

Class D Airspace; Twin Falls, ID [Airspace Docket No. 97-ANM-24] received February 27, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

7659. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Establishment of Class E Airspace; Hayden, CO [Airspace Docket No. 97-ANM-13] received February 27, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

7660. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Drawbridge Operation Regulations; Connecticut River, CT (RIN: 2115-AE47) received February 27, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

7661. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Regulated Navigation Area Regulation: Ice Operations in Chesapeake Bay [Docket No. CGD 05-98-004] (RIN: 2115-AE84) received February 27, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

7662. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Safety Zone: Mission Bay, San Diego, CA; Oceanside Harbor, Oceanside, CA [Docket San Diego, 98-006] (RIN: 2115-AA97) received February 27, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

7663. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Critical Ship Safety Systems Table and Components of a Supplement under the Alternate Compliance Program [Docket No. USCG 98-3324] received February 27, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

7664. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Coast Guard Acceptance of Resiliently Seated Valves [Docket No. USCG 1998-3560] received February 27, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

7665. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Passenger Manifest Information [Docket No. OST-95-950] (RIN: 2105-AB78) received February 27, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

7666. A letter from the Secretary of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Amendment of Class E Airspace; Big Piney, WY [Airspace Docket No. 97-ANM-14] received February 27, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

7667. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Election in respect of losses attributable to a disaster [26 CFR 1.165-11] received February 27, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

7668. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Examination of returns and claims for refund, credits or abatement; determination of correct tax liability (Also Part I, Section 6001; 1.6001-1) [Docket No. 26 CFR 601.105] received February 26, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

¶11.4 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A message from the Senate by Mr. Lundregan, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate having proceeded to reconsider the bill (H.R. 2631) "An Act disapproving the cancellations transmitted by the President on October 6, 1997, regarding Public Law 105-45," returned by the President of the United States with his objections, to the House, in which it originated, and passed by the House on reconsideration of the same, it was resolved, that the said bill pass, two-thirds of the Senators having voted in the affirmative.

The message also announced that the Senate disagrees to the amendment of the House to the bill (S. 1150) "An Act to ensure that federally funded agricultural research, extension, and education address high-priority concerns with national or multistate significance, to reform, extend, and eliminate certain agricultural research programs, and for other purposes," agrees to a conference asked by the House on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses thereon, and appoints Mr. LUGAR, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. COVERDELL, Mr. HARKIN, and Mr. LEAHY, to be the conferees on the part of the Senate.

The message also announced that pursuant to Public Law 105-83, the Chair announces on behalf of the Majority Leader, his appointment of the following Senators to serve as members of the National Council on the Arts—the Senator from Alabama (Mr. SESSIONS), and the Senator from Maine (Ms. COLLINS).

The message also announced that pursuant to Public Law 105-134, the Chair announces on behalf of the Majority Leader, his appointment of the following individuals to serve as members of the Amtrak Reform Council—Gilbert E. Carmichael, of Mississippi, Joseph Vranich, of Pennsylvania, and Paul M. Weyrich, of Virginia.

¶11.5 JOHN C. STENNIS CENTER

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. COBLE, by unanimous consent, announced that the Speaker, pursuant to the provisions of section 114(b) of Public Law 100-458 (2 United States Code 1103) appointed to the Board of Trustees of the John C. Stennis Center, on the part of the House, the following Member: Mr. PICKERING to fill the existing vacancy thereon.

¶11.6 MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

A message in writing from the President of the United States was communicated to the House by Mr. Edwin Thomas, one of his secretaries.

¶11.7 MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT— TRADE AGREEMENTS PROGRAM

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

To the Congress of the United States:

As required by section 163 of the Trade Act of 1974, as amended (19 U.S.C. 2213), I transmit herewith the

1998 Trade Policy Agenda and 1997 Annual Report on the Trade Agreements Program.

WILLIAM J. CLINTON.
THE WHITE HOUSE, *February 28, 1998.*

By unanimous consent, the message, together with the accompanying papers, was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

And then,

¶11.8 ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Mr. RIGGS, at 2 o'clock and 2 minutes p.m., the House adjourned.

¶11.9 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. ARCHER: Committee on Ways and Means. H.R. 3130. A bill to provide for an alternative penalty procedure for States that fail to meet Federal child support data processing requirements, to reform Federal incentive payments for effective child support performance, and to provide for a more flexible penalty procedure for States that violate interjurisdictional adoption requirements; with an amendment (Rept. No. 105-422). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

Mr. GILMAN: Committee on International Relations. H.R. 1432. A bill to authorize a new trade and investment policy for sub-Saharan Africa; with an amendment (Rept. No. 105-423 Pt. 1). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

Mr. ARCHER: Committee on Ways and Means. H.R. 1432. A bill to authorize a new trade and investment policy for sub-Saharan Africa; with an amendment (Rept. No. 105-423 Pt. 2).

¶11.10 TIME LIMITATION OF REFERRED BILL

Pursuant to clause 5 of rule X the following action was taken by the Speaker:

H.R. 1432. Referral to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services extended for a period ending not later than March 2, 1998.

¶11.11 DISCHARGE OF COMMITTEE

Pursuant to clause 5 of rule X the Committee on Banking and Financial Services discharged from further consideration. H.R. 1432 referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

¶11.12 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. CASTLE:

H.R. 3301. A bill to amend chapter 51 of title 31, United States Code, to allow the Secretary of the Treasury greater discretion with regard to the placement of the required inscriptions on quarter dollars issued under the 50 States Commemorative Coin Program; to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services.

By Mr. RADANOVICH:

H.R. 3302. A bill to amend the Reclamation States Emergency Drought Relief Act of 1991 to provide a loan to the Madera-Chowchilla Power Authority; to the Committee on Resources.

By Mr. CHABOT (for himself and Mr. HASTINGS of Florida):

H. Res. 374. A resolution expressing the sense of the House of Representatives regarding the ongoing violence in Algeria; to the Committee on International Relations.

By Mr. TOWNS:

H. Res. 375. A resolution supporting the efforts of Dobroslav Paraga to bring about increased respect for democratic and human rights in Croatia; to the Committee on International Relations.

¶11.13 ADDITIONAL SPONSORS

Under clause 4 of rule XXII, sponsors were added to public bills and resolutions as follows:

H.R. 859: Mr. REDMOND.
 H.R. 902: Mr. BRADY.
 H.R. 1054: Mr. ARMEY and Mr. GOODLING.
 H.R. 1372: Mr. HULSHOF.
 H.R. 1401: Mr. OLVER and Mr. STUPAK.
 H.R. 1841: Mr. PAUL.
 H.R. 2004: Mrs. THURMAN.
 H.R. 2052: Mr. BERMAN, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. WATT of North Carolina, Mrs. MEEK of Florida, and Mrs. MINK of Hawaii.
 H.R. 2351: Mr. LEVIN, Mr. TORRES, and Mr. KLECZKA.
 H.R. 2545: Mr. PALLONE, Ms. HOOLEY of Oregon, Mr. MANTON, and Mr. YATES.
 H.R. 2568: Mr. POMBO.
 H.R. 2593: Mr. FROST, Mr. PITTS, Mr. LEWIS of Kentucky, Mr. JONES, and Mr. GUTKNECHT.
 H.R. 2639: Ms. WOOLSEY.
 H.R. 2788: Mr. MCHUGH, Mr. QUINN, Mr. ANDREWS, and Mr. EVANS.
 H.R. 2803: Mr. SESSIONS and Mr. TALENT.
 H.R. 3147: Mr. DAVIS of Illinois, Mr. GUTIERREZ, and Mr. MANZULLO.
 H.R. 3166: Mr. HULSHOF.
 H.R. 3270: Mr. SNYDER.
 H.R. 3291: Mr. FAZIO of California, Mr. BAKER, and Mr. METCALF.
 H.J. Res. 102: Mr. ABERCROMBIE, Mr. ADERHOLT, Mr. BOYD, Mr. COBLE, Mr. GREEN, Mr. GUTIERREZ, Mr. HAYWORTH, Mr. HILLEARY, Mr. HINCHCY, Mr. KENNEDY of Rhode Island, Mr. KLECZKA, Ms. LOFGREN, Mr. REYES, Mr. ROHRBACHER, Mr. SABO, Ms. SANCHEZ, Mr. BOB SCHAFFER, Mr. SERRANO, Mr. SHAW, Mr. SHIMKUS, Mr. SKELTON, Mr. SPRATT, Mr. STUPAK, and Mr. WALSH.
 H. Con. Res. 122: Mr. ACKERMAN.

TUESDAY, MARCH 3, 1998 (12)

¶12.1 DESIGNATION OF SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The House was called to order at 12:30 o'clock p.m. by the SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. SNOWBARGER, who laid before the House the following communication:

WASHINGTON, DC,
 March 3, 1998.

I hereby designate the Honorable VINCE SNOWBARGER to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

NEWT GINGRICH,
 Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Whereupon, pursuant to the order of the House of Tuesday, January 21, 1997, Members were recognized for "morning-hour debate".

¶12.2 RECESS—1:22 P.M.

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. SNOWBARGER, pursuant to clause 12 of rule I, declared the House in recess until 2 p.m.

¶12.3 AFTER RECESS—2 P.M.

The SPEAKER called the House to order.

¶12.4 APPROVAL OF THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER announced he had examined and approved the Journal of the proceedings of Monday, March 2, 1998.

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

¶12.5 COMMUNICATIONS

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

7669. A letter from the Assistant Administrator for Pesticides and Toxic Substances, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting a final rule under the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA), pursuant to 7 U.S.C. 136w(a)(4); to the Committee on Agriculture.

7670. A letter from the Director, Defense Security Assistance Agency, transmitting the Department of the Air Force's proposed lease of defense articles to the Republic of Korea (Transmittal No. 07-98); to the Committee on International Relations.

7671. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting a copy of D.C. Act 12-254, "Dave Clarke School of Law Designation Act of 1998" received February 27, 1998, pursuant to D.C. Code section 1-233(c)(1); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

7672. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting a copy of D.C. Act 12-261, "Drug House Abatement Amendment Act of 1998" received February 27, 1998, pursuant to D.C. Code section 1-233(c)(1); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

7673. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting a copy of D.C. Act 12-260, "Department of Corrections Criminal Background Investigation Authorization Act of 1998" received February 27, 1998, pursuant to D.C. Code section 1-233(c)(1); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

7674. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting a copy of D.C. Act 12-259, "Check Identification Fraud Prevention Amendment Act of 1998" received February 27, 1998, pursuant to D.C. Code section 1-233(c)(1); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

7675. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting a copy of D.C. Act 12-256, "Omnibus Regulatory Reform Amendment Act of 1998" received February 27, 1998, pursuant to D.C. Code section 1-233(c)(1); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

7676. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting a copy of D.C. Act 12-257, "Collateral Reform Amendment Act of 1998" received February 27, 1998, pursuant to D.C. Code section 1-233(c)(1); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

7677. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting a copy of D.C. Act 12-263, "Illegal Dumping Enforcement Amendment Act of 1998" received February 27, 1998, pursuant to D.C. Code section 1-233(c)(1); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

7678. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting a copy of D.C. Act 12-262, "Life Insurance Special Contingency Reserve Amendment Act of 1998" received February 27, 1998, pursuant to D.C. Code section 1-233(c)(1); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

7679. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting a

copy of D.C. Act 12-264, "Advisory Neighborhood Commissions Quorum Definition Amendment Act of 1998" received February 27, 1998, pursuant to D.C. Code section 1-233(c)(1); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

7680. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting a copy of D.C. Act 12-265, "Defined Contribution Transition Vesting Clarification Amendment Act of 1998" received February 27, 1998, pursuant to D.C. Code section 1-233(c)(1); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

7681. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting a copy of D.C. Act 12-267, "Uniform Interstate Family Support Temporary Amendment Act of 1998" received February 27, 1998, pursuant to D.C. Code section 1-233(c)(1); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

7682. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting a copy of D.C. Act 12-266, "New Washington Convention Center Neighborhood Stability Act 1998" received February 27, 1998, pursuant to D.C. Code section 1-233(c)(1); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

7683. A letter from the Chairman, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting the report in compliance with the Government in the Sunshine Act for 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552b(j); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

7684. A letter from the President and Chief Executive Officer, Overseas Private Investment Corporation, transmitting the FY 1999 Annual Performance Plan for the Overseas Private Investment Corporation (OPIC), pursuant to Public Law 103-62; to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

7685. A letter from the Executive Director, Office of Compliance, transmitting supplementary notice of proposed rulemaking (extension of comment period) for publication in the Congressional RECORD, pursuant to Public Law 104-1, section 303(b) (109 Stat. 28); jointly to the Committees on Education and the Workforce and House Oversight.

¶12.6 STEWART B. MCKINNEY HOMELESS ASSISTANCE—H.R. 217

Mr. LAZIO, by unanimous consent, and by direction of the Banking and Financial Services, filed a supplemental report (Rept. No. 105-407, Part II) on the bill (H.R. 217) to amend title IV of the Stewart B. McKinney Homeless Assistance Act to consolidate the Federal programs for housing assistance for the homeless into a block grant program that ensures that States and communities are provided sufficient flexibility to use assistance amounts effectively, referred to the Union Calendar and ordered printed.

¶12.7 HOMELESS HOUSING PROGRAMS CONSOLIDATION

Mr. LAZIO moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 217) to amend title IV of the Stewart B. McKinney Homeless Assistance Act to consolidate the Federal programs for housing assistance for the homeless into a block grant program that ensures that States and communities are provided sufficient flexibility to use assistance amounts effectively; as amended.

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. SNOWBARGER, recognized Mr. LAZIO