

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 5 of rule I, the pending business is the question of the Speaker's approval of the Journal.

The question is on the Speaker's approval of the Journal of the last day's proceedings.

The question was taken; and the Speaker pro tempore announced that the ayes appeared to have it.

Mr. FROST. Mr. Speaker, I object to the vote on the ground that a quorum is not present and make the point of order that a quorum is not present.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Evidently a quorum is not present.

The Sergeant at Arms will notify absent Members.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 332, nays 38, answered "present" 2, not voting 60, as follows:

[Roll No. 28]

YEAS—332

Aderholt	Cunningham	Hilleary
Allen	Davis (VA)	Hinojosa
Armey	DeGette	Hobson
Bachus	Delahunt	Hoekstra
Baesler	DeLauro	Holden
Baker	DeLay	Hooley
Baldacci	Diaz-Balart	Horn
Ballenger	Dickey	Hostettler
Barcia	Dicks	Houghton
Barr	Dingell	Hoyer
Barrett (NE)	Dixon	Hunter
Barrett (WI)	Doggett	Hutchinson
Bartlett	Dooley	Hyde
Barton	Dreier	Jackson (IL)
Bass	Duncan	Jackson-Lee
Bateman	Dunn	(TX)
Becerra	Edwards	Jefferson
Bentsen	Ehlers	Jenkins
Bereuter	Ehrlich	John
Berman	Emerson	Johnson (CT)
Berry	Eshoo	Johnson (WI)
Bilbray	Etheridge	Johnson, Sam
Bilirakis	Evans	Jones
Bishop	Everett	Kanjorski
Blagojevich	Ewing	Kasich
Bliley	Farr	Kelly
Blumenauer	Fawell	Kennedy (MA)
Blunt	Flake	Kennedy (RI)
Boehlert	Foley	Kennelly
Boehner	Ford	Kildee
Bonilla	Fowler	Kilpatrick
Borski	Fox	Kim
Boswell	Frank (MA)	Kind (WI)
Boucher	Franks (NJ)	King (NY)
Boyd	Frelinghuysen	Kingston
Brady	Frost	Klug
Brown (FL)	Furse	Knollenberg
Bunning	Gallely	Kolbe
Burr	Ganske	Lampson
Burton	Gejdenson	Lantos
Buyer	Gekas	Largent
Callahan	Gibbons	LaTourette
Camp	Gilchrest	Lazio
Campbell	Gillmor	Leach
Canady	Gilman	Levin
Cannon	Gonzalez	Lewis (CA)
Capps	Goode	Lewis (KY)
Cardin	Goodlatte	Livingston
Castle	Goodling	LoBiondo
Chabot	Gordon	Lofgren
Chambliss	Goss	Lowe
Chenoweth	Graham	Luther
Christensen	Granger	Maloney (CT)
Clayton	Greenwood	Manton
Clement	Gutierrez	Manzullo
Coble	Hall (OH)	Markey
Coburn	Hall (TX)	Mascara
Collins	Hamilton	Matsui
Conyers	Hansen	McCarthy (MO)
Cook	Harman	McCarthy (NY)
Cooksey	Hastert	McCollum
Cramer	Hastings (FL)	McCrery
Crane	Hastings (WA)	McDade
Crapo	Hayworth	McDermott
Cubin	Herger	McGovern
Cummings	Hill	McHale

McHugh	Price (NC)	Snyder
McInnis	Quinn	Solomon
McIntosh	Radanovich	Souder
McIntyre	Rahall	Spence
McKeon	Riggs	Spratt
Meehan	Riley	Stabenow
Meek	Rivers	Stearns
Metcalf	Roemer	Strickland
Mica	Rogan	Stump
Millender-	Rogers	Stupak
McDonald	Rohrabacher	Sununu
Miller (CA)	Rothman	Tanner
Miller (FL)	Roukema	Tauscher
Minge	Roybal-Allard	Tauzin
Mink	Royce	Taylor (NC)
Mollohan	Ryun	Thomas
Moran (KS)	Salmon	Thornberry
Moran (VA)	Sanchez	Thune
Morella	Sandlin	Thurman
Murtha	Sanford	Tierney
Myrick	Sawyer	Torres
Neal	Saxton	Towns
Nethercutt	Scarborough	Trafigant
Neumann	Schaefer, Dan	Turner
Ney	Schaffer, Bob	Upton
Northup	Schumer	Vento
Norwood	Scott	Walsh
Oliver	Sensenbrenner	Wamp
Ortiz	Serrano	Watkins
Owens	Sessions	Watt (NC)
Oxley	Shadegg	Watts (OK)
Packard	Shaw	Waxman
Pallone	Shays	Weldon (FL)
Pappas	Sherman	Weldon (PA)
Pastor	Shimkus	Wexler
Paul	Shuster	White
Paxon	Sisisky	Whitfield
Pease	Skaggs	Wise
Pelosi	Skeen	Wolf
Peterson (MN)	Skelton	Woolsey
Petri	Slaughter	Wynn
Pickering	Smith (NJ)	Yates
Pitts	Smith (TX)	Young (AK)
Pomeroy	Smith, Adam	Young (FL)
Porter	Smith, Linda	
Poshard	Snowbarger	

NAYS—38

Abercrombie	Gutknecht	Pickett
Bonior	Hefley	Pombo
Brown (CA)	Hinchey	Ramstad
Clyburn	Hulshof	Rush
Costello	Johnson, E. B.	Sabo
DeFazio	Kucinich	Stenholm
English	Lewis (GA)	Taylor (MS)
Ensign	Maloney (NY)	Thompson
Fazio	Menendez	Visclosky
Filner	Nussle	Waters
Foglietta	Oberstar	Weller
Gephardt	Parker	Wicker
Green	Pascrell	

ANSWERED "PRESENT"—2

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NOT VOTING—60

Ackerman	Doyle	Moakley
Andrews	Engel	Molinari
Archer	Fattah	Nadler
Bono	Forbes	Payne
Brown (OH)	Hefner	Peterson (PA)
Bryant	Hilliard	Portman
Clavert	Inglis	Pryce (OH)
Carson	Istook	Rangel
Clay	Kaptur	Reyes
Combest	Klecza	Ros-Lehtinen
Condit	Klink	Sanders
Cox	LaFalce	Schiff
Coyne	LaHood	Smith (MI)
Danner	Latham	Smith (OR)
Davis (FL)	Linder	Stark
Davis (IL)	Lipinski	Stokes
Deal	Lucas	Talent
Dellums	Martinez	Tiahrt
Deutsch	McKinney	Velazquez
Doollittle	McNulty	Weygand

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So the Journal was approved.
The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. ENGEL. Mr. Speaker, I announce that I was necessarily absent from rollcall vote 28. On that vote, I would have voted "aye."

REMOVAL OF NAME OF MEMBER AS COSPONSOR OF H.R. 636

Mr. FOX of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to have the gentleman from Indiana [Mr. BURTON] removed from the list of cosponsors of H.R. 636, which I authored.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. BARRETT of Nebraska). Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Pennsylvania?

There was no objection.

RESIGNATION AS MEMBER OF COMMITTEE ON BANKING AND FINANCIAL SERVICES

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following resignation as a member of the Committee on Banking and Financial Services:

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, February 26, 1997.

Hon. NEWT GINGRICH,
U.S. Capitol, Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: Thank you for the opportunity to serve on the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee. It is my intention to respectfully request a leave of absence from the Banking and Financial Institutions Committee so I may be able to concentrate my District's interests on both Transportation and National Security.

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

J.C. WATTS, JR.,
Member of Congress.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the resignation is accepted.
There was no objection.

APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO THE JOINT ECONOMIC COMMITTEE

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

Messrs. MANZULLO of Illinois, SANFORD of South Carolina, THORNBERRY of Texas, DOOLITTLE of California and MCCRERY of Louisiana.

CONTINUATION OF NATIONAL EMERGENCY WITH RESPECT TO THE GOVERNMENT OF CUBA—MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES (H. DOC. 105-48)

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 International Relations and ordered to be printed.

To the Congress of the United States:

Section 202(d) of the National Emergencies Act (50 U.S.C. 1622(d)) provides for the automatic termination of a national emergency unless, prior to the anniversary date of its declaration, the President publishes in the Federal Register and transmits to the Congress a

notice stating that the emergency is to continue in effect beyond the anniversary date. In accordance with this provision, I have sent the enclosed notice, stating that the emergency declared with respect to the Government of Cuba's destruction of two unarmed U.S.-registered civilian aircraft in international airspace north of Cuba on February 24, 1996, is to continue in effect beyond the March 1, 1997, to the Federal Register for publication.

WILLIAM J. CLINTON.

THE WHITE HOUSE, February 27, 1997.

PRINTING OF PROCEEDINGS HAD DURING RECESS

Mr. SCARBOROUGH. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the proceedings had during the recess be printed in the RECORD.

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

There was no objection.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will now entertain 1-minute requests.

NEWLY PROPOSED EPA STANDARDS REGARDING PARTICULATE MATTER AND OZONE

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

Mr. NEY. Mr. Speaker, our Governor today came out with a bipartisan delegation from Ohio and met with Members on both sides of the aisle on an important issue, and that is the ozone and EPA regulations.

On February 6, George Wolff, chairman of the EPA's own Clean Air Scientific Advisory Committee, testified the proposed standards were based on a policy judgment by Carol Browner, the director of the U.S. EPA, and not on sound evidence.

What do we find out today? The L.A. Times story. And in that story it says that the White House complained, in a draft report made available Wednesday, that a major air pollution proposal put forward by the EPA was not fully considered and based on what some scientists consider inadequate research.

What does the EPA say? If unchanged, the report could be very damaging. Of course it could be damaging, because this is a hallucination by the Director of the EPA of what our standards could be. It will put us out of work. It will put us out of work in the Midwest of this country.

This is not based on scientific fact. Information has been withheld from the committee. Chairman BLILEY requested additional information.

Take the trigger off the gun, Director Browner. We want our jobs.

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HEALTH INSURANCE FOR CHILDREN

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

Ms. DEGETTE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to address a topic that is close to all of our hearts, children's health. Like many of my colleagues, I am blessed with two healthy children, but 10 million parents in this country have little or no access to health care for their children. And, worse, more and more of these uninsured children are being exposed to environmental hazards that render horrible illnesses with no cure.

As Congress works to improve health coverage for children, I urge them to promote policies that promote health care for children, especially remediation of environmental hazards. Today, children live in an environment that is vastly different from those of past generations. While all children are exposed to environmental health hazards, children living in poverty are at a disproportionate risk.

Survey after survey shows that toxic waste dumps, lead paint and high pollution are most often located in or near low-income neighborhoods. With limited access to health care, children exposed to environmental hazards face multiple risks of illness, including asthma and lead poisoning.

Mr. Speaker, I urge this Congress to address in a serious way health care for children.

ILLEGAL IMMIGRANT HITS JACKPOT

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

Mr. PACKARD. Mr. Speaker, I rise to discuss an issue which has raised both the anger of my constituents and now the eyebrows of many of my colleagues who thought that we had finally put an end to the handing out of benefits to illegal aliens with last year's immigration and welfare reform bills.

I am talking about an illegal immigrant who hit the jackpot of the U.S. Treasury. The San Diego Union reported that an undocumented woman residing in my hometown received \$12,000 in taxpayer funds to move out of her apartment complex to make way for a HUD project. Legal residents in that same project received displacement costs of \$400, but the illegal alien gets \$12,000.

Mr. Speaker, this is not only crazy; it is unbelievable and since every Federal agency must comply with the Uniform Relocation Act, who knows how often this is happening. Clearly, Mr. Speaker, it not only defies common sense, this is a cash reward for beating the system.

Yesterday I introduced legislation to close this loophole by amending the

Uniform Relocation Act so that it abides by and enforces the immigration law as we have passed. I urge my colleagues to support it.

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The San Diego Union Tribune reported on February 12, 1997, that an undocumented woman residing in my hometown of Ocean-side, CA, received \$12,000 in taxpayer funds to move out of her apartment complex to make way for a HUD project, Department of Housing and Urban Development project.

The crazy thing is, HUD knew she was undocumented, not to mention unemployed, and that is why she received so much. Other residents of the complex were moved to section 8 public housing without compensation. Because illegal immigrants are prohibited from living in section 8 housing, HUD went ahead and gave her \$12,000 in relocation assistance.

How could this happen? Apparently, HUD claimed it was just following the Uniform Relocation Act, which mandates that residents displaced by a Federal project who do not receive alternate housing, such as section 8, must be financially compensated—without regard to immigration status.

Legal residents in my district displaced by this same project will receive a subsidy of about \$400 for their section 8 housing. But an illegal alien gets \$12,000? Mr. Speaker, that is not only crazy, it is unbelievable. And since every Federal agency must comply with the Uniform Relocation Act, who knows how often this happens? Clearly, Mr. Speaker, this not only defies common sense, this is a cash reward for beating the system.

I should also mention that the Immigration and Nationalization Service has yet to take the appropriate steps to deport this person. They know her name, her previous address, and they need to go no further than HUD to find out where she is now.

Yesterday, I introduced legislation to close this loophole by amending the Uniform Relocation Act so that it abides by and enforces the immigration laws of this Nation. HUD may have found the door open just enough to award this woman \$12,000, but I intend to slam that door shut, for good.

I urge the support of all of my colleagues for this legislation. Simply put, it's the right thing to do. Continuing such an absurd policy is unacceptable.

CHILDREN AND HEALTH INSURANCE

(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, over 70,000 children in my home State of Connecticut woke up this morning without any health insurance, and tonight their parents will lie awake, worrying, knowing that they are one phone call, one accident away from medical and potentially financial ruin.

As we come together from both sides of the aisle to work on areas of common ground, surely we can agree that