

NETHERCUTT, who laid before the House the following communication:

WASHINGTON, DC,  
March 23, 1998.

I hereby designate the Honorable GEORGE R. NETHERCUTT, Jr., to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

NEWT GINGRICH,  
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

23.2 APPROVAL OF THE JOURNAL

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

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

23.3 COMMUNICATIONS

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

8129. A letter from the Administrator for Rural Development, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Electric Transmission Specifications and Drawings (34.5 kV to 69 kV and 115 kV to 230 kV) for Use on RUS Financed Electric Systems [7 CFR Part 1728] received March 9, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

8130. A letter from the Under Secretary for Acquisition and Technology, Department of Defense, transmitting notice of a plan to study conversion of any commercial- or industrial-type function from performance by DOD civilian employees to private contractors; cost comparison; certification that comparisons are based on most efficient DOD organization possible; and economic and military impact of conversion and cost of contractor performance, pursuant to 10 U.S.C. 2304 nt; to the Committee on National Security.

8131. A letter from the Under Secretary for Acquisition and Technology, Department of Defense, transmitting the Department's 1997 report entitled "International Cooperative Research and Development Program," pursuant to 10 U.S.C. 2350(f)(1); to the Committee on National Security.

8132. A letter from the Director, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting notification that OPM has approved proposals for three personnel management demonstration projects for the Department of the Army, submitted by the Department of Defense, pursuant to Public Law 103-337, section 342(b) (108 Stat. 2721); to the Committee on National Security.

8133. A letter from the Secretary of Defense, transmitting a letter regarding the current Future Years Defense Program (FYDP), associated with the DDG-51 multiyear program, pursuant to Public Law 105-56; to the Committee on National Security.

8134. A letter from the Secretary of Defense, transmitting a report on the feasibility and desirability of converting Active Guard and Reserve personnel to military technicians (dual status), pursuant to Public Law 105-85; to the Committee on National Security.

8135. A letter from the Secretary of Defense, transmitting a report on the joint demilitarization technology program, pursuant to Public Law 104-201; to the Committee on National Security.

8136. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting the Department's final rule—Implementation of the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996; Final Rule [Docket No. FR-

4170-F-16] (RIN: 2577-AB74) received March 12, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services.

8137. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for OSHA, Department of Labor, transmitting the Department's final rule—Safety Standards for Scaffolds Used in the Construction Industry [Docket No. S-205] (RIN: 1218-AA40) received March 6, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

8138. A letter from the Clerk, U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit, transmitting two opinions of the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

8139. A letter from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting the 1994 and 1995 report on the Consolidated Federal Programs under the Maternal and Child Health Services Block Grant, pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 706(a)(2); to the Committee on Commerce.

8140. A letter from the Regulatory Policy Officer, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, transmitting the Bureau's final rule—Implementation of Public Law 103-322, the Violent Crime Control and Law Enforcement Act of 1994 (94F-022P) [T.D. ATF-396; Ref: T.D. ATF-363 and Notice No. 807; T.D. ATF-383 and Notice No. 833] received March 18, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

8141. A letter from the Director, Office of Rulemaking Coordination, Department of Energy, transmitting the Department's final rule—Acquisition Regulation: Department of Energy Management and Operating Contracts (RIN: 1991-AB-37) received March 13, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

8142. A letter from the Deputy Assistant Administrator, Office of Diversion Control, Drug Enforcement Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule—Removal of Exemption for Certain Pseudoephedrine Products Marketed Under the Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (FD&C Act) [DEA Number 138P] (RIN: 1117-AA32) received March 9, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

8143. 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 (Kenova, West Virginia) [MM Docket No. 97-177 RM-9131] received March 19, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

8144. A letter from the AMD-Performance Evaluation and Records Management, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule—In the Matter of Implementation of the Telecommunications Act of 1996: Telecommunications Carriers' Use of Proprietary Network Information and Other Customer Information [CC Docket No. 96-115] received March 18, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

8145. 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 (Presho, South Dakota) [MM Docket No. 97-175 RM-9138] received March 19, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

8146. 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 Allot-

ments, FM Broadcast Stations (Guymon, Oklahoma) [MM Docket No. 97-238 RM-9201] received March 19, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

8147. 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 (Roscoe, South Dakota) [MM Docket No. 97-176 RM-9141] received March 19, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

8148. 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 (Murdo, South Dakota) [MM Docket No. 97-191 RM-9140] received March 19, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

8149. 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. (Ipswich, South Dakota) [MM Docket No. 97-190 RM-9139] received March 19, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

8150. 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. (Colchester, Illinois) [MM Docket No. 97-218 RM-9172] received March 19, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

8151. A letter from the Secretary, Federal Trade Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule—Rules and Regulations Under the Textile Fiber Products Identification Act, the Wool Products Labeling Act, and the Fur Products Labeling Act [76 CFR Parts, 1, 300, 301, and 303] received March 9, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

8152. A letter from the Chairman, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting a draft of proposed legislation to authorize appropriations for the Nuclear Regulatory Commission for fiscal year 1999, pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 1110; to the Committee on Commerce.

8153. A letter from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting a draft of proposed legislation to provide for user fees for approval, importation, and postmarket surveillance of products regulated under the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act; to the Committee on Commerce.

8154. A letter from the Chairman, Merit Systems Protection Board, transmitting the Nineteenth Annual Report on the activities of the Board during Fiscal Year 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 1206; to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

8155. A letter from the Acting Director, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting the Department's final rule—Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Revocation of Critical Habitat for the Mexican Spotted Owl, Loach Minnow, and Spikedace (RIN: 1018-AE95) received March 18, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

8156. A letter from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting a draft of proposed legislation to designate segments of the Clavey River and tributaries, Stanislaus River and tributaries, and South Fork Tuolumne River as components of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Resources.

8157. A letter from the Administrator, Federal Aviation Administration, transmitting a report on the minimum standards for pilot qualifications and of pay for training, pursuant to 49 U.S.C. 44935 nt.; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

8158. A letter from the Secretary of Transportation, transmitting the Department's biennial report entitled "1997 Status of the Nation's Surface Transportation System: Condition and Performance Report," pursuant to 49 U.S.C. 308(e)(1); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

8159. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Guidance Document (Memorandum) For Award Of Grants Authorized By This Agency's FY 1998 Appropriations Act—received March 12, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

8160. A letter from the Secretary of Transportation, transmitting a report entitled "The Impact of Increased Speed Limits in the Post-NMSL Era," pursuant to Public Law 104-59; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

8161. A letter from the Chief Counsel, Bureau of the Public Debt, Department of the Treasury, transmitting the Department's final rule—Regulations Governing CUBES (Coupons Under Book-Entry Safekeeping) [31 CFR Part 358] received March 6, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

8162. A letter from the Secretary of the Navy, transmitting a report entitled "U.S. Navy Submarine Solid Waste Management Plan for MARPOL Annex V Special Areas," pursuant to Public Law 105-85; jointly to the Committees on National Security and Transportation and Infrastructure.

8163. A letter from the Secretary of Agriculture, transmitting a draft of proposed legislation to amend the National School Lunch Act, and the Child Nutrition Act of 1966 to provide children with increased access to food and nutrition assistance, to simplify program operations and improve program management, to extend certain authorities contained in such Acts through fiscal year 2002, and for other purposes; jointly to the Committees on Education and the Workforce and Government Reform and Oversight.

8164. A letter from the Director, Defense Security Agency, transmitting a report on the delivery of defense articles for Cambodia to support efforts to locate and repatriate members of the United States Armed Forces and civilians employed directly or indirectly by the USG who remain unaccounted for from the Vietnam War, pursuant to Public Law 104-107, section 540(c) (110 Stat. 736); jointly to the Committees on International Relations and Appropriations.

8165. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting a report regarding allocations of all Economic Support Funds, including those allocated for the Middle East, pursuant to Public Law 105-118; jointly to the Committees on International Relations and Appropriations.

8166. A letter from the Administrator, Federal Aviation Administration, transmitting a report on the independent assessment of the acquisition management system, pursuant to 49 U.S.C. 40110 nt.; jointly to the Committees on Transportation and Infrastructure and Appropriations.

8167. A letter from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting a report entitled "Development of Resource-Based Practice Expense Relative Value Units," pursuant to Public Law 105-33; jointly to the Committees on Ways and Means and Commerce.

8168. A letter from the Commissioner, Social Security Administration, transmitting a draft of proposed legislation to amend the Social Security Act and the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985 and a related law to make various changes in support of the President's Fiscal Year 1999 Budget respecting the Social Security Administration; jointly to the Committees on Ways and Means and the Budget.

8169. A letter from the Administrator, National Aeronautics and Space Administration, transmitting a draft of proposed legislation to authorize appropriations to the National Aeronautics and Space Administration for human space flight, science, aeronautics, and technology, mission support, and Inspector General, and for other purposes, pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 1110; jointly to the Committees on Science, Government Reform and Oversight, and the Judiciary.

8170. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Defense, transmitting a draft of proposed legislation to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 1999 for military activities of the Department of Defense, to prescribe military personnel strengths for fiscal year 1999, and for other purposes, pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 1110; jointly to the Committees on National Security, Government Reform and Oversight, Education and the Workforce, the Judiciary, Ways and Means, Transportation and Infrastructure, and Intelligence (Permanent Select).

#### ¶23.4 MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Sundry messages in writing from the President of the United States were communicated to the House by Mr. Edwin Thomas, one of his secretaries.

#### ¶23.5 MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT— NATIONAL EMERGENCY WITH RESPECT TO ANGOLA

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

##### *To the Congress of the United States:*

I hereby report to the Congress on the developments since my last report of September 24, 1997, concerning the national emergency with respect to Angola that was declared in Executive Order 12865 of September 26, 1993. This report is submitted pursuant to section 401(c) of the National Emergencies Act, 50 U.S.C. 1641(c), and section 204(c) of the International Emergency Economic Powers Act, 50 U.S.C. 1703(c).

On September 26, 1993, I declared a national emergency with respect to the National Union for the Total Independence of Angola ("UNITA"), invoking the authority, *inter alia*, of the International Emergency Economic Powers Act (50 U.S.C. 1701 *et seq.*) and the United Nations Participation Act of 1945 (22 U.S.C. 287c). Consistent with United Nations Security Council Resolution ("UNSCR") 864, dated September 15, 1993, the order prohibited the sale or supply by United States persons or from the United States, or using U.S.-registered vessels or aircraft, of arms and related materiel of all types, including weapons and ammunition, military vehicles, equipment and spare parts, and petroleum and petroleum products to the territory of Angola other than through designated points of entry. The order also prohib-

ited such sale or supply to UNITA. United States persons are prohibited from activities that promote or are calculated to promote such sales or supplies, or from attempted violations, or from evasion or avoidance or transactions that have the purpose of evasion or avoidance, of the stated prohibitions. The order authorized the Secretary of the Treasury, in consultation with the Secretary of State, to take such actions, including the promulgation of rules and regulations, as might be necessary to carry out the purposes of the order.

1. On December 10, 1993, the Department of the Treasury's Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC) issued the UNITA (Angola) Sanctions Regulations (the "Regulations") (58 Fed. Reg. 64904) to implement the imposition of sanctions against UNITA. The Regulations prohibit the sale or supply by United States persons or from the United States, or using U.S.-registered vessels or aircraft, of arms and related materiel of all types, including weapons and ammunition, military vehicles, equipment and spare parts, and petroleum and petroleum products to UNITA or to the territory of Angola other than through designated points. United States persons are also prohibited from activities that promote or are calculated to promote such sales or supplies to UNITA or Angola, or from any transaction by any United States persons that evades or avoids, or has the purpose of evading or avoiding, or attempts to violate, any of the prohibitions set forth in the Executive order. Also prohibited are transactions by United States persons, or involving the use of U.S.-registered vessels or aircraft, relating to transportation to Angola or UNITA of goods the exportation of which is prohibited.

The Government of Angola has designated the following points of entry as points in Angola to which the articles otherwise prohibited by the Regulations may be shipped: *Airports:* Luanda and Katumbela, Benguela Province; *Ports:* Luanda and Lobito, Benguela Province; and Namibe, Namibe Province; and *Entry Points:* Malongo, Cabinda Province. Although no specific license is required by the Department of the Treasury for shipments to these designated points of entry (unless the item is destined for UNITA), any such exports remain subject to the licensing requirements of the Departments of State and/or Commerce.

2. On August 28, 1997, the United Nations Security Council adopted UNSCR 1127, expressing its grave concern at the serious difficulties in the peace process, demanding that the Government of Angola and in particular UNITA comply fully and completely with those obligations, and imposing additional sanctions against UNITA. Subsequently, the Security Council adopted UNSCR 1130 postponing the effective date of measures specified by UNSCR 1127 until 12:01 a.m., eastern standard time, October 30, 1997, at which time they went into effect.