mr. PAXON, and Mr. BARRETT of Wisconsin.

H. Con. Res. 24: Mr. BOEHLERT, Mr. CUNNINGHAM, Mr. MCINTOSH, Mr. WATTS of

Oklahoma, Mr. FROST, Mr. SAXTON, Mr. BERRY, Ms. RIVERS, Mr. QUINN, Mrs. MORELLA, Mr. GOODE, Mr. FOX of Pennsylvania, and Mr. NORWOOD.

H. Res. 22: Mr. MATSUI and Mr. LEVIN.

H. Res. 50: Mr. HULSHOF.

H. Res. 68: Mr. FALEOMAVAEGA and Mr. MARTINEZ.

TUESDAY, MARCH 11, 1997 (20)

¶20.1 DESIGNATION OF SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, March 11, 1997.

I hereby designate the Honorable VERNON J. EHLERS 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."

¶20.2 RECESS—1:10 P.M.

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

¶20.3 AFTER RECESS—2 P.M.

The SPEAKER called the House to order.

¶20.4 APPROVAL OF THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER announced he had examined and approved the Journal of the proceedings of Monday, March 10, 1997.

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

¶20.5 COMMUNICATIONS

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

2186. A letter from the Department of Defense, Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller), transmitting a report of a violation of the Anti-Deficiency Act—Army violation, case number 94-01, which occurred when the Huntsville Division, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers [USACE], accepted and processed a reimbursable order from the Air Force citing fiscal year 1992 operation and maintenance, Defense-wide funds to acquire furnishings and equipment for future requirements at the Nellis Medical Facility, pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 1517(b); to the Committee on Appropriations.

2187. A letter from the Department of Labor, Assistant Secretary for Employment Standards, transmitting the Department's final rule—Migrant and Seasonal Agricultural Worker Protection Act (Employment Standards Administration) (RIN: 1215-AA93) received March 11, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

2188. A letter from the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, Deputy Executive Director and Chief Operating Officer, transmitting the Corporation's final rule—Allocation of Assets in Single-Employer Plans; Interest Assumptions for Valuing Benefits [29 CFR Part 4044] received March 11, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

2189. A letter from the Federal Communications Commission, Managing Director, transmitting the Commission's final rule—Amendment of Section 73.202(b) Table of Allotments, FM Broadcast Stations (Galena and Baxter Springs, Kansas) [MM Docket No. 96-177] received March 10, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

2190. A letter from the National Endowment for the Humanities, Chairman, 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.

2191. A letter from the National Endowment of the Arts, Chairman, 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.

2192. A letter from the National Railroad Passenger Corporation [AMTRAK], Vice President for Government Affairs, 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.

2193. A letter from the Office of Personnel Management, Director, transmitting the Office's final rule—Reduction in Force and Mandatory Exceptions (RIN: 3206-AH64) received March 10, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

2194. A letter from the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, 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.

2195. A letter from the Thrift Depositor Protection Oversight Board, Acting Executive Director, 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.

2196. A letter from the Department of the Interior, Acting Director, Fish and Wildlife Service, transmitting the Department's final rule—Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Determination of Endangered Status for the Cactus Ferruginous Pygmy-Owl in Arizona (Fish and Wildlife Service) (RIN: 1018-AC85) received March 10, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

2197. A letter from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Acting Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, transmitting the Administration's final rule—American Lobster Fishery; Technical Amendment [Docket No. 970219034-7034-01; I.D. 021097D] (RIN: 0648-xx81) received March 10, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

2198. A letter from the Department of Transportation, General Counsel, transmitting the Department's final rule—Removal of Class E Airspace; Fall River, MA (Federal Aviation Administration) [Airspace Docket No. 96-ANE-45] (RIN: 2120-AA66) received March 10, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

2199. A letter from the Department of Transportation, General Counsel, transmitting the Department's final rule—Removal of Class D and E Airspace; South Weymouth, MA (Federal Aviation Administration) [Airspace Docket No. 96-ANE-44] (RIN: 2120-AA66) received March 10, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

2200. A letter from the Department of Transportation, General Counsel, transmit-

ting the Department's final rule—Amendment to Class E Airspace; Springfield/Chicopee, MA (Federal Aviation Administration) [Airspace Docket No. 96-ANE-46] (RIN: 2120-AA66) received March 10, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

2201. A letter from the Department of Transportation, General Counsel, transmitting the Department's final rule—Amendment to Class E Airspace; Nashua, NH, Newport, RI, Mansfield, MA, Providence, RI, and Taunton, MA (Federal Aviation Administration) [Airspace Docket No. 97-ANE-11] (RIN: 2120-AA66) received March 10, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

2203. A letter from the Department of Transportation, General Counsel transmitting the Department's final rule—Amendment to Class D and E2 Airspace; Orlando, FL (Federal Aviation Administration) [Airspace Docket No. 96-ASO-40] (RIN: 2120-AA66) received March 10, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

2204. A letter from the Department of Transportation, General Counsel, transmitting the Department's final rule—Amendment to Class E Airspace; Fort Stewart, GA (Federal Aviation Administration) [Airspace Docket No. 96-ASO-41] (RIN: 2120-AA66) received March 10, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

2205. A letter from the Department of Transportation, General Counsel, transmitting the Department's final rule—Amendment to Class D, E2 and E4 Airspace; Gainesville, FL (Federal Aviation Administration) [Airspace Docket No. 96-ASO-39] (RIN: 2120-AA66) received March 10, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

2206. A letter from the Department of Transportation, General Counsel, transmitting the Department's final rule—Amendment to Class E Airspace, Fremont, NE (Federal Aviation Administration) [Airspace Docket No. 97-ACE-2] (RIN: 2120-AA66) received March 10, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

2207. A letter from the Department of Transportation, General Counsel transmitting the Department's final rule—Standard Instrument Approach Procedures; Miscellaneous Amendments (Federal Aviation Administration) [Docket No. 28821; Amdt. No. 1786] (RIN: 2120-AA65) received March 10, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

2208. A letter from the Internal Revenue Service, Chief, Regulations Unit, transmitting the Service's final rule—Examination of Returns and Claims for Refund, Credit, or Abatement; Determination of Correct Tax Liability [Rev. Proc. 97-21] received March 10, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

¶20.6 JOINT ECONOMIC COMMITTEE

The SPEAKER, pursuant to the provisions of 15 United States Code 1024(a), appointed to the Joint Economic Committee, Messrs. STARK, HAMILTON, HINCHEY and Mrs. MALONEY, on the part of the House.

Ordered, That the Clerk notify the Senate of the foregoing appointments.

¶20.7 COMMITTEE RESIGNATION—MINORITY

The SPEAKER laid before the House the following communication, which was read as follows:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, March 10, 1997.

Hon. NEWT GINGRICH,
Speaker of the House, Capitol,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: I request that I be granted a leave of absence from the House Committee on Small Business in order to accept an appointment to the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence.

Thank you very much for your time and cooperation.

Sincerely,

IKE SKELTON,
Member of Congress.

The resignation was accepted.

¶20.8 UNITED STATES TRADE REPRESENTATIVE

Mr. ARCHER moved to suspend the rules and pass the joint resolution of the Senate (S.J. Res. 5) waiving certain provisions of the Trade Act of 1974 relating to the appointment of the United States Trade Representative.

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. GOODLATTE, recognized Mr. ARCHER and Mr. RANGEL, each for 20 minutes.

After debate,
The question being put, viva voce,
Will the House suspend the rules and pass said joint resolution?

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. GOODLATTE, 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 joint resolution was passed.

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

Ordered, That the Clerk notify the Senate thereof.

¶20.9 PROVIDING FOR THE CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 852

Mrs. MYRICK, by direction of the Committee on Rules, reported (Rept. No. 105-15) the resolution (H. Res. 88) providing for the consideration of the bill (H.R. 852) 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.

When said resolution and report were referred to the House Calendar and ordered printed.

¶20.10 ENERGY STANDARDIZATION

Mr. Dan SCHAEFER of Colorado moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 649) to amend sections of the Department of Energy Organization Act that are obsolete or inconsistent with other statutes and to repeal a related section of the Federal Energy Administration Act of 1974.

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. GOODLATTE, recognized Mr. Dan SCHAEFER of Colorado and Mr. HALL of Texas, each for 20 minutes.