

S. 996. An Act to provide for the authorization of appropriations in each fiscal year for arbitration in United States district courts, and for other purposes.

S. 1198. An Act to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to extend the special immigrant religious worker program, to amend the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996 to extend the deadline for designation of an effective date for paperwork changes in the employer sanctions program, and to require the Secretary of State to waive or reduce the fee for application and issuance of a non-immigrant visa for aliens coming to the United States for certain charitable purposes.

#### ¶112.12 LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted—

To Mr. MINGE, for September 30 before 10:55 a.m.;

To Mr. SAXTON, for September 30 until 2:45 p.m.;

To Mr. YOUNG of Florida, for September 30 after 3:30 p.m.;

To Mr. ROTHMAN, for September 30 between 10 a.m. and 1 p.m.;

To Mr. McNULTY, for October 1 after 2:20 p.m.; and

To Mr. WAMP, for October 1 after 1:45 p.m..

And then,

#### ¶112.13 ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Mr. OWENS, pursuant to the special order heretofore agreed to, at 12 o'clock and 13 minutes p.m., the House adjourned until 12:30 p.m. on Monday, October 6, 1997.

#### ¶112.14 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. STUMP: Committee on Veterans' Affairs. H.R. 2571. A bill to authorize major medical facility projects and major medical facility leases for the Department of Veterans Affairs for fiscal year 1998, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 105-291). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

Mr. STUMP: Committee on Veterans' Affairs. H.R. 1703. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for improved and expedited procedures for resolving complaints of unlawful employment discrimination arising within the Department of Veterans Affairs; with amendments (Rept. No. 105-292). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

Mr. STUMP: Committee on Veterans' Affairs. H.R. 2206. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve programs of the Department of Veterans Affairs for homeless veterans, and for other purposes; with an amendment (Rept. No. 105-293). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

Mr. SMITH of Oregon: Committee on Agriculture. H.R. 1789. A bill to reauthorize the dairy indemnity program (Rept. No. 105-294). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

Mr. SMITH of Oregon: Committee on Agriculture. H.R. 1779. A bill to make a minor adjustment in the exterior boundary of the Devils Backbone Wilderness in the Mark Twain National Forest, MO, to exclude a small parcel of land containing improve-

ments (Rept. No. 105-295 Pt. 1). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

Mr. SMITH of Oregon: Committee on Agriculture. H.R. 2366. A bill to transfer to the Secretary of Agriculture the authority to conduct the census of agriculture, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 105-296 Pt. 1). Ordered to be printed.

#### ¶112.15 TIME LIMITATION OF REFERRED BILL

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

H.R. 1779. Referral to the Committee on Resources extended for a period ending not later than October 2, 1997.

#### ¶112.16 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. COBLE (for himself and Mr. GOODLATTE):

H.R. 2603. A bill to amend title 28, United States Code, with respect to arbitration in U.S. district courts, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. PACKARD (for himself, Mr. GINGRICH, Mr. FAZIO of California, Mr. ARMEY, Mr. LEWIS of Georgia, Mr. WATTS of Oklahoma, Mr. JACKSON, Mr. LIVINGSTON, Mr. BOEHNER, Mr. MCKEON, Mr. CUNNINGHAM, Mr. HANSEN, Mr. FLAKE, Mr. HERGER, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. DOOLITTLE, Mr. STUMP, Mr. CANNON, Mr. TRAFICANT, Mr. BONILLA, Mr. STENHOLM, Mr. SOUDER, Mr. YOUNG of Alaska, Mr. SHIMKUS, Mr. WOLF, Mr. SAWYER, Mr. SAM JOHNSON, Mr. HUNTER, Mr. ISTOOK, Mr. COX of California, Mr. FILNER, Mr. EWING, Mr. CHRISTENSEN, Mr. REDMOND, Mr. GALLEGLY, Mr. LEWIS of California, Mr. BARR of Georgia, Mr. DREIER, Mr. CRAMER, Mr. TAYLOR of Mississippi, Mr. WELDON of Florida, Mr. MILLER of California, Mr. BERMAN, Mr. CAPPS, Mr. WATKINS, Mr. BRADY, Mrs. LINDA SMITH of Washington, Mr. ROHRBACHER, Mr. COOK, Mr. GUTIERREZ, Mr. PASTOR, Mr. BILBRAY, Mr. LAHOOD, Mr. PITTS, Mr. ORTIZ, Mr. WALSH, Mr. MCHUGH, Mr. HOEKSTRA, Mr. BUNNING of Kentucky, Mr. CONDIT, Mr. SMITH of New Jersey, Mrs. CLAYTON, Mr. BROWN of California, Mr. RADANOVICH, Mr. SALMON, Mr. SMITH of Michigan, and Mr. HALL of Ohio):

H.R. 2604. A bill to amend title 11, United States Code, to protect certain charitable contributions, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. SOLOMON:

H.R. 2605. A bill to require the United States to oppose the making of concessional loans by international financial institutions to any entity in the People's Republic of China; to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services.

By Ms. VELAZQUEZ (for herself, Mr. DELLUMS, Mr. FROST, Mr. CONYERS, Mr. NADLER, Mr. SERRANO, Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York, Mr. FILNER, Mr. OWENS, Ms. SLAUGHTER, Mr. TOWNS, Mr. FLAKE, Mrs. MALONEY of New York, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. BONIOR, Mr. MILLER of California, Mrs. LOWEY, Mr. HINCHEY, Mr. RANGEL, Mr. EVANS, and Mr. ACKERMAN):

H.R. 2606. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act and the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 to establish certain requirements for managed care

plans; to the Committee on Commerce, 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 Mrs. MORELLA (for herself and Mr. LANTOS):

H. Con. Res. 166. Concurrent resolution expressing the sense of the Congress that every effort should be made to assure the complete implementation of, and compliance with, the December 1996 Guatemalan peace accords; to the Committee on International Relations.

#### ¶112.17 MEMORIALS

Under clause 4 of rule XXII:

212. The SPEAKER presented a memorial of the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, relative to a resolution urging President William Jefferson Clinton and the Congress of the United States to support the methodology proposed by the United States Bureau of the Census to conduct the Federal Census of the year 2000; to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

#### ¶112.18 ADDITIONAL SPONSORS

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

H.R. 367: Mr. TALENT and Ms. RIVERS.  
 H.R. 373: Mr. STOKES and Ms. NORTON.  
 H.R. 872: Mr. BERMAN, Mr. EDWARDS, Ms. HOOLEY of Oregon, Ms. LOFGREN, Mr. BOB SCHAFFER, Ms. SLAUGHTER, and Mr. WHITE.  
 H.R. 1126: Mr. PASTOR.  
 H.R. 1151: Mr. PACKARD, Mrs. TAUSCHER, and Mr. BLAGOJEVICH.  
 H.R. 1165: Mr. CLYBURN.  
 H.R. 1232: Mr. DEFAZIO, Mr. BUNNING of Kentucky, and Mr. KLINK.  
 H.R. 1371: Mr. TRAFICANT.  
 H.R. 1500: Mr. MATSUI.  
 H.R. 1526: Mr. WEYGAND.  
 H.R. 1534: Mr. SNOWBARGER, Mr. HILLEARY, Mr. DIAZ-BALART, Mr. SHAW, and Mr. BLUMENAUER.  
 H.R. 1619: Mr. COMBEST.  
 H.R. 1636: Mr. WEYGAND.  
 H.R. 1703: Mr. GUTIERREZ, Mr. DOYLE, Mr. FILNER, Mr. SPENCE, Mr. OLVER, Mr. REYES, Mr. SNYDER, Mr. SMITH of New Jersey, and Mr. PASCRELL.  
 H.R. 2195: Mr. WATKINS and Mr. BONIOR.  
 H.R. 2206: Mr. EVANS.  
 H.R. 2221: Mr. WELDON of Florida and Mr. MCINTOSH.  
 H.R. 2273: Mr. WATT of North Carolina, Mr. TAYLOR of North Carolina, Mr. ENGEL, and Mr. MARTINEZ.  
 H.R. 2292: Mr. SMITH of Oregon, Mr. TANNER, Mr. BERRY, Mr. BATEMAN, Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN, Mr. MORAN of Kansas, Mr. GIBBONS, and Mrs. MYRICK.  
 H.R. 2331: Mr. STENHOLM.  
 H.R. 2459: Mr. SCOTT, Mr. SAWYER, Mr. BLAGOJEVICH, Mr. BARCIA of Michigan, Mrs. CLAYTON, Mr. HALL of Ohio, Mr. MARTINEZ, Mrs. MEEK of Florida, Mr. PALLONE, Mr. PETERSON of Minnesota, Mr. ROEMER, Mr. VENTO, Mr. OWENS, Mr. MILLER of California, Mr. BECERRA, Mr. FATTAH, Mr. JACKSON, Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas, Mr. RAHALL, Mr. REYES, Ms. CHRISTIAN-GREEN, Mr. ANDREWS, Mr. BOUCHER, Mr. FORD, Mr. LUTHER, Mr. McNULTY, Mr. OBERSTAR, Mr. PAYNE, Mr. RANGEL, Mr. STOKES, Mr. MCDERMOTT, Mr. ACKERMAN, Mr. PRICE of North Carolina, Mr. COYNE, Mr. HEFNER, Ms. JACKSON-LEE, and Mr. JOHNSON of Wisconsin.  
 H.R. 2497: Mr. MCINNIS, Mr. LUCAS of Oklahoma, Mr. CALVERT, Mr. MCINTOSH, Mr. GALLEGLY, Mr. HALL of Texas, Mr. DEAL of Georgia, Mr. WELDON of Pennsylvania, Mr.

SENSENBRENNER, Mr. WHITE, Mr. SHADEGG, and Mr. GOODLATTE.

H.R. 2563: Mr. CLEMENT, Mr. FROST, and Mr. CUNNINGHAM.

H.R. 2571: Mr. FILNER and Mr. MASCARA.

H. Con. Res. 55: Mr. WELLER.

H. Res. 224: Mr. MCCRERY and Mr. TURNER.

### MONDAY, OCTOBER 6, 1997 (113)

#### ¶113.1 DESIGNATION OF SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,  
October 6, 1997.

I hereby designate the Honorable CLIFF STEARNS to act as Speaker pro tempore on 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".

#### ¶113.2 RECESS—12:44 P.M.

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. LEACH, pursuant to clause 12 of rule I, at 12 o'clock and 44 minutes p.m. declared the House in recess until 2:00 p.m.

#### ¶113.3 AFTER RECESS—2 P.M.

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mrs. EMERSON, called the House to order.

#### ¶113.4 APPROVAL OF THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mrs. EMERSON, announced she had examined and approved the Journal of the proceedings of Thursday, October 2, 1997.

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

#### ¶113.5 COMMUNICATIONS

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

5359. A letter from the Acting Comptroller General, the General Accounting Office, transmitting an updated compilation of historical information and statistics regarding rescissions proposed by the executive branch and rescissions enacted by the Congress through the close of fiscal year 1996; (H. Doc. No. 105-143); to the Committee on Appropriations and ordered to be printed.

5360. 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; State of Missouri [MO 027-1027; FRL-5891-2] received October 3, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

5361. A letter from the Director, Regulations Policy and Management Staff, Office of Policy, Food and Drug Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule—Code of Federal Regulations; Authority Citations [Docket No. 97N-0365] received October 1, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

5362. A letter from the Director, Regulations Policy and Management Staff, Office of Policy, Food and Drug Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule—Natural Rubber-Containing Medical Devices; User Labeling [Docket No. 96N-0119]

received October 3, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

5363. A letter from the Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule—Lost Securityholders [Release No. 34-39176; File No. S7-21-96] (RIN: 3235-AG99) received October 2, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

5364. A letter from the Director, Defense Security Assistance Agency, transmitting notification concerning the Department of the Navy's proposed Letter(s) of Offer and Acceptance (LOA) to Japan for defense articles and services (Transmittal No. 98-10), pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2776(b); to the Committee on International Relations.

5365. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting certification of a proposed license for the export of defense articles or defense services sold commercially to the Czech Republic (Transmittal No. DTC-49-97), pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2776(c); to the Committee on International Relations.

5366. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting certification of a proposed license for the export of defense articles or defense services sold commercially to Israel (Transmittal No. DTC-74-97), pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2776(c); to the Committee on International Relations.

5367. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting notification of a proposed manufacturing license agreement for production of major military equipment with the United Kingdom (Transmittal No. DTC-99-97), pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2776(d); to the Committee on International Relations.

5368. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting notification of a proposed manufacturing license agreement for production of major military equipment with the United Kingdom (Transmittal No. DTC-100-97), pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2776(d); to the Committee on International Relations.

5369. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting certification of a proposed license for the export of defense articles or defense services sold commercially to Canada (Transmittal No. DTC-105-97), pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2776(c); to the Committee on International Relations.

5370. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting notification of a proposed manufacturing license agreement for production of major military equipment with the Republic of Korea (Transmittal No. DTC-95-97), pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2776(d); to the Committee on International Relations.

5371. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting certification of a proposed license for the export of defense articles or defense services sold commercially to Spain (Transmittal No. DTC-77-97), pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2776(c); to the Committee on International Relations.

5372. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting notification of a proposed manufacturing license agreement for production of major military equipment with Japan (Transmittal No. DTC-87-97), pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2776(d); to the Committee on International Relations.

5373. A letter from the Assistant Legal Adviser for Treaty Affairs, Department of State, transmitting copies of international agreements, other than treaties, entered into by the United States, pursuant to 1 U.S.C. 112b(a); to the Committee on International Relations.

5374. A letter from the Director, U.S. Arms Control and Disarmament Agency, transmit-

ting the report on the verifiability of the Comprehensive Nuclear Test Ban Treaty, pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2577(a); to the Committee on International Relations.

5375. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting a copy of D.C. Act 12-127, "CFO Membership on the Health and Hospitals Public Benefit Corporation Board, Council Review of Board Promulgations, and Approval of Organizational and Operational Plan Amendment Act of 1997" received October 3, 1997, pursuant to D.C. Code section 1-233(c)(1); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

5376. A letter from the Auditor, District of Columbia, transmitting a copy of a report entitled "Audit of the District of Columbia's Crime Victims Compensation Program for the Period October 1, 1993 through February 28, 1997," pursuant to D.C. Code section 47-117(d); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

5377. A letter from the Chairman, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting the Commission's strategic plan for fiscal years 1997 through 2002, pursuant to Public Law 103-62; to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

5378. A letter from the Chairman, Occupational Safety and Health Review Commission, transmitting the Commission's strategic plan for fiscal years 1997 through 2002, pursuant to Public Law 103-62; to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

5379. A letter from the Acting Assistant Secretary for Policy, Management and Budget, Department of the Interior, transmitting the Department's final rule—Department of the Interior Acquisition Regulation; Regulatory Streamlining (RIN: 1090-AA65) received October 3, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

5380. A letter from the Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule—Atlantic Tuna Fisheries; Adjustments [I.D. 092697C] received October 6, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

5381. A letter from the Assistant Secretary and Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks, Department of Commerce, transmitting the Department's final rule—Changes to Patent Practice and Procedure [Docket No. 960606163-7130-02] (RIN: 0651-AA80) received October 1, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on the Judiciary.

5382. A letter from the Acting Assistant Secretary (Civil Works), the Department of the Army, transmitting a report on the storm damage reduction and shoreline protection project for Rehoboth Beach and Dewey Beach, Delaware, pursuant to section 101(b)(6) of the Water Resources Development Act of 1996 (H. Doc. No. 105-144); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure and ordered to be printed.

5383. A letter from the Acting Assistant Secretary (Civil Works), the Department of the Army, transmitting a report on the project for river bank erosion control and bluff stabilization at Norco Bluffs, Riverside County, California, pursuant to section 101(b)(4) of the Water Resources Development Act of 1996; (H. Doc. No. 105-145); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure and ordered to be printed.

5384. A letter from the Acting Assistant Secretary (Civil Works), the Department of the Army, transmitting a report on the storm damage reduction project for Long Beach Island, Nassau County, New York, pursuant to section 101(a)(21) of the Water Resources Development Act of 1996; (H. Doc. No. 105-146); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure and ordered to be printed.