

Mr. BRADY objected to the vote on the ground that a quorum was not present and not voting.

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. BRADY, pursuant to clause 5, rule I, announced that the vote would be postponed until later today.

The point of no quorum was considered as withdrawn.

18.3 COMMUNICATIONS

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

7923. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Reserve Affairs, Department of Defense, transmitting a report entitled "Reserve Component Update, FY 1999 Budget"; to the Committee on Appropriations.

7924. A letter from the Under Secretary, Acquisition and Technology, Department of Defense, transmitting a copy of the Department's determination that it is in the public interest to use other than competitive procedures for the procurement of the supplies described therein, pursuant to 10 U.S.C. 2304(c)(7); to the Committee on National Security.

7925. A letter from the Under Secretary for Acquisition and Technology, Department of Defense, transmitting a report entitled "Restructuring Costs Associated With Business Combinations," pursuant to Public Law 105-85; to the Committee on National Security.

7926. A letter from the Secretary of Defense, transmitting a report on the number of military technician positions that were held by non-dual status military technicians on September 30, 1997, pursuant to Public Law 105-85; to the Committee on National Security.

7927. A letter from the Assistant to the Board, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, transmitting the Board's final rule—Loans to Executive Officers, Directors, and Principal Shareholders of Member Banks; Loans to Holding Companies and Affiliates [Docket Number R-0940] received March 4, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services.

7928. A letter from the Managing Director, Federal Housing Finance Board, transmitting the Board's reports entitled "1998 TF Salary Structure" and the "1998 TS/TM Salary Structure"; to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services.

7929. A letter from the Federal Register Liaison Officer, Office of Thrift Supervision, transmitting the Office's final rule—Mutual Holding Companies [98-23] (RIN: 1550-AB04) March 4, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services.

7930. A letter from the Assistant General Counsel for Regulations, Department of Education, transmitting the Department's final rule—Notice of Final Funding Priorities for Fiscal Years 1998-1999 for Rehabilitation Engineering Research Centers received March 4, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

7931. A letter from the Assistant General Counsel for Regulations, Department of Education, transmitting the Department's final rule—Notice of final priority and selection criteria—received March 4, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

7932. A letter from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting a report on progress in achieving the performance goals referenced in the Prescription Drug User Fee Act of 1992 (PDUFA), pursuant to 21 U.S.C. 379g nt.; to the Committee on Commerce.

7933. A letter from the Secretary of Transportation, transmitting a review of average fuel economy standards under part A of title V of the Motor Vehicle Information and Cost Savings Act, pursuant to 49 U.S.C. 32916; to the Committee on Commerce.

7934. A letter from the Director, Office of Rulemaking Coordination, Department of Energy, transmitting the Department's final rule—Personal Property Letter [Issue Number 970-3, Revision 1] received February 11, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

7935. A letter from the Director, Office of Rulemaking Coordination, Department of Energy, transmitting the Department's final rule—Open Access Transmission Service Tariff [FR Doc. 98-230] received February 26, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

7936. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—OMB Approval Numbers Under the Paperwork Reduction Act [FRL-5670-1] received March 3, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

7937. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—OMB Approval Numbers Under the Paperwork Reduction Act [FRL-5807-2] received March 3, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

7938. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Information and Management, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Final Determination to Extend Deadline for Promulgation of Action on Section 126 Petitions [FRL-5925-4] received March 3, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

7939. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Information and Management, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Technical Amendments to OMB Approval Numbers [FRL 5379-8] received March 3, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

7940. A letter from the AMD-Performance Evaluation and Records Management, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule—Amendment of Section 73.202(b), Table of Allotments, FM Broadcast Stations (Eureka, Montana) [MM Docket No. 97-232 RM -9191] received March 6, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

7941. A letter from the Chairman, Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting a study of reactor safety research, pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 2039; to the Committee on Commerce.

7942. A letter from the Chief Counsel, Office of Foreign Assets Control, Department of the Treasury, transmitting the Department's final rule—Foreign Assets Control Regulations; Regulations Prohibiting Transactions Involving the Shipment of Certain Merchandise Between Foreign Countries; Cuban Assets Control Regulations: Civil Penalty Administrative Hearings [31 CFR Parts 500, 505 and 515] received February 26, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on International Relations.

7943. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting Ambassador Frank Wisner's report on the transfer of missile technology to Iran; to the Committee on International Relations.

7944. A letter from the Administrator, Office of Management and Budget, transmitting a report entitled "Electronic Commerce

for Buyers and Sellers, A Strategic Plan for Electronic Federal Purchasing and Payment" and "An Assessment of Current Electric Commerce Activity in Procurement," pursuant to Public Law 105-85; to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

7945. A letter from the Commissioner, Bureau of Reclamation, transmitting the status of the revenues from and the cost of constructing, operating and maintaining each lower basin unit of the Colorado River Basin project for the preceding fiscal year, pursuant to 43 U.S.C. 1544; to the Committee on Resources.

7946. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife and Parks, Department of the Interior, transmitting a draft of proposed legislation to revise the boundary of Fort Matanzas National Monument, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Resources.

7947. A letter from the Secretary for Fish and Wildlife and Parks, Department of the Interior, transmitting a draft of proposed legislation to amend the Act which established the Saint-Gaudens National Historic Site, in the State of New Hampshire, by modifying the boundary and for other purposes; to the Committee on Resources.

7948. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife and Parks, Department of the Interior, transmitting a draft of proposed legislation to amend the boundaries of Grant-Kohrs Ranch National Historic Site in the State of Montana; to the Committee on Resources.

7949. A letter from the Marshall of the Court, Supreme Court of the United States, transmitting a report on administrative costs of protecting Supreme Court Officials, pursuant to 40 U.S.C. 13n(c); to the Committee on the Judiciary.

7950. A letter from the Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of Justice, transmitting a draft of proposed legislation entitled "Money Laundering Act of 1998"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

7951. A letter from the Chairman of the Board, United States Naval Sea Cadet Corps, transmitting a report entitled "Naval Sea Cadet Corps (NSCC)"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

7952. A letter from the President, John F. KENNEDY Center for the Performing Arts, transmitting a draft of proposed legislation to authorize appropriations to The John F. KENNEDY Center for the Arts and to further define the criteria for capital repair and operation and maintenance, pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 1110; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

7953. A letter from the Associate Administrator for Procurement, National Aeronautics and Space Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule—Rewrite of the NASA FAR Supplement (NFS) [48 CFR Parts 1815, 1816, 1852, and 1870] received March 3, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Science.

7954. A letter from the Associate Administrator for Procurement, National Aeronautics and Space Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule—Rewrite of the NASA FAR Supplement (NFS) [48 CFR Parts 1817, 1822, 1823, 1824, 1852, and 1871] received March 3, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Science.

7955. A letter from the Associate Administrator for Procurement, National Aeronautics and Space Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule—Rewrite of the NASA FAR Supplement (NFS) [48 CFR Parts 1828, 1829, 1830, 1831, 1832, 1833 and 1852] received March 3, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Science.

7956. A letter from the Associate Administrator for Procurement, National Aeronautics and Space Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule—Addition of Coverage to NASA FAR Supplement (NFS) on NASA Shared Savings Clause [48 CFR Parts 1843 and 1852] received March 3, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Science.

7957. A letter from the Associate Administrator for Procurement, National Aeronautics and Space Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule—Rewrite of the NASA FAR Supplement (NFS) [48 CFR Parts 1815, 1816, 1852, and 1870] received March 3, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Science.

7958. A letter from the Associate Administrator for Procurement, National Aeronautics and Space Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule—Rewrite of the NASA FAR Supplement (NFS) [48 CFR Parts 1805, 1815, 1831, 1834, 1835, 1836, 1837, 1839, 1841, 1852, 1870, 1871, and 1872] received March 3, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Science.

7959. A letter from the Associate Administrator for Procurement, National Aeronautics and Space Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule—NASA FAR Supplement; Protests to the agency [48 CFR Part 1833 and 1852] received March 3, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Science.

7960. A letter from the Associate Administrator for Procurement, National Aeronautics and Space Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule—Rewrite of the NASA FAR Supplement (NFS) [48 CFR Parts 1803, 1805, 1812, 1815, 1835, 1842, 1843, 1844, 1846, 1847, 1848, 1849, 1850, 1851, and 1852] received March 3, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Science.

7961. A letter from the Associate Administrator for Procurement, National Aeronautics and Space Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule—Revision to the NASA FAR Supplement to Eliminate Non-Statutory Certification Requirements [48 CFR Parts 1819 and 1845] received March 3, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Science.

7962. A letter from the Associate Administrator for Procurement, National Aeronautics and Space Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule—Revision to the NASA FAR Supplement To Delete Class Deviation [48 CFR Part 1831] received March 3, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Science.

7963. A letter from the Associate Administrator for Procurement, National Aeronautics and Space Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule—Quick-Closeout Procedures [48 CFR Part 1842] received March 3, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Science.

7964. A letter from the Associate Administrator for Procurement, National Aeronautics and Space Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule—National Aeronautics and Space Administration [48 CFR Parts 1803, 1804, 1807, 1809, 1813, 1815, 1816, 1819, 1822, 1824, 1825, 1827, 1832, 1836, 1837, 1839, 1842, 1844, 1845, 1852, 1853, and 1870] received March 3, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Science.

7965. A letter from the Acting Deputy Director, National Institute of Standards and Technology, transmitting the Institute's final rule—Continuation of Fire Research Grants Program—Availability of Funds [Docket No: 971222307-7307-01] (RIN: 0693-ZA20) received March 2, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Science.

7966. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Housing and Urban Develop-

ment, transmitting the Department's final rule—Empowerment Zones: Rule Modifications for First Round Designations [24 CFR Part 597] received March 5, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

7967. A letter from the Secretary of Energy, transmitting a report on the Formerly Utilized Sites Remedial Action Program (FUSRAP); jointly to the Committees on Commerce and Transportation and Infrastructure.

7968. A letter from the Administrator, General Services Administration, transmitting the annual report regarding the accessibility standards issued, revised, amended, or repealed under the Architectural Barriers Act of 1968, as amended, pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 4151; jointly to the Committees on Transportation and Infrastructure and Education and the Workforce.

7969. A letter from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, Health Care Financing Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule—Medicare and Medicaid Programs; Surety BOND Requirements for Home Health Agencies [HCFA-1152-F] (RIN: 0938-A131) received March 3, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); jointly to the Committees on Ways and Means and Commerce.

7970. A letter from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting a draft of proposed legislation entitled the "Medicare Administrative Improvement Amendments of 1998"; jointly to the Committees on Ways and Means and Commerce.

¶18.4 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

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

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.

¶18.5 PROVIDING FOR THE CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 2883

Ms. PRYCE, by direction of the Committee on Rules, called up the following resolution (H. Res. 384):

Resolved, That at any time after the adoption of this resolution the Speaker may, pursuant to clause 1(b) of rule XXIII, declare the House resolved into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union for consideration of the bill (H.R. 2883) to amend provisions of law enacted by the Government Performance and Results Act of 1993 to improve Federal agency strategic plans and performance reports. The first reading of the bill shall be dispensed with. Points of order against consideration of the bill for failure to comply with clause 2(l)(6) of rule XI are waived. General debate shall be confined to the bill and shall not exceed one hour equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight. After general debate the bill shall be considered for amendment under the five-minute rule. It shall be in order to consider as an original bill for the purpose of amendment under the five-minute rule the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight now printed in the bill. The committee amendment in the nature of a substitute shall be considered as read. During consideration of the bill for amendment, the chairman of the Committee of the Whole may accord priority in recognition on the basis of whether the Member of-

fering an amendment has caused it to be printed in the portion of the Congressional Record designated for that purpose in clause 6 of rule XXIII. Amendments so printed shall be considered as read. The chairman of the Committee of the Whole may: (1) postpone until a time during further consideration in the Committee of the Whole a request for a recorded vote on any amendment; and (2) reduce to five minutes the minimum time for electronic voting on any postponed question that follows another electronic vote without intervening business, provided that the minimum time for electronic voting on the first in any series of questions shall be 15 minutes. At the conclusion of consideration of the bill for amendment the Committee shall rise and report the bill to the House with such amendments as may have been adopted. Any Member may demand a separate vote in the House on any amendment adopted in the Committee of the Whole to the bill or to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute. The previous question shall be considered as ordered on the bill and amendments thereto to final passage without intervening motion except one motion to recommend with or without instructions.

When said resolution was considered. After debate,

On motion of Ms. PRYCE, the previous question was ordered on the resolution to its adoption or rejection.

The question being put, viva voce,

Will the House agree to said resolution?

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. BRADY, announced that the yeas had it.

Ms. PRYCE objected to the vote on the ground that a quorum was not present and not voting.

A quorum not being present,

The roll was called under clause 4, rule XV, and the call was taken by electronic device.

When there appeared { Yeas 412
Nays 0

¶18.6 [Roll No. 48] YEAS—412

Abercrombie	Boyd	Cramer
Aderholt	Brady	Crapo
Allen	Brown (CA)	Cubin
Andrews	Brown (FL)	Cummings
Archer	Brown (OH)	Cunningham
Armev	Bryant	Danner
Bachus	Bunning	Davis (FL)
Baesler	Burr	Davis (IL)
Baker	Burton	Davis (VA)
Baldacci	Buyer	Deal
Ballenger	Callahan	DeFazio
Barcia	Calvert	DeGette
Barr	Camp	Delahunt
Barrett (NE)	Campbell	DeLauro
Barrett (WI)	Canady	DeLay
Bartlett	Cannon	Deutsch
Barton	Cardin	Diaz-Balart
Bass	Carson	Dickey
Bateman	Castle	Dicks
Becerra	Chabot	Dingell
Bentsen	Chambliss	Dixon
Bereuter	Chenoweth	Doggett
Berman	Christensen	Dooley
Berry	Clay	Doolittle
Bilbray	Clayton	Doyle
Bilirakis	Clement	Dreier
Bishop	Clyburn	Duncan
Blagojevich	Coble	Dunn
Bliley	Coburn	Edwards
Blumenauer	Collins	Ehlers
Blunt	Combest	Ehrlich
Boehler	Condit	Emerson
Boehner	Conyers	Engel
Bonilla	Cook	English
Bonior	Cooksey	Ensign
Borski	Costello	Eshoo
Boswell	Cox	Etheridge
Boucher	Coyne	Evans