

## ¶19.2 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A message from the Senate by Mr. Lundregan, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate had passed without amendment a bill and a concurrent resolution of the House of the following titles:

H.R. 882. An Act to nullify any reservation of funds during fiscal year 1999 for guaranteed loans under the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act for qualified farmers or ranchers, and for other purposes.

H. Con. Res. 40. Concurrent resolution honoring Morris Udall, former United States Representative from Arizona, and extending the condolences of the Congress on his death.

The message also announced that the Senate had passed a concurrent resolution of the following title, in which the concurrence of the House is requested:

S. Con. Res. 15. Concurrent resolution honoring Morris King Udall, former United States Representative from Arizona, and extending the condolences of the Congress on his death.

The message also announced that pursuant to Public Law 105-220, the Chair, on behalf of the Majority Leader, announces the appointment of the following individuals to serve as members of the Twenty-first Century Workforce Commission—

Susan Auld, of Vermont;  
Katherine K. Clark, of Virginia;  
Bobby S. Garvin, of Mississippi; and  
Randel K. Johnson, of Maryland.

The message also announced that pursuant to Public Law 105-277, the Chair, on behalf of the Democratic Leader, announces the appointment of the following individuals to serve as members of the Commission on Online Child Protection—

Jerry Berman, of Washington, D.C.—Representative of a business making content available over the Internet;  
Srinija Srinivasan, of California—Representative of a business providing Internet portal or search services; and  
Donald N. Telage, of Massachusetts—Representative of a business providing domain name registration services.

The message also announced that pursuant to section 194(a) of title 14, United States Code, as amended by Public Law 101-595, the Chair, on behalf of the Vice President, appoints the following Senators to the Board of Visitors of the United States Coast Guard Academy—

the Senator from Arizona (Mr. McCAIN), ex officio, as Chairman of the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation; and

the Senator from Missouri (Mr. ASHCROFT), Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

The message also announced that pursuant to section 1295(b) of title 46, United States Code, as amended by Public Law 101-595, the Chair, on behalf of the Vice President, appoints the following Senators to the Board of Visitors of the United States Merchant Marine Academy—

the Senator from Arizona (Mr. McCAIN), ex officio, as Chairman of the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation; and

the Senator from Maine (Ms. SNOWE), Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

## ¶19.3 "MORNING-HOUR DEBATE"

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. BLILEY, pursuant to the order of the House of Tuesday, January 19, 1999, recognized Members for "morning-hour debate".

## ¶19.4 MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

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

## ¶19.5 RECESS—11:03 A.M.

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. BLILEY, pursuant to clause 12 of rule I, declared the House in recess at 11 o'clock 3 minutes a.m. until 12 o'clock noon.

## ¶19.6 AFTER RECESS—12 NOON

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. LATOURETTE, called the House to order.

## ¶19.7 APPROVAL OF THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. LATOURETTE, announced he had examined and approved the Journal of the proceedings of Monday, March 8, 1999.

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

## ¶19.8 COMMUNICATIONS

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

942. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting a Department's report entitled "Country Reports on Human Rights Practices for 1998," pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2151n(d); to the Committee on Appropriations.

943. A letter from the President and Chairman, Export-Import Bank, transmitting a statement with respect to transactions involving U.S. exports to various overseas entities, pursuant to 12 U.S.C. 635(b)(3)(i); to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services.

944. A letter from the Attorney Advisor, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Consumer Information Regulations; Utility Vehicle Label [Docket No. NHTSA-98-3381, Notice 2] (RIN: 2127-AG53) received March 8, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

945. A letter from the Executive Director, Committee For Purchase From People Who Are Blind Or Severely Disabled, transmitting the Committee's final rule—Procurement List Additions and Deletions—received March 8, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Government Reform.

946. A letter from the Secretary of Commerce, transmitting a report about grants authorized by the Anadromous Fish Conservation Act of 1965; to the Committee on Resources.

947. A letter from the General Counsel, Executive Office for Immigration Review, Department of Justice, transmitting the Department's final rule—Motion to Reopen: Suspension of Deportation and Cancellation

of Removal [EOIR No. 121F; AG ORDER No.] (RIN: 1125-AA23) received March 8, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on the Judiciary.

948. A letter from the Register of Copyrights, Library of Congress, transmitting a schedule of proposed new copyright fees and the accompanying analysis; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

949. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Commerce, transmitting the 1998 Annual Report of the Visiting Committee on Advanced Technology of the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST), pursuant to Public Law 100-418, section 5131(b) (102 Stat. 1443); to the Committee on Science.

950. A letter from the Regulatory Policy Officer, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, transmitting the Bureau's final rule—Establishment of the San Francisco Bay Viticultural Area and the Realignment of the Boundary of the Central Coast Viticultural Area (97-242) [T.D. ATF-407; Re: Notice No. 856] (RIN: 1512-AA07) received February 3, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

951. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Division, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, transmitting the Bureau's final rule—Procedures for the Issuance, Denial, and Revocation of Certificates of Label Approval, Certificates of Exemption From Label Approval, and Distinctive Liquor Bottle Approvals (93F-029P) [TD ATF-406 Re: Notice No. 815 and Notice No. 819] (RIN: 1512-AB34) received January 27, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

952. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Children and Families, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Department's final rule—Child Support Enforcement Program; State Plan Approval and Grant Procedures, State Plan Requirements, Standards for Program Operations, Federal Financial Participation Audit and Penalty (RIN: 0970-AB81) received February 8, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

953. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting notification of intent to obligate funds for an additional program proposal for purposes of Nonproliferation and Disarmament Fund activities; jointly to the Committees on Appropriations and International Relations.

954. A letter from the Director, Congressional Budget Office, transmitting a paper that reviews the activities of the Congressional Budget Office during 1998; jointly to the Committees on Rules and the Budget.

955. A letter from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Department's final rule—Medicare and Medicaid Programs: Reporting Outcome and Assessment Information Set (OASIS) Data as Part of the Conditions of Participation for Home Health Agencies [HCFA-3006-IFC] (RIN: 0938-AJ10) received February 3, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); jointly to the Committees on Ways and Means and Commerce.

956. A letter from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Department's final rule—Medicare and Medicaid Programs: Comprehensive Assessment and Use of the OASIS as Part of the Conditions of Participation for Home Health Agencies [HCFA-3007-F] (RIN: 0938-AJ11) received February 3, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); jointly to the Committees on Ways and Means and Commerce.

957. A letter from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting a study and Report to Congress on the effectiveness and appropriateness of current mechanisms

for surveying and certifying renal dialysis facilities for compliance with the Medicare conditions and requirements of section 1881(b) of the Social Security Act; jointly to the Committees on Ways and Means and Commerce.

¶19.9 MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT—  
NATIONAL ENDOWMENT FOR THE ARTS

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

*To the Congress of the United States:*

It is my pleasure to transmit herewith the Annual Report of the National Endowment for the Arts for Fiscal Year 1997.

The Arts Endowment awards more than one thousand grants each year to nonprofit arts organizations for projects that bring the arts to millions of Americans. Once again, this year's grants reflect the diversity of our Nation's culture and the creativity of our artists. Whether seeing a classic theatrical production in Connecticut or an art exhibition in Arizona, whether listening to a symphony in Iowa or participating in a fine arts training program for inner-city students in Louisiana, Americans who benefit from Arts Endowment grants have experienced the power and joy of the arts in their lives.

Arts Endowment grants in 1997 supported:

- projects in theater, dance, music, visual arts, and the other artistic disciplines, demonstrating that our diversity is an asset—and helping us to interpret the past, understand each other in the present, and envision the future;
- folk and traditional arts programs, which strengthen and showcase our rich cultural heritage; and
- arts education, which helps improve our children's skills and enhances their lives with the richness of the arts.

The arts challenge our imaginations, nourish our spirits, and help to sustain our democracy. We are a Nation of creators and innovators. As this report illustrates, the NEA continues to celebrate America's artistic achievements and makes the arts more accessible to the American people.

WILLIAM J. CLINTON.

THE WHITE HOUSE, *March 9, 1999.*

By unanimous consent, the message, together with the accompanying papers, was referred to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

¶19.10 MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT—  
TRADE POLICY AGREEMENTS PROGRAM

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

*To the Congress of the United States:*

As required by section 163 of the Trade Act of 1974, as amended (19 U.S.C. 2213), I transmit herewith the 1999 Trade Policy Agenda and the 1998 Annual Report on the Trade Agreements Program. This report includes

the Annual Report on the World Trade Organization, as required by section 124 of the Uruguay Round Agreements Act (19 U.S.C. 3534).

WILLIAM J. CLINTON.

THE WHITE HOUSE, *March 9, 1999.*

By unanimous consent, the message, together with the accompanying papers, was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

¶19.11 1999 NURSING HOME RESIDENT  
PROTECTION

Mr. BILIRAKIS moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 540) to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to prohibit transfers or discharges of residents of nursing facilities as a result of a voluntary withdrawal from participation in the Medicaid Program.

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. LATOURETTE, recognized Mr. BILIRAKIS and Mr. BROWN of Ohio, 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. LATOURETTE, announced that two-thirds of the Members present had voted in the affirmative.

Mr. BILIRAKIS 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. LATOURETTE, pursuant to clause 8, rule XX, announced that further proceedings on the motion were postponed until Wednesday, March 10, 1999.

¶19.12 CHANGE OF REFERENCE—H.R. 809

On motion of Mr. GEKAS, by unanimous consent, the Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of the bill (H.R. 809) to amend the Act of June 1, 1948, to provide for reform of the Federal Protection Service.

When said bill was rereferred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

¶19.13 UNITED STATES CODE  
REENACTMENT EXTENSION

Mr. GEKAS moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 808) to extend for 3 additional months the period for which chapter 12 of title 11 of the United States Code is reenacted; as amended.

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. LATOURETTE, recognized Mr. GEKAS and Ms. BALDWIN, 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. LATOURETTE, announced that two-thirds of the Members present had voted in the affirmative.

Mr. SMITH of Michigan, 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. LATOURETTE, pursuant to clause 8, rule XX, announced that further proceedings on the motion were postponed until Wednesday, March 10, 1999.

¶19.14 FREE ELECTIONS IN INDONESIA

Mr. BEREUTER moved to suspend the rules and agree to the following resolution (H. Res. 32):

Whereas Indonesia is the world's fourth most populous country, has the world's largest Muslim population, and has repeatedly demonstrated itself to be a good friend of the United States;

Whereas a stable and democratic Indonesia can continue to play an important leadership role in the security and stability of Southeast Asia;

Whereas Indonesian national elections in 1955 were judged to be free and fair, but more recent elections have been far more problematic;

Whereas in response to overwhelming public demand, long-time leader (32 years) Soeharto resigned on May 21, 1998;

Whereas elections for the House of Representatives of Indonesia (DPR) have been scheduled for June 7, 1999;

Whereas it is in the interests of all Indonesians and friends of Indonesia that the June 1999 elections be free, fair, and transparent;

Whereas the Government of Indonesia has welcomed international interest and technical support for the elections, under the coordination of the United Nations Development Program;

Whereas United States and international nongovernmental organizations such as the National Democratic Institute for International Affairs (NDI), the Asia Foundation, the International Republican Institute (IRI), the International Foundation for Election Systems (IFES), and the American Center for International Labor Solidarity (ACILS) are providing election assistance throughout Indonesia; and

Whereas the active participation in election monitoring by the international community, including the United States Congress, would contribute meaningfully to the Indonesian election: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

(1) supports the aspirations of the Indonesian people for democratic elections;

(2) urges the Government of Indonesia to take all steps, including the provision of adequate financial and administrative resources, to ensure that the parliamentary elections scheduled for June 7, 1999, are free, fair, and transparent, according to internationally recognized standards, and that an institutional capacity is put in place for free and fair elections in the future;

(3) calls upon the Government of Indonesia to enact election laws that ensure that the will of the people is respected, both in the parliamentary elections scheduled for June 7 and in the general session of the People's Consultative Assembly (MPR) that will elect a new President and Vice President later in 1999;

(4) appeals to all political leaders and responsible persons to strive to ensure that the campaign period remains peaceful;

(5) calls upon all Indonesian political parties, the armed forces, and the public at large to respect the results of free and fair elections;

(6) recognizes with approval the activities of domestic and international nongovernmental organizations in the areas of voter education, technical assistance, and election monitoring;