6720. A letter from the Acting Associate Chief, Forest Service, transmitting annual report covering major accomplishments of the Forest Service for fiscal year 1996, pursuant to 16 U.S.C. 1674(c); jointly to the Committees on Agriculture and Resources.

6721. A letter from the Administrator, U.S. Agency for International Development, transmitting the Agency's annual report on activities under the Denton Program for the period July 1, 1996 through June 30, 1997; jointly to the Committees on National Security and International Relations.

6722. A letter from the Chairperson, United States Commission on Civil Rights, transmitting the Commission's report entitled ''Equal Educational Opportunity and Nondiscrimination for Students with Disabilities: Federal Enforcement of Section 504,'' pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 1975; jointly to the Committees on Education and the Workforce and the Judiciary.

6723. A letter from the Chairman, National Transportation Safety Board, transmitting a copy of the Board's request for supplemental appropriations, pursuant to 49 U.S.C. app. 1903(b)(7); jointly to the Committees on Transportation and Infrastructure and Appropriations.

¶1.4 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

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

H.R. 607. An Act to amend the Real Estate Settlement Procedures Act of 1974 to require notice of cancellation rights with respect to private mortgage insurance which is required as a condition of entering into certain federally related mortgage loans and to provide for cancellation of such insurance, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the Senate had passed bills and a concurrent resolution of the following titles, in which the concurrence of the House is requested:

S. 191. An Act to throttle criminal use of guns.

S. 758. An Act to make certain technical corrections to the Lobbying Disclosure Act of 1995.

S. 1172. An Act for the relief of Sylvester Flis.

S. 1213. An Act to establish a National Ocean Council, a Commission on Ocean Policy, and for other purposes.

S. 1566. An Act to amend the Soldiers' and Sailors' Civil Relief Act of 1940 to protect the voting rights of military personnel, and for other purposes.

S. Con. Res. 39. Concurrent resolution expressing the sense of the Congress that the German Government should expand and simplify its reparations system, provide reparations to Holocaust survivors in Eastern and Central Europe, and set up a fund to help cover the medical expenses of Holocaust survivors.

¶1.5 COMMITTEE TO NOTIFY THE PRESIDENT

Mr. ARMEY submitted the following privileged resolution (H. Res. 335):

Resolved, That a committee of two Members be appointed by the Speaker on the part of the House of Representatives to join with a committee on the part of the Senate to notify the President of the United States that a quorum of each House has assembled and Congress is ready to receive any communication that he may be pleased to make.

When said resolution was considered and agreed to.

A motion to reconsider the vote whereby said resolution was agreed to was, by unanimous consent, laid on the table.

¶1.6 APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEE TO NOTIFY THE PRESIDENT

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. DREIER, pursuant to the foregoing resolution, announced the appointment of Messrs. ARMEY and GEPHARDT as members of the committee on the part of the House to join a like committee on the part of the Senate to notify the President of the United States that a quorum of each House has been assembled and that Congress is ready to receive any communication that he may be pleased to make.

¶1.7 CLERK TO NOTIFY SENATE OF A QUORUM

Mr. ARMEY submitted the following privileged resolution (H. Res. 336):

Resolved, That the Clerk of the House inform the Senate that a quorum of the House is present and that the House is ready to proceed with business.

When said resolution was considered and agreed to.

A motion to reconsider the vote whereby said resolution was agreed to was, by unanimous consent, laid on the table.

¶1.8 HOUR OF MEETING

Mr. ARMEY submitted the following privileged resolution (H. Res. 337):

Resolved, That unless otherwise ordered, before Monday, May 18, 1998, the hour of daily meeting of the House shall be 2 p.m. on Mondays; 11 a.m. on Tuesdays; and 10 a.m. on all other days of the week; and from Monday, May 18, 1998, until the end of the second session, the hour of daily meeting of the House shall be noon on Mondays; 10 a.m. on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays; and 9 a.m. on all other days of the week.

When said resolution was considered and agreed to.

A motion to reconsider the vote whereby said resolution was agreed to was, by unanimous consent, laid on the table.

¶1.9 PROVIDING FOR THE ADJOURNMENT OF BOTH HOUSES

Mr. ARMEY submitted the following privileged concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 201):

Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate concurring), That when the House adjourns on the legislative day of Wednesday, January 28, 1998, it stand adjourned until 12:30 p.m. on Tuesday, February 3, 1998; that when the House adjourns on Thursday, February 5, 1998, it stand adjourned until 3 p.m. on Wednesday, February 11, 1998; and that when the House adjourns on Thursday, February 12, 1998, it stand adjourned until 12:30 p.m. on Tuesday, February 24, 1998, or until noon on the second day after Members are notified to reassemble pursaunt to section 2 of this concurrent resolution, whichever occurs first; and that when the Senate recesses or adjourns at the close of business on Friday, February 13, 1998, pursuant to a motion made by the Majority Leader, or his designee, in accordance with this concurrent resolution, it stand recessed or adjourned until noon on Monday, February 23, 1998, or such time on that day as may be specified by the Majority Leader or his designee in the motion to recess or adjourn, or until noon on the second day after Members are notified to reassemble pursuant to section 2 of this concurrent resolution, whichever occurs first.

SEC. 2. The Speaker of the House and the Majority Leader of the Senate, acting jointly after consultation with the Minority Leader of the House and the Minority Leader of the Senate, shall notify the Members of the House and the Senate, respectively, to reassemble whenever, in their opinion, the public interest shall warrant it.

When said concurrent resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider the vote whereby said concurrent resolution was agreed to was, by uanimous consent, laid on the table.

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

¶1.10 HOUR OF MEETING

On motion of Mr. ARMEY, by unanimous consent,

Ordered, That when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 1 o'clock p.m. on Wednesday, January 28, 1998.

¶1.11 CALENDAR WEDNESDAY BUSINESS DISPENSED WITH

On motion of Mr. ARMEY, by unanimous consent,

Ordered, That business in order for consideration on Wednesday, January 28, 1998, under clause 7, rule XXIV, the Calendar Wednesday rule, be dispensed with.

¶1.12 HOLOCAUST VICTIMS REDRESS

On motion of Mr. LEACH, by unanimous consent, the Committee on International Relations was discharged from further consideration of the bill of the Senate (S. 1564) to provide redress for inadequate restitution of assets seized by the United States Government during World War II which belonged to victims of the Holocaust, and for other purposes.

When said bill was considered, read twice, ordered to be read a third time, was read a third time by title, and passed.

A motion to reconsider the vote whereby the bill was passed was, by unanimous consent, laid on the table.

Ordered, That the Clerk notify the Senate thereof.

¶1.13 THE LATE HONORABLE SONNY BONO

Mr. LEWIS of California, submitted the following privileged resolution (H. Res. 338):

Resolved, That the House has heard with profound sorrow of the death of the Honorable Sonny Bono, a Representative from the State of California.

Resolved, That the Clerk communicate these resolutions to the Senate and transmit a copy thereof to the family of the deceased.

Resolved, That when the House adjourns today, it adjourn as a further mark of respect to the memory of the deceased.

When said resolution was considered.

After debate,