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So the motion to lay on the table the motion to reconsider the vote was agreed to.

Ordered. That the Clerk request the concurrence of the Senate in said bill.

¶116.21 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A message from the Senate by Mr. Lundregan, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate had passed without amendment a concurrent resolution of the House of the following title:

H. Con. Res. 169. Concurrent resolution providing for an adjournment of the two Houses.

The message also announced that the Senate agrees to the report of the Committee of Conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 2158) "An Act 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."

The message also announced that the Senate agrees to the report of the Committee of Conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 2169) "An Act making appropriations for the Department of Transportation and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998, and for other purposes."

¶116.22 DESIGNATION OF SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE TO SIGN ENROLLMENTS

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

WASHINGTON, DC,
October 9, 1997.

I hereby designate the Honorable CONSTANCE A. MORELLA to act as Speaker pro tempore to sign enrolled bills and joint resolutions through Tuesday, October 21, 1997.

NEWT GINGRICH,

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

By unanimous consent, the designation was accepted.

¶116.23 RESIGNATION AS MEMBER OF HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, October 8, 1997.

Hon. ALEXANDER TREADWELL,
Secretary of State
Albany, NY.

DEAR SECRETARY TREADWELL: After considering the needs of my constituents and the short time remaining in this session, I intend to remain in Congress at least until our legislative business is completed.

I have reviewed section 31 of the Public Officers law, and I understand that my retirement announcement to the Governor on August 4, 1997 was an erroneous interpretation of the statutory requirements for resignations. Therefore, it is also my belief that, ac-

ording to section 31, any record of my resignation is not effective since I have never directly notified your office of my plans. I will, however, inform you of my plans at the appropriate time, which in this case will be no more than thirty days prior to my resignation.

If there are any questions regarding my plans, please feel free to contact me, or Sean Peterson, my Chief of Staff.

With warmest regards, I am

Sincerely,

FLOYD H. FLAKE,
Member of Congress.

¶116.24 CALENDAR WEDNESDAY BUSINESS DISPENSED WITH

On motion of Mr. FOLEY, by unanimous consent,

Ordered. That business in order for consideration on Wednesday, October 22, 1997, under clause 7, rule XXIV, the Calendar Wednesday rule, be dispensed with.

¶116.25 SPEAKER AND MINORITY LEADER TO ACCEPT RESIGNATIONS, APPOINT COMMISSIONS

On motion of Mr. FOLEY, by unanimous consent,

Ordered. That, notwithstanding any adjournment of the House until Tuesday, October 21, 1997, the Speaker, Majority Leader and Minority Leader be authorized to accept resignations and to make appointments to commissions, boards and committees duly authorized by law or by the House.

¶116.26 EXTENSION OF REMARKS

On motion of Mr. FOLEY, by unanimous consent,

Ordered. That for today, all Members be permitted to extend their remarks and include extraneous material in that section of the Congressional Record entitled "Extension of Remarks".

¶116.27 BILL PRESENTED TO THE PRESIDENT

Mr. THOMAS, from the Committee on House Oversight, reported that that committee did on this day present to the President, for his approval, a bill of the House of the following title:

H.R. 1122: An Act to amend title 18, United States Code, to ban partial-birth abortions.

¶116.28 LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to Mr. HASTINGS of Washington for today after 2 p.m.

And then,

¶116.29 ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Mr. OWENS, pursuant to the provisions of House Concurrent Resolution 169, at 9 o'clock and 15 minutes p.m., the House adjourned until 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, October 21, 1997.

¶116.30 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. DIAZ-BALART: Committee on Rules. House Resolution 265. Resolution providing

for consideration of the bill (H.R. 2204) to authorize appropriations for fiscal years 1998 and 1999 for the Coast Guard, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 105-317). Referred to the House Calendar.

Mr. ARCHER: Committee on Ways and Means. H.R. 2513. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to restore and modify the provision of the Taxpayer Relief Act of 1997 relating to exempting active financing income from foreign personal holding company income and to provide for the non-recognition of gain on the sale of stock in agricultural processors to certain farmers' cooperatives; with an amendment (Rept. No. 105-318 Pt. 1). Ordered to be printed.

Mr. STUMP: Committee on Veterans' Affairs. S. 923. An act to deny veterans benefits to persons convicted of Federal capital offenses; with amendments (Rept. No. 105-319). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

Mr. STUMP: Committee on Veterans' Affairs. H.R. 2367. A bill to increase, effective as of December 1, 1997, the rates of compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and the rates of dependency and indemnity compensation for the survivors of certain disabled veterans (Rept. No. 105-320). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

¶116.31 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. ARCHER (for himself and Mr. CRANE):

H.R. 2644. A bill to provide to beneficiary countries under the Caribbean Basin Economic Recovery Act benefits equivalent to those provided under the North American Free Trade Agreement; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. ARCHER (for himself and Mr. RANGEL):

H.R. 2645. A bill to make technical corrections related to the Taxpayer Relief Act of 1997 and certain other tax legislation; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. ARCHER (for himself and Mr. GINGRICH):

H.R. 2646. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow tax-free expenditures from education individual retirement accounts for elementary and secondary school expenses, to increase the maximum annual amount of contributions to such accounts, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mrs. FOWLER (for herself, Mr. COX of California, Mr. GIBBONS, Mr. GILMAN, Mr. HUNTER, Mr. HYDE, Mr. SAM JOHNSON, Mr. MCINTOSH, Mr. MARKEY, Ms. PELOSI, Mr. ROHRBACHER, Mr. ROYCE, Mr. SHADEGG, Mr. SMITH of New Jersey, Mr. SOLOMON, Mr. SPENCE, and Mr. WOLF):

H.R. 2647. A bill to ensure that commercial activities of the People's Liberation Army of China or any Communist Chinese military company in the United States are monitored and are subject to the authorities under the International Emergency Economic Powers Act; to the Committee on International Relations.

By Mr. BACHUS (for himself, Mr. RILEY, Mr. KING of New York, Mr. SMITH of New Jersey, Mr. FRANKS of New Jersey, Mr. WATTS of Oklahoma, Mr. LARGENT, Mr. COOKSEY, and Mr. ADERHOLT):

H.R. 2648. A bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to make illegal all private possession of child pornography; to the Committee on the Judiciary.