The question of suspending the rules and voting, as follows:

There were 2 minutes to vote.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 411, nays 14, not voting 8, as follows:

**YEAS—411**

**NAYS—2**

**NOT VOTING—9**

**ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE**

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. LaHood) ordered the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. CASTLE) to the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 2993.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The unfinished business is the question of suspending the rules and passing the bill, H.R. 2993, on which the yeas and nays are ordered.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 411, nays 14, not voting 8, as follows:

**YEAS—411**

**NAYS—2**

**NOT VOTING—9**

Mr. RAMSTAD changed his vote from “nay” to “yea.”

So (two-thirds having voted in favor thereof) the rules were suspended and the bill was passed.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

**AUTHORITY TO AGREE TO CERTAIN AMENDMENTS TO THE BORDER ENVIRONMENT CO-OPERATION AGREEMENT**

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The unfinished business is the question of suspending the rules and concurs in the Senate amendment to the bill, H.R. 254.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Nebraska (Mr. BEUERER) that the House suspend the rules and concur in the Senate amendment to the bill, H.R. 254, on which the yeas and nays are ordered.

This will be a 5-minute vote.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 377, nays 48, not voting 8, as follows:

**YEAS—377**

**NAYS—48**

**NOT VOTING—8**

Mr. HICKEY changed his vote from “yea” to “nay.”

So (two-thirds having voted in favor thereof) the rules were suspended and the bill was passed.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Speaker pro tempore (Mr. CASTLE) to the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 254, on which the yeas and nays are ordered.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 377, nays 48, not voting 8, as follows:

**YEAS—377**

**NAYS—48**

**NOT VOTING—8**
Mr. DUNCAN changed his vote from "yea" to "nay." So two-thirds having voted in favor thereof the rules were suspended and the Senate amendment was concurred in.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

### DOMINICAN REPUBLIC FREE TRADE AGREEMENT—MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES (H. DOC. NO. 108-178)

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. LAHOOD) laid before the House the following message from the President of the United States; which was read and, without objection, referred to the Committee on Ways and Means and ordered to be printed.

To the Congress of the United States:

Consistent with section 2105(a)(3)(A) of the Trade Act of 2002 (Public Law 107-210), the “Trade Act”), I am pleased to notify the Congress of my intent to enter into a free trade agreement (FTA) with the Government of the Dominican Republic.

This agreement will create new opportunities by eliminating barriers to trade with the Dominican Republic, the largest economy in the Caribbean Basin. At the same time, it will help bring to the Dominican Republic expanded economic freedom and opportunity, and it will provide an opportunity for regional stability, democracy, and economic development through closer ties of commerce, investment, and friendship.

Consistent with the Trade Act, I am sending this notification at least 90 days in advance of entering into an agreement with the Dominican Republic. My Administration looks forward to working with the Congress in developing appropriate legislation to approve and implement this free trade agreement.

GEORGE W. BUSH.


## CONCURRENT RESOLUTION ON THE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2005

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to House Resolution 574 and rule XVIII, the Chair declares the House in the Committee of the Whole on the State of the Union for the further consideration of the concurrent resolution H. Con. Res. 393.

### IN THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Accordingly, the House resolved itself into the Committee of the Whole on the State of the Union for the further consideration of the concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 393) establishing the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2006 and setting forth appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2004 and 2006 through 2009, with Mr. LATOURETTE (Chairman pro tempore) in the chair.

The Clerk read the title of the concurrent resolution.

The CHAIRMAN pro tempore. When the Committee of the Whole rose on Wednesday, March 24, 2004, all time for general debate pursuant to that order had expired.

Pursuant to House Resolution 574, no further general debate is in order and the concurrent resolution is considered read for amendment under the 5-minute rule.

The text of House Concurrent Resolution 393 is as follows:

H. Con. Res. 393

Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate concurring).

### SECTION 1. CONCURRENT RESOLUTION ON THE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2005

(a) DECLARATION.—The Congress declares that the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2005 is hereby established and that the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2004 and 2006 through 2009 are set.

(b) TABLE OF CONTENTS.—The table of contents for this concurrent resolution is as follows:

Sec. 1. Concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2005.

TITILE I—RECOMMENDED LEVELS AND AMOUNTS

Sec. 101. Recommended levels and amounts.

Sec. 102. Major functional categories.

TITILE II—RECONCILIATION AND REPORT SUBMISSIONS

Sec. 201. Reconciliation in the House of Representatives.

Sec. 202. Submission of report on savings to be used for members of the Armed Forces in Iraq and Afghanistan.