

SEPTEMBER 4, 1997.

Hon. NEWT GINGRICH,
*The Speaker, House of Representatives, Wash-
 ington, DC.*

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: Effective immediately I do hereby resign my assignment on the Committee on the Budget to take a new assignment on the Committee on Banking and Financial Services.

Sincerely,

BRAD SHERMAN,
Member of Congress.

By unanimous consent, the resignation was accepted.

¶95.11 COMMITTEE ELECTION—MINORITY

Mr. FAZIO, by unanimous consent, submitted the following resolution (H. Res. 221):

Resolved, That the following named Members be, and that they are hereby, elected to the following standing committees of the House of Representatives:

To the Committee on Banking and Financial Services, the following Member: Brad Sherman of California.

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.

¶95.12 MIDEAST TERRORISM

On motion of Mr. GILMAN, by unanimous consent, the Committee on International Relations was discharged from further consideration of the following concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 146):

Whereas on September 4, 1997, three terrorist bombs exploded almost simultaneously on the Ben Yehuda street pedestrian mall in Jerusalem, killing at least four innocent people and wounding over 190 others; and

Whereas Hamas claimed responsibility for this bombing; and

Whereas despite a clear U.S. call that Palestinian commitment to fight terror must be constant and absolute, PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat convened a national unity conference on August 20, 1997, in which he embraced leaders of the Hamas and Islamic Holy War movements; and

Whereas in the four years that the Oslo process has been in effect, it is clear that the leaders of the Palestinian Authority have yet to implement in any sustained manner the specific pledges they made in numerous agreements to: prevent incitement and hostile propaganda; combat terrorist organizations and their infrastructure systematically and effectively; apprehend and punish terrorists; and confiscate illegal firearms: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, by the House of Representatives (the Senate concurring), That the Congress

Expresses its outrage at this latest attack on civilian Israelis, extends the deepest sympathies of the Congress and the American people to the families of the victims and to the people and Government of Israel at this tragic loss of innocent human life, and expresses the commitment of the American people to remain dedicated to Israel's security in the face of this brutal and heinous act of terrorism;

Demands that Chairman Arafat and the Palestinian Authority systematically and comprehensively eliminate the terrorist infrastructure and combat terrorist activities of members of all terror groups operating in areas under its control and fulfill the commitments the PLO made to Israel, the United States, and the world; and

Informs PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat and the leaders of the Palestinian Authority in the strongest possible terms that choices must now be made: either they do what they solemnly pledged to do as part of the Oslo process to fight terror and the terrorist infrastructure in a consistent, serious and sustained manner, or the entire peace process, relations with America, and the hopes of the Palestinian people for a better future will be seriously jeopardized; and

Urges Secretary of State Madeleine Albright to underscore to the Palestinians one distinct message: the Palestinian Authority must fulfill its most important single obligation of fighting terrorism relentlessly with all the means at its disposal; and

Believes that all United States assistance to the Palestinian Authority, whether direct or indirect, should be suspended until such time as substantive compliance with its commitments under the Oslo agreements is achieved.

When said concurrent resolution was considered.

After debate,

By unanimous consent, the previous question was ordered on the concurrent resolution to its adoption or rejection and under the operation thereof, the concurrent resolution was 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.

¶95.13 ADJOURNMENT OVER

On motion of Mr. PAUL, by unanimous consent,

Ordered, That when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet on Monday, September 8, 1997, at 12:30 p.m. for "morning-hour debate".

¶95.14 CALENDAR WEDNESDAY BUSINESS DISPENSED WITH

On motion of Mr. PAUL, by unanimous consent,

Ordered, That business in order for consideration on Wednesday, September 10, 1997, under clause 7, rule XXIV, the Calendar Wednesday rule, be dispensed with.

¶95.15 LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to Mr. BALLENGER, for today after 10:30 a.m.

And then,

¶95.16 ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Mr. WOLF, pursuant to the special order heretofore agreed to, at 3 o'clock and 31 minutes p.m., the House adjourned until 12:30 p.m. on Monday, September 8, 1997.

¶95.17 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. YOUNG of Alaska: Committee on Resources. H.R. 901. A bill to preserve the sovereignty of the United States over public lands and acquired lands owned by the United States, and to preserve State sov-

ereignty and private property rights in non-Federal lands surrounding those public lands and acquired lands; with an amendment (Rept. No. 105-245). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

¶95.18 TIME LIMITATION OF REFERRED BILL

Pursuant to clause 5 of rule X the following action was taken by the Speaker:

H.R. 10. Referral to the Committee on Commerce extended for a period ending not later than September 30, 1997.

H.R. 695. Referral to the Committee on Commerce extended for a period ending not later than September 12, 1997.

¶95.19 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. DELAHUNT:

H.R. 2411. A bill to provide for a land exchange involving the Cape Cod National Seashore and to extend the authority for the Cape Cod National Seashore Advisory Commission; to the Committee on Resources.

By Mr. SMITH of Texas:

H.R. 2412. A bill to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to modify the religious worker visa programs and to extend the visa waiver pilot program, and to amend the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996 to modify the effective date for certain paperwork changes in the employer sanctions programs; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

H.R. 2413. A bill to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act; title 18, United States Code; the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996; and the Immigration Act of 1990 to make technical corrections to such statutes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. CASTLE:

H.R. 2414. A bill to provide for a 10-year circulating commemorative coin program to commemorate each of the 50 States, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services.

By Mr. CONDIT:

H.R. 2415. A bill to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act concerning the effect of administrative orders on civil penalty actions; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

By Mr. HEFLEY:

H.R. 2416. A bill to provide for the transfer of certain rights and property to the U.S. Forest Service in exchange for a payment to the occupant of such property, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Resources.

By Mr. KENNEDY of Rhode Island:

H.R. 2417. A bill to amend the Social Security Act to fight fraud by hospitals under the Medicare Program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Ms. MILLENDER-McDONALD (for herself, Mr. FAZIO of California, Mr. UNDERWOOD, Mr. FALEOMAVAEGA, Ms. NORTON, Mr. GUTIERREZ, Mr. HASTINGS of Florida, Mr. TOWNS, Ms. SLAUGHTER, Mrs. MEEK of Florida, Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas, Mr. RUSH, Mr. WAXMAN, Ms. BROWN of Florida, Ms. JACKSON-LEE, Mr. WYNN, Mr. PAYNE, Mr. DELLUMS, Ms. LOFGREN, Mr. CONYERS, Mr. DIXON, and Mr. DAVIS of Illinois):

H.R. 2418. A bill to extend the National Bone Marrow Donor Program, and to establish a provision regarding the bone marrow registry and persons of mixed ancestry; to the Committee on Commerce.