

## NAYS—23

Blumenauer	Diaz-Balart	Rivers
Cannon	Duncan	Royce
Chenoweth	Hostettler	Ryun
Coble	Jones	Sawyer
Cox	Manzullo	Sensenbrenner
Crane	McIntosh	Shadegg
DeFazio	Miller (FL)	Wamp
DeLay	Paul	

## NOT VOTING—21

Christensen	Maloney (CT)	Salmon
Doolittle	McInnis	Scarborough
Gonzalez	Neal	Schiff
Gutknecht	Poshard	Shimkus
Harman	Ros-Lehtinen	Smith, Linda
Hefner	Roukema	Torres
Luther	Rush	White

So, two-thirds of the Members present having voted in favor thereof, the rules were suspended and said bill, as amended, was passed.

A motion to reconsider the vote whereby the rules were suspended and said bill, as amended, was passed was, by unanimous consent, laid on the table.

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

## ¶12.14 MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT—HUD

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. LATHAM, laid before the House a message from the President, which was read as follows:

*To the Congress of the United States:*

Pursuant to the requirements of 42 U.S.C. 3536, I transmit herewith the 32nd Annual Report of the Department of Housing and Urban Development, which covers calendar year 1996.

WILLIAM J. CLINTON.

THE WHITE HOUSE, *March 3, 1998.*

By unanimous consent, the message, together with the accompanying papers, was referred to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services.

## ¶12.15 MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT—INTERAGENCY ARCTIC RESEARCH POLICY COMMITTEE

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. LATHAM, laid before the House a message from the President, which was read as follows:

*To the Congress of the United States:*

As required by section 108(b) of Public Law 98-373 (15 U.S.C. 4107(b)), I transmit herewith the Seventh Biennial Report of the Interagency Arctic Research Policy Committee (February 1, 1996 to January 31, 1998).

WILLIAM J. CLINTON.

THE WHITE HOUSE, *March 3, 1998.*

By unanimous consent, the message, together with the accompanying papers, was referred to the Committee on Science.

## ¶12.16 MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT—DRUG CONTROL STRATEGY

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. LATHAM, laid before the House a message from the President, which was read as follows:

*To the Congress of the United States:*

On behalf of the American people, I am pleased to transmit the *1998 National Drug Control Strategy* to the Congress. The *1998 Strategy* reaffirms our

bipartisan, enduring commitment to reduce drug use and its destructive consequences.

This year's *Strategy* builds upon the 1997 *Strategy* and is designed to reduce drug use and availability in America in half over the next 10 years—a historic new low. This plan has been developed under the leadership of General Barry McCaffrey, Director of National Drug Control Policy, in close consultation with the Congress, the more than 50 Federal agencies and departments involved in the fight against drugs, the dedicated men and women of law enforcement, and with stakeholders—mayors, doctors, clergy, civic leaders, parents, and young people—drawn from all segments of our society.

I am also proud to report that we have made real and substantial progress in carrying out the goals of the 1997 *Strategy*. Working with the Congress, we have begun the National Anti-Drug Youth Media Campaign. Now when our children turn on the television, surf the “net,” or listen to the radio, they can learn the plain truth about drugs: they are wrong, they put your future at risk, and they can kill you. I thank you for your vital support in bringing this important message to America's young people.

Together, we enacted into law the Drug-Free Communities Act of 1997, which will help build and strengthen 14,000 community anti-drug coalitions and brought together civic groups—ranging from the Elks to the Girl Scouts and representing over 55 million Americans—to form a Civic Alliance, targeting youth drug use. By mobilizing people and empowering communities, we are defeating drugs through a child-by-child, street-by-street, and neighborhood-by-neighborhood approach.

We have also helped make our streets and communities safer by strengthening law enforcement. Through my Administration's Community Oriented Police (COPs) program, we are helping put 100,000 more police officers in towns and cities across the Nation. We are taking deadly assault weapons out of the hands of drug dealers and gangs, making our streets safer for our families. We have taken steps to rid our prisons of drugs, as well as to break the vicious cycle of drugs and crime. These efforts are making a difference: violent crime in America has dropped dramatically for 5 years in a row.

Over the last year, the United States and Mexico reached agreement on a mutual *Threat Assessment* that defines the scope of the common threat we face; and, an *Alliance* that commits our great nations to defeating that threat. Soon, we will sign a bilateral *Strategy* that commits both nations to specific actions and performance benchmarks. Our work to enhance cooperation within the hemisphere and worldwide is already showing results. For example, Peruvian coca production has declined by roughly 40 percent over the last 2 years. In 1997, Mexican drug eradication rates reached record levels, and

seizures increased nearly 50 percent over 1996.

We are making a difference. Drug use in America has declined by 50 percent over the last decade. For the first time in 6 years, studies show that youth drug use is beginning to stabilize, and in some respects is even declining. And indications are that the methamphetamine and crack cocaine epidemics, which in recent years were sweeping the Nation, have begun to recede.

However, we must not confuse progress with ultimate success. Although youth drug use has started to decline, it remains unacceptably high.

More than ever, we must recommit ourselves to give parents the tools and support they need to teach children that drugs are dangerous and wrong. That is why we must improve the Safe and Drug-Free Schools program, and other after school initiatives that help keep our kids in school, off drugs, and out of trouble. We must hire 1,000 new border patrol agents and close the door on drugs at our borders. We must redouble our efforts with other nations to take the profits out of drug dealing and trafficking and break the sources of supply. And we must enact comprehensive bipartisan tobacco legislation that reduces youth smoking. These and other efforts are central elements of the *1998 National Drug Control Strategy*.

With the help of the American public, and the ongoing support of the Congress, we can achieve these goals. In submitting this plan to you, I ask for your continued partnership in defeating drugs in America. Our children and this Nation deserve no less.

WILLIAM J. CLINTON.

THE WHITE HOUSE, *March 3, 1998.*

By unanimous consent, the message, together with the accompanying papers, was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, the Committee on Agriculture, the Committee on Banking and Financial Services, the Committee on Commerce, the Committee on Education and the Workforce, the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight, the Committee on International Relations, the Committee on National Security, the Committee on Resources, the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, the Committee on Veterans Affairs and the Committee on Ways and Means.

## ¶12.17 PROVIDING FOR THE CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 856

Mr. SOLOMON, by direction of the Committee on Rules, reported (Rept. No. 105-426) the resolution (H. Res. 376) providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 856) to provide a process leading to full self-government for Puerto Rico.

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

## ¶12.18 NATIONAL SUMMIT ON RETIREMENT SAVINGS

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. TIAHRT, pursuant to the provisions of

section 517(e)(3) if the Employment Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (29 U.S.C. 1131), the Chair announces the Speaker appointed to the National Summit on Retirement Savings, and the following Member: Mr. FAWELL, and Ms. Meredith Bagby, of New York, Mr. James E. Bayne of Texas, Mr. Carroll A. Campbell, Jr., of South Carolina, Ms. Joyce Campbell of Washington, D.C., Ms. Hilda Cannon of Georgia, Mr. Christopher W. Clement of Arizona, Mr. Benjamin Tanner Domenech of Virginia, Mr. Clinton A. Demetriou of Georgia, Mr. Pete duPont of Delaware, Mr. Adam Dubitsky of Washington, D.C., Ms. Lynn D. Dudley of Washington, D.C., Mr. Ric Edelman of Virginia, Mr. John N. Erlenborn of Maryland, Ms. Shannon Evans of Nevada, Mr. Peter J. Ferrara of Virginia, Mr. Ray Gaydos of Washington, D.C., Mr. Craig Gholston of Texas, Mr. Arthur Glatfelter of Pennsylvania, Mr. Dylan Glenn of Georgia, Mr. James T. Gordon of Georgia, Mr. Brian H. Graff of Virginia, Mr. Matthew Greenwald of Washington D.C., Mr. Brent R. Harris of California, Mr. Donald K. Hill of Georgia, Ms. Amy M. Holmes of Washington, D.C., Ms. Karen A. Jordan of Arkansas, Mr. John Kimpel of Massachusetts, Mrs. Beth Kobliner of New York, Mr. Gerald Letendre of New Hampshire, Mr. Ronald Lyons of Ohio, Mrs. Patricia De L. Marvil of Virginia, Mr. Philip Matthews of Connecticut, Mr. Thomas J. McInerney of Connecticut, Mr. Kevin M. McRaith of Minnesota, Ms. Rita D. Metras of New York, Ms. Lena Moore of Washington, D.C., Ms. Dana Muir of Michigan, Ms. Heather Nauert of Washington, D.C., Mr. Jeffrey M. Pollock of New Hampshire, Ms. Pati Robinson of Washington, Ms. Andrea Batista Schlesinger of New York, Mr. Eugene Schweikert of South Carolina, Mr. Charles Schwab of California, Ms. Victoria L. Swaja of Arizona, Mr. Richard Thau of New York, Ms. Sandra R. Turner of Florida, Mrs. Sunny Warren of Georgia, Mr. Albert Zapanta of Virginia and Mr. Roger Zion of Indiana, from private life, on the part of the House.

*Ordered.* That the Clerk notify the Senate of the foregoing appointments.

#### ¶12.19 LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted—

To Mr. SHIMKUS, for today and balance of the week; and

To Mr. GUTKNECHT, for today.

And then,

#### ¶12.20 ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Mr. OWENS, at 8 o'clock and 45 minutes p.m., the House adjourned.

#### ¶12.21 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. LEACH: Committee on Banking and Financial Services. Supplemental report on

H.R. 217. A bill to amend title IV of the Stewart B. McKinney Homeless Assistance Act to consolidate the Federal programs for housing assistance for the homeless into a block grant program that ensures that States and communities are provided sufficient flexibility to use assistance amounts effectively (Rept. No. 105-407 Pt. 2).

Mr. SMITH of Texas: Committee on the Judiciary. H.R. 992. A bill to end the Tucker Act shuffle; with amendments (Rept. No. 105-424). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

Mr. BLILEY: Committee on Commerce. H.R. 2369. A bill to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to strengthen and clarify prohibitions on electronic eavesdropping, and for other purposes; with an amendment (Rept. No. 105-425). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

Mr. SOLOMON: Committee on Rules. House Resolution 376. Resolution providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 856) to provide a process leading to full self-government for Puerto Rico (Rept. No. 105-426). Referred to the House Calendar.

#### ¶12.22 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. HYDE (for himself and Mr. CONYERS):

H.R. 3303. A bill to authorize appropriations for the Department of Justice for fiscal years 1999, 2000, and 2001; to authorize appropriations for fiscal years 1999 and 2000 to carry out certain programs administered by the Department of Justice; to amend title 28 of the United States Code with respect to the use of funds available to the Department of Justice, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. COLLINS:

H.R. 3304. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to establish a 2-year recovery period for depreciation of computers and peripheral equipment used in manufacturing; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. COOK:

H.R. 3305. A bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to report quarterly to the Congress on the programs led by the International Monetary Fund to financially stabilize East Asian countries; to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services.

By Mr. ENGLISH of Pennsylvania:

H.R. 3306. A bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to increase the maximum Pell grant from \$3,000 to \$5,000; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

By Mr. ENGLISH of Pennsylvania (for himself, Mr. WELDON of Pennsylvania, and Mr. PAUL):

H.R. 3307. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow individuals a deduction for contributions to education individual retirement accounts, to increase the amount which may be contributed to such accounts, to permit such accounts to be used to pay elementary and secondary education expenses and training expenses of older individuals, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. ENGLISH of Pennsylvania:

H.R. 3308. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow a credit against income tax for taxpayers with certain persons requiring custodial care in their households; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. ENGLISH of Pennsylvania (for himself, Mr. WELDON of Pennsylvania, and Mr. PAUL):

H.R. 3309. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to permit private educational institutions to maintain qualified

tuition programs which are comparable to qualified State tuition programs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. MCINTOSH (for himself, Mr. KUCINICH, Mr. FROST, Ms. WOOLSEY, Mr. GORDON, Mr. HAMILTON, Mr. HASTERT, Mr. SCARBOROUGH, Mr. SUNUNU, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. SHAYS, Mr. MCHUGH, Mr. DAVIS of Virginia, Mr. MILLER of Florida, Mr. LIVINGSTON, Mr. DELAY, Mr. ARMEY, Mr. BOEHNER, Mr. THORNBERRY, Mr. BARR of Georgia, Ms. DUNN of Washington, and Mr. SNOWBARGER):

H.R. 3310. A bill to amend chapter 35 of title 44, United States Code, for the purpose of facilitating compliance by small businesses with certain Federal paperwork requirements, and to establish a task force to examine the feasibility of streamlining paperwork requirements applicable to small businesses; to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight, and in addition to the Committee on Small Business, 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. PAYNE (for himself, Mr. OWENS, Mr. FATTAH, Mr. MARTINEZ, Mr. UNDERWOOD, Mr. FORD, Ms. SANCHEZ, Mr. LEWIS of Georgia, and Mr. KUCINICH):

H.R. 3311. A bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to improve international education at postsecondary institutions; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

By Mr. QUINN (for himself, Mr. LATHAM, Mr. LAFALCE, Mr. RAHALL, Mr. WALSH, and Mr. MCHUGH):

H.R. 3312. A bill to establish the Federal Aviation Research and Evaluation Board; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, 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 Mr. ROHRBACHER:

H.R. 3313. A bill to amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to provide for partial removal of limitations on contributions to candidates whose opponents exceed personal contribution limitations in an election; to the Committee on House Oversight.

By Mr. SHAW (for himself, Mr. CAMP, Mr. ENGLISH of Pennsylvania, Mr. HAYWORTH, and Mr. WATKINS):

H.R. 3314. A bill to provide grants to States to encourage fathers to become better parents; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. SNOWBARGER:

H.R. 3315. A bill to amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to remove the limitations on amounts that may be contributed to a Federal election campaign, to require political parties to disclose transfers of certain non-Federal funds, to promote the expedited availability of reports submitted to the Federal Election Commission, to prohibit individuals not qualified to register to vote in elections for Federal office from making campaign contributions, and for other purposes; to the Committee on House Oversight.

By Mr. WISE:

H.R. 3316. A bill to suspend temporarily the duty on IN-W4280; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. HILLIARD:

H. Con. Res. 231. Concurrent resolution recognizing the National Black Law Students Association for its role in the professional development of law students, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.