Off Alaska; Groundfish Fisheries by Vessels Using Hook-and-Line Gear in the Gulf of Alaska [Docket No. 971208297–8054–02; I.D. 041498A] received April 27, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

8994. 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; Atka MACKerel in the Central Aleutian District of the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands [Docket No. 971208298–8055–02; I.D. 033098B] received April 27, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

8995. 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; Pacific Cod in the Gulf of Alaska [Docket No. 971208297–8054–02; I.D. 041098A] received April 27, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

8996. A letter from the Chief Justice, Supreme Court of the United States, transmitting amendments to the Federal Rules of Evidence that have been adopted by the Supreme Court, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. 2074; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

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8999. A letter from the Director, Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts, transmitting the annual report on applications for court orders made to federal and state courts to permit the interception of wire, oral, or electronic communications during calendar year 1997, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. 2519(3); to the Committee on the Judiciary.

9000. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Guidelines Establishing Test Procedures for the Analysis of Pollutants; Application for Approval of Alternate Test Procedures [FRL–5835–9] received April 28, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

9001. A letter from the Office of the Chairman, Surface Transportation Board, transmitting the Board's final rule—Rail General Exemption Authority—Nonferrous Recyclables [STB Ex Parte No. 561] received April 28, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

9002. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulations Management, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting the Department's final rule—Reporting Health Care Professionals to State Licensing Boards (RIN: 2900–AI78) received April 28, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

9003. A letter from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting a draft of proposed legislation to amend section 2007 of the Social Security Act to provide grant funding for 20 additional Empowerment Zones, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

9004. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Branch, U.S. Customs Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Customs Service Field Organization; Establishment of Sanford Port Of Entry [T.D. 98–35] received April 27, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

9005. A letter from the Board of Trustees of the Federal Hospital Insurance Trust Fund, transmitting notification that the assets of the Hospital Insurance (HI) Trust Fund are expected to be exhausted in 2008, pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 401(c)(2), 1395i(b)(2), and 1395t(b)(2); jointly to the Committees on Ways and Means and Commerce.

¶39.6 COMMITTEE RESIGNATION—MINORITY

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. NETHERCUTT, laid before the House the following communication, which was read as follows:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, April 30, 1998.

Hon. NEWT GINGRICH,
Speaker of the House of Representatives, The U.S. Capitol, Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: After much thought and consideration, I am tendering my resignation from the Science Committee on which it has been a privilege to serve. As I complete my duties this year, I am necessarily turning my attention to numerous projects that must be completed before the end of my term.

Sincerely,

PAUL MCHALE,
Member of Congress.

By unanimous consent, the resignation was accepted.

¶39.7 MADRID PROTOCOL

Mr. COBLE moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 567) to amend the Trademark Act of 1946 to provide for the registration and protection of trademarks used in commerce, in order to carry out the provisions of certain international conventions, and for other purposes.

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. NETHERCUTT, recognized Mr. COBLE and Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts, each for 20 minutes.

After debate,

The question being put, viva voce,

Will the House suspend the rules and pass said bill?

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. NETHERCUTT, 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 was passed.

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

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

¶39.8 AMERICAN VICTIMS OF TERRORISM

Mr. GILMAN moved to suspend the rules and agree to the following concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 220); as amended:

Whereas the traditional policy of the United States, reiterated by this Administration, has been to vigorously pursue and apprehend terrorists who have killed American citizens in other countries;

Whereas numerous American citizens have been killed by Palestinian terrorists, most of them in Israel or the Israeli administered territories, including 9 since the signing of the Oslo Accords in 1993, namely Nachshon Wachsman (New York), Alisa Flatow (New Jersey), Sara Duker (New Jersey), Matthew Eisenfeld (Connecticut), Joan Davenny (Connecticut), David Boim (New York), Yaron Ungar (New York), Leah Stern (New Jersey), and Yael Botwin (California);

Whereas at least 20 of the terrorists suspected in the killings of American citizens in Israel or the Israeli administered territories during 1993–1997 have been identified by Israel as Mohammed Dief, Nabil Sharihi, Nafez Sabih, Imjad Hinawi, Abd al-Majid Dudin, Adel Awadallah, Ibrahim Ghneimat, and Mahmoud Abu Hanudeh, Abd al-Rahman Ghanelmat, Jamal al-Hur, Raid Abu Hamadayah, Mohammad Abu Wardah, Hassan Salamah, Abd Rabu Shaykh 'Id, Hamdallah Tzramah, Abd Al-Nasser Atallah Issa, Hataham Ibrahim Ismail, Jihad Mahammad Shaker Yamur, and Mohammad Abbasm;

Whereas, according to the Israeli Government, 10 of those 20 terrorist suspects are currently believed to be free men;

Whereas the Anti-Terrorism Act of 1987 permits the prosecution, in the United States, of individuals who murder American citizens abroad; and

Whereas the United States has previously acted to bring to justice those responsible for the deaths of American citizens and has established a precedence of United States intervention by demanding that Libyan leader Moammar Qadaffi transfer to the United States the Libyan terrorists suspected of bombing Pan Am flight 103: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate concurring), That it is the sense of the Congress that—

(1) the United States should demand the prosecution of all suspected perpetrators of these attacks against United States citizens;

(2) the United States should seek the cooperation of the Palestinian Authority and all other appropriate authorities in the prosecution of these cases; and

(3) the suspects should be tried in the United States unless it is determined that such action is contrary to effective prosecution.

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. NETHERCUTT, recognized Mr. GILMAN and Mr. HAMILTON, each for 20 minutes.

After debate,

The question being put, viva voce,

Will the House suspend the rules and agree to said concurrent resolution, as amended?

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

Mr. FOX demanded that the vote be taken by the yeas and nays, which demand was supported by one-fifth of the Members present, so the yeas and nays were ordered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. NETHERCUTT, pursuant to clause 5, rule I, announced that further proceedings on the motion were postponed.

¶39.9 DRUG USE BY NATION'S YOUTH

Mr. SOUDER moved to suspend the rules and agree to the following resolution (H. Res. 267); as amended:

Whereas recently released statistics demonstrate that America is not winning the battle to keep young Americans drug-free;

Whereas the results of these studies show that 29 percent of high school students state