

I thank the gentleman for yielding to me, and I urge the adoption of this joint resolution.

Mr. OBEY. Mr. Speaker, I support the gentleman's motion, and I withdraw my reservation of objection.

The SPEAKER. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Louisiana?

There was no objection.

The Clerk read the joint resolution, as follows:

H.J. RES. 25

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. Title III of the Departments of Commerce, Justice, and State, the Judiciary, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 1997 (as contained in DIVISION A, TITLE I—OMNIBUS APPROPRIATIONS, section 101(a) of the Omnibus Consolidated Appropriations Act, 1997, Public Law 104-208) is amended under the heading "COURTS OF APPEALS, DISTRICT COURTS, AND OTHER JUDICIAL SERVICES—DEFENDER SERVICES" by striking "attorneys ap—" at the end and inserting the following: "attorneys appointed to represent jurors in civil actions for the protection of their employment, as authorized by 28 U.S.C. 1875(d); \$308,000,000, to remain available until expended as authorized by 18 U.S.C. 3006A(i).". The foregoing amendment shall be considered for all purposes to have taken effect on the date of enactment of Public Law 104-208, and any actions taken prior to the date of enactment of this section on the basis that Public Law 104-208 should be interpreted as if it included the amendment made by this section, if otherwise valid, are ratified and approved by Congress.

SEC. 2. Title I of the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 1997 (as contained in DIVISION A, TITLE I—OMNIBUS APPROPRIATIONS, section 101(e) of the Omnibus Consolidated Appropriations Act, 1997, Public Law 104-208) is amended under the heading "EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING ADMINISTRATION—STATE UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE AND EMPLOYMENT SERVICE OPERATIONS" by striking "\$23,452,000" and inserting "\$173,452,000".

SEC. 3. Funds available for title IV-A-1 of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act in title III of the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies, Appropriations Act, 1997 (as contained in DIVISION A, TITLE I—OMNIBUS APPROPRIATIONS, section 101(e) of the Omnibus Consolidated Appropriations Act, 1997, Public Law 104-208) under the heading "SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMS" shall also be available for title IV-A-2 of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act: *Provided*, That, of the funds under these headings in that Act available July 1, 1997, through September 30, 1998, \$25,000,000 shall instead be available October 1, 1996, through September 30, 1997.

The joint resolution was ordered to be engrossed and read a third time, was read the third time, and passed, and a motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. LIVINGSTON. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks on the joint resolution just passed, and that I may include tabular and extraneous material.

The SPEAKER. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Louisiana?

There was no objection.

ELECTION OF MEMBERS TO CERTAIN STANDING COMMITTEES OF THE HOUSE

Mr. LIVINGSTON. Mr. Speaker, by direction of the Republican Conference, I offer a privileged resolution (H. Res. 25) and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 25

Resolved, That the following named Members be, and they are hereby, elected to the following standing committees:

Committee on Science: Mr. Sensenbrenner, Chairman.

Committee on Small Business: Mr. Talent, Chairman.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Mr. Stump, Chairman.

The resolution was agreed to. A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

APPOINTMENT OF TEMPORARY CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER OF HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The SPEAKER. Pursuant to the provisions of section 208(a) of the Legislative Reorganization Act of 1946 (2 U.S.C. 75a-1(a)), the Chair appoints Jeff Trandahl of Virginia to act as and to exercise temporarily the duties of Chief Administrative Officer of the House of Representatives.

Mr. Trandahl appeared at the bar of the House and took the oath of office, as follows:

Do you solemnly swear that you will support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that you will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; that you take this obligation freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion, and that you will well and faithfully discharge the duties of the office on which you are about to enter. So help you God.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE

The SPEAKER laid before the House the following communication from the Clerk of the House of Representatives:

U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, January 7, 1997.

Hon. Newt Gingrich,
The Speaker, U.S. House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: Under Clause 4 of Rule III of the Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives, I herewith designate Ms. Linda Nave, Deputy Clerk, to sign any and all papers and do all other acts for me under the name of the Clerk of the House which she would be authorized to do by virtue of this designation, except such as are provided by statute, in case of my temporary absence or disability.

This designation shall remain in effect for the 105th Congress or until modified by me.
Sincerely yours,

ROBIN H. CARLE,
Clerk.

APPOINTMENT AS TELLERS ON THE PART OF THE HOUSE TO COUNT ELECTORAL VOTES

The SPEAKER. Pursuant to the provisions of Senate Concurrent Resolution 1, 105th Congress, the Chair appoints as tellers on the part of the House to count the electoral votes the gentleman from California (Mr. THOMAS) and the gentleman from Connecticut (Mr. GEJDENSON).

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER

The SPEAKER. The Chair desires to make a statement.

The Chair desires to defer unanimous-consent requests and 1-minute speeches until after the formal ceremony of the day, which is the counting of electoral votes for President and Vice President.

RECESS

The SPEAKER. Pursuant to clause 12 of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess until approximately 12:55.

Accordingly (at 12 o'clock and 9 minutes p.m.) the House stood in recess until approximately 12:55 p.m.

□ 1259

AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker at 12 o'clock and 59 minutes p.m.

COUNTING ELECTORAL VOTES—JOINT SESSION OF THE HOUSE AND SENATE HELD PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 1

At 1 p.m., the Assistant Sergeant at Arms, George Awkward, announced the Vice President and the Senate of the United States.

The Senate entered the Hall of the House of Representatives, headed by the Vice President and the Secretary of the Senate, the Members and officers of the House rising to receive them.

The Vice President took his seat as the Presiding Officer of the joint convention of the two Houses, the Speaker of the House occupying the chair on his left.

The joint session was called to order by the Vice President.

The VICE PRESIDENT. Mr. Speaker and Members of Congress, the Senate and the House of Representatives, pursuant to the requirements of the Constitution and the laws of the United States, are meeting in joint session for the purpose of opening the certificates and ascertaining and counting the

votes of the electors of the several States for President and Vice President.

Under well-established precedents, unless a motion shall be made in any case, the reading of the formal portions of the certificates will be dispensed with. After ascertainment has been had that the certificates are authentic and correct in form, the tellers will count and make a list of the votes cast by the electors of the several States.

The tellers on the part of the two Houses will take their places at the Clerk's desk.

The Chair hands to the tellers the certificates of the electors for President and Vice President of the State of Alabama, and they will count and make a list of the votes cast by that State.

The tellers, Mr. WARNER and Mr. FORD on the part of the Senate, and Mr. THOMAS and Mr. GEJDENSON on the part of the House, took their places at the desk.

Senator WARNER (one of the tellers). Mr. President, the certificate of the electoral vote of the State of Alabama seems to be regular in form and authentic, and it appears therefrom that Bob Dole of the State of Kansas received 9 votes for President, and Jack Kemp of the State of Maryland received 9 votes for Vice President.

The VICE PRESIDENT. If there is no objection, the Chair will omit in the further procedure the formal statement just made, and we will open the certificates in alphabetical order and pass to the tellers the certificates showing the votes of the electors in each State; and the tellers will then read, count and announce the result in each State as was done with respect to the State of Alabama.

Is there objection?

The Chair hears no objection.

There was no objection.

The tellers then proceeded to read, count, and announce, as was done in the case of the State of Alabama, the electoral votes of the several States in alphabetical order.

□ 1315

The VICE PRESIDENT. Gentlemen and gentlewomen of the Congress, the certificates of all the States have now been opened and read, and the tellers will make final ascertainment of the result and deliver the same to the President of the Senate.

The tellers delivered to the President of the Senate the following statement of the results:

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	Amount	Winner
Alabama	9	Dole/Kemp
Alaska	3	Dole/Kemp
Arizona	8	Clinton/Gore
Arkansas	6	Clinton/Gore
California	54	Clinton/Gore
Colorado	8	Dole/Kemp
Connecticut	8	Clinton/Gore
Delaware	3	Clinton/Gore
District of Columbia	3	Clinton/Gore
Florida	25	Clinton/Gore

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	Amount	Winner
Georgia	13	Dole/Kemp
Hawaii	4	Clinton/Gore
Idaho	4	Dole/Kemp
Illinois	22	Clinton/Gore
Indiana	12	Dole/Kemp
Iowa	7	Clinton/Gore
Kansas	6	Dole/Kemp
Kentucky	8	Clinton/Gore
Louisiana	9	Clinton/Gore
Maine	4	Clinton/Gore
Maryland	10	Clinton/Gore
Massachusetts	12	Clinton/Gore
Michigan	18	Clinton/Gore
Minnesota	10	Clinton/Gore
Mississippi	7	Dole/Kemp
Missouri	11	Clinton/Gore
Montana	3	Dole/Kemp
Nebraska	5	Dole/Kemp
Nevada	4	Clinton/Gore
New Hampshire	4	Clinton/Gore
New Jersey	15	Clinton/Gore
New Mexico	5	Clinton/Gore
New York	33	Clinton/Gore
North Carolina	14	Dole/Kemp
North Dakota	3	Dole/Kemp
Ohio	21	Clinton/Gore
Oklahoma	8	Dole/Kemp
Oregon	7	Clinton/Gore
Pennsylvania	23	Clinton/Gore
Rhode Island	4	Clinton/Gore
South Carolina	8	Dole/Kemp
South Dakota	3	Dole/Kemp
Tennessee	11	Clinton/Gore
Texas	32	Dole/Kemp
Utah	5	Dole/Kemp
Vermont	3	Clinton/Gore
Virginia	13	Dole/Kemp
Washington	11	Clinton/Gore
West Virginia	5	Clinton/Gore
Wisconsin	11	Clinton/Gore
Wyoming	3	Dole/Kemp
Total	538	
Clinton/Gore	379	
Dole/Kemp	159	

The VICE PRESIDENT. The state of the vote for President of the United States, as delivered to the President of the Senate, is as follows:

The whole number of electors appointed to vote for President of the United States is 538, of which a majority is 270.

Bill Clinton, of the State of Arkansas, has received for President of the United States 379 votes.

Bob Dole, of the State of Kansas, has received 159 votes.

The state of the vote for Vice President of the United States, as delivered to the President of the Senate, is as follows:

The whole number of electors appointed to vote for Vice President of the United States is 538, of which a majority is 270.

AL GORE, of the State of Tennessee, has received for Vice President of the United States 379 votes.

Jack Kemp, of the State of Maryland, has received 159 votes.

This announcement shall be deemed a sufficient declaration of the persons elected President and Vice President of the United States, each for the term beginning on the 20th day of January 1997, and shall be entered, together with a list of the votes, on the Journals of the Senate and House of Representatives.

Members of the Congress, the purpose for which the joint session of the two Houses of Congress has been called having been accomplished, pursuant to Senate Concurrent Resolution 1, 105th Congress, the Chair declares the joint session dissolved.

(Thereupon, at 1 o'clock and 24 minutes p.m., the joint session of the two Houses of Congress was dissolved.)

□ 1328

The House was called to order by the Speaker.

The SPEAKER. Pursuant to Senate Concurrent Resolution 1, 105th Congress, the Chair directs that the electoral vote will be spread at large upon the Journal.

RECESS

The SPEAKER. Pursuant to clause 12 of rule I, the House will stand in recess until 1:45 p.m.

Accordingly (at 1 o'clock and 28 minutes p.m.) the House stood in recess until 1:45 p.m.

□ 1345

AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore. [Mr. LIVINGSTON] at 1 o'clock and 45 minutes p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF INTENTION TO OFFER A RESOLUTION RAISING A QUESTION OF PRIVILEGES OF THE HOUSE

Mr. MILLER of California. Pursuant to clause 2 of rule IX, I hereby give notice of my intention to offer a resolution which raises a question of privileges of the House. The form of the resolution is as follows:

Be it resolved that the Select Committee on Ethics should complete its final report concerning Representative NEWT GINGRICH, and release that report to the public, before the House of Representatives considers a disciplinary resolution concerning the matter.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under rule IX, a resolution offered from the floor by a Member other than the majority leader or the minority leader as a question of the privileges of the House has immediate precedence only at a time or place designated by the Chair in the legislative schedule within 2 legislative days its being properly noticed. That designation will be announced at a later time. In the meantime, the form of the resolution noticed by the gentleman from California [Mr. MILLER] will appear in the RECORD at this point.

The Chair is not at this point making a determination as to whether the resolution constitutes a question of privilege. That determination will be made at the time designated for the consideration of the resolution.

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Mr. MILLER of California. Mr. Speaker, pursuant to clause 2 of rule IX, I hereby give notice of my intention to offer a resolution which raises a question of the privileges of the House. The form of the resolution is as follows: