

Resolved, That the following named Member, be elected to the Committee on Commerce, be designated to rank on that committee as follows:

Tom Sawyer of Ohio, to rank directly below Eliot Engel of New York.

When said resolution was considered and agreed to.

A motion to reconsider the vote whereby said resolution was agreed to was, by unanimous consent, laid on the table.

¶4.10 ORDER OF BUSINESS—"MORNING HOUR DEBATE"

On motion of Mr. BOEHNER, by unanimous consent,

Ordered, That on Mondays and Tuesdays of each week through the second session of the 105th Congress, the House shall convene ninety minutes earlier than the time otherwise established by order of the House solely for the purpose of conducting "morning-hour debate" and that the time for such debate shall be limited to thirty minutes allocated to each party; except that on Tuesdays of each week after the first Tuesday in May of a session the House shall convene for morning-hour debate one hour earlier than the time otherwise established by order of the House, that the time for such debate shall be limited to twenty-five minutes allocated to each party, and that in no event shall morning-hour debate continue beyond ten minutes before the hour appointed for the resumption of the House session; and that all morning-hour debate shall be conducted under the following conditions: (1) the prayer by the Chaplain, the approval of the Journal, and the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag shall be postponed until resumption of the House session following morning-hour debate; (2) initial and subsequent recognition for debate shall alternate between parties; (3) recognition shall be conferred by the Speaker only pursuant to lists submitted by the Majority Leader or the Minority Leader; (4) no Member may address the House for more than five minutes except for the Majority Leader, the Minority Leader, or the Minority Whip; and (5) pursuant to clause 12 of rule I, the Speaker shall declare a recess following morning-hour debate until the hour appointed for the resumption of the House session.

¶4.11 JOINT SESSION OF THE TWO HOUSES—STATE OF THE UNION

Mr. BOEHNER submitted the following privileged concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 9):

Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate concurring), That the two Houses of Congress assemble in the Hall of the House of Representatives on Tuesday, February 4, 1997, at 9 p.m., for the purpose of receiving such communication as the President of the United States shall be pleased to make to them.

When said concurrent resolution was considered and agreed to.

A motion to reconsider the vote whereby said concurrent resolution

was agreed to was, by unanimous consent, laid on the table.

Ordered, That the Clerk request the concurrence of the Senate in said concurrent resolution.

¶4.12 MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT—NATIONAL EMERGENCY WITH RESPECT TO MID-EAST TERRORISM

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. LAHOOD, laid before the House a message from the President, which was read as follows:

To the Congress of the United States:

Section 202(d) of the National Emergencies Act (50 U.S.C. 1622(d)) provides for the automatic termination of a national emergency unless, prior to the anniversary date of its declaration, the President publishes in the Federal Register and transmits to the Congress a notice stating that the emergency is to continue in effect beyond the anniversary date. In accordance with this provision, I have sent the enclosed notice to the Federal Register for publication, stating that the emergency declared with respect to grave acts of violence committed by foreign terrorists that disrupt the Middle East peace process, is to continue in effect beyond January 23, 1997. The first notice continuing this emergency was published in the Federal Register last year on January 22, 1996.

The crisis with respect to the grave acts of violence committed by foreign terrorists that threaten to disrupt the Middle East peace process that led to the declaration of a national emergency, on January 23, 1995, has not been resolved. Terrorist groups continue to engage in activities with the purpose or effect of threatening the Middle East peace process, and which are hostile to U.S. interests in the region. Such actions threaten vital interests of the national security, foreign policy, and economy of the United States. For these reasons, I have determined that it is necessary to maintain in force the broad authorities necessary to deny any financial support from the United States for foreign terrorists that threaten to disrupt the Middle East peace process.

WILLIAM J. CLINTON.

THE WHITE HOUSE, *January 21, 1997*.

The message, together with the accompanying papers, was referred to the Committee on International Relations and ordered to be printed (H. Doc. 105-28).

¶4.13 MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT—BIOLOGICAL AND CHEMICAL WEAPONS

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. LAHOOD, laid before the House a message from the President, which was read as follows:

To the Congress of the United States:

As required by section 1416 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1997 (Public Law 104-201), I transmit herewith a report describing the respective policy functions and operational roles of Federal agencies in countering the threat posed by the use

or potential use of biological and chemical weapons of mass destruction (WMD) within the United States.

WILLIAM J. CLINTON.

THE WHITE HOUSE, *January 21, 1997*.

The message, together with the accompanying papers, was referred to the Committee on National Security and ordered to be printed (H. Doc. 105-29).

¶4.14 LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to Mrs. CARSON, for today.

And then,

¶4.15 ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Mr. HAYWORTH, pursuant to the provisions of Senate Concurrent Resolution 3, at 2 o'clock and 24 minutes p.m., the House adjourned until 12:30 p.m. on Tuesday, February 4, 1997.

¶4.16 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. TORRES (for himself and Mr. PASTOR):

H.R. 452. A bill to amend the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act to provide adequate and certain remedies for sovereign tribal governments, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Resources, and in addition to the Committees on the Judiciary, and 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.

By Mr. ACKERMAN (for himself, Mr. ABERCROMBIE, Mr. ANDREWS, Mr. DELLUMS, Mr. FARR of California, Mr. FRANKS of New Jersey, Mr. KLECZKA, Mr. LANTOS, Mr. MORAN of Virginia, Ms. NORTON, Mr. OWENS, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. SHAYS, and Mr. WAXMAN):

H.R. 453. A bill to amend the Packers and Stockyards Act, 1921, to make it unlawful for any stockyard owner, market agency, or dealer to transfer or market nonambulatory cattle, sheep, swine, horses, mules, or goats, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture.

By Mr. ACKERMAN:

H.R. 454. A bill to amend the Violent Crime Control and Law Enforcement Act of 1994 to provide enhanced penalties for crimes against elderly and child victims; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. ACKERMAN (for himself, Mr. FORBES, Mr. KING, Mr. LAZIO of New York, Mr. MANTON, Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. SHAYS, Mr. TOWNS, and Ms. NORTON):

H.R. 455. A bill to authorize the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to make grants to the States of New York and Connecticut for the purpose of demonstrating methods of improving water quality in Long Island Sound; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

By Mr. ACKERMAN (for himself, Mr. DELLUMS, Mr. EVANS, and Ms. NORTON):

H.R. 456. A bill to amend chapter 211 of title 49, United States Code, with respect to hours of service of railroad employees, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

By Mr. CASTLE:

H.R. 457. A bill to amend the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 to provide for budgeting