

COMMUNICATION FROM THE
CLERK OF THE HOUSE AFTER
SINE DIE ADJOURNMENT

OFFICE OF THE CLERK,
U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, December 2, 1996.

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

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: I have the honor to transmit herewith a copy of the original Certificate of Election received from the Honorable Ron Thornburgh, Secretary of State, State of Kansas, indicating that, according to the results of the General Election held on November 5, 1996, and pursuant to K.S.A. 25-3503(d), which states, "In the event that any vacancy occurs . . . on or after the date of any general election of state officers and before the term of office in which the vacancy has occurred expires, votes cast for the office of congressman in the district in which such vacancy occurs shall be deemed to have been cast to fill such vacancy for the unexpired term, as well as for election for the next regular term," the Honorable Jim Ryun was elected to the office of Representative in Congress, from the Second Congressional District, State of Kansas.

With warm regards,

ROBIN H. CARLE.

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DEAR MR. SPEAKER: I have the honor to transmit herewith a copy of the original Certificate of Election received from the Honorable Rebecca McDowell Cook, Secretary of State, State of Missouri, indicating that, according to the results of the Special Election held on November 5, 1996, the Honorable Jo Ann Emerson was elected to the office of Representative in Congress, from the Eighth Congressional District, State of Missouri.

With warm regards,

ROBIN H. CARLE.

RESIGNATION FROM THE HOUSE
OF REPRESENTATIVES AFTER
SINE DIE ADJOURNMENT

Mr. THORNTON submitted the following resignation from the House of Representatives:

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, November 14, 1996.

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

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: Enclosed herewith please find a copy of my letter of resignation as a Member of Congress, effective at noon on January 1, 1997 which I have tendered to the appropriate Arkansas State Authority.

Best personal regards,

RAY THORNTON.

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, November 19, 1996.

Hon. SHARON PRIEST,
Secretary of State, The Capitol, Little Rock, AR.

DEAR MADAM SECRETARY: Pursuant to the results of the general election of November 5,

1996, I will be taking office as an Associate Justice of the Arkansas Supreme Court on January 1, 1997. I therefore hereby submit my resignation as Arkansas second district Representative in the United States Congress to you effective at noon on January 1, 1997. Until that time I will continue to carry out my duties as your Congressman.

Best personal regards,

RAY THORNTON.

COMMUNICATION FROM STAFF
MEMBER OF THE HONORABLE
ANNA ESHOO AFTER SINE DIE
ADJOURNMENT

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, November 18, 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 a subpoena issued by the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan.

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

Sincerely,

CAROL D. RICHARDSON.

COMMUNICATION FROM STAFF
MEMBER OF THE HONORABLE
BOBBY RUSH AFTER SINE DIE
ADJOURNMENT

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, November 12, 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 Municipal Court of the State of California, County of San Mateo, South San Francisco Branch.

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,

ANNE REAM,
Field Representative.

RESIGNATION OF LAW REVISION
COUNSEL FOR THE HOUSE OF
REPRESENTATIVES AFTER SINE
DIE ADJOURNMENT

U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Washington, DC, September 16, 1996.

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

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: This past April, I completed 26 years of service with the House of Representatives, first as Assistant Law Revision Counsel and later as Law Revision Counsel for the Committee on the Judiciary and, since the establishment of the Office of the Law Revision Counsel in 1975, as Law Revision Counsel for the House of Representatives. Together with prior executive branch service, my total service is nearing 38 years. Accordingly, I have concluded it is time to retire. I am most grateful for having had the privilege of serving the House as Law Revision Counsel. With your approval my termi-

nation as Law Revision Counsel will become effective November 30, 1996.

Permit me to provide a brief overview of the Office of the Law Revision Counsel. Functions of the Office include the classification of new laws to the United States Code, the preparation and publication of the Code, the preparation of bills to enact titles of the Code into positive law and to repeal obsolete and superseded statutes, and the provision of advice and assistance to the Committee on the Judiciary in carrying out its functions with respect and codification.

The Office functions with a staff of 18, all of whom have been appointed without regard to political affiliation and solely on the basis of fitness to perform the duties of the position. All have expressed the desire for career service in the Office. This has resulted in low turnover and in a highly motivated, productive staff. My Deputy and the two Senior Counsels have accumulated 60 years of service with the Office. Accumulated service of the seven Assistant Counsels totals 74 years and that of the seven support staff 69 years.

Methods and procedures for the preparation and publication of the United States Code have been modernized. Working with the Government Printing Office, the transition from hot metal to electronic typesetting and composition for printing of the Code was implemented commencing with the 1976 main edition. A computer system was installed in the Office for use in maintaining the code database and updating it to include newly enacted laws. The system permits the text of new laws to be extracted from the bills database and efficiently incorporated into the Code database. Benefits resulting from modernization include increased productivity, virtually error-free text, timelier publication, and substantial reduction in typesetting costs. Main editions of the code were published for 1976, 1982, 1988, and 1994, and annual cumulative Supplements were published for each of the intervening years.

The Code database is also utilized for a computerized Code Research and Retrieval system for the legislative branch and for the annual production of the Code on CD-ROM. Response to the availability of the Code on CD-ROM has been exceptional, with thousands being purchased from the Superintendent of Documents at a unit cost of about \$35. Commencing in January 1995, the Code and the Code classifications of new laws have been made available (utilizing the Code database) on the House Internet Law Library and on the Government Printing Office Internet access. Usage of the House Internet Law Library to access the Code is increasing significantly each month, with user totals for August in excess of 100,000. The Internet Law Library has been the subject of numerous good reviews and comments from both user groups and individual users.

As a result of bills prepared by the Office and transmitted to the Committee on the Judiciary, three titles of the Code have been enacted into positive law without substantive change and numerous obsolete and superseded laws repealed. Assistance was provided to the Committee in connection with the substantive revision and enactment into positive law of a fourth title of the Code. Bills to enact three other titles have been transmitted to the Committee and a bill relating to another title is in preparation.

What has been accomplished could not have been done without the assistance and expertise of an outstanding staff. I am truly indebted to them. The Office has enjoyed a close working relationship with the Committee on the Judiciary with regard to its consideration of bills to enact titles of the Code into positive law, for which I am most appreciative. I also gratefully acknowledge the assistance of the support offices of the House,

particularly House Information Resources and the Office of the Legislative Counsel, and of the Government Printing Office.

Respectfully yours,

EDWARD F. WILLETT, Jr.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING LAW REVISION COUNSEL FOR THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AFTER SINE DIE ADJOURNMENT

Pursuant to the provisions of 2 U.S.C. 285c and section 7 of the House Resolution 546, 104th Congress, authorizing the Speaker and the minority leader to appoint commissions, boards, and committees authorized by law or by the House, the Speaker on December 21, 1996 appointed Mr. John R. Miller as acting law revision counsel for the House of Representatives.

HOUSE BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTION APPROVED BY THE PRESIDENT AFTER SINE DIE ADJOURNMENT

The President, subsequent to the sine die adjournment of the 2d session, 104th Congress, notified the Clerk of the House that on the following dates he had approved and signed bills and joint resolutions of the following titles:

On August 13, 1996:

H.R. 1975. An act to improve the management of royalties from Federal and Outer Continental Shelf oil and gas leases, and for other purposes.

On August 20, 1996:

H.R. 2739. An act 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. 3139. An act to redesignate the United States Post Office building located at 245 Centereach Mall on Middle Country Road in Centereach, New York, as the "Rose Y. Caracappa United States Post Office Building";

H.R. 3448. An act to provide tax relief for small businesses, to protect jobs, to create opportunities, to increase the take home pay of 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 Standard 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. 3834. An act to redesignate the Dunning Post Office in Chicago, Illinois, as the "Roger P. McAuliffe Post Office"; and

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

On August 21, 1996:

H.R. 3103. An act 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 savings accounts, to improve access to long-term care services and coverage, to simplify the administration of health insurance and for other purposes; and

H.R. 3680. An act 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.

On August 22, 1996:

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

On September 9, 1996:

H.R. 3845. An act making appropriations for the government of the District of Columbia and other activities chargeable in whole or in part against the revenues of said District for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1997, and for other purposes.

On September 16, 1996:

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.

H.R. 3517. 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, 1997, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3754. An act making appropriations for the Legislative Branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1997, and for other purposes.

On September 18, 1996:

H.R. 740. An act to confer jurisdiction on the United States Court of Federal Claims with respect to land claims of Pueblo of Isleta Indian Tribe.

On September 21, 1996:

H.R. 3396. An act to define and protect the institution of marriage.

On September 22, 1996:

H.R. 4018. An act to make technical corrections in the Federal Oil and Gas Royalty Management Act of 1982.

On September 23, 1996:

H.R. 3230. An act to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 1997 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe personnel strengths for such fiscal year for the Armed Forces, and for other purposes.

On September 25, 1996:

H.R. 1642. An act to extend nondiscriminatory treatment (most-favored-nation treatment) to the products of Cambodia, and for other purposes.

On September 26, 1996:

H.R. 3666. An act making appropriations for the Departments of Veterans Affairs and Housing and Urban Development, and for sundry independent agencies, boards, commissions, corporations, and offices for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1997, and for other purposes.

On September 30, 1996:

H.J. Res. 197. Joint resolution waiving certain enrollment requirements with respect to any bill or joint resolution of the One Hundred Fourth Congress making general or continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 1997;

H.R. 3610. An act making omnibus consolidated appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1997, and for other purposes;

H.R. 3675. An act making appropriations for the Department of Transportation and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1997, and for other purposes; and

H.R. 3816. An act making appropriations for energy and water development for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1997, and for other purposes.

On October 1, 1996:

H.J. Res. 191. Joint resolution to confer honorary citizenship of the United States on Agnes Gonxha Bojaxhiu, also known as Mother Teresa;

H.R. 1772. An act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to acquire certain interests in the Waihee Marsh for inclusion in the Oahu National Wildlife Refuge Complex;

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

H.R. 2464. An act to amend Public Law 103-93 to provide additional lands within the State of Utah for the Goshute Indian Reservation, and for other purposes;

H.R. 2512. An act to provide for certain benefits of the Pick-Sloan Missouri River basin program to the Crow Creek Sioux Tribe, and for other purposes;

H.R. 2679. An act to revise the boundary of the North Platte National Wildlife Refuge, to expand the Pettaquamscutt Cove National Wildlife Refuge, and for other purposes;

H.R. 2982. An act to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey the Carbon Hill National Fish Hatchery to the State of Alabama;

H.R. 3120. An act to amend title 18, United States Code, with respect to witness retaliation, witness tampering and jury tampering;

H.R. 3287. An act to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey the Crawford National Fish Hatchery to the city of Crawford, Nebraska;

H.R. 3553. An act to amend the Federal Trade Commission Act to authorize appropriations for the Federal Trade Commission; and

H.R. 3676. An act to amend title 18, United States Code, to clarify the intent of Congress with respect to the Federal carjacking prohibition.

On October 2, 1996:

H.R. 2366. An act to repeal an unnecessary medical device reporting requirement;

H.R. 2504. An act to designate the Federal Building located at the corner of Patton Avenue and Otis Street, and the United States courthouse located on Otis Street, in Asheville, North Carolina, as the "Veatch-Bailey Federal Complex";

H.R. 2685. An act to repeal the Medicare and Medicaid Coverage Data Bank;

H.R. 3060. An act to implement the Protocol on Environmental Protection to the Antarctic Treaty;

H.R. 3074. An act to amend the United States-Israel Free Trade Area Implementation Act of 1985 to provide the President with additional proclamation authority with respect to articles of the West Bank or Gaza Strip or a qualifying industrial zone;

H.R. 3186. An act to designate the Federal building at 1655 Woodson Road in Overland, Missouri, as the "Sammy L. Davis Federal Building";

H.R. 3400. An act to designate the Federal building and United States courthouse to be constructed at a site on 18th Street between Dodge and Douglas Streets in Omaha, Nebraska, as the "Roman L. Hruska Federal Building and United States Courthouse";

H.R. 3710. An act to designate the United States courthouse under construction at 611 North Florida Avenue in Tampa, Florida, as the "Sam M. Gibbons United States Courthouse"; and

H.R. 3802. An act to amend section 552 of title 5, United States Code, popularly known as the Freedom of Information Act, to provide for public access to information in an electronic format, and for other purposes.

On October 8, 1996:

H.R. 1350. An act to amend the Merchant Marine Act, 1936 to revitalize the United States-flag merchant marine, and for other purposes;

H.R. 3056. An act to permit a county-operated health insuring organization to qualify