

States, approximately 30 nations deployed over 20,000 troops as we reduced our military presence.

With the recent tragic casualties to American forces in Somalia, the American people want to know why we are there, what we are doing, why we cannot come home immediately, and when we will come home. Although the report answers those questions in detail, I want to repeat concisely my answers:

—We went to Somalia because without us a million people would have died. We, uniquely, were in a position to save them, and other nations were ready to share the burden after our initial action.

—What the United States is doing there is providing, for a limited period of time, logistics support and security so that the humanitarian and political efforts of the United Nations, relief organizations, and others can have a reasonable chance of success. The United Nations, in turn, has a longer term political, security, and relief mission designed to minimize the likelihood that famine and anarchy will return when the United Nations leaves. The U.S. military mission is not now nor was it ever one of "nation building."

—We cannot leave immediately because the United Nations has not had an adequate chance to replace us, nor have the Somalis had a reasonable opportunity to end their strife. We want other nations to assume more of the burden of international peace. To have them do so, they must think that they can rely on our commitments when we make them. Moreover, having been brutally attacked, were American forces to leave now we would send a message to terrorists and other potential adversaries around the world that they can change our policies by killing our people. It would be open season on Americans.

—We will, however, leave no later than March 31, 1994, except for a few hundred support troops. That amount of time will permit the Somali people to make progress toward political reconciliation and allow the United States to fulfill our obligations properly, including the return of any Americans being detained. We went there for the right reasons and we will finish the job in the right way.

While U.S. forces are there, they will be fully protected with appropriate American military capability.

Any Americans detained will be the subject of the most complete and thorough efforts of which this Government is capable, with the unrelenting goal of returning them home and returning them to health.

I want to thank all those who have expressed their support for this approach during the last week. At difficult times such as these, when we face international challenges, biparti-

san unity among our two branches of government is vital.

WILLIAM J. CLINTON.

THE WHITE HOUSE, *October 13, 1993.*

By unanimous consent, the message, together with the accompanying papers, was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered to be printed (H. Doc. 103-149).

#### ¶115.29 SENATE BILL REFERRED

A bill of the Senate of the following title was taken from the Speaker's table and, under the rule, referred as follows:

S. 832. An Act to designate the plaza to be constructed on the Federal Triangle property in Washington, DC, as the "Woodrow Wilson Plaza"; jointly, to the Committees on Natural Resources and Public Works and Transportation.

#### ¶115.30 LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted—

To Mr. MCDADE, for today; and

To Mr. HUTTO, from 12 o'clock noon to 3:30 p.m., today.

And then,

#### ¶115.31 ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Mr. FINGERHUT, at 10 o'clock and 37 minutes p.m., the House adjourned.

#### ¶115.32 REPORTS OF COMMITTEES ON PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XIII, reports of committees were delivered to the Clerk for printing and reference to the proper calendar, as follows:

Ms. SLAUGHTER: Committee on Rules. House Resolution 275. Resolution waiving points of order against the conference report to accompany the bill (H.R. 2491) making appropriations for the Departments of Veterans Affairs and Housing and Urban Development, and for sundry independent agencies, boards, commissions, corporations, and offices for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1994, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 103-289). Referred to the House Calendar.

#### ¶115.33 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. JACOBS (for himself and Mr. BUNNING):

H.R. 3265. A bill to amend title 28, United States Code, and the Social Security Act with respect to the establishment and jurisdiction of a United States Court of Appeals for the Social Security Circuit; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. ANDREWS of New Jersey (for himself and Mr. ZELIFF):

H.R. 3266. A bill to provide for automatic downward adjustments in the discretionary spending limits for fiscal year 1994 set forth in the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 equal to the amount of rescissions contained in this act; jointly, to the Committees on Government Operations and Appropriations

By Mr. BLACKWELL:

H.R. 3267. A bill to make supplemental appropriations for fiscal year 1994 to provide for a full employment economy and for other purposes; jointly, to the Committees on Appropriations and Education and Labor.

By Mr. COMBEST (for himself, Mr. OBERSTAR, Mr. EMERSON, and Mr. SARPALIUS):

H.R. 3268. A bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to reform the laws relating to Federal firearms licenses and licensees; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. EVANS:

H.R. 3269. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to make improvements in the procedures used by the Department of Veterans Affairs in adjudicating claims for veterans benefits, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. FISH (for himself, Mr. HINCHEY, Mr. DARDEN and Ms. MOLINARI):

H.R. 3270. A bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of Franklin Delano Roosevelt on the occasion of the 50th anniversary of the death of President Roosevelt; to the Committee on Banking, Finance and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. GALLEGLY:

H.R. 3271. A bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to provide penalties for willfully harming law enforcement animals; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. JOHNSTON of Florida (for himself, Mr. SWIFT, Mr. DICKS, and Mr. HASTERT):

H.R. 3272. A bill to amend the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to establish a national clearinghouse to assist in background checks of law enforcement applicants; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. KREIDLER:

H.R. 3273. A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to revise the requirements for eligibility under chapter 67 of that title for receipt of retired pay for nonregular service in the Armed Forces; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. PARKER:

H.R. 3274. A bill to require the Secretary of the Army to carry out such activities as are necessary to stabilize the bluffs along the Mississippi River in the vicinity of Natchez, MS, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Public Works and Transportation.

By Mr. PORTMAN:

H.R. 3275. A bill to amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to ban activities of political action committees in Federal elections; to the Committee on House Administration.

By Mr. RAHALL (for himself, Mr. MINETA, Mr. SHUSTER, and Mr. PETRI):

H.R. 3276. A bill to make technical corrections to title 23, United States Code, the Federal Transit Act, and the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act of 1991, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Public Works and Transportation.

By Mr. RANGEL:

H.R. 3277. A bill to amend the Controlled Substances Act and the Controlled Substances Import and Export Act to eliminate certain mandatory minimum penalties relating to crack cocaine offenses; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. SABO:

H.R. 3278. A bill to increase the minimum wage and to deny employers a deduction for payments of excessive compensation; jointly, to the Committees on Ways and Means and Education and Labor.

By Mr. VALENTINE (for himself, Mr. PRICE of North Carolina, and Mr. LANCASTER):

H.R. 3279. A bill to suspend temporarily the duty on ranitidine hydrochloride (bulk and dosage forms); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

H.R. 3280. A bill to suspend temporarily the duties on salmeterol xinafoate (bulk and dosage forms); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

#### ¶115.34 PRIVATE BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 1 of rule XXII.