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The House met at 12 noon.

The Chaplain, Rev. James David Ford, D.D., offered the following prayer:

We pray for Your blessing, gracious God, in all the moments of life from the morning light to eventide, from the rush of activity that greets each day to the quiet and solitude when work is over and time is past. Our petitions reach out to You, O God, from the early instants of life through all the encounters of daily living until we rest from our labors and the burdens of life are over. As we contemplate the opportunities that are before us, we pray that Your benediction will ever be with us, Your counsel will lead us in the right path, and Your grace will be sufficient for our every need. In Your name, we pray. Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER. Will the gentleman from Mississippi [Mr. MONTGOMERY] come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. MONTGOMERY led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A message from the Senate by Ms. McDevitt, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate had passed with

amendments bills of the House of the following titles in which concurrence of the House is requested:

H.R. 2428. An act to encourage the donation of food and grocery products to non-profit organizations for distribution to needy individuals by giving the Model Good Samaritan Food Donation Act the full force and effect of law; and

H.R. 3269. An act to amend the Impact Aid program to provide for a hold-harmless with respect to amounts for payments relating to the Federal acquisition of real property, and for other purposes.

The message further announced that the Senate agrees to the report of the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendments of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 3754) "An act making appropriations for the Legislative Branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1997, and for other purposes."

The message also announced that the Senate has passed bills and concurrent resolutions of the following titles in which the concurrence of the House is requested:

S. 1130. An act to provide for the establishment of uniform accounting systems, standards, and reporting systems in the Federal Government, and for other purposes;

S. 1559. An act to make technical corrections to title 11, United States Code, and for other purposes;

S. 1662. An act to establish areas of wilderness and recreation in the State of Oregon, and for other purposes;

S. 1735. An act to establish the United States Tourism Organization as a non-governmental entity for the purpose of promoting tourism in the United States.

S. 1834. An act to reauthorize the Indian Environmental General Assistance Program Act of 1992, and for other purposes;

S. 1873. An act to amend the National Environmental Education Act to extend the programs under the Act, and for other purposes;

S. 1931. An act to provide that the United States Post Office and Courthouse building located at 9 East Broad Street, Cookeville, Tennessee, shall be known and designated as the "L. Clure Morton United States Post Office and Courthouse";

S. Con. Res. 52. Concurrent resolution to recognize and encourage the convening of a National Silver Haired Congress;

S. Con. Res. 68. Concurrent resolution to correct technical errors in the enrollment of the bill, H.R. 3103; and

S. Con. Res. 70. Concurrent resolution to correct technical errors in the enrollment of the bill, H.R. 1975.

The message also announced that pursuant to Public Law 104-132, the Chair, on behalf of the minority leader, appoints Donald C. Dahlin, of South Dakota, as a member of the Commission on the Advancement of Federal Law Enforcement.

The message also announced that pursuant to Public Law 104-132, the Chair, on behalf of the President pro tempore, appoints Robert M. Stewart, of South Carolina, as a member of the Commission on the Advancement of Federal Law Enforcement.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE

The SPEAKER 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, August 5, 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, the Clerk received the following messages from the Secretary of the Senate on Monday, August 5, 1996 at 2:35 p.m.: that the Senate agreed to conference report S. 1316, that the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 1975, that the Senate agreed to conference report H.R. 3103, that the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 3139, that the Senate agreed to conference report H.R. 3448, that the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 3680, that the Senate passed without amendment

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H.R. 3834, that the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 3870, that the Senate passed without amendment H. Con. Res. 208.

With warm regards,

ROBIN H. CARLE,
Clerk.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER

The SPEAKER. The Chair desires to announce that pursuant to clause 4 of Rule I, the Speaker signed the following enrolled bills on Friday, August 2, 1996:

H.R. 782, to amend title 18 of the United States Code to allow members of employee associations to represent their views before the United States Government;

S. 1316, to reauthorize and amend title XIV of the Public Health Service Act (commonly known as the Safe Drinking Water Act), and for other purposes.

And Speaker pro tempore WOLF signed the following enrolled bills on Tuesday, August 6, 1996:

H.R. 1975, to improve the management of royalties from Federal and outer continental shelf oil and gas leases, and for other purposes;

H.R. 2739, to provide for a representational allowance for Members of the House of Representatives, to make technical and conforming changes to sundry provisions of law in consequence of administrative reforms in the House of Representatives, and for other purposes;

H.R. 3103, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to improve portability and continuity of health insurance coverage in the group and individual markets, to combat waste, fraud, and abuse in health insurance and health care delivery, to promote the use of medical saving accounts, to improve access to long-term care services and coverage, to simplify the administration of health insurance, and for other purposes;

H.R. 3139, to redesignate the United States Post Office building located at 245 Centereach Mall on Middle County Road in Centereach, New York, as the "Rosey Caracappa United States Post Office Building";

H.R. 3448, to provide tax relief for small business, to project jobs, to create opportunities, to increase the take home pay for workers, to amend the Portal-to-Portal Act of 1947 relating to the payment of wages to employees who use employer owned vehicles, and to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to increase the minimum wage rate and to prevent job loss by providing flexibility to employers in complying with minimum wage and overtime requirements under that act;

H.R. 3680, to amend title 18, United States Code, to carry out the international obligations of the United States under the Geneva conventions to provide criminal penalties for certain war crimes;

H.R. 3834, to redesignate the Dunning Post Office in Chicago, Illinois, as the "Roger P. McAuliffe Post Office."; and

H.R. 3870, to authorize the Agency for International Development to offer voluntary separation incentive payments to employees of that agency.

And the Speaker signed the following enrolled bill on Thursday, August 15, 1996:

H.R. 3734, to provide for reconciliation pursuant to section 201(a)(1) of the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 1997.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. WICKER) laid before the House the following communication from the Chief Administrative Officer of the House of Representatives:

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER,
U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, August 22, 1996.

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

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: This is to formally notify you pursuant to Rule L (50) of the Rules of the House that I have been served with a subpoena issued by the United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois.

After consultation with the General Counsel, I have determined that compliance with the subpoena is consistent with the privileges and precedents of the House.

Sincerely,

SCOT W. FAULKNER,
Chief Administrative Officer.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE HONORABLE PETER DEUTSCH, MEMBER OF CONGRESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Honorable PETER DEUTSCH, Member of Congress:

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES,
U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, August 22, 1996.

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

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: This is to formally notify you pursuant to Rule L (50) of the Rules of the House that a member of my staff has been served with a subpoena issued by the Circuit Court for the Seventeenth Judicial Circuit for Broward County, Florida.

After consultation with the General Counsel, I have determined that compliance with the subpoena is consistent with the privileges and precedents of the House.

Sincerely,

PETER DEUTSCH,
Member of Congress.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE HONORABLE MAC COLLINS, MEMBER OF CONGRESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Honorable MAC COLLINS, Member of Congress:

U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
August 27, 1996.

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

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: This is to formally notify you pursuant to Rule L (50) of the Rules

of the House that I have been served with a subpoena issued by Superior Court of Muscogee County, Georgia.

After consultation with the General Counsel, I will make determinations required by Rule L.

Sincerely,

MAC COLLINS,
Member of Congress.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE HONORABLE TODD TIAHRT, MEMBER OF CONGRESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Honorable TODD TIAHRT, Member of Congress:

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, September 4, 1996.

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

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: This is to formally notify you pursuant to Rule L (50) of the Rules of the House that I have been served with a subpoena issued by the District Court of the Eighteenth Judicial District for Sedgwick County, Kansas.

I am consulting with the General Counsel to determine whether compliance with the subpoena is consistent with the privileges and precedents of the House.

Sincerely,

TODD TIAHRT,
U.S. Congressman.

THE WAR ON DRUGS

(Mr. BALLENGER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. BALLENGER. Mr. Speaker, there is only one way to wage an effective campaign against drugs and that is to remain forever vigilant.

With that said, it is no wonder overall drug use by 12- to 17-year-olds is up 78 percent when we have an administration asleep at the wheel.

The Clinton White House dozed off early and often in their new administration when they slashed the Office of National Drug Policy by 80 percent and cut interdiction by 25 percent.

They continued to snooze until they were rudely awakened by a Republican Congress which took it upon themselves to restore funding for drug interdiction.

And then, the Clinton White House fell back into slumber again only to be roused by a Presidential campaign.

Mr. Speaker, the Clinton White House needs to turn off their political alarm system when it comes to drugs and remain forever attentive to the ongoing war.

THE REPUBLICAN AGENDA

(Mr. PALLONE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I spent most of the month of August during our district work period at forums and town meetings throughout my district.

I have to tell you, overwhelmingly the public that I represent was opposed