

Meehan	Quinn	Spratt
Meek	Rahall	Stabenow
Menendez	Ramstad	Stark
Millender-	Rangel	Stearns
McDonald	Reyes	Stenholm
Miller (CA)	Riggs	Stokes
Minge	Rivers	Strickland
Mink	Rodriguez	Stump
Moakley	Roemer	Stupak
Mollohan	Rothman	Talent
Moran (VA)	Roukema	Tauscher
Morella	Roybal-Allard	Tauzin
Murtha	Rush	Taylor (MS)
Myrick	Ryun	Thompson
Nadler	Sabo	Thornberry
Neal	Salmon	Thurman
Neumann	Sanchez	Tiahrt
Oberstar	Sanders	Tierney
Obey	Sandlin	Torres
Olver	Sawyer	Towns
Ortiz	Saxton	Turner
Owens	Scarborough	Velazquez
Pallone	Schaffer, Bob	Vento
Pascrell	Schumer	Visclosky
Pastor	Scott	Walsh
Paul	Serrano	Waters
Payne	Shadegg	Watt (NC)
Pelosi	Sherman	Waxman
Peterson (MN)	Shuster	Wexler
Peterson (PA)	Sisisky	Weygand
Pickett	Skaggs	White
Pitts	Smith, Adam	Wise
Pomeroy	Smith, Linda	Woolsey
Poshard	Snyder	Wynn
Price (NC)	Souder	Yates

NOT VOTING—9

Berman	Doolittle	Molinari
Bonior	Farr	Schiff
Boucher	Hansen	Slaughter

So the amendment was not agreed to.

After some further time,

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. CHABOT, assumed the Chair.

When Mr. LATOURETTE, Chairman, reported that the Committee, having had under consideration said bill, had come to no resolution thereon.

¶78.11 PERMISSION TO FILE REPORT

On motion of Mr. REGULA, by unanimous consent, the Committee on Appropriations was granted permission until midnight tonight, to file a privileged report (Rept. No. 105-175) on the bill (H.R. 2158) making appropriations for the Departments of Veterans Affairs and Housing and Urban Development, and for sundry independent agencies, commissions, corporations, and offices for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998, and for other purposes.

Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XXI, all points of order were reserved.

¶78.12 PERMISSION TO FILE REPORT

On motion of Mr. REGULA, by unanimous consent, the Committee on Appropriations was granted permission until midnight, Monday, July 14, 1997, to file a privileged report on the bill making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998, and for other purposes.

Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XXI, all points of order were reserved.

¶78.13 PERMISSION TO FILE REPORT

On motion of Mr. REGULA, by unanimous consent, the Committee on Appropriations was granted permission until midnight Monday, July 14, 1997, to file a privileged report on the bill

making appropriations for foreign operations, export financing, and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998, and for other purposes.

Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XXI, all points of order were reserved.

¶78.14 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.

¶78.15 UNFINISHED BUSINESS—APPROVAL OF THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. CHABOT, pursuant to clause 5, rule I, announced the unfinished business to be the question on agreeing to the Chair's approval of the Journal of Thursday, July 10, 1997.

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

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. CHABOT, announced that the yeas had it.

So the Journal was approved.

¶78.16 NATIONAL COMMISSION ON THE COST OF HIGHER EDUCATION

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. CHABOT, laid before the House a communication, which was read as follows:

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, OFFICE OF THE DEMOCRATIC LEADER,
Washington, DC, July 11, 1997.

Hon. NEWT GINGRICH,
Speaker of the House, House of Representatives, Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: Pursuant to Section 4003 of Public Law 105-18, I hereby appoint the following individuals to the National Commission on the Cost of Higher Education:

Dr. Blanche Touhill, St. Louis, Missouri.

Dr. Walter Massey, Atlanta, Georgia.

Yours very truly,

RICHARD A. GEPHARDT.

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

¶78.17 ADJOURNMENT OVER

On motion of Mr. SAXTON, by unanimous consent,

Ordered, That when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet on Monday, July 14, 1997, at 3:00 p.m.

¶78.18 HOUR OF MEETING

On motion of Mr. SAXTON, by unanimous consent,

Ordered, That when the House adjourns on Monday, July 14, 1997, it adjourn to meet at 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, July 15, 1997, for "morning-hour debate".

¶78.19 CALENDAR WEDNESDAY BUSINESS DISPENSED WITH

On motion of Mr. SAXTON, by unanimous consent,

Ordered, That business in order for consideration on Wednesday, July 16, 1997, under clause 7, rule XXIV, the Calendar Wednesday rule, be dispensed with.

¶78.20 MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT—NATIONAL ENDOWMENT OF THE ARTS

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

To the Congress of the United States:

It is my pleasure to transmit the Annual Report of the National Endowment for the Arts for 1996.

One measure of a great nation is the vitality of its culture, the dedication of its people to nurturing a climate where creativity can flourish. By supporting our museums and theaters, our dance companies and symphony orchestras, our writers and our artists, the National Endowment for the Arts provides such a climate. Look through this report and you will find many reasons to be proud of our Nation's cultural life at the end of the 20th century and what it portends for Americans and the world in the years ahead.

Despite cutbacks in its budget, the Endowment was able to fund thousands of projects all across America—a museum in Sitka, Alaska; a dance company in Miami, Florida; a production of a Eugene O'Neill play in New York City; a Whistler exhibition in Chicago; and artists in schools in all 50 States. Millions of Americans were able to see plays, hear concerts, and participate in the arts in their hometowns, thanks to the work of this small agency.

As we set our priorities for the coming years, let's not forget the vital role the National Endowment for the Arts must continue to play in our national life. The Endowment shows the world that we take pride in American culture here and abroad. It is a beacon, not only of creativity, but of freedom. And let us keep that lamp brightly burning now and for all time.

WILLIAM J. CLINTON.

THE WHITE HOUSE, *July 11, 1997.*

By unanimous consent, the message, together with the accompanying papers, was referred to the Committee on Education and the Work Force.

¶78.21 MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT—DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA BUDGET REQUEST—FISCAL YEAR 1998

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

To the Congress of the United States:

In accordance with section 202(c)(5)(C)(ii) of the Financial Responsibility and Management Assistance Act of 1995 ("the FRMA Act"), I am transmitting the Council of the District of Columbia's "Fiscal Year 1998 Budget Request Act of 1997."

The Council's proposed Fiscal Year 1998 Budget was disapproved by the Financial Responsibility and Management Assistance Authority (the "Authority") on June 12. Under the FRMA Act, if the Authority disapproves the Council's financial plan and budget, the Mayor must submit that budget to the President to be transmitted to the Congress. My transmittal of the Dis-

strict Council's budget, as required by law, does not represent an endorsement of its contents. The budget also does not reflect the effect of my proposed Fiscal Year 1998 District of Columbia revitalization plan.

The Authority is required to transmit separately to the Mayor, the Council, the President, and the Congress a financial plan and budget. The Authority sent its financial plan and budget to the Congress on June 15.

WILLIAM J. CLINTON.

THE WHITE HOUSE, July 11, 1997.

By unanimous consent, the message, together with the accompanying papers, was referred to the Committee on Appropriations and ordered to be printed (H. Doc. 105-103).

¶78.22 MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT—
NORTH AMERICAN FREE TRADE
AGREEMENT

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

To the Congress of the United States:

I am pleased to transmit the Study on the Operation and Effect of the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA), as required by section 512 of the NAFTA Implementation Act (Public Law 103-182; 107 Stat. 2155; 19 U.S.C. 3462). The Congress and the Administration are right to be proud of this historic agreement. This report provides solid evidence that NAFTA has already proved its worth to the United States during the 3 years it has been in effect. We can look forward to realizing NAFTA's full benefits in the years ahead.

NAFTA has also contributed to the prosperity and stability of our closest neighbors and two of our most important trading partners. NAFTA aided Mexico's rapid recovery from a severe economic recession, even as that country carried forward a democratic transformation of historic proportions.

NAFTA is an integral part of a broader growth strategy that has produced the strongest U.S. economy in a generation. This strategy rests on three mutually supportive pillars: deficit reduction, investing in our people through education and training, and opening foreign markets to allow America to compete in the global economy. The success of that strategy can be seen in the strength of the American economy, which continues to experience strong investment, low unemployment, healthy job creation, and subdued inflation.

Export growth has been central to America's economic expansion. NAFTA, together with the Uruguay Round Agreement, the Information Technology Agreement, the WTO Telecommunications Agreement, 22 sectoral trade agreements with Japan, and over 170 other trade agreements, has contributed to overall U.S. real export growth of 37 percent since 1993. Exports have contributed nearly one-third of our economic growth—and have grown three times faster than overall income.

Workers, business executives, small business owners, and farmers across America have contributed to the resurgence in American competitiveness. The ability and determination of working people across America to rise to the challenges of rapidly changing technologies and global economic competition is a great source of strength for this Nation.

Cooperation between the Administration and the Congress on a bipartisan basis has been critical in our efforts to reduce the deficit, to conclude trade agreements that level the global playing field for America, to secure peace and prosperity along America's borders, and to help prepare all Americans to benefit from expanded economic opportunities. I hope we can continue working together to advance these vital goals in the years to come.

WILLIAM J. CLINTON.

THE WHITE HOUSE, July 11, 1997.

By unanimous consent, the message, together with the accompanying papers, was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

¶78.23 ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

Mr. THOMAS, from the Committee on House Oversight, reported that that committee had examined and found truly enrolled a bill of the House of the following title, which was thereupon signed by the Speaker:

H.R. 1901. An Act to clarify that the provisions of the Federal Tort Claims Act apply to the members and personnel of the National Gambling Impact Study Commission.

¶78.24 SENATE ENROLLED JOINT
RESOLUTION SIGNED

The SPEAKER announced his signature to an enrolled bill of the Senate of the following title:

S.J. Res. 29. A joint resolution to direct the Secretary of the Interior to design and construct a permanent addition to the Franklin Delano Roosevelt Memorial in Washington, D.C., and for other purposes.

¶78.25 LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to Mr. UNDERWOOD, for today.

And then,

¶78.26 ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Mr. GUTKNECHT, pursuant to the special order heretofore agreed to, at 3 o'clock and 15 minutes p.m., the House adjourned until 3:00 p.m. on Monday, July 14, 1997.

¶78.27 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. LEWIS of California: Committee on Appropriations. H.R. 2158. A bill making appropriations for the Departments of Veterans Affairs and Housing and Urban Development, and for sundry independent agencies, commissions, corporations, and offices for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 105-175).

Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

Pursuant to clause 5 of rule X Committee on Rules discharged from further consideration. H.R. 856 referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union, and ordered to be printed.

¶78.28 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. ACKERMAN:

H.R. 2151. A bill to amend the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States to correct the tariff treatment of costumes; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. ANDREWS:

H.R. 2152. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act and Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 to require that group and individual health insurance coverage and group health plans provide coverage for annual screening mammography for any class of covered individuals if the coverage or plans include coverage for diagnostic mammography for such class, and to amend titles XVIII and XIX of the Social Security Act to provide for coverage of annual screening mammography; to the Committee on Commerce, and in addition to the Committees on Ways and Means, the 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 Ms. DELAURO (for herself and Ms. SLAUGHTER):

H.R. 2153. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for coverage under part B of the Medicare program of paramedic intercept services provided in support of public, volunteer, or nonprofit providers of ambulance services; 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 Mrs. MEEK of Florida:

H.R. 2154. A bill to provide for food stamp eligibility for aliens who were receiving supplemental security income benefits on August 22, 1996, or aliens who are eligible for supplemental security income benefits; to the Committee on Agriculture.

By Mr. NEUMANN:

H.R. 2155. A bill to authorize continuation of a nationwide permit for discharges of dredged or fill materials into headwaters and isolated waters, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

By Mr. REGULA:

H.R. 2156. A bill to provide financial assistance, directly and through States, to support jointly with government entities, educational institutions, businesses, and nonprofit public and private entities, opportunities for the people of the United States to participate in the arts and the humanities; and to increase understanding and appreciation of the cultural heritage of the United States; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

By Mr. YATES:

H.R. 2157. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to encourage the use of public transportation systems by allowing individuals a credit against income tax for expenses paid to commute to and from work using public transportation; to the Committee on Ways and Means.