The conflict could easily have spread through the region, endangering old Allies and new democracies alike. A larger conflict would have cast doubt on the viability of the NATO alliance itself and crippled prospects for our larger goal of a democratic, undivided, and peaceful Europe.

The Dayton framework is the key to changing the conditions that made Bosnia a fuse in a regional powder keg. It is decisively in American interests to see Dayton implemented as rapidly as feasible, so that peace becomes self-sustaining. U.S. leadership is as essential to sustaining progress as it has been to ending the war and laying the foundation for peace.

I expect the size of the overall NATO force in Bosnia and Herzegovina will remain similar to that of the current SFOR. However, the U.S. contribution would decline by about 20 percent, as our Allies and partners continue to shoulder an increasing share of the burden.

Although I do not propose a fixed end-date for this presence, it is by no means open-ended. Instead, the goal of the military presence is to establish the conditions under which Dayton implementation can continue without the support of a major NATO-led military force. To achieve this goal, we have established concrete and achievable benchmarks, such as the reform of police and media, the elimination of illegal pre-Dayton institutions, the conduct of elections according to democratic norms, elimination of cross-entity barriers to commerce, and a framework for the phased and orderly return of refugees. NATO and U.S. forces will be reduced progressively as achievement of these benchmarks improves conditions, enabling the international community to rely largely on traditional diplomacy, international civil personnel, economic incentives and disincentives, confidence-building measures, and negotiation to continue implementing the Dayton Accords over the longer term.

In fact, great strides already have been made towards fulfilling these aims, especially in the last ten months since the United States re-energized the Dayton process. Since Dayton, a stable military environment has been created; over 300,000 troops returned to civilian life and 6,600 heavy weapons have been destroyed. Public security is improving through the restructuring, retraining and reintegration of local police. Democratic elections have been held at all levels of government and hard-line nationalists—especially in the Republika Srpska—are increasingly marginalized. Independent media and political pluralism are expanding. Over 400,000 refugees and displaced persons have returned home—110,000 in 1997. One third of the publicly-indicted war criminals have been taken into custody.

Progress has been particularly dramatic since the installation of a pro-Dayton, pro-democracy Government in Republika Srpska in December. Already, the capital of Republika Srpska has been moved from Pale to Banja Luka; media are being restructured along domestic lines; civil police are generally cooperating with the reform process; war criminals are surrendering; and Republika Srpska is working directly with counterparts in the Federation to prepare key cities in both entities for major returns of refugees and displaced persons.

At the same time, long-standing obstacles to inter-entity cooperation also are being broken down: a common flag now flies over Bosnia institutions, a common currency is being printed, a common automobile license plate is being manufactured, and mail is being delivered and trains are running across the inter-entity boundary line.

Although progress has been tangible, many of these achievements still are reversible and a robust international military presence still is required at the present time to sustain the progress. I am convinced that the NATO-led force—and U.S. participation in it—can be progressively reduced as conditions continue to improve, until the implementation process is capable of sustaining itself without a major international military presence.

WILLIAM J. CLINTON.

THE WHITE HOUSE, *March 3, 1998.*

By unanimous consent, the message, together with the accompanying papers, was referred to the Committee on International Relations and the Committee on Appropriations and ordered to be printed (H. Doc. 105–223).

¶13.32 CLERK TO CORRECT ENGROSSMENT—H.R. 856

On motion of Mr. BURTON, by unanimous consent,

Ordered, That in the engrossment of the bill (H.R. 856) to provide a process leading to full self-government for Puerto Rico, the Clerk be authorized to make such technical and conforming changes as may be necessary to reflect the action of the House just taken.

¶13.33 ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS—H.R. 1232

Mr. CONDIT, by unanimous consent, was authorized to be considered as the first sponsor of the bill (H.R. 1232) to require country of origin labeling of perishable agricultural commodities imported into the United States and to establish penalties for violations of such labeling requirements, for the purposes of adding cosponsors and requesting reprints pursuant to clause 4 of Rule XXII.

¶13.34 AMTRAK REFORM COUNCIL

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. BONILLA, by unanimous consent, announced that the Speaker, pursuant to the provisions of section 203(b)(1) of Public Law 105-134, appointed to the Amtrak Reform Council for a term of five years, Mrs. Christine Todd Whitman of New Jersey, Mr. Bruce Chapman of Washington, and Mr. Christopher Gleason of Pennsylvania on the part of the House.

Ordered, That the Clerk notify the Senate of the foregoing appointments.

¶13.35 LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted—

To Mr. LUTHER, for today; and

To Ms. KILPATRICK, for today after 3 p.m. and the balance of the week.

And then,

¶13.36 ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Mr. Bob SCHAFFER of Colorado, at 11 o'clock and 30 minutes p.m., the House adjourned.

¶13.37 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:

Mrs. MYRICK: Committee on Rules. House Resolution 377. Resolution providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 2369) to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to strengthen and clarify prohibitions on electronic eavesdropping, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 105–427). Referred to the House Calendar.

Ms. PRYCE of Ohio: House Resolution 378. Resolution providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 3130) 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 (Rept. No. 105–428). Referred to the House Calendar.

¶13.38 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. SMITH of Oregon:

H.R. 3317. A bill to provide that each State may establish a pilot program for mediation of private rights of action under the Migrant and Seasonal Agricultural Worker Protection Act; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

By Mr. BAKER (for himself and Mr. PALLONE):

H.R. 3318. A bill to amend title 49, United States Code, to improve the one-call notification process, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

By Mr. WAMP:

H.R. 3319. A bill to provide for notice to owners of property that may be subject to the exercise of eminent domain by private nongovernmental entities under certain Federal authorization statutes, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Resources.

By Mr. RANGEL (for himself, Mr. STARK, Mr. MATSUI, Mrs. KENNELLY of Connecticut, Mr. COYNE, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. MCDERMOTT, Mr. LEWIS of Georgia, Mr. NEAL of Massachusetts, Mr. MCNULTY, Mr. JEFFERSON, Mr. BECERRA, Mrs. THURMAN, Mrs. LOWEY, Mr. GEPHARDT, Mr. BONIOR, Mr. YATES, Mr. CONYERS, Mr. MURTHA, Mr. HEFNER, Mr. WAXMAN, Mr. FROST, Mr. GEJDENSON, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. BOUCHER, Mr. EVANS, Mr. OWENS, Mr. ACKERMAN, Mr. KENNEDY of Massachusetts, Mr. SAWYER, Ms. PELOSI, Mr. FALEOMAVAEGA, Mr. ANDREWS, Mr. ABERCROMBIE, Ms. DELAURO, Mr. DOOLEY of California,

Mr. EDWARDS, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. OLVER, Mr. FILNER, Mr. GREEN, Mr. HILLIARD, Mr. HINCHEY, Mrs. MALONEY of New York, Mr. MEEHAN, Mr. RUSH, Mr. UNDERWOOD, Ms. VELAZQUEZ, Mr. KENNEDY of Rhode Island, Ms. JACKSON-LEE, Ms. LOFGREN, Mr. STRICKLAND, Mr. BLAGOJEVICH, Ms. CARSON, Ms. DEGETTE, Mr. ETHERIDGE, Ms. KILPATRICK, Mr. MCGOVERN, Ms. SANCHEZ, Mr. SHERMAN, Mr. TIERNEY, Mr. WEXLER, and Mr. WEYGAND):

H.R. 3320. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to expand the incentives for the construction and renovation of public schools; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. BARR of Georgia:

H.R. 3321. A bill to amend the Communications Assistance for Law Enforcement Act, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. EDWARDS:

H.R. 3322. A bill to repeal the prohibition on the use of Robert Gray Army Airfield at Fort Hood, Texas, by civil aviation; to the Committee on National Security.

By Mr. GUTKNECHT:

H.R. 3323. A bill to amend the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States to provide for duty-free treatment of oxidized polyacrylonitrile fibers; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mrs. MYRICK:

H.R. 3324. A bill to suspend from January 1, 1998, until December 31, 2002, the duty on SE2SI Spray Granulated (HOE S 4291); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. NEAL of Massachusetts:

H.R. 3325. A bill to suspend temporarily the duty on a certain chemical; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. NEAL of Massachusetts:

H.R. 3326. A bill to suspend temporarily the duty on 2–Ethylhexanoic acid; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. NEAL of Massachusetts:

H.R. 3327. A bill to suspend temporarily the duty on the chemical Polyvinyl butyral; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. NEAL of Massachusetts (for himself and Mr. MEEHAN):

H.R. 3328. A bill to suspend temporarily the duty on a certain anti-HIV and anti-AIDS drug; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Ms. NORTON:

H.R. 3329. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to expand certain enterprise zone incentives applicable to portions of the District of Columbia and to provide for individuals who are residents of the District of Columbia a maximum rate of tax of 15 percent on income from sources within the District of Columbia; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. RIGGS:

H.R. 3330. A bill to prohibit discrimination and preferential treatment on the basis of race, sex, color, national origin, or ethnicity in connection with admission to an institution of higher education participating in any program authorized under the Higher Education Act of 1965; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

By Mr. SAXTON (for himself, Mr. ARMEY, and Mr. CAMPBELL):

H.R. 3331. A bill to ensure the transparency of International Monetary Fund operations; to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services.

By Mr. SENSENBRENNER (for himself and Mr. BROWN of California):

H.R. 3332. A bill to amend the High-Performance Computing Act of 1991 to authorize appropriations for fiscal years 1999 and 2000 for the Next Generation Internet program, to require the Advisory Committee on High-Performance Computing and Communications, Information Technology, and the Next Generation Internet to monitor and give advice concerning the development and implementation of the Next Generation Internet program and report to the President and the Congress on its activities, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Science.

By Mr. STARK:

H.R. 3333. A bill to establish a policy of the United States with respect to nuclear nonproliferation; to the Committee on International Relations.

By Mr. THORNBERRY (for himself, Mrs. CUBIN, and Mr. BRADY):

H.R. 3334. A bill to provide certainty for, reduce administrative and compliance burdens associated with, and streamline and improve the collection of royalties from Federal and outer continental shelf oil and gas leases, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Resources.

By Mrs. THURMAN:

H.R. 3335. A bill to amend the Agricultural Adjustment Act to require the timely application to imported fruits and vegetables of grade, size, quality, and maturity requirements applicable to comparable domestically produced fruits and vegetables under agricultural marketing orders; to the Committee on Agriculture.

By Mrs. THURMAN (for herself and Mr. EVANS):

H.R. 3336. A bill to name the Department of Veterans Affairs medical center in Gainesville, Florida, as the ''Malcom Randall Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center''; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mrs. MORELLA (for herself, Mr. DIXON, and Mr. CUMMINGS):

H.J. Res. 113. A joint resolution approving the location of a Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial in the Nation's Capitol; to the Committee on Resources.

By Mr. SHAW (for himself and Mr. MICA):

H.J. Res. 114. A joint resolution disapproving the certification of the President under section 490(b) of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 regarding foreign assistance for Mexico during fiscal year 1998; to the Committee on International Relations, and in addition to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services, 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. HOUGHTON (for himself, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. ENGLISH of Pennsylvania, Mrs. JOHNSON of Connecticut, Mr. MATSUI, Mr. LEACH, Mr. BLUMENAUER, Mr. DAVIS of Florida, Mr. HALL of Texas, and Mr. MORAN of Virginia):

H. Con. Res. 233. Concurrent resolution calling on Japan to establish and maintain an open, competitive market for consumer photographic film and paper and other sectors facing market access barriers in Japan; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. PAYNE:

H. Con. Res. 234. Concurrent resolution regarding the human rights situation in Sudan and Mauritania, including the practice of chattel slavery and all other forms of booty; to the Committee on International Relations.

¶13.39 ADDITIONAL SPONSORS

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

H.R. 44: Mr. COOK, Mr. UNDERWOOD, Ms. STABENOW, and Mr. POMEROY.

H.R. 65: Mr. CAMP and Mr. PETERSON of Minnesota.

H.R. 66: Mr. MALONEY of Connecticut.

H.R. 107: Ms. BROWN of Florida.

H.R. 146: Mr. RAHALL.

H.R. 284: Mr. BARRETT of Wisconsin, Mr. SANDERS, and Mr. CLAY.

H.R. 303: Mr. LOBIONDO and Mr. CAMP.

H.R. 306: Mr. MASCARA, Mr. RAHALL, Mr. ETHERIDGE, and Mr. SAWYER.

H.R. 371: Ms. SANCHEZ.

H.R. 372: Mr. NADLER.

H.R. 665: Mr. CANADY of Florida.

H.R. 900: Ms. WATERS and Mrs. JOHNSON of Connecticut.

H.R. 981: Mr. VENTO, Mr. LANTOS, Mr. ADAM SMITH of Washington, Mr. ENGEL, Mrs. TAUSCHER, and Mr. NADLER.

H.R. 1016: Mr. ENGLISH of Pennsylvania.

H.R. 1062: Mr. EVERETT.

H.R. 1075: Mrs. ROUKEMA and Mr. FAZIO of California.

H.R. 1215: Mr. VENTO, Mr. PALLONE, and Mr. PASTOR.

H.R. 1261: Mr. CHRISTENSEN and Mr. GREENWOOD.

H.R. 1289: Mr. DEUTSCH and Mr. ENSIGN.

H.R. 1302: Ms. SLAUGHTER and Mr. BALDACCI.

H.R. 1356: Mrs. LINDA SMITH of Washington, Mr. CHRISTENSEN, MR. BROWN of California, and Mrs. THURMAN.

H.R. 1401: Mr. WELLER, Mr. HINCHEY, and Mr. ENSIGN.

H.R. 1525: Mr. BROWN of Ohio.

H.R. 1531: Mr. HEFLEY.

H.R. 1571: Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas and Mr. HILLIARD.

H.R. 1573: Mr. ALLEN.

H.R. 1605: Mr. FROST.

H.R. 1656: Mr. GREENWOOD.

H.R. 1670: Ms. DELAURO.

H.R. 1736: Ms. JACKSON-LEE.

H.R. 1786: Mr. HINCHEY, Mr. MEEHAN, Mr. WATTS of Oklahoma, and Ms. SANCHEZ.

H.R. 1816: Mr. DOOLITTLE.

H.R. 1873: Mr. SHAYS.

H.R. 2020: Mr. HOLDEN, Mr. GILCHREST, Mr. GOODLING, Mr. COYNE, Ms. FURSE, and Mr. MORAN of Kansas.

H.R. 2023: Mr. ANDREWS.

H.R. 2130: Mr. LOBIONDO, Ms. KAPTUR, Mr. MOLLOHAN, Mr. STENHOLM, and Mr. CONDIT.

H.R. 2173: Mr. BATEMAN, Mr. BARRETT of Wisconsin, and Mr. NEAL of Massachusetts.

H.R. 2174: Mr. BROWN of Ohio, Mr. ANDREWS, Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas, Mr. KUCINICH, Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York, Mr. TIERNEY, Ms. SANCHEZ, Mr. CLAY, and Mr. PICKETT.

H.R. 2202: Mr. BLUMENAUER.

H.R. 2257: Ms. WOOLSEY and Mr. CALVERT.

H.R. 2290: Ms. RIVERS.

H.R. 2305: Mr. BURTON of Indiana and Mr. COOKSEY.

H.R. 2409: Mr. BROWN of Ohio.

H.R. 2457: Mr. GEJDENSON.

H.R. 2500: Mr. SMITH of New Jersey, Mr. JOHN, and Mr. CRAMER.

H.R. 2652: Mr. VENTO.

H.R. 2695: Mr. SCHUMER and Mrs. CLAYTON.

H.R. 2698: Mr. ACKERMAN, Ms. KILPATRICK, Mr. LAFALCE, Mr. FILNER, Ms. FURSE, Mr. CONYERS, Mr. NEAL of Massachusetts, Mr. KENNEDY of Rhode Island, Mr. FORD, Ms. HOOLEY of Oregon, Mr. LEWIS of Georgia, Mr. PRICE of North Carolina, Mr. DAVIS of Illinois, Ms. NORTON, Mrs. TAUSCHER, and Mr. MANTON.

H.R. 2699: Mr. EVANS and Mr. DEUTSCH.

H.R. 2715: Mr. CANADY of Florida.

H.R. 2752: Mr. ORTIZ and Mr. GREEN.

H.R. 2754: Mr. RUSH, Mr. FILNER, Mr. FALEOMAVAEGA, Mr. ACKERMAN, Mr. COYNE, and Mr. WYNN.

H.R. 2870: Mr. LANTOS, Mr. BALLENGER, Mr. CAMPBELL, and Mr. SMITH of New Jersey.

H.R. 2883: Mr. TALENT, Mr. BOEHNER, and Mr. YOUNG of Alaska.

H.R. 2888: Ms. RIVERS.

H.R. 2914: Mr. CLAY.

H.R. 2923: Mr. DOOLITTLE, Mr. ENGLISH of Pennsylvania, Mr. GILMAN, Mr. ENGEL, Mr. OXLEY, and Mr. GILCHREST.