

Gingrich's Asian tour the Speaker and his delegation made a whirlwind 4-hour stop in Taipei.

At first, everyone, including Gingrich himself, believed that it was not possible to add Taipei to the Speaker's Asian itinerary, but Jason Hu persisted in asking the Speaker to reconsider his itinerary. Finally, he convinced the Speaker of the uttermost importance for the delegation to stop in Taipei. Gingrich relented and squeezed in four precious hours in Taipei.

At about the same time, in a number of articles the New York Times mentioned the "Taiwan factor," implying Taiwan was a troublemaker in U.S. relations with China. Jason Hu repeatedly communicated with the editors of the New York Times, trying to convince them of Taipei's perspectives. As a result of Jason's efforts, the New York Times has not again mentioned the "Taiwan factor."

JASON HU—A MAN OF POTENTIAL

After the 1996 U.S. elections, Jason Hu visited former Senator Robert Dole, former National Security Advisor Tony Lake and former Secretary of Defense William Perry, briefing them of the developments in Taiwan.

It appears that Messrs Dole, Lake and Perry all have now developed a good understanding of the issues affecting Taiwan. Jason Hu deserves credit for making these opinion-makers aware of Taiwan's developments.

Will Jason Hu run for the Taipei mayoral seat? The answer will come in May of this year. Considering Jason Hu's electability and potential, he will be a winning card for the Kuomintang.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Mr. CRANE (at the request of Mr. ARMEY) for today on account of illness.

Mr. BATEMAN (at the request of Mr. ARMEY) for today and the balance of the week on account of medical reasons.

Mr. MEEKS of New York (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT) for today and the balance of the week on account of family matters.

Mr. UNDERWOOD (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT) for today and the balance of the week on account of official business.

Mr. McNULTY (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT) for today on account of family business.

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

Mr. EDWARDS, for 5 minutes, today.

Mrs. CLAYTON, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. MILLENDER-McDONALD, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. FALCOMA, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas, for 5 minutes, today.

Mrs. CAPPS, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. PALLONE, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. BROWN of Florida, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. CHRISTIAN-GREEN, for 5 minutes, today.

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

Mr. KINGSTON, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. MORAN of Kansas, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. HUTCHINSON, for 5 minutes each day, today and on May 20, 21 and 22.

Mr. PAUL, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. MCINNIS, for 5 minutes each day, today and on May 20.

Mr. METCALF, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. FRANKS of New Jersey, for 5 minutes each day, today and on May 20, 21 and 22.

Mr. EHRLICH, for 5 minutes, on June 2.

Mr. RIGGS, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. SMITH of Michigan, for 5 minutes each day, today and on May 20.

Mr. SOLOMON, 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. REYES) and to include extraneous matter:)

Ms. ESHOO.

Mr. KIND.

Mr. KENNEDY of Rhode Island.

Mr. HALL of Ohio.

Mr. BONIOR.

Mr. SHERMAN.

Mr. VISCLOSKEY.

Mr. KILDEE.

Mr. EDWARDS.

Mr. SKELTON.

Mr. THOMPSON.

Mrs. MALONEY of New York.

Ms. PELOSI.

Mr. SCHUMER.

Mrs. CAPPS.

Ms. SANCHEZ.

Mr. STARK.

Ms. HARMAN.

Mr. RUSH.

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

Mr. RADANOVICH.

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey.

Mr. NEY.

Mr. YOUNG of Alaska.

Mr. ARCHER.

Mr. GILMAN.

Mr. MCCOLLUM.

Mr. WALSH.

Mr. HORN.

Mr. SHAW.

Mr. DELAY.

Mr. PORTMAN.

Mr. SMITH of Michigan, in two instances.

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

Mr. REYES.

Mr. HALL of Texas.

Mr. GOODLATTE.

Mr. GILLMOR.

Mr. LAZIO of New York.

Mr. BLUMENAUER.

Mr. CLYBURN.

Mr. MORAN of Kansas.

Mr. PAPPAS.

Mr. KILDEE.

Mr. CONDIT.

Mr. PAYNE.

Mr. PACKARD.

SENATE BILL REFERRED

A bill of the Senate of the following title was taken from the Speaker's table and, under the rule, referred as follows:

S. 1723. An act to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to assist the United States to remain competitive by increasing the access of United States firms and institutions of higher education to skilled personnel and by expanding educational and training opportunities for American students and workers; to the committee on the judiciary, and in addition, to the Committee(s) on Education and the Workforce, and the Committee on International Relations, 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.

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

Mr. THOMAS, from the Committee on House Oversight, reported that that committee had examined and found truly enrolled a bill of the House of the following title, which was thereupon signed by the Speaker:

H.R. 3565. An act to amend Part L of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968.

SENATE ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

The SPEAKER announced his signature to enrolled bill of the Senate of the following title:

S. 1605. An act to establish a matching grant program to help State and local jurisdictions purchase armor vests for use by law enforcement departments.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. MORAN of Kansas. Mr. Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 11 o'clock and 19 minutes p.m.), the House adjourned until Wednesday, May 20, 1998, at 10 a.m.