Services [CC Docket No. 97–21; CC Docket No. 96–45] received June 9, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

2693. A letter from the Chief, Accounting Policy Division, Common Carrier Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule—Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service [CC Docket No. 96–45] received June 9, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

2694. A letter from the Governor, State of Kansas, transmitting a letter to President Clinton regarding the Roberts amendment in the Supplemental Appropriations bill now in conference committee; to the Committee on Commerce.

2695. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting a copy of the Secretary's determination and justification for authorizing the use in year 1999 of Economic Support Funds to provide a modest crowd-control training package for the Indonesian police in support of the June elections, pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2261(a)(2); to the Committee on International Relations.

2696. A letter from the Director, Office of Congressional and Intergovernmental Affairs, United States Information Agency, transmitting a report on U.S. Government-Sponsored International Exchanges and Training on a Review of the MESP and ATLAS Programs in South Africa; to the Committee on International Relations.

2697. A letter from the Secretary of Agriculture, transmitting the semiannual report of the Inspector General for the 6-month period ending March 31, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. app. (Insp. Gen. Act) section 5(b); to the Committee on Government Reform.

2698. A letter from the Comptroller General, transmitting a listing of new investigations, audits, and evaluations; to the Committee on Government Reform.

2699. A letter from the Governor, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, transmitting a report prepared to clarify some of the statements in the Fourth Annual Report; to the Committee on Resources.

2700. A letter from the Attorney General, Department of Justice, transmitting the annual report on the status of the United States Parole Commission; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

2701. A letter from the Secretary of Transportation, transmitting a report on the methods that are used to implement and enforce the International Management code for the Safe Operation of Ships and for Pollution Prevention under Chapter IX of the Annex to the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea, 1974, to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

¶68.8 PROVIDING FOR THE CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 1658

Mr. GOSS, by direction of the Committee on Rules, reported (Rept. No. 106–193) the resolution (H. Res. 216) providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 1658) to provide a more just and uniform procedure for Federal civil forfeitures, and for other purposes.

When said resolution and report were referred to the House Calendar and ordered printed.

¶68.9 PROVIDING FOR THE CONSIDERATION OF H.J. RES. 33

Mr. GOSS, by direction of the Committee on Rules, reported (Rept. No. 106–194) the resolution (H. Res. 217) providing for the consideration of the joint resolution (H.J. Res. 33) proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States authorizing the Congress to prohibit the physical desecration of the flag of the United States.

When said resolution and report were referred to the House Calendar and ordered printed.

¶68.10 COMMUNICATION FROM THE CLERK—MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

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

OFFICE OF THE CLERK,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, June 22, 1999.

Hon. J. DENNIS HASTERT,
The Speaker, House of Representatives, Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: Pursuant to the permission granted to Clause 2(h) of Rule II of the Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives, the Clerk received the following message from the Secretary of the Senate on June 21, 1999 at 1:21 p.m.

That the Senate passed without amendment H. Con. Res. 105.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely,

JEFF TRANDAHL,
Clerk.

¶68.11 PROSTATE CANCER AWARENESS

Mr. BILIRAKIS moved to suspend the rules and agree to the following resolution (H. Res. 211):

Whereas nearly 180,000 men will be diagnosed with prostate cancer in 1999, and an estimated 37,000 men will die of the disease;

Whereas prostate cancer is the second most common form of cancer among men and the second leading cause of cancer death among men;

Whereas prostate cancer can often be treated successfully if detected early on, although most symptoms are nonspecific and there are few reliable risk factors;

Whereas education and regular testing and examinations are critical to detecting and treating prostate cancer in a timely manner;

Whereas the American Cancer Society recommends that all men aged 50 and over have annual examinations and tests for prostate cancer, and that African American men and men with family histories of prostate cancer, who are at higher risk for the disease, should consider taking such steps at an earlier age;

Whereas the House of Representatives as an institution, and Members of Congress as individuals, are in unique positions to help raise public awareness about the detection and treatment of prostate cancer and to support the fight against prostate cancer: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That it is the sense of the House of Representatives that—

(1) all American men should take an active role in the fight against prostate cancer by all the means that are available to them, including regular testing and medical examinations;

(2) the role played by national and community organizations and health care providers in promoting awareness of the importance of regular examinations and testing for prostate cancer, and in providing related information, support, and access to services, should be recognized and applauded;

(3) the Federal Government has a responsibility to—

(A) endeavor to raise awareness about the importance of the early detection of, and proper treatment for, prostate cancer;

(B) continue to fund research so that the causes of, and improved treatment for, prostate cancer may be discovered; and

(C) continue to consider ways to improve access to, and the quality of, health care services for detecting and treating prostate cancer.

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. PEASE, 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 agree to said resolution?

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. PEASE, 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.

¶68.12 ISRAELI SOLDIERS MISSING IN ACTION

Mr. GILMAN moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 1175) to locate and secure the return of Zachary Baumel, an American citizen, and other Israeli soldiers missing in action; as amended.

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. PEASE, recognized Mr. GILMAN and Mr. LANTOS, 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. PEASE, announced that two-thirds of the Members present had voted in the affirmative.

Mr. LANTOS 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. PEASE, pursuant to clause 8, rule XX, announced that further proceedings on the motion were postponed.

¶68.13 COMMUNITY RENEWAL THROUGH COMMUNITY AND FAITH-BASED ORGANIZATIONS

Mr. SOUDER moved to suspend the rules and agree to the following resolution (H. Res. 207):

Whereas, while the steady economic growth and low inflation in the United States has yielded unprecedented prosperity, many American citizens have not benefited from this prosperity and continue to be socioeconomically disadvantaged;

Whereas millions of our fellow citizens who live in the inner cities and rural communities continue to be plagued by social breakdown, economic disadvantage, and educational failure that fosters hopelessness and despair;

Whereas our most intractable pathologies—crime, drug addiction, teen pregnancy, homelessness, and youth violence—are each being addressed by small, and sometimes unrecognized, community- or faith-based organizations, whose expertise should not be ignored;

Whereas these nonprofit organizations have local experts who are moving individ-