vote in Federal, State, and local elections, and, for the purposes of voting for an office of the United States or of an individual State, any person who is absent from a State in compliance with competent military or naval orders shall not be considered to have lost a residence or domicile solely by reason of that absence; to the Committee on House Oversight.

51. Also, a petition of the Military Order of the World Wars, Alexandria, Virginia, relative to reaffirming its support of the efforts of the American Battle Monuments Commission to create a World War II Memorial in accordance with decisions of site and design by competent and legal authority; to the Committee on Resources.

52. Also, a petition of the Military Order of the World Wars, Alexandria, Virgina, relative to urging the Administration and the Congress to fully fund the United States Coast Guard to carry out its numerous vital missions, including law enforcement, environmental protection, maritime safety, national security, and other missions as assigned; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

¶8.40 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. 1748: Mr. WATTS of Oklahoma.
H.R. 3073: Mr. HASTINGS of Washington.
H. Res. 358: Mr. DOGGETT.

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¶9.1 DESIGNATION OF SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,
February 25, 1998.

I hereby designate the Honorable JO ANN EMERSON to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

NEWT GINGRICH,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

¶9.2 APPROVAL OF THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mrs. EMERSON, announced she had examined and approved the Journal of the proceedings of Tuesday, February 24, 1998.

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

¶9.3 COMMUNICATIONS

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

7483. A letter from the Chief, Programs and Legislation Division, Office of Legislative Liaison, Department of the Air Force, transmitting notification that the Commander of Tinker Air Force Base, Oklahoma, has conducted a cost comparison to reduce the cost of operating communications functions, pursuant to 10 U.S.C. 2304 nt.; to the Committee on National Security.

7484. A letter from the Chief, Programs and Legislation Division, Office of Legislative Liaison, Department of the Air Force, transmitting notification that the Commander of Edwards Air Force Base, California, has conducted a cost comparison to reduce the cost of operating base supply functions, pursuant to 10 U.S.C. 2304 nt.; to the Committee on National Security.

7485. A letter from the Managing Director, Federal Housing Finance Board, transmitting the Board's final rule—Regulations Governing Book-Entry Federal Home Loan Bank Securities [No. 98–03] (RIN: 3069–AA54) received February 17, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services.

7486. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Administrative Reporting Exemptions for Certain Radionuclide Releases [FRL–5970–8] (RIN: 2050–AD46) received February 23, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

7487. A letter from the Acting Director, Regulations Policy and Management Staff, Office of Policy, Food and Drug Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule—Food Labeling: Health Claims; Soluble Fiber From Certain Foods and Coronary Heart Disease [Docket No. 96P–0338] received February 23, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

7488. A letter from the Director, Regulations Policy and Management Staff, Office of Policy, Food and Drug Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule—Indirect Food Additives: Polymers [Docket No. 96F–0477] received February 20, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

7489. A letter from the Director, Regulations Policy and Management Staff, Office of Policy, Food and Drug Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule—Food Additives Permitted in Feed and Drinking Water of Animals; Sodium Stearate [Docket No. 96F–0410] received February 23, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

7490. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting certification of a proposed license for the export of defense articles or defense services sold commercially to Germany (Transmittal No. DTC–10–98), pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2776(c); to the Committee on International Relations.

7491. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting notification of a proposed manufacturing license agreement for production of major military equipment with the United Kingdom (Transmittal No. DTC–34–98), pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2776(d); to the Committee on International Relations.

7492. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting certification of a proposed license for the export of defense articles or defense services sold commercially to the Republic of Korea (Transmittal No. DTC–15–98), pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2776(c); to the Committee on International Relations.

7493. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting certification of a proposed license for the export of defense articles or defense services sold commercially to the United Kingdom (Transmittal No. DTC–13–98), pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2776(c); to the Committee on International Relations.

7494. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting certification of a proposed license for the export of defense articles or defense services sold commercially to the Republic of Korea (Transmittal No. DTC–11–98), pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2776(c); to the Committee on International Relations.

7495. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting notification of a proposed manufacturing license agreement for production of major military equipment with the United Kingdom (Transmittal No. DTC–12–98), pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2776(d); to the Committee on International Relations.

7496. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting certification of a proposed license for the export of defense articles or defense services sold commercially to the Republic of Korea (Transmittal No. DTC–9–98), pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2776(c); to the Committee on International Relations.

7497. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting notification of a proposed manufacturing license agreement for production of major military equipment with the Republic of Korea (Transmittal No. DTC–16–98), pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2776(d); to the Committee on International Relations.

7498. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting notification of a proposed manufacturing license agreement for production of major military equipment with Taiwan (Transmittal No. DTC–130–97), pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2776(d); to the Committee on International Relations.

7499. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting certification of a proposed license for the export of defense articles or defense services sold commercially to the Republic of the Philippines (Transmittal No. DTC–14–98), pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2776(c); to the Committee on International Relations.

7500. A letter from the Acting Comptroller General, General Accounting Office, transmitting a list of all reports issued or released in January 1998, pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 719(h); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

7501. A letter from the Deputy Associate Administrator for Acquisition Policy, General Services Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule—Federal Acquisition Regulation; Modular Contracting [FAC 97–04; FAR Case 96–605; Item XV] (RIN: 9000–AH55) received February 19, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

7502. A letter from the Deputy Associate Administrator for Acquisition Policy, General Services Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule—Federal Acquisition Regulation; Transfer of Assets Following a Business Combination [FAC 97–04; FAR Case 96–006; Item XIV] (RIN: 9000–AH56) received February 19, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

7503. A letter from the Deputy Associate Administrator for Acquisition Policy, General Services Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule—Federal Acquisition Regulation; Limitation on Allowability of Compensation for Certain Contractor Personnel [FAC 97–04; FAR Case 97–303; Item XIII] (RIN: 9000–AH90) received February 19, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

7504. A letter from the Deputy Associate Administrator for Acquisition Policy, General Services Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule—Federal Acquisition Regulation; Change in Contract Administration and Audit Cognizance [FAC 97–04; FAR Case 95–022; Item XII] (RIN: 9000–AH27) received February 19, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

7505. A letter from the Deputy Associate Administrator for Acquisition Policy, General Services Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule—Federal Acquisition Regulation; Administrative Changes to Cost Accounting Standards Applicability [FAC 97–04; FAR Case 97–025; Item XI] (RIN: 9000–AH88) received February 19, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the