nal penalties for theft and willfull vandalism at national cemeteries; as amended.

The question being put, viva voce,

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

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. TAYLOR of North Carolina, announced that two-thirds of those 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, as amended, was passed.

By unanimous consent, the title was amended so as to read: ''An Act to direct the United States Sentencing Commission to provide sentencing enhancement for offenses against property at national cemeteries.''.

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

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

¶71.37 MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT—FEDERAL ADVISORY COMMITTEES

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

To the Congress of the United States:

As provided by the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended (Public Law 92–463; 5 U.S.C., App. 2, 6(c)), I am submitting my third *Annual Report on Federal Advisory Committees*, covering fiscal year 1995.

Consistent with my commitment to create a more responsive government, the executive branch continues to implement my policy of maintaining the number of advisory committees within the ceiling of 534 required by Executive Order 12838 of February 10, 1993. As a result, my Administration held the number of discretionary advisory committees (established under general congressional authorizations) to 512, or 36 percent fewer than the 801 committees in existence at the time I took office.

During fiscal year 1995, executive departments and agencies expanded their efforts to coordinate the implementation of Federal programs with State, local, and tribal governments. To facilitate these important efforts, my Administration worked with the Congress to pass the ''Unfunded Mandates Reform Act of 1995'' (Public Law 104–4), which I signed into law on March 22, 1995. The Act provides for an exclusion from the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA) for interactions between Federal officials and their intergovernmental partners while acting in their official capacities. This action will directly support our joint efforts to strengthen accountability for program results at the local level.

Through the advisory committee planning process required by Executive Order 12838, departments and agencies have worked to minimize the number of advisory committees specifically mandated by statute. There were 407 such groups in existence at the end of fiscal year 1995, representing a 7 percent decrease over the 439 at the beginning of my Administration. However, we can do more to assure that the total costs to fund these groups, $46 million, are dedicated to support high-priority public involvement efforts.

My Administration will continue to work with the Congress to assure that all advisory committees that are required by statute are regularly reviewed through the congressional reauthorization process and that remaining groups are instrumental in achieving national interests. The results that can be realized by working together to achieve our mutual objective of a better, more accessible government will increase the public's confidence in the effectiveness of our democratic system.

WILLIAM J. CLINTON.

THE WHITE HOUSE, *June 23, 1997.*

By unanimous consent, the message, together with the accompanying papers, was referred to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

¶71.38 LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted—

To Mr. YATES, for today;

To Mr. MCINTOSH, for today; and

To Mr. COX, for today and June 24.

And then,

¶71.39 ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Mr. FOX, at 11 o'clock and 50 minutes p.m., the House adjourned.

¶71.40 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. COBLE: Committee on the Judiciary. H.R. 1581. A bill to reauthorize the program established under chapter 44 of title 28, United States Code, relating to arbitration (Rept. No. 105–143). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

Mr. HYDE: Committee on the Judiciary. H.R. 1866. A bill to continue favorable treatment for need-based educational aid under the antitrust laws (Rept. No. 105–144). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

Mr. HYDE: Committee on the Judiciary. H.R. 1901. A bill to clarify that the protections of the Federal Tort Claims Act apply to the members and personnel of the National Gambling Impact Study Commission (Rept. No. 105–145). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

Mr. HYDE: Committee on the Judiciary. H.R. 1902. A bill 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 (Rept. No. 105–146). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

Mr. SHUSTER: Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure. H.R. 849. A bill to prohibit an alien who is not lawfully present in the United States from receiving assistance under the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970; with an amendment (Rept. No. 105–147). Ordered to be printed.

Mr. KASICH: Committee on the Budget. H.R. 2014. A bill to provide for reconciliation pursuant to subsections (b)(2) and (d) of section 105 of the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 1998 (Rept. No. 105–148). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

Mr. KASICH: Committee on the Budget. H.R. 2015. A bill to provide for reconciliation pursuant to subsections (b)(1) and (c) of section 105 of the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 1998 (Rept. No. 105–149). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

¶71.41 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. CAPPS (for himself and Mr. GILMAN):

H.R. 2009. A bill to amend the Social Security Act to waive the 24 month waiting period for Medicare coverage of individuals disabled with amyotrophic lateral sclerosis [ALS], to provide Medicare coverage of drugs used for treatment of ALS, and to amend the Public Health Service Act to increase Federal funding for research on ALS; 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. DICKEY:

H.R. 2010. A bill to designate the bridge over lock and dam numbered 4 on the Arkansas River as the ''Lawrence Blackwell Memorial Bridge''; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

By Mr. HUTCHINSON:

H.R. 2011. A bill to impose certain sanctions on the People's Republic of China, and for other purposes; to the Committee on International Relations, and in addition to the Committees on Banking and Financial Services, Ways and Means, and 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. SANDERS:

H.R. 2012. A bill to amend the National Labor Relations Act, to establish the National Public Employment Relations Commission, and to amend title I of the Employment Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 to provide for joint trusteeship of single-employer pension plans; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

By Mr. WEYGAND:

H.R. 2013. A bill to designate the facility of the U.S. Postal Service located at 551 Kingstown Road in South Kingstown, RI, as the ''David B. Champagne Post Office Building''; to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

By Mrs. MINK of Hawaii (for herself, Mr. BONIOR, Mrs. ROUKEMA, Mr. ABERCROMBIE, Mr. BLAGOJEVICH, Ms. CARSON, Ms. CHRISTIAN-GREEN, Mrs. CLAYTON, Mr. CONYERS, Mr. DAVIS of Illinois, Ms. DEGETTE, Mr. DELAHUNT, Mr. DELLUMS, Mr. DIXON, Mr. DOOLEY of California, Mr. ENGEL, Mr. EVANS, Mr. FALEOMAVAEGA, Mr. FARR of California, Mr. FILNER, Mr. FOGLIETTA, Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts, Mr. GEPHARDT, Mr. GREEN, Mr. GUTIERREZ, Mr. HASTINGS of Florida, Mr. HINCHEY, Mr. JACKSON, Mr. JEFFERSON, Mrs. KENNELLY of Connecticut, Ms. KILPATRICK, Mr. LANTOS, Mr. LEWIS of Georgia, Mrs.