care nothing about our economic future.

And today, the policies of this administration have put us in a position where we could be paying $45 for oil before the year is over. And we all know what that will do to home heating, cost of trucking, cost of driving our vehicles.

A lack of an energy policy of the Clinton-Gore administration has been devastating to rural America. Because not only do we consume it, that is where we produce it.

The timber industry. In the West, we have great softwoods. In the eastern part of the United States, we have the finest hardwoods forests in the world. My district has one of the finest hardwood forests in America. But again we have watched Clinton-Gore policies that have tried to stop all timbering on public lands.

Someone might say, well, that sounds good. But you know the Federal Government owns a third of America. When we add the State governments in, we are at about 44 or 45 percent of public ownership. And when we add local governments in, we are approaching half of America is owned by government.

So government policies from an administration have an awful lot to do with whether we practice good forestry and whether we are able to timber.

Timber is a natural resource and it is a resource that replenishes itself. You could have good forestry practice on the land forever and it will continue to grow fine quality timber that we use to build our homes, make our paper, and all the things we sort of take for granted.

□ 1730

I am told we are approaching 50 percent on the importation now of softwoods in this country because we have had a policy that opposes cutting timber.

Public land ownership I have talked about. When a huge part of a State and much of rural America, that is where they own, in rural America, when you have public policy changes, you have a huge impact on the rural economies; when you no longer allow grazing; when you no longer allow mining; when you no longer allow timbering. Much of our land was purchased with a promise that it would be multi-use, it would be for recreation, it would be for natural resource supply. Today, that promise has been broken.

While we own all this land, our National Park Service and our Forest Service facilities, our Bureau of Land Management facilities and our Fish and Wildlife Service facilities have never been in greater disrepair, because we are on a land-buying grab. We are in the process of buying land and not maintaining the land we have. Many of these things and many more are the reasons why rural America has not prospered under this administration, and it needs new leadership in Washington if it is to survive.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. ISAKSON). Pursuant to clause 12 of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

Accordingly (at 5 o'clock and 31 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

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AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. DREIER) at 6 o'clock and 50 minutes p.m.

REPORT ON RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 2941, LAS CIENEGAS NATIONAL CONSERVATION AREA ESTABLISHMENT ACT OF 1999

Mr. GOSS, from the Committee on Rules, submitted a privileged report (Rept. No. 106–935) on the resolution (H. Res. 610) providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 2941) to establish the Los Cienegas National Conservation Area in the State of Arizona, which was referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed.

REPORT ON RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF S. 2311, RYAN WHITE CARE ACT AMENDMENTS OF 2000

Mr. GOSS, from the Committee on Rules, submitted a privileged report (Rept. No. 106–936) on the resolution (H. Res. 611) providing for consideration of the Senate bill (S. 2311) to revise and extend the Ryan White CARE Act programs under title XXVI of the Public Health Service Act, to improve access to health care and quality of care under such programs, and to provide for the development of increased capacity to provide health care and related support services to individuals and families with HIV disease, and for other purposes, which was referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Mr. HEFLEY (at the request of Mr. ARMEY) for today and October 5 on account of illness.

Mr. BACA (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT) for today on account of a family illness.

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

Mr. BROWN of Ohio, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. DEFAZIO, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. CLAY, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. PALLONE, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. MASCARA, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. UNDERWOOD, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. GREEN of Texas, for 5 minutes, today.

Mrs. MALONEY of New York, for 5 minutes, today.

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

Mr. METCALF, for 5 minutes, today and October 5.

Mr. PETERSON of Pennsylvania, for 5 minutes, today and October 5 and 6.

Mr. SMITH of Michigan, for 5 minutes, today and October 5, 10, and 11.

Mr. DUNCAN, for 5 minutes, today.

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

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

Mrs. CLAYTON, for 5 minutes, today.

Mrs. KELLY, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. YOUNG of Alaska, for 5 minutes, today.

SENATE BILL AND CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS REFERRED

A bill and concurrent resolutions of the Senate of the following titles were taken from the Speaker's table and, under the rule, referred as follows:

S. 2440. An act to amend title 49, United States Code, to improve airport security; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

S. Con. Res. 60. Concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress that a commemorative postage stamp should be issued in honor of the U.S.S. *Wisconsin* and all those who serve aboard her; to the Committee on Government Reform.

S. Con. Res. 70. Concurrent resolution requesting that the United States Postal Service issue a commemorative postage stamp honoring the national veterans service organizations of the United States; to the Committee on Government Reform.

S. Con. Res. 141. Concurrent resolution to authorize the printing of copies of the publication entitled ''The United States Capitol'' as a Senate document; to the Committee on House Administration.

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

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

H.R. 4365. An act to amend the Public Health Service Act with respect to children's health.

SENATE ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

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

S. 302. An act for the relief of Kerantha Poole-Christian.