

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES—Wednesday, January 3, 1996

(Legislative day of Friday, December 22, 1995)

AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker at 11 o'clock and 55 minutes a.m.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, Rev. James David Ford, D.D., offered the following prayer:

As our hearts are full of the blessings of this life and abounding in gratitude for opportunities for service in this new year, we pause in this our prayer, O God, to ask for that spiritual strength and compass that You alone can give. Point us to the way of justice, direct us with the vision of mercy, sustain us with Your abiding presence, and encourage us always to celebrate and sustain the rich heritage of our Nation's spirit. For all these tasks which can seem so daunting, we pray for Your blessing and Your peace. Amen.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER. Will the gentleman from New York [Mr. SOLOMON] come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. SOLOMON led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A message from the Senate by Mr. Lundregan, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate had passed with an amendment a bill of the House of the following title:

H.R. 1643. An act to authorize the extension of nondiscriminatory treatment (most-favored-nation treatment) to the products of Bulgaria.

The message also announced that the Senate agrees to the amendment of the House to the bill (S. 1508) "An act to assure that all Federal employees work and are paid," with an amendment to the House amendment.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE

The SPEAKER laid before the House the following communication from the Clerk of the House of Representatives:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
OFFICE OF THE CLERK,
Washington, DC, January 3, 1996.
Hon. NEWT GINGRICH,
Speaker, House of Representatives, Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: Pursuant to the permission granted in clause 5 of rule III of the Rules of the House of Representatives, the Clerk received the following messages from the Secretary of the Senate on Monday, January 2, 1996, at 10:30 a.m.:

That the Senate passed S. 1514; and
That the Senate passed without amendments H.R. 2808.

With warm regards,

ROBIN H. CARLE,
Clerk.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER

The SPEAKER. The Chair desires to announce that pursuant to clause 4 of rule I, the Speaker signed the following enrolled bill on Tuesday, January 2, 1996: H.R. 2808, to extend authorities under the Middle East Peace Facilitation Act of 1994, until March 31, 1996, and for other purposes.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE HONORABLE TOM DELAY, MAJORITY WHIP

The SPEAKER laid before the House the following communication from the Honorable TOM DELAY, majority whip:

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, December 28, 1995.

Hon. NEWT GINGRICH,
Speaker, House of Representatives, Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: This is to formally notify you, pursuant to rule L (50) of the Rules of the House of Representatives, that William Jarrell, Deputy Chief of Staff for Administration in this office, has been served with a subpoena issued by the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia in the matter of *United States v. Fitzpatrick*.

After consultation with the Office of General Counsel, I have determined that compliance with the subpoena is consistent with the precedents and privileges of the House.

Sincerely,

TOM DELAY,
Majority Whip.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE SERGEANT AT ARMS OF THE HOUSE

The SPEAKER laid before the House the following communication from the Sergeant at Arms of the House of Representatives:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
OFFICE OF THE SERGEANT AT ARMS,
Washington, DC, December 29, 1995.
Hon. NEWT GINGRICH,
Speaker, House of Representatives, Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: This is to formally notify you, pursuant to rule L (50) of the Rules of the House of Representatives, that Patricia Schaap, an employee of this office, has been served with a subpoena issued by the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia in the matter of *United States v. Fitzpatrick*.

After consultation with the Office of the General Counsel, I have determined that compliance with the subpoena is consistent with the precedents and privileges of the House.

Sincerely,

WILSON LIVINGOOD,
Sergeant at Arms.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE

The SPEAKER laid before the House the following message from the Clerk of the House of Representatives:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
OFFICE OF THE CLERK,
Washington, DC, December 29, 1995.

Hon. NEWT GINGRICH,
Speaker, House of Representatives, Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: Pursuant to the permission granted in clause 5 of rule III of the Rules of the House of Representatives, I have the honor to transmit a sealed envelope received from the White House on Friday, December 29, 1995, at 12:10 p.m. and said to contain a message from the President whereby he submits a semiannual report on the Russian Federation's continued compliance with emigration criteria as required by sections 402 and 409 of the Trade Act of 1974.

Sincerely yours,

ROBIN H. CARLE,
Clerk.

CONTINUED MOST-FAVORED-NATION STATUS FOR RUSSIAN FEDERATION—MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES (H. DOC. NO. 104-154)

The SPEAKER laid before the House the following message from the President of the United States; which was read and, together with the accompanying papers, referred to the Committee on Ways and Means and ordered to be printed:

To the Congress of the United States:

On September 21, 1994, I determined and reported to the Congress that the Russian Federation is in full compliance with the freedom of emigration criteria of sections 402 and 409 of the Trade Act of 1974. This action allowed

□ This symbol represents the time of day during the House proceedings, e.g., □ 1407 is 2:07 p.m.

Matter set in this typeface indicates words inserted or appended, rather than spoken, by a Member of the House on the floor.

for the continuation of most-favored-nation (MFN) status for Russia and certain other activities without the requirement of an annual waiver.

As required by law, I am submitting an updated report to the Congress concerning the emigration laws and policies of the Russian Federation. You will find that the report indicates continued Russian compliance with U.S. and international standards in the area of emigration.

WILLIAM J. CLINTON.

THE WHITE HOUSE, December 29, 1995.

PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRY

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, I have a parliamentary inquiry.

The SPEAKER. The gentleman will state it.

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, would it be in order for me at this time to ask unanimous consent to take up H.R. 1643, the bill just reported to us by the other body?

The SPEAKER. The Chair asks the gentleman to suspend. The House will come right back in session.

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

Mr. THOMAS, from the Committee on House Oversight, reported that that committee had examined and found truly enrolled a bill of the House of the following title, which was thereupon signed by the Speaker:

H.R. 2808. An act to extend authorities under the Middle East Peace Facilitation Act of 1994 until March 31, 1996, and for other purposes.

BILLS PRESENTED TO THE PRESIDENT

Mr. THOMAS, from the Committee on House Oversight, reported that that committee did on the following days present to the President, for his approval, bills of the House of the following titles:

On December 23, 1995:

H.R. 2539. An act to abolish the Interstate Commerce Commission, to amend subtitle IV of title 49, United States Code, to reform economic regulation of transportation, and for other purposes.

On December 29, 1995:

H.R. 4. An act to restore the American family, enhance support and work opportunities for families with children, reduce out-of-wedlock pregnancies, reduce welfare dependence, and control welfare spending.

H.R. 394. An act to amend title 4 of the United States Code to limit State taxation of certain pension income.

H.R. 1878. An act to extend for 4 years the period of applicability of enrollment mix requirement to certain health maintenance organizations providing services under Dayton Area Health Plan.

H.R. 2627. An act to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the sesquicentennial of the founding of the Smithsonian Institution.

SINE DIE ADJOURNMENT

The SPEAKER. Pursuant to the 20th amendment of the Constitution of the United States, the Chair declares the 1st session of the 104th Congress adjourned sine die.

Thereupon (at 12 noon) pursuant to the 20th amendment of the Constitution of the United States, the House adjourned.

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. PICKETT:

H. Con. Res. 130. Concurrent resolution to express the sense of the Congress that the Bureau of Labor Statistics should develop and publish monthly a cost of living index; to the Committee on Economic and Educational Opportunities.

ADDITIONAL SPONSORS

Under clause 4 of rule XXII, sponsors were added to public bills and resolutions as follows:

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- H.R. 1514: Mr. BASS and Mr. BROWN of Ohio.
H.R. 1889: Mr. DAVIS and Mr. BERMAN.
H.R. 1968: Mr. MCHUGH and Mr. WALSH.
H.R. 2450: Mr. BACHUS and Mr. EMERSON.
H.R. 2540: Mr. SOUDER.
H.R. 2619: Mr. DURBIN.