said bill was passed was, by unanimous consent, laid on the table.

Ordered, That the Clerk request the concurrence of the Senate in said bill.

¶71.9 CHARITABLE DONATIONS

Mr. HYDE moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 1902) to immunize donations made in the form of charitable gift annuities and charitable remainder trusts from the antitrust laws and State laws similar to the antitrust laws.

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. PETRI, recognized Mr. HYDE and Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts, 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. PETRI, 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 bill was passed.

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

Ordered, That the Clerk request the concurrence of the Senate in said bill.

¶71.10 NATIONAL CEMETERIES VANDALISM

Mr. HYDE moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 1532) to amend title 18, United States Code, to create criminal penalties for theft and willfull vandalism at national cemeteries; as amended.

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. PETRI, recognized Mr. HYDE and Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts, each for 20 minutes.

After debate,

The question being put, viva voce,

Will the House suspend the rules and pass said bill, as amended?

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

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

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. PETRI, pursuant to clause 5, rule I, announced that further proceedings on the motion were postponed.

The point of no quorum was considered as withdrawn.

¶71.11 NEED-BASED EDUCATION AID

Mr. SMITH of Texas moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 1866) to continue favorable treatment for need-based educational aid under the antitrust laws.

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. PETRI, recognized Mr. SMITH of Texas and Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts, 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. PETRI, 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 bill was passed.

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

Ordered, That the Clerk request the concurrence of the Senate in said bill.

¶71.12 ARBITRATION PROGRAM REAUTHORIZATION

Mr. COBLE moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 1581) to reauthorize the program established under chapter 44 of title 28, United States Code, relating to arbitration.

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. PETRI, recognized Mr. COBLE and Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts, 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. PETRI, 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 bill was passed.

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

Ordered, That the Clerk request the concurrence of the Senate in said bill.

¶71.13 COST OF GOVERNMENT

Mr. SESSIONS moved to suspend the rules and agree to the following concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 102):

Whereas the total cost of government spending and regulations (total cost of government) consumers 36.2 percent of the Nation's net national product;

Whereas the total cost of government now exceeds $3,520,000,000,000 annually;

Whereas Federal regulatory costs now exceed $785,000,000,000 annually;

Whereas the cost of government in general and excessive regulations in particular place a tremendous drain on the economy by reducing worker productivity, increasing prices to consumers, and limiting the economic choices and individual freedoms of our citizenry;

Whereas, if the average American worker were to spend all of his or her gross earnings on nothing else besides meeting his or her share of the total cost of government for the current year, that total cost would not be met until July 3, 1997;

Whereas July 3, 1997, should therefore be considered Cost of Government Day 1997; and

Whereas it is not right that the American family has to give up more than 50 percent of what it earns to the government: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate concurring), That it is the sense of the Congress that, as part of balancing the budget and reevaluating the role of government, Federal, State, and local elected officials should carefully consider the costs of government spending and regulatory programs in the year to come so that American families will be able to keep more of what they earn.

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. PETRI, recognized Mr. SESSIONS and Mr. WAXMAN, 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. PETRI, announced that two-thirds of the Members present had voted in the affirmative.

Mr. SESSIONS 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. PETRI, pursuant to clause 5, rule I, announced that further proceedings on the motion were postponed until Wednesday, June 25, 1997.

¶71.14 KENNEDY ASSASSINATION REVIEW BOARD EXTENSION

Mr. SESSIONS moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 1553) to amend the President John F. Kennedy Assassination Records Collection Act of 1992 to extend the authorization of the Assassination Records Review Board until September 30, 1998.

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. PETRI, recognized Mr. SESSIONS and Mr. WAXMAN, 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. PETRI, 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 bill was passed.

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

Ordered, That the Clerk request the concurrence of the Senate in said bill.

¶71.15 CONSIDERATION OF AMENDMENTS—H.R. 1119

Mr. STUMP, pursuant to section 5 of House Resolution 169, requested that during further consideration of the bill (H.R. 1119) to authorize appropriations for fiscal years 1998 and 1999 for military activities of the Department of Defense, to prescribe military personnel strengths for fiscal years 1998 and 1999, and for other purposes, in the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union, pursuant to said resolution, and following consideration of the amendment numbered 15, printed in Part 2 of House Report 105–137, as modified by section 8(b) of House Resolution 169, the following amendments be considered in the following order: (1) amendment numbered 1, printed in part 2 of House Report 105–137; (2) amendment numbered 34, printed in Part 2 of House Report 105–137; (3)