H. Res. 444: Mrs. THURMAN and Mr. ADAM SMITH of Washington.

¶50.47 PETITIONS, ETC.

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

65. The SPEAKER presented a petition of the Legislature of Rockland County, New City, New York, relative to Resolution No. 148 of 1998 petitioning the Congress of the United States to oppose the the proposed Medicare Beneficiary Freedom to Contract Act; jointly to the Committees on Ways and Means and Commerce.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 3, 1998 (51)

¶51.1 DESIGNATION OF SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The House was called to order by the SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. PEASE, who laid before the House the following communication:

WASHINGTON, DC,
June 3, 1998.

I hereby designate the Honorable EDWARD A. PEASE to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

NEWT GINGRICH,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

¶51.2 APPROVAL OF THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. PEASE, announced he had examined and approved the Journal of the proceedings of May 22, 1998.

Mr TIAHRT, 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. PEASE, announced that the yeas had it.

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

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. PEASE, 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The point of no quorum was considered as withdrawn.

¶51.3 COMMUNICATIONS

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

9295. A letter from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Tuberculosis in Cattle and Bison; State Designation; Hawaii [97–063–2] received June 1, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

9296. A letter from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Commuted Traveltime Periods: Overtime Services Relating to Imports and Exports [98–051–1] received May 29, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

9297. A letter from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—1998 Amendment to Cotton Board Rules and Regulations Adjusting Supplemental Assessment on Imports [CN–98–002] received May 29, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

9298. A letter from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Grapes Grown in a Designated Area of Southeastern California and Imported Table Grapes; Revision in Minimum Grade, Container, and Pack Requirements [Docket No. FV98–925–3 IFR] received May 29, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

9299. A letter from the Administrator, Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—General Regulations and Standards for Certain Agricultural Commodities (RIN: 0580–AA54) received May 26, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

9300. A letter from the Acting Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Melons Grown in South Texas; Decreased Assessment Rate [Docket No. FV98–979–1 FIR] received May 29, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

9301. A letter from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Hazelnuts Grown in Oregon and Washington; Establishment of Interim and Final Free and Restricted Percentages for the 1997–98 Marketing Year [Docket No. FV98–982- 1 FIR] received May 29, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

9302. A letter from the Manager, Federal Crop Insurance Corporation, Risk Management Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—General Crop Insurance Regulations, Stonefruit Endorsement; and Common Crop Insurance Regulations, Stonefruit Crop Insurance Provisions (7 CFR Parts 401 and 457) received June 1, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

9303. A letter from the the Director, the Office of Management and Budget, transmitting the cumulative report on rescissions and deferrals of budget authority as of May 1, 1998, pursuant to 2 U.S.C. 685(e); (H. Doc. No. 105—257); to the Committee on Appropriations and ordered to be printed.

9304. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Defense, transmitting a draft of proposed legislation authorizing the Secretary of Defense to fund international inspector expenses from the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW) related to verification activities at Department of Defense facilities; to the Committee on National Security.

9305. A letter from the Director, Wahington Headquarters Services, Department of Defense, transmitting the Department's final rule—Civilian Health and Medical Program of the Uniformed Services (CHAMPUS); Waiver of Collection of Payments Due From Certain Persons Unaware of Loss of CHAMPUS Eligibility [DoD 6010.8–R] (RIN: 0720–AA43) received May 22, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on National Security.

9306. A letter from the Secretary, Panama Canal Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule—Tolls for Use of Canal; Rules for Measurement of Vessels (RIN: 3207–AA45) received May 8, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on National Security.

9307. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting the Department's final rule—Single Family Mortgage Insurance; Electronic Underwriting [FR–4311–I–01] (RIN: 2502–AH15) received May 29, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services.

9308. A letter from the Chairman, Federal Housing Finance Board, transmitting the Board's annual report for the 1997 calendar year, pursuant to 12 U.S.C. 1422b; to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services.

9309. A letter from the Director, Office of Management and Budget, transmitting a report to Congress on H.R. 3579, the Supplemental Appropriations Act, FY 1998, pursuant to Public Law 99—177; to the Committee on the Budget.

9310. A letter from the Secretary of Education, transmitting Final Regulations—Preschool Grants for Children with Disabilities, pursuant to 20 U.S.C. 1232(f); to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

9311. A letter from the Acting Assistant General Counsel, Department of Education, transmitting the Department's final rule—Preschool Grants for Children with Disabilities (RIN: 1820–AB47) received May 29, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

9312. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs and Public Liaison, Department of Treasury, transmitting the report, ''The Financial Viability of the Government-Guaranteed Student Loan Program''; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

9313. A letter from the Deputy Executive Director and Chief Operating Officer, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, transmitting the Corporation's final rule—PBGC Recoupment and Reimbursement of Benefit Overpayments and Underpayments (RIN: 1212–AA87) received May 29, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

9314. A letter from the Administrator, Energy Information Administration, Department of Energy, transmitting Annual uranium purchase reports, pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 2296b—5; to the Committee on Commerce.

9315. A letter from the Secretary, Consumer Product Safety Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule—Requirements for Child-Resistant Packaging; Household Products with More Than 50 mg of Elemental Fluoride and More Than 0.5 Percent Elemental Fluoride; and modification of Exemption for Oral Prescription Drugs with Sodium Fluoride [16 CFR Part 1700] received June 1, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

9316. A letter from the Under Secretary for Personnel and Readiness, Department of Defense, transmitting a report to Congress on Reserve component equipment and military construction requirements not included in a fiscal year's budget request; to the Committee on Commerce.

9317. A letter from the Director, Office of Rulemaking Coordination, Department of Energy, transmitting the Department's final rule—Acquisition Regulation: Limitation on Allowability of Compensation for Certain Contractor Personnel (RIN: 1991–AB43) received May 8, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

9318. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Sinorhizobium meliloti strain RMBPC–2; Significant New Use Rule [OPPTS–50630A; FRL–5789–5] (RIN: 2070–AB27) received June 1, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

9319. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; District of Columbia; Enhanced Motor Vehicle Inspection and Maintenance