relative to Resolution 53 urging Congress to pass and the President to sign a bill returning to the states the power to regulate campaign finance in state races for federal office; to the Committee on House Oversight.

259. Also, a memorial of the Senate of the State of New Jersey, relative to Senate Resolution Number 8 memorializing Congress to appropriate funds for creation of Grover Cleveland Museum and Library in Caldwell, New Jersey; to the Committee on Resources.

260. Also, a memorial of the Legislature of the Commonwealth of The Mariana Islands, relative to Resolution Number 11–10 urging the United States Congress not to entertain the President's proposal of imposing a tariff on certain textiles and apparel products produced in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

261. Also, a memorial of the Legislature of the Territory of Virgin Islands, relative to Resolution Number 1587 amending the Taxpayer Relief Act of 1997; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

262. Also, a memorial of the General Assembly of the State of Iowa, relative to Resolution Number 102 requesting the United States Department of Health and Human Services to revise a proposed rulemaking for implementing welfare reform and requesting the United States Congress to provide oversight; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

263. Also, a memorial of the House of Representatives of the State of New Hampshire, relative to Resolution Number 55 urging timely responses to damage caused to forests by the ice storm of 1998; jointly to the Committees on Agriculture and Ways and Means.

264. Also, a memorial of the House of Representatives of the State of Maine, relative to urging the President of the United States to release LIHEAP funds to assist Maine citizens; jointly to the Committees on Commerce and Education and the Workforce.

¶23.14 ADDITIONAL SPONSORS

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

H.R. 457: Mr. KLUG and Mr. LOBIONDO.

H.R. 1126: Mr. SERRANO.

H.R. 1425: Mr. KUCINICH and Mr. LAMPSON.

H.R. 1539: Mr. CONDIT.

H.R. 1704: Mr. SOUDER.

H.R. 1812: Mr. NETHERCUTT.

H.R. 1861: Mr. ACKERMAN, Ms. FURSE, and Mr. MARKEY.

H.R. 1995: Mr. DAVIS of Illinois, Mr. BLAGOJEVICH, Mr. SCOTT, Mr. MCGOVERN, Mr. CLYBURN, and Ms. BROWN of Florida.

H.R. 2070: Mr. BATEMAN and Mr. GOODLATTE.

H.R. 2231: Mr. ARMEY, Mr. UPTON, and Mr. CHABOT.

H.R. 2701: Mrs. THURMAN.

H.R. 2801: Ms. CARSON and Mr. MARTINEZ.

H.R. 3107: Mr. STENHOLM.

H.R. 3127: Mr. COBURN, Mr. SHADEGG, Mr. BEREUTER, Mr. GORDON, Mr. MILLER of Florida, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. KOLBE, and Mr. UPTON.

H.R. 3131: Mr. HEFNER and Mr. BOEHLERT.

H.R. 3156: Mr. BLAGOJEVICH, Ms. BROWN of Florida, Mrs. CLAYTON, Mr. COSTELLO, Mr. DELAHUNT, Mrs. EMERSON, Mr. GUTIERREZ, Mr. GUTKNECHT, Mr. HASTINGS of Washington, Mr. LEWIS of California, Mr. MCDADE, Ms. MCKINNEY, Mr. MEEHAN, Mr. MEEKS of New York, Mrs. MINK of Hawaii, Mr. MORAN of Virginia, Mr. NEAL of Massachusetts, Mr. PALLONE, Mr. ROTHMAN, Mr. SHIMKUS, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. THOMAS, Ms. VELAZQUEZ, Mr. VENTO, Mr. WOLF, Mr. YATES, Mr. ANDREWS, Mrs. KENNELLY of Connecticut, Mr. PASCRELL, Mr. MATSUI, Mr. ENSIGN, Mr. SHAYS, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. MCINNIS, Mrs. JOHNSON of Connecticut, Mr. CONDIT, Mr. THOMPSON, Mr. BORSKI, Mr. CLYBURN, Mr. LATOURETTE, Mr. DICKEY, Mr. CUMMINGS, Mr. FATTAH, Ms. DEGETTE, Ms. HARMAN, Mr. WATT of North Carolina, Mr. CLEMENT, Mr. JOHNSON of Wisconsin, Mr. SAWYER, Mrs. TAUSCHER, and Mr. CRAMER.

H.R. 3216: Mr. LAMPSON, Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD, Ms. CARSON, Mr. BROWN of California, Mr. CLYBURN, and Mr. LANTOS.

H.R. 3279: Mr. LANTOS and Ms. KILPATRICK.

H.R. 3336: Mrs. FOWLER, Mr. YOUNG of Florida, Mr. MILLER of Florida, Mr. GOSS, Mr. WELDON of Florida, Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN, and Mr. SHAW.

H.R. 3469: Mr. STARK, Mr. NADLER, and Ms. HOOLEY of Oregon.

H.R. 3501: Mr. LIVINGSTON and Mrs. MYRICK.

H.R. 3526: Mr. MCHALE and Mr. CLEMENT.

H.J. Res. 102: Mr. BARRETT of Wisconsin, Ms. CARSON, Mr. LAMPSON, Mr. MCDERMOTT, Mr. NEAL of Massachusetts, Ms. NORTON, Mr. NORWOOD, Mr. PALLONE, Mr. POSHARD, and Mr. RYUN.

H. Con. Res. 210: Mr. GOSS.

H. Con. Res. 212: Mr. SNYDER, Mr. METCALF, Mr. MINGE, Mr. BONILLA, Mr. PAPPAS, and Mr. HEFLEY.

H. Res. 313: Mrs. JOHNSON of Connecticut, Ms. NORTON, and Ms. JACKSON-LEE.

¶23.15 PETITIONS, ETC

Under clause 1 of rule XXII,

54. The SPEAKER presented a petition of the Township of Brick, Ocean County, New Jersey, relative to urging the President and Congress to support closure of the School of the Americas; which was referred to the Committee on National Security.

TUESDAY, MARCH 24, 1998 (24)

The House was called to order at 12:30 p.m. by the SPEAKER.

¶24.1 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

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

H.R. 2472. An Act to extend certain programs under the Energy Policy and Conservation Act.

The message also announced that the Senate insists upon its amendment to the House amendment to the Senate amendment to the bill (H.R. 2472) ''An Act to extend certain programs under the Energy Policy and Conservation Act,'' requests a conference with the House on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses thereon, and appoints Mr. MURKOWSKI, Mr. NICKLES, Mr. CRAIG, Mr. THOMAS, Mr. BUMPERS, Mr. BINGAMAN, and Mr. AKAKA, to be the conferees on the part of the Senate.

¶24.2 ''MORNING-HOUR DEBATE''

The SPEAKER, pursuant to the order of the House of Tuesday, January 21, 1997, recognized Members for ''morning-hour debate''.

¶24.3 RECESS—1:07 P.M.

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

¶24.4 AFTER RECESS—2 P.M.

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. FOLEY, called the House to order.

¶24.5 APPROVAL OF THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. FOLEY, announced he had examined and approved the Journal of the proceedings of Monday, March 23, 1998.

Mr. SHIMKUS, pursuant to clause 1, rule I, objected to the Chair's approval of the Journal.

The question being put, viva voce,

Will the House agree to the Chair's approval of said Journal?

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

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

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. FOLEY, 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.

¶24.6 COMMUNICATIONS

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

8171. A letter from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Bamboo [Docket No. 96–082–2] received March 24, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

8172. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting his requests for an emergency FY 1998 supplemental appropriation of $1,632.2 million for disaster relief activities of the Federal Emergency Management Agency, and accompanying amendment, pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 1107; (H. Doc. No. 105—234); to the Committee on Appropriations and ordered to be printed.

8173. A letter from the Chairman, Panel to Review Long-Range Air Power, transmitting the report of the Panel To Review Long-Range Air Power, pursuant to Pub. L 105—56 and Public Law 105—85, section 131; to the Committee on National Security.

8174. A letter from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule—Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Closure of Specified Groundfish Fisheries in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands [Docket No. 971208298–8055–02; I.D. 031198A] received March 24, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

8175. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Rulings and determination letters [Rev. Proc. 98–28] received March 24, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

8176. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Weighted Average Interest Rate Update [Notice 98–18] received March 24, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

8177. A letter from the Secretary of Defense, transmitting supplemental information on the proposed obligation of certain Cooperative Threat Reduction Program funds; jointly to the Committees on International Relations and National Security.

¶24.7 NATIONAL SUMMIT ON RETIREMENT SAVINGS

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. FOLEY, by unanimous consent, an-