

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair desires to announce that pursuant to clause 4 of rule I, the Speaker signed the following enrolled bills on Wednesday, October 2, 1996:

H.R. 2297, to codify without substantive change laws related to transportation and to improve the United States Code;

H.R. 3005, to amend the Federal securities laws in order to promote efficiency and capital formation in the financial market, and to amend the Investment Company Act of 1940 to promote more efficient management of mutual funds, protect investors, and provide more effective and less burdensome regulation;

H.R. 3118, to amend title 38, United States Code, to reform eligibility for health care provided by the Department of Veterans Affairs, to authorize major medical facility construction projects for the Department, to improve administration of health care by the Department, and for other purposes;

H.R. 3159, to amend title 49, United States Code, to authorize appropriations for fiscal years 1997, 1998, and 1999 for the National Transportation Safety Board, and for other purposes; and

H.R. 3815, to make technical corrections and miscellaneous amendments to trade laws.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A message from the Senate by Mr. Lundregan, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate agrees to the report of the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 3539) "An act to amend title 49, United States Code, to reauthorize programs of the Federal Aviation Administration, and for other purposes."

The message also announced that the Senate agrees to the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 3723) "An act to amend title 18, United States Code, to protect proprietary economic information, and for other purposes."

PRINTING OF GENERAL TABLE OF CONTENTS ON H.R. 3610, OMNIBUS CONSOLIDATED APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 1997

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, and on behalf of the Committee on Appropriations, the Chair will submit for separate printing a general table of contents to accompany the conference report on the bill H.R. 3610, the Omnibus Consolidated Appropriations Act, 1997.

There was no objection.

DIVISION A—[APPROPRIATIONS AND OFFSETS]

TITLE I—OMNIBUS APPROPRIATIONS

Sec. 101(a). Departments of Commerce, Justice, and State, the Judiciary, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 1997:

- Title I—Department of Justice
- Title II—Department of Commerce and Related Agencies
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- Title IV—Department of State and Related Agencies
- Title V—Related Agencies
- Title VI—General Provisions
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- Title VIII—Fiscal Year 1996 Supplemental and Rescission—Department of Justice
- Title IX—Supplemental Appropriations—Department of Commerce

Sec. 101(b). Department of Defense Appropriations Act, 1997:

- Title I—Military Personnel
- Title II—Operation and Maintenance
- Title III—Procurement
- Title IV—Research, Development, Test and Evaluation
- Title V—Revolving and Management Funds
- Title VI—Other Department of Defense Programs
- Title VII—Related Agencies
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- Title IX—Fiscal Year 1996 Supplemental Appropriations and Rescissions for Anti-Terrorism, Counter-Terrorism, and Security Enhancement Activities

Sec. 101(c). Foreign Operations, Export Financing, and Related Programs Appropriations Act, 1997 (together with NATO Enlargement Facilitation Act of 1996, and Bank for Economic Cooperation and Development in the Middle East and North Africa Act):

- Title I—Export and Investment Assistance
- Title II—Bilateral Economic Assistance
- Title III—Military Assistance
- Title IV—Multilateral Economic Assistance
- Title V—General Provisions
- Title VI—NATO Enlargement Facilitation Act of 1996
- Title VII—Middle East Development Bank

Sec. 101(d). Department of the Interior and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 1997:

- Title I—Department of the Interior
- Title II—Related Agencies
- Title III—General Provisions
- Title IV—Emergency Appropriations

Sec. 101(e). Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 1997 (including Student Loan Marketing Association Reorganization Act of 1996, and Museum and Library Services Act of 1996):

- Title I—Department of Labor
- Title II—Department of Health and Human Services
- Title III—Department of Education
- Title IV—Related Agencies
- Title V—General Provisions
- Title VI—Reorganization and Privatization of Sallie Mae and Connie Lee
- Title VII—Museum and Library Services Act of 1996

Sec. 101(f). Treasury, Postal Service, and General Government Appropriations Act, 1997 (including Federal Financial Management Improvement Act of 1996):

- Title I—Department of the Treasury
- Title II—Postal Service
- Title III—Executive Office of the President and Funds Appropriated to the President
- Title IV—Independent Agencies
- Title V—General Provisions—This Act
- Title VI—General Provisions—Departments, Agencies, and Corporations
- Title VII—Counter-Terrorism and Drug Law Enforcement
- Title VIII—Federal Financial Management Improvement

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Subtitle B—Streamlining Government Regulation

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Chapter 2—Eliminating Unnecessary Regulatory Burdens

Chapter 3—Regulatory Micromanagement Relief

Subtitle C—Regulatory Impact on Cost of Credit and Credit Availability

Subtitle D—Consumer Credit

Chapter 1—Credit Reporting Reform

Chapter 2—Credit Repair Organizations

Subtitle E—Asset Conservation, Lender Liability, and Deposit Insurance Protection

Subtitle F—Miscellaneous

Subtitle G—Deposit Insurance Funds

TITLE III—SPECTRUM ALLOCATION PROVISIONS

Sec. 3001. Competitive Bidding for Spectrum.

TITLE IV—ADJUSTMENT OF PAYGO BALANCES

Sec. 4001. Adjustment of Paygo Balances.

TITLE V—ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS

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Subtitle A—Enhanced Enforcement and Penalties Against Alien Smuggling

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TITLE III—INSPECTION, APPREHENSION, DETENTION, ADJUDICATION, AND REMOVAL OF INADMISSIBLE AND DEPORTABLE ALIENS

Subtitle A—Revision of Procedures for Removal of Aliens

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TITLE I—CALIFORNIA BAY-DELTA ENVIRONMENTAL ENHANCEMENT AND WATER SECURITY ACT

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE

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

OFFICE OF THE CLERK,
U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, October 3, 1996.

Hon. NEWT GINGRICH,
The Speaker, House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: Pursuant to the permission granted in Clause 5 of rule III of the Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives, I have the honor to transmit a sealed envelope received from the White House on October 2, 1996 at 6:00 p.m. and said to contain a message from the President whereby he returns without his approval, H.R. 2909, the "Silvio O. Conte National Fish and Wildlife Refuge Eminent Domain Prevention Act."

With warm regards,

ROBIN H. CARLE,
Clerk, U.S. House of Representatives.

SILVIO O. CONTE NATIONAL FISH AND WILDLIFE REFUGE EMINENT DOMAIN PREVENTION ACT—VETO MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES (H. DOC. NO. 104-271)

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following veto message from the President of the United States:

To the House of Representatives:

I am returning herewith without my approval H.R. 2909, the "Silvio O. Conte National Fish and Wildlife Refuge Eminent Domain Prevention Act."

This bill would prohibit the use of eminent domain authority for the protection of the public's fish and wildlife resources at portions of the Silvio O. Conte National Fish and Wildlife Refuge in the States of New Hampshire and Vermont. Because it is unnecessary and would undermine important governmental interests, I cannot support it.

First, the Conte Refuge poses no threat to property owners. Located along the Connecticut River in the States of Connecticut, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, and Vermont, it represents an entirely new kind of national wildlife refuge. Rather than relying on the traditional approach of acquiring large tracts of land, the comprehensive plan for the Conte Refuge provides that only small amounts will come into Federal ownership—a total of only 1,200 acres in New Hampshire and Vermont, along with conservation easements for an additional 760 acres. Instead of Federal land acquisition, the main emphasis for the Refuge will be on restoring the Connecticut River watershed through voluntary partnerships, cooperative agreements, and environmental education. The Fish and Wildlife Service has no intention of using its eminent domain authority.

Second, this bill would undermine a constitutionally bestowed authority of the Federal Government by prohibiting the use of eminent domain for fish and wildlife conservation. The truth is that the Fish and Wildlife Service almost never uses eminent domain for wildlife conservation purposes—on a nationwide basis, since 1989, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has only used its eminent domain power with the consent of the owner to settle price or title differences. Still, eminent domain remains an important tool of last resort, to protect the public's interest in fish and wildlife resources should unforeseen circumstances arise.

Private property is a fundamental American right and value. But this bill is unnecessary and would erode a constitutional authority that has served the public interest for over 200 years. As stated during debate on this bill in the House of Representatives, H.R. 2909 is a solution in search of a problem.

WILLIAM J. CLINTON.

THE WHITE HOUSE, October 2, 1996.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The objections of the President will be spread

at large upon the Journal, and the veto message and bill will be printed as a House document.

Mr. SOLOMON. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the veto message of the President, together with the accompanying bill, H.R. 2909, be referred to the Committee on Resources.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from New York?

There was no objection.

CALENDAR YEAR REPORTS PREPARED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION—MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following message from the President of the United States; which was read and, together with the accompanying papers, without objection, referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure and the Committee on Commerce:

To the Congress of the United States:

I transmit herewith the 1995 calendar year reports as prepared by the Department of Transportation on activities under the Highway Safety Act, the National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act of 1966, and the Motor Vehicle Information and Cost Savings Act of 1972, as amended.

WILLIAM J. CLINTON.

THE WHITE HOUSE, October 3, 1996.

SPECIAL ORDERS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of May 12, 1995, and under a previous order of the House, the following Members will be recognized for 5 minutes each.

CONCERN EXPRESSED OVER USE OF MILITARY PERSONNEL FOR POLITICAL PURPOSES

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Colorado [Mrs. SCHROEDER] is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mrs. SCHROEDER. Mr. Speaker, yesterday I took this House floor and talked about my concern about military personnel staffing in the Speaker's office and how I felt it ran afoul of House rules. House rules are very clear about who can be allowed to be a fellow, who can be a detailee, or who can be a volunteer. Obviously my real fight is with the Defense Department. Today I will be firing off another letter to Secretary Perry who has been playing games with me for about 6 months claiming, "Well, she's leaving town, so if we just wait long enough, this will go away."

What I want to say to Secretary Perry is every way I read your very own staffing document, all gazillion pages of it, this is also in violation of here. They claim the people in the Speaker's office were assigned to the