

Mr. Speaker, I yield back this administration's national security policy before it becomes apocalypse now.

SPECIAL ORDERS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 6, 1999, and under a previous order of the House, the following Members will be recognized for 5 minutes each.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. SHIMKUS) is recognized for 5 minutes.

(Mr. SHIMKUS addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

INTRODUCTION OF H. CON. RES. 42, PEACEKEEPING OPERATIONS IN KOSOVO RESOLUTION

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from New York (Mr. GILMAN) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. GILMAN. Mr. Speaker, at the request of the Speaker, I have today introduced H. Con. Res. 42, the "Peacekeeping Operations in Kosovo Resolution".

The purpose of this resolution is to afford an opportunity for the House of Representatives to participate in the decision whether to deploy U.S. Armed Forces to Kosovo to implement the peace agreement now being negotiated at Rambouillet, France. The Congress has a constitutional responsibility with respect to deployments of U.S. Armed Forces into potentially hostile situations, and the Speaker and I believe that debating and voting on this resolution is an appropriate way for the Congress to begin to carry out this responsibility.

Some Members of Congress have serious reservations about deploying U.S. Armed Forces to Kosovo as peacekeepers. Others strongly support the President's policy. In an effort to give the benefit of the doubt to our President, the test of this resolution does not criticize or oppose the proposed deployment to Kosovo. To the contrary, it states that "[t]he President is authorized to deploy United States Armed Forces personnel to Kosovo as part of a NATO peacekeeping operation implementing a Kosovo peace agreement."

The Speaker has stressed that this resolution is being offered without prejudice to the underlying question. We expect Members to vote their conscience on the resolution, in a solemn exercise of their responsibility as the elected representatives of the American people.

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 Mr. GIBBONS) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. SHIMKUS, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. DEMINT, for 5 minutes, on March 9.

Mr. GILMAN, for 5 minutes, today.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. GIBBONS. Mr. Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 2 o'clock and 6 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until tomorrow, Tuesday, March 9, 1999, at 10:30 a.m., for morning hour debates.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 8 of rule XII, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

912. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Formic Acid; Tolerance Exemptions [OPP300451A; FRL-5600-4] received February 17, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

913. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting a request for emergency funds that will support the District of Columbia and the Department of the Interior, pursuant to Public Law 105-277; (H. Doc. No. 106-36); to the Committee on Appropriations and ordered to be printed.

914. A letter from the Under Secretary of Defense, Comptroller, Department of Defense, transmitting certifying that the current Future Years Defense Program fully funds the support costs associated with the Medium Tactical Vehicle Replacement Program; to the Committee on Armed Services.

915. A letter from the Director, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting a project plan for the Department of Defense Civilian Acquisition Workforce Personnel Demonstration; to the Committee on Armed Services.

916. A letter from the Assistant Secretary, Department of Education, transmitting Final Regulations—International Education Programs, pursuant to 20 U.S.C. 1232(f); to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

917. A letter from the Assistant General Counsel for Regulations, Department of Education, transmitting the Department's final rule—International Education Programs: General Provisions, National Resource Centers Program for Foreign Language and Area Studies or Foreign Language and International Studies, Undergraduate International Studies and Foreign Language Program, The International Research and Studies Program, and Language Resource Centers Program—February 22, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

918. A letter from the Secretary of Labor, transmitting the Department's final rule—Process for Electing State Agency Representatives for Consultations with Department of Labor Relating to Nationwide Employment Statistics System (RIN: 1290-AA19) received February 5, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

919. A letter from the Secretary of Energy, transmitting the Department's report entitled "Performance Profiles of Major Energy Producers 1997," pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 7267; to the Committee on Commerce.

920. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Emission factors for PM2.5 and its Precursors—received February 17, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

921. A letter from the Director, Office of Congressional Affairs, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting the Commission's

final rule—Standard Format and Content of License Termination Plans For Nuclear Power Reactors—received February 22, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

922. A letter from the Managing Director, Federal Housing Finance Board, transmitting the Board's final rule—Revisions to the Freedom of Information Act Regulation [No. 99-7] (RIN: 3069-AA71) received February 17, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Government Reform.

923. A letter from the Director, Office of Management and Budget, transmitting a report on accounting use for internal use software; to the Committee on Government Reform.

924. A letter from the Chief Judge, Superior Court of the District of Columbia, transmitting the amended "Jury Plan for the Superior Court of the District of Columbia"; to the Committee on Government Reform.

925. A letter from the Director, The Peace Corps, transmitting the FY 1998 report pursuant to the Federal Managers' Financial Integrity Act, pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 3512(c)(3); to the Committee on Government Reform.

926. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife and Parks, Department of the Interior, transmitting the Department's final rule—Migratory Bird Permits; Establishment of a Conservation Order for the reduction of Midcontinent light goose populations (RIN: 1018-AF05) received February 22, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

927. A letter from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule—Fisheries of the Caribbean, Gulf of Mexico, and South Atlantic; Snapper-Grouper Fishery off the Southern Atlantic States; Amendment 9; OMB Control Numbers [Docket No. 981006253-9021-03; I.D. 082698D] (RIN: 0648-AK05) received February 22, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

928. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Establishment of Class D Airspace; Lawrenceville, GA [Airspace Docket No. 98-ASO-20] received February 22, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

929. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Establishment of Class C Airspace and Revocation of Class D Airspace, Austin-Bergstrom International Airport, TX; and Revocation of Robert Mueller Municipal Airport Class C Airspace; TX [Airspace Docket No. 97-AWA-4] (RIN: 2120-AA66) received February 22, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

930. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Airworthiness Directives; Boeing Model 737-600, -700, and -800 Series Airplanes [Docket No. 98-NM-258-AD; Amendment 39-11035; AD 99-04-11] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received February 22, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

931. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Airworthiness Directives; McDonnell Douglas Model MD-90-30 Series Airplanes [Docket No. 98-NM-269-AD; Amendment 39-11030; AD 99-04-06] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received February 22, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

932. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Airworthiness Directives; Construcciones Aeronauticas, S.A. (CASA), Model C-212 Series Airplanes [Docket No. 98-NM-141-AD; Amendment 39-11026; AD 99-04-02] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received February 22, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

933. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Airworthiness Directives; Textron Lycoming Reciprocating Engines IO-540 and O-540 Engines Equipped With Slick Aircraft Products Magneto [Docket No. 98-ANE-81-AD; Amendment 39-11028; AD 99-04-04] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received February 22, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

934. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Airworthiness Directives; Rolls-Royce Limited Dart Series Turboprop Engines [Docket No. 98-ANE-46-AD; Amendment 39-1103; AD 99-04-09] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received February 22, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

935. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Airworthiness Directives; Raytheon Aircraft Company Models 1900, 1900C, and 1900D Airplanes [Docket No. 98-CE-66-AD; Amendment 39-11032; AD 99-04-08] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received February 22, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

936. A letter from the Secretary of Transportation, transmitting the accomplishments of the National Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) Program for the year 1997; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

937. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Branch, U.S. Customs Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting the Department's final rule—Automated Clearinghouse Credit [T.D. 99-11] (RIN: 1515-AC26) received February 22, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

938. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Electronic Funds Transfer—Temporary Waiver of Failure to Deposit Penalty for Certain Taxpayers [Notice 99-12] received February 22, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

939. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Proposed Changes to Final Withholding Regulations Under Section 1441; Proposed Model Qualified Intermediary Withholding Agreement [Notice 99-8] received February 22, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

940. A letter from the transmitting the Service's final rule—Proposed Changes to Final Withholding Regulations Under Section 1441; Proposed Model Qualified Intermediary Withholding Agreement [Notice 99-8] received February 22, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

941. A letter from the Chairman, Federal Election Commission, transmitting the FY 1999 Budget Request, pursuant to 2 U.S.C. 437d(d)(1); jointly to the Committees on House Administration and Appropriations.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES ON PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XIII, reports of committees were delivered to the Clerk for printing and reference to the proper calendar, as follows:

[Submitted March 5, 1999]

Mr. ARCHER: Committee on Ways and Means. H.R. 416. A bill to provide for the rectification of certain retirement coverage errors affecting Federal employees, and for other purposes (Rept. 106-29, Pt. 2). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

[Submitted March 8, 1999]

Mr. GOODLING: Committee on Education and the Workforce. H.R. 800. A bill to provide for education flexibility partnerships; with an amendment (Rept. 106-43) Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

Mr. BLILEY: Committee on Commerce. H.R. 540. A bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to prohibit transfers or discharges of residents of nursing facilities as a result of a voluntary withdrawal from participation in the Medicaid Program (Rept. 106-44). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XII, public bills and resolutions were introduced and severally referred, as follows:

By Mr. COBLE:

H.R. 1027. A bill to provide for the carriage by satellite carriers of local broadcast station signals, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committee on Commerce, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. FORBES:

H.R. 1028. A bill to direct the Administrator of the Small Business Administration to redesignate the branch office of the Administration located in Melville, New York, as a district office; to the Committee on Small Business.

By Ms. NORTON (for herself, Mr. BACHUS, Ms. WATERS, Mr. CASTLE, Mrs. CHRISTENSEN, Mr. FALEOMAVAEGA, Mr. ROMERO-BARCELO, and Mr. UNDERWOOD):

H.R. 1029. A bill to amend the 50 States Commemorative Coin Program Act to extend the program by an additional year for the purpose of including the District of Columbia, American Samoa, Guam, Puerto Rico, and the United States Virgin Islands within the scope of the program; to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services.

By Mr. GILMAN:

H. Con. Res. 42. Concurrent resolution regarding the use of United States Armed Forces as part of a NATO peacekeeping operation implementing a Kosovo peace agreement; to the Committee on International Relations.

By Mr. GOSS (for himself, Mr. GILMAN, and Mr. FOLEY):

H. Con. Res. 43. Concurrent resolution condemning the irregular interruption of the democratic political institutional process in Haiti; to the Committee on International Relations.

By Mr. TRAFICANT:

H. Con. Res. 44. Concurrent resolution authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for the 18th annual National Peace Officers' Memorial Service; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

MEMORIALS

Under clause 3 of rule XII, memorials were presented and referred as follows:

5. The SPEAKER presented a memorial of the Senate of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, relative to a resolution requesting the President of the United States to direct the Chairman of the Federal Trade Commission to rescind his decision closing the Boston Regional Office as it is contrary to the public's interest; to the Committee on Commerce.

6. Also, a memorial of the Senate of the State of Nevada, relative to Senate Joint Resolution No. 4 urging the Congress of the United States not to enact the Nuclear Waste Policy Act of 1999; jointly to the Committees on Commerce, Resources, and Transportation and Infrastructure.

ADDITIONAL SPONSORS TO PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 7 of rule XII, sponsors were added to public bills and resolutions as follows:

H.R. 40: Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania, Mr. RANGEL, Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas, and Mr. OLVER.

H.R. 316: Mr. DEMINT, Mr. NORWOOD, Mr. BARR of Georgia, Mr. BOUCHER, Mr. DAVIS of Virginia, Mr. SCOTT, and Mr. BLILEY.

H.R. 347: Mr. BARCIA, Mr. CRANE, and Mr. DICKEY.

H.R. 540: Mr. PHELPS, Mr. SAWYER, Mr. SHOWS, Mr. BLAGOJEVICH, Mr. FARR of California, and Ms. CARSON.

H.R. 637: Mr. TERRY, Ms. SANCHEZ, Mr. LEWIS of Kentucky, Mr. WHITFIELD, Mr. MCINTOSH, Mr. BOUCHER, and Mr. OLVER.

H.R. 744: Mr. BOEHNER.

H.R. 769: Mr. BERMAN.

H.R. 771: Mr. SENSENBRENNER.

H.R. 798: Mr. UDALL of Colorado, Mr. WEYGAND, Mr. LEWIS of Georgia, Mr. SERRANO, and Ms. HOOLEY of Oregon.

H.R. 800: Ms. STABENOW, Ms. DUNN, Ms. GRANGER, Mr. SMITH of Michigan, Mrs. BIGGERT, and Mr. LATOURETTE.

H.R. 828: Mr. MCINTOSH, Mr. RAHALL, and Mr. METCALF.

H.R. 859: Mr. SMITH of Washington.

H.R. 863: Mr. EWING, Mr. RADANOVICH, and Mr. RAMSTAD.

H.R. 886: Ms. PELOSI, Mr. LEWIS of Georgia, and Mr. McDERMOTT.

H.R. 894: POMBO.

H.R. 903: Mr. LINDER, Mr. STUMP, and Mr. MORAN of Virginia.

H.R. 910: Mr. ROGAN.

H.R. 914: Mr. KLINK, Mr. KUCINICH, Mr. SHOWS, Mr. MCNULTY, and Mr. WEINER.

H.R. 986: Mr. PALLONE.

H. Con. Res. 24: Mr. STUMP, Mr. MILLER of Florida, Mr. INSLEE, Mr. EHRLICH, Mr. GREEN of Wisconsin, Mr. HINCHEY, Mr. HILL of Indiana, Mr. WELDON of Pennsylvania, Mr. OSE, Mr. FORD, Mr. GREENWOOD, and Mr. PETERSON of Minnesota.