

WEDNESDAY, MAY 3, 1995 (61)

¶61.1 DESIGNATION OF SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The House was called to order by the SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. INGLIS, who laid before the House the following communication:

WASHINGTON, DC,
May 3, 1995.

I hereby designate the Honorable BOB INGLIS to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

NEWT GINGRICH,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

¶61.2 APPROVAL OF THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. INGLIS, announced he had examined and approved the Journal of the proceedings of Tuesday, May 2, 1995.

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

¶61.3 SPEAKER AND MINORITY LEADER TO ACCEPT RESIGNATIONS, APPOINT COMMISSIONS

On motion of Mr. ARMEY, by unanimous consent,

Ordered. That, notwithstanding any adjournment of the House until Tuesday, May 9, 1995, the Speaker and the Minority Leader be authorized to accept resignations and to make appointments to commissions, boards and committees duly authorized by law or by the House.

¶61.4 CALENDAR WEDNESDAY BUSINESS DISPENSED WITH

On motion of Mr. ARMEY, by unanimous consent,

Ordered. That business in order for consideration on Wednesday, May 10, 1995, under clause 7, rule XXIV, the Calendar Wednesday rule, be dispensed with.

¶61.5 PROVIDING FOR THE CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 1361

Mr. DIAZ-BALART, by direction of the Committee on Rules, reported (Rept. No. 104-111) the resolution (H. Res. 139) providing for the consideration of the bill (H.R. 1361) to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 1996 for the Coast Guard and for other purposes.

When said resolution and report were referred to the House Calendar and ordered printed.

¶61.6 REVIEW PANEL

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. INGLIS, laid before the House the following communication, which was read as follows:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
COMMITTEE ON HOUSE OVERSIGHT,
Washington, DC, May 1, 1995.

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

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: Pursuant to House Rule 51, clause 7, I have appointed the Honorable Vernon J. Ehlers as chairman of the review panel established by that Rule for the 104th Congress.

Best regards,

BILL THOMAS,
Chairman.

¶61.7 MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

A message in writing from the President of the United States was communicated to the House by Mr. Edwin Thomas, one of his secretaries.

¶61.8 MEXICO-U.S. INTERPARLIAMENTARY GROUP

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. REGULA, announced that pursuant to the provisions of 22 U.S.C. 276h, the Speaker did appoint to the United States Delegation of the Mexico-United States Interparliamentary Group for the First Session of the 104th Congress the following Members on the part of the House:

Mr. BALLENGER of North Carolina, vice chairman; Mr. GILMAN of New York; Mr. DREIER of California; Mr. SALMON of Arizona; Mr. HAYWORTH of Arizona; Mr. BROWNBAC of Kansas; Mr. DE LA GARZA of Texas; Mr. GEJDENSON of Connecticut; Mr. COLEMAN of Texas; Mr. MILLER of California; and Mr. RANGEL of New York.

Ordered. That the Clerk notify the Senate of the foregoing appointments.

¶61.9 MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT—IMMIGRATION ENFORCEMENT IMPROVEMENTS

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. STEARNS, laid before the House a message from the President, which was read as follows:

To the Congress of the United States:

I am pleased to transmit today for your immediate consideration and enactment the "Immigration Enforcement Improvements Act of 1995." This legislative proposal builds on the Administration's FY 1996 Budget initiatives and complements the Presidential Memorandum I signed on February 7, 1995, which directs heads of executive departments and agencies to strengthen control of our borders, increase worksite enforcement, improve employment authorization verification, and expand the capability of the Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) to identify criminal aliens and remove them from the United States. Also transmitted is a section-by-section analysis.

Some of the most significant provisions of this proposal will:

- Authorize the Attorney General to increase the Border Patrol by no fewer than 700 agents and add sufficient personnel to support those agents for fiscal years 1996, 1997, and 1998.

- Authorize the Attorney General to increase the number of border inspectors to a level adequate to assure full staffing.

- Authorize an Employment Verification Pilot Program to conduct tests of various methods of verifying work authorization status, including using the Social Security Administration and INS databases. The Pilot Program will determine the most cost-effective, fraud-resistant, and nondiscriminatory means of removing a sig-

nificant incentive to illegal immigration—employment in the United States.

- Reduce the number of documents that may be used for employment authorization.

- Increase substantially the penalties for alien smuggling, illegal reentry, failure to depart, employer violations, and immigration document fraud.

- Streamline deportation and exclusion procedures so that the INS can expeditiously remove more criminal aliens from the United States.

- Allow aliens to be excluded from entering the United States during extraordinary migration situations or when the aliens are arriving on board smuggling vessels. Persons with a credible fear of persecution in their countries of nationality would be allowed to enter the United States to apply for asylum.

- Expand the use of the Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations (RICO) statute to authorize its use to pursue alien smuggling organizations; permit the INS, with judicial authorization, to intercept wire, electronic, and oral communications of persons involved in alien smuggling operations; and make subject to forfeiture all property, both real and personal, used or intended to be used to smuggle aliens.

- Authorize Federal courts to require criminal aliens to consent to their deportation as a condition of probation.

- Permit new sanctions to be imposed against countries that refuse to accept the deportation of their nationals from the United States. The proposal will allow the Secretary of State to refuse issuance of all visas to nationals of those countries.

- Authorize a Border Services User Fee to help add additional inspectors at high volume ports-of-entry. The new inspectors will facilitate legal crossings; prevent entry by illegal aliens; and stop cross-border drug smuggling. (Border States, working with local communities, would decide whether the fee should be imposed in order to improve infrastructure.)

This legislative proposal, together with my FY 1996 Budget and the February 7th Presidential Memorandum, will continue this Administration's unprecedented actions to combat illegal immigration while facilitating legal immigration. Our comprehensive strategy will protect the integrity of our borders and laws without dulling the luster of our Nation's proud immigrant heritage.

I urge the prompt and favorable consideration of this legislative proposal by the Congress.

WILLIAM J. CLINTON.

THE WHITE HOUSE, May 3, 1995.

By unanimous consent, the message, together with the accompanying papers, was referred to the Committee on