

Mr. DREIER, Mr. DEAL of Georgia, Mr. SCARBOROUGH, and Mr. SNOWBARGER.

H.R. 40: Mr. FORD, Ms. JACKSON-LEE, and Ms. NORTON.

H.R. 55: Mr. KING of New York, Mr. EVANS, and Mr. WALSH.

H.R. 58: Ms. STABENOW, Mr. COBURN, Mr. YOUNG of Alaska, Mr. LAMPSON, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. HULSHOF, Mr. BAESLER, Mr. BERMAN, Mr. NEAL of Massachusetts, Mr. MURTHA, Mr. DIXON, Mr. RANGEL, Mr. HEFNER, Mr. LANTOS, Mr. HINCHEY, and Mr. FROST.

H.R. 96: Mr. ENSIGN.

H.R. 113: Mr. SENSENBRENNER, Mr. ROYCE, Mr. HASTERT, Mr. WELDON of Pennsylvania, Mr. CHRISTENSEN, and Mr. WATTS of Oklahoma.

H.R. 292: Mr. STEARNS and Mr. OXLEY.

H.R. 367: Mr. LEACH, Mr. FROST, Mr. CAMPBELL, Mr. MCINTOSH, Mrs. KELLY, Mr. MANZULLO, Mr. POSHARD, Ms. NORTON, Mr. LIVINGSTON, Mr. BARTLETT of Maryland, Mr. STEARNS, and Mr. PACKARD.

H.R. 426: Mr. BATEMAN, Mr. PICKETT, Mr. BONILLA, Mr. CASTLE, Mr. CANADY of Florida, Mr. PRICE of North Carolina, and Mr. WOLF.

H.R. 471: Mr. MCCOLLUM, Mr. ROHR-ABACHER, Mr. BRYANT, Mr. HORN, Mr. CONDIT, Mr. TRAFICANT, Mr. ROYCE, Mr. DUNCAN, Mr. SOLOMON, Mr. GOODLATTE, Mr. SHUSTER, Mr. PACKARD, Mr. PITTS, Mr. WELDON of Florida, and Mr. SENSENBRENNER.

H.R. 475: Mr. STEARNS and Mr. ENGLISH of Pennsylvania.

H.R. 498: Mr. DELLUMS, Mr. FATTAH, Ms. NORTON, and Mr. PETRI.

H.R. 500: Mr. CUNNINGHAM, Mr. MEEHAN, Mr. PALLONE, Mr. HORN, and Mr. SHERMAN.

H.R. 600: Mr. STARK, Mr. WEXLER, and Mr. WAXMAN.

H.R. 604: Mr. CANNON.

H.R. 625: Mrs. MORELLA, Mr. LOBIONDO, Mr. ENGLISH of Pennsylvania, Mr. EVANS, and Mr. KENNEDY of Rhode Island.

H.R. 635: Mr. POSHARD, Mr. DEFAZIO, and Mr. EVANS.

H.R. 647: Mr. PORTER.

H.J. Res. 1: Ms. DUNN of Washington.

H.J. Res. 27: Mr. SMITH of Michigan.

H. Con. Res. 13: Mrs. LOWEY and Mr. FARR of California.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 1997 (9)

¶9.1 DESIGNATION OF SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The House was called to order at 12:30 p.m. by the SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. MILLER of Florida, who laid before the House the following communication:

WASHINGTON, DC,
February 11, 1997.

I hereby designate the Honorable DAN MILLER to act as Speaker pro tempore for this day.

NEWT GINGRICH,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Whereupon, pursuant to the order of the House of Tuesday, January 21, 1997, Members were recognized for "morning-hour debate".

¶9.2 RECESS—12:49 P.M.

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. MILLER of Florida, pursuant to clause 12 of rule I, declared the House in recess until 2 o'clock p.m.

¶9.3 AFTER RECESS—2 P.M.

The SPEAKER called the House to order.

¶9.4 APPROVAL OF THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER announced he had examined and approved the Journal of

the proceedings of Monday, February 10, 1997.

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

¶9.5 COMMUNICATIONS

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

1732. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Glufosinate Ammonium; Tolerances for Residues (FRL 5585-8) received February 6, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

1733. A letter from the Acting General Counsel, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting the Department's "Major" final rule—Sale of HUD-Held Single Family Mortgages [Docket No. FR-3814-F-04] (RIN: 2502-AG42) received February 6, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services.

1734. A letter from the Director of the Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Hamilton County, Tennessee [TN-178-1-9707a; FRL-5682-9] received February 7, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

1735. A letter from the Director of the Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; State of Tennessee and Memphis-Shelby County, Tennessee [TN-155-1-7178; TN-MEM-149-3-9701; FRL-5669-3] received February 7, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

1736. A letter from the Director of the Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Modification of the Ozone Monitoring Season; Alabama, Georgia, and Mississippi [FRL-5683-4] received February 7, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

1737. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Clean Air Approval and Promulgation of Carbon Monoxide Implementation Plan for the State of Alaska: Anchorage and Fairbanks Emission Inventory (FRL 5686-2) received February 6, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

1738. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Indiana (FRL 5678-5) received February 6, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

1739. A letter from the Director of the Office of Congressional Affairs, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule—Changes in the Operator Licensing Program [NRC Generic Letter 95-06, Supplement 1] received February 6, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

1740. A letter from the Senior Attorney, United States Copyright Office, transmitting a report of activities under the Freedom of Information Act for the calendar year 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552(d); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

1741. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting

the Department's final rule—Reemployment Rights of Certain Merchant Seamen (Maritime Administration) [Docket No. R 169] (RIN: 2133-AB28) received February 4, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

1742. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Operational Measures to Reduce Oil Spills from Existing Tank Vessels Without Double Hulls (U.S. Coast Guard) [CGD 91-045] (RIN: 2115-AE01) received February 4, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

1743. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Special Local Regulations; Hillsborough Bay; Tampa, FL (U.S. Coast Guard) [CGD07-96-074] (RIN: 2115-AE46) received February 4, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

1744. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Drawbridge Operation Regulations; Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway, FL (U.S. Coast Guard) [CGD07-96-054] (RIN: 2115-AE47) received February 4, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

1745. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Facilities Transferring Oil or Hazardous Materials in Bulk (U.S. Coast Guard) [CGD 93-056] (RIN: 2115-AE59) received February 4, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

1746. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Safety Zone Regulations; Southeast end of Vieques Island, PR (U.S. Coast Guard) [COTP San Juan 96-077] (RIN: 2115-AA97) received February 4, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

¶9.6 GALLAUDET UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The SPEAKER, pursuant to section 103, Public Law 99-371 (20 U.S.C. 4303), appointed to the Board of Trustees of Gallaudet University, Mr. LAHOOD, on the part of the House.

¶9.7 HARRY S TRUMAN SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION TRUSTEES

The SPEAKER, pursuant to the provisions of section 5(b) of Public Law 93-642 (20 U.S.C. 2004(b)), appointed as members of the Board of Trustees of the Harry S Truman Scholarship Foundation, Mrs. EMERSON and Mr. SKELTON, on the part of the House.

¶9.8 MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Sundry messages in writing from the President of the United States were communicated to the House by Mr. Sherman Williams, one of his secretaries.

¶9.9 MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT—IMPOUNDMENT CONTROL

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

To the Congress of the United States:

In accordance with the Congressional Budget and Impoundment Control Act

of 1974, I herewith report nine proposed rescissions of budgetary resources, totaling \$397 million, and one revised deferral, totaling \$7 million.

The proposed rescissions affect the Departments of Agriculture, Defense-Military, Energy, Housing and Urban Development, and Justice, and the General Services Administration. The deferral affects the Social Security Administration.

WILLIAM J. CLINTON.

THE WHITE HOUSE, *February 10, 1997.*

The message, together with the accompanying papers, was referred to the Committee on Appropriations and ordered to be printed (H. Doc. 105-44).

¶9.10 MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT—
CANADIAN WHALING

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

To the Congress of the United States:

On December 12, 1996, Secretary of Commerce Michael Kantor certified under section 8 of the Fishermen's Protective Act of 1967, as amended (the "Pelly Amendment") (22 U.S.C. 1978), that Canada has conducted whaling activities that diminish the effectiveness of a conservation program of the International Whaling Commission (IWC). The certification was based on the issuance of whaling licenses by the Government of Canada in 1996 and the subsequent killing of two bowhead whales under those licenses. This message constitutes my report to the Congress pursuant to subsection (b) of the Pelly Amendment.

In 1991, Canadian natives took a bowhead whale from the western Arctic stock, under a Canadian permit. In 1994, Canadian natives took another bowhead whale from one of the eastern Arctic stocks, without a permit.

In 1996, under Canadian permits, one bowhead whale was taken in the western Canadian Arctic on July 24 and one bowhead whale was taken in the eastern Canadian Arctic on August 17. The whale in the eastern Arctic was taken from a highly endangered stock. The IWC has expressed particular concern about whaling on this stock, which is not known to be recovering.

None of the Canadian whale hunts described above was authorized by the IWC. Canada withdrew from the IWC in 1982. In those instances where Canada issued whaling licenses, it did so without consulting the IWC. In fact, Canada's 1996 actions were directly contrary to IWC advice. At the 1996 Annual Meeting, the IWC passed a resolution encouraging Canada to refrain from issuing whaling licenses and to rejoin the IWC. However, Canada has recently advised the United States that it has no plans to rejoin the IWC and that it intends to continue granting licenses for the taking of endangered bowhead whales.

Canada's unilateral decision to authorize whaling outside of the IWC is unacceptable. Canada's conduct jeop-

ardizes the international effort that has allowed whale stocks to begin to recover from the devastating effects of historic whaling.

I understand the importance of maintaining traditional native cultures, and I support aboriginal whaling that is managed through the IWC. The Canadian hunt, however, is problematic for two reasons.

First, the whaling took place outside the IWC. International law, as reflected in the 1982 United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea, obligates countries to work through the appropriate international organization for the conservation and management of whales. Second, whaling in the eastern Canadian Arctic poses a particular conservation risk, and the decision to take this risk should not have been made unilaterally.

I believe that Canadian whaling on endangered whales warrants action at this time.

Accordingly, I have instructed the Department of State to oppose Canadian efforts to address taking of marine mammals within the newly formed Arctic Council. I have further instructed the Department of State to oppose Canadian efforts to address trade in marine mammal products within the Arctic Council. These actions grow from our concern about Canada's efforts to move whaling issues to fora other than the IWC and, more generally, about the taking of marine mammals in ways that are inconsistent with sound conservation practices.

Second, I have instructed the Department of Commerce, in implementing the Marine Mammal Protection Act, to withhold consideration of any Canadian requests for waivers to the existing moratorium on the importation of seals and/or seal products into the United States.

Finally, the United States will continue to urge Canada to reconsider its unilateral decision to authorize whaling on endangered stocks and to authorize whaling outside the IWC.

I believe the foregoing measures are more appropriate in addressing the problem of Canadian whaling than the imposition of import prohibitions at this time.

I have asked the Departments of Commerce and State to keep this situation under close review.

WILLIAM J. CLINTON.

THE WHITE HOUSE, *February 10, 1997.*

The message was referred to the Committee on International Relations and the Committee on Resources and ordered to be printed (H. Doc. 105-45).

¶9.11 PROVIDING FOR THE
CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 581

Mr. GOSS, by direction of the Committee on Rules, reported (Rept. No. 105-3) the resolution (H. Res. 46) providing for consideration of the bill (H. R. 581) to amend Public Law 104-208 to provide that the President may make funds appropriated for population planning and other population assistance

available on March 1, 1997, subject to restrictions on assistance to foreign organizations that perform or actively promote abortions.

When said resolution and report were referred to the House Calendar and ordered printed.

¶9.12 PROVIDING FOR THE
CONSIDERATION OF H.J. RES. 2

Mr. GOSS, by direction of the Committee on Rules, reported (Rept. No. 105-4) the resolution (H. Res. 47) providing for the consideration of the joint resolution (H.J. Res. 2) proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States with respect to the number of terms of office of Members of the Senate and the House of Representatives.

When said resolution and report were referred to the House Calendar and ordered printed.

¶9.13 HOUR OF MEETING

On motion of Mr. FOX, by unanimous consent,

Ordered, That when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, February 12, 1996.

And then,

¶9.14 ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Mr. ROHRBACHER, pursuant to the special order heretofore agreed to, at 6 o'clock and 30 minutes p.m., the House adjourned until 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, February 12, 1996.

¶9.15 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:

Mr. GOSS: Committee on Rules. House Resolution 46. Resolution providing for the consideration of the bill (H.R. 581) to amend the Public Law 104-208 to provide that the President may make funds appropriated for population planning and other population assistance available on March 1, 1997, subject to restrictions on assistance to foreign organizations that perform or actively promote abortions (Rept. No. 105-3). Referred to the House Calendar.

Mr. SOLOMON: Committee on Rules. House Resolution 47. Resolution providing for consideration of the joint resolution (H.J. Res. 2) proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States with respect to the number of terms of office of Members of the Senate and the House of Representatives (Rept. No. 105-4). Referred to the House Calendar.

¶9.16 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 Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN (for herself and Mr. DIAZ-BALART):

H.R. 666. A bill to amend the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996 relating to welfare and public benefits for aliens; to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committee on Agriculture, for a pe-

riod 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. DIAZ-BALART (for himself and Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN):

H.R. 667. A bill to amend the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996 to provide for an exception to limited eligibility for SSI and food stamps for totally and permanently disabled permanent resident aliens; to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committee on Agriculture, 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. ARCHER:

H.R. 668. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to reinstate the airport and airway trust fund excise taxes, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. BAKER (for himself, Mr. MCCOLLUM, Mr. DREIER, Mr. LAFALCE, and Mr. FLAKE):

H.R. 669. A bill to enhance competition in the financial services sector, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services, and in addition to the Committee on Commerce, 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. BARRETT of Nebraska:

H.R. 670. A bill to amend title 49, United States Code, to permit States to impose fees to finance programs for providing air services to small communities; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

By Mr. BARRETT of Wisconsin (for himself, Mr. KLECZKA, Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts, Mr. PETRI, Mr. ROHRABACHER, Mr. HINCHEY, Mr. BEREUTER, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. GUTIERREZ, Mr. FOGLIETTA, and Mr. LUTHER):

H.R. 671. A bill to prohibit the use of certain assistance provided under the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 and the Housing and Community Development Act of 1992 for employment relocation activities; to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services.

By Mr. COBLE:

H.R. 672. A bill to make technical amendments to certain provisions of title 17, United States Code; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

H.R. 673. A bill to provide for the extension of surcharges on patent fees; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. DELAY (for himself, Mr. CONDIT, Mr. GINGRICH, Mr. HOSTETTLER, Ms. BROWN of Florida, Mr. BUYER, Mr. COBLE, Mr. WOLF, Mr. DICKEY, Mr. NORWOOD, Mr. BURTON of Indiana, Mr. HAMILTON, Mr. THORBERRY, Mr. TANNER, Mr. GOODE, Mr. MCCOLLUM, Mr. BATEMAN, Mrs. CARSON, Mr. MCINTYRE, Mr. MCINTOSH, Mr. SENSENBRENNER, Mr. ORTIZ, Mr. BONILLA, Mr. SALMON, Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas, Mr. STEARNS, Mr. GOODLATTE, Mrs. FOWLER, Mr. SOUDER, Mr. PARKER, Mr. SAM JOHNSON, Mr. LEWIS of Kentucky, Mr. DUNCAN, Mr. BRYANT, Mr. DEAL of Georgia, Mrs. MEEK of Florida, Mr. STENHOLM, Mr. SANDLIN, Mr. CANADY of Florida, Mr. BURR of North Carolina, Mr. FROST, Mr. ROEMER, Mr. EDWARDS, Mrs. NORTHUP, Mr. TAYLOR of North Carolina, Mr. ARCHER, Mr. PICKETT, Mr. BENTSEN, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. COMBEST, Mr. PEASE, Mr. TURNER, Mr. HASTINGS of Florida, Mr. HINOJOSA, Mr. HEFNER,

Mr. SISISKY, Mr. CRAMER, Mr. GOSS, Mr. SCOTT, Mr. CALLAHAN, Mr. BALLENGER, Mr. EVERETT, Mr. BARTON of Texas, Mr. SMITH of Texas, Mr. MICA, Mr. JONES, Mr. BRADY, Mr. LUCAS of Oklahoma, Mr. WHITFIELD, Mr. JOHN, Mr. BAESLER, Mr. HALL of Texas, Mr. ETHERIDGE, Mr. PRICE of North Carolina, Ms. JACKSON-LEE, Mrs. MYRICK, Mr. WATTS of Oklahoma, and Mr. HULSHOF):

H.R. 674. A bill to authorize funds for construction of highways, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

By Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts:

H.R. 675. A bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to clarify the authority of the Secretary of Education with respect to eligibility standards for short-term educational programs; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

By Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts (for himself, Mr. RAHALL, Mr. GONZALEZ, Mr. FILNER, Mr. DELLUMS, Mr. UNDERWOOD, Mr. EVANS, Mr. WATT of North Carolina, Mr. BORSKI, Mr. SERRANO, Mr. KLECZKA, Mr. OLVER, and Mr. SANDERS):

H.R. 676. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to limit the penalty for late enrollment under the Medicare Program to 10 percent and twice the period of no enrollment; 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.

By Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN (for himself, Mr. BASS, and Mr. FRANKS of New Jersey):

H.R. 677. A bill to amend the Tennessee Valley Authority Act of 1933 to provide that no funds are authorized to be appropriated to carry out that act; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

By Mr. GILLMOR (for himself, Mr. BONIOR, Mr. DINGELL, Mr. GOSS, Mr. PALLONE, Mr. PAYNE, Mr. LAMPSON, Mr. LATOURETTE, Mr. NEY, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. OXLEY, Mr. REGULA, Mr. SAWYER, Mr. HALL of Ohio, Mr. TRAFICANT, Mr. KASICH, Mr. HOBSON, Mr. KILDEE, Mr. LEVIN, Ms. RIVERS, Mr. CONYERS, Mr. DAVIS of Virginia, Mr. FROST, Ms. NORTON, Ms. DELAURO, Mr. SABO, Mr. TOWNS, Mr. HORN, Mr. BERMAN, Mr. SAXTON, Mr. LIPINSKI, Mr. BARCIA of Michigan, Mr. ACKERMAN, Mr. STEARNS, Mr. HASTERT, Mr. GOODLATTE, Mr. ANDREWS, Mr. BORSKI, Mrs. THURMAN, Mr. SHAYS, Mrs. JOHNSON of Connecticut, Mrs. CLAYTON, Mr. KING of New York, Mr. SMITH of Michigan, Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts, and Ms. STABENOW):

H.R. 678. A bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the sesquicentennial of the birth of Thomas Alva Edison, to redesign the half dollar circulating coin for 1997 to commemorate Thomas Edison, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services.

By Mr. HAMILTON (for himself, Mr. LEWIS of Kentucky, Mr. WHITFIELD, Mr. GORDON, Mrs. NORTHUP, and Mr. MCINTOSH):

H.R. 679. A bill to amend the Clean Air Act to exclude beverage alcohol compounds emitted from aging warehouses from the definition of volatile organic compounds; to the Committee on Commerce.

By Mr. HAMILTON:

H.R. 680. A bill to amend the Federal Property and Administrative Services Act of 1949

to authorize the transfer to States of surplus personal property for donation to nonprofit providers of necessities to impoverished families and individuals; to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

By Mr. HYDE (for himself, Mr. COBLE, and Mr. ROGAN):

H.R. 681. A bill to designate the U.S. Post Office building located at 313 East Broadway in Glendale, CA, as the "Carlos J. Moorhead Post Office Building"; to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

By Mr. KOLBE:

H.R. 682. A bill to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to assess up to \$2 per person visiting the Grand Canyon or other national park to secure bonds for capital improvements to the park, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Resources.

By Mr. LIVINGSTON (for himself, Mr. BAKER, Mrs. CHENOWETH, Mr. COOKSEY, Mr. ENGLISH of Pennsylvania, Mr. FORBES, Mr. FROST, Ms. GRANGER, Mr. HAYWORTH, Mr. HOLDEN, Mrs. KELLY, Mr. KNOLLENBERG, Mr. LATHAM, Mr. LEWIS of California, Mr. MCHUGH, Mr. MCINTOSH, Ms. MOLINARI, Mrs. MYRICK, Mr. NEY, Mr. NETHERCUTT, Mr. NORWOOD, Mr. PACKARD, Mr. PARKER, Mr. PETRI, Mr. RADANOVICH, Mr. ROHRABACHER, Mr. SHADEGG, Mr. SKEEN, Mr. SNOWBARGER, and Mr. WALSH):

H.R. 683. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to increase the unified estate and gift tax credit to an amount equivalent to a \$1,200,000 exemption; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mrs. MINK of Hawaii:

H.R. 684. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to clarify the treatment of funeral trusts; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. OLVER (for himself, Mr. SABO, Mr. CONYERS, Mr. DELLUMS, Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts, Mr. GUTIERREZ, Mr. HASTINGS of Florida, Mr. HINCHEY, Mr. NADLER, Mr. MARTINEZ, Mr. MCDERMOTT, and Mr. SANDERS):

H.R. 685. A bill to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to raise the minimum wage; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

By Mr. RAMSTAD (for himself, Mr. OBERSTAR, Mr. VENTO, Mr. RAHALL, Mr. SABO, Mr. MANTON, Ms. SLAUGHTER, Mr. EWING, Mr. PASTOR, Mr. BARRETT of Wisconsin, Mr. MINGE, Mr. LUTHER, Mr. GUTKNECHT, and Mr. CAMPBELL):

H.R. 686. A bill to extend certain Medicare community nursing organization demonstration projects; to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committee on Commerce, 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. SABO (for himself, Mr. CONYERS, Mr. OLVER, Ms. NORTON, Mr. HINCHEY, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. TOWNS, Mr. MARTINEZ, Mr. VENTO, Ms. VELAZQUEZ, and Ms. MCKINNEY):

H.R. 687. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to deny employers a deduction for payments of excessive compensation; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. DAN SCHAEFER of Colorado (for himself, Mr. STUPAK, Mr. OXLEY, Mr. NORWOOD, Mr. BURR of North Carolina, Mr. LIVINGSTON, Mr. MCHUGH, Mr. SKEEN, Ms. NORTON, Mr. BEREUTER, Ms. CHRISTIAN-GREEN, Mr. NETHERCUTT, Mr. BACHUS, Mr. KLUG, Mr. PARKER, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. DEAL of Georgia, Mr. GILLMOR, Ms. RIVERS, Mr. TAYLOR of North Carolina, Mr. MCINTOSH, Mr. DOYLE, Mr. LAFALCE,

Mrs. MYRICK, Mr. GEKAS, Mrs. THURMAN, Mr. WATKINS, Mr. LUCAS of Oklahoma, Mr. HEFLEY, Mr. PORTER, Mr. MCDADE, Mr. CANADY of Florida, Mr. DOOLEY of California, Mr. EHLERS, Mr. SPRATT, Mr. HILLEARY, Mr. BOB SCHAFFER of Colorado, Mr. KANJORSKI, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. TAUZIN, and Mr. MCCRERY):

H.R. 688. A bill to amend the Solid Waste Disposal Act to require at least 85 percent of funds appropriated to the Environmental Protection Agency from the leaking underground storage tank trust fund to be distributed to States for cooperative agreements for undertaking corrective action and for enforcement of subtitle I of such act; 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.

By Ms. SLAUGHTER (for herself, Mr. RANGEL, Mr. MCDERMOTT, Mr. McNULTY, and Mr. KENNEDY of Rhode Island):

H.R. 689. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to continue full-time-equivalent resident reimbursement for an additional one year under Medicare for direct graduate medical education for residents enrolled in combined approved primary care medical residency training programs; to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committee on Commerce, 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. TRAFICANT:

H.R. 690. A bill to amend title 5, United States Code, to clarify that the Government in the Sunshine Act applies to the Federal Open Market Committee; to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

H.R. 691. A bill to provide for a three-judge division of the court to determine whether cases alleging breach of secret Government contracts should be tried in court; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

H.R. 692. A bill to amend the independent counsel provisions of title 28, United States Code, to authorize the appointment of an independent counsel when the Attorney General determines that Department of Justice employees have engaged in certain conduct; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. FRANKS of New Jersey:

H.J. Res. 48. Joint resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. HUTCHINSON (for himself and Mr. DICKEY):

H.J. Res. 49. Joint resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. POMEROY:

H.J. Res. 50. Joint resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States to require a balanced budget; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. HOUGHTON (for himself, Mr. GALLEGLY, Mr. ACKERMAN, Mr. BALLENGER, and Mr. GILMAN):

H. Con. Res. 18. Concurrent resolution congratulating the people of the Republic of Nicaragua on the success of their democratic elections held on October 20, 1996; to the Committee on International Relations.

By Ms. WOOLSEY:

H. Con. Res. 19. Concurrent resolution expressing the sense of the Congress that the German Government should investigate and prosecute Dr. Hans Joachim Sewering for his war crimes of euthanasia committed during World War II; to the Committee on International Relations.

By Ms. DUNN of Washington (for herself, Mrs. MORELLA, Ms. MOLINARI, Mrs. MEEK of Florida, Mrs. FOWLER, Ms. RIVERS, Ms. JACKSON-LEE, Ms. CHRISTIAN-GREEN, Mrs. CARSON, Mrs. KELLY, Mr. MCCOLLUM, Mr. BURTON of Indiana, Mr. MCDERMOTT, Ms. BROWN of Florida, Mr. FOLEY, Mr. FROST, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. SESSIONS, Ms. DEGETTE, Mr. KING of New York, Mrs. EMERSON, Mr. LOBIONDO, Mr. ROTHMAN, Mr. MARTINEZ, Mr. MCGOVERN, Ms. GRANGER, Mrs. ROUKEMA, Ms. PRYCE of Ohio, Mr. NETHERCUTT, and Mr. RAMSTAD):

H. Res. 48. Resolution expressing the sense of the House of Representatives concerning the need for further studies and accurate guidelines regarding the use of mammograms and other technology to screen women between the ages of 40 and 49 for breast cancer; to the Committee on Commerce.

By Mr. GILMAN (for himself, Mr. HAMILTON, and Mr. MANZULLO):

H. Res. 49. Resolution expressing appreciation for the life and service of Ambassador Pamela C. Harriman; to the Committee on International Relations.

By Mr. STEARNS:

H. Res. 50. Resolution expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that aviators who meet the qualification standards of the Air Forces Escape and Evasion Society should be granted recognition for meritorious service by the Department of Defense; to the Committee on National Security.

¶9.17 ADDITIONAL SPONSORS

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

H.R. 1: Ms. NORTON, Mr. CANADY of Florida, Mr. SKEEN, Mr. PEASE, and Mr. HASTERT.

H.R. 14: Mr. SNOWBARGER, Mr. MANZULLO, Mr. STEARNS, Mr. CANADY of Florida, Mr. GORDON, Mr. BURR of North Carolina, Mr. HOSTETTLER, Ms. MOLINARI, and Mr. FOLEY.

H.R. 41: Mr. TIAHRT, Mr. ROGERS, and Mr. MCKEON.

H.R. 53: Mr. MARTINEZ, Mr. DELLUMS, Mr. BROWN of California, Mr. GEJDENSON, Ms. SLAUGHTER, Mr. EVANS, and Mr. CUMMINGS.

H.R. 100: Mr. STUMP, Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD, Mrs. CLAYTON, and Ms. JACKSON-LEE.

H.R. 135: Mr. FORD, Mr. HEFNER, Mr. LIPINSKI, Mr. OBEY, Mr. SHAYS, Mr. SKEEN, and Mr. WEXLER.

H.R. 156: Mr. SHAW.

H.R. 157: Mr. GEKAS, Mrs. KELLY, and Mr. TRAFICANT.

H.R. 158: Mr. BRYANT.

H.R. 162: Mr. SENSENBRENNER.

H.R. 163: Mr. PARKER, Mr. TAYLOR of North Carolina, Mr. BEREUTER, Mr. TALENT, Mr. ROHRBACHER, Mr. EHRLICH, and Mr. GOODLING.

H.R. 169: Mr. SHADEGG, Mr. TAYLOR of Mississippi, Mr. WEXLER, and Ms. PRYCE of Ohio.

H.R. 180: Mr. WEXLER and Mrs. THURMAN.

H.R. 230: Mr. WELDON of Florida.

H.R. 306: Mr. FOGLIETTA, Mr. HEFNER, and Mr. BOUCHER.

H.R. 337: Mr. MCGOVERN, Mr. DELLUMS, Mr. TORRES, Mr. KILDEE, Ms. BROWN of Florida, Mr. DAVIS of Illinois, and Mr. MORAN of Virginia.

H.R. 338: Mr. SCARBOROUGH.

H.R. 340: Mrs. MYRICK, Mr. SMITH of Michigan, Mr. COBURN, and Mr. NORWOOD.

H.R. 343: Mr. ENGLISH of Pennsylvania.

H.R. 406: Mr. GEKAS, Mr. SHAW, and Mr. SMITH of New Jersey.

H.R. 407: Mrs. MEEK of Florida, Ms. PELOSI, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. MATSUI, Ms. BROWN of Florida, Mr. FALCOMAVEGA, and Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts.

H.R. 410: Mr. GOODE.

H.R. 411: Mr. CUMMINGS, Mr. DEFAZIO, Ms. LOFGREN, Ms. FURSE, Mr. DIXON, and Ms. PELOSI.

H.R. 418: Mr. KENNEDY of Rhode Island, Mr. SMITH of New Jersey, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. BARCIA of Michigan, Mr. GONZALEZ, Mr. BOUCHER, Mr. MEEHAN, Mrs. MEEK of Florida, Mr. EVANS, Mr. SAXTON, Mrs. KELLY, Ms. BROWN of Florida, Mr. FOLEY, Mr. ROMERO-BARCELO, Mr. UNDERWOOD, and Mr. WOLF.

H.R. 420: Ms. ESHOO.

H.R. 443: Ms. NORTON, Mr. DELLUMS, Mr. RUSH, and Mr. WEYGAND.

H.R. 446: Mr. SHIMKUS, Mr. BILBRAY, Mr. CUNNINGHAM, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. BUNNING of Kentucky, Mr. BAKER, Mr. PACKARD, Mr. GILLMOR, Mr. PAPPAS, and Ms. MOLINARI.

H.R. 450: Mr. COLLINS, Mr. MEEHAN, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. CLEMENT, Mr. TALENT, Mr. LEWIS of Kentucky, Mrs. THURMAN, Mr. SMITH of Texas, Mr. BURTON of Indiana, and Ms. MCCARTHY of Missouri.

H.R. 464: Mr. FALCOMAVEGA.

H.R. 465: Mr. WYNN and Ms. GRANGER.

H.R. 477: Mr. DAN SCHAEFER of Colorado.

H.R. 493: Mr. CASTLE, Mr. UNDERWOOD, Mr. GREENWOOD, Mr. CAPPS, Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN, and Mr. LEVIN.

H.R. 495: Mr. WELLER.

H.R. 498: Mr. MCGOVERN.

H.R. 500: Mr. KENNEDY of Rhode Island and Mr. FILNER.

H.R. 539: Mr. TOWNS, Mr. MARTINEZ, Mr. FOGLIETTA, and Mr. FORD.

H.R. 554: Mr. WATTS of Oklahoma.

H.R. 561: Mr. GREEN, Mr. SERRANO, Mr. RUSH, Mr. DELLUMS, Mr. GONZALEZ, Ms. PELOSI, Mr. FROST, Mr. MORAN of Virginia, Mr. EVANS, Mr. FOGLIETTA, Mr. KENNEDY of Rhode Island, Mr. FORD, and Ms. LOFGREN.

H.R. 612: Mr. MCGOVERN, Mr. BLAGOJEVICH, Mr. WALSH, Mr. BOUCHER, Mr. EVANS, Mr. STEARNS, Mr. SAWYER, Mr. NEY, Mr. HOLDEN, Mr. HEFNER, Mr. FAZIO of California, Ms. PRYCE of Ohio, Mr. VENTO, and Mr. ACKERMAN.

H.R. 615: Mr. FOGLIETTA.

H.R. 627: Mr. YOUNG of Alaska.

H.R. 633: Mr. MORAN of Virginia.

H.R. 664: Mr. GEJDENSON.

H.J. Res. 1: Mrs. EMERSON and Ms. PRYCE of Ohio.

H.J. Res. 8: Mr. GUTIERREZ and Mr. COBURN.

H.J. Res. 27: Mr. CLYBURN.

H. Res. 22: Mrs. THURMAN, Mr. McNULTY, Mr. KLUG, Mr. SHERMAN, Mrs. LOWEY, and Mr. ABERCROMBIE.

H. Res. 23: Mrs. MYRICK, Mr. SCARBOROUGH, and Mr. COBURN.

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The House was called to order by the SPEAKER.

¶10.1 APPROVAL OF THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER announced he had examined and approved the Journal of the proceedings of Tuesday, February 11, 1997.

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

¶10.2 ORDER OF BUSINESS—ETHICS

PROCESS REFORM

On motion of Mr. ARMEY, by unanimous consent,

Ordered, That during the period beginning immediately and ending on April 11, 1997, (1) the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct may not receive, renew, initiate, or investigate a complaint against the official con-