

H.R. 1198, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain land to the city of Grants Pass, OR;

H.R. 1585, to allow postal patrons to contribute to funding for breast cancer research through the voluntary purchase of certain specially issued U.S. postage stamps, and for other purposes;

H.R. 1944, to provide for a land exchange involving the Warner Canyon ski area and other land in the State of Oregon;

H.R. 2014, to provide for reconciliation pursuant to subsections (b)(2) and (d) of section 105 of the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 1998; and

H.R. 2015, to provide for reconciliation pursuant to subsections (b)(1) and (c) of section 105 of the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 1998.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER

The SPEAKER. Pursuant to the provisions of House Resolution 157 and the order of the House of Thursday, July 31, 1997, the Speaker on Thursday, August 7, 1997 announced the following Members of the House as members of the delegation attending the 50th anniversary of the independence of India and Pakistan: Messrs. GILMAN of New York; ACKERMAN of New York; HASTINGS of Florida; ENGEL of New York; and FALEOMAVAEGA of American Samoa.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE

The SPEAKER laid before the House the following communication from the Clerk of the House of Representatives:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
OFFICE OF THE CLERK,
Washington, DC, August 1, 1997.

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

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: Under Clause 4 of Rule III of the Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives, I herewith designate Mr. Jeff Trandahl, Deputy Clerk, along with Ms. Julie Perrier, Assistant Clerk and Mr. Ray Strong, Assistant Clerk, to sign any and all papers and do all other acts for me under the name of the Clerk of the House which they would be authorized to do by virtue of this designation, except such as are provided by statute, in case of my temporary absence or disability.

This designation shall remain in effect for the 105th Congress or until modified by me.

Sincerely yours,

ROBIN H. CARLE,
Clerk, House of Representatives.

RESIGNATION FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The SPEAKER laid before the House the following resignation from the House of Representatives:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, August 4, 1997.

Hon. NEWT GINGRICH,
Speaker of the House, The Capitol, H-232,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: This missive comes as an official announcement of my resignation

from the U.S. House of Representatives, effective October 15, 1997.

My duties and responsibilities as pastor of the Allen A.M.E. Church in Jamaica, New York, has grown to such a level that I am needed there on a more consistent basis. I have enjoyed the opportunities that you have given me to converse with you regarding my ideas for community, educational, and economic development. I hope that my leaving does not preclude our ability to, in some way, continue these discussions in the future.

With warmest regards, I am

Sincerely,

FLOYD H. FLAKE,
Member of Congress.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, August 1, 1997.

Hon. GEORGE E. PATAKI,
State of New York,

Office of the Governor, Albany, NY

DEAR GOVERNOR PATAKI: This missive comes as an official announcement of my resignation from the U.S. House of Representatives, effective October 15, 1997.

My duties and responsibilities as pastor of Allen A.M.E. Church have grown to a level which necessitates my presence on a more consistent basis.

I have called your office, and hope to be able to speak with you in the near future.

With warmest regards, I am

Sincerely,

FLOYD H. FLAKE,
Member of Congress.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE

The SPEAKER laid before the House the following communication from the Clerk of the House of Representatives:

OFFICE OF THE CLERK,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, August 11, 1997.

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

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: Pursuant to the permission granted in Clause 5 of Rule III of the Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives. I have the honor to transmit correspondence received from the White House on August 11, 1997 at 3:12 p.m. and said to contain a message from the President pursuant to the Line Item Veto Act (P.L. 104-130) transmitting one cancellation with respect to the Balanced Budget Act of 1997 (P.L. 105-33).

With warm regards,

ROBIN H. CARLE,
Clerk, House of Representatives.

CANCELLATION OF ITEM OF DIRECT SPENDING WITH RESPECT TO BALANCED BUDGET ACT OF 1997—MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES (H. DOC. NO. 105-115)

The SPEAKER laid before the House the following message from the President of the United States; which was read and, together with the accompanying papers, pursuant to section 1025(a) of the Congressional Budget Act, referred to the Committee on the Budget and the Committee on Commerce and ordered to be printed:

THE WHITE HOUSE,
Washington, August 11, 1997.

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

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: In accordance with the Line Item Veto Act, I hereby cancel one item of new direct spending, as specified in the attached report, contained in the "Balanced Budget Act of 1997" (Public Law 105-33; H.R. 2015). I have determined that this cancellation will reduce the Federal budget deficit, will not impair any essential Government functions, and will not harm the national interest. This letter, together with its attachment, constitutes a special message under section 1022 of the Congressional Budget and Impoundment Control Act of 1974, as amended.

Sincerely,

WILLIAM J. CLINTON.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE

The SPEAKER laid before the House the following communication from the Clerk of the House of Representatives:

OFFICE OF THE CLERK,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, August 11, 1997.

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

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: Pursuant to the permission granted in Clause 5 of Rule III of the Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives, I have the honor to transmit correspondence received from the White House on August 11, 1997 at 3:12 p.m. and said to contain a message from the President pursuant to the Line Item Veto Act (P.L. 104-130) transmitting two cancellations with respect to the Taxpayer Relief Act of 1997 (P.L. 105-34).

With warm regards,

ROBIN H. CARLE,
Clerk, House of Representatives.

CANCELLATION OF TWO LIMITED TAX BENEFITS WITH RESPECT TO TAXPAYER RELIEF ACT OF 1997—MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES (H. DOC. NO. 105-116)

The SPEAKER laid before the House the following message from the President of the United States; which was read and, together with the accompanying papers, pursuant to section 1025(a) of the Congressional Budget Act, referred to the Committee on Ways and Means and ordered to be printed:

THE WHITE HOUSE,
Washington, August 11, 1997.

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

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: In accordance with the Line Item Veto Act, I hereby cancel two limited tax benefits, as specified in the attached reports, contained in the "Taxpayer Relief Act of 1997" (Public Law 105-34; H.R. 2014). I have determined that each of these cancellations will reduce the Federal budget deficit, will not impair any essential Government functions, and will not harm the national interest. This letter, together with its attachments, constitutes a special message under section 1022 of the Congressional Budget and Impoundment Control Act of 1974, as amended.

Sincerely,

WILLIAM J. CLINTON.