¶18.20 HOUR OF MEETING

On motion of Mr. CAMPBELL, by unanimous consent,

Ordered, That when the House adjourns on Monday, March 16, 1998, it adjourn to meet at 12:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 17, 1998, for ''morning-hour debate''.

¶18.21 CALENDAR WEDNESDAY BUSINESS DISPENSED WITH

On motion of Mr. CAMPBELL, by unanimous consent,

Ordered, That business in order for consideration on Wednesday, March 18, 1998, under clause 7, rule XXIV, the Calendar Wednesday rule, be dispensed with.

¶18.22 SENATE BILL REFERRED

A bill of the Senate of the following title was taken from the Speaker's table and, under the rule, referred as follows:

S. 1605. An Act to establish a matching grant program to help States, units of local government, and Indian tribes to purchase armor vests for use by law enforcement officers; to the Committee on the Judiciary

¶18.23 LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted—

To Mr. GOSS for today from 12 noon; and

To Mr. REDMOND, for March 10, 11, and 12.

And then,

¶18.24 ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Mr. RIGGS, pursuant to the special order heretofore agreed to at 4 o'clock and 58 minutes p.m., the House adjourned until 2 o'clock p.m. on Monday, March 16, 1998.

¶18.25 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. 2294. A bill to make improvements in the operation and administration of the Federal courts, and for other purposes; with an amendment (Rept. No. 105–437). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

Mr. SHUSTER: Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure. House Concurrent Resolution 238. Resolution authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for a breast cancer survivors event sponsored by the National Race for the Cure; with an amendment (Rept. No. 105–438). Referred to the House Calendar.

Mr. CANADY: Committee on the Judiciary. H.R. 3117. A bill to reauthorize the United States Commission on Civil Rights, and for other purposes; with an amendment (Rept. No. 105–439). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

Mr. SMITH of Oregon: Committee on Agriculture. H.R. 2515. A bill to address the declining health of forests on Federal lands in the United States through a program of recovery and protection consistent with the requirements of existing public land management and environmental laws, to establish a program to inventory, monitor, and analyze public and private forests and their resources, and for other purposes; with amendments (Rept. No. 104–440 Pt. 1).

¶18.26 TIME LIMITATION OF REFERRED BILL

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

H.R. 2515. Referral to the Committee on Resources extended for a period ending not later than March 12, 1998.

¶18.27 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. EVANS (for himself, Mr. KENNEDY of Massachusetts, Mr. FILNER, Ms. BROWN of Florida, Mr. MASCARA, Mr. PETERSON of Minnesota, Ms. CARSON, Mr. REYES, and Mr. RODRIGUEZ):

H.R. 3444. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide that in the case of past-due benefits awarded an individual pursuant to a proceeding before the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, any payment of attorneys fees allowed with respect to such award shall be paid directly to the attorney by the Secretary; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. SAXTON (for himself, Mr. GILCHREST, and Mr. BILBRAY):

H.R. 3445. A bill to establish the Commission on Ocean Policy, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Resources.

By Mr. BUNNING of Kentucky (by request):

H.R. 3446. A bill to provide for the elimination of duty on Ziram; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. FILNER:

H.R. 3447. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to increase the income threshold amounts for determining the inclusion in gross income of Social Security benefits; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. FILNER:

H.R. 3448. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide an inflation adjustment of the income threshold amounts at which 85 percent of Social Security benefits become includible in gross income; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. FILNER:

H.R. 3449. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to reduce the adjusted gross income threshold applicable in determining the deduction for medical care and to increase the mileage deduction for transportation for medical care; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. ANDREWS:

H.R. 3450. A bill to protect the retirement security of Americans; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce, and in addition to the Committees on Ways and Means, Transportation and Infrastructure, and Government Reform and Oversight, 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. BOSWELL:

H.R. 3451. A bill to amend the conservation reserve program to treat a non-profit organization that rents land from a State (or a political subdivision or agency thereof) as a separate person for purposes of applying the limitation on payments under conservation reserve contracts; to the Committee on Agriculture.

By Mr. CAMP:

H.R. 3452. A bill to amend the Tariff Act of 1930 to allow the sale of certain gasoline, alternative motor fuels, and motor oil at duty-free sales enterprises; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mrs. CUBIN:

H.R. 3453. A bill to designate the Federal Building and Post Office located at 100 East B Street, Casper, Wyoming, as the ''Dick Cheney Federal Building''; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

By Mr. EHRLICH:

H.R. 3454. A bill to amend the Federal Credit Union Act to modify the common bond requirements for members of Federal credit unions; to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services.

By Mr. HILL:

H.R. 3455. A bill to amend the Agricultural Market Transition Act to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to extend the term of marketing assistance loans; to the Committee on Agriculture.

By Mr. KASICH (for himself and Mr. SHAYS):

H.R. 3456. A bill to provide for personal Social Security plus accounts funded by surpluses in the total budget of the United States Government and available for private investment in indexed funds; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. LUTHER:

H.R. 3457. A bill to prohibit movies in which a tobacco company has paid to have its tobacco product featured; to the Committee on Commerce.

By Mr. OBERSTAR:

H.R. 3458. A bill to amend Public Law 90–419 to repeal a condition imposed in granting the consent of Congress to the Great Lakes Basin Compact; to the Committee on International Relations.

By Mr. RUSH (for himself, Mr. WAXMAN, and Mr. MARTINEZ):

H.R. 3459. A bill to amend title XVI of the Social Security Act to require the medical improvement standard to be used in redetermining the eligibility of 18-year-olds for supplemental security income benefits by reason of disability, and to allow funds in dedicated savings accounts to be used for food, clothing, shelter, utility, and personal items of a child; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. SAXTON (by request):

H.R. 3460. A bill to approve a governing international fishery agreement between the United States and the Republic of Latvia, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Resources.

By Mr. SAXTON (by request):

H.R. 3461. A bill to approve a governing international fishery agreement between the United States and the Republic of Poland; to the Committee on Resources.

By Mr. SHAYS (for himself and Mr. KUCINICH):

H.R. 3462. A bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to require notification of recalls of drugs and devices, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce.

By Mr. TRAFICANT:

H.R. 3463. A bill to provide for the installation of enhanced vision technologies to replace and enhance conventional lighting systems with respect to airport improvement projects; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

By Mr. WEXLER (for himself, Mrs. CLAYTON, Mr. YATES, and Mr. THOMPSON):

H.R. 3464. A bill to amend title 28 of the United States Code to revise the authority of the independent counsel, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. MCGOVERN:

H. Con. Res. 242. Concurrent resolution expressing the sense of the Congress favoring the authorization, in the manner provided by law, of the establishment of a commemora-

tive work in the District of Columbia to honor the veterans of the Persian Gulf War; to the Committee on Resources.

By Mr. ROGAN:

H. Con. Res. 243. Concurrent resolution expressing the sense of the Congress that the Federal Government should increase its support for basic and applied scientific research, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Science.

¶18.28 ADDITIONAL SPONSORS

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

H.R. 44: Mr. LANTOS and Mrs. MORELLA.
H.R. 65: Mr. LANTOS.
H.R. 96: Mr. HALL of Texas and Mr. KENNEDY of Rhode Island.
H.R. 107: Mr. SHAW.
H.R. 146: Mr. SPENCE and Mr. ADERHOLT.
H.R. 218: Mr. MASCARA and Mr. THOMPSON.
H.R. 303: Mr. LANTOS.
H.R. 612: Mr. DIAZ-BALART, Mr. DICKEY, Mr. STOKES, Mr. HORN, Mr. CLAY, and Mr. CARDIN.
H.R. 777: Mr. ROEMER.
H.R. 880: Mr. COBURN, Mr. KLUG, and Mr. REDMOND.
H.R. 900: Ms. KILPATRICK.
H.R. 981: Mr. FORBES, Mr. PICKETT, Mr. SKELTON, Mr. DICKS, Mr. BALLENGER, Mr. MEEHAN, Mrs. MYRICK, Mr. SCOTT, Mr. MEEKS of New York, and Mr. TOWNS.
H.R. 1121: Mr. NORWOOD.
H.R. 1126: Mr. MEEKS of New York.
H.R. 1151: Mr. GOODLING and Mr. COBLE.
H.R. 1415: Mr. THOMPSON.
H.R. 1425: Mr. KENNEDY of Massachusetts and Mr. JACKSON.
H.R. 1636: Ms. NORTON, Mr. FALEOMAVAEGA, Mr. RANGEL, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. TIERNEY, Mr. MCNULTY, Mr. MALONEY of Connecticut, Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts, Mr. MCHALE, and Ms. WATERS.
H.R. 1706: Mr. FALEOMAVAEGA and Mr. LEWIS of Georgia.
H.R. 1712: Mr. WATTS of Oklahoma.
H.R. 1766: Mr. LINDER.
H.R. 1895: Mr. UNDERWOOD, Mr. EVANS, Ms. WOOLSEY, Ms. PELOSI, Mr. HINOJOSA, Mr. TORRES, and Mr. NADLER.
H.R. 1915: Ms. PELOSI.
H.R. 2145: Mr. LAHOOD.
H.R. 2224: Mr. ROMERO-BARCELO, Mr. KIND of Wisconsin, Mr. PAYNE, Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts, and Mr. MEEKS of New York.
H.R. 2377: Mr. GILMAN, Mr. SHADEGG, and Mr. HALL of Texas.
H.R. 2489: Mr. STRICKLAND, Mr. HEFNER, Mr. VENTO, Mr. TALENT, Mr. WATKINS, Mr. SKEEN, Mr. UNDERWOOD, Mr. FAWELL, and Mr. WALSH.
H.R. 2515: Ms. DUNN of Washington and Ms. DANNER.
H.R. 2538: Mr. KNOLLENBERG, Mr. THUNE, Mr. HUNTER, Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN, and Mr. TORRES.
H.R. 2568: Mr. JONES, Mr. SMITH of Michigan, and Mr. CAMP.
H.R. 2593: Mr. TORRES and Mr. TOWNS.
H.R. 2665: Mr. HINCHEY, Mr. HASTINGS of Florida, Mr. PALLONE, Mr. FALEOMAVAEGA, and Ms. FURSE.
H.R. 2670: Mr. FILNER.
H.R. 2760: Mr. PAPPAS.
H.R. 2807: Mr. TRAFICANT.
H.R. 2820: Mr. LANTOS.
H.R. 2850: Mr. MARTINEZ, Mr. BONIOR, Mr. FALEOMAVAEGA, and Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York.
H.R. 2864: Mr. HEFLEY, Mr. DEAL of Georgia, Mr. DOOLITTLE, Mr. MILLER of Florida, Mr. ROEMER, and Mr. WICKER.
H.R. 2869: Mr. HEFLEY, Mr. DEAL of Georgia, Mr. DOOLITTLE, and Mr. WICKER.
H.R. 2870: Ms. KAPTUR and Mr. PORTER.
H.R. 2871: Mr. HEFLEY, Mr. DEAL of Georgia, Mr. DOOLITTLE, and Mr. WICKER.
H.R. 2873: Mr. HEFLEY, Mr. DEAL of Georgia, Mr. DOOLITTLE, and Mr. WICKER.
H.R. 2875: Mr. HEFLEY, Mr. DEAL of Georgia, Mr. DOOLITTLE, and Mr. WICKER.
H.R. 2877: Mr. HEFLEY, Mr. DEAL of Georgia, Mr. DOOLITTLE, Mr. MILLER of Florida, Mr. ROEMER, AND MR. WICKER.
H.R. 2879: Mr. HEFLEY, Mr. DEAL of Georgia, Mr. DOOLITTLE, and Mr. WICKER.
H.R. 2881: Mr. HEFLEY, Mr. DEAL of Georgia, Mr. DOOLITTLE and, Mr. WICKER.
H.R. 2914: Mr. LUTHER.
H.R. 2923: Mr. BONIOR, Mr. COOKSEY, Mr. DAVIS of Virginia, and Mr. UPTON.
H.R. 2968: Mr. BURTON of Indiana and Mr. HOEKSTRA.
H.R. 2992: Mr. BURTON of Indiana and Mr. METCAF.
H.R. 3125: Mr. HASTINGS of Florida.
H.R. 3131: Ms. FURSE.
H.R. 3156: Mr. MCGOVERN, Ms. KILPATRICK, Mr. WAXMAN, Mr. SABO, Mrs. NORTHUP, Mr. HOYER, Ms. FURSE, Mr. DEUTSCH, Mr. TOWNS, Mr. ABERCROMBIE, Mr. ENGLISH of Pennsylvania, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. BASS, Mr. FROST, and Mr. FORD.
H.R. 3157: Mr. JONES and Mr. BACHUS.
H.R. 3161: Mr. PRICE of North Carolina and Mr. BERMAN.
H.R. 3177: Mr. PALLONE and Mr. ENSIGN.
H.R. 3206: Mr. ROHRABACHER.
H.R. 3216: Mr. FALEOMAVAEGA and Mr. HOYER.
H.R. 3217: Mr. RANGEL and Mrs. JOHNSON of Connecticut.
H.R. 3235: Mr. HAYWORTH.
H.R. 3243: Mr. MCCOLLUM and Mr. SHAW.
H.R. 3248: Mr. INGLIS of South Carolina, Mr. NEUMANN, and Mr. CANNON.
H.R. 3254: Mr. GALLEGLY.
H.R. 3256: Mr. MILLER of Florida.
H.R. 3265: Mr. DAVIS of Florida, Ms. RIVERS, Mr. BOUCHER, Mr. NETHERCUTT, Mr. HILL, Mr. DOOLITTLE, Mr. COBLE, Mr. GUTKNECHT, and Mr. BOYD.
H.R. 3270: Mr. WOLF.
H.R. 3271: Mr. WOLF.
H.R. 3274: Mr. WOLF.
H.R. 3288: Mr. WICKER.
H.R. 3300: Mr. GEJDENSON, Mr. FROST, Mr. STRICKLAND, Mr. FALEOMAVAEGA, Mr. FILNER, and Ms. LOFGREN.
H.R. 3331: Mr. WELDON of Florida.
H.R. 3335: Mr. FOLEY.
H.R. 3336: Mr. MICA.
H.R. 3338: Mr. CLEMENT, Mr. UNDERWOOD, Mr. ACKERMAN, and Mr. WYNN.
H.R. 3340: Mr. RAMSTAD and Mr. MCNULTY.
H.R. 3342: Mr. ABERCROMBIE, Ms. VELAZQUEZ, Mr. SHERMAN, Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD, Ms. NORTON, Mr. VENTO, Mrs. KENNELLY of Connecticut, Mr. LEWIS of Georgia, Mrs. MALONEY of New York, Mr. DAVIS of Illinois, and Mr. BALDACCI.
H.R. 3396: Mr. KING of New York, Mr. ENGLISH of Pennsylvania, Mr. MILLER of Florida, Mr. PARKER, Mr. HUNTER, Mr. DUNCAN, Mr. DAN SCHAEFER of Colorado, Mr. TRAFICANT, Mr. QUINN, Mr. SAXTON, Mr. BOEHLERT, Mr. SMITH of Oregon, Mr. LEWIS of California, and Mr. HEFNER.
H.R. 3438: Mr. NEY.
H. Con. Res. 65: Mr. BENTSEN.
H. Con. Res. 126: Mr. FORBES, Mr. BONIOR, and Mr. YOUNG of Alaska.
H. Con. Res. 152: Mr. MALONEY of Connecticut and Mr. FOSSELLA.
H. Con. Res. 203: Ms. CARSON and Mr. CUNNINGHAM.
H. Con. Res. 208: Mr. DIAZ-BALART, Mr. LAHOOD, Mr. CALLAHAN, Mr. CALVERT, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. RANGEL, Mrs. TAUSCHER, Mr. WATKINS, Ms. DANNER, Mr. RILEY, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. SKELTON, Mrs. MORELLA, Mr. BEREUTER, Mr. METCALF, Mr. HILL, Mr. BOYD, Mr. ENGLISH of Pennsylvania, Mr. FOX of Pennsylvania, Mr. COOK, Mrs. KELLY, and Mr. BARRETT of Wisconsin.
H. Con. Res. 212: Mr. GANSKE, Mr. SMITH of Michigan, Mr. MORAN of Kansas, Mr. BUNNING of Kentucky, Mr. BEREUTER, and Mr. BOB SCHAFFER.
H. Con. Res. 227: Mr. PETERSON of Pennsylvania and Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts.
H. Con. Res. 229: Mr. CALVERT, Mr. CHRISTENSEN, Mr. FRANKS of New Jersey, and Mr. PICKETT.
H. Res. 151: Mr. BUNNING of Kentucky.
H. Res. 218: Mr. WATT of North Carolina.
H. Res. 380: Mr. POMBO.

¶18.29 DELETIONS OF SPONSORS FROM PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 4 of rule XXII, sponsor was deleted from the public bill as follows:

H.R. 1415: Mr. SALMON.

MONDAY, MARCH 16, 1998 (19)

¶19.1 DESIGNATION OF SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The House was called to order by the SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr BARRETT of Nebraska, who laid before the House the following communication:

WASHINGTON, DC,
March 16, 1998.

I hereby designate the Honorable BILL BARRETT to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

NEWT GINGRICH,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

¶19.2 APPROVAL OF THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. BARRETT of Nebraska, announced he had examined and approved the Journal of the proceedings of Thursday, March 12, 1998.

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

¶19.3 COMMUNICATIONS

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

7971. A letter from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, transmitting the Services's final rule— Importation of Fruits and Vegetables; Papayas from Brazil and Costa Rica [Docket No. 96–046–5] received March 12, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

7972. A letter from the Manager, Federal Crop Insurance Corporation, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Macadamia Nut Crop Insurance Regulations [7 CFR Part 455] received March 10, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

7973. A letter from the Manager, Federal Crop Insurance Corporation, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—General Crop Insurance Regulations, Various Endorsements; Fresh Market Tomato (Guaranteed Production Plan) Crop Insurance Regulations; and Common Crop Insurance Regulations, Various Crop Insurance Provisions [7 CFR Parts 401, 454, and 457] received March 10, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

7974. A letter from the Administrator for Food Safety and Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Use of Two Kinds of Poultry Without Label Change [Docket No. 96–007F] (RIN: 0583–AC17) received March 10, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

7975. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information,