following resignation as a member of the Joint Economic Committee:

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES, House of Representatives. Washington, DC, March 7, 1996.

Hon. NEWT GINGRICH.

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

MR. Speaker: This letter constitutes my official resignation from the Joint Economic Committee.

Sincerely,

DAVID R. OBEY, Member of Congress.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the resignation is accepted.

There was no objection.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, and pursuant to the provisions of 15 United States Code 1024(a), the Chair announces the Speaker's appointment to the Joint Economic Committee of the following Members of the House:

Mr. HINCHEY of New York and Mrs. Maloney of New York. There was no objection.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT) for today, on account of a death in the family.

Mr. MYERS of Indiana (at the request of Mr. ARMEY) for today, on account of illness in the family.

SPECIAL ORDERS GRANTED

By unanimous consent, permission to address the House, following the legislative program and any special orders heretofore entered, was granted to:

(The following Members (at the request of Mrs. MALONEY) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mrs. MALONEY, for 5 minutes, today. Ms. KAPTUR, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. LEWIS of Georgia, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. Browder, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. FALEOMAVAEGA, for 5 minutes, today.

Mrs. SCHROEDER, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. GEJDENSON, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. Towns, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. ESHOO, for 5 minutes, today.

Mrs. CLAYTON, for 5 minutes, today. (The following Members (at the re-

quest of Mr. Cox of California) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. CHRISTENSEN, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. Hansen, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. RIGGS, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. GEKAS, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. Cox of California, for 5 minutes, today.

EXTENSION OF REMARKS

By unanimous consent, permission to revise and extend remarks was granted to:

(The following Members (at the request of Mrs. MALONEY) and to include extraneous matter:)

Mr. Rangel.

Mr. Borski.

Mr. Andrews.

Mr. Abercrombie.

Mr. Poshard.

Mr. KILDEE.

Mr. de la Garza.

Mr. Towns in two instances.

Mr. MARTINEZ.

Mr. LAFALCE.

Mr. MENENDEZ in two instances.

Mr. Waxman.

Mr. DEUTSCH.

Mr. STARK. Mrs. Maloney.

Mr. Lantos.

Mr. Pomeroy.

Mr. Coyne.

Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota.

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. Cox of California) and to include extraneous matter:).

Mr. Portman.

Mr. GINGRICH.

Mr. Norwood.

Mr. GOODLING, in two instances.

Mr. COLLINS of Georgia.

Mr. Christensen.

(The following Member (at the request of Mr. HORN) and to include extraneous matter:)

Mr. UNDERWOOD.

ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

Mr. THOMAS, from the Committee on House Oversight, reported that that committee had examined and found truly enrolled bills of the House of the following titles, which were thereupon signed by the Speaker:

H.R. 2778. An act to provide that members of the Armed Forces performing services for the peacekeeping efforts in Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, and Macedonia shall be entitled to tax benefits in the same manner as if such services were performed in a combat zone, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3021. An act to guarantee the continuing full investment of Social Security and other funds in obligations of the United States.

BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS APPROVED PRIOR TO SINE DIE ADJOURNMENT OF THE FIRST THE 104TH CON-SESSION OF

The President notified the Clerk of the House that, prior to the sine die adjournment of the first session of the 104th Congress, he approved and signed on the following dates bills and joint resolutions of the House of the following titles:

April 10, 1995:

H.R. 889. An act making emergency supplemental appropriations and recissions to preserve and enhance the military readiness of the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1995, and for other pur-

April 11, 1995:

H.R. 831. An act to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to permanently extend the deduction for the health insurance costs of self-employed individuals, to repeal the provision permitting nonrecognition of gain on sales and exchanges effectuating policies of the Federal Communications Commission, and for other purposes.

April 17, 1995:

H.R. 1345. An act to eliminate budget deficits and management inefficiencies in the government of the District of Columbia through the establishment of the District of Columbia Financial Responsibility and Management Assistance Authority, and for other purposes.

May 18, 1995

H.R 421. An act to amend the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act to provide for the purchase of common stock of Cook Inlet Region, and for other purposes.

H.R. 517. An act to amend title V of Public Law 96-550, designating the Chaco Culture Archeological Protection Sites, and for other

purposes.

H.R. 1380. An act to provide a moratorium on certain class action lawsuits relating to the Truth in Lending Act.

June 3, 1995:

H.R. 1421. An act to provide that references in the statutes of the United States to any committee or officer of the House of Representatives the name or jurisdiction of which was changed as part of the reorganization of the House of Representatives at the beginning of the One Hundred Fourth Congress shall be treated as referring to the currently applicable committee or officer of the House of Representatives.

July 7, 1995:

H.R. 483. An act to amend the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1990 to permit Medicare select policies to be offered in all States.

July 27, 1995:

H.R. 1944. An act making emergency supplemental appropriations for additional disaster assistance, for anti-terrorism initiatives, for assistance in the recovery from the tragedy that occurred at Oklahoma City, and making rescissions for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1995, and for other purposes. August 4, 1995:

H.R. 2017. An act to authorize an increased Federal share of the costs of certain projects in the District of Columbia for fiscal years 1995 and 1996, and for other purposes.

August 14, 1995:

H.R. 2161. An act to extend authorities under the Middle East Peace Facilitation Act of 1994 until October 1, 1995, and for other purposes.

September 6, 1995:

H.R. 535. An act to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey the Corning National Fish Hatchery to the State of Arkansas.

H.R. 584. An act to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey a fish hatchery to the State of Iowa.

September 6, 1995:

H.R. 614. An act to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey to the State of Minnesota the New London National Fish Hatchery production facility.

H.R. 1225. An act to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to exempt employees who perform certain court reporting duties from the compensatory time requirements applicable to certain public agencies, and for

other purposes.
H.R. 2077. An act to designate the United States Post Office building located at 33 College Avenue in Waterville, Maine, as the George J. Mitchell Post Office Building'

H.R. 2108. An act to permit the Washington Convention Center Authority to expend revenues for the operation and maintenance of the existing Washington Convention Center and for preconstruction activities relating to a new convention center in the District of

Columbia, to permit a designated authority of the District of Columbia to borrow funds for the preconstruction activities relating to a sports arena in the District of Columbia and to permit certain revenues to be pledged as security for the borrowing of such funds, and for other purposes.

September 30, 1995:

H.J. Res. 108. Joint resolution making continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 1996, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2399. An act to amend the Truth in Lending Act to clarify the intent of such Act and to reduce burdensome regulatory requirements on creditors.

H.R. 2404. An act to extend authorities under the Middle East Peace Facilitation Act of 1994 until November 1, 1995, and for other purposes.

October 3, 1995:

H.R. 1817. An act making appropriations for military construction, family housing, and base realignment and closure for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1996, and for other purposes.

October 12, 1995:

H.R. 2288. An act to amend part D of title IV of the Social Security Act to extend for 2 years the deadline by which States are required to have in effect an automated data processing and information retrieval system for use in the administration of State plans for child and spousal support.

October 21, 1995:

H.R. 1976. An act making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1996, and for other purposes.

November 2, 1995:

H.R. 402. An act to amend the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act, and for other purposes.

November 3, 1995:

H.R. 716. An act to amend the Fishermen's Protective Act.

H.R. 1026. An act to designate the United States Post Office building located at 201 East Pikes Peak Avenue in Colorado Springs, Colorado, as the "Winfield Scott Stratton Post Office".

November 13, 1995:

H.R. 1905. An act making appropriations for energy and water development for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1996, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2589. An act to extend authorities under the Middle East Peace Facilitation Act of 1994 until December 31, 1995, and for other purposes.

November 15, 1995:

H.R. 1103. An act to amend the Perishable Agricultural Commodities Act, 1930, to modernize, streamline, and strengthen the operation of the act.

November 15, 1995:

H.R. 1715. An act respecting the relationship between workers' compensation benefits and the benefits available under the Migrant and Seasonal Agricultural Worker Protection Act.

H.R. 2002. An act making appropriations for the Department of Transportation and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1996, and for other purposes.

November 19, 1995:

H.J. Res. 123. Joint resolution making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 1996, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2020. An act making appropriations for the Treasury Department, the United States Postal Service, the Executive Office of the President, and certain Independent Agencies, for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1996, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2492. An act making appropriations for the Legislative Branch for the fiscal year

ending September 30, 1996, and for other purposes.

November 20, 1995:

H.J. Res. 122. Joint resolution making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 1996, and for other purposes.

H.R. 436. An act to require the head of any Federal agency to differentiate between fats, oils, and greases of animal, marine, or vegetable origin, and other oils and greases, in issuing certain regulations, and for other purposes.

November 22, 1995:

H.R. 2394. An act to increase, effective as of December 1, 1995, the rates of compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and the rates of dependency and indemnity compensation for the survivors of certain disabled veterans.

December 8, 1995:

H.R. 2519. An act to facilitate contributions to charitable organizations by codifying certain exemptions from the Federal securities laws, and for other purposes.

December 8, 1995:

H.R. 2525. An act to modify the operation of the antitrust laws, and of State laws similar to the antitrust laws, with respect to charitable gift annuities.

December 18, 1995:

H.R. 2204. An act to extend and reauthorize the Defense Production act of 1950, and for other purposes.

December 22, 1995:

H.J. Res. 136. Joint resolution making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 1996, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2481. An act to designate the Federal Traingle Project under construction at 14th Street and Pennsylvania Avenue, Northwest, in the District of Columbia, as the "Ronald Reagan Building and International Trade Center".

December 23, 1995:

H.R. 325. An act to amend the Clean Air Act to provide for an optional provision for the reduction of work-related vehicle trips and miles traveled in ozone nonattainment areas designated as severe, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1240. An act to combat crime by enhancing the penalties for certain sexual crimes against children.

December 26, 1995:

H.R. 1747. An act to amend the Public Health Service Act to permanently extend and clarify malpractice coverage for health centers, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2336. An act to amend the Doug Barnard, Jr.—1996 Atlanta Centennial Olympic Games Commemorative Coin Act, and for other purposes.

December 28, 1995:

H.J. Res. 69. Joint resolution providing for the reappointment of Homer Alfred Neal as a citizen regent of the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution.

December 28, 1995:

H.J. Res. 110. Joint resolution providing for the appointment of Howard H. Baker, Jr. as a citizen regent of the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution.

H.J. Res. 111. Joint resolution providing for the appointment of Anne D'Harnoncourt as a citizen regent of the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution.

H.J. Res. 112. Joint resolution providing for the appointment of Louis Gerstner as a citizen regent of the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution.

H.R. 395. An act to designate the United States courthouse and Federal building to be constructed at the southeastern corner of Liberty and South Virginia Streets in Reno, Nevada, as the "Bruce R. Thompson United States Courthouse and Federal Building".

H.R. 660. An act to amend the Fair Housing Act to modify the exemption from certain

familial status discrimination prohibitions granted to housing for older persons.

H.R. 965. An act to designate the Federal building located at 600 Martin Luther King, Jr. Place in Louisville, Kentucky, as the "Romano L. Mazzoli Federal Building".

H.R. 1253. An act to rename the San Francisco Bay National Wildlife Refuge as the Don Edwards San Francisco Bay National Wildlife Refuge.

H.R. 2527. An act to amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to improve the electoral process by permitting electronic filing and preservation of Federal Election Commission reports, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2547. An act to designate the United States courthouse located at 800 Market Street in Knoxville, Tennessee, as the "Howard H. Baker, Jr. United States Courthouse".

December 29, 1995:

H.R. 1878. An act to extend for 4 years the period of applicability of enrollment mix requirement to certain health maintenance organizations providing services under Dayton Area Health Plan.

H.R. 2539. An act to abolish the Interstate Commerce Commission, to amend subtitle IV of title 49, United States Code, to reform economic regulation of transportation, and for other purposes.

SENATE BILLS APPROVED PRIOR TO SINE DIE ADJOURNMENT OF THE FIRST SESSION OF THE 104TH CONGRESS

The President notified the Clerk of the House that, prior to the sine die adjournment of the first session of the 104th Congress, he approved and signed on the following dates bills of the Senate of the following titles:

January 23, 1995:

S. 2. An act to make certain laws applicable to the legislative branch of the Federal Government.

February 9, 1995:

S. 273. An act to amend section 61h-6 of title 2, United States Code.

March 7, 1995:

S. 257. An act to amend the charter of the Veterans of Foreign Wars to make eligible for membership those veterans that have served within the territorial limits of South Korea.

March 22, 1995:

S. 1. An act to curb the practice of imposing unfunded Federal mandates on States and local governments; to strengthen the partnership between the Federal Government and State, local and tribal governments; to end the imposition, in the absence of full consideration by Congress, of Federal mandates on State, local, and tribal governments without adequate funding, in a manner that may displace other essential governmental priorities; and to ensure that the Federal Government pays the costs incurred by those governments in complying with certain requirements under Federal statutes and regulations; and for other purposes.

March 23, 1995:

S. 377. An act to amend a provision of part A of title IX of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965, relating to Indian education, to provide a technical amendment, and for other purposes.

April 21, 1995:

S. 178. An act to amend the Commodity Exchange Act to extend the authorization for the Commodity Futures Trading Commission, and for other purposes.

May 22, 1995:

S. 244. An act to further the goals of the Paperwork Reduction Act to have Federal