

the responsibility to protect our children and all citizens from the scourge of illegal drugs.

In the *1996 National Drug Control Strategy*, we set forth the basis of a coherent, rational, long-term national effort to reduce illicit drug use and its consequences. Building upon that framework, the *1997 National Drug Control Strategy* adopts a 10-year national drug-control strategy that includes quantifiable measures of effectiveness. The use of a long-term strategy, with annual reports to the Congress and consistent outreach to the American people on our progress, will allow us to execute a dynamic, comprehensive plan for the Nation and will help us to achieve our goals.

We know from the past decade of Federal drug control efforts that progress in achieving our goals will not occur overnight. But our success in reducing casual drug use over the last decade demonstrates that drug abuse is not an incurable social ill. Thanks to the bipartisan efforts of the Congress and the past three administrations, combined with broad-based efforts of citizens and communities throughout the United States, we have made tremendous progress since the 1970's in reducing drug use.

Nonetheless, we are deeply concerned about the rising trend of drug use by young Americans. While overall use of drugs in the United States has fallen dramatically—by half in 15 years—adolescent drug abuse continues to rise. That is why the number one goal of our strategy is to motivate America's youth to reject illegal drugs and substance abuse.

Our strategy contains programs that will help youth to recognize the terrible risks associated with the use of illegal substances. The cornerstone of this effort will be our national media campaign that will target our youth with a consistent anti-drug message. But government cannot do this job alone. We challenge the national media and entertainment industry to join us—by renouncing the glamorization of drug abuse and realistically portraying its consequences.

All Americans must accept responsibility to teach young people that drugs are wrong, drugs are illegal, and drugs are deadly. We must renew our commitment to the drug prevention strategies that deter first-time drug use and halt the progression from alcohol and tobacco use to illicit drugs.

While we continue to teach our children the dangers of drugs, we must also increase the safety of our citizens by substantially reducing drug-related crime and violence. At the beginning of my Administration, we set out to change this country's approach to crime by putting more police officers on our streets, taking guns out of the hands of criminals and juveniles, and breaking the back of violent street gangs. We are making a difference. For the fifth year in a row serious crime in this country has declined. This is the longest period of decline in over 25

years. But our work is far from done and we must continue to move in the right direction.

More than half of all individuals brought into the Nation's criminal justice systems have substance abuse problems. Unless we also break the cycle of drugs and violence, criminal addicts will end up back on the street, committing more crimes, and back in the criminal justice system, still hooked on drugs. The criminal justice system should reduce drug demand—not prolong or tolerate it. Our strategy implements testing and sanctions through coerced abstinence as a way to reduce the level of drug use in the population of offenders under criminal justice supervision, and thereby reduce the level of other criminal behavior.

Our strategy supports the expansion of drug-free workplaces, which have proven so successful and we will continue to seek more effective, efficient, and accessible drug treatment to ensure that we are responsive to emerging drug-abuse trends.

We must continue to shield America's air, land, and sea frontiers from the drug threat. By devoting more resources to protecting the Southwest border than ever before, we are increasing drug seizures, stopping drug smugglers, and disrupting major drug trafficking operations. We must continue our interdiction efforts, which have greatly disrupted the trafficking patterns of cocaine smugglers and have blocked the free flow of cocaine through the western Caribbean into Florida and the Southeast.

Our comprehensive effort to reduce the drug flow cannot be limited to seizing drugs as they enter the United States. We must persist in our efforts to break foreign and domestic sources of supply. We know that by working with source and transit nations, we can greatly reduce foreign supply. International criminal narcotics organizations are a threat to our national security. But if we target these networks, we can dismantle them—as we did the Cali Cartel.

We will continue to oppose all calls for the legalization of illicit drugs. Our vigilance is needed now more than ever. We will continue to ensure that all Americans have access to safe and effective medicine. However, the current drug legalization movement sends the wrong message to our children. It undermines the concerted efforts of parents, educators, businesses, elected leaders, community groups, and others to achieve a healthy, drug-free society.

I am confident that the national challenge of drug abuse can be met by extending our strategic vision into the future, educating citizens, treating addiction, and seizing the initiative in dealing with criminals who traffic not only in illegal drugs but in human misery and lost lives.

Every year drug abuse kills 14,000 Americans and costs taxpayers nearly \$70 billion. Drug abuse fuels spouse and child abuse, property and violent crime, the incarceration of young men

and women, the spread of AIDS, workplace and motor vehicle accidents, and absenteeism in the work force.

For our children's sake and the sake of this Nation, this menace must be confronted through a rational, coherent, cooperative, and long-range strategy. I ask the Congress to join me in a partnership to carry out this national strategy to reduce illegal drug use and its devastating impact on America.

WILLIAM J. CLINTON

THE WHITE HOUSE, *February 25, 1997.*

By unanimous consent, the message, together with the accompanying papers, was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, the Committee on Agriculture, the Committee on Banking and Financial Services, the Committee on Commerce, the Committee on Education and the Workforce, the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight, the Committee on International Relations, the Committee on National Security, the Committee on Resources, the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, and the Committee on Ways and Means.

And then,

#### ¶12.24 ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Mr. ROHRBACHER, at 5 o'clock and 45 minutes p.m., the House adjourned.

#### ¶12.25 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. BLILEY: Committee on Commerce. H.R. 624. A bill to amend the Armored Car Industry Reciprocity Act of 1993 to clarify certain requirements and to improve the flow of interstate commerce (Rept. No. 105-6). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

#### ¶12.26 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. SCHUMER (by request):  
H.R. 810. A bill to deter and punish serious gang and violent crime, promote accountability in the juvenile justice system, prevent juvenile and youth crime, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committee on Education and the Workforce, 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. ROHRBACHER (for himself, Ms. KAPTUR, Mr. CAMPBELL, Mr. HUNTER, Mr. FORBES, Mr. ABERCROMBIE, Mr. ACKERMAN, Mr. BARR of Georgia, Mr. BARTLETT of Maryland, Mr. BURTON of Indiana, Mr. CALVERT, Mrs. CHENOWETH, Mr. CONDIT, Mr. COX of California, Mr. CUNNINGHAM, Mr. DAVIS of Virginia, Mr. DELLUMS, Mr. DOOLITTLE, Mr. DUNCAN, Mr. FOLEY, Mr. GILLMOR, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. HANSEN, Mr. HAYWORTH, Mr. LARGENT, Mr. MASCARA, Mr. NEY, Mr. NORWOOD, Mr. PAUL, Mr. ROYCE, Mr. SANFORD, Mr. SCHIFF, Mr. SMITH of

Michigan, Mr. STEARNS, Mr. TIAHRT, Mr. TRAFICANT, Mr. WALSH, Mr. WAMP, and Ms. WATERS):

H.R. 811. A bill to restore the term of patents and to provide for the publication of patent applications; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. HUNTER (for himself, Mr. ROHRBACHER, and Mr. TRAFICANT):

H.R. 812. A bill to amend title 35, United States Code, to enable the Patent and Trademark Office to improve the integrity of the U.S. patent system and to further ensure the validity of U.S. patents, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. BACHUS (for himself, Mr. SHUSTER, Mr. RILEY, Mr. CLEMENT, Mr. EVERETT, and Mr. STUMP):

H.R. 813. A bill to amend the National Highway System Designation Act of 1995 to prohibit the Secretary of Transportation from requiring States to use the metric system with respect to designing, advertising, or preparing documents for Federal-aid highway projects; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

By Mr. BLUMENAUER:

H.R. 814. A bill to prevent children from injuring themselves with firearms; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. CARDIN (for himself, Mrs. ROUKEMA, Mr. DINGELL, Mr. SHAYS, Mr. STARK, Mr. DAVIS of Virginia, Mr. WAXMAN, Mr. CONDIT, Mr. BROWN of Ohio, Mr. KENNEDY of Rhode Island, Mr. POMEROY, Mrs. THURMAN, Mr. GEJDENSON, Mrs. MEEK of Florida, Mr. CLEMENT, Mr. DOYLE, Mr. NORWOOD, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. EVANS, Mr. McDERMOTT, Mr. FROST, Mr. CAMPBELL, Mr. CONYERS, Mr. RAHALL, Mr. McGOVERN, and Mr. GANSKE)

H.R. 815. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, the Public Health Service Act, the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, and titles XVIII and XIX of the Social Security Act to assure access to emergency medical services under group health plans, health insurance coverage, and the Medicare and Medicaid programs; to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committees on Commerce, and Education and the Workforce, 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. CASTLE:

H.R. 816. A bill to prohibit the use of Federal funds for certain amenities and personal comforts in the Federal prison system; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mrs. CHENOWETH (for herself, Mr. YOUNG of Alaska, Mr. BOB SCHAEFFER, Mr. DOOLITTLE, Mr. PETERSON of Pennsylvania, Mr. HILL, and Mr. RADANOVICH):

H.R. 817. A bill to require the appointment of the Chief of the Forest Service by the President, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate; to the Committee on Agriculture.

By Mr. CONDIT (for himself, Mr. McDERMOTT, and Mr. FOGLIETTA):

H.R. 818. A bill to require that employees who participate in cash or deferred arrangements are free to determine whether to be invested in employer real property and employer securities, and if not, to protect such employees by applying the same prohibited transaction rules that apply to traditional defined benefit pension plans, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

H.R. 819. A bill to require annual, detailed investment reports by plans with qualified cash or deferred arrangements, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

By Mr. DINGELL:

H.R. 820. A bill to amend title XXVII of the Public Health Service Act to establish standards for protection of consumers in managed care plans and other health insurance coverage; to the Committee on Commerce.

By Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts:

H.R. 821. A bill to provide for an increase in the supplemental security insurance benefit standard for long-term care recipients based on the cost of living adjustment; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. HASTINGS of Washington:

H.R. 822. A bill to facilitate a land exchange involving private land within the exterior boundaries of Wenatchee National Forest in Chelan County, WA; to the Committee on Resources.

By Mr. HILLEARY:

H.R. 823. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to reinstate the airport and airway trust fund excise taxes and to suspend the 4.3-cent general revenue portion of such taxes during the reinstatement period; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. HYDE:

H.R. 824. A bill to redesignate the Federal building located at 717 Madison Place, NW., in the District of Columbia, as the "Howard T. Markey National Courts Building"; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

By Mrs. MALONEY of New York (for herself, Mr. LAFALCE, Mr. CONYERS, Mr. FROST, Mr. STARK, Mr. ACKERMAN, Mr. MEEHAN, Mr. ABERCROMBIE, Ms. PELOSI, Ms. KILPATRICK, Mr. ROMERO-BARCELO, and Mr. JEFFERSON):

H.R. 825. A bill to require the Attorney General to promulgate regulations relating to gender-related persecution, including female genital mutilation, for use in determining an alien's eligibility for asylum or withholding of deportation; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. NEY (for himself, Mr. OXLEY, Mr. BARR of Georgia, Mr. BAKER, Mr. RIGGS, Mr. LOBIONDO, Mr. TRAFICANT, Mr. HOBSON, and Mr. FOX of Pennsylvania):

H.R. 826. A bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to provide specific penalties for taking a firearm from a Federal law enforcement officer; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Ms. NORTON:

H.R. 827. A bill to provide for nuclear disarmament and economic conversion in accordance with the District of Columbia Initiative Measure No. 37 of 1993; to the Committee on National Security, and in addition to the Committee on International Relations, 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. FATTAH:

H.R. 828. A bill to require States to equalize funding for education throughout the State; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

By Mr. OLVER:

H.R. 829. A bill to amend the Federal Property and Administrative Services Act of 1949 to prohibit executive agencies from awarding contracts that contain a provision allowing for the acquisition by the contractor, at Government expense, of certain equipment or facilities to carry out the contract, if the principal purpose of such provision is to increase competition by establishing an alternative source of supply for property or services; to the Committee on Government reform and Oversight.

By Mr. PETRI:

H.R. 830. A bill to amend chapter 35 of title 44, United States Code, popularly known as the Paperwork Reduction Act, to require that collections of information that ask a re-

spondent to specify a racial classification or ethnic classification from among a list of classifications shall provide an opportunity for the respondent to specify, respectively, "multiracial" or "multiethnic"; to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

By Mr. REGULA (for himself, Mr. SHAYS, Mr. ROHRBACHER, and Mr. HANSEN):

H.R. 831. A bill to provide for the retrocession of the District of Columbia to the State of Maryland, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight, 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. STEARNS:

H.R. 832. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for a program of research and education regarding menopause and related conditions; to the Committee on Commerce.

H.R. 833. A bill to require the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study regarding Fort King, FL; to the Committee on Resources.

By Mr. TAYLOR of North Carolina:

H.R. 834. A bill to permit the current refunding of certain tax-exempt bonds; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mrs. THURMAN (for herself, Mrs. MEEK of Florida, Ms. BROWN of Florida, Mr. GOSS, Mr. DEUTSCH, Mr. BOYD, Mr. FOLEY, Mrs. FOWLER, Mr. WEXLER, Mr. CANADY of Florida, and Mr. MCCOLLUM):

H.R. 835. A bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to improve the Federal medical assistance percentage used under the Medicaid Program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce.

By Mr. FORBES:

H. Con. Res. 24. Concurrent resolution expressing the sense of the Congress that a postage stamp should be issued in recognition of the services rendered by this Nation's volunteer firefighters; to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

By Mr. DAN SCHAEFER of Colorado (for himself, Mr. HEFLEY, Mr. McINNIS, and Mr. BOB SCHAEFFER):

H. Con. Res. 25. Concurrent resolution providing for acceptance of a statute of Jack Swigert, presented by the State of Colorado, for placement in National Statuary Hall, and for other purposes; to the Committee on House Oversight.

By Mr. SHIMKUS:

H. Con. Res. 26. Concurrent resolution relating to the treatment of Social Security under any constitutional amendment requiring a balanced budget; to the Committee on Rules.

By Mr. BLILEY:

H. Res. 74. Resolution providing amounts for the expenses of the Committee on Commerce in the 105th Congress; to the Committee on House Oversight.

By Mr. GOODLING:

H. Res. 75. Resolution providing amounts for the expenses of the Committee on Education and the Workforce in the 105th Congress; to the Committee on House Oversight.

By Mr. PORTER:

H. Res. 76. Resolution expressing the sense of the House of Representatives concerning the human rights situation in the People's Republic of China as it relates to China's position in the international community and encouraging the United States, in conjunction with other members of the U.N. Commission on Human Rights, to work with China to promote the improvement of human rights; to the Committee on International Relations.

## ¶12.27 MEMORIALS

Under clause 4 of rule XXII, memorials were presented and referred as follows:

20. By the SPEAKER: Memorial of the Senate of the State of New Hampshire, relative to Senate Resolution No. 1: recognizing the contributions and accomplishments of Paul E. Tsongas, former U.S. Senator; to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

21. Also, memorial of the Senate of the State of South Dakota, relative to Senate Resolution No. 2: urging the passage of a balanced budget amendment to the U.S. Constitution; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

## ¶12.28 ADDITIONAL SPONSORS

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

H.R. 14: Mr. LATHAM, Mr. SKELTON, Mr. GRAHAM, and Mr. LUCAS of Oklahoma.

H.R. 17: Mr. ACKERMAN and Ms. JACKSON-LEE.

H.R. 18: Ms. JACKSON-LEE, Mr. FORBES, Ms. DEGETTE, Mr. BARR of Georgia, Mr. MURTHA, Mr. MCCOLLUM, Mr. ROHRBACHER, Mr. ANDREWS, Mr. FAZIO of California, and Mr. TALENT.

H.R. 21: Mr. BUNNING of Kentucky, Mr. BLUMENAUER, Ms. NORTON, and Mr. CAMPBELL.

H.R. 40: Mr. SERRANO and Mr. THOMPSON.

H.R. 41: Mr. BAKER, Mr. LIPINSKI, Mr. FOX of Pennsylvania, and Mr. CANADY of Florida.

H.R. 45: Mr. NADLER and Mr. ANDREWS.

H.R. 54: Mr. MILLER of California, Mr. CALVERT, Mr. BROWN of California, and Mr. HEFLEY.

H.R. 58: Mr. CASTLE, Mr. LUCAS of Oklahoma, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. ROMERO-BARCELO, Mr. MINGE, Mr. SKELTON, Mr. VENTO, Mr. DELLUMS, Mr. PEASE, and Mr. GUTIERREZ.

H.R. 69: Mr. MARTINEZ, Ms. NORTON, and Mr. OWENS.

H.R. 96: Mr. EVERETT, and Mr. DOYLE.

H.R. 127: Mr. MASCARA, Mr. SKAGGS, Mr. WELLER, Mr. PICKETT, Mr. BENTSEN, Mr. EHRlich, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. MARTINEZ, Mr. HOSTETTLER, and Mrs. FOWLER.

H.R. 141: Mr. DELLUMS and Ms. MCCARTHY of Missouri.

H.R. 165: Mr. OLVER, Mr. HALL of Texas, Mr. BILBRAY, Mr. GILMAN, Mr. HORN, Mr. FROST, Mrs. MEEK of Florida, and Mr. JEFFERSON.

H.R. 166: Mr. RANGEL, Mr. EVANS, Mr. OBERSTAR, and Mr. ROMERO-BARCELO.

H.R. 167: Mr. RANGEL, Mr. EVANS, Mr. OBERSTAR, and Mr. ROMERO-BARCELO.

H.R. 168: Mr. RANGEL, Mr. EVANS, Mr. OBERSTAR, and Mr. ROMERO-BARCELO.

H.R. 180: Ms. BROWN of Florida.

H.R. 218: Mr. BAKER, Mr. FOLEY, and Mr. FOX of Pennsylvania.

H.R. 235: Mrs. MORELLA, Mr. PORTER, Mr. RANGEL, Mr. ACKERMAN, Mr. STARK, Mr. BARRETT of Nebraska, and Mr. SAXTON.

H.R. 292: Mr. HOEKSTRA, Mr. COBLE, Mr. PAUL, Mr. LARGENT, Mr. CALVERT, Mr. BARTON of Texas, Mr. DICKEY, Mr. BONO, Mr. BEREUTER, and Mr. HEFLEY.

H.R. 297: Mr. FATTAH, Mr. DELLUMS, Mr. ENGEL, Ms. PELOSI, and Mr. FROST.

H.R. 298: Mr. POMBO.

H.R. 301: Mr. DELLUMS, Mr. ENGEL, Ms. PELOSI, Mr. LIPINSKI, and Mr. FROST.

H.R. 304: Ms. BROWN of Florida, Ms. FURSE, Mrs. CLAYTON, and Mr. JEFFERSON.

H.R. 338: Mr. NORWOOD.

H.R. 339: Mr. SANDLIN and Mr. PICKERING.

H.R. 367: Mr. GREEN, Mr. KILDEE, Mr. GILLMOR, and Mr. BURTON of Indiana.

H.R. 400: Mr. HYDE, Mr. SMITH of Oregon, Mr. LAHOOD, and Ms. DEGETTE.

H.R. 407: Mr. FILNER, Mrs. MORELLA, Mr. FROST, Mr. McNULTY, Ms. SANCHEZ, Mr. COBURN, Mr. DINGELL, Mr. WATT of North Carolina, Mr. BROWN of Ohio, Mr. STARK, Ms. ESHOO, Mr. OLVER, Mr. McHALE, and Mr. CONYERS.

H.R. 426: Mrs. LINDA SMITH of Washington, Mr. DINGELL, Mr. COBURN, Mr. KINGSTON, Mr. PEASE, and Mr. FARR of California.

H.R. 437: Mr. MILLER of California, Mr. DEUTSCH, Mr. PICKETT, Mr. PALLONE, Ms. RIVERS, Mr. MANTON, Mr. LAZIO of New York, Mr. GILCHREST, Mr. HINCHEY, Ms. KAPTUR, Mr. DELAHUNT, Mr. FROST, Mr. MCHUGH, Mr. LAFALCE, Mrs. THURMAN, Mr. RIGGS, Mr. WALSH, Mrs. MORELLA, Mr. GREEN, Mrs. MINK of Hawaii, Mr. MCDERMOTT, Mr. KENNEDY of Rhode Island, Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts, Mr. FALCONER, Mr. TRAFICANT, Mr. QUINN, Mr. KLUG, Mrs. KELLY, Mr. CLYBURN, Mr. GEJENSON, Mrs. LOWEY, Mr. BATEMAN, Mr. BILBRAY, Mr. GOSS, Mr. EHLERS, Mr. FRANKS of New Jersey, Mr. BAKER, Mr. HORN, Mr. FOLEY, Mr. WELDON of Pennsylvania, Mr. CANADY of Florida, Mr. KENNEDY of Massachusetts, Mr. SPENCE, Ms. JACKSON-LEE, Mrs. MEEK of Florida, and Mr. LATOURETTE.

H.R. 446: Mr. METCALF, Ms. PRYCE of Ohio, Ms. NORTON, Mr. GREENWOOD, and Mr. MORAN of Virginia.

H.R. 469: Mr. EVANS.

H.R. 475: Mrs. JOHNSON of Connecticut.

H.R. 491: Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN, Mr. SENSENBRENNER, Ms. CHRISTIAN-GREEN, Mr. KENNEDY of Massachusetts, Mr. BEREUTER, Mr. CANADY of Florida, and Mr. ENGLISH of Pennsylvania.

H.R. 493: Mr. FRANKS of New Jersey.

H.R. 498: Mr. THOMPSON and Mr. COYNE.

H.R. 500: Mr. McNULTY, Ms. RIVERS, and Mrs. KELLY.

H.R. 551: Mr. VENTO, Ms. PELOSI, Mr. SABO, and Mr. HINCHEY.

H.R. 552: Mr. ADAM SMITH of Washington, Mr. BORSKI, Mr. FILNER, Mrs. MORELLA, and Mr. HINCHEY.

H.R. 553: Mr. WALSH, Mr. FILNER, Mr. HEFNER, Mr. MCINTYRE, Mr. KIND of Wisconsin, and Mr. ABERCROMBIE.

H.R. 556: Mr. RUSH, Ms. NORTON, Mrs. MORELLA, Mr. FROST, and Mr. MCGOVERN.

H.R. 558: Mrs. MALONEY of New York.

H.R. 586: Mr. ANDREWS, Mr. BAKER, Mr. BARTLETT of Maryland, Mr. BEREUTER, Mr. CALVERT, Mr. CASTLE, Ms. CHRISTIAN-GREEN, Ms. DEGETTE, Mr. EVERETT, Mr. GUTIERREZ, Mr. INGLIS of South Carolina, Mr. MATSUI, Mr. METCALF, Mr. PALLONE, Ms. RIVERS, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. SHIMKUS, Mr. SNYDER, Mr. TAYLOR of North Carolina, and Mr. THOMPSON.

H.R. 600: Ms. LOFGREN, Mr. SABO, and Mr. MILLER of California.

H.R. 616: Ms. LOFGREN, Mr. GANSKE, Mr. FORD, Mr. NEY, Ms. BROWN of Florida, Mr. CONDIT, Ms. JACKSON-LEE, Mr. PRICE of North Carolina, Mr. ROMERO-BARCELO, Mr. GREEN, and Mr. KLECZKA.

H.R. 635: Ms. LOFGREN, Mr. KLECZKA, and Ms. NORTON.

H.R. 651: Ms. DUNN of Washington.

H.R. 652: Ms. DUNN of Washington.

H.R. 673: Ms. LOFGREN.

H.R. 676: Ms. PELOSI, Mr. LAFALCE, Ms. CHRISTIAN-GREEN, and Ms. WATERS.

H.R. 680: Mr. LUTHER.

H.R. 685: Mr. BERMAN, Mr. COYNE, Mr. FATTAH, Mr. LEWIS of Georgia, Mr. MCGOVERN, Mr. RUSH, and Mr. WATT of North Carolina.

H.R. 688: Mr. LAHOOD, Mr. UPTON, Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN, Mr. HAMILTON, Mr. JONES, Mr. SMITH of Michigan, Mr. CAMP, and Mr. RUSH.

H.R. 748: Mr. SAXTON.

H.R. 756: Mr. KASICH, Mr. WATTS of Oklahoma, Mr. SAWYER, Mr. SERRANO, Mr. CALAHAN, Mr. KILDEE, Mrs. MORELLA, Mr.

GEKAS, Mr. WELDON of Pennsylvania, Mr. QUINN, Mr. GILCHREST, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. ROMERO-BARCELO, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. BAKER, Mr. JEFFERSON, and Mr. RAHALL.

H.R. 758: Mr. CASTLE, Mr. TALENT, Mr. PAUL, Mr. PETERSON of Pennsylvania, Mr. MCCOLLUM, Mr. GANSKE, Mr. RAMSTAD, Mr. BRADY, Mr. CANNON, Mr. WATKINS, and Mr. HASTINGS of Washington.

H.R. 786: Mr. WHITFIELD, Mr. JONES, Mr. INGLIS of South Carolina, Mr. ETHERIDGE, Mr. HILLIARD, Mr. COBLE, and Mr. LEWIS of Georgia.

H.R. 789: Mr. KLECZKA.

H.R. 790: Mr. PICKERING.

H.R. 791: Mr. BOSWELL.

H.R. 799: Mrs. CHENOWETH.

H.J. Res. 1: Mr. GINGRICH, Mr. COMBEST, Mr. COLLINS, Mr. GILCHREST, Mr. GOODLING, Mr. HOBSON, and Mr. SMITH of Texas.

H.J. Res. 9: Ms. DELAURO.

H.J. Res. 54: Mr. BRADY, Mr. CLEMENT, Mr. KENNEDY of Massachusetts, Mr. LAZIO of New York, Mr. MILLER of Florida, Mr. POMEROY, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. STUPAK, Mr. SUNUNU, and Mr. THUNE.

H.J. Res. 55: Mr. MCINTOSH and Mr. HILLEARY.

H. Con. Res. 8: Mr. MILLER of California, Mr. ROHRBACHER, Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN, Mrs. KELLY, Mr. HORN, Mr. EVANS, Mr. CANADY of Florida, Mr. BILBRAY, Mr. MICA, Mr. FOLEY, Mr. KLUG, Mr. ROGAN, Mr. GREENWOOD, Mr. PORTMAN, Ms. CHRISTIAN-GREEN, Mr. ROMERO-BARCELO, Mr. MARKEY, Ms. LOFGREN, Mr. GILCHREST, and Mr. DEUTSCH.

H. Con. Res. 13: Mr. FAZIO of California, Mr. GOODE, Mr. DICKS, Mr. HALL of Ohio, Mr. HOLDEN, Mr. MANTON, Ms. CHRISTIAN-GREEN, Mr. EVANS, Mr. BARTLETT of Maryland, Mr. HAMILTON, Mr. GREEN, Mr. KLECZKA, Mrs. MALONEY of New York, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. SANDLIN, Mr. LUCAS of Oklahoma, Mr. WATTS of Oklahoma, Mr. MCINTYRE, Mr. MURTHA, Mrs. MINK of Hawaii, Mr. WALSH, Mr. POSHARD, Mr. KENNEDY of Rhode Island, Mr. FALCONER, Mr. BILBRAY, Mr. ADAM SMITH of Washington, Mr. BEREUTER, and Ms. VELAZQUEZ.

H. Res. 22: Mrs. CLAYTON, Mr. DELLUMS, Mr. HORN, and Mr. BARRETT of Wisconsin.

H. Res. 23: Mr. METCALF.

H. Res. 48: Mr. BALDACCIO and Mr. DAVIS of Virginia.

H. Res. 64: Mr. PETRI and Mr. MINGE.

### WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 1997 (13)

The House was called to order by the SPEAKER.

## ¶13.1 APPROVAL OF THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER announced he had examined and approved the Journal of the proceedings of Tuesday, February 25, 1997.

Mr. SHAYS, pursuant to clause 1, rule I, objected to the Chair's approval of the Journal.

The question being put, viva voce, Will the House agree to the Chair's approval of said Journal?

The SPEAKER announced that the yeas had it.

Mr. SHAYS objected to the vote on the ground that a quorum was not present and not voting.

The SPEAKER, pursuant to clause 5, rule I, announced that the vote would be postponed until later today.

The point of no quorum was considered as withdrawn.