The House was called to order by the SPEAKER.

**§87.1 APPROVAL OF THE JOURNAL**

The SPEAKER announced he had examined and approved the journal of the proceedings of Thursday, July 24, 1997. Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the journal was approved.

**§87.2 COMMUNICATIONS**

Executive and other communications, pursuant to clause 2, rule XXIV, were referred as follows:

4346. A letter from the Director, Defense Security Assistance Agency, transmitting the Department of the Air Force's proposed lease of defense articles to Turkey (Transmittal No. 22-97), pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2796a(a); to the Committee on International Relations.

4347. A letter from the Director, Defense Security Assistance Agency, transmitting the Department of the Air Force's proposed lease of defense articles to Greece (Transmittal No. 23-97), pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2796a(a); to the Committee on International Relations.

4348. A letter from the Director, Defense Security Assistance Agency, transmitting the Department of the Air Force's proposed lease of defense articles to Turkey (Transmittal No. 24-97), pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2796a(a); to the Committee on International Relations.

4349. A letter from the Director, Defense Security Assistance Agency, transmitting the Department of the Air Force's proposed lease of defense articles to Turkey (Transmittal No. 25-97), pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2796a(a); to the Committee on International Relations.

4350. A letter from the Director, Defense Security Assistance Agency, transmitting the Department of the Air Force's proposed lease of defense articles to Greece (Transmittal No. 15-97), pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2796a(a); to the Committee on International Relations.

4351. A letter from the Director, Defense Security Assistance Agency, transmitting the Department of the Air Force's proposed lease of defense articles to Greece (Transmittal No. 14-97), pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2796a(a); to the Committee on International Relations.

4352. A letter from the Director, Defense Security Assistance Agency, transmitting the Department of the Air Force's proposed lease of defense articles to Greece (Transmittal No. 13-97), pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2796a(a); to the Committee on International Relations.

4353. A letter from the Director, Defense Security Assistance Agency, transmitting the Department of the Air Force's proposed lease of defense articles to Greece (Transmittal No. 12-97), pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2796a(a); to the Committee on International Relations.

4354. A letter from the Director, Defense Security Assistance Agency, transmitting notification concerning the Department of the Army's proposed Letter(s) of Offer and Acceptance (LOA) to the United Arab Emirates for defense articles and services (Transmittal No. 97-28), pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2776(b); to the Committee on International Relations.

4355. A letter from the Administrator, National Aeronautics and Space Administration, transmitting a draft of proposed legislation to authorize appropriations to the National Aeronautics and Space Administration for human space flight, science, aeronautics, and technology, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 302 and 308 of the Continuing Appropriations Act, 1998, jointly to the Committees on Science, Space, and Technology, and Commerce.

4356. A letter from the Director, Defense Security Assistance Agency, transmitting notification concerning the Department of the Army's proposed Letter(s) of Offer and Acceptance (LOA) to the Taipei Economic and Cultural Representative Office in the United States for defense articles and services (Transmittal No. 21-97), pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2776(b); to the Committee on International Relations.

4357. A letter from the Director, Defense Security Assistance Agency, transmitting notification concerning the Department of the Army's proposed Letter(s) of Offer and Acceptance (LOA) to Turkey for defense articles and services (Transmittal No. 97-31), pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2776(b); to the Committee on International Relations.

4358. A letter from the Secretary of Defense, transmitting a semi-annual report of Program Activities to Facilitate Weapons Destruction and Nonproliferation in the Former Soviet Union, April 1, 1996 through September 30, 1996, pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 5956; to the Committee on International Relations.

4359. A letter from the Director, Office of Public/Private Initiatives, International Trade Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule—International Buyer Program (formerly known as the Foreign Buyer Program); Support for Domestic Trade Shows (Docket No. 970726-1762-01) received July 7, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 803(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on International Relations.

4360. A letter from the Mayor, District of Columbia, transmitting the actuary's review of benefits for District fire officers and firefighters retirement programs, pursuant to D.C. Code section 1-722(d)(1); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

4361. A letter from the Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule—Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska, Pacific Ocean Perch in the Central Regulatory Region (Docket No. 96126334-7025-02; I.D. 070397F) received July 23, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 803(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

4362. A letter from the Assistant Attorney General, Department of Justice, transmitting a draft of proposed legislation making technical amendments to the Immigration and Nationality Act, to comply with section 302 or 308 of the Continuing Appropriations Act, 1998, jointly to the Committees on Ways and Means and Commerce.

4363. A letter from the General Counsel of the Department of Defense and Assistant Attorney General, Department of Justice, transmitting a report of the Advisory Committee on Criminal Law Jurisdiction over Civilians Accompanying the Armed Forces in Time of Armed Conflict to the Committee on National Security and the Judiciary.

4364. A letter from the Secretary of Transportation, transmitting the Department's report entitled “Maritime Terrorism: A Report to Congress,” for Calendar Year 1996, pursuant to 46 U.S.C. app. 1802; jointly to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

4365. A letter from the Administrator, National Aeronautics and Space Administration, transmitting, pursuant to clause 2, rule XXIV, an examination and approval of the Journal of the House.

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