U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

3373. A letter from the Director, Office of Congressional Affairs, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule—Informal Small Entity Guidance [10 CFR Part 2] (RIN: 3150–AF68) received May 16, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

3374. A letter from the Acting Director, Defense Security Assistance Agency, transmitting the Department of the Air Force's proposed lease of defense articles to Venezuela (Transmittal No. 18–97), pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2796a(a); to the Committee on International Relations.

3375. A letter from the Acting Director, Defense Security Assistance Agency, transmitting the Department of the Air Force's proposed lease of defense articles to Venezuela (Transmittal No. 17–97), pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2796a(a); to the Committee on International Relations.

3376. A letter from the Acting Director, Defense Security Assistance Agency, transmitting the Department of the Air Force's proposed lease of defense articles to France (Transmittal No. 10–97), pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2796a(a); to the Committee on International Relations.

3377. A letter from the Acting Director, Defense Security Assistance Agency, transmitting the Department of the Air Force's proposed lease of defense articles to France (Transmittal No. 11–97), pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2796a(a); to the Committee on International Relations.

3378. A letter from the Director, Defense Security Assistance Agency, transmitting notification concerning the Department of the Navy's proposed Letter(s) of Offer and Acceptance (LOA) to Australia for defense articles and services (Transmittal No. 97–15), pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2776(b); to the Committee on International Relations.

3379. A letter from the Acting Director, Defense Security Assistance Agency, transmitting notification concerning the Department of the Navy's proposed Letter(s) of Offer and Acceptance (LOA) to Australia for defense articles and services (Transmittal No. 97–16), pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2776(b); to the Committee on International Relations.

3380. A letter from the Acting Director, Defense Security Assistance Agency, transmitting notification concerning the Department of the Navy's proposed Letter(s) of Offer and Acceptance (LOA) to Japan for defense articles and services (Transmittal No. 97–13), pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2776(b); to the Committee on International Relations.

3381. A letter from the Assistant Legal Adviser for Treaty Affairs, Department of State, transmitting copies of international agreements, other than treaties, entered into by the United States, pursuant to 1 U.S.C. 112b(a); to the Committee on International Relations.

3382. A letter from the Chairman, Federal Maritime Commission, transmitting the semiannual report on the activities of the Office of Inspector General for the period October 1, 1996, through March 31, 1997; and the semiannual management report for the same period, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. app. (Insp. Gen. Act) section 5(b); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

3383. A letter from the Deputy Associate Director for Royalty Management, Department of the Interior, transmitting notification of proposed refunds of excess royalty payments in OCS areas, pursuant to 43 U.S.C. 1339(b); to the Committee on Resources.

3384. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Land and Minerals Management, Department of the Interior, transmitting the Department's final rule—Pipeline Right-Of-Way Applications and Assignment Fees; Requirement for Filing of Lease Transfers [30 CFR Part 250 and 256] (RIN: 1010–AC04) received May 16, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

3385. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior, transmitting the Department's final rule—Operation of U.S.M.S. ''North Star'' Between Seattle, Washington, and Stations of the Bureau of Indian Affairs and Other Government Agencies, Alaska (Bureau of Indian Affairs) [25 CFR Part 142] (RIN: 1076–AD66) received May 16, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

3386. A letter from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule—Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Greenland Turbot in the Aleutian Islands Subarea [Docket No. 961107312–7021–02; I.D. 051297A] received May 16, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

3387. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Airworthiness Directives; Aerospace Technologies of Australia, Nomad N22 and N24 Series Airplanes (Federal Aviation Administration) [Docket No. 95–CE–100–AD; Amdt. 39–10022; AD 97–10–10] (RIN: 2120–AA64) received May 15, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

3388. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Airworthiness Directives; Boeing Model 777 Series Airplanes (Federal Aviation Administration) [Docket No. 97–NM–90–AD; Amdt. 39–10023; AD 97–10–11] (RIN: 2120–AA64) received May 15, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

3389. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Airworthiness Directives; McDonnell Douglas Model MD–11 Series Airplanes (Federal Aviation Administration) [Docket No. 96–NM–283–AD; Amdt. 39–10024; AD 97–10–12] (RIN: 2120–AA64) received May 15, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

3390. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Airworthiness Directives; Israel Aircraft Industries (IAI), Ltd. Model 1125 Westwind Astra Series Airplanes (Federal Aviation Administration) [Docket No. 96–NM–96–AD; Amdt. 39–10018; AD 97–10–06] (RIN: 2120–AA64) received May 15, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

3391. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Airworthiness Directives; Construcciones Aeronauticas, S.A. (CASA) Model CN–235 Series Airplanes (Federal Aviation Administration) [Docket No. 96–NM–144–AD; Amdt. 39–10019; AD 97–10–07] (RIN: 2120–AA64) received May 15, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

3392. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Airworthiness Directives; Construcciones Aeronauticas, S.A. (CASA) Model CN–235 Series Airplanes (Federal Aviation Administration) [Docket No. 96–NM–138–AD; Amdt. 39–10020; AD 97–10–08] (RIN: 2120–AA64) received May 15, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

3393. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Airworthiness Directives; Jetstream Model 4101 Airplanes (Federal Aviation Administration) [Docket No. 96–NM–168–AD; Amdt. 39–10021; AD 97–10–09] (RIN: 2120–AA64) received May 15, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

3394. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Prohibition Against Certain Flights Within the Territory and Airspace of Afghanistan (Federal Aviation Administration) [Docket No. 27744; Special Flight Aviation Regulation (SFAR) No. 67] (RIN: 2120–AG40) received May 15, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

3395. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Temporary Establishment of Class D Airspace; Anchorage International Airport, Alaska (Federal Aviation Administration) [Airspace Docket No. 97–AAL–3] (RIN: 2120–AA66) received May 15, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

3396. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Amendment to Class E Airspace; Omaha, NE; Correction (Federal Aviation Administration) [Airspace Docket No. 96–ACE–21] (RIN: 2120–AA66) received May 15, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

3397. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Removal of Class D and E2 Airspace; Lawrenceville, GA (Federal Aviation Administration) [Airspace Docket No. 97–ASO–12] (RIN: 2120–AA66) received May 15, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

3398. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—IFR Altitudes; Miscellaneous Amendments (Federal Aviation Administration) [Docket No. 28904; Amdt. No. 402] (RIN: 2120–AA65) received May 15, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

3399. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Safety Zone—Chicago Sanitary and Ship Canal (U.S. Coast Guard) [CGD09–97–012] (RIN: 2115–AA97) received May 15, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

3400. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Security Zone; Coast Waters Adjacent to South Florida (U.S. Coast Guard) [CGD07–96–013] (RIN: 2115–AA97) received May 15, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

3401. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Special Local Regulations: Fort Meyers Beach, FL (U.S. Coast Guard) [CGD07–97–010] (RIN: 2115–AE46) received May 15, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

¶52.7 COMMUNICATION FROM THE CLERK—CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION

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

OFFICE OF THE CLERK,
U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, May 15, 1997.

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

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: I have the honor to transmit herewith a copy of a certificate of the unofficial vote totals received from the Honorable Stephanie Gonzales, Secretary of State, State of New Mexico, which indicates that, according to the unofficial vote totals received by the nominees whose names appeared on the 1997 Special Election Ballot of May 13, 1997, the Honorable Bill Redmond was elected to the Office of Representative in Congress, from the Third Congressional District, State of New Mexico.

Sincerely yours,

ROBIN H. CARLE.

¶52.8 ORDER OF BUSINESS—SWEARING IN OF MEMBER-ELECT

On motion of Mr. ARMEY, by unanimous consent,

Ordered, That, notwithstanding the fact that the certificate of election of Mr. Bill Redmond, the Third District of the State of New Mexico, has not been received by the Clerk of the House of Representatives, Mr. REDMOND be permitted to take the oath of office as prescribed by law, there being no contest and no question with regard to his election.

Mr. REDMOND then presented himself at the bar of the House and took the oath of office prescribed by law.

¶52.9 PRIVATE CALENDAR BUSINESS DISPENSED WITH

On motion of Mr. THOMAS, by unanimous consent,

Ordered, That business in order today, under clause 6, rule XXIV, the Private Calendar rule, be dispensed with.

¶52.10 ORDER OF BUSINESS—SUSPENSION OF THE RULES

On motion of Mr. THOMAS, by unanimous consent,

Ordered, That on Wednesday, May 21, 1997, the Speaker be authorized to entertain motions to suspend the rules and pass the following bills, resolution, and concurrent resolution: H.R. 1377, Savings are Vital to Everyone's Retirement Act of 1997; H.R. 1306, Riegle-Neal Clarification Act of 1997; H.R. 911, Volunteer Protection Act of 1997; H. Res. 121, Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives Regarding the March 30, 1997, Terrorist Grenade Attack in Cambodia; H. Con. Res. 63, Reaffirming the commitment of the United States to the Principles of the Marshall Plan; H.R. 956, Drug-Free Community Act.

¶52.11 CAPITOL ROTUNDA CEREMONY HONORING MOTHER TERESA

Mr. THOMAS moved to suspend the rules and agree to the following concurrent resolution of the Senate (S. Con. Res. 26):

Whereas Mother Teresa of Calcutta has greatly enhanced the lives of people in all walks of life in every corner of the world through her faith, her love, and her selfless dedication to humanity and charitable works for nearly 70 years;

Whereas Mother Teresa founded the Missionaries of Charity, which includes more than 3,000 members in 25 countries who devote their lives to serving the poor, without accepting any material reward in return;

Whereas Mother Teresa has been recognized as an outstanding humanitarian around the world and has been honored by: the first Pope John XXIII Peace Prize (1971); the Jawaharal Nehru Award for International Understanding (1972); the Nobel Peace Prize (1979); and the Presidential Medal of Freedom (1985).

Whereas Mother Teresa has forever enhanced the culture and history of the world; and

Whereas Mother Teresa truly leads by example and shows the people of the world the way to live by love for all humanity; Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives concurring), That the rotunda of the Capitol is authorized to be used on June 5, 1997, for a congressional ceremony honoring Mother Teresa. Physical preparations for the ceremony shall be carried out in accordance with such conditions as the Architect of the Capitol may prescribe.

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. SUNUNU, recognized Mr. THOMAS and Ms. KILPATRICK, 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. SUNUNU, announced that two-thirds of the Members present had voted in the affirmative.

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

¶52.12 GOLD MEDAL FOR MOTHER TERESA

Mr. CASTLE moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 1650) to authorize the President to award a gold medal on behalf of the Congress to Mother Teresa of Calcutta in recognition of her outstanding and enduring contributions through humanitarian and charitable activities, and for other purposes.

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. SUNUNU, recognized Mr. CASTLE and Mr. FLAKE, each for 20 minutes.

After debate,

The question being put, viva voce,

Will the House suspend the rules and pass said bill?

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

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

¶52.13 CONGRESSIONAL SUPPORT FOR DECENT HOUSING

Mr. LAZIO moved to suspend the rules and agree to the following resolution (H. Res. 147); as amended:

Whereas the United States promotes and encourages the creation and revitalization of sustainable and strong neighborhoods in partnership with States, cities, and local communities and in conjunction with the independent and collective actions of private citizens and organizations;

Whereas establishing a housing infrastructure strengthens neighborhoods and local economies and nurtures the families who reside in them;

Whereas an integral element of a strong community is a sufficient supply of affordable housing;

Whereas such housing can be provided in tradional and nontraditional forms, including apartment buildings, transitional and temporary homes, condominiums, cooperatives, and single family homes;

Whereas for many families a home is not merely shelter, but also provides an opportunity for growth, prosperity, and security;

Whereas homeownership is a cornerstone of the national economy because it spurs the production and sale of goods and services, generates new jobs, encourages savings and investment, promotes economic and civic responsibility, and enhances the financial security of all people in the United States;

Whereas the United States is the first country in the world to make owning a home a reality for a vast majority of its families; however, more than one-third of the families in the United States are not homeowners;

Whereas a disproportionate percentage of non-homeowning families in the United States are low-income families;

Whereas the National Partners in Homeownership, a public-private partnership comprised of 63 national organizations under the leadership of the Department of Housing and Urban Development, has established a goal of reaching an all-time high homeownership level in the United States by the end of the 20th century;

Whereas there are many other nonprofit and for-profit organizations that, in partnership with the Federal Government and local governments, strive to make the American dream of homeownership a reality for low-income families;

Whereas national organizations such as the Fannie Mae Foundation, Freddie Mac, the Local Initiatives Support Corporation, the Enterprise Foundation, the Housing Assistance Council, and the Neighborhood Reinvestment Corporation, in conjunction with local organizations, have developed thousands of homes each year for low-income families and have, in the process, reduced urban decay and blight and fostered business activity;

Whereas the community building activities of neighborhood-based nonprofit organizations empower individuals to improve their lives and make communities safer and healthier for families;

Whereas one of the best known nonprofit housing organizations is Habitat for Humanity, which builds simple but adequate housing for less fortunate families and symbolizes the self-help approach to homeownership;

Whereas Habitat for Humanity provides opportunities for people from every segment of society to volunteer to help make the American dream a reality for families who otherwise would not own a home; and

Whereas the second week of June 1997 is National Homeownership Week: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That it is the sense of the House of Representatives that—