

hicle program, Vice President Gore announced NASA's selection of a private sector partner to design, fabricate, and flight test the X-33 vehicle.

Scientists made some dramatic new discoveries in various space-related fields such as space science, Earth science and remote sensing, and life and microgravity science. Most notably, NASA researchers cooperating with the National Science Foundation found possible evidence of ancient microbial life in a meteorite believed to be from Mars.

In aeronautics, activities included the development of technologies to improve performance, increase safety, reduce engine noise, and assist U.S. industry to be more competitive in the world market. Air traffic control activities focused on various automation systems to increase flight safety and enhance the efficient use of air space.

Close international cooperation with Russia occurred in the Shuttle-Mir docking missions and with Canada, Europe, Japan, and Russia in the International Space Station program. The United States also entered into new cooperative agreements with Japan and new partners in South America and Asia.

In conclusion, FY 1996 was a very active and successful year for U.S. aeronautics and space programs. Efforts in these areas have contributed significantly to the Nation's scientific and technical knowledge, international cooperation, environmental health, and economic competitiveness.

WILLIAM J. CLINTON.

THE WHITE HOUSE, October 29, 1997.

The message, together with the accompanying papers, was referred to the Committee on Science.

¶122.30 PROVIDING FOR THE
CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 2493

Mr. MCINNIS, by direction of the Committee on Rules, called up the following resolution (H. Res. 284):

Resolved, That at any time after the adoption of this resolution the Speaker may, pursuant to clause 1(b) of rule XXIII, declare the House resolved into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union for consideration of the bill (H.R. 2493) to establish a mechanism by which the Secretary of Agriculture and the Secretary of the Interior can provide for uniform management of livestock grazing on Federal lands. The first reading of the bill shall be dispensed with. General debate shall be confined to the bill and shall not exceed one hour, with thirty minutes equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Resources and thirty minutes equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Agriculture. After general debate the bill shall be considered for amendment under the five-minute rule for a period not to exceed three hours. It shall be in order to consider as an original bill for the purpose of amendment under the five-minute rule the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Resources now printed in the bill. The committee amendment in the nature of a substitute shall be considered as read. Before consideration of any other amendment it shall be in order to consider the amendment

printed in the report of the Committee on Rules accompanying this resolution, if offered by Representative Smith of Oregon or his designee. That amendment shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for ten minutes equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question in the House or in the Committee of the Whole. If that amendment is adopted, the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute, as amended, shall be considered as the original bill for the purpose of further amendment. During consideration of the bill for further amendment, the Chairman of the Committee of the Whole may accord priority in recognition on the basis of whether the Member offering an amendment has caused it to be printed in the portion of the Congressional Record designated for that purpose of clause 6 of rule XXIII. Amendments so printed shall be considered as read. The Chairman of the Committee of the Whole may: (1) postpone until a time during further consideration in the Committee of the Whole a request for a recorded vote on any amendment; and (2) reduce to five minutes the minimum time for electronic voting on any postponed question that follows another electronic vote without intervening business, provided that the minimum, time for electronic voting on the first in any series of questions shall be fifteen minutes. At the conclusion of consideration of the bill for amendment the Committee shall rise and report the bill to the House with such amendments as may have been adopted. Any Member may demand a separate vote in the House on any amendment adopted in the Committee of the Whole to the bill or to the amendment in the nature of a substitute made in order as original text. The previous question shall be considered as ordered on the bill and amendments thereto to final passage without intervening motion except one motion to recommit with or without instructions.

When said resolution was considered.

After debate,

On motion of Mr. MCINNIS, the previous question was ordered on the resolution to its adoption or rejection.

The question being put, *viva voce*,

Will the House agree to said resolution?

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

Ms. SLAUGHTER demanded that the vote be taken by the yeas and nays, which demand was supported by one-fifth of the Members present, so the yeas and nays were ordered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. BLUNT, pursuant to clause 5, rule I, announced that further proceedings on the agreeing to said resolution were postponed until Thursday, October 30, 1997.

¶122.31 PROVIDING FOR THE
CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 2746 AND H.R.
2616

Mr. MCINNIS, by direction of the Committee on Rules, reported (Rept. No. 105-357) the resolution (H. Res. 288) providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 2746) to amend title VI of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to give parents with low-incomes the opportunity to choose the appropriate school for their children and for consideration of the bill (H.R. 2616) to amend titles VI and X of the

Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to improve and expand charter schools.

When said resolution and report were referred to the House Calendar and ordered printed.

¶122.32 LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted—

To Mrs. CUBIN, for October 21 through the end of the First Session, 105th Congress;

To Mrs. KELLY, for October 28 after 8 p.m. and today; and

To Mr. YATES, for today after 4 p.m.

And then,

¶122.33 ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Mr. PAPPAS, pursuant to the provisions of House Resolution 286, heretofore agreed to, at 10 o'clock and 43 minutes p.m., the House adjourned in memory of the late Honorable Walter H. Capps.

¶122.34 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. ARCHER: Committee on Ways and Means. H.R. 2645. A bill to make technical corrections related to the Taxpayer Relief Act of 1997 and certain other tax legislation; with amendments (Rept. No. 105-356). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

Mrs. MYRICK: Committee on Rules, House Resolution 288. Resolution providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 2746) to amend title VI of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to give parents with low-incomes the opportunity to choose the appropriate school for their children and for consideration of the bill (H.R. 2616) to amend titles VI and X of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to improve and expand charter schools (Rept. No. 105-357). Referred to the House Calendar.

¶122.35 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. DEFAZIO (for himself and Mr. HINCHAY):

H.R. 2757. A bill to impose a moratorium on increases in the rates charged for cable television service, to require the Federal Communications Commission to conduct an inquiry into the causes of such increases and the impediments to competition, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce.

By Mr. HOEKSTRA (for himself, Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts, Mr. COLLINS, Mrs. MALONEY of New York, Mr. HILLEARY, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. COBLE, Mr. CLAY, Mr. BARTLETT of Maryland, Mr. HAMILTON, Mr. DEAL of Georgia, Mr. TORRES, Mr. MANZULLO, Mr. DEFAZIO, Mr. STUMP, Mr. EHLERS, Mr. OXLEY, Mr. HEFLEY, Mr. TAYLOR of North Carolina, Mr. EWING, Mr. UPTON, Mr. EVERETT, Mr. ENGLISH of Pennsylvania, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. LINDER, Mr. NETHERCUTT, Mr. CRANE, Mr. RIGGS, Mr. HOSTETTLER, Mrs. EMERSON, Mr. BILBRAY, Mr. BURR of North Carolina,