

Moreover, because my proposal would actually appropriate the funds needed to carry out the program, States and local communities could count on these funds without the need for separate congressional appropriations each year. This proposal is fully paid for within my Fiscal Year 1999 Budget, and therefore would not reduce the budget surplus.

School districts would use these funds to reduce class sizes in grades 1 through 3. Just as importantly, these funds would also be available for a variety of activities to ensure that students in the early grades receive sound and effective instruction, such as making sure that teachers know how to teach reading and other subjects effectively in small classes.

This proposal includes strong accountability for results. Participating school districts would produce "report cards" documenting reductions in class sizes and the achievement of their students in reading, based on rigorous assessments. Schools whose students fail to make gains in reading would be required to undertake corrective actions. In addition, the Department of Education would undertake a comprehensive national evaluation of this program and its impact on reading achievement and teaching.

I urge the Congress to take prompt and favorable action on this proposal. Its enactment would help school districts reduce class sizes in the early grades and improve instruction and achievement in reading, issues that are of major importance to parents and to the Nation.

WILLIAM J. CLINTON.

THE WHITE HOUSE, *May 8, 1998.*

The message, together with the accompanying papers, was referred to the Committee on Education and the Workforce and ordered to be printed (H. Doc. 105-249).

And then,

¶42.7 ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Mrs. CHENOWETH, pursuant to the special order agreed to on Thursday, May 7, 1998, at 2 o'clock and 39 minutes p.m., the House adjourned until 12:30 p.m. on Tuesday, May 12, 1998.

¶42.8 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:

[Submitted May 8, 1998]

Mr. ARCHER: Committee on Ways and Means. H.R. 2431. A bill to establish an Office of Religious Persecution Monitoring, to provide for the imposition of sanctions against countries engaged in a pattern of religious persecution, and for other purposes; with an amendment (Rept. No. 105-480, Pt. 2). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

Mr. HYDE: Committee on the Judiciary. H.R. 2431. A bill to establish an Office of Religious Persecution Monitoring, to provide for the imposition of sanctions against coun-

tries engaged in a pattern of religious persecution, and for other purposes; with an amendment (Rept. No. 105-480, Pt. 3). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union, and ordered to be printed.

[Submitted May 11, 1998]

Mr. YOUNG of Alaska: Committee on Resources. H.R. 2556. A bill to reauthorize the North American Wetlands Conservation Act and the Partnerships for Wildlife Act; with an amendment (Rept. No. 105-522). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

¶42.9 PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 5 of Rule X and clause 4 of Rule XXII, public bills and resolutions were introduced and severally referred, as follows:

By Mr. SENSENBRENNER (for himself, Mrs. MORELLA, and Mr. COOK):

H.R. 3824. A bill amending the Fastener Quality Act to exempt from its coverage certain fasteners approved by the Federal Aviation Administration for use in aircraft; to the Committee on Science, and in addition to the Committee on Commerce, 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.

By Mr. ANDREWS:

H.R. 3825. A bill to amend the National Labor Relations Act to ensure that the National Labor Relations Board does not decline to assert jurisdiction over the horse-racing and dogracing industries; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

By Mr. ANDREWS:

H.R. 3826. A bill to amend the Davis-Bacon Act to provide that a contractor under that Act who has repeated violations of the Act shall have its contract with the United States canceled; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

By Mr. ANDREWS:

H.R. 3827. A bill to require the disclosure under freedom of information provisions of Federal law of certain payroll information under contracts subject to the Davis-Bacon Act; to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

By Mr. ANDREWS:

H.J. Res. 118. A joint resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States to authorize the line item veto; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

¶42.10 MEMORIALS

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

307. The SPEAKER presented a memorial of the Legislature of the State of Hawaii, relative to House Concurrent Resolution No. 141 memorializing the United States Congress to restore food stamp benefits to legal, noncitizen immigrants who have been denied participation in the federal Food Stamp Program due to Public Law 104-193; to the Committee on Agriculture.

308. Also, a memorial of the Senate of the State of Georgia, relative to Senate Resolution 492 memorializing the Congress of the United States to take immediate and appropriate action to have the State of Georgia declared an agricultural disaster area and provide needed assistance to Georgia's farm families; to the Committee on Agriculture.

309. Also, a memorial of the Senate of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, relative to Resolutions memorializing the President and the Congress of the United States to shift funds from the military to the states; to the Committee on National Security.

310. Also, a memorial of the General Assembly of the State of California, relative to Assembly Joint Resolution No. 52 memorializing the Congress and the President of the United States to act to vindicate the sailors unjustly blamed for, and the sailors convicted of mutiny following, the Port Chicago disaster, and to rectify any mistreatment by the military of those sailors; to the Committee on National Security.

311. Also, a memorial of the House of Representatives of the State of Vermont, relative to House Resolution 39 memorializing the United States Congress to support legislation that will curtail this economic warfare; to the Committee on Commerce.

312. Also, a memorial of the Assembly of the State of California, relative to Assembly Joint Resolution No. 47 memorializing the 50th anniversary of independence for the State of Israel and looking forward to the celebration of the centurion in the Jewish calendar year 5808; to the Committee on International Relations.

313. Also, a memorial of the Senate of the State of Georgia, relative to Senate Resolution 662 memorializing Congress to oppose any effort to lift or weaken sanctions against Cuba and not to take any other action to support Fidel Castro's communist Cuba; and for other purposes; to the Committee on International Relations.

314. Also, a memorial of the Legislature of the State of Alabama, relative to House Joint Resolution 261 memorializing the Congress of the United States to prepare and submit to the several states an amendment to the Constitution of the United States to add a new article; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

315. Also, a memorial of the General Assembly of the State of Colorado, relative to House Joint Resolution 98-1018, memorializing that the Colorado General Assembly does not support at this time any Congressional action that would establish a national policy expanding taxation of the Internet and other interactive computer services; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

316. Also, a memorial of the General Assembly of the State of Colorado, relative to House Joint Resolution 98-1017 memorializing the United States Congress to enact legislation reauthorizing the federal highway program by May 1, 1998; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

317. Also, a memorial of the Legislature of the State of Hawaii, relative to Senate Resolution No. 76 memorializing the United States Congress to enact legislation reauthorizing the federal highway program by May 1, 1998; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

318. Also, a memorial of the Senate of the State of Kentucky, relative to Senate Resolution No. 195 memorializing the United States Congress to provide funding without mandates to the Transportation Cabinet; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

319. Also, a memorial of the Senate of the State of Georgia, relative to Senate Resolution 591 memorializing Congress to reduce or eliminate the motor fuel tax on low sulphur fuels as a means of encouraging their use and achieving cleaner air.; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

320. Also, a memorial of the Legislature of the State of Alabama, relative to House Joint Resolution 227 memorializing Congress to enact legislation to increase the volume limits for the issuance of private activity tax-exempt bonds; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

321. Also, a memorial of the Senate of the State of Hawaii, relative to Senate Resolution No. 89 memorializing that the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations is re-