

and provide opportunity. I do not want to get rid of affirmative action, but let us forget it for a while. I challenge all of those who want to provide opportunity to put their money and their resources where their mouth is and provide real opportunity.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Mr. GUTKNECHT of Minnesota (at the request of Mr. ARMEY of Texas) for today on account of illness.

Mr. SHIMKUS of Illinois (at the request of Mr. ARMEY of Texas) for today and the balance of the week on account of a death in the family.

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

Ms. NORTON, for 5 minutes today.

Mr. PALLONE, for 5 minutes today.

Mrs. MINK of Hawaii, for 5 minutes today.

Mr. FILNER, for 5 minutes today.

Mr. ENGEL, for 5 minutes today.

Mr. EDWARDS, for 5 minutes today.

Ms. BROWN of Florida, for 5 minutes today.

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. KIM) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. JONES, for 5 minutes today.

Mr. MILLER of Florida, for 5 minutes March 5.

Mr. RIGGS, for 5 minutes today and 5 minutes March 4 and 5.

Mr. METCALF, for 5 minutes today.

Mr. KINGSTON, for 5 minutes today and 5 minutes March 4.

(The following Member (at his own request) to revise and extend his remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. THUNE, for 5 minutes today.

(The following Member (at his own request) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. LARGENT, for 5 minutes today.

(The following Member (at his own request) to revise and extend his remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. SHAYS, for 5 minutes today.

EXTENSION OF REMARKS

By unanimous consent, permission to revise and extend remarks was granted to:

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. TRAFICANT) and to include extraneous matter:)

Mrs. MINK of Hawaii.

Ms. WOOLSEY.

Mr. KUCINICH.
Mr. SERRANO.
Mr. SCHUMER.
Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York.
Mr. WAXMAN.
Mr. UNDERWOOD.

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. KIM) and to include extraneous matter:)

Mr. OXLEY.

Mr. RADANOVICH.

Mr. QUINN.

Mr. BEREUTER.

Mr. DIAZ-BALART.

Mr. PAXON.

Mr. SOLOMON.

Mr. RAMSTAD.

Mr. ROHRBACHER.

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. OWENS) and to include extraneous matter:)

Mr. SKEEN.

Mr. GINGRICH.

Mr. HAMILTON.

Mr. LAZIO of New York.

Mr. KING in two instances.

Mr. FROST.

Mr. PAXON.

Mr. UNDERWOOD.

Mr. WAXMAN.

Mr. ROHRBACHER.

Mr. PORTMAN.

Mr. GUTKNECHT.

Mr. LINDER.

Mr. SMITH of Michigan.

Mr. KIND.

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN.

Mr. WEYGAND.

Mr. ACKERMAN.

Mr. BERRY.

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas.

Mr. PACKARD.

Mr. NEAL.

Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York.

Ms. DUNN.

Ms. BROWN of Florida.

Mr. FRANKS of New Jersey.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 8 o'clock and 45 minutes p.m.), the House adjourned until tomorrow, Wednesday, March 4, 1998, at 10 a.m.

SUPPLEMENTARY NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULEMAKING—EXTENSION OF COMMENT PERIOD

U.S. CONGRESS,
OFFICE OF COMPLIANCE,

Washington, DC, February 27, 1998.

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

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: Pursuant to Section 303 of the Congressional Accountability Act of 1995 ("CAA"), 2 U.S.C. §1383, I am issuing the enclosed Supplementary Notice of Proposed Rulemaking—Extension of Comment Period.

I am extending the comment period provided in a Supplementary Notice of Proposed Rulemaking that was published pursuant to section 303 of the CAA in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on January 28, 1998, and I would ap-

preciate it if you would have this enclosed extension published in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD.

Sincerely yours,

RICKY SILBERMAN,
Executive Director.

Enclosure.

OFFICE OF COMPLIANCE

The Congressional Accountability Act of 1995: Amendments to Procedural Rules

SUPPLEMENTARY NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULEMAKING—EXTENSION OF COMMENT PERIOD

Summary: On October 1, 1997, the Executive Director of the Office of Compliance ("Office") published a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking ("NPRM") to amend the Procedural Rules of the Office of Compliance to cover the General Accounting Office and the Library of Congress and their employees, 143 CONG. REC. S10291 (daily ed. Oct. 1, 1997), and on January 28, 1998, the Executive Director published a Supplementary Notice of Proposed Rulemaking requesting further comment on issues raised in comments submitted by the Library of Congress, 144 CONG. REC. S86 (daily ed. Jan. 28, 1998).

At the request of a commenter, the comment period stated in the Supplementary Notice of Proposed Rulemaking has been extended for two weeks, until March 13, 1998.

Dates: Comments are due no later than March 13, 1998.

Addresses: Submit comments in writing (an original and 10 copies) to the Executive Director, Office of Compliance, Room LA 200, John Adams Building, 110 Second Street, S.E., Washington, D.C. 20540-1999. Those wishing to receive notification of receipt of comments are requested to include a self-addressed, stamped post card. Comments may also be transmitted by facsimile ("FAX") machine to (202) 426-1913. This is not a toll-free call.

Availability of comments for public review: Copies of comments received by the Office will be available for public review at the Law Library Reading Room, Room LM-201, Law Library of Congress, James Madison Memorial Building, Washington, D.C., Monday through Friday, between the hours of 9:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.

For further information contact: Executive Director, Office of Compliance, at (202) 724-9250 (voice), (202) 426-1912 (TTY). This Notice will also be made available in large print or braille or on computer disk upon request to the Office of Compliance.

Signed at Washington, D.C., on this 27th day of February, 1998.

RICKY SILBERMAN,
Executive Director,
Office of Compliance.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 2 of rule XXIV, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

7669. A letter from the Assistant Administrator for Pesticides and Toxic Substances, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting a final rule under the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA), pursuant to 7 U.S.C. 136w(a)(4); to the Committee on Agriculture.

7670. A letter from the Director, Defense Security Assistance Agency, transmitting the Department of the Air Force's proposed lease of defense articles to the Republic of Korea (Transmittal No. 07-98); to the Committee on International Relations.

7671. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting a copy of D.C. Act 12-254, "Dave Clarke School

of Law Designation Act of 1998" received February 27, 1998, pursuant to D.C. Code section 1-233(c)(1); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

7672. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting a copy of D.C. Act 12-261, "Drug House Abatement Amendment Act of 1998" received February 27, 1998, pursuant to D.C. Code section 1-233(c)(1); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

7673. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting a copy of D.C. Act 12-260, "Department of Corrections Criminal Background Investigation Authorization Act of 1998" received February 27, 1998, pursuant to D.C. Code section 1-233(c)(1); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

7674. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting a copy of D.C. Act 12-259, "Check Identification Fraud Prevention Amendment Act of 1998" received February 27, 1998, pursuant to D.C. Code section 1-233(c)(1); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

7675. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting a copy of D.C. Act 12-256, "Omnibus Regulatory Reform Amendment Act of 1998" received February 27, 1998, pursuant to D.C. Code section 1-233(c)(1); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

7676. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting a copy of D.C. Act 12-257, "Collateral Reform Amendment Act of 1998" received February 27, 1998, pursuant to D.C. Code section 1-233(c)(1); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

7677. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting a copy of D.C. Act 12-263, "Illegal Dumping Enforcement Amendment Act of 1998" received February 27, 1998, pursuant to D.C. Code section 1-233(c)(1); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

7678. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting a copy of D.C. Act 12-262, "Life Insurance Special Contingency Reserve Amendment Act of 1998" received February 27, 1998, pursuant to D.C. Code section 1-233(c)(1); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

7679. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting a copy of D.C. Act 12-264, "Advisory Neighborhood Commissions Quorum Definition Amendment Act of 1998" received February 27, 1998, pursuant to D.C. Code section 1-233(c)(1); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

7680. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting a copy of D.C. Act 12-265, "Defined Contribution Transition Vesting Clarification Amendment Act of 1998" received February 27, 1998, pursuant to D.C. Code section 1-233(c)(1); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

7681. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting a copy of D.C. Act 12-267, "Uniform Interstate Family Support Temporary Amendment Act of 1998" received February 27, 1998, pursuant to D.C. Code section 1-233(c)(1); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

7682. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting a copy of D.C. Act 12-266, "New Washington Convention Center Neighborhood Stability Act 1998" received February 27, 1998, pursuant to D.C. Code section 1-233(c)(1); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

7683. A letter from the Chairman, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting the

report in compliance with the Government in the Sunshine Act for 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552b(j); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

7684. A letter from the President and Chief Executive Officer, Overseas Private Investment Corporation, transmitting the FY 1999 Annual Performance Plan for the Overseas Private Investment Corporation (OPIC), pursuant to Public Law 103-62; to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

7685. A letter from the Executive Director, Office of Compliance, transmitting supplementary notice of proposed rulemaking (extension of comment period) for publication in the Congressional RECORD, pursuant to Public Law 104-1, section 303(b) (109 Stat. 28); jointly to the Committees on Education and the Workforce and House Oversight.

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:

Mr. LEACH: Committee on Banking and Financial Services. Supplemental report on H.R. 217. A bill to amend title IV of the Stewart B. McKinney Homeless Assistance Act to consolidate the Federal programs for housing assistance for the homeless into a block grant program that ensures that States and communities are provided sufficient flexibility to use assistance amounts effectively (Rept. 105-407 Pt. 2).

Mr. SMITH of Texas: Committee on the Judiciary. H.R. 992. A bill to end the Tucker Act shuffle; with amendments (Rept. 105-424). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

Mr. BLILEY: Committee on Commerce. H.R. 2369. A bill to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to strengthen and clarify prohibitions on electronic eavesdropping, and for other purposes; with an amendment (Rept. 105-425). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

Mr. SOLOMON: Committee on Rules. House Resolution 376. Resolution providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 856) to provide a process leading to full self-government for Puerto Rico (Rept. 105-426). Referred to the House Calendar.

PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 5 of Rule X and clause 4 of Rule XXII, public bills and resolutions were introduced and severally referred, as follows:

By Mr. HYDE (for himself and Mr. CONYERS):

H.R. 3303. A bill to authorize appropriations for the Department of Justice for fiscal years 1999, 2000, and 2001; to authorize appropriations for fiscal years 1999 and 2000 to carry out certain programs administered by the Department of Justice; to amend title 28 of the United States Code with respect to the use of funds available to the Department of Justice, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. COLLINS:

H.R. 3304. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to establish a 2-year recovery period for depreciation of computers and peripheral equipment used in manufacturing; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. COOK:

H.R. 3305. A bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to report quarterly to the Congress on the programs led by the International Monetary Fund to financially sta-

bilize East Asian countries; to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services.

By Mr. ENGLISH of Pennsylvania:

H.R. 3306. A bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to increase the maximum Pell grant from \$3,000 to \$5,000; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

By Mr. ENGLISH of Pennsylvania (for himself, Mr. WELDON of Pennsylvania, and Mr. PAUL):

H.R. 3307. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow individuals a deduction for contributions to education individual retirement accounts, to increase the amount which may be contributed to such accounts, to permit such accounts to be used to pay elementary and secondary education expenses and training expenses of older individuals, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. ENGLISH of Pennsylvania:

H.R. 3308. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow a credit against income tax for taxpayers with certain persons requiring custodial care in their households; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. ENGLISH of Pennsylvania (for himself, Mr. WELDON of Pennsylvania, and Mr. PAUL):

H.R. 3309. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to permit private educational institutions to maintain qualified tuition programs which are comparable to qualified State tuition programs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. MCINTOSH (for himself, Mr. KUCINICH, Mr. FROST, Ms. WOOLSEY, Mr. GORDON, Mr. HAMILTON, Mr. HASTERT, Mr. SCARBOROUGH, Mr. SUNUNU, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. SHAYS, Mr. MCHUGH, Mr. DAVIS of Virginia, Mr. MILLER of Florida, Mr. LIVINGSTON, Mr. DELAY, Mr. ARMEY, Mr. BOEHNER, Mr. THORNBERRY, Mr. BARR of Georgia, Ms. DUNN of Washington, and Mr. SNOWBARGER):

H.R. 3310. A bill to amend chapter 35 of title 44, United States Code, for the purpose of facilitating compliance by small businesses with certain Federal paperwork requirements, and to establish a task force to examine the feasibility of streamlining paperwork requirements applicable to small businesses; to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight, and in addition to the Committee on Small Business, 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. PAYNE (for himself, Mr. OWENS, Mr. FATTAH, Mr. MARTINEZ, Mr. UNDERWOOD, Mr. FORD, Ms. SANCHEZ, Mr. LEWIS of Georgia, and Mr. KUCINICH):

H.R. 3311. A bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to improve international education at postsecondary institutions; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

By Mr. QUINN (for himself, Mr. LATHAM, Mr. LAFALCE, Mr. RAHALL, Mr. WALSH, and Mr. MCHUGH):

H.R. 3312. A bill to establish the Federal Aviation Research and Evaluation Board; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, and in addition to the Committee on the Judiciary, 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. ROHRBACHER:

H.R. 3313. A bill to amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to provide for partial removal of limitations on contributions