

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

to the Gingrich Republican agenda that seeks to cut back on Medicare and Medicaid, that seeks to cut back on student loan programs and education programs, and that also tries to roll back the environmental agenda and the environmental protection that we have fought so hard for over the last 25 years here in the Congress.

What my constituents were telling me is that they feel there needs to be more student loan programs and programs that allow students to finance their education at college or graduate school. The same thing about Medicare; the senior citizens feel that Medicare should be expanded so that it covers prescription drugs, so that it covers home health care. And with regard to environmental programs, they would like to see more cleanup of Superfund sites and better protection and better enforcement of our environmental laws.

One thing is absolutely clear, that is that the Gingrich Republican agenda has really created a mess and the last 2 years have been a failure.

ENGLISH AS OUR OFFICIAL LANGUAGE

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

Mr. ROTH. Mr. Speaker, on August 1 we in this House took a historic step by passing English as our official language by a vote of 259 to 101. I thank all of my colleagues in the House of Representatives for joining me in getting this bill passed. Those of us who are committed to keeping this country as one Nation, one people—the “United” States of America realize that to do this we need one common language.

Now to complete this task we must spur the Senate into action. That's why I'm asking the Members of this body to contact their Senators and request that they take up this bill, pass it, and send it on to the President for his signature.

Then we will have completed a task we started years ago. It will demonstrate that while success does not always come with rushing speed, success does come with persistence.

English must become our official language; but that will only happen if we make it happen.

LET US REMEMBER GUAM

(Mr. UNDERWOOD asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. UNDERWOOD. Mr. Speaker, American leadership in the world and in particular, the measured and timely response of President Clinton to Saddam Hussein's jabs into Northern Iraq should be recognized and supported by all Americans.

America's leadership in the unleashing of the cruise missiles and her projection of power in the world

has again manifested itself in these latest developments. Over the concerns of Allies and despite problems with fly over rights, America alone can project power throughout the world in the name of peace and security.

As demonstrated by the use of the B-52's, Guam remains a crucial and proud part of America's projection of power around the world. Guam did its part, there were no concerns about fly over rights, and the bases on Guam performed their role.

Mr. Speaker, let's remember Guam in more settled times as the people of Guam recover from Brac decision to close bases and as the people of Guam attempt to recover land that the military no longer desires. Even though we can always count on Guam, we should never take Guam for granted.

SITUATION IN IRAQ

(Mr. GEKAS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. GEKAS. Mr. Speaker, most of the Members of the Congress have in one way or another asserted their support of the President of the United States in the actions that he has taken in Iraq, and we will continue to do so. But there is a time now for the White House to articulate the policy and the goals and the targets of this attack with missiles on Iraq.

We should not be subjected now, as Members of Congress, to a bulletin of the missile of the day, 20-some the first time, 17 the next time and another one, most recently. This missile of the day does not constitute a policy for long-term solution of the wide-ranging problems of the Middle East. We urge the President to continue to earn the support of the Congress, to articulate a policy that we can all see and feel and hear so that we can continue to support efforts against Saddam Hussein.

THE TRUTH ABOUT AMERICAN WORKERS

(Mr. TRAFICANT asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. TRAFICANT. Mr. Speaker, the speeches are over. Rosy scenario and glad tidings are now behind us; a reality check is in order.

Over 1 million American families filed bankruptcy last year. A record number of Americans went belly up. How is that for family values to both the Democrat and Republican Parties?

Think about it. While politicians say fat city, bankers say foreclose. While politicians say super, bankers say sue.

Beam me up, Mr. Speaker. The truth is, while lawyers, bankers and CEO's are doing the macarena all over America, American families are going belly up in record numbers, doing the same old shuffle trying to make ends meet.

I yield back the balance of any pay they are missing.

FIGHT ILLEGAL DRUGS, NOT TOBACCO FARMERS

(Mr. FUNDERBURK asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. FUNDERBURK. Mr. Speaker, Bill Clinton's assault on tobacco has upset farmers all across my district in eastern North Carolina. Clinton's proposal by definition has made every tobacco grower, warehouseman and wholesaler a drug dealer and every smoker a drug user. One tobacco farmer asked me to deliver a message to the politically correct in Washington, DC. He said,

Tell the President that I am not a drug dealer, nor is anyone else in the tobacco community. In fact, there are probably fewer drug users among all tobacco growers than there are on the White House staff.

Another tobacco farmer asked me to urge Clinton to wage war on illegal drugs, not tobacco farmers. I traveled across my district visiting several tobacco farms and auction warehouses, where hard-working farmers believe Clinton decided to deflect criticism of the staggering increases in illegal teenage drug use by attacking tobacco. Mr. Speaker, the farmers of North Carolina are angry. Washington is treating them like criminals. They are taxpaying, law-abiding citizens who believe the President should keep the FDA off the farm and out of NASCAR racing.

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GINGRICH CONGRESS

(Ms. DELAURO asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. DELAURO. Mr. Speaker, today we begin the final push of the 104th congressional session, and to welcome the Republican leadership back, we have a new CNN/USA Today/Gallup poll that shows that voters prefer the Democrats in Congress over Republicans by a 10-point margin. The reason for the American people rejecting the Gingrich Republican revolution and turning toward the Democrats' families first agenda is that the Republican leadership have their priorities backward.

The American people do not support Republican efforts to cut Medicare, and the people do not support Republican efforts to cut student loans, and the American people do not support efforts to roll back environmental protections. And mostly, the American people do not support a Congress that puts their needs far below the desires of the most wealthy in our society.

Democrats are committed to fighting for working families; that is why they developed the families first agenda. It includes legislative proposals that would put Congress on the right track toward solving the problems that families face in their everyday lives. The Republican leadership should spend the