

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,

Mr. KNOLLENBERG, and Mr. BALLENGER):

H.R. 2758. A bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to minimize the unfair competition for Federal contracting opportunities between Federal Prison Industries and private firms (especially small business concerns), to provide to Federal agencies in their dealings with Federal Prison Industries the contract administration tools generally available to assure quality performance by their other suppliers, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. RUSH:

H.R. 2759. A bill to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act with respect to the requirements for the admission of non-immigrant nurses who will practice in health professional shortage areas; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. CUNNINGHAM (for himself, Mr. TANNER, Mr. YOUNG of Alaska, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. PETERSON of Minnesota, Mr. HUNTER, Mr. LEWIS of California, Mr. JOHN, Mr. METCALF, Mr. NORWOOD, Mr. BARR of Georgia, Mr. GIBBONS, Mrs. CUBIN, Mr. BOYD, and Mr. POMBO):

H.R. 2760. A bill to amend the Sikes Act to establish a mechanism by which outdoor recreation programs on military installations will be accessible to disabled veterans, military dependents with disabilities, and other persons with disabilities; to the Committee on Resources, and in addition to the Committee on National Security, 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 Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts (for himself, Mrs. LOWEY, Ms. NORTON, Ms. FURSE, Ms. PELOSI, Mr. LANTOS, Mr. MEEHAN, Mr. FILNER, Mrs. MALONEY of New York, Mr. DELAHUNT, Mr. NADLER, Mr. OLVER, Mr. SCHUMER, Ms. RIVERS, Ms. VELAZQUEZ, Mr. KENNEDY of Rhode Island, and Mr. WYNN):

H.R. 2761. A bill to provide benefits to domestic partners of Federal employees; to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight, 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 Mr. GILCHREST:

H.R. 2762. A bill to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to improve the protection of the Nation's wetlands and watersheds, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

By Mr. GOSS:

H.R. 2763. A bill to provide that an annual pay adjustment for Members of Congress may not exceed the cost-of-living adjustment in benefits under title II of the Social Security Act for that year; to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight, and in addition to the Committee on House Oversight, 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 Mr. HANSEN (for himself and Mr. MEEHAN):

H.R. 2764. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to increase the excise tax rate on tobacco products and deposit the resulting revenues into a Public Health and Education Resource Trust Fund, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committee on Commerce, 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 Mr. HILLIARD:

H.R. 2765. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to specify certain circumstances that give rise to affiliation or control of a nonprofit organization by a for-profit organization for purposes of denying eligibility for the low-income housing tax credit; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. LATOURETTE (for himself, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. HALL of Ohio, Mr. GILLMOR, Mr. STRICKLAND, Mr. BOEHNER, Mr. KUCINICH, Mr. STOKES, Mr. BROWN of Ohio, Ms. PRYCE of Ohio, Mr. TRAFICANT, Mr. NEY, Mr. OXLEY, Mr. KASICH, Mr. SAWYER, Mr. REGULA, Ms. KAPTUR, Mr. HOBSON, and Mr. CHABOT):

H.R. 2766. A bill to designate the United States Post Office located at 215 East Jackson Street in Painesville, Ohio, as the "Karl Bernal Post Office Building"; to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

By Mrs. MORELLA (for herself, Mr. DAVIS of Virginia, and Mr. MORAN of Virginia):

H.R. 2767. A bill to provide additional compensation for members of the Metropolitan Police Department and Fire Department of the District of Columbia, the United States Secret Service Uniformed Division, and the United States Park Police who carry out certain technical or hazardous duties, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

By Mr. SANFORD:

H.R. 2768. A bill to provide for the retirement of all Americans; to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committees on Education and the Workforce, Rules, and Banking and Financial Services, 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 Mr. SCHUMER (for himself, Mr. MEEHAN, Mr. NADLER, Mr. MCDERMOTT, Ms. LOFGREN, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mrs. MORELLA, Mr. BERMAN, Ms. KILPATRICK, Mr. GUTIERREZ, Mr. BARRETT of Wisconsin, Ms. FURSE, and Mr. BLAGOJEVICH):

H.R. 2769. A bill to ensure that background checks are conducted before the transfer of a handgun by a firearms dealer; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. SHAW:

H.R. 2770. A bill to amend the Tariff Act of 1930 to provide for a deferral of the duty on large yachts imported for sale at boat shows in the United States; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. SHAYS:

H.R. 2771. A bill to amend the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States relating to the definition of raw value for purposes of raw sugar import tariff rate quota; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. SOLOMON:

H.R. 2772. A bill to establish an Office of National Security within the Securities and Exchange Commission, provide for the monitoring of the extent of foreign involvement in United States securities markets, financial institutions, and pension funds, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, and in addition to the Committees on International Relations, Banking and Financial Services, and 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. LINDA SMITH of Washington (for herself, Mr. WOLF, Ms. PELOSI, Mr. SMITH of New Jersey, Mr.

GEJDENSON, Mr. WELDON of Florida, Mr. SOLOMON, Mr. GILMAN, Mr. HYDE, Mr. COX of California, and Mr. TIAHRT):

H. Con. Res. 180. Concurrent resolution expressing the sense of the Congress that the Government of the People's Republic of China should stop the practice of harvesting and transplanting organs for profit from prisoners that it executes; to the Committee on International Relations, and in addition to the Committee on the Judiciary, 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. ROS-LEHTINEN (for herself, Mr. BILIRAKIS, Mrs. MALONEY of New York, Mr. PORTER, Mr. ENGEL, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. SHERMAN, Mr. RUSH, and Mr. PAPPAS):

H. Con. Res. 181. Concurrent resolution calling for a United States effort to end restrictions on the freedoms and human rights of the enslaved people in the occupied area of Cyprus; to the Committee on International Relations.

By Mr. FAZIO of California:

H. Res. 286. A resolution expressing the condolences of the House on the death of the Honorable Walter H. Capps, a Representative from the State of California; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. GALLEGLY (for himself and Mr. ACKERMAN):

H. Res. 289. A resolution expressing the sense of the Congress that a renewed effort be made to end the violent guerrilla war in Colombia, which poses a serious threat to democracy in regions of Colombia as evidenced by the results of the recent October 26, 1997, elections; to the Committee on International Relations.

¶122.36 ADDITIONAL SPONSORS

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

- H.R. 12: Mr. FORD and Mr. TOWNS.
 H.R. 367: Mr. BILBRAY and Mr. POMBO.
 H.R. 372: Mr. TOWNS, Mr. PETERSON of Minnesota, Mr. FILNER, Mr. DEFAZIO, and Mr. MARTINEZ.
 H.R. 453: Mr. FOX of Pennsylvania, Mr. DICKS, Ms. ESHOO, Mr. SABO, and Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN.
 H.R. 475: Mrs. NORTHUP.
 H.R. 693: Mr. GOSS and Mr. GOODE.
 H.R. 696: Mrs. LOWEY.
 H.R. 768: Mr. TIAHRT.
 H.R. 815: Mr. ROEMER and Mr. HALL of Texas.
 H.R. 820: Ms. DELAURO.
 H.R. 875: Mr. BILIRAKIS.
 H.R. 979: Mr. BORSKI and Mr. SPENCE.
 H.R. 991: Mr. PALLONE.
 H.R. 1023: Mr. NUSSLE and Mr. KENNEDY of Rhode Island.
 H.R. 1146: Mr. ADERHOLT.
 H.R. 1147: Mr. GOODE.
 H.R. 1200: Ms. RIVERS.
 H.R. 1232: Mr. STOKES, Mr. ENGLISH of Pennsylvania, Ms. NORTON, Mr. SOUDER, and Ms. KILPATRICK.
 H.R. 1289: Mrs. NORTHUP, Mr. FILNER, Ms. DUNN of Washington, Ms. HARMAN, Mr. SCOTT, Mr. LATOURETTE, and Mr. STRICKLAND.
 H.R. 1329: Mr. KILDEE and Mr. MCGOVERN.
 H.R. 1376: Mr. KENNEDY of Rhode Island.
 H.R. 1390: Mr. BENTSEN.
 H.R. 1404: Mr. WATT of North Carolina, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. GEJDENSON, and Ms. HOOLEY of Oregon.
 H.R. 1415: Mr. HINOJOSA, Mr. BLAGOJEVICH, Mr. CANNON, and Mr. PETRI.
 H.R. 1481: Mr. GILLMOR.
 H.R. 1521: Mr. BILBRAY, Mr. BONO, and Ms. FURSE.