H.R. 1281: Mr. FORD, Mr. DEFAZIO, Mr. LIPINSKI, Mr. TALENT, Mr. BALDACCI, Mr. GOODE, Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts, Mr. UNDERWOOD, Mr. BARRETT of Wisconsin, Mr. EHLERS, Mr. PRICE of North Carolina, Mr. RUSH, Mr. OBERSTAR, Mr. RANGEL, Mr. GUTIERREZ, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. CLEMENT, Mr. PAYNE, Mrs. MINK of Hawaii, Mr. MCDERMOTT, Mr. HINCHEY, Mr. OLVER, Mr. EDWARDS, Mr. RAHALL, Mr. WAXMAN, Mr. BAESLER, Mr. KENNEDY of Rhode Island, Mr. POSHARD, Mr. ENGEL, Mr. ORTIZ, Mr. LEWIS of Georgia, Ms. DELAURO, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. BORSKI, Mr. BARCIA of Michigan, Mr. FILNER, Mr. DOOLEY of California, Mr. VISCLOSKY, Mr. MCHALE, Mr. LEVIN, Mrs. CLAYTON, Mr. BLAGOJEVICH, and Mr. COYNE.

H.R. 1283: Mr. HILL, Mr. HOBSON, Mr. DEAL of Georgia, Mr. WELDON of Pennsylvania, Mr. BLILEY, Mr. GOODE, Mr. FOLEY, Mr. BURR of North Carolina, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. COOK, Mr. RILEY, Mrs. LINDA SMITH of Washington, Mr. ROYCE, and Mr. NETHERCUTT.

H.R. 1284: Mr. MANTON.

H.R. 1288: Ms. KILPATRICK, Mr. MCDERMOTT, Mr. RANGEL, Mr. ACKERMAN, and Mr. EVANS.

H.R. 1291: Mr. FORBES.

H.R. 1292: Mr. DELLUMS and Mrs. MALONEY of New York.

H.R. 1297: Mr. BROWN of California.

H.R. 1299: Mr. HEFNER, Mr. GORDON, Mr. MICA, Mr. BOUCHER, Mr. MCINTOSH, Mr. HOUGHTON, Mr. HAYWORTH, Mr. SNOWBARGER, Mr. BUNNING of Kentucky, Mr. PETRI, and Mr. CAMP.

H.R. 1301: Mr. FALEOMAVAEGA.

H.R. 1302: Mr. BARCIA of Michigan and Mr. FORD.

H.R. 1311: Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas, Mr. PALLONE, Mrs. MALONEY of New York, and Mr. LIPINSKI.

H.R. 1327: Mr. SNOWBARGER, Mr. PAPPAS, and Mrs. NORTHUP.

H.R. 1338: Mr. PAPPAS.

H.R. 1349: Ms. CHRISTIAN-GREEN and Mr. RANGEL.

H.R. 1355: Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN, Mr. BUNNING of Kentucky, Mr. KENNEDY of Massachusetts, Mr. SMITH of New Jersey, Mr. FROST, Mrs. MEEK of Florida, and Mr. NEAL of Massachusetts.

H.R. 1362: Mr. NETHERCUTT, Mr. MANTON, Mr. WHITFIELD, Mr. MILLER of California, Mrs. KELLY, Mr. HILLIARD, Mr. NEY, Mr. PASCRELL, Mr. FROST, Ms. DELAURO, and Mr. KLUG.

H.R. 1375: Mr. LIPINSKI, Mr. MCNULTY, Mr. CLEMENT, and Mr. FILNER.

H.R. 1379: Mr. SMITH of Michigan and Mr. BOB SCHAFFER.

H.R. 1383: Mr. BONIOR, Mr. HILLIARD, and Mr. LIPINSKI.

H.R. 1395: Mrs. MALONEY of New York.

H.R. 1420: Mr. MILLER of California.

H. Con. Res. 35: Mr. MCINTOSH.

H. Con. Res. 65: Mr. SMITH of New Jersey, Mr. METCALF, and Mrs. KELLY.

H. Res. 22: Mr. LEWIS of Georgia, Ms. SLAUGHTER, Mr. ROTHMAN, and Mr. FALEOMAVAEGA.

H. Res. 93: Mr. BARCIA of Michigan, Mr. CAPPS, Mr. HINCHEY, Ms. RIVERS, Mr. SANDERS, and Mr. DEUTSCH.

H. Res. 104: Mrs. KELLY, Mr. OLVER, Mr. PAYNE, Mr. SERRANO, Mr. KING of New York, Mr. LANTOS, Mrs. LOWEY, Mr. FROST, and Mr. SMITH of New Jersey.

H. Res. 122: Ms. NORTON, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. RANGEL, Mr. MCCRERY, Mr. VENTO, and Mrs. NORTHUP.

¶37.27 DELETIONS OF SPONSORS FROM PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

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

H.R. 1031. Mr. FROST.

MONDAY, APRIL 28, 1997 (38)

¶38.1 DESIGNATION OF SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,
April 28, 1997.

I hereby designate the Honorable WILLIAM M. ''MAC'' THORNBERRY to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

NEWT GINGRICH,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

¶38.2 APPROVAL OF THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. THORNBERRY, announced he had examined and approved the Journal of the proceedings of Thursday, April 24, 1997.

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

¶38.3 COMMUNICATIONS

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

2983. A letter from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Amendment to Cotton Board Rules and Regulations Regarding Import Assessment Exemptions [CN–96–007] received April 28, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

2984. A letter from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Genetically Engineered Organisms and Products; Simplification of Requirements and Procedures for Genetically Engineered Organisms [APHIS Docket No. 95–040–2] (RIN: 0579–AA73) received April 28, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

2985. A letter from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Garbage; Disposal by Cruise Ships in Landfills at Alaskan Ports [APHIS Docket No. 93–037–2] received April 28, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

2986. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Kaolin; Pesticide Tolerance Exemption [OPP–300477; FRL–5712–8] (RIN: 2070–AB78] received April 22, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

2987. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Oxyfluorfen; Pesticide Tolerance for Emergency Exemption [OPP–300478; FRL–5713–1] (RIN: 2070–AB78] received April 22, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

2988. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Fenoxycarb; Pesticide Tolerances for Emergency Exemptions [OPP—300476; FRL–5712–7] (RIN: 2070–AB78) received April 22, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

2989. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Imidacloprid; Pesticide Tolerance [OPP—300468; FRL–5599–5] (RIN: 2070–AB78) received April 22, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

2990. A letter from the Acting Administrator, Farm Service Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Amendments to the Regulations for the Nonrecourse Cotton Loan and Loan Deficiency Payment Programs [Workplan Number 97–001] (RIN: 0560–AF12) received April 22, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

2991. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans and Designation of Areas for Air Quality Planning Purposes; State of Louisiana; Approval of the Maintenance Plan for Calcasieu Parish; Redesignation of Calcasieu Parish to Attainment of Ozone [LA–38–1–7322; FRL–5814–3] received April 25, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

2992. A letter from the Associate Managing Director, Performance Evaluation and Records Management, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule—Administration of the North American Numbering Plan Carrier Identification Codes (CIC's); Petition for Rulemaking of VarTec Telecom., Inc. [CC Docket No. 92–237] received April 22, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

2993. A letter from the Acting Associate Managing Director for Performance Evaluations and Records Management, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule—Implementation of Sections of the Cable Television Consumer Protection and Competition Act of 1992—Rate Regulation; Uniform Rate-Setting Methodology [CS Docket No. 95–174] received April 22, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

2994. A letter from the Associate Managing Director, Performance Evaluation and Records Management, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule—Toll Free Service Access Codes [CC Docket No. 95–155] received April 22, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

2995. A letter from the Associate Managing Director, Performance Evaluation and Records Management, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule—Accounting for Judgments and Other Costs Associated with Litigation [CC Docket No. 93–240] received April 22, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

2996. A letter from the Associate Managing Director, Performance Evaluation and Records Management, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule—Regulatory Treatment of LEC Provision of Interexchange Services Originating in the LEC's Local Exchange Area and Policy and Rules Concerning the Interstate, Interexchange Marketplace [CC Docket No. 96–149 and CC Docket No. 96–61] received April 25, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

2997. A letter from the Associate Managing Director, Performance Evaluation and Records Management, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule—Amendment of Parts 2 and 15 of the Commission's Rules Regarding Spread Spectrum Transmitters [ET Docket No. 96–8, RM–8435, RM–8608, RM–8609] received April 25, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

2998. A letter from the Director, Office of Legislative Affairs, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, transmitting the Corpora-

tion's final rule—Government Securities Sales Practices [12 CFR Part 368] (RIN: 3064–AB66) received March 21, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

2999. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting the bimonthly report on progress toward a negotiated settlement of the Cyprus question, including any relevant reports from the Secretary General of the United Nations, pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2373(c); to the Committee on International Relations.

3000. A letter from the Auditor, District of Columbia, transmitting a copy of a report entitled ''University of the District of Columbia Report of Revenues and Expenditures for the Graduate Program for Academic Years 94–95 and 95–96,'' pursuant to D.C. Code, section 47–117(d); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

3001. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Public Availability of Information [Docket No. OST–96–1430] (RIN: 2105–AC58) received April 28, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

3002. A letter from the Director, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting the Office's final rule—Summer Employment [5 CFR Parts 213 and 338] (RIN: 3206–AG21) received April 28, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

3003. A letter from the Director, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting the Office's final rule—Administration and General Provisions—Administration [5 CFR Part 831] (RIN: 3206–AH66) received April 28, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

3004. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Land and Minerals Management, Department of the Interior, transmitting notice on leasing systems for the Cook Inlet, sale 149, scheduled to be held in June 1997, pursuant to 43 U.S.C. 1337(a)(8); to the Committee on Resources.

3005. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Land and Minerals Management, Department of the Interior, transmitting a draft of proposed legislation to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act of 1968 to designate portions of 13 river areas, containing some 25 segments, in Arizona as components of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System, and several supporting documents that provide background information; to the Committee on Resources.

3006. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Model A310 Series Airplanes (Federal Aviation Administration) [Docket No. 96–NM–169–AD; Amdt. 39–9999; AD 97–09–03] (RIN: 2120–AA64) received April 24, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

3007. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Airworthiness Directives; Boeing Model 777–200 Series Airplanes (Federal Aviation Administration) [Docket No. 97–NM–60–AD] (RIN: 2120–AA64) received April 24, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

3008. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Airworthiness Directives; McDonnell Douglas Model DC–9–80 Series Airplane and Model MD–88 Airplanes (Federal Aviation Administration) [Docket No. 97–NM–61–AD] (RIN: 2120–AA64) received April 24, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

3009. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Airworthiness Directives; CFM International CFM56–3, –3B, and –3C Series Turbofan Engines (Federal Aviation Administration) [Docket No. 95–ANE–44; Amdt. 39–9989; AD 97–08–01] (RIN: 2120–AA64) received April 24, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

3010. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Model A300, A300–600, A310, and A320 Series Airplanes (Federal Aviation Administration) [Docket No. 95–NM–227–AD; Amdt. 39–9888; AD 97–02–04] (RIN: 2120–AA64) received April 24, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

3011. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Airworthiness Directives; Boeing Model 737 Series Airplanes (Federal Aviation Administration) [Docket No. 96–NM–146–AD; Amdt. 39–9953; AD 97–05–09] (RIN: 2120–AA64) received April 24, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

3012. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Prohibition Against Certain Flights Within the Flight Information Region of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK) (Federal Aviation Administration) [Docket No. 28831; Special Federal Aviation Regulation (SFAR) No. 79] (RIN: 2120–AG24) received April 24, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

3013. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Amendment to Class E Airspace; Bedford, PA (Federal Aviation Administration) [Airspace Docket No. 97–AEA–17] (RIN: 2120–AA66) received April 24, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

3014. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Establishment of Class E Airspace; Mount Pleasant, PA (Federal Aviation Administration) [Airspace Docket No. 97–AEA–003] (RIN: 2120–AA66) received April 24, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

3015. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Establishment of Class E Airspace; Kutztown, PA (Federal Aviation Administration) [Airspace Docket No. 97–AEA–14] (RIN: 2120–AA66) received April 24, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

3016. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Amendment to Class E Airspace; Clearfield, PA (Federal Aviation Administration) [Airspace Docket No. 97–AEA–13] (RIN: 2120–AA66) received April 24, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

3017. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Amendment to Class E Airspace; Meadville, PA (Federal Aviation Administration) [Airspace Docket No. 97–AEA–12] (RIN: 2120–AA66) received April 24, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

3018. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Training and Qualification Requirements for Check Airmen and Flight Instructors: Correction and Editorial Changes (Federal Aviation Administration) [Docket No. 28471; Amendment No. 121–264] (RIN: 2120–AF08) received April 28, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

3019. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Amendment of Class E Airspace; Salt Lake City, Utah (Federal Aviation Administration) [Airspace Docket No. 97–ANM–3] received April 28, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

3020. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Establishment of Class E Airspace; Atqasuk; AK (Federal Aviation Administration) [Airspace Docket No. 96–AAL–29] (RIN: 2120–AA66) received April 28, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

3021. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Industrie Model A320, A321, A330, and A340 Series Airplanes Equipped with Westland-Sitec Fire Shutoff Valves Having Part Number EO3000 (Federal Aviation Administration) [Docket No. 96–NM–204–AD; Amdt. 39–10000; AD 97–09–04] (RIN: 2120–AA64) received April 28, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

3022. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Airworthiness Directives; AlliedSignal Inc. T5311, T5313, T5317, and T53 (Military) Series Engines (Federal Aviation Administration) [Docket No. 96–ANE–25; Amdt. 39–9979; AD 97–07–05] (RIN: 2120–AA64) received April 28, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

3023. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Airworthiness Directives; Raytheon Model BAe 125–1000A and Model Hawker 1000 Series Airplanes (Federal Aviation Administration) [Docket No. 96–NM–180–AD] (RIN: 2120–AA64) received April 28, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

3024. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Airworthiness Directives; Pratt & Whitney PW2000 Series Turbofan Engines (Federal Aviation Administration) [Docket No. 97–ANE–14; Amdt. 39–9997; AD 97–09–01] (RIN: 2120–AA64) received April 28, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

3025. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Action on the Decision in The Edna Louise Dunn Trust v. Commissioner, 86 T.C. 745 (1986) [CC–1997–007] received April 25, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

3026. A letter from the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting a draft of proposed legislation entitled ''Housing 2020: Multifamily Management Reform Act''; jointly, to the Committees on Banking and Financial Services, Ways and Means, and the Judiciary.

¶38.4 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A message from the Senate by Ms. McDevitt, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate had passed a bill of the following title, in which concurrence of the House is requested:

S. 562. An Act to amend section 255 of the National Housing Act to prevent the funding of unnecessary or excessive costs for obtaining a home equity conversion mortgage.

¶38.5 COMMUNICATION FROM THE CLERK—MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

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

OFFICE OF THE CLERK,
U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, April 28, 1997.

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

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: Pursuant to the permission granted in Clause 5 of Rule III of the Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives, the Clerk received the following messages from the Secretary of the Senate on Friday, April 25, 1997:

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 1225.

With warm regards,

ROBIN H. CARLE,
Clerk, U.S. House of Representatives.

¶38.6 ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. THORNBERRY, announced that pursuant to clause 4, rule I, the Speaker signed the following enrolled bill on Friday, April 25, 1997:

H.R. 1225. An Act to make a technical correction to title 28, United States Code, relating to jurisdiction for lawsuits against terrorist states.

¶38.7 COMMUNICATION FROM THE CLERK—MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

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

OFFICE OF THE CLERK,
U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, April 28, 1997.

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

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: Pursuant to the permission granted in Clause 5 of Rule III of the Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives, I have the honor to transmit a sealed envelope received from the White House on Friday, April 25 at 3:59 p.m. and said to contain a message from the President regarding the Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production, Stockpiling and Use of Chemical Weapons and on their Destruction.

With warm regards,

ROBIN H. CARLE,
Clerk, U.S. House of Representatives.

¶38.8 CHEMICAL WEAPONS

The Clerk then read the message from the President, as follows:

To the Congress of the United States:

In accordance with the resolution of advice and consent to ratification of the Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production, Stockpiling and Use of Chemical Weapons and on Their Destruction, adopted by the Senate of the United States on April 24, 1997, I hereby certify that:

In connection with Condition (1), Effect of Article XXII, the United States has informed all other States Parties to the Convention that the Senate reserves the right, pursuant to the Constitution of the United States, to give its advice and consent to ratification of the Convention subject to reservations, notwithstanding Article XXII of the Convention.

In connection with Condition (7), Continuing Vitality of the Australia Group and National Export Controls: (i) nothing in the Convention obligates the United States to accept any modification, change in scope, or weakening of its national export controls; (ii) the United States understands that the maintenance of national restrictions on trade in chemicals and chemical production technology is fully compatible with the provisions of the Convention, including Article XI(2), and solely within the sovereign jurisdiction of the United States; (iii) the Convention preserves the right of State Parties, unilaterally or collectively, to maintain or impose export controls on chemicals and related chemical production technology for foreign policy or national security reasons, notwithstanding Article XI(2); and (iv) each Australia Group member, at the highest diplomatic levels, has officially communicated to the United States Government its understanding and agreement that export control and nonproliferation measures which the Australia Group has undertaken are fully compatible with the provisions of the Convention, including Article XI(2), and its commitment to maintain in the future such export controls and nonproliferation measures against non-Australia Group members.

In connection with Condition (9), Protection of Advanced Biotechnology, the legitimate commercial activities and interests of chemical, biotechnology, and pharmaceutical firms in the United States are not being significantly harmed by the limitations of the Convention on access to, and production of, those chemicals and toxins listed in Schedule 1 of the Annex on chemicals.

In connection with Condition (15), Assistance Under Article X, the United States shall not provide assistance under paragraph 7(a) of Article X, and, for any State Party the government of which is not eligible for assistance under chapter 2 of part II (relating to military assistance) or chapter 4 of part II (relating to economic support assistance) of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961: (i) No assistance under paragraph 7(b) of Article X will be provided to the State Party; and (ii) no assistance under paragraph 7(c) of Article X other than medical antidotes and treatment will be provided to the State Party.

In connection with Condition (18), Laboratory Sample Analysis, no sample collected in the United States pursuant to the Convention will be transferred for analysis to any laboratory outside the territory of the United States.

In connection with Condition (26), Riot Control Agents, the United States is not restricted by the Convention in its use of riot control agents, including the use against combatants who are parties to a conflict, in any of the following cases: (i) the conduct of peacetime military operations within an area of ongoing armed conflict when the United States is not a party to the conflict (such as recent use of the United States Armed Forces in Somalia, Bosnia, and Rwanda); (ii) consensual peacekeeping operations when the use of force is authorized by the receiving state, including operations pursuant to Chapter VI of the United Nations Charter; and (iii) peacekeeping operations when force is authorized by the Security Council under Chapter VII of the United Nations Charter.

In connection with Condition (27), Chemical Weapons Destruction, all the following conditions are satisfied: (A) I have agreed to explore alternative technologies for the destruction of the United States stockpile of chemical weapons in order to ensure that the United States has the safest, most effective and environmentally sound plans and programs for meeting its obligations under the convention for the destruction of chemical weapons; (B) the requirement in section 1412 of Public Law 99–145 (50 U.S.C. 1521) for completion of the destruction of the United States stockpile of chemical weapons by December 31, 2004, will be superseded upon the date the Convention enters into force with respect to the United States by the deadline required by the Convention of April 29, 2007; (C) the requirement in Article III(1)(a)(v) of the Convention for a declaration by each State party not later than 30 days after the date the Convention enters into force with respect to that Party, on general plans of the State Party for destruction of its chemical weapons does not preclude in any way the United States from deciding in the future to employ a technology for the destruction of chemical weapons different than that declared under that Article; and (D) I will consult with the Congress on whether to submit a request to the Executive Council of the Organization for an extension of the deadline for the destruction of chemical weapons under the Convention, as provided under Part IV(A) of the Annex on Implementation and Verification to the Convention, if, as a result of the program of alternative technologies for the destruction of chemical munitions carried out under section 8065 of the Department of Defense Appropriations Act of 1997 (as contained in Public Law 104–208), I determine that alternatives to the incineration of chemical weapons are available that are safer and more environmentally sound but whose use would preclude the United States from meeting the deadlines of the Convention.