

1176. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Adoption Assistance [Notice 97-9] received January 2, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

1177. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Electronic Filing of Form W-4 [TD 8706] (RIN: 1545-AR67) received January 2, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

1178. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Certain Transfers of Domestic Stock or Securities by U.S. Persons to Foreign Corporations [TD 8702] (RIN: 1545-AT42) received January 2, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

1179. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Sample Language for a Qualified Domestic Relations Order [Notice 97-111] received January 2, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

1180. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Definition of Foreign Base Company Income and Foreign Personal Holding Company Income of a Controlled Foreign Corporation [TD 8704] (RIN: 1545-AR31) received January 2, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

1181. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Examination of Returns and Claims for Refund, Credit, or Abatement; Determination of Correct Tax Liability [Rev. Proc. 97-2] received January 6, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

1182. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Rulings and Determination Letters [Rev. Proc. 97-7] received January 6, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

1183. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Rulings and Determination Letters [Rev. Proc. 97-12] received January 6, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

1184. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Business Expenses [Rev. Rul. 96-62] received December 18, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

1185. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Tax Forms and Instructions [Rev. Proc. 96-62] received December 18, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

1186. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Tax Forms and Instructions [Rev. Proc. 96-61] received December 18, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

1187. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Special Rules for Certain Transactions Where Stated Principal Amount Does Not Exceed \$2,800,000 [Rev. Rul. 96-63] received December 18, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

1188. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Treatment of Loans with Below-Market Interest Rates [Rev. Rul.

96-64] received December 18, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

1189. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Damages Received on Account of Personal Injuries or Sickness [Rev. Rul. 96-65] received December 18, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

1190. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Simplification of Entity Classification Rules [TD 8697] (RIN: 1545-AT91) received December 18, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

1191. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Obsolescence of Revenue Rulings and Revenue Procedures Under TD 8697, Simplification of Entity Classification Regulations [Notice 97-1] received December 18, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

1192. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Definitions Under Subchapter S of the Internal Revenue Code [TD 8696] (RIN: 1545-AE94) received December 19, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

1193. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Credit for Employer Social Security Taxes Paid on Employee Tips [TD 8699] (RIN: 1545-AS19) received December 19, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

1194. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Determination of Issue Price in the Case of Certain Debt Instruments Issued for Property [Rev. Rul. 97-1] received December 19, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

1195. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Subchapter S Corporation Subsidiaries [Notice 97-4] received December 20, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

1196. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Subchapter S Banks—Sections 1362 and 265 [Notice 97-5] received December 20, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

1197. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Model Amendment that May Be Used to Assist Employers in Adopting a Plan that Contains 401(k) SIMPLE Provisions [Rev. Proc. 97-9] received December 20, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

1198. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Notice of Intent to Waive Certain Limitations on Obtaining Expeditious Consent to Change an Accounting Period and Elect to be an S Corporation Effective January 1, 1997 [Notice 97-3] received December 20, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

1199. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Cash or Deferred Arrangements; Nondiscrimination [Notice 97-2] received December 20, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

1200. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Mark to Market for Dealers in Securities [TD 8700] (RIN: 1545-AS30) received December 23, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

1201. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Selection of Tax Matters Partner for Limited Liability Companies [TD 8698] (RIN: 1545-AS09) received December 23, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

1202. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—SIMPLE IRA's; Questions and Answers [Notice 97-6] received December 23, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

1203. A letter from the Chairman, International Trade Commission, transmitting a draft of proposed legislation to provide authorization of appropriations for the U.S. Internal Trade Commission for fiscal year 1998, pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 1110; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

1204. A letter from the Chief of Staff, Social Security Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule—Supplemental Security Income for the Aged, Blind, and Disabled; Dedicated Accounts and Installment Payments for Certain Past-Due SSI Benefits [Regulations No. 16] (RIN: 0960-AE59) received December 26, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

1205. A letter from the Under Secretary for Rural Development, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Planning and Performing Construction and Other Development (Rural Development/Rural Housing Service) [Workplan No. 93-010] (RIN: 0575-AB59) received December 6, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); jointly, to the Committees on Banking and Financial Services and Agriculture.

1206. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting a copy of Presidential Determination 97-11A: Certification that Withholding From International Financial Institutions and Other International Organizations and Program Funds Appropriated is Contrary to the National Interest, pursuant to section 523 of the Foreign Operations, Export Financing, and Related Programs Appropriations Act, 1997; jointly, to the Committees on International Relations and Appropriations.

1207. A letter from the Chief Justice, Supreme Court of the United States, transmitting the Court's report entitled "Study of Judicial Branch Coverage Pursuant to the Congressional Accountability Act of 1995," pursuant to section 505 of Public Law 104-1; jointly, to the Committees on the Judiciary and Education and the Workforce.

1208. A letter from the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs, Department of Defense, transmitting the Department's report entitled "Possible Financial Relief From Medicare Part B Late Enrollment Surcharges for Medicare-Eligible Military Retirees Who Have Been Adversely Affected by a BRAC," pursuant to section 737 of Public Law 103-337; jointly, to the Committees on National Security, Ways and Means, and Commerce.

¶13.4 JOINT ECONOMIC COMMITTEE

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. DREIER, announced that pursuant to the provisions of 15 United States Code 1024(a) and the order of the House of Tuesday, January 7, 1997, authorizing

the Speaker and Minority Leader to accept resignations and to make appointments authorized by law or by the House, the Speaker on Thursday, January 9, 1997, appointed to the Joint Economic Committee, Mr. SAXTON.

Ordered, That the Clerk notify the Senate of the foregoing appointment.

¶3.5 RECESS—10:05 A.M.

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. DREIER, pursuant to clause 12 of rule I, declared the House in recess at 10 o'clock and 5 minutes a.m., until 10:15 a.m.

¶3.6 AFTER RECESS—10:15 A.M.

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

¶3.7 INAUGURAL CEREMONIES

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. DREIER, made the following announcement:

"The Chair desires to announce that sitting Members have been delivered their official tickets and will be seated on the platform. There are no extra seats available, so former Members cannot join the procession. The same holds true for children. They can neither go with the procession nor be seated on the platform.

"The area where Members of the House are to be seated is not covered. Members should keep this fact in mind in deciding whether to wear overcoats and hats.

"The procession will be headed by the Sergeant at Arms bearing the Mace. The Clerk will escort the Members to the West Front of the Capitol. The procession will be lead by the Dean of the House, followed by the House leadership, committee chairmen, ranking minority Members, and other Members in order of seniority.

"The Chair would encourage Members, as they gather in order of seniority, to congregate by 'classes' in the well.

"Pursuant to House Resolution 8, the Members of the House will now proceed to the West Front to attend the inaugural ceremonies for the President and Vice President of the United States.

"Upon completion of the ceremony, and pursuant to the provisions of House Resolution 8, the House will stand adjourned until noon tomorrow."

Thereupon, at 10 o'clock and 20 minutes a.m., the Members of the House, preceded by the Sergeant at Arms and the Speaker pro tempore, Mr. DREIER, proceeded to the West Front of the Capitol.

And then,

¶3.8 ADJOURNMENT

Pursuant to House Resolution 8, at 12 o'clock and 48 minutes p.m., the House adjourned until 12 o'clock noon, Tuesday, January 21, 1997.

¶3.9 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:

[Pursuant to House Resolution 5 the following report was filed on January 17, 1997]

Mrs. JOHNSON of Connecticut: Select Committee on Ethics. In the Matter of Representative Newt Gingrich (Rept. No. 105-1). Referred to the House Calendar.

¶3.10 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. ENSIGN:

H.R. 449. A bill to provide for the orderly disposal of certain Federal lands in Clark County, NV, and to provide for the acquisition of environmentally sensitive lands in the State of Nevada; to the Committee on Resources.

By Mr. ENSIGN (for himself, Mr. MATSUI, Mr. CRANE, Mr. RIGGS, Mr. NORWOOD, Mr. PICKETT, Mrs. MEEK of Florida, Ms. WOOLSEY, Ms. DELAURO, and Mr. DEAL of Georgia):

H.R. 450. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to simplify the method of payment of taxes on distilled spirits; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. ENSIGN (for himself and Mr. SCARBOROUGH):

H.R. 451. A bill to provide for a special Medicare part B enrollment period and a special medigap open enrollment period for certain military retirees and dependents; to the Committee on Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Ways and Means, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

¶3.11 ADDITIONAL SPONSORS

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

H.R. 14: Ms. PRYCE of Ohio, Mr. CUNNINGHAM, Mr. GOSS, Mr. BACHUS, Mr. BARTLETT of Maryland, Mr. SCARBOROUGH, and Mr. WATTS of Oklahoma.

H.R. 68: Mr. ACKERMAN, Mr. GEJDENSON, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. HINOJOSA, Ms. NORTON, Ms. JACKSON-LEE, Mr. MARTINEZ, Ms. RIVERS, and Mr. WALSH.

H.R. 69: Mr. DELLUMS, Mr. FOX of Pennsylvania, Mr. FROST, Mr. POSHARD, Mrs. TAUSCHER, and Mr. TRAFICANT.

H.R. 113: Mr. HALL of Texas, Mr. MINGE, Mr. BARCIA of Michigan, and Ms. FURSE.

H.R. 123: Mr. SENSENBRENNER, Mr. KLUG, Mr. KIM, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. HOSTETTLER, and Mr. PORTMAN.

H.R. 130: Mr. PACKARD.

H.R. 131: Mr. PACKARD, Mr. GOSS, and Mr. HOSTETTLER.

H.R. 218: Mr. BARTLETT of Maryland, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. SAXTON, Mr. MCKEON, Mr. GILLMOR, and Mr. STUMP.

H.R. 367: Mr. SAXTON and Mr. ENGLISH of Pennsylvania.

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¶4.1 DESIGNATION OF SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The House was called to order by the SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. BEREU-TER, who laid before the House the following communication:

January 21, 1997.

I hereby designate the Honorable DOUG BE-REUTER to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

NEWT GINGRICH,

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

¶4.2 APPROVAL OF THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. BE-REUTER, announced he had examined and approved the Journal of the proceedings of Monday, January 20, 1997.

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

¶4.3 COMMUNICATIONS

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

1209. A letter from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Regulations Issued Under the Export Apple and Pear Act; Relaxation of Grade Requirements for Apples and Pears Shipped to Pacific Ports of Russia [Docket No. FV96-33-1FIR] received January 10, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

1210. A letter from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Hazelnuts Grown in Oregon and Washington; Establishment of Interim and Final Free and Restricted Percentages for the 1996-97 Marketing Year [Docket No. FV96-982-2IFR] received January 10, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

1211. A letter from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Onions Grown in South Texas; Assessment Rate [Docket No. FV96-959-1IFR] received January 10, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

1212. A letter from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Cranberries Grown in the States of Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New Jersey, Wisconsin, Michigan, Minnesota, Oregon, Washington, and Long Island in the State of New York; Change in Reporting Requirements [Docket No. FV96-929-2FR] received January 10, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

1213. A letter from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Milk in the Iowa Marketing Area; Temporary Revision of Pool Supply Plant Shipping Percentage [DA-96-16] received January 10, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

1214. A letter from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Olives Grown in California and Imported Olives; Establishment of Minimum Quality Requirements for California and Imported Olives, and Revision of Outgoing Inspection Requirements and Procedures for California Olives [Docket No. FV96-932-2FR] received January 13, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

1215. A letter from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Spearmint Oil Produced in the Far West; Revision of the Saleable Quantity and Allotment Percentage for Class 3 (Native) Spearmint Oil for the 1996-97 Marketing Year [Docket No. FV96-985-3FR] received January 13, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

1216. A letter from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Peanuts Marketed in the United States; Changes in Handling and Disposition Requirements [Docket Nos. FV96-997-1FR; FV96-998-4FR; FV96-999-3FR] received January 13, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.