

long as these measures are appropriate, and will continue to report periodically to the Congress on significant developments pursuant to 50 U.S.C. 1703(c).

WILLIAM J. CLINTON.

THE WHITE HOUSE, April 24, 1998.

By unanimous consent, the message, together with the accompanying papers, was referred to the Committee on International Relations and ordered to be printed (H. Doc. 105-241).

¶34.10 SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REFERRED

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

S. Con. Res. 90. Concurrent resolution to acknowledge the Historic Northern Ireland Peace Agreement; to the Committee on International Relations.

And then,

¶34.11 ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Mr. MILLER, pursuant to the special order agreed to on April 23, 1998, at 2 o'clock and 25 minutes p.m., the House adjourned until 12:30 p.m. on Tuesday, April 28, 1998, for "morning-hour debate".

¶34.12 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. BLILEY: Committee on Commerce. H.R. 1872. A bill to amend the Communications Satellite Act of 1962 to promote competition and privatization in satellite communications, and for other purposes; with an amendment (Rept. No. 105-494). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

¶34.13 TIME LIMITATION OF REFERRED BILL

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

[The following action occurred on April 24, 1998]

H.R. 1965. Referral to the Committees on Ways and Means and Commerce extended for a period ending not later than May 8, 1998.

¶34.14 PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 5 of Rule X and clause 4 of Rule XXII,

Mr. RYUN introduced a bill (H.R. 3733) to authorize the National Science Foundation to make grants for applied engineering and technology education equipment and capital improvements; which was referred to the Committee on Science, and in addition to the Committee on Education and the Workforce, 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.

¶34.15 MEMORIALS

Under clause 4 of rule XXII, memorials were presented and referred as follows:

290. The SPEAKER presented a memorial of the Senate of the State of Michigan, relative to Senate Resolution No. 151 memorializing the Congress of the United States to

take certain actions regarding the implementation of the Food Quality Protection Act of 1996; to the Committee on Agriculture.

291. Also, a memorial of the Legislature of the State of Rhode Island, relative to Senate Resolution 2995 memorializing Congress to amend title ten, United States Code relating to the compensation of retired military; to the Committee on National Security.

292. Also, a memorial of the General Assembly of the State of Georgia, relative to Senate Resolution 766 memorializing the United States Congress to reject any legislation that would exempt health plans sponsored by associations and multiple employer welfare arrangements from state insurance standards and oversight; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

293. Also, a memorial of the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of The Mariana Islands, relative to House Resolution No. 11-23 requesting the federal officials for a waiver on the Covenant matching fund to help expedite and foster infrastructure development in the CNMI; to the Committee on Resources.

294. Also, a memorial of the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of The Mariana Islands, relative to House Resolution No. 11-25 expressing full, undeniable and unquestionable support on the provisions of the Covenant by the people and their government of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands and in particular under section 902 of said provisions; to the Committee on Resources.

295. Also, a memorial of the Senate of the State of Pennsylvania, relative to Senate Resolution No. 97 memorializing Congress to authorize a ten-year extension of the Delaware and Lehigh Navigation Canal National Heritage Corridor Act and to authorize Federal support for Corridor projects; to the Committee on Resources.

296. Also, a memorial of the Senate of the State of Tennessee, relative to Senate Resolution No. 106 memorializing the United States Congress to maintain the incentive grant approach to accomplishing shared public safety objectives and to refrain from imposing federal mandates to accomplish such objectives; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

297. Also, a memorial of the House of Representatives of the State of Michigan, relative to House Resolution No. 211 memorializing the Congress of the United States to enact legislation to raise the cap on mortgage revenue bonds; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

298. Also, a memorial of the Senate of the State of Maine, relative to Joint Resolution 871 memorializing Congress To Ensure The Viability of the United States Social Security System adopted by the 118th Maine Legislature; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

299. Also, a memorial of the Legislature of the State of Michigan, relative to Resolution No. 8 urging the President and the Congress of the United States to resolve differences that exist between the Province of Ontario and the State of Minnesota relating to the taking of fish in Canadian boundary waters by Americans staying in American resorts; jointly to the Committees on International Relations and Resources.

¶34.16 ADDITIONAL SPONSORS

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

H.R. 1047: Mr. ENGEL and Mr. LANTOS.  
H.R. 1375: Mr. PRICE of North Carolina and Mr. STRICKLAND.  
H.R. 1531: Mr. CALVERT.  
H.R. 2009: Mr. ENGEL and Mr. KING of New York.

H.R. 2189: Mr. CAMPBELL and Mr. PETERSON of Minnesota.

H.R. 2693: Mr. DIXON.  
H.R. 2990: Mr. HILLEARY, Mr. HINCHEY, Mr. SMITH of New Jersey, Mr. DIXON, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. MARTINEZ, Mr. CONYERS, Mr. TOWNS, Ms. WATERS, Mr. STUPAK, Mr. LEWIS of Georgia, Mr. CALVERT, and Mr. SESSIONS.  
H.R. 3253: Mr. OXLEY.  
H.R. 3279: Mrs. CLAYTON and Mr. MEEKS of New York.

H.R. 3376: Mr. WISE.  
H.R. 3400: Ms. KAPTUR and Ms. KILPATRICK.  
H.R. 3494: Mr. CALVERT.  
H.R. 3531: Mr. KENNEDY of Rhode Island, Mr. UNDERWOOD, Mr. THOMPSON, Mr. YATES, Mr. GUTIERREZ, Mr. PAYNE, Mr. DAVIS of Illinois, Ms. KILPATRICK, Mrs. CLAYTON, and Ms. MCKINNEY.

H.R. 3571: Mr. FALEOMAVAEGA and Mr. MEEKS of New York.  
H.R. 3624: Mrs. MORELLA, Mr. BORSKI, Mr. GUTIERREZ, Mr. WEYGAND, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. MANTON, Mr. FILNER, Ms. HOOLEY of Oregon, Ms. LOFGREN, Mr. YATES, Ms. SLAUGHTER, Mr. SANDERS, and Mr. KENNEDY of Rhode Island.

H.J. Res. 102: Mr. MILLER of California, Mr. MORAN of Virginia, Mr. PETERSON of Minnesota, Mr. PRICE of North Carolina, Mr. SALMON, and Mr. SKAGGS.

H. Con. Res. 203: Mr. BALDACCI.

¶34.17 PETITIONS, ETC.

Under clause 1 of rule XXII, petitions and papers were laid on the clerk's desk and referred as follows:

58. The SPEAKER presented a petition of the Office of the City Clerk, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, relative to Resolution No. 119 imploring the United States House of Representatives and the United States Senate to pass H.R.1151; to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services.

59. Also, a petition of the City Commission of the State of Florida, relative to Resolution 98-7 petitioning the United States Senate and House of Representatives to appropriate \$250,000 to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers so that the Corps can complete the plans and specifications for a much needed shore protection project; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

TUESDAY, APRIL 28, 1998 (35)

The House was called to order at 12:30 p.m. by the SPEAKER, when, pursuant to the order of the House of Tuesday, January 21, 1997, Members were recognized for "morning-hour debate".

¶35.1 RECESS—1:36 P.M.

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

¶35.2 AFTER RECESS—2 P.M.

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. BARRETT of Nebraska, called the House to order.

¶35.3 APPROVAL OF THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. BARRETT of Nebraska, announced he had examined and approved the Journal of the proceedings of Monday, April 27, 1998.

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

¶35.4 COMMUNICATIONS

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

8767. A letter from the Comptroller General, the General Accounting Office, transmitting a review of the President's first special impoundment message for fiscal year 1998, pursuant to 2 U.S.C. 685; (H. Doc. No. 105-242); to the Committee on Appropriations and ordered to be printed.

8768. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting certification of a proposed license for the export of defense articles or defense services sold commercially to the Republic of Korea (Transmittal No. DTC-61-98), pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2776(c); to the Committee on International Relations.

8769. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Establishment of VOR Federal Airway; CA [Airspace Docket No. 97-AWP-17] (RIN: 2120-AA66) received April 23, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

8770. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Modification of the Atlantic High Offshore Airspace Area [Airspace Docket No. 97-ASO-16] (RIN: 2120-AA66) received April 23, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

8771. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Amendment to Class E Airspace; Topeka, Forbes Field, KS; Correction [Airspace Docket No. 98-ACE-1] received April 23, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

8772. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Amendment to Class E Airspace; Valentine, NE [Airspace Docket No. 97-ACE-39] received April 23, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

8773. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Amendment to Class E Airspace; Chadron, NE [Airspace Docket No. 97-ACE-38] received April 23, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

8774. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Airworthiness Directives; Gulfstream Model GV Series Airplanes [Docket No. 98-NM-114-AD; Amendment 39-10480; AD 98-09-01] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received April 23, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

8775. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Airworthiness Directives; SOCATA—Groupe AEROSPATIALE Model TBM 700 Airplanes [Docket NO. 97-CE-42-AD; Amendment 39-10476; AD 98-08-27] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received April 23, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

8776. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Airworthiness Directives; Avions Pierre Robin Model R3000/160 Airplanes [Docket No. 97-CE-88-AD; Amendment 39-10477; AD 98-08-28] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received April 23, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

8777. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Airworthiness Directives; Twin Commander Aircraft Corporation 500, 680, 690, and 695 Series Airplanes [Docket No. 96-CE-54-AD; Amend-

ment 39-10474; AD 98-08-25] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received April 23, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

#### ¶35.5 RHINO AND TIGER PRODUCT LABELING

Mr. SAXTON moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 2807) to amend the Rhinoceros and Tiger Conservation Act of 1994 to prohibit the sale, importation, and exportation of products labeled as containing substances derived from rhinoceros or tiger; as amended.

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. BARRETT of Nebraska, recognized Mr. SAXTON and Mr. MILLER of California, each for 20 minutes.

After debate,

The question being put, *viva voce*,

Will the House suspend the rules and pass said bill, as amended?

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. BARRETT of Nebraska, announced that two-thirds of the Members present had voted in the affirmative.

So, two-thirds of the Members present having voted in favor thereof, the rules were suspended and said bill, as amended, was passed.

A motion to reconsider the vote whereby the rules were suspended and said bill, as amended, was passed was, by unanimous consent, laid on the table.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk request the concurrence of the Senate in said bill.

#### ¶35.6 SRI LANKA INDEPENDENCE ANNIVERSARY

Mr. BEREUTER moved to suspend the rules and agree to the following resolution (H. Res. 350):

Whereas on February 4, 1948, the people of Sri Lanka gained their independence from the British;

Whereas the people of Sri Lanka and the United States have a common interest in the promotion and preservation of democratic systems of government;

Whereas the people of Sri Lanka and the United States have had many shared values and interests, including the desire to promote the peaceful development of the South Asian region;

Whereas Sri Lankan citizens who have visited or lived in the United States, and United States citizens who have visited or lived in Sri Lanka, have done much to improve mutual understanding and build friendship over the past fifty years;

Whereas United States citizens of Sri Lankan origin have contributed greatly to the advancement of knowledge, the development of the United States economy, and the enrichment of cultural life in the United States;

Whereas the ties of trade and investment between the United States and Sri Lanka have grown over fifty years to the benefit of the people of both countries; and

Whereas the fiftieth anniversary of the independence of Sri Lanka offers an opportunity for Sri Lanka and the United States to renew their commitment to international cooperation on issues of mutual interest and concern: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

(1) congratulates the people of Sri Lanka on the occasion of the fiftieth anniversary of their nation's independence; and

(2) looks forward to broadening and deepening United States cooperation and friendship with Sri Lanka in the years ahead for the benefit of the people of both countries.

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. BARRETT of Nebraska, recognized Mr. BEREUTER and Mr. LUTHER, each for 20 minutes.

After debate,

The question being put, *viva voce*,

Will the House suspend the rules and agree to said resolution?

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. BARRETT of Nebraska, announced that two-thirds of the Members present had voted in the affirmative.

So, two-thirds of the Members present having voted in favor thereof, the rules were suspended and said resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider the vote whereby the rules were suspended and said resolution was agreed to was, by unanimous consent, laid on the table.

#### ¶35.7 CEASE FIRE IN AFGHANISTAN

Mr. BEREUTER moved to suspend the rules and agree to the following concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 218); as amended:

Whereas peace and stability has not returned to Afghanistan despite the February 1989 Soviet withdrawal from Afghanistan;

Whereas the Department of State's Country Reports on Human Rights for 1997 states: "The overall human rights situation [in Afghanistan] is poor . . . political killings, torture, rape, arbitrary detention, looting, abductions and kidnappings for ransom were committed by armed units, local commanders, and rogue individuals";

Whereas the continuing civil conflict in Afghanistan has had a grievous impact upon the Afghan people, where within its borders occurs the highest rate of infant, child, and maternal mortality in the region;

Whereas neighboring countries have provided support in the form of financial assistance and arms to the different groups warring in Afghanistan, thereby extending the length and expanding the destruction of this internal conflict;

Whereas another byproduct of this conflict is the harboring of Islamic militants and terrorist leaders in Afghanistan;

Whereas due to the tyranny and destruction caused by Taliban rule, Afghanistan is now one of the world's leading producers of opium, and over the past year alone, the production of opiates in Afghanistan has increased and resulted in a growth in the drug trade not only in the Central and South Asian regions but in Russia and the West as well;

Whereas continuing instability serves as an obstacle to international investment and the establishment of developmental projects inside Afghanistan, so necessary to Afghanistan's rejuvenation from years of conflict, and central to promoting political cooperation among Afghan factions;

Whereas the continuing conflict in Afghanistan serves as an impediment to economic prosperity and political development throughout all of South Asia and the newly independent Central Asian nations as well; and

Whereas despite repeated efforts by the United Nations to broker an end to continuing warfare among the country's warring factions, the absence of peace has prevented Afghanistan from addressing the numerous problems facing its citizenry: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate concurring)*, That the Congress—