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Senate

The Senate was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 5, 2000, at 12 noon.

House of Representatives

MONDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2000

The House met at 10 a.m.

The Chaplain, the Reverend Daniel P. Coughlin, offered the following prayer:

As winter times descend upon this Nation, we gather today to seek the warmth of Your guidance and the strength to face cold, realistic winds, O Lord.

Though the days grow shorter our minds and hearts are in need of Your Spirit to broaden our vision and unite a nation.

Grant Your people patience. Teach us wisdom in our waiting.

As color fades from the earth help us to break deep down into new depths of understanding and once again be rooted in the principles of our constitution.

May the Members of this House and all public servants of the court and government be agents of stability and Your instruments of peace now and forever. Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER. Will the gentleman from Indiana (Mr. PEASE) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. PEASE led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Repub-

lic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A message from the Senate by Mr. Lundregan, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate has passed a bill of the following title in which the concurrence of the House is requested:

S. 3205. An act to enhance the capability of the United States to deter, prevent, thwart, and respond to international acts of terrorism against United States nationals and interests.

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, November 15, 2000.

Hon. J. DENNIS HASTERT,
The Speaker, House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: Pursuant to the permission granted by Clause 2(h) of Rule II of the Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives, the Clerk received the following message from the Secretary of the Senate on November 14, 2000 at 7:14 p.m.

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 5633.

With best wishes, I am
Sincerely,

JEFF TRANDAHL,
Clerk of the House.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER

The SPEAKER. The Chair announces that pursuant to clause 4 of rule 1, the

Speaker signed the following enrolled bill on Wednesday, November 15, 2000:

H.R. 5633, making appropriations for the Government of the District of Columbia and other activities chargeable in whole or in part against the revenues of said District for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2001, and for other purposes.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE HONORABLE BILL ARCHER, MEMBER OF CONGRESS

The SPEAKER laid before the House the following communication from the Honorable BILL ARCHER, Member of Congress:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, November 14, 2000.

Hon. J. DENNIS HASTERT,
Speaker, House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: This is to formally notify you, pursuant to Rule VIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, that I have been served with a civil subpoena for documents issued by the United States District for the Southern District of Texas.

After consultation with the Office of General Counsel, I have determined that it is consistent with the precedents and privileges of the House to comply with the subpoena.

Sincerely,

BILL ARCHER,
Member of Congress.

COMMUNICATION FROM FINANCIAL COUNSELING DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF FINANCE

The SPEAKER laid before the House the following communication from

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Jacqueline Aamot, Financial Counseling Director, Office of Finance, House of Representatives:

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,

Washington, DC, November 15, 2000.

Hon. J. DENNIS HASTERT,
Speaker, House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: This is to formally notify you, pursuant to Rule VIII of the Rules of the House that the Custodian of Records, Office of Financial Counseling has received a subpoena for documents issued by the United States District Court for the District of New Jersey.

After consultation with the Office of General Counsel, I will make the determinations required by Rule VIII.

Sincerely,

JACQUELINE AAMOT,
Financial Counseling Director,
Office of Finance.

COMMUNICATION FROM ACTING ASSOCIATE ADMINISTRATOR, OFFICE OF HUMAN RESOURCES

The SPEAKER laid before the House the following communication from J. Michael Dorsey, Acting Associate Administrator, Office of Human Resources, House of Representatives:

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,

Washington, DC, November 15, 2000.

Hon. J. DENNIS HASTERT,
Speaker, House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: This is to formally notify you pursuant to Rule VIII of the Rules of the House that the Custodian of Records, Office of Human Resources has received a subpoena for documents issued by the United States District Court for the District of New Jersey.

After consultation with the Office of General Counsel, I will make the determinations required by Rule VIII.

Sincerely,

J. MICHAEL DORSEY,
Acting Associate Administrator,
Office of Human Resources.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE HONORABLE TODD TIAHRT, MEMBER OF CONGRESS

The SPEAKER laid before the House the following communication from the Honorable TODD TIAHRT, Member of Congress:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, November 17, 2000.

Hon. J. DENNIS HASTERT,
Speaker, House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: This is to notify you formally, pursuant to Rule VIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, that I have been served with a subpoena for testimony issued by the Municipal Court for the City of Wichita, Kansas.

After consultation with the Office of General Counsel, I have determined that compliance with the subpoena is inconsistent with the privileges and rights of the House.

Sincerely,

TODD TIAHRT,
Member of Congress.

COMMUNICATION FROM DISTRICT DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF THE HONORABLE TODD TIAHRT, MEMBER OF CONGRESS

The SPEAKER laid before the House the following communication from Robert Noland, District Director, Office of the Honorable TODD TIAHRT, Member of Congress:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, November 17, 2000.

Hon. J. DENNIS HASTERT,
Speaker, House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: This is to notify you formally, pursuant to Rule VIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, that I have been served with a subpoena for testimony issued by the Municipal Court for the City of Wichita, Kansas.

After consultation with the Office of General Counsel, I have determined that compliance with the subpoena is inconsistent with the privileges and rights of the House.

Sincerely,

ROBERT NOLAND,
District Director.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE HONORABLE SHERWOOD L. BOEHLERT, MEMBER OF CONGRESS

The SPEAKER laid before the House the following communication from the Honorable SHERWOOD L. BOEHLERT, Member of Congress:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, November 29, 2000.

Hon. DENNIS J. HASTERT,
Speaker, House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: This is to formally notify you, pursuant to Rule VIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, that I have been served with a civil subpoena for documents issued by the Supreme Court of New York, County of Onondaga.

After consultation with the Office of General Counsel, I have determined that it is consistent with the precedents and privileges of the House to comply with the subpoena.

Sincerely,

SHERWOOD L. BOEHLERT,
Member of Congress.

SWEETHEART NUCLEAR WASTE DEALS

(Mr. GIBBONS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. GIBBONS. Mr. Speaker, today I rise dismayed and appalled by the illegal sweetheart deals being made by the Department of Energy and the nuclear power industry.

These backroom agreements between the Clinton-Gore administration and the nuclear industry ignore the public safety and health of millions of Americans, and run completely contrary to the laws passed by Congress.

This Congress has always maintained that any nuclear waste repository project must be based on sound science and safety. However, documents recently released by the DOE show that the Department is not concerned at all with safety or science. Their prime concern is "selling" Nevada's Yucca

Mountain project as a permanent nuclear waste dump, even though the final suitability studies have not been completed.

The DOE has chosen to risk the health and safety of millions of Americans and expose them to a devastating environmental disaster because it is an expedient answer to a problem faced by the nuclear industry.

Once again, Mr. Speaker, this administration has misled Congress, ignored the law, and jeopardized the safety of America.

TIME TO CERTIFY GEORGE W. BUSH AS THE NEXT PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

(Mr. TRAFICANT asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. TRAFICANT. Mr. Speaker, Josef Stalin once said: Those who cast the ballots decide nothing; those who count the ballots decide everything.

How true it is. The wrinkled, dimpled, even pregnant chads have been counted several times. The Florida Supreme Court went beyond its bounds in changing the intent of Florida law.

It is time for the courts and the lawyers to get out of the way and to certify George W. Bush as the 43rd President of the United States of America.

Enough is enough. The division and stratification must stop. I yield back the need to begin a transition to a George W. Bush administration.

VICE PRESIDENT GORE SHOULD CONCEDE THE PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION AND ALLOW THE PRESIDENT-ELECT TO BEGIN THE TRANSITION TO OFFICE

(Mr. STEARNS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. STEARNS. Mr. Speaker, almost 4 weeks ago the American people went to the polls to elect a new president. This election was close, but the election is over. Governor George Bush is the certified winner of 271 electoral votes. He is the president-elect.

However, Vice President GORE has taken the unprecedented step of contesting a presidential election in court. Governor Bush won the original vote in Florida. He then won the required recount vote and won again, and won again when the overseas ballots were included. He won a fourth time when the counties submitted the results of their hand counts and the Secretary of State certified the results.

For the first time in history, the party currently in control of the White House is refusing to cooperate with the transition to a new administration. Vice President GORE should concede, end his legal challenges, and allow the President-elect to prepare to take on the awesome responsibilities of the office.

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ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER
PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. PEASE). Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the Chair announces that he will postpone further proceedings today on each motion to suspend the rules on which a recorded vote or the yeas or nays are ordered, or on which the vote is objected to under clause 6 of rule XX.

Any record votes on postponed questions will be taken after debate has concluded on all motions to suspend the rules, but not before 6 p.m. today.

JAMES MADISON COMMEMORATION
COMMISSION ACT

Mrs. BIGGERT. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the Senate bill (S. 3137) to establish a commission to commemorate the 250th anniversary of the birth of James Madison.

The Clerk read as follows:

S. 3137

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE; TABLE OF CONTENTS.

(a) SHORT TITLE.—This Act may be cited as the “James Madison Commemoration Commission Act”.

(b) TABLE OF CONTENTS.—The table of contents for this Act is as follows:

- Sec. 1. Short title; table of contents.
- Sec. 2. Congressional findings.
- Sec. 3. Establishment.
- Sec. 4. Duties.
- Sec. 5. Membership.
- Sec. 6. Powers.
- Sec. 7. Staffing and support.
- Sec. 8. Contributions.
- Sec. 9. Reports.
- Sec. 10. Audit of financial transactions.
- Sec. 11. Termination.
- Sec. 12. Authorization of appropriations.

SEC. 2. CONGRESSIONAL FINDINGS.

Congress finds that—

(1) March 16, 2001, marks the 250th anniversary of the birth of James Madison;

(2) as a delegate to the Continental Congress, and to the Annapolis Convention of 1786, James Madison foresaw the need for a more effective national government and was a persuasive advocate for such a government at the Philadelphia Constitutional Convention of 1787;

(3) James Madison worked tirelessly and successfully at the Constitutional Convention to mold a national charter, the United States Constitution, that combined both energy and restraint, empowering the legislature, the executive, and the judiciary, within a framework of limited government, separated powers, and a system of federalism;

(4) James Madison was an eloquent proponent of the first 10 amendments to the Constitution, the Bill of Rights;

(5) James Madison faithfully served his country as a Representative in Congress from 1789 to 1797, as Secretary of State from 1801 to 1809, and as President of the United States from 1809 to 1817;

(6) as President, James Madison showed courage and resolute will in leading the United States to victory over Great Britain in the War of 1812;

(7) James Madison’s political writings, as exemplified by his Notes on the Federal Convention and his contributions to The Fed-

eralist Papers, are among the most distinguished of American state papers;

(8) by his learning, his devotion to ordered liberty, and by the force of his intellect, James Madison made an indispensable contribution to the American tradition of democratic constitutional republicanism embodied in the Constitution of the United States, and is justifiably acclaimed as father of the Constitution;

(9) it is appropriate to remember, honor, and renew the legacy of James Madison for the American people and, indeed for all mankind; and

(10) as the Nation approaches March 16, 2001, marking the anniversary of the birth of James Madison, it is appropriate to establish a commission for the commemoration of that anniversary.

SEC. 3. ESTABLISHMENT.

A commission to be known as the James Madison Commemoration Commission (in this Act referred to as the “Commission”) and a committee to be known as the James Madison Commemoration Advisory Committee (in this Act referred to as the “Advisory Committee”) are established.

SEC. 4. DUTIES.

(a) COMMISSION.—The Commission shall—

(1) in cooperation with the Advisory Committee and the Library of Congress, direct the Government Printing Office to compile and publish a substantial number of copies of a book (as directed by the Commission) containing a selection of the most important writings of James Madison and tributes to him by members of the Commission and other persons that the Commission deems appropriate;

(2) in cooperation with the Advisory Committee and the Library of Congress, plan and coordinate 1 or more symposia, at least 1 of which will be held on March 16, 2001, and all of which will be devoted to providing a better understanding of James Madison’s contribution to American political culture;

(3) in cooperation with the Advisory Committee recognize such other events celebrating James Madison’s birth and life as official events of the Commission;

(4) develop and coordinate any other activities relating to the anniversary of the birth of James Madison as may be appropriate;

(5) accept essay papers (via the Internet or otherwise) from students attending public and private institutions of elementary and secondary education in any State regarding James Madison’s life and contributions to America and award certificates to students who author exceptional papers on this subject; and

(6) bestow honorary memberships to the Commission or to the Advisory Committee upon such persons as it deems appropriate.

(b) ADVISORY COMMITTEE.—The Advisory Committee shall—

(1) submit a suggested selection of James Madison’s most important writings to the Commission for the Commission to consider for inclusion in the book printed as provided in subsection (a)(1);

(2) submit a list and description of events concerning the birth and life of James Madison to the Commission for the Commission’s consideration in recognizing such events as official “Commission Events”; and

(3) make such other recommendations to the Commission as a majority of its members deem appropriate.

SEC. 5. MEMBERSHIP.

(a) MEMBERSHIP OF THE COMMISSION.—

(1) NUMBER AND APPOINTMENT.—The Commission shall be composed of 19 members, as follows:

(A) The Chief Justice of the United States or such individual’s delegate who is an Asso-

ciate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States.

(B) The Majority Leader and the Minority Leader of the Senate or each such individual’s delegate who is a Member of the Senate.

(C) The Speaker of the House of Representatives and the Minority Leader of the House of Representatives or each such individual’s delegate who is a Member of the House of Representatives.

(D) The Chairman and the Ranking Member of the Committee on the Judiciary of the Senate or each such individual’s delegate who is a member of such committee.

(E) The Chairman and the Ranking Member of the Committee on the Judiciary of the House of Representatives or each such individual’s delegate who is a member of such committee.

(F) Two Members of the Senate selected by the Majority Leader of the Senate and 2 Members of the Senate selected by the Minority Leader of the Senate.

(G) Two members of the House of Representatives selected by the Speaker of the House of Representatives and 2 Members of the House of Representatives selected by the Minority Leader of the House of Representatives.

(H) Two members of the executive branch selected by the President of the United States.

(2) CHAIRMAN AND VICE CHAIRMAN.—The Chief Justice of the United States shall serve as Chairman of the Commission and the members of the Commission shall select a vice chairman from its members, unless the Chief Justice appoints a delegate to serve in his stead, in which circumstance, the members of the Commission shall select a chairman and vice chairman from its members.

(b) MEMBERSHIP OF THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE.—

(1) NUMBER AND APPOINTMENT.—The Advisory Committee shall be composed of 14 members, as follows:

(A) The Archivist of the United States or such individual’s delegate.

(B) The Secretary of the Smithsonian Institution or such individual’s delegate.

(C) The Executive Director of Montpelier, the home of James Madison, and the 2001 Planning Committee of Montpelier or such individual’s delegate.

(D) The President of James Madison University in Harrisonburg, Virginia or such individual’s delegate.

(E) The Director of the James Madison Center, James Madison University in Harrisonburg, Virginia or such individual’s delegate.

(F) The President of the James Madison Memorial Fellowship Foundation or such individual’s delegate.

(G) Two members, who are not Members of Congress but have expertise on the legal and historical significance of James Madison, selected by the Majority Leader of the Senate, and 2 members, who are not Members of Congress but have expertise on the legal and historical significance of James Madison, selected by the Minority Leader of the Senate.

(H) Two members, who are not Members of Congress but who have expertise on the legal and historical significance of James Madison, selected by the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and 2 members, who are not Members of Congress but who have expertise on the legal and historical significance of James Madison, selected by the Minority Leader of Representatives.

(2) CHAIRMAN AND VICE CHAIRMAN.—The members of the Advisory Committee shall select a chairman and vice chairman from its members.

(c) TERMS.—Each member of the Commission shall be selected and each member of

the Advisory Committee shall be selected not later than 90 days after the date of enactment of this Act and shall serve for the life of the Commission and the Advisory Committee, respectively.

(d) **VACANCIES.**—A vacancy in the Commission shall be filled in the same manner in which the original appointment was made in subsection (a). A vacancy in the Advisory Committee shall be filled by the person holding the office named in subsection (b) or his designate.

(e) **COMPENSATION.**—

(1) **RATES OF PAY.**—Members of the Commission and the Advisory Committee shall serve without pay.

(2) **TRAVEL EXPENSES.**—Each member of the Commission and the Advisory Committee may receive travel expenses, including per diem in lieu of subsistence, in accordance with sections 5702 and 5703 of title 5, United States Code.

(f) **MEETINGS.**—The Commission shall meet at the call of its chairman or a majority of its members. The Advisory Committee shall meet at the call of the chairman or a majority of its members.

(g) **APPROVAL OF ACTIONS.**—All official actions of the Commission under this Act shall be approved by the affirmative vote of not less than a majority of the members. All official actions of the Advisory Committee under this Act shall be approved by the affirmative vote of not less than a majority of the members.

SEC. 6. POWERS.

(a) **DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY.**—Any member or staff person of the Commission may, if authorized by the Commission, take any action that the Commission is authorized to take by this Act.

(b) **CONTRACT AUTHORITY.**—

(1) **IN GENERAL.**—The Commission may procure services and property, and make or enter into contracts, leases, or other legal agreements, in order to carry out this Act.

(2) **RESTRICTION.**—The contracts, leases, or other legal agreements made or entered into by the Commission shall not extend beyond the date of termination of the Commission.

(3) **TERMINATION.**—All supplies and property acquired by the Commission under this Act that remain in the possession of the Commission on the date of termination of the Commission shall become the property of the General Services Administration upon the date of the termination.

(c) **INFORMATION.**—

(1) **IN GENERAL.**—The Commission may secure directly from any Federal agency information necessary to enable it to carry out this Act. Upon request of the chairperson of the Commission, the head of the Federal agency shall furnish the information to the Commission.

(2) **EXCEPTION.**—Paragraph (1) shall not apply to any information that the Commission is prohibited to secure or request by another law.

(d) **RULES AND REGULATIONS.**—The Commission may adopt such rules and regulations as may be necessary to conduct meetings and carry out its duties under this Act. The Commission may also adopt such rules for the Advisory Committee.

(e) **MAILS.**—The Commission may use the United States mails in the same manner and under the same conditions as other Federal agencies, and the Committee on the Judiciary of the Senate may mail items on behalf of the Commission.

(f) **NECESSARY AND PROPER POWERS.**—The Commission may exercise such other powers as are necessary and proper in carrying out and effecting the purposes of this Act.

SEC. 7. STAFFING AND SUPPORT.

The Chairman of the Committee on the Judiciary of the Senate, the Chairman of the

Committee on the Judiciary of the House of Representatives, and the Librarian of Congress shall provide the Commission and the Advisory Committee with such assistance, including staff support, facilities, and supplies at no charge, as may be necessary to carry out its duties.

SEC. 8. CONTRIBUTIONS.

(a) **DONATIONS.**—The Commission may accept donations of money, personal services, and property, both real and personal, including books, manuscripts, miscellaneous printed matter, memorabilia, relics, and other materials related to James Madison.

(b) **USE OF FUNDS.**—

(1) **IN GENERAL.**—Any funds donated to the Commission may be used by the Commission to carry out this Act. The source and amount of such funds shall be listed in the interim and final reports required under section 9.

(2) **PROCUREMENT REQUIREMENTS.**—

(A) **IN GENERAL.**—In addition to any procurement requirement otherwise applicable to the Commission, the Commission shall conduct procurements of property or services involving donated funds pursuant to the small purchase procedures required by section 303(g) of the Federal Property and Administrative Services Act of 1949 (41 U.S.C. 253(g)). Section 15(j) of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 644(j)) shall not apply to such procurements.

(B) **DEFINITION.**—In this paragraph, the term “donated funds” means any funds of which 50 percent or more derive from funds donated to the Commission.

(c) **VOLUNTEER SERVICES.**—Notwithstanding section 1342 of title 31, United States Code, the Commission may accept and use voluntary and uncompensated services as the Commission determines necessary.

(d) **REMAINING FUNDS.**—Funds remaining upon the date of termination of the Commission shall be used to ensure the proper disposition of property donated to the Commission as specified in the final report required by section 9.

SEC. 9. REPORTS.

(a) **INTERIM REPORT.**—Not later than February 15, 2001, the Commission shall prepare and submit to the President and Congress an interim report detailing the activities of the Commission, including an accounting of funds received and expended by the Commission, during the period beginning on the date of enactment of this Act and ending on December 31, 2000.

(b) **FINAL REPORT.**—Not later than February 15, 2002, the Commission shall submit to the President and to Congress a final report containing—

(1) a summary of the activities of the Commission;

(2) a final accounting of funds received and expended by the Commission;

(3) the findings, conclusions, and recommendations of the Commission;

(4) specific recommendations concerning the final disposition of historically significant items donated to the Commission under section 8(a), if any; and

(5) any additional views of any member of the Commission concerning the Commission's recommendations that such member requests to be included in the final report.

SEC. 10. AUDIT OF FINANCIAL TRANSACTIONS.

(a) **IN GENERAL.**—The Inspector General of the General Services Administration shall audit financial transactions of the Commission, including financial transactions involving donated funds, in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards. In conducting an audit pursuant to this section, the Inspector General shall have access to all books, accounts, financial records, reports, files, and other papers, items, or property in

use by the Commission, as necessary to facilitate the audit, and shall be afforded full facilities for verifying transactions with the balances or securities held by depositories, fiscal agents, and custodians.

(b) **AUDIT REPORTS.**—Not later than March 15, 2001, the Inspector General of the General Services Administration shall submit to the President and to Congress a report detailing the results of any audit of the financial transactions of the Commission conducted before January 1, 2001. Not later than March 15, 2002, such Inspector General shall submit to the President and to Congress a report detailing the results of any audit of the financial transactions of the Commission conducted during the period beginning on January 1, 2001, and ending on December 31, 2001.

SEC. 11. TERMINATION.

The Commission and the Advisory Committee shall terminate not later than 60 days following submission of the final report required by section 9.

SEC. 12. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.

There are authorized to be appropriated to carry out this Act \$250,000 for fiscal year 2001.

The **SPEAKER pro tempore**. Pursuant to the rule, the gentlewoman from Illinois (Mrs. **BIGGERT**) and the gentleman from Maryland (Mr. **CUMMINGS**) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Illinois (Mrs. **BIGGERT**).

GENERAL LEAVE

Mrs. **BIGGERT**. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks on S. 3137.

The **SPEAKER pro tempore**. Is there objection to the request of the gentlewoman from Illinois?

There was no objection.

Mrs. **BIGGERT**. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to offer for consideration by the House S. 3137, the James Madison Commemoration Commission Act, introduced by Senator **JEFF SESSIONS** of Alabama. S. 3137, which was passed unanimously by the Senate on October 25, 2000, establishes a commission to commemorate the 250th anniversary of the birth of James Madison, which falls on March 16, 2001.

Born in 1751, James Madison was raised in Orange County, Virginia. He later attended Princeton University, then called the College of New Jersey, where he was a student of history and government.

Drawing from his studies, Madison served as a delegate to the Continental Congress and to the Annapolis Convention of 1786. More important, he was a fervent supporter of the bill of rights and an instrumental force in creating the United States Constitution, which is why he is often referred to as the Father of the Constitution.

James Madison also served as a representative in Congress from 1789 to 1797; the United States Secretary of State under President Thomas Jefferson from 1801 to 1809; and President of the United States from 1809 to 1817.

As President, James Madison led our young Nation in a war against Great Britain. While considered by many to

be a draw, the war did serve to draw a diverse country closer together and to demonstrate to the world the strong resolve and will of the American people.

Mr. Speaker, in addition to advancing the interests of a growing Nation, Madison's written works have had a lasting impact. Historians acknowledge that among the most distinguished of American state papers are James Madison's notes on the Federal Convention and his contributions to *The Federalist Papers*, many of which are now housed at the University of Virginia.

Mr. Speaker, in order to honor this great American hero on the 250th anniversary of his birth, S. 3137 establishes a commission that will be charged with planning and coordinating activities to celebrate the life of James Madison.

This is the least we can do to recognize a man whose devotion to liberty made a lasting contribution to our system of government and to freedom-loving people around the world.

Mr. Speaker, like the bill to create the Abraham Lincoln Commission before it, I am proud to offer this legislation to my colleagues for consideration. Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues' support.

Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. CUMMINGS. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, two resolutions previously passed by the House commemorated the life and achievements of James Madison, one of our Nation's Founding Fathers.

The act before us today, S. 3137, provides for a bipartisan and balanced selection of individuals to a commission that will direct the Government Printing Office to compile and publish a book containing important writings of James Madison.

In addition, S. 3137 establishes an advisory committee to work with the commission to identify writings to include in a book on James Madison.

The advisory committee is also tasked with compiling a list of events celebrating the birth and life of James Madison. The commission will consider the list in recognizing such events as official commission events.

In 1776, Madison was a member of the Virginia Constitutional Committee, the body that drafted Virginia's first constitution and a bill of rights which later would welcome a model for the Bill of Rights amending the United States Constitution.

When Madison was elected to the United States House of Representatives, he became the primary author of the first 12 proposed amendments to the Constitution. Ten of these, the Bill of Rights, were adopted.

At the Constitutional Convention, which opened on May 25th, 1787, Madison set the tone by introducing a document he authored, called *The Virginia Plan*. The plan called for strong central

government consisting of a supreme legislature, executive and judiciary. It provided for a national legislature consisting of two houses: one elected by the people, and the other appointed by the first from a body of nominees submitted by State legislatures.

Representation in these bodies would be based on the population of States. It provided for an executive to be elected by the national legislature. The plan also defined a national judiciary and a Council of Revision charged with reviewing the constitutionality of legislation.

Mr. Speaker, I would urge all of our colleagues to vote in favor of this legislation.

Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mrs. BIGGERT. Mr. Speaker, I have no further speakers, and I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. CUMMINGS. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, as the driving force in the formation of the Constitution, James Madison organized the Convention, set the agenda, and worked through obstacles that threatened the process. The notes he took throughout the Convention constitute this country's best and most complete record of the 1787 Constitutional Convention. Madison's notes, which comprised a third of the *Federalist Papers*, were published in the 1830s. Accordingly, I urge the approval of this bill.

Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

Mrs. BIGGERT. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, as we have touched upon this afternoon, James Madison was a man who strongly embodied and advanced the principles that our government represents: economic freedom, limited government, the rule of law, individual liberty, and personal responsibility.

James Madison also was a man who believed in the greatness of the United States and hoped to see it always remain as a whole. In a note that was opened after his death in 1836, Madison wrote that, I quote, "the advice nearest to my heart and deepest in my convictions is that the union of the States be cherished and perpetuated."

At a time when we face unprecedented challenges to our electoral challenge, James Madison's words are something we should all heed.

Before I close, let me thank Senator SESSIONS for introducing this fine bill. Let me also thank the gentleman from Maryland (Mr. CUMMINGS) for his thoughts and the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. BURTON), chairman of the Committee on Government Reform, and the gentleman from California (Mr. WAXMAN) for allowing this bill to move forward.

Mr. Speaker, let me also thank the gentleman from Florida (Mr. SCARBOROUGH), chairman of the Subcommittee on Civil Service.

Mr. Speaker, I encourage all Members to support this bill.

Mr. PAUL. Mr. Speaker, I rise in opposition to the James Madison Commemoration Commission Act secure in the belief that were James Madison on the floor today, he would share my opposition to this bill. Congress has no constitutional authority to use taxpayer funds to promote the life and thought of any individual. Congressional actions exceeding the limitations on congressional power contained in Article 1, Section 8 of the Constitution undermine the very principles of limited government to which James Madison devoted his life. In fact, few have been as eloquent in pointing out how liberty is threatened when Congress exceeds its enumerated powers:

If Congress can do whatever in their discretion can be done by money, and will promote the General Welfare, the Government is no longer a limited one, possessing enumerated powers, but an indefinite one, subject to particular exceptions.—Letter to Edmund Pendleton, January 21, 1792 (Madison, 1865, I, page 546)

Of course, Mr. Speaker, I wholeheartedly endorse the goals of promoting public awareness and appreciation of, the life and thought of James Madison. In fact, through my work with various educational organizations, I have probably done as much as any member to promote the thought of James Madison and the other Founding Fathers. James Madison's writings provide an excellent guide to the principles underlying the true nature of the American government. In addition, Madison's writings address many issues of concern to friends of limited government today, such as the need for each branch of government to respect the Separation of Powers, the threat posed to individual liberty by an interventionist foreign policy, and the differences between a Republic and a pure Democracy.

However, the continuing growth of the federal government and Congress' refusal to abide by its constitutional limits suggest that the people most in need of familiarization with the thought of James Madison are those who would support this bill.

Mr. Speaker, S. 3137 exceeds the constitutional limits on Congressional power, and thus violates the principles of limited government upon which our constitutional system was based. Therefore, I urge my colleagues to pay appropriate tribute to James Madison by rejecting this unconstitutional bill.

Mrs. BIGGERT. Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentlewoman from Illinois (Mrs. BIGGERT) that the House suspend the rules and pass the Senate bill, S. 3137.

The question was taken.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. In the opinion of the Chair, two-thirds of those present have voted in the affirmative.

Mrs. BIGGERT. Mr. Speaker, on that I demand the yeas and nays.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX and the Chair's prior announcement, further proceedings on this motion will be postponed.

LOWER RIO GRANDE VALLEY
WATER RESOURCES CONSERVA-
TION AND IMPROVEMENT ACT
OF 2000

Mr. GIBBONS. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the Senate bill (S. 1761) to direct the Secretary of the Interior, through the Bureau of Reclamation, to conserve and enhance the water supplies of the Lower Rio Grande Valley, as amended.

The Clerk read as follows:

S. 1761

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "Lower Rio Grande Valley Water Resources Conservation and Improvement Act of 2000".

SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.

In this Act:

(1) COMMISSIONER.—The term "Commissioner" means the Commissioner of the Bureau of Reclamation.

(2) SECRETARY.—The term "Secretary" means the Secretary of the Interior, acting through the Commissioner.

(3) STATE.—The term "State" means the Texas Water Development Board and any other authorized entity of the State of Texas.

(4) PROGRAM AREA.—The term "program area" means—

(A) the counties in the State of Texas in the Rio Grande Regional Water Planning Area known as Region "M" as designated by the Texas Water Development Board; and

(B) the counties of Hudspeth and El Paso, Texas.

SEC. 3. LOWER RIO GRANDE WATER CONSERVATION AND IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM.

(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary, acting pursuant to the Reclamation Act of 1902 (Act of June 17, 1902, 32 Stat. 388) and Acts amendatory thereof and supplementary thereto, shall undertake a program in cooperation with the State, water users in the program area, and other non-Federal entities, to investigate and identify opportunities to improve the supply of water for the program area as provided in this Act. The program shall include the review of studies or planning reports (or both) prepared by any competent engineering entity for projects designed to conserve and transport raw water in the program area. As part of the program, the Secretary shall evaluate alternatives in the program area that could be used to improve water supplies, including the following:

(1) Lining irrigation canals.

(2) Increasing the use of pipelines, flow control structures, meters, and associated appurtenances of water supply facilities.

(b) PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT.—Within 6 months after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary, in consultation with the State, shall develop and publish criteria to determine which projects would qualify and have the highest priority for financing under this Act. Such criteria shall address, at a minimum—

(1) how the project relates to the near- and long-term water demands and supplies in the study area, including how the project would affect the need for development of new or expanded water supplies;

(2) the relative amount of water (acre feet) to be conserved pursuant to the project;

(3) whether the project would provide operational efficiency improvements or achieve water, energy, or economic savings (or any combination of the foregoing) at a rate of acre feet of water or kilowatt energy saved

per dollar expended on the construction of the project; and

(4) if the project proponents have met the requirements specified in subsection (c).

(c) PROJECT REQUIREMENTS.—A project sponsor seeking Federal funding under this program shall—

(1) provide a report, prepared by the Bureau of Reclamation or prepared by any competent engineering entity and reviewed by the Bureau of Reclamation, that includes, among other matters—

(A) the total estimated project cost;

(B) an analysis showing how the project would reduce, postpone, or eliminate development of new or expanded water supplies;

(C) a description of conservation measures to be taken pursuant to the project plans;

(D) the near- and long-term water demands and supplies in the study area; and

(E) engineering plans and designs that demonstrate that the project would provide operational efficiency improvements or achieve water, energy, or economic savings (or any combination of the foregoing) at a rate of acre feet of water or kilowatt energy saved per dollar expended on the construction of the project;

(2) provide a project plan, including a general map showing the location of the proposed physical features, conceptual engineering drawings of structures, and general standards for design; and

(3) sign a cost-sharing agreement with the Secretary that commits the non-Federal project sponsor to funding its proportionate share of the project's construction costs on an annual basis.

(d) FINANCIAL CAPABILITY.—Before providing funding for a project to the non-Federal project sponsor, the Secretary shall determine that the non-Federal project sponsor is financially capable of funding the project's non-Federal share of the project's costs.

(e) REVIEW PERIOD.—Within one year after the date a project is submitted to the Secretary for approval, the Secretary, subject to the availability of appropriations, shall determine whether the project meets the criteria established pursuant to this section.

(f) REPORT PREPARATION; REIMBURSEMENT.—Project sponsors may choose to contract with the Secretary to prepare the reports required under this section. All costs associated with the preparation of the reports by the Secretary shall be 50 percent reimbursable by the non-Federal sponsor.

(g) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary to carry out this section \$2,000,000.

SEC. 4. LOWER RIO GRANDE CONSTRUCTION AUTHORIZATION.

(a) PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION.—If the Secretary determines that any of the following projects meet the review criteria and project requirements, as set forth in section 3, the Secretary may conduct or participate in funding engineering work, infrastructure construction, and improvements for the purpose of conserving and transporting raw water through that project:

(1) In the Hidalgo County, Texas Irrigation District #1, a pipeline project identified in the Melden & Hunt, Inc. engineering study dated July 6, 2000 as the Curry Main Pipeline Project.

(2) In the Cameron County, Texas La Feria Irrigation District #3, a distribution system improvement project identified by the 1993 engineering study by Sigler, Winston, Greenwood and Associates, Inc.

(3) In the Cameron County, Texas Irrigation District #2 canal rehabilitation and pumping plant replacement as identified as Job Number 48-05540-002 in a report by Turner Collie & Braden, Inc. dated August 12, 1998.

(4) In the Harlingen Irrigation District Cameron #1 Irrigation District a project of

meter installation and canal lining as identified in a proposal submitted to the Texas Water Development Board dated April 28, 2000.

(b) CONSTRUCTION COST SHARE.—The non-Federal share of the costs of any construction carried out under, or with assistance provided under, this section shall be 50 percent. Not more than 40 percent of the costs of such an activity may be paid by the State. The remainder of the non-Federal share may include in-kind contributions of goods and services, and funds previously spent on feasibility and engineering studies.

(c) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary to carry out this section \$10,000,000.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from Nevada (Mr. GIBBONS) and the gentleman from California (Mr. GEORGE MILLER) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Nevada (Mr. GIBBONS).

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. GIBBONS. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks on S. 1761.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Nevada?

There was no objection.

Mr. GIBBONS. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, S. 1761 will enable the Bureau of Reclamation to develop a program to improve the supply of water in the Lower Rio Grande region of the State of Texas.

This action is needed for two reasons. The first concerns local weather patterns. There have been several periods in the last 10 years that rainfall in this area of Texas has been below normal. The second is that Mexico failed from the period 1992 through 1997 to deliver 1 million acre feet of water to the Rio Grande, which is a principal source of water for this area.

As of today, that deficit has not been corrected. In addition to setting up the general program, this legislation also provides authorization for four specific projects involving the lining of irrigation canals and substituting pipes for canals. Both will conserve significant amounts of water.

Mr. Speaker, I urge support for this bill.

Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of S. 1761, a bill that provides for water conservation and water supply improvements in the Lower Rio Grande River Basin.

Projects such as canal lining, improvements to pipelines, installation of water meters will be eligible for financial assistance under this legislation. As we have seen in all the western States, projects like these can substantially improve the efficiency of existing water supplies and may even eliminate the need for additional new water supply projects.

Mr. Speaker, I want to congratulate my colleagues, the gentleman from Texas (Mr. HINOJOSA), the gentleman from Texas (Mr. ORTIZ), for all their work and effort on this legislation.

Mr. Speaker, I yield such time as he may consume to the gentleman from Texas (Mr. ORTIZ).

(Mr. ORTIZ asked and was given permission to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. ORTIZ. Mr. Speaker, first of all, I want to thank the gentleman from Alaska (Mr. YOUNG), my good friend; the gentleman from Nevada (Mr. GIBBONS); the gentleman from California (Mr. DOOLITTLE), chairman of the Subcommittee on Water and Power; the gentleman from California (Mr. DOOLEY), the ranking member; and the gentleman from Alaska (Mr. YOUNG), chairman of the Committee on Resources, for the help that they have given us with this bill.

Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of this bill, S. 1761, the Lower Rio Grande Valley Water Resources Conservation and Improvement Act.

This comprehensive water resources plan will serve the border region of south Texas, also known as Region M of the Texas State Water Plan.

Texas and many southwestern States live in a near-state of emergency when it comes to water resources. The Southwest is mostly desert, and water is hard to come by.

Last July, the Subcommittee on Water and Power held a hearing on this bill to examine the needs of water for south Texas and how to maximize the water we now have.

One of the most important things we examined in the hearing on this bill was the effect of Mexico's water deficit on the water shortage in south Texas.

The Texas Senate Water Plan depends upon the water we are supposed to get from Mexico under the 1944 treaty that divides the water from the Rio Grande between our two nations.

The continuing drought conditions in south Texas and enormous water deficit that Mexico has incurred under the water treaty are making a desperate situation much worse and it is making it much worse.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to thank Senator HUTCHINSON for working with us, and I urge my good friends to support this bill. It is a good bipartisan bill.

Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California. Mr. Speaker, I yield such time as he may consume to the gentleman from Texas (Mr. HINOJOSA).

Mr. HINOJOSA. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of this suspension. As a sponsor of the original House companion measure, I want to thank our Texas Senators for their hard work in moving this forward in that Chamber.

I also want to express appreciation to my colleagues, the gentleman from Texas (Mr. ORTIZ), the gentleman from Texas (Mr. BONILLA), the gentleman from Texas (Mr. REYES), the gentleman from Texas (Mr. RODRIGUEZ), the gen-

tleman from Texas (Mr. GONZALEZ), the gentleman from Texas (Mr. THORNBERRY), as well as the gentleman from California (Mr. DOOLEY), the gentleman from California (Mr. GEORGE MILLER), for their diligent efforts that have brought us to where we are today.

Mr. Speaker, I also want to say a special thanks to the gentleman from Alaska (Mr. YOUNG), chairman of the Committee on Resources, and the gentleman from California (Mr. DOOLITTLE), chairman of the Subcommittee on Water and Power. It truly has been a joint effort and a perfect example of the great work that can be accomplished here in this body.

In the south Texas/Rio Grande Valley, we are in a state of crisis. My colleagues may recall that last month on November the 3, The Washington Post ran a front page story headlined "Life Along the Rio Grande Defined by Lack of Water." That lack of water, both quality and quantity, is the crisis we face.

If I may quote from this story: "Conflicts over access to a clean, cheap and sufficient supply of water are becoming a defining feature of life along the 2,100-mile United States-Mexico border, and of relations across it. While for many outsiders the border is synonymous with drug trafficking and immigration, when people who live here talk about confrontation between Mexicans and Americans, or tension between urban areas and farmers, or cooperation to solve problems, the dominant subject is always water."

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There is no question that the key resource challenge of the 21st century on the border is going to be fresh water. Drought conditions over the last decade have made citizens of the region keenly aware of the significant impacts a dwindling water supply can and ultimately will have if the problem is not recognized and addressed.

Add to this situation the fact that, according to U.S. Census Bureau statistics, the border cities of Laredo and McAllen, Texas grew faster in the last decade than any metropolitan region in the United States except Las Vegas, and you will begin to fully comprehend the impending magnitude of the problem we face.

That is why last year I introduced legislation to rectify this problem. Joining me in this effort was the gentleman from Texas (Mr. BONILLA), the gentleman from Texas (Mr. REYES), the gentleman from Texas (Mr. THORNBERRY), the gentleman from Texas (Mr. ORTIZ), and the gentleman from Texas (Mr. RODRIGUEZ). All of us recognized what needed to be done.

The suspension before us is a solid step in the right direction, one that will authorize the undertaking of a problem, rather the undertaking of a program to investigate, to conduct studies, and identify opportunities to improve our supply of water.

In closing, I want to say that I am talking more specifically about look-

ing at alternatives which include lining irrigation canals and increasing the use of pipelines, flow control structures, meters and associated appurtenances of water supply facilities.

The Post article, one that I referenced at the beginning of my remarks, closed by saying "Without water, you're dead." By securing this Federal funding to help us implement a visionary plan, we are ensuring that our border region will continue to flourish and prosper. This is the least we can do, and it is our responsibility to do nothing less.

Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California. Mr. Speaker, I want to thank, again, the gentleman from Texas (Mr. HINOJOSA) and the gentleman from Texas (Mr. ORTIZ) for all of their work.

I want to thank the gentleman from Alaska (Chairman YOUNG) and the gentleman from California (Mr. DOOLITTLE), subcommittee chairman, for their efforts to bring this to the floor. I thank the gentleman from Nevada (Mr. GIBBONS) for managing it today on the floor. I urge passage of this bill.

Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. GIBBONS. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, I want to thank the gentleman from California (Mr. GEORGE MILLER) for his leadership on this important bill before the floor today. I want to ask that all Members give it their full support.

Mr. REYES. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of S. 1761, the Lower Rio Grande Valley Water Resources Conservation and Improvement Act of 1999. I am a cosponsor of the House companion bill. This legislation will allow for both the Department of the Interior and the Department of Agriculture to work with state and local governments to make improvements to irrigation canals and pipelines; to build and install flow control structures in irrigation canals; and to begin the use of water meters in irrigation canals. These measures will result in water savings for the entire Valley region, from El Paso to Brownsville.

The Rio Grande Valley of Texas which stretches from El Paso to Brownsville serves as the boundary between Mexico and the United States. It also has served as a major source of water supply for the region. The area includes the border cities of Cameron, Hidalgo, Starr, Willacy, Jim Hogg, Zapata, Webb, Maverick, Val Verde, Kinney, Terrell, Brewster, Presidio, Jeff Davis, Hudspeth, and El Paso. These border cities are in danger of diminishing their water supplies.

This bill is a stepping stone for these cities and counties to reinvent their water supply in order to ensure that future generations that reside in these areas are assured water for the future. Both the United States and Mexico must work together to implement these programs. Binational cooperation is the key in facilitating a successful and effective water conservation program. In addition to binational cooperation, it is important to assure that tribal concerns, tribal rights and American Indian sovereignty issues have been addressed during the implementation of this legislation. Any

legislation that impacts tribal lands and resources in any way must include tribal consultation on a government to government basis.

The authors of this bill should be commended for authorizing the development of an on-farm education program to implement state-of-the-art water application and conservation techniques. Education is the first step in facilitating the process to take appropriate steps in conserving water for future generations. As a result, education programs will be implemented in collaboration with the International Boundary and Water Commission.

State, local, and tribal governments recognize the need to preserve and revitalize their water supplies; however, the federal government will need to assist these entities. Therefore, this bill authorizes \$65,200,000 for cost sharing. The federal share will be 60 percent. Non-federal share is suggested to be 40 percent with no more than 30 percent paid by the state with the provision that the remainder of the non-federal share may include in-kind payment.

Further study is needed to evaluate the water supply for future generations. The bill authorizes additional study by the Departments of Interior and Agriculture on alternative water supply options. The study would include water reuse options and emphasizes conservation. Its evaluation will be funded by the federal government at 50 percent with the remainder deriving from non-federal dollars.

The water supply in the border region is in danger of running well below the amount that can provide for the people residing in these areas. This is a serious and on-going concern in my District of El Paso, Texas and other areas along the United States/Mexico border that needs to be addressed. S. 1761 will help our border communities renew their water supplies.

Mr. Speaker, once again, I encourage my colleagues to support the passage of this important legislation.

Mr. GIBBONS. Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. PEASE). The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Nevada (Mr. GIBBONS) that the House suspend the rules and pass the Senate bill, S. 1761, as amended.

The question was taken.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. In the opinion of the Chair, two-thirds of those present have voted in the affirmative.

Mr. GIBBONS. Mr. Speaker, on that I demand the yeas and nays.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX and the Chair's prior announcement, further proceedings on this motion will be postponed.

CARRIAGE OF NONPROJECT WATER BY THE MANCOS PROJECT, COLORADO

Mr. GIBBONS. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Resources be discharged from further consideration of the Senate bill (S. 2594) to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to contract with

the Mancos Water Conservancy District to use the Mancos Project facilities for impounding, storage, diverting, and carriage of nonproject water for the purpose of irrigation, domestic, municipal, industrial, and any other beneficial purposes, and ask for its immediate consideration in the House.

The Clerk read the title of the Senate bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Nevada?

There was no objection.

The Clerk read the Senate bill, as follows:

S. 2594

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. CARRIAGE OF NONPROJECT WATER BY THE MANCOS PROJECT, COLORADO.

(a) SALE OF EXCESS WATER.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—In carrying out the Act of August 11, 1939 (commonly known as the "Water Conservation and Utilization Act") (16 U.S.C. 590y et seq.), if storage or carrying capacity has been or may be provided in excess of the requirements of the land to be irrigated under the Mancos Project, Colorado (referred to in this Act as the "project"), the Secretary of the Interior may, on such terms as the Secretary determines to be just and equitable, contract with the Mancos Water Conservancy District and any of its member unit contractors for impounding, storage, diverting, or carriage of nonproject water for irrigation, domestic, municipal, industrial, and any other beneficial purposes, to an extent not exceeding the excess capacity.

(2) INTERFERENCE.—A contract under paragraph (1) shall not impair or otherwise interfere with any authorized purpose of the project.

(3) COST CONSIDERATIONS.—In fixing the charges under a contract under paragraph (1), the Secretary shall take into consideration—

(A) the cost of construction and maintenance of the project, by which the nonproject water is to be diverted, impounded, stored, or carried; and

(B) the canal by which the water is to be carried.

(4) NO ADDITIONAL CHARGES.—The Mancos Water Conservancy District shall not impose a charge for the storage, carriage, or delivery of the nonproject water in excess of the charge paid to the United States, except to such extent as may be reasonably necessary to cover—

(A) a proportionate share of the project cost; and

(B) the cost of carriage and delivery of the nonproject water through the facilities of the Mancos Water Conservancy District.

(b) WATER RIGHTS OF UNITED STATES NOT ENLARGED.—Nothing in this Act enlarges or attempts to enlarge the right of the United States, under existing law, to control any water in any State.

The Senate bill was ordered to be read a third time, was read the third time, and passed, and a motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

CONVEYANCE OF JOE ROWELL PARK TO DOLORES, COLORADO

Mr. GIBBONS. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Resources be discharged from the further consideration of the

Senate bill (S. 1972) to direct the Secretary of Agriculture to convey to the town of Dolores, Colorado, the current site of the Joe Rowell Park, and ask for its immediate consideration in the House.

The Clerk read the title of the Senate bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Nevada?

There was no objection.

The Clerk read the Senate bill, as follows:

S. 1972

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. CONVEYANCE OF JOE ROWELL PARK.

(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Agriculture shall convey to the town of Dolores, Colorado, for no consideration, all right, title, and interest of the United States in and to the parcel of real property described in subsection (b), for open space, park, and recreational purposes.

(b) DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The property referred to in subsection (a) is a parcel of approximately 25 acres of land comprising the site of the Joe Rowell Park (including all improvements on the land and equipment and other items of personal property as agreed to by the Secretary) depicted on the map entitled "Joe Rowell Park," dated July 12, 2000.

(2) SURVEY.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—The exact acreage and legal description of the property to be conveyed under subsection (a) shall be determined by a survey satisfactory to the Secretary.

(B) COST.—As a condition of any conveyance under this section, the town of Dolores shall pay the cost of the survey.

(c) POSSIBILITY OF REVERTER.—Title to any real property acquired by the town of Dolores, Colorado, under this section shall revert to the United States if the town—

(1) attempts to convey or otherwise transfer ownership of any portion of the property to any other person;

(2) attempts to encumber the title of the property; or

(3) permits the use of any portion of the property for any purpose incompatible with the purpose described in subsection (a) for which the property is conveyed.

(d) The map referenced in subsection (b)(1) shall be on file for public inspection in the Office of the Chief of the Forest Service at the Department of Agriculture in Washington, DC.

The Senate bill was ordered to be read a third time, was read the third time, and passed, and a motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

AUTHORIZATION OF USE OF FISCAL YEAR 2001 FUNDS FOR CERTAIN COAST GUARD PROJECTS

Mr. PETRI. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 5637) to provide that an amount available for fiscal year 2001 for the Department of Transportation shall be available to reimburse certain costs incurred for clean-up of former Coast Guard facilities at Cape May, New Jersey, and to authorize the Coast Guard to transfer funds and authority for demolition and removal of a structure

at former Coast Guard property in Traverse City, Michigan.

The Clerk read as follows:

H.R. 5637

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled.

SECTION 1. COSTS OF CLEAN-UP OF CAPE MAY LIGHTHOUSE.

Of the funds made available in the Department of Transportation and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2001 for environmental compliance and restoration of Coast Guard facilities, \$100,000 shall be available to reimburse the owner of the former Coast Guard lighthouse facility at Cape May, New Jersey, for costs incurred for clean-up of lead contaminated soil at that facility.

SEC. 2. DEMOLITION AND REMOVAL OF BUILDING AT FORMER COAST GUARD PROPERTY IN TRAVERSE CITY, MICHIGAN.

Notwithstanding any other provision of law, and subject to the availability of funds appropriated specifically for the project, the Coast Guard is authorized to transfer funds in an amount not to exceed \$200,000 and project management authority to the Traverse City Area Public School District for the purposes of demolition and removal of the structure commonly known as "Building 402" at former Coast Guard property located in Traverse City, Michigan, and associated site work. No such funds shall be transferred until the Coast Guard receives a detailed, fixed price estimate from the School District describing the nature and cost of the work to be performed, and the Coast Guard shall transfer only that amount of funds it and the School District consider necessary to complete the project.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from Wisconsin (Mr. PETRI) and the gentleman from Minnesota (Mr. OBERSTAR) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Wisconsin (Mr. PETRI).

Mr. PETRI. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of the bill, H.R. 5637. The purpose of this bill is to authorize certain appropriations contained in the fiscal year 2001 Department of Transportation Appropriations Act. Without the specific authorizations contained in this bill, the amounts already appropriated will not be available this budget year.

Section 1 of the bill authorizes the Coast Guard to spend \$100,000 to reimburse the owners of the Cape May Lighthouse, formerly a Coast Guard facility, for the cleanup of lead contaminated soil found at the site of the lighthouse.

Section 2 of the bill authorizes the Coast Guard to transfer \$200,000 and project management authority to the Traverse City Area Public School District for the purposes of demolition and removal of a building at a former Coast Guard property located in Traverse City, the district of the gentleman from Michigan (Mr. STUPAK).

I urge the Members to support this legislation.

Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. OBERSTAR. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong support of H.R. 5637 to allow environmental

compliance funds of the Coast Guard to be used to clean up two former Coast Guard facilities.

More importantly, I want to express my appreciation to the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Chairman SHUSTER) and the gentleman from Maryland (Chairman GILCREST) for allowing these measures to be separated from the Coast Guard bill that is now stuck in conference and to allow it to come to the floor separately and recognizing the urgency and the importance of moving ahead with each of these projects.

It is very typical of our chairman to be understanding of the needs of Members, responsive to their concerns, and to be flexible in matters of this kind; and I greatly appreciate it.

I also am appreciative of the gentleman from Wisconsin (Mr. PETRI) taking the time to manage this bill on the floor so we could dispose of it early on in this reconvened session of the Congress.

These provisions all were agreed to by conferees on the Coast Guard Authorization Act of 2000, which is now unfortunately hung up over a non-Coast Guard item, two issues involving cruise ships.

Funds have been appropriated for each of these projects. But without this bill, the Coast Guard cannot move ahead to complete the projects. One will allow the Coast Guard to reimburse the owner of the former Coast Guard Lighthouse in Cape May, New Jersey, for the cost incurred in cleaning up lead contaminated soil at the facility. The other allows the Coast Guard to pay for the demolition and removal of a Coast Guard building in Traverse City, Michigan, which has pipes on the property that are laden with asbestos. In order for the property to be usable, the asbestos has to be removed.

The money is available, as I said. This is the authorization to proceed to complete the work.

Mr. Speaker, I want to take this opportunity to commend the gentleman from Michigan (Mr. STUPAK) on his persistence. He has pursued this matter vigorously on behalf of the people of his district, as he does in all matters. He is very forthright. The cause is just. But without a persistent Member keeping our attention focused on a matter of this kind, it could easily have been lost in the shuffle. With the gentleman from Michigan, that does not happen.

Mr. Speaker, I yield such time as he may consume to the gentleman from Michigan (Mr. STUPAK), in whose district this latter project is located, to elaborate on this matter.

Mr. STUPAK. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman from Minnesota for yielding me this time.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of this legislation, as one of the provisions in the legislation brings us closer to removing an asbestos-contaminated building from the soccer fields in Traverse City, Michigan.

In 1996, Congress passed legislation to transfer land from the United States Coast Guard to the Traverse City Area Public Schools. This land was to become the site of soccer fields for the area's school and recreational soccer leagues. Unfortunately, the transfer included an asbestos-contaminated structure.

It is estimated, and thankfully through the help of a lot of Members, we have secured \$200,000 necessary to remove this building. But in order to remove this asbestos-laden building, the Coast Guard asserts that it is unable to do so without an authorization. Therefore, this legislation authorizes the Coast Guard to demolish and remove the former Coast Guard building in Traverse City, Michigan.

It is crucial that this legislation be passed because asbestos has been discovered on the soccer fields. Other than the wooden studs, the building is entirely composed of asbestos: the insulation, the inside paneling, the shingles, the flooring, and the outdoor siding all contain this harmful material.

Weather and vandalism cause pieces of asbestos to break off from the building and spread across the grounds. Remnants of asbestos from former buildings on the site have also resurfaced on the soccer fields. Clearly, it is time to permanently clean up the site and prevent greater community exposure to the asbestos.

In addition, failure to remove the building will prevent the school district from expanding seating for the main field, which can draw up to 2,000 fans during tournaments. The ongoing problem has already postponed school district plans to add seven fields and a stadium.

Most importantly, this is a non-controversial provision. The local community and the Coast Guard all support this language, which is the same as found in the stalled Coast Guard Authorization conference report. The local community has worked admirably with the Coast Guard to resolve this situation. I urge my colleagues to support this legislation.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to thank the gentleman from Wisconsin (Mr. PETRI), the gentleman from Minnesota (Mr. OBERSTAR), the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. SHUSTER), the gentleman from Maryland (Mr. GILCREST), and the gentleman from Oregon (Mr. DEFAZIO) for their help and cooperation.

I urge my colleagues to support this legislation. As the gentleman from Minnesota (Mr. OBERSTAR) said, we have been at this for about 4 years now. So we really hope this will pass right through both the House and Senate. We can get this matter resolved once and for all. I thank everyone for the cooperation.

Mr. LOBIONDO. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased that language has been included in H.R. 5637, the bill before us today authorizing reimbursement to the owner of the former Coast Guard lighthouse facility at Cape May Point State

Park in New Jersey for costs incurred for clean-up of lead contaminated soil at that facility.

Since leasing this 1859 historic landmark in December, 1986, the Mid-Atlantic Center for the Arts, a non-profit cultural organization, has raised and spent nearly \$2 million for restoration efforts. During the final work on the Lighthouse tower in the winter of 1998, the project was brought to a halt by the unexpected discovery of lead contamination in the soil. In order to open the facility to the more than 100,000 expected visitors during the 1998 season, the Mid-Atlantic Center diverted \$98,953.00 from other projects to clean up the site.

Two years later, the Center has still not received the appropriate reimbursement from the U.S. Coast Guard. Because the Coast Guard has accepted responsibility for the lead contamination and supports this request, it is imperative that Congress follow through with the appropriate provisions in law allowing the funds to be released.

Section 202 of the Coast Guard Authorization Act of 1999 authorizes this appropriation to be used for this purpose and has previously passed the House. It is unfortunate this measure has been stalled in a House-Senate Conference Committee. The appropriated funds have already been included in the FY2001 Transportation Appropriations legislation signed into law last month. I commend the Chairman of the Transportation Committee for recognizing the urgency of this matter and allowing a separate bill to move forward. Congress must not let this funding commitment fall through the cracks again, and I urge passage of this legislation authorizing funding for this historic landmark.

Mr. OBERSTAR. Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. PETRI. Mr. Speaker, I have no further requests for time, and I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Wisconsin (Mr. PETRI) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 5637.

The question was taken; and (two-thirds having voted in favor thereof) the rules were suspended and the bill was passed.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. PETRI. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks on H.R. 5637.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Wisconsin?

There was no objection.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12 of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess until approximately 6 p.m.

Accordingly (at 2 o'clock and 42 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess until approximately 6 p.m.

□ 1800

AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. SIMPSON) at 6 p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the Chair will now put the question on each motion to suspend the rules on which further proceedings were postponed earlier today in the order in which that motion was entertained.

Votes will be taken in the following order:

- S. 3137, by the yeas and nays; and
- S. 1761, by the yeas and nays.

The Chair will reduce to 5 minutes the time for any electronic vote after the first such vote in this series.

JAMES MADISON COMMEMORATION COMMISSION ACT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The pending business is the question of suspending the rules and passing the Senate bill, S. 3137.

The Clerk read the title of the Senate bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Illinois (Mrs. BIGGERT) that the House suspend the rules and pass the Senate bill, S. 3137, on which the yeas and nays are ordered.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 359, nays 3, not voting 70, as follows:

[Roll No. 598]
YEAS—359

Abercrombie
Ackerman
Aderholt
Allen
Andrews
Archer
Baca
Bachus
Baird
Baker
Baldacci
Baldwin
Ballenger
Barcia
Barr
Barrett (WI)
Bartlett
Barton
Bass
Bentsen
Bereuter
Berkley
Berman
Berry
Biggert
Bilirakis
Bishop
Blagojevich
Bliley
Blumenauer
Blunt
Boehert
Boehner
Bonilla
Bono
Borski
Boswell
Boucher
Brady (PA)

Brown (FL)
Brown (OH)
Bryant
Burr
Burton
Buyer
Callahan
Camp
Campbell
Canady
Cannon
Capps
Capuano
Cardin
Chabot
Chambliss
Clayton
Clement
Clyburn
Coble
Collins
Combest
Condit
Conyers
Cook
Costello
Coyne
Cramer
Crane
Crowley
Cubin
Cummings
Cunningham
Danner
Davis (FL)
Davis (IL)
Davis (VA)
DeGette
DeLauro

DeLay
DeMint
Deutsch
Diaz-Balart
Dicks
Dingell
Doggett
Dooley
Doyle
Dreier
Duncan
Dunn
Edwards
Ehlers
Ehrlich
Emerson
Engel
English
Eshoo
Etheridge
Evans
Everett
Ewing
Farr
Filner
Fletcher
Foley
Ford
Fossella
Frank (MA)
Franks (NJ)
Frelinghuysen
Frost
Gallegly
Ganske
Gekas
Gibbons
Gilchrest
Gillmor

Gilman
Gonzalez
Goode
Goodlatte
Goodling
Gordon
Goss
Green (TX)
Green (WI)
Greenwood
Gutierrez
Hall (OH)
Hall (TX)
Hansen
Hastings (FL)
Hastings (WA)
Hayes
Hayworth
Hefley
Herger
Hill (IN)
Hill (MT)
Hilleary
Hinojosa
Hobson
Hoefel
Hoekstra
Holden
Holt
Hooley
Horn
Hostettler
Houghton
Hoyer
Hunter
Hutchinson
Hyde
Inslee
Isakson
Istook
Jackson (IL)
Jackson-Lee (TX)
Jenkins
John
Johnson, E. B.
Johnson, Sam
Jones (OH)
Kanjorski
Kaptur
Kasich
Kelly
Kennedy
Kildee
Kilpatrick
Kind (WI)
King (NY)
Kingston
Klecza
Knollenberg
Kolbe
Kucinich
Kuykendall
LaFalce
LaHood
Lampson
Larson
Latham
Dooley
LaTourette
Lazio
Leach
Lee
Levin
Lewis (CA)
Lewis (GA)
Lewis (KY)
LoBiondo
Lofgren
Lowey
Lucas (KY)
Lucas (OK)
Luther

Maloney (CT)
Maloney (NY)
Manzullo
Markey
Mascara
Matsui
McCarthy (MO)
McCarthy (NY)
McCollum
McCrery
McDermott
McGovern
McHugh
McInnis
McIntosh
McIntyre
McKeon
McKinney
McNulty
Meehan
Meek (FL)
Meeks (NY)
Menendez
Metcalfe
Mica
Millender-McDonald
Minge
Moore
Moran (KS)
Moran (VA)
Morella
Myrick
Napolitano
Neal
Nethercutt
Ney
Norwood
Nussle
Oberstar
Obey
Olver
Ortiz
Ose
Oxley
Packard
Pallone
Pascrell
Pastor
Payne
Pease
Peterson (MN)
Petri
Phelps
Pickering
Pickett
Pitts
Pombo
Pomeroy
Porter
Portman
Prie (NC)
Rahall
Ramstad
Rangel
Regula
Reyes
Riley
Rivers
Rodriguez
Roemer
Rogan
Rogers
Rohrabacher
Ros-Lehtinen
Rothman
Roukema
Roybal-Allard
Rush
Ryun (KS)
Sabo
Salmon

NAYS—3

NOT VOTING—70

Paul
Armey
Barrett (NE)
Becerra
Billray
Bonior
Boyd
Brady (TX)
Calvert
Carson
Castle
Chenoweth-Hage
Clay

Royce
Coburn
Cooksey
Cox
Deal
DeFazio
Delahunt
Dixon
Doolittle
Fattah
Forbes
Fowler

Sanchez
Sanders
Sandlin
Sawyer
Saxton
Scarborough
Schaffer
Schakowsky
Scott
Sensenbrenner
Serrano
Shadegg
Shaw
Shays
Sherman
Sherwood
Shimkus
Shows
Shuster
Simpson
Sisisky
Skeen
Skelton
Slaughter
Smith (MI)
Smith (NJ)
Smith (TX)
Smith (WA)
Snyder
Souder
Spence
Spratt
Stearns
Stenholm
Strickland
Stump
Stupak
Sununu
Sweeney
Tancredo
Tanner
Tauscher
Tauzin
Taylor (MS)
Taylor (NC)
Terry
Thomas
Thompson (CA)
Thompson (MS)
Thornberry
Thune
Thurman
Tiahrt
Tierney
Toomey
Townes
Trafigant
Turner
Udall (CO)
Udall (NM)
Upton
Velazquez
Visclosky
Walden
Walsh
Waters
Watt (NC)
Waxman
Weiner
Weldon (FL)
Weldon (PA)
Weller
Weygand
Wicker
Wilson
Wolf
Wu
Wynn
Young (AK)
Young (FL)

Sanford
Gejdenson
Gephardt
Graham
Granger
Gutknecht
Hilliard
Hincheey
Hulshof
Jefferson
Johnson (CT)
Jones (NC)
Klink

Lantos
Largent
Linder
Lipinski
Martinez
Miller (FL)
Miller, Gary
Miller, George
Mink
Moakley
Mollohan
Murtha

Nadler
Northup
Owens
Pelosi
Peterson (PA)
Pryce (OH)
Quinn
Radanovich
Reynolds
Ryan (WI)
Sessions
Stabenow

Stark
Talent
Vitter
Wamp
Watkins
Watts (OK)
Wexler
Whitfield
Wise
Woolsey

Davis (VA)
DeGette
DeLauro
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DeMint
Deutsch
Diaz-Balart
Dicks
Dingell
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Dooley
Doyle
Dreier
Dunn
Edwards
Ehlers
Ehrlich
Emerson
Engel
English
Eshoo
Etheridge
Evans
Everett
Ewing
Farr
Filner
Fletcher
Foley
Ford
Fossella
Frank (MA)
Franks (NJ)
Frelinghuysen
Frost
Gallegly
Ganske
Gekas
Gibbons
Gilchrist
Gillmor
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Gonzalez
Goode
Goodlatte
Goodling
Gordon
Goss
Graham
Green (TX)
Green (WI)
Greenwood
Hall (OH)
Hall (TX)
Hansen
Hastings (FL)
Hastings (WA)
Hayes
Hayworth
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Hill (IN)
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Hilleary
Hinojosa
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Hoefel
Hoekstra
Holden
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Hooley
Horn
Houghton
Hoyer
Hunter
Hutchinson
Hyde
Inslee
Isakson
Istook
Jackson (IL)
Jackson-Lee
(TX)
Jenkins
John
Johnson, E. B.
Johnson, Sam
Jones (OH)
Kanjorski
Kaptur
Kasich
Kelly
Kennedy

Kildee
Kilpatrick
Kind (WI)
King (NY)
Kingston
Klecza
Knollenberg
Kolbe
Kucinich
Kuykendall
LaHood
Lampson
Larson
Latham
LaTourette
Lazio
Leach
Lee
Levin
Lewis (GA)
Lewis (KY)
LoBiondo
Lofgren
Lowey
Lucas (KY)
Lucas (OK)
Luther
Maloney (NY)
Manzullo
Marky
Mascara
Matsui
McCarthy (MO)
McCarthy (NY)
McCollum
McCrery
McDermott
McGovern
McHugh
McInnis
McIntosh
McIntyre
McKeon
McKinney
McNulty
Meehan
Meek (FL)
Meeks (NY)
Menendez
Metcalf
Mica
Millender-
McDonald
Minge
Moore
Moran (KS)
Moran (VA)
Morella
Myrick
Napolitano
Neal
Nethercutt
Ney
Norwood
Nussle
Oberstar
Olver
Ortiz
Ose
Oxley
Packard
Pallone
Pascrell
Payne
Pease
Peterson (MN)
Petri
Phelps
Pickering
Pickett
Pitts
Pombo
Pomeroy
Porter
Portman
Price (NC)
Rahall
Ramstad
Rangel
Regula
Reyes
Riley

Rivers
Rodriguez
Roemer
Rogers
Rohrabacher
Ros-Lehtinen
Rothman
Roukema
Roybal-Allard
Rush
Ryun (KS)
Sabo
Salmon
Sanchez
Sanders
Sandlin
Sawyer
Saxton
Lee
Scarborough
Schaffer
Schakowsky
Scott
Sensenbrenner
Serrano
Shadegg
Shaw
Shays
Sherman
Sherwood
Shimkus
Shows
Shuster
Simpson
Sisisky
Skeen
Skelton
Slaughter
Smith (MI)
Smith (NJ)
Smith (TX)
Smith (WA)
Snyder
Souder
Spence
Spratt
Stearns
Stenholm
Strickland
Stump
Stupak
Sununu
Sweeney
Tancredo
Tanner
Tauscher
Tauzin
Taylor (MS)
Taylor (NC)
Terry
Thomas
Thompson (CA)
Thompson (MS)
Thornberry
Thune
Thurman
Tiahrt
Tierney
Toomey
Towns
Traficant
Turner
Udall (CO)
Udall (NM)
Upton
Velazquez
Visclosky
Walden
Walsh
Waters
Watt (NC)
Weiner
Weldon (FL)
Weldon (PA)
Weller
Weygand
Wicker
Wilson
Wolf
Wu
Wynn
Young (AK)
Young (FL)

NOT VOTING—78

Armey
Barrett (NE)
Becerra
Billbray
Bliley
Boyd
Brady (TX)
Calvert
Carson
Castle
Chenoweth-Hage
Clay
Coburn
Cooksey
Cox
Davis (FL)
Deal
DeFazio
Delahunt
Dickey
Dixon
Doolittle
Duncan
Fattah
Forbes
Fowler

Gejdenson
Gephardt
Granger
Gutierrez
Gutknecht
Hilliard
Hinchee
Hulshof
Jefferson
Johnson (CT)
Jones (NC)
Klink
LaFalce
Lantos
Largent
Lewis (CA)
Linder
Lipinski
Maloney (CT)
Martinez
Miller (FL)
Miller, Gary
Miller, George
Mink
Moakley
Mollohan

Murtha
Nadler
Northup
Owens
Pastor
Pelosi
Peterson (PA)
Pryce (OH)
Quinn
Radanovich
Reynolds
Rogan
Ryan (WI)
Sessions
Stabenow
Stark
Talent
Vitter
Wamp
Watkins
Watts (OK)
Waxman
Wexler
Whitfield
Wise
Woolsey

□ 1822

So (two-thirds having voted in favor thereof) the rules were suspended and the Senate bill was passed.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. SIMPSON). Pursuant to the provisions of clause 9 of rule XX, the Chair announces that he will reduce to a minimum of 5 minutes the period of time within which a vote by electronic device will be taken on the additional motion to suspend the rules on which the Chair has postponed further proceedings.

LOWER RIO GRANDE VALLEY WATER RESOURCES CONSERVATION AND IMPROVEMENT ACT OF 2000

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The pending business is the question of suspending the rules and passing the Senate bill, S. 1761, as amended.

The Clerk read the title of the Senate bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Nevada (Mr. GIBBONS) that the House suspend the rules and pass the Senate bill, S. 1716, as amended, on which the yeas and nays are ordered.

This will be a 5 minute vote.
The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 348, nays 6, not voting 78, as follows:

[Roll No. 599]
YEAS—348

Abercrombie
Ackerman
Aderholt
Allen
Andrews
Archer
Baca
Bachus
Baird
Baker
Baldacci
Baldwin
Ballenger
Barcia
Barr
Barrett (WI)
Bartlett
Barton
Bass
Bentsen
Bereuter
Berkley
Berman
Berry

Biggert
Bilirakis
Bishop
Blagojevich
Blumenauer
Blunt
Boehler
Boehner
Bonilla
Bonior
Bono
Borski
Boswell
Boucher
Brady (PA)
Brown (FL)
Brown (OH)
Bryant
Burr
Burton
Buyer
Callahan
Camp
Canady

Cannon
Capps
Capuano
Cardin
Chabot
Chambliss
Clayton
Clement
Clyburn
Collins
Combest
Condit
Conyers
Cook
Costello
Coyne
Cramer
Crane
Crowley
Cubin
Cummings
Cunningham
Danner
Davis (IL)

Campbell
Coble

Hostettler
Paul

Royce
Sanford

NAYS—6

□ 1832

So (two-thirds having voted in favor thereof) the rules were suspended and the Senate bill, as amended, was passed.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

SPECIAL ORDERS

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. SIMPSON). Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 6, 1999, and under a previous order of the House, the following Members will be recognized for 5 minutes each.

ECONOMIC UPDATE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Texas (Mr. PAUL) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. PAUL. Mr. Speaker, more and more people now are talking about an oncoming recession. I tend to agree. I think we are moving into a recession, and for good reasons. But already the question that comes up so often among politicians is, who will get blamed? Will the current President be blamed for the recession or will the next President be blamed? Will the current Congress be blamed for the recession or the next Congress?

I do not believe either should be blamed. I think we should deal with the real cause of the business cycle, and that is the Federal Reserve system. The Federal Reserve system causes and brings about a boom period in a cycle, but it also brings about the bust. Because the bust, the correction, is inevitable consequence of the boom caused by unduly inflating the money supply.

Soon we will hear from many, we have already heard some from the financial circles as well as from politicians, to lower interest rates. This will keep the economy from turning down. It will prevent the recession from coming. And if we do have a recession, it is

always said, what you do is you lower the interest rates. But dwelling on the interest rates and not talking about what it takes to lower interest rates I think is a serious mistake.

The only way the Federal Reserve can lower interest rates is by inflating the money supply, increasing the money supply, which is the cause of our problems. So if the cause of our problem is the inflation, increasing the money supply which causes a boom, we can hardly solve our problems by further inflating. And then, too, there is a period of time in the business cycle where inflating the money supply or lowering interest rates do not get the response that many people hope for.

Take, for instance, what is happening in Japan today. There is no response whatsoever. They take interest rates down below one percent, and they cannot generate economic activity to really get them out of their slump.

The other irony of all this is that when we have an economic boom, another reason given for raising interest rates to slow up the economy is to stop the inflation. This is fallacious thinking because the inflation comes from the money supply. The idea that economic growth and prosperity and productivity causes inflation, that is the price type of inflation, is wrong. If we have good productivity, prices go down, they do not go up. So the whole notion that we have to slow up the economy in order to prevent inflation is absolutely incorrect.

The problem I see is that Congress for too long has conceded too much of their authority over control of the monetary system to the Federal Reserve system, which acts in secrecy.

It is something that is directly stated in the Constitution that the Congress shall have the responsibility over the money supply, not a Federal Reserve system. Quite frankly, the Federal Reserve system is not even authorized by the Constitution.

Now, if in the midst of a recession the Federal Reserve decides that they want to lower interest rates but the dollar is also dropping and we lower interest rates, we cause the dollar to go down and price inflation will occur because of that. So it is not quite so simple as saying, well, let us just tell the Fed what to do, lower the interest rates and it will solve our problems.

We have the problem of the international debt. We, as Americans, now owe more than any other country in the world. We owe \$1.7 trillion. Our current account deficit is over \$400 billion a month. We borrow well over \$100 billion a day to support the international debt.

The reason we should be concerned about this more so than we are is the fact that, when we are in a recession, revenues go crashing down. The inflation that occurred over these past 10 years, which was artificially created, giant revenues from capital gains from this artificially high stock market. Well that is all being reversed now, so

revenues are going to go down now, and we will have to deal with this in the next Congress.

Unfortunately, there are some who are concerned about this who say there is going to be gridlock and the two sides will not get together and the Government is now divided, the House and the Senate and the Presidency is undecided and therefore there will be gridlock. Quite frankly, I do not think that will happen. I sort of would hope that we would have some gridlock.

What I think is going to happen is that once the recession sets in and there is a need for additional spending and there will be no longer a concern at all about the deficit; and that is when the Congress will spend, the Federal Reserve will inflate. And it may temporarily help, but in the long-run it does not do the trick. It is not the way we gain economic prosperity out of a printing press. We just cannot allow a Federal Reserve to believe it creates capital by creating credit out of thin air.

We will soon be hearing a lot about interest rates. There will be a loud clamor from all quarters for the Fed to lower interest rates. It will be argued that it is necessary in order to help stop the stock market slide/crash and also to stimulate a sagging economy.

What we must remember though, is that every time someone pressures the Fed to lower interest rates, they are saying to the Fed that the money supply must be inflated. The only tool The Fed has for lowering interest rates is to increase the supply of money. They are arguing the case for further systematic and deliberate debasement of the U.S. dollar. Those who chant for lower interest rates are literally attacking the dollar.

And yet, depending on many variables, a deliberate attempt by the Federal Reserve to lower interest rates may instead lead to higher interest rates and precipitate a period of accelerating price inflation. Instead of boosting the stock market, this effort can do the opposite by producing conditions that will lower the stock market and do nothing to avert the economic slump that more people are now worried about.

Congress should be prepared for some surprises in the not-to-distance future. A slumping economy or definite recession will obviously lower revenues. This will reverse the illusion of the grand surpluses that everyone has been anxious to spend. Instead of expenditures being held under control, expect them to rise rapidly.

Many are starting to talk now about a legislative stalemate with no clear majority in the House and the Senate and the Presidency being uncertain. This concern about a stalemate is overblown. Not that the problem isn't serious, but I am certain that under the conditions that we are about to experience, the Congress and the President will be all too willing to deal with the deteriorating conditions with increased spending and with a concerted bipartisan effort to pressure the Federal Reserve to further inflate the currency in pursuing the fiction that the Federal Reserve can prevent a "hard landing" by merely increasing the money supply in an effort to dictate short-term Fed funds rates.

Although this will not be the impasse that many anticipate, the actual capitulation by

both parties to deal with the oncoming economic slowdown will actually be more harmful than gridlock because Congress will undoubtedly do more harm than good to the economy.

For decades now the Federal Reserve has followed a policy of "fine-tuning" and economy and with the relative success of the recent boom cycle, it has been deceived into believing its ability is more than it actually is. But in this effort to fine-tune the economy the Federal Reserve, since the middle of 1999 until May of this year, has systematically raised the Fed's fund rates from 4.75% to 6.5%.

The explanation was that economic growth, when not controlled, leads to price inflation and therefore the economy had to be "cooled." A healthy free market economy should never have to be cooled, it should only be encouraged.

Ironically it's argued that the deliberate raising of the cost of borrowing money for everyone is that this will hold prices in check. Yet consumers and businesses suffer from this additional cost—pushing all prices upward. But even more ironic is the claim that they now care about "inflation" after a decade of massive monetary inflation—the real culprit—while ignoring the fact that the monetary supply is key to money policy not admitting the damage has already been done.

Signs of economic slowdown are now all around with the seriously slumping stock market being the most visible and eliciting the most concern. As the slowdown spreads and accelerates the politicians will be anxious to advise the Chairman of the Federal Reserve, Alan Greenspan. Politicians from both sides of the aisle will become deeply and especially concerned when the evidence is clear that the revenues are plummeting and the "surplus" is disappearing. Since this will challenge the ability of the politician to continue the spending spree many will become deeply and vocally concerned.

The big debate—already started—in the financial and political circles is when, how much, and how quickly the Federal Reserve should lower interest rates. Indeed all will clamor to lower rates to revive the economy again. With the signs of rising prices in many sectors, especially energy, and in spite of the weak economy we can expect the Federal Reserve chairman to issue precautionary statements. He will reiterate that he must watch out for the resurgence of (price) inflation. In spite of his statements about concerns for inflation, if the stock market slump and the economic slowdown are significant enough regardless of what he says, we can be certain of one thing, the money supply will continue to grow rapidly in an attempt to keep interest rates low. But Mr. Greenspan will never admit that inflating is exactly what he's been generously doing for the past 13 years.

A short time after Chairman Greenspan took over the reigns of the Federal Reserve the stock market crash of 1987 prompted him to alleviate concerns with a heavy dose of monetary inflation. Once again, the slump of 1991 and 1992, he again re-ignited the financial bubble by more monetary inflation. There was no hesitation on Mr. Greenspan's part to inflate as necessary to alleviate the conditions brought about by the Mexican financial crisis, the Asian crisis, the Russian ruble crisis, and with the Long-Term Capital Management crisis. Just one year ago the non-existent Y2K crisis prompted huge, unprecedented monetary inflation by the Federal Reserve. All these

efforts kept interest rates below the market rate and contributed to the financial bubble that is now starting to deflate. But, there is no doubt that this monetary inflation did maintain an economy that seemed like it would never quit growing. Housing markets thrived, the stock market and bond market thrived, and in turn, the great profits made in these areas, especially gains made by stock market transactions, produced profits that inflated greatly the revenues that flowed into the Treasury. The serious problem that we now face, a collapsing stock market and a rapidly weakening economy, was caused by inflating the money supply along with artificially low interest rates. More inflation and continuing the policy of artificially low interest rates can't possibly be the solution to the dilemma we face.

We should never blame economic growth as the culprit. But artificial growth, mal-investment, overcapacity, speculation, and excessive debt that comes from systematic monetary inflation should be blamed, since these are all a result of Federal Reserve Board policy.

Let there be no doubt political and financial leaders will demand lower interest rates in order to alleviate the conditions that are developing. But just because a boom can come from generous Fed credit, it doesn't mean the bubble economy can be maintained or re-inflated by easy credit once a correction sets in.

Besides, Alan Greenspan knows full well that the scenario we are now experiencing can be made worse by lowering interest rates. Under the conditions we are facing it's very likely the dollar will weaken and deliberately lowering interest rates will accelerate this trend. Price inflation, which the Fed claims it is so concerned about, will not necessarily go away even with a weak economy. And the one thing we will come to realize that even the best of all central bankers, Alan Greenspan will not be able to determine interest rates at all times of the business cycle. Inflation premiums, confidence, the value of the dollar, and political conditions all can affect interest rates and these are out of the control of the Federal Reserve Board.

Congress definitely should be concerned about these matters. Budgetary planning will get more difficult as the revenues spiral downward and spending does the opposite. Interest on the national debt will continue and will rise as interest rates rise. The weak dollar, lower stock markets and inflation can affect every fixed income citizen, especially the Social Security beneficiaries. We can expect the World Trade organization managed trade war will actually get much worse under these conditions. Military conflict is not out of the question under the precarious conditions, that are developing. Oil supplies are obviously not secure and as we have seen the run up of prices to dangerously high levels.

The question is what should one expect the Federal Reserve Board to eventually do? We can expect it to continue to inflate as they have always chosen with every crisis. There's no evidence that Alan Greenspan would choose to do anything else regardless of this expression of concern about inflation and the value of the dollar. Greenspan still believes he can control the pain, produce a weakened economy that will not get out of control. But there's no way that he can guarantee that the United States might not slip into a prolonged lethargy, similar to what Japan is now experi-

encing. We can be certain that Congress will accommodate with whatever seems to be necessary for bailing out a weakened financial sector.

But all this will be done at the expense of the dollar. This is a dangerous process and makes our entire economic and financial system vulnerable.

We must someday recognize that neither Congress nor the Fed is supposed to "run" the economy. Yet we still live with the belief that the Administration, our Presidents, our Congress and the Federal Reserve should run the economy. This is a dangerous concept and always leads to the painful corrections to so-called the good times for which everyone is anxious to take credit.

Congress does have responsibility for maintaining a sound dollar and a free market and not much else. Unfortunately this responsibility that is clearly stated in the Constitution is ignored.

A major financial crisis is possible since the dollar is the reserve currency of the world, held in central banks as if it were gold itself. The current account deficit for the United States continues to deteriorate, warning us of danger ahead. Our foreign debt or \$1.7 trillion continues to grow rapidly and it will eventually have to be paid.

Action by the Congress and the Federal Reserve will most likely make the correction that is now starting much worse. Also, under conditions such as these, personal liberty is always vulnerable by the advocates of big government. It is well known that during the times of military wars personal liberties are in endangered. Social wars such as the war on drugs are notorious for undermining the principles of liberty. So too, under economic conditions that are difficult to understand and deal with, personal liberty comes under attack. This should concern us all.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentlewoman from the District of Columbia (Ms. NORTON) is recognized for 5 minutes.

(Ms. NORTON addressed the House. Her remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

URGING VICE PRESIDENT GORE TO ACCEPT ELECTION RESULTS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Virginia (Mr. GOODLATTE) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. GOODLATTE. Mr. Speaker, today two very important court decisions were handed down, one by the United States Supreme Court and one by the trial court in Florida, dealing with the issue of the Presidential election. These decisions were both again in favor of Governor Bush.

The decision of the Supreme Court vacated the ruling of the Florida court, which extended the time for the certification of the election results in Florida and remanded the case to the Florida court asking them to justify their action because they did not appear to have any legal justification for the actions that they had taken, essentially

contravening the United States Constitution as well as the laws passed by the Florida legislature setting out a clear procedure for handling the election in Florida.

The Florida trial court judge today ruled in favor of the Bush campaign and against the Gore campaign on each and every one of the contested issues raised by the Gore campaign in Palm Beach County, in Miami-Dade County, and in Nassau County.

Since November 7, the Nation has been placed in a serious case of uncertainty. We have economic uncertainty. We have political uncertainty. And we have a Government that needs to be in transition but is delayed by the fact that the Vice President has not conceded this election.

We are now faced, 4 weeks from that election, with a continuing crisis of uncertainty. It is time for the Vice President to do the responsible thing and accept the results of this election.

Governor Bush was ahead at the time that the networks called Florida for Vice President GORE. He was ahead at the time they pulled it back. He was ahead the following morning when they called the election for Governor Bush. He was ahead when the election returns came in. He was ahead when they conducted the first automatic recount. He was ahead after the recount ordered by the Florida Supreme Court was continued. And he remains ahead today.

These two rulings make it very likely that he is going to remain ahead throughout this process. And to ease the country's uncertainty and to do the responsible thing by allowing president-elect George Bush to begin the process of transitioning to a new government and to have the ability to pull the entire country together, it is absolutely essential that the Vice President do the right thing.

The votes have been counted, recounted and counted again, and yet Vice President GORE has yet to concede. For the sake of the country, he should accept the outcome and move forward from this election with dignity. The country would be better served if the Vice President reconsidered his strategy of countless lawsuits which undermine and delay the process of selecting our next President.

Previous Presidential candidates chose the statesman-like route of accepting the will of the people and moving on. It is important for our next President to have the ability to have the support of Vice President GORE as he moves into the transition process.

Governor George W. Bush has a record of bipartisan leadership. I look forward to working with him in that process and in the next Congress of the United States. But in order to get that process smoothly transitioned, we cannot afford to lose any more days than we already have, where 4 weeks that are ordinarily used to begin the very difficult task of selecting nearly 6,000 people to take positions from cabinet levels on down and then to begin the

process of planning a legislative agenda for the American people.

All of these things are delayed by the uncertainty created by the current situation, which becomes increasingly clear is serving no good purpose. Every time we move further down the process, the results are the same. Governor Bush is still ahead in the election. And it seems to me, Mr. Speaker, that it is entirely appropriate at this time that the Vice President do the right thing for the country, the statesman-like thing for the country, and concede this election.

SEEKING PROTECTION FOR KASHMIRI PANDITS DURING CEASE-FIRE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from New Jersey (Mr. PALLONE) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I wanted tonight to spend a few minutes saying, first of all, that I am pleased that the Government of Pakistan has positively responded to India's month-long cease-fire in Kashmir.

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I think many of us know that about a week ago, India declared a cease-fire unilaterally, hoping that it would get a positive response from Pakistan as well as from some of the secessionist or separatist organizations that operate within Kashmir. We have found out over the weekend that Pakistan did decide, as the foreign secretary said, to observe maximum restraint with regard to its troops that were deployed along the disputed border in Kashmir.

Last week, Mr. Speaker, I wrote to the Pakistani ambassador in Washington asking his government to accept India's call for a cease-fire, and I was very pleased again to hear that Pakistan's foreign secretary had indicated now that they will also observe it. In addition, I thought it was particularly relevant that the All Parties Hurriyat Conference had indicated that they might be prepared to begin talks or negotiations with India with regard to Kashmir. Certainly having them come back to the table and have discussions with the Indian government with regard to Kashmir is a positive sign. Between the Pakistani actions and the actions of the All Parties Hurriyat Conference, we might actually see some positive developments over the next few weeks or the next few months with regard to peace in Kashmir.

However, in the midst of all this, I found it very unfortunate that the Kashmiri Pandits, the Hindus as well as the Sikhs, who are a minority in Kashmir, continue to be the victims of violence. Over the weekend again, we heard, in fact, on Friday that four sleeping Hindu children between the ages of 3 and 15 years old were shot and killed in a remote Kashmiri mountain village. This is the third attack on

Kashmiri Pandits in less than a week since India declared the cease-fire.

Again, why is it that the minorities in Kashmir, the Pandits, the Hindu minority as well as the Sikhs who have also suffered and some have been killed over the last week since the cease-fire, continue to be the subject of these attacks? I can only hope that with the joint cease-fire that now appears to be in existence and the fact that there may be talks with some of the separatist groups, that the violence against minorities such as the Pandits and the Sikhs will stop, because for too long they have been the victims, if you will, more than any other group, of the problems and of the violence and of the continued dispute over Kashmir.

Mr. Speaker, today I wrote a letter to the Pakistani ambassador in Washington not only thanking him for deciding to go ahead with the cease-fire but also asking that steps be taken to try to end the violence against the Pandits. I wrote a similar letter to the Indian ambassador in Washington, not only commending him and Prime Minister Vajpayee for sticking with this Ramadan cease-fire for the month but also asking that steps be taken by the Indian government to try to protect the Kashmiri Pandits as well.

I wanted to add, Mr. Speaker, that the Prime Minister of India, Mr. Vajpayee, has to be commended not only for unilaterally declaring the cease-fire last week but also for doing so despite the fact that the separatist militants continued with their violent acts over this last week and despite the fact that many domestic opponents criticized his action. Prime Minister Vajpayee has told me many times that he cares for the plight of the Kashmiri Pandits and understands that there will never be peace in Kashmir unless they can live in their homes without fear. I also ask once again that when any peace talks take place over the next few weeks, that the status of the Pandits and their security also be raised in the context of those peace talks. If we are ever going to see toleration of all religions in Kashmir, it is certainly necessary that steps be taken now to protect them, to protect their security, and that reference be made to their status in the context of any peace talks that might take place.

INAUGURATION OF MEXICAN PRESIDENT VICENTE FOX

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. SIMPSON). Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from California (Mr. DREIER) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. DREIER. Mr. Speaker, at a time when the world's attention is focused on the presidential election here in the United States, I would like to take a few minutes to talk about a very historic occurrence that took place at the end of last week. I had the honor, along with several of our colleagues, a delegation led by the gentleman from New

York (Mr. GILMAN), the Secretary of State here, and several others, including the Governor of California, Gray Davis, to represent the United States at the inauguration of Vicente Fox in Mexico.

This inaugural took place last Friday morning. It was very thrilling because it was clearly one of the most historic developments in modern history for the western hemisphere. After over 7 decades of one-party control where the Institutional Revolutionary Party, established in 1928, had controlled Mexico, we saw an election take place on July 2 at which the opposition party, the National Action Party, and its nominee, Vicente Fox, was successful.

When we look at what it is that actually brought these free and fair elections about, it is very important to realize that it has been the expansion of our Western values that has been responsible for it and was really a coalition that consisted, I believe, of primarily the statement that was first made by Ronald Reagan in November of 1979 when he announced his candidacy for President in which he said he envisioned an accord of the Americas where we would have the free flow of goods and services.

As we all know, that ended up with legislation that passed in 1993 known as the North American Free Trade Agreement. While I know that NAFTA is often maligned, we have to realize that there has been tremendous success in Canada, the United States, and Mexico. We have seen a dramatic increase in the standard of living in all three countries, in large part due to the expanded trade that we have enjoyed.

Now, what happened was that 6 years ago, following the beginning of major economic reforms in Mexico, we saw the call by President Ernesto Zedillo for free and fair elections. He established an organization known as the IFE, the Federal Electoral Institute in Mexico, that would in fact be independent of the government and oversee the electoral process. It worked out extremely well, and we finally saw the completion of that tie between economic and political freedom last Friday.

We were very privileged, as I said, to be able to represent the United States. Our governor, Gray Davis, was the first governor of California since Earl Warren to attend an inauguration of a Mexican president. I believe the significance of that and the representation that we had from the United States is very, very important.

President Fox has a very interesting challenge ahead of him, but he had some moving remarks in his inaugural address. He talked about the challenge of improving the economy and making sure that no one in Mexico is left behind. He said, "We can't have islands of prosperity amidst seas of poverty." His commitment to ensuring that the children of Mexico are addressed, their needs are addressed and taken care of, his commitment to making sure that

we see further deregulation so that the small business sector of Mexico can thrive is very, very important.

I will say that there is another issue that is very important, especially for my State of California, dealing with the challenge of illegal immigration which has been very great. President Fox is the first Mexican president to come forward and state unequivocally that Mexico needs every Mexican, meaning that he wants to create an economy so that people in Mexico will not have an incentive to flee across the border into the United States.

I am very, very encouraged about this wonderful relationship that we are going to have with Mr. Fox. I am convinced that the encouragement which we have provided through that election process has been very, very key to the success that we are seeing. I look forward to working with him and with my colleagues to strengthen this very, very important relationship.

RECESS

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

Accordingly (at 6 o'clock and 55 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. BARR of Georgia) at 8 o'clock and 30 minutes p.m.

MAKING IN ORDER AT ANY TIME CONSIDERATION OF HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 126, FURTHER CONTINUING APPROPRIATIONS, FISCAL YEAR 2001

Mr. SIMPSON. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that it be in order at any time without intervention of any point of order to consider in the House the joint resolution (House Joint Resolution 126) making further continuing appropriations for fiscal year 2001, and for other purposes; that the joint resolution be considered as read for amendment; that the joint resolution be debatable for one hour, equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations; and that the previous question be considered as ordered on the joint resolution to final passage without intervening motion except one motion to recommit.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Idaho?

There was no objection.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Mr. BECERRA (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT) for today on account of business in the district.

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

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

Mr. PASTOR (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT) for today after 6:15 p.m. on account of official business.

Mr. GUTKNECHT (at the request of Mr. ARMEY) for today and December 5 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. McNULTY) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Ms. NORTON, for 5 minutes, today.

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

Mr. PAUL, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. GOODLATTE, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. SCARBOROUGH, for 5 minutes, December 5.

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

Mr. PALLONE, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. DREIER, for 5 minutes, today.

SENATE ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

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

S. 2796. An act to provide for the conservation and development of water and related resources, to authorize the Secretary of the Army to construct various projects for improvements to rivers and harbors of the United States, and for other purposes.

HOUSE BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS APPROVED BY THE PRESIDENT

The President notified the Clerk of the House that on the following dates he had approved and signed bills and joint resolutions of the following titles:

September 19, 2000:

H.R. 4040. An act to amend title 5, United States Code, to provide for the establishment of a program under which long-term care insurance is made available to Federal employees, members of the uniformed services, and civilian and military retirees, provide for the correction of retirement coverage errors under chapters 83 and 84 of such title, and for other purposes.

September 22, 2000:

H.R. 1729. An act to designate the Federal facility located at 1301 Emmet Street in Charlottesville, Virginia, as the "Pamela S. Gwin Hall."

H.R. 1901. An act to designate the United States border station located in Pharr,

Texas, as the "Kika de la Garza United States Border Station."

H.R. 1959. An act to designate the Federal building located at 643 East Durango Boulevard in San Antonio, Texas, as the "Adrian A. Spears Judicial Training Center."

H.R. 4608. An act to designate the United States courthouse located at 220 West Depot Street in Greenville, Tennessee, as the "James H. Quillen United States Courthouse."

September 29, 2000:

H.J. Res. 109. Joint resolution making continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2001, and for other purposes.

October 6, 2000:

H.R. Res. 110. Joint resolution making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2001, and for other purposes.

H.R. 940. An act to designate the Lackawanna Valley and the Schuylkill River National Heritage Areas, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2909. An act to provide for implementation by the United States of the Hague Convention on Protection of Children and Co-operation in Respect of Intercountry Adoption, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4919. An act to amend the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 and the Arms Exports Control Act to make improvements to certain defense and security assistance provisions under those Acts, to authorize the transfer of naval vessels to certain foreign countries, and for other purposes.

H.R. 5193. An act to amend the National Housing Act to temporarily extend the applicability of the downpayment simplification provisions for the FHA single family housing mortgage insurance program.

October 10, 2000:

H.J. Res. 72. Joint resolution granting the consent of the Congress to the Red River Boundary Compact.

H.R. 999. An act to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to improve the quality of coastal recreation waters, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2647. An act to amend the Act entitled "An Act relating to the water rights of the Ak-Chin Indian Community" to clarify certain provisions concerning the leasing of such water rights, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3363. An act for the relief of Akal Security, Incorporated.

H.R. 4444. An act to authorize extension of nondiscriminatory treatment (normal trade relations treatment) to the People's Republic of China, and to establish a framework for relations between the United States and the People's Republic of China.

H.R. 4700. An act to grant the consent of the Congress to the Kansas and Missouri Metropolitan Culture District Compact.

October 11, 2000:

H.R. 4578. An act making appropriations for the Department of the Interior and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2001, and for other purposes.

October 12, 2000:

H.R. 4115. An act to authorize appropriations for the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4931. An act to provide for the training or orientation of individuals, during a Presidential transition, who the President intends to appoint to certain key positions, to provide for a study and report on improving the financial disclosure process for certain Presidential nominees, and for other purposes.

October 13, 2000:

H.J. Res. 111. Joint resolution making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2001, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1162. An act to designate the bridge on United States Route 231 that crosses the Ohio River between Maceo, Kentucky, and

Rockport, Indiana, as the "William H. Natcher Bridge."

H.R. 1605. An act to designate the Federal building and United States Courthouse located at 402 North Walnut Street in Harrison, Arkansas, as the "J. Smith Henley Federal Building and United States Courthouse."

H.R. 1800. An act to amend the Violent Crime Control and Law Enforcement Act of 1994 to ensure that certain information regarding prisoners is reported to the Attorney General.

H.R. 2752. An act to direct the Secretary of the Interior to sell certain public land in Lincoln County through a competitive process.

H.R. 2773. An act to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate the Wekiva River and its tributaries of Wekiwa Springs Run, Rock Springs Run, and Black Water Creek in the State of Florida as components of the national wild and scenic rivers system.

H.R. 4318. An act to establish the Red River National Wildlife Refuge.

H.R. 4579. An act to provide for the exchange of certain lands within the State of Utah.

H.R. 4583. An act to extend the authorization for the Air Force Memorial Foundation to establish a memorial in the District of Columbia or its environs.

H.R. 4642. An act to make certain personnel flexibilities available with respect to the General Accounting Office, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4806. An act to designate the Federal Building located at 1710 Alabama Avenue in Jasper, Alabama, as the "Carl Elliott Federal Building."

H.R. 5284. An act to designate the United States customhouse located at 101 East Main Street in Norfolk, Virginia, as the "Owen B. Pickett United States Customhouse."

October 17, 2000:

H.R. 1143. An act to establish a program to provide assistance for programs to credit and other financial services for microenterprise in developing countries, and for other purposes.

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

H.R. 5362. An act to increase the amount of fees charged to employers who are petitioners for the employment of H-1B non-immigrant workers, and for other purposes.

October 29, 2000:

H.R. 2302. An act to designate the building of the United States Postal Service located at 307 Main Street in Johnson City, New York, as the "James W. McCabe, Sr. Post Office Building."

H.R. 2496. An act to reauthorize the Junior Duck Stamp Conservation and Design Program Act of 1994.

H.R. 2641. An act to make technical corrections to title X of the Energy Policy Act of 1992.

H.R. 2778. An act to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate segments of the Taunton River in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts for study for potential addition to the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2833. An act to establish the Yuma Crossing National Heritage Area.

H.R. 2938. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 424 South Michigan Street in South Bend, Indiana, as the "John Brademas Post Office."

H.R. 3030. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 757 Warren Road in Ithaca, New York, as the "Matthew F. McHugh Post Office."

H.R. 3454. An act to designate the United States post office located at 451 College

Street in Macon, Georgia, as the "Henry McNeal Turner Post Office."

H.R. 3745. An act to authorize the addition of certain parcels to the Effigy Mounds National Monument, Iowa.

H.R. 3817. An act to dedicate the Big South Trail in the Commanche Peak Wilderness Area of Roosevelt National Forest in Colorado to the legacy of Jaryd Atadero.

H.R. 3909. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 4601 South Cottage Grove Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, as the "Henry W. McGee Post Office Building."

H.R. 3985. An act to redesignate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 14900 Southwest 30th Street in Miramar, Florida, as the "Vicki Coceano Post Office Building."

H.R. 4157. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 600 Lincoln Avenue in Pasadena, California, as the "Matthew 'Mack' Robinson, Post Office Building."

H.R. 4169. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2000 Vassar Street in Reno, Nevada, as the "Barbara F. Vucanovich Post Office Building."

H.R. 4226. An act to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to sell or exchange all or part of certain administrative sites and other land in the Black Hills National Forest and to use funds derived from the sale or exchange to acquire replacement sites and to acquire or construct administrative improvements in connection with the Black Hills National Forest.

H.R. 4285. An act to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to convey certain administrative sites for National Forest System lands in the State of Texas, to convey certain National Forest System land to the New Waverly Gulf Coast Trades Center, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4286. An act to provide for the establishment of the Cahaba River National Wildlife Refuge in Bibb County, Alabama.

H.R. 4435. An act to clarify certain boundaries on the map relating to Unit NC-01 of the Coastal Barrier Resources System.

H.R. 4447. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 919 West 34th Street in Baltimore, Maryland, as the "Samuel H. Lacy, Sr. Post Office Building."

H.R. 4448. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 3500 Dolfield Avenue in Baltimore, Maryland, as the "Judge Robert Bernard Watts, Sr. Post Office Building."

H.R. 4449. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1908 North Ellamont Street in Baltimore, Maryland, as the "Dr. Flossie McClain Dedmond Post Office Building."

H.R. 4484. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 500 North Washington Street in Rockville, Maryland, as the "Everett Alvarez, Jr. Post Office Building."

H.R. 4517. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 24 Tsienneto Road in Derry, New Hampshire, as the "Alan B. Shepard, Jr. Post Office Building."

H.R. 4534. An act to redesignate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 114 Ridge Street, N.W. in Lenoir, North Carolina, as the "James T. Broyhill Post Office Building."

H.R. 4554. An act to redesignate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1602 Frankford Avenue in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, at the "Joseph F. Smith Post Office Building."

H.R. 4615. An act to redesignate the facility of the United States Postal Service located

at 3030 Meredith Avenue in Omaha, Nebraska, as the "Reverend J.C. Wade Post Office."

H.R. 4658. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 301 Green Street in Fayetteville, North Carolina, as the "J.L. Dawkins Post Office Building."

H.R. 4884. An act to redesignate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 200 West 2nd Street in Royal Oak, Michigan, as the "William S. Broomfield Post Office Building."

October 20, 2000:

H.J. Res. 114. Joint resolution making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2001, and for other purposes.

October 23, 2000:

H.R. 4475. An act making appropriations for the Department of Transportation and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2001, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4975. An act to designate the post office and courthouse located at 2 Federal Square, Newark, New Jersey, as the "Frank R. Lautenberg Post Office and Courthouse."

October 24, 2000:

H.R. 1509. An act to authorize the Disabled Veterans' LIFE Memorial Foundation to establish a memorial in the District of Columbia or its environs to honor veterans who became disabled while serving in the Armed Forces of the United States.

H.R. 3201. An act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to study the suitability and feasibility of designating the Carter G. Woodson Home in the District of Columbia as a National Historic Site, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3632. An act to revise the boundaries of the Golden Gate National Recreation Area, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3676. An act to establish the Santa Rosa and San Jacinto Mountains National Monument in the State of California.

H.R. 4063. An act to establish the Rosie the Riveter/World War II Home Front National Historical Park in the State of California, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4275. An act to establish the Colorado Canyons National Conservation Area and the Black Ridge Canyons Wilderness, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4386. An act to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to provide medical assistance for certain women screened and found to have breast or cervical cancer under a federally funded screening program, to amend the Public Health Service Act and the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act with respect to surveillance and information concerning the relationship between cervical cancer and the human papillomavirus (HPV), and for other purposes.

H.R. 4613. An act to amend the National Historic Preservation Act for purposes of establishing a national historic lighthouse preservation program.

H.R. 5036. An act to amend the Dayton Aviation Heritage Preservation Act of 1992 to clarify the areas included in the Dayton Aviation Heritage National Historical Park and to authorize appropriations for that park.

October 26, 2000:

H.J. Res. 115. Joint resolution making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2001, and for other purposes.

H.J. Res. 116. Joint resolution making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2001, and for other purposes.

October 27, 2000:

H.J. Res. 117. Joint resolution making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2001, and for other purposes.

H.R. 34. An act to direct the Secretary of the Interior to make technical corrections to a map relating to the Coastal Barrier Resources System.

H.R. 208. An act to amend title 5, United States Code, to allow for the contribution of certain rollover distributions to accounts in the Thrift Savings Plan, to eliminate certain waiting-period requirements for participating in the Thrift Savings Plan, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1695. An act to provide for the conveyance of certain Federal public lands in the Ivanpah Valley, Nevada, to Clark County, Nevada, for the development of an airport facility, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1715. An act to extend and reauthorize the Defense Production Act of 1950.

H.R. 2296. An act to amend the Revised Organic Act of the Virgin Islands to provide that the number of members on the legislative of the Virgin Islands and the number of such members constituting a quorum shall be determined by the laws of the Virgin Islands, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2879. An act to provide for the placement at the Lincoln Memorial of a plaque commemorating the speech of Martin Luther King, Jr., known as the "I Have a Dream" speech.

H.R. 2984. An act to direct the Secretary of the Interior, through the Bureau of Reclamation, to convey to the Loup Basin Reclamation District, the Sargent River Irrigation District, and the Farewell Irrigation District, Nebraska, property comprising the assets of the Middle Loup Division of the Missouri River Basin Project, Nebraska.

H.R. 3235. An act to improve academic and social outcomes for youth and reduce both juvenile crime and the risk that youth will become victims of crime by providing productive activities conducted by law enforcement personnel during nonschool hours.

H.R. 3236. An act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to enter into contracts with the Weber Basin Water Conservancy District, Utah, to use Weber Basin Project facilities for the impounding, storage, and carriage of nonproject water for domestic, municipal, industrial, and other beneficial purposes.

H.R. 3292. An act to provide for the establishment of the Cat Island National Wildlife Refuge in West Feliciana Parish, Louisiana.

H.R. 3468. An act to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey to certain water rights to Duchesne City, Utah.

H.R. 3577. An act to increase the amount authorized to be appropriated for the north side pumping division of the Minidoka reclamation project, Idaho.

H.R. 3986. An act to provide for a study of the engineering feasibility of a water exchange in lieu of electrification of the Chandler Pumping Plant at Prosser Diversion Dam, Washington.

H.R. 4002. An act to amend the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 to revise and improve provisions relating to famine prevention and freedom from hunger.

H.R. 4132. An act to authorize grants for water resources research and technology institutes established under the Water Resources Research Act of 1984.

H.R. 4259. An act to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the National Museum of the American Indian of the Smithsonian Institution, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4389. An act to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain water distribution facilities to the Northern Colorado Water Conservancy District.

H.R. 4635. An act making appropriations for the Department of Veterans Affairs and Housing and Urban Development, and for sundry independent agencies, boards, commissions, corporations, and offices for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2001, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4681. An act to provide for the adjustment of status of certain Syrian nationals.

H.R. 5107. An act to make certain corrections in copyright law.

H.R. 5212. An act to direct the American Folklife Center at the Library of Congress to establish a program to collect video and audio recordings of personal histories and testimonials of American war veterans, and for other purposes.

October 28, 2000:

H.J. Res. 118. Joint resolution making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2001, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3244. An act to combat trafficking in persons, especially into the sex trade, slavery, and involuntary servitude, to reauthorize certain Federal programs to prevent violence against women, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4461. An act making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2001, and for other purposes.

October 29, 2000:

H.J. Res. 119. Joint resolution making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2001, and for other purposes.

October 30, 2000:

H.J. Res. 120. Joint resolution making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2001, and for other purposes.

H.R. 707. An act to amend the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act to authorize a program for predisaster mitigation, to streamline the administration of disaster relief, to control the Federal costs of disaster assistance, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1654. An act to authorize appropriations for the national Aeronautics and Space Administration for fiscal years 2000, 2001, and 2002, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2348. An act to authorize the Bureau of Reclamation to provide cost sharing for the endangered fish recovery implementation programs for the Upper Colorado and San Juan River Basins.

H.R. 2389. An act to restore stability and predictability to the annual payments made to States and countries containing National Forest System lands and public domain lands managed by the Bureau of Land Management for use by the counties for the benefit of public schools, roads, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2842. An act to amend chapter 89 of title 5, United States Code, concerning the Federal Employees Health Benefits (FEHB) Program to enable the Federal Government to enroll an employee and his or her family in the FEHB Program when a State court orders the employee to provide health insurance coverage for a child of the employee but the employee fails to provide the coverage, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2883. An act to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to modify the provisions governing acquisition of citizenship by children born outside of the United States, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3767. An act to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to make improvements to, and permanently authorize, the visa waiver pilot program under section 217 of such Act.

H.R. 3995. An act to establish procedures governing the responsibilities of court-appointed receivers who administer departments, offices, and agencies of the District of Columbia government.

H.R. 4205. An act to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2001 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe personnel strengths for such fiscal year for the Armed Forces, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4828. An act to designate the Steens Mountain Wilderness Area and the Steens

Mountain Cooperative Management and Protection Area in Harney County, Oregon, and for other purposes.

H.R. 5417. An act to rename the Stewart B. McKinney Homeless Assistance Act as the "McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act."

November 1, 2000:

H.J. Res. 121. Joint resolution making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2001, and for other purposes.

H.J. Res. 122. Joint resolution making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2001, and for other purposes.

H.R. 209. An act to improve the ability of Federal agencies to license federally owned inventions.

H.R. 2607. An act to promote the development of the commercial space transportation industry, to authorize appropriations for the Office of the Associate Administrator for Commercial Space Transportation, to authorize appropriations for the Office of Space Commercialization, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2961. An act to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to authorize a 3-year pilot program under which the Attorney General may extend the period for voluntary departure in the case of certain non-immigrant aliens who require medical treatment in the United States and were admitted under the visa waiver pilot program, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3069. An act to authorize the Administrator of General Services to provide for redevelopment of the Southeast Federal Center in the District of Columbia.

H.R. 3671. An act to amend the Pittman-Robertson Wildlife Restoration Act and the Dingell-Johnson Sport Fish Restoration Act to enhance the funds available for grants to States for fish and wildlife conservation projects, to reauthorize and amend the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation Establishment Act to commemorate the centennial of the establishment of the first national wildlife refuge in the United States on March 14, 1903, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4068. An act to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to extend for an additional 3 years the special immigrant religious worker program.

H.R. 4110. An act to amend title 44, United States Code, to authorize appropriations for the National Historical Publications and Records Commission for fiscal years 2002 through 2005.

H.R. 4320. An act to assist in the conservation of great apes by supporting and providing financial resources for the conservation programs of countries within the range of great apes and projects of persons with demonstrated expertise in the conservation of great apes.

H.R. 4835. An act to authorize the exchange of land between the Secretary of the Interior and the Director of Central Intelligence at the George Washington Memorial Parkway in McLean, Virginia, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4850. An act to increase, effective as of December 1, 2000, the rates of compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and the rates of dependency and indemnity compensation for the survivors of certain disabled veterans.

H.R. 5164. An act to amend title 49, United States Code, to require reports concerning defects in motor vehicle or tires or other motor vehicle equipment in foreign countries, and for other purposes.

H.R. 5234. An act to amend the Hmong Veterans' Naturalization Act of 2000 to extend the applicability of that Act to certain former spouses of deceased Hmong veterans.

November 3, 2000:

H.J. Res. 123. Joint resolution making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2001, and for other purposes.

November 4, 2000:

H.J. Res. 84. Joint resolution making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2001, and for other purposes.

H.J. Res. 124. Joint resolution making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2001, and for other purposes.

November 6, 2000:

H.R. 468. An act to establish the Saint Helena Island National Scenic Area.

H.R. 1725. An act to provide for the conveyance by the Bureau of Land Management to Douglas County, Oregon, of a county park and certain adjacent land.

H.R. 3218. An act to amend title 31, United States Code, to prohibit the appearance of Social Security account numbers on or through unopened mailings of checks or other drafts issued on public money in the Treasury.

H.R. 3657. An act to provide for the conveyance of a small parcel of public domain land in the San Bernardino National Forest in the State of California, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3679. An act to provide for the minting of commemorative coins to support the 2002 Salt Lake Olympic Winter Games and the programs of the United States Olympic Committee.

H.R. 4315. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 3695 Green Road in Beachwood, Ohio, as the "Larry Small Post Office Building."

H.R. 4404. An act to permit the payment of medical expenses incurred by the United States Park Police in the performance of duty to be made directly by the National Park Service, to allow for waiver and indemnification in mutual law enforcement agreements between the National Park Service and a State or political subdivision when required by State law, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4450. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 900 East Fayette Street in Baltimore, Maryland as the "Judge Harry Augustus Cole Post Office Building."

H.R. 4451. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1001 Frederick Road in Baltimore, Maryland, as the "Frederick L. Dewberry, Jr. Post Office Building."

H.R. 4625. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2108 East 38th Street in Erie, Pennsylvania, as the "Gertrude A. Barber Post Office Building."

H.R. 4786. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 110 Postal Way in Carrollton, Georgia, as the "Samuel P. Roberts Post Office Building."

H.R. 4811. An act making appropriations for foreign operations, export financing, and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2001, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4957. An act to amend the Omnibus Parks and Public Lands Management Act of 1996 to extend the legislative authority for the Black Patriots Foundation to establish a commemorative work.

H.R. 5083. An act to extend the authority of the Los Angeles Unified School District to use certain park lands in the City of South Gate, California, which were acquired with amounts provided from the land and water conservation fund, for elementary school purposes.

H.R. 5157. An act to amend title 44, United States Code, to ensure preservation of the records of the Freedmen's Bureau.

H.R. 5178. An act to require changes in the bloodborne pathogens standard in effect under the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970.

H.R. 5273. An act to clarify the intention of the Congress with regard to the authority of the United States Mint to produce numismatic coins, and for the other purposes.

H.R. 5314. An act to amend title 10, United States Code, to facilitate the adoption of retired military working dogs by law enforcement agencies, former handlers of these dogs, and other persons capable of caring for these dogs.

November 7, 2000:

H.R. 1651. An act to amend the Fishermen's Protective Act of 1967 to extend the period during which reimbursement may be provided to owners of United States fishing vessels for costs incurred when such a vessel is seized and detained by a foreign country, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2442. An act to provide for the preparation of a Government report detailing injustices suffered by Italian Americans during World War II, and a formal acknowledgment of such injustices by the President.

H.R. 3646. An act for the relief of certain Persian Gulf evacuees.

H.R. 4831. An act to redesignate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2339 North California Avenue in Chicago, Illinois, as the "Roberto Clemente Post Office."

H.R. 4853. An act to redesignate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1568 South Green Road in South Euclid, Ohio, as the "Arnold C. D'Amico Station."

H.R. 5229. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 219 South Church Street in Odum, Georgia, as the "Ruth Harris Coleman Post Office Building."

November 9, 2000:

H.J. Res. 102. Joint resolution recognizing that the Birmingham Pledge has made a significant contribution in fostering racial harmony and reconciliation in the United States and around the world, and for other purposes.

H.R. 660. An act for the private relief of Ruth Hairston by waiver of a filing deadline for appeal from a ruling relating to her application for a survivor annuity.

H.R. 848. An act for the relief of Sepandan Farnia and Farbod Farnia.

H.R. 1235. An act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to enter into contracts with the Solano County Water Agency, California, to use Solano Project facilities for impounding, storage, and carriage of non-project water for domestic, municipal, industrial, and other beneficial purposes.

H.R. 2780. An act to authorize the Attorney General to provide grants for organizations to find missing adults.

H.R. 2884. An act to extend energy conservation programs under the Energy Policy and Conservation Act through fiscal year 2003.

H.R. 3184. An act for the relief of Zohreh Farhang Ghahfarokhi.

H.R. 3414. An act for the relief of Luis A. Leon-Molina, Ligia Padron, Rendy Leon Padron, Manuel Leon Padron, and Luis Leon Padron.

H.R. 4312. An act to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study of the suitability and feasibility of establishing an Upper Housatonic Valley National Heritage Area in the State of Connecticut and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4646. An act to designate certain National Forest Service land within the boundaries of the State of Virginia as wilderness areas.

H.R. 4788. An act to amend the United States Grain Standards Act to extend the authority of the Secretary of Agriculture to collect fees to cover the cost of services performed under that Act, extend the authorization of appropriations for that Act, and improve the administration of that Act, to reenact the United States Warehouse Act to

require the licensing and inspection of warehouses used to store agricultural products and provide for the issuance of receipts, including electronic receipts, for agricultural products stored or handled in licensed warehouses, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4794. An act to require the Secretary of the Interior to complete a resource study of the 600 mile route through Connecticut, Delaware, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, and Virginia, used by George Washington and General Rochambeau during the American Revolutionary War.

H.R. 4846. An act to establish the National Recording Registry in the Library of Congress to maintain and preserve sound recordings that are culturally, historically, or aesthetically significant, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4864. An act to amend title 38, United States Code, to reaffirm and clarify the duty of the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to assist Claimants for benefits under laws administered by the Secretary, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4868. An act to amend the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States to modify temporarily certain rates of duty, to make other technical amendments to the trade laws, and for other purposes.

H.R. 5110. An act to designate the United States Courthouse located at 3470 12th Street in Riverside, California, as the "George E. Brown, Jr., United States Courthouse."

H.R. 5266. An act for the relief of Saeed Razai.

H.R. 5302. An act to designate the United States courthouse located at 1010 fifth Avenue in Seattle, Washington, as the "William Kenzo Nakamura United States Courthouse."

H.R. 5331. An act to authorize the Frederick Douglass Gardens, Inc., to establish a memorial and gardens on Department of the Interior lands in the District of Columbia or its environs in honor and commemoration of Frederick Douglass.

H.R. 5388. An act to designate a building proposed to be located within the boundaries of the Chincoteague National Wildlife Refuge, as the "Herbert H. Bateman Education and Administrative Center."

H.R. 5410. An act to establish revolving funds for the operation of certain programs and activities of the Library of Congress, and for other purposes.

H.R. 5478. An act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to acquire by donation suitable land to serve as the new location for the home of Alexander Hamilton, commonly known as the Hamilton Grange, and to authorize the relocation of the Hamilton Grange to the acquired land.

November 13, 2000:

H.R. 782. An act to amend the Older Americans Act of 1965 to extend authorizations of appropriations for programs under the Act, to modernize programs and services for older individuals, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1444. An act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to establish a program to plan, design, and construct fish screens, fish passage devices, and related features to mitigate impacts on fisheries associated with irrigation system water diversions by local governmental entities in the Pacific Ocean drainage of the States of Oregon, Washington, Montana, and Idaho.

H.R. 1550. An act to authorize appropriations for the United States Fire Administration, and for carrying out the Earthquake Hazards Reduction Act of 1977, for fiscal years 2001, 2002, and 2003, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2462. An act to amend the Organic Act of Guam, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2498. An act to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for recommendations of the Secretary of Health

and Human Services regarding the placement of automatic external defibrillators in Federal buildings in order to improve survival rates of individuals who experience cardiac arrest in such buildings, and to establish protections from civil liability arising from the emergency use of the devices.

H.R. 3388. An act to promote environmental restoration around the Lake Tahoe basin.

H.R. 3621. An act to provide for the posthumous promotion of William Clark of the Commonwealth of Virginia and the Commonwealth of Kentucky, co-leader of the Lewis and Clark Expedition, to the grade of captain in the Regular Army.

H.R. 5239. An act to provide for increased penalties for violations of the Export Administration Act of 1979, and for other purposes.

November 15, 2000:

H.J. Res. 125. Joint resolution making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2001, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4986. An act to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the provisions relating to foreign sales corporations (FSCs) and to exclude extraterritorial income from gross income.

SENATE BILLS APPROVED BY THE PRESIDENT

The President notified the Clerk of the House that on the following dates he had approved and signed bills of the Senate of the following titles:

September 22, 2000:

S. 1027. An act to reauthorize the participation of the Bureau of Reclamation in the Deschutes Resources Conservancy, and for other purposes.

S. 1117. An act to establish the Corinth Unit of Shiloh National Military Park, in the vicinity of the city of Corinth, Mississippi, and in the State of Tennessee, and for other purposes.

S. 1374. An act to authorize the development and maintenance of a multi-agency campus project in the town of Jackson, Wyoming.

S. 1937. An act to amend the Pacific Northwest Electric Power Planning and Conservation Act to provide for sales of electricity by the Bonneville Power Administration to joint operating entities.

S. 2869. An act to protect religious liberty, and for other purposes.

October 2, 2000:

S. 1638. An act to amend the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to extend the retroactive eligibility dates for financial assistance for higher education for spouses and dependent children of Federal, State, and local law enforcement officers who are killed in the line of duty.

S. 2460. An act to authorize the payment of rewards to individuals furnishing information relating to persons subject to indictment for serious violations of international humanitarian law in Rwanda, and for other purposes.

October 6, 2000:

S. 430. An act to amend the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act to provide for a land exchange between the Secretary of Agriculture and the Kake Tribal Corporation, and for other purposes.

October 10, 2000:

S. 1295. An act to designate the United States Post Office located at 3813 Main Street in East Chicago, Indiana, as the "Lance Corporal Harold Gomez Post Office."

S. 1324. An act to expand the boundaries of the Gettysburg National Military Park to include the Wills House, and for other purposes.

October 12, 2000:

S. 704. An act to amend title 18, United States Code, to combat the overutilization of prison health care services and control rising prisoner health care costs.

October 13, 2000:

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

S. 366. An act to amend the National Trails System Act to designate El Camino Real de Tierra Adentro as a National Historic Trail.

S. 1794. An act to designate the Federal courthouse at 145 East Simpson Avenue in Jackson, Wyoming, as the "Clifford P. Hansen Federal Courthouse."

October 17, 2000:

S. 1198. An act to establish a 3-year pilot project for the General Accounting Office to report to Congress on economically significant rules of Federal agencies, and for other purposes.

S. 2045. An act to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act with respect to H-1B nonimmigrant aliens.

S. 2272. An act to improve the administrative efficiency and effectiveness of the Nation's abuse and neglect courts and for other purposes consistent with the Adoption and Safe Families Act of 1997.

October 19, 2000:

S. 1236. An act to extend the deadline under the Federal Power Act for commencement of the construction of the Arrowrock Dam Hydroelectric project in the State of Idaho.

October 20, 2000:

S. 2231. An act to amend the Public Health Service Act to revise and extend programs established under the Ryan White Comprehensive AIDS Resources Emergency Act of 1990, and for other purposes.

October 24, 2000:

S. 1849. An act to designate segments and tributaries of White Clay, Delaware and Pennsylvania, as a component of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System.

October 27, 2000:

S. 624. An act to authorize construction of the Fort Peck Reservation Rural Water System in the State of Montana, and for other purposes.

S. 2498. An act to authorize the Smithsonian Institution to plan, design, construct, and equip laboratory, administrative, and support space to house base operations for the Smithsonian Astrophysical Observatory Submillimeter Array located on Mauna Kea at Hilo, Hawaii.

S. 2686. An act to amend chapter 36 of title 39, United States Code, to modify rates relating to reduced rate mail matter, and for other purposes.

S. 3201. An act to rename the National Museum of American Art.

October 30, 2000:

S. 1809. An act to improve service systems for individuals with developmental disabilities, and for other purposes.

November 1, 2000:

S. 406. An act to amend the Indian Health Care Improvement Act to make permanent the demonstration program that allows for direct billing of medicare, medicaid, and other third party payors, and to expand the eligibility under such program to other tribes and tribal organizations.

S. 1296. An act to designate portions of the lower Delaware River and associated tributaries as a component of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System.

S. 1402. An act to amend title 38, United States Code, to increase the rates of educational assistance under the Montgomery GI Bill, to improve procedures for the adjustment of rates of pay for nurses employed by the Department of Veterans Affairs, to make other improvements in veterans educational assistance, health care, and benefits programs, and for other purposes.

S. 1455. An act to enhance protections against fraud in the offering of financial assistance for college education, and for other purposes.

S. 1705. An act to direct the Secretary of the Interior to enter into land exchanges to acquire from the private owner and to convey to the State of Idaho approximately 1,240 acres of land near the City of Rocks National Reserve, Idaho, and for other purposes.

S. 1707. An act to amend the Inspector General Act of 1978 (5 U.S.C. App.) to provide that certain designated Federal entities shall be establishments under such Act, and for other purposes.

S. 2102. An act to provide the Timbisha Shoshone Tribe a permanent land base within its aboriginal homeland, and for other purposes.

S. 2412. An act to amend title 49, United States Code, to authorize appropriations for the National Transportation Safety Board for fiscal years 200, 2001, 2002, and 2003, and for other purposes.

S. 2917. An act to settle land claims of the Pueblo of Santo Domingo.

November 6, 2000:

S. 614. An act to provide for regulatory reform in order to encourage investment, business, and economic development with respect to activities conducted on Indian lands.

S. 2812. An act to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to provide a waiver of the oath of renunciation and allegiance for naturalization of aliens having certain disabilities.

S. 3062. An act to modify the date on which the Mayor of the District of Columbia submits a performance accountability plan to Congress, and for other purposes.

November 7, 2000:

S. 501. An act to address resource management issues in Glacier Bay National Park, Alaska.

S. 503. An act designating certain land in the San Isabel National Forest in the State of Colorado as the "Spanish Peaks Wilderness".

S. 835. An act to encourage the restoration of estuary habitat through more efficient project financing and enhanced coordination of Federal and non-Federal restoration programs, and for other purposes.

S. 1088. An act to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to convey certain administrative sites in national forests in the State of Arizona, to convey certain land to the City of Sedona, Arizona for a wastewater treatment facility, and for other purposes.

S. 1211. An act to amend the Colorado River Basin Salinity Control Act to authorize additional measures to carry out the control of salinity upstream of Imperial Dam in a cost-effective manner.

S. 1218. An act to direct the Secretary of the Interior to issue to the Landusky School District, without consideration, a patent for the surface and mineral estates of certain lots, and for other purposes.

S. 1275. An act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to produce and sell products and to sell publications relating to the Hoover Dam, and to deposit revenues generated from the sales into the Colorado River Dam fund.

S. 1586. An act to reduce the fractionated ownership of Indian lands, and for other purposes.

S. 2300. An act to amend the Mineral Leasing Act to increase the maximum acreage of Federal leases for coal that may be held by an entity in any 1 State.

S. 2719. An act to provide for business development and trade promotion for Native Americans, and for other purposes.

S. 2950. An act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to establish the Sand Creek

Massacre National Historic Site in the State of Colorado.

S. 3022. An act to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain irrigation facilities to the Nampa and Meridian Irrigation District.

November 9, 2000:

S. 484. An act to provide for the granting of refugee status in the United States to nationals of certain foreign countries in which American Vietnam War POW/MIAs or American Korean War POW/MIAs may be present, if those nationals assist in the return to the United States of those POW/MIAs alive.

S. 610. An act to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain land under the jurisdiction of the Bureau of Land Management in Washakie County and Big Horn County, Wyoming, to the Westside Irrigation District, Wyoming, and for other purposes.

S. 698. An act to review the suitability and feasibility of recovering costs of high altitude rescues at Denali National Park and Preserve in the State of Alaska, and for other purposes.

S. 710. An act to authorize a feasibility study on the preservation of certain Civil War battlefields along the Vicksburg Campaign Trail.

S. 748. An act to improve Native hiring and contracting by the Federal Government within the State of Alaska, and for other purposes.

S. 893. An act to amend title 46, United States Code, to provide equitable treatment with respect to State and local income taxes for certain individuals who perform duties on vessels.

S. 1030. An act to provide that the conveyance by the Bureau of Land Management of the surface estate to certain land in the State of Wyoming in exchange for certain private land will not result in the removal of the land from operation of the mining laws.

S. 1367. An act to amend the Act which established the Saint-Gaudens National Historic Site, in the State of New Hampshire, by modifying the boundary and for other purposes.

S. 1438. An act to establish the National Law Enforcement Museum on Federal land in the District of Columbia.

S. 1778. An act to provide for equal exchanges of land around the Cascade Reservoir.

S. 1894. An act to provide for the conveyance of certain land to Park County, Wyoming.

S. 2069. An act to permit the conveyance of certain land in Powell, Wyoming.

S. 2425. An act to authorize the Bureau of Reclamation to participate in the planning, design, and construction of the Bend Feed Canal Pipeline Project, Oregon, and for other purposes.

S. 2872. An act to improve the cause of action for misrepresentation of Indian arts and crafts.

S. 2882. An act to authorize the Bureau of Reclamation to conduct certain feasibility studies to augment water supplies for the Klamath Project, Oregon and California, and for other purposes.

S. 2951. An act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study to investigate opportunities to better manage the water resources in the Salmon Creek watershed of the Upper Columbia River.

S. 2977. An act to assist in the establishment of an interpretive center and museum in the vicinity of the Diamond Valley Lake in southern California to ensure the protection and interpretation of the paleontology discoveries made at the lake and to develop a trail system for the lake for use by pedestrians and nonmotorized vehicles.

November 13, 2000:

S. 700. An act to amend the National Trails System Act to designate the Ala Kahakai Trail as a National Historic Trail.

S. 938. An act to eliminate restrictions on the acquisition of certain land contiguous to Hawaii Volcanoes National Park, and for other purposes.

S. 964. An act to provide for equitable compensation for the Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe, and for other purposes.

S. 1474. An act providing for conveyance of the Palmetto Bend project to the State of Texas.

S. 1482. An act to amend the National Marine Sanctuaries Act, and for other purposes.

S. 1752. An act to reauthorize and amend the Coastal Barrier Resources Act.

S. 1865. An act to provide grants to establish demonstration mental health courts.

S. 2345. An act to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study concerning the preservation and public use of sites associated with Harriet Tubman located in Auburn, New York, and for other purposes.

S. 2413. An act to amend the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to clarify the procedures and conditions for the award of matching grants for the purchase of armor vests.

S. 2915. An act to make improvements in the operation and administration of the Federal courts, and for other purposes.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 8 o'clock and 31 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until tomorrow, Tuesday, December 5, 2000, at 9 a.m. for morning hour debates.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 8 of rule XII, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

10969. A letter from the Associate Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Tomatoes Grown in Florida; Change in Size Designation [Docket No. FV00-966-1 IFR] received November 14, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

10970. A letter from the Associate Administrator, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Cranberries Grown in States of Massachusetts, et al.; Increased Assessment Rate [Docket No. FV00-929-4 FIR] received November 14, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

10971. A letter from the Associate Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Processed Fruits and Vegetables [FV-00-326] received November 14, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

10972. A letter from the Associate Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Oranges, Grapefruit, Tangerines, and Tangelos Grown in Florida and Imported Grapefruit; Relaxation of the Minimum Size Requirements for Red Seedless Grapefruit [Docket No. FV00-905-2 FR] received November 14, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

10973. A letter from the Under Secretary for Food, Nutrition and Consumer Services, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Food Stamp Program: Non-citizen Eligibility and Certification Provisions of the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996, as amended by Public Laws 104-208, 105-33, and 105-185 (RIN: 0584-AC40) received November 16, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

10974. A letter from the Associate Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Oranges, Grapefruit, Tangerines, and Tangelos Grown in Florida; Limiting the Volume of Small Red Seedless Grapefruit [Docket No. FV00-905-4 FIR] November 22, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

10975. A letter from the Associate Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Cotton Programs, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Amendment Regarding Import Assessment Exemptions [CN-00-009] received November 28, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

10976. A letter from the Associate Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Papayas Grown in Hawaii; Removal of Suspension Regarding Grade, Inspection, and Related Reporting Requirements [Docket No. FV00-928-1 FR] received November 28, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

10977. A letter from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Policy and Program Development, Department of Agriculture, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, transmitting the Department's final rule—Tuberculosis in Cattle, Bison, and Captive Cervids; State and Zone Designations [Docket No. 99-092-1] received November 20, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

10978. A letter from the Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Fenhexamid; Pesticide Tolerances for Emergency Exemptions [OPP-301075; FRL-6752-4] (RIN: 2070-AB78) received November 16, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

10979. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting a request to make available previously appropriated emergency funds for the Departments of Agriculture and Transportation, International Assistance Programs, and the Appalachian Regional Commission pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985, as amended; (H. Doc. No. 106-317); to the Committee on Appropriations and ordered to be printed.

10980. A letter from the Acting Assistant Secretary for Health Affairs, Department of Defense, transmitting a report on the Third Party Collection Program Annual Report to Congress for FY 1999; to the Committee on Armed Services.

10981. A letter from the Chief of Naval Operations and Secretary, United States Navy, Department of Defense, transmitting a letter on the Navy Marine Corps Intranet contract; to the Committee on Armed Services.

10982. A letter from the Deputy Chief, Programs and Legislation Division, Office of Legislative Liaison, Department of Defense, Department of the Air Force, transmitting a

report by the Commander of Cheyenne Mountain Air Force Station, Colorado, of a cost comparison to reduce the cost of the Civil Engineering functions; to the Committee on Armed Services.

10983. A letter from the Assistant to the Board, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, transmitting the Board's final rule—Truth in Lending [Regulation Z; Docket No. R-1089] received November 28, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services.

10984. A letter from the Assistant to the Board, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, transmitting the Board's final rule—Consumer Protections for Depository Institution Sales of Insurance [Docket No. R-1079] received November 28, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services.

10985. A letter from the Associate General for Legislation and Regulations, Office of Community Planning and Development, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting the Department's final rule—CDBG Program Regulations on Pre-Award Costs and New Housing Construction [Docket No. FR-4559-F-01] (RIN: 2506-AC06) received November 27, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services.

10986. A letter from the President and Chairman, Export-Import Bank of the United States, transmitting a report involving U.S. exports to Ireland, pursuant to 12 U.S.C. 635(b)(3)(i); to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services.

10987. A letter from the Chairman, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, transmitting the Corporation's semiannual report on the activities and efforts relating to utilization of the private sector, pursuant to 12 U.S.C. 1827; to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services.

10988. A letter from the General Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Changes in Flood Elevation Determinations [Docket No. FEMA-B-7403] received November 14, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services.

10989. A letter from the General Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Changes in Flood Elevation Determinations [Docket No. FEMA-B-7402] received November 14, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services.

10990. A letter from the General Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Changes in Flood Elevation Determinations [Docket No. FEMA-B-7400] received November 14, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services.

10991. A letter from the General Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Final Flood Elevation Determinations—received November 14, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services.

10992. A letter from the General Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Final Flood Elevation Determinations—received November 14, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services.

10993. A letter from the General Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Changes in Flood Elevation Determinations [Docket No. FEMA-B-7328] received November 21, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A);

to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services.

10994. A letter from the General Counsel, National Credit Union Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule—Organization and Operations of Federal Credit Unions—received November 14, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services.

10995. A letter from the Director, Office of Management and Budget, transmitting a report on the Cost Estimate for Pay-As-You-Go Calculations; to the Committee on the Budget.

10996. A letter from the Director, Office of Management and Budget, transmitting a report on the Cost Estimate for Pay-As-You-Go Calculations; to the Committee on the Budget.

10997. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Education, transmitting Final Regulations—Federal Perkins Loan Program, pursuant to 20 U.S.C. 1232(f); to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

10998. A letter from the Acting Assistant General Counsel for Regulations, Department of Education, Office of Postsecondary Education, transmitting the Department's final rule—Institutional Eligibility; Student Assistance General Provisions; Federal Work-Study Programs; and the Federal Pell Grant Program (RIN: 1845-AA19) received November 14, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

10999. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the annual report for the Fiscal Year 1996 of projects funded under Section 681(b)(A) of the Community Services Block Grant Act; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

11000. A letter from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Pension and Welfare Benefits Administration, Department of Labor, transmitting the Department's final rule—Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974; Rules and Regulations for Administration and Enforcement; Claims Procedure (RIN: 1210-AA61) received November 22, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

11001. A letter from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Pension and Welfare Benefits Administration, Department of Labor, transmitting the Department's final rule—Amendments to Summary Plan Description Regulations (RIN: 1210-AA69; 1210-AA55) received November 22, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

11002. A letter from the Director, Office of Wage Determinations, Wage and Hour Division, Employment Standards Administration, Department of Labor, transmitting the Department's final rule—Procedures for Predetermination of Wage Rates; Labor Standards Provisions Applicable to Contracts Covering Federally Financed and Assisted Construction and to Certain Nonconstruction Contracts (RIN: 1215-AA94) received November 20, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

11003. A letter from the Director, Corporate Policy and Research Department, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, transmitting the Corporation's final rule—Benefits Payable in Terminated Single-Employer Plans; Allocation of Assets in Single-Employer Plans; Interest Assumptions for Valuing and Paying Benefits—received November 27, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

11004. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Agriculture, transmitting a report entitled "Horse Protection Enforcement" for FY 1999, pursuant to 15 U.S.C. 1830; to the Committee on Commerce.

11005. A letter from the Acting Administrator, Energy Information Administration, Department of Energy, transmitting a report entitled, "Emissions of Greenhouse Gases in the United States, 1999"; to the Committee on Commerce.

11006. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting a draft bill entitled the "National Health Service Corps Amendments of 2000"; to the Committee on Commerce.

11007. A letter from the Director, Regulations Policy and Management Staff, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Department's final rule—Exemption From Federal Preemption of State and Local Cigarette and Smokeless Tobacco Requirements; Revocation [Docket No. 00N-1561] received November 14, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

11008. A letter from the Director, Regulations Policy and Management Staff, FDA, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Department's final rule—Biological Products: Reporting of Biological Product Deviations in Manufacturing [Docket No. 97N-0242] received November 20, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

11009. A letter from the Director, Regulations Policy and Management Staff, FDA, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Department's final rule—Indirect Food Additives: Polymers [Docket No. 93F-0319] received November 20, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

11010. A letter from the Director, Regulations Policy and Management Staff, FDA, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Department's final rule—Uniform Compliance Date for Food Labeling Regulations [Docket No. 00N-1596] received November 28, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

11011. A letter from the Attorney Advisor, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards; Compressed Natural Gas Fuel Container Integrity [Docket No. NHTSA-00-8191] (RIN: 2127-AH94) received November 14, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

11012. A letter from the Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Standards of Performance for New Stationary Sources and Emission Guidelines for Existing Sources: Commercial and Industrial Solid Waste Incineration Units [AD-FRL-6905-1] (RIN: 2060-AF91) received November 17, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

11013. A letter from the Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans and Designations of Areas for Air Quality Planning Purposes; State of New Hampshire; Revision to the Carbon Monoxide State Implementation Plan, City of Nashua; Carbon Monoxide Redesignation Request, Maintenance Plan, Transportation Conformity Budget, and Emissions Inventory for the City of Nashua; Carbon Monoxide Redesignation Request, Maintenance Plan, Transportation Conformity Budget, and Emissions Inventory for the City of Manchester [NH-45-7172a; A-1-FRL-6906-2] Received November 28, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

11014. A letter from the Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection

Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Emission Guidelines for Existing Small Municipal Waste Combustion Units [AD-FRL-6899-5] (RIN: 2060-AI51) received November 20, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

11015. A letter from the Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—New Source Performance Standards for New Small Municipal Waste Combustion Units [AD-FRL-6899-6] (RIN: 2060-AI51) received November 20, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

11016. A letter from the Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Protection of Stratospheric Ozone; Incorporation of Clean Air Act Amendments for Reductions in Class I, Group VI Controlled Substances [FRL-6906-4] (RIN: 2060-AI41) received November 21, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

11017. A letter from the Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Approval and Promulgation of State Implementation Plans; Michigan [MI75-7284a; FRL-6907-1] received November 20, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

11018. A letter from the Associate Chief, Wireless Telecommunications Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule—Amendment of the Commission's Rules Regarding the 37.0–38.6 GHz and 38.6–40.0 GHz Bands [ET Docket No. 95-183; RM-8553] Implementation of Section 309(j) of the Communications Act—Competitive Bidding, 37.0–38.6 GHz and 38.6–40.0 GHz Bands [PP Docket No. 93-253] received November 14, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

11019. A letter from the Acting Legal Advisor, Cable Services Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule—Implementation of the Satellite Home Viewer Improvement Act of 1999; Application of Network Non-Duplication, Syndicated Exclusivity, and Sports Blackout Rules To Satellite Retransmissions of Broadcast Signals [CS Docket No. 00-2] received November 14, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

11020. A letter from the Special Assistant to the Chief, Mass Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule—Amendment of Section 73.202(b), FM Table of Allotments, FM Broadcast Stations (Rantoul and Gilman, Illinois) [MM Docket No. 98-214; RM-9353; RM-9568] received November 21, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

11021. A letter from the Special Assistant to the Chief, Mass Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule—Amendment of Section 73.202(b), Table of Allotments, FM Broadcast Stations (Greenwood and Mauldin, South Carolina) [MM Docket No. 99-313; RM-9753] received November 21, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

11022. A letter from the Special Assistant to the Chief, Mass Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule—Amendment of Section 73.202(b), Table of Allotments, FM Broadcast Stations (Susquehanna, Pennsylvania and Conklin, New York) [MM Docket No. 99-278; RM-9424] received November 21, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

11023. A letter from the Special Assistant, Mass Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule—Amendment of Section 73.202(b), Table of Allotments, FM Broadcast Stations (New Richmond, Wisconsin, Coon Rapids, and Moose Lake, Minnesota) [MM Docket No. 00-37; RM-9749] received November 21, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

11024. A letter from the Associate Bureau Chief, Wireless Telecommunications Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule—Promotion of Competitive Networks in Local Telecommunications Markets [WT Docket No. 99-217] Wireless Communications Association International, Inc. Petition for Rulemaking to Amend Section 1.4000 of the Commission's Rules to Preempt Restrictions on Subscriber Premises Reception or Transmission Antennas Designed to Provide Fixed Wireless Services; Implementation of the Local Competition Provisions in the Telecommunications Act of 1996 [CC Docket No. 96-98] Review of Sections 68.104, and 68.213 of the Commission's Rules Concerning Connection of Simple Inside Wiring to the Telephone Network [CC Docket No. 88-57] to the Committee on Commerce.

11025. A letter from the Special Assistant to the Bureau Chief, Mass Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule—Amendment of Section 73.202(b), Table of Allotments, FM Broadcast Stations (Detroit, Howe, and Jacksboro, Texas, Antlers and Hugo, Oklahoma) [MM Docket No. 97-26; RM-8968; RM-9089; RM-9090] Amendment of Section 73.202(b), Table of Allotments, FM Broadcast Stations (Lewisville, Gainesville, Robinson, Corsicana, Jacksboro and Mineral Wells, Texas) [MM Docket No. 97-91; RM-8854; RM-9221] received November 21, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

11026. A letter from the Special Assistant, Mass Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule—Extension of the Filing Requirement For Children's Television Programming Reports (FCC Form 398) [MM Docket No. 00-44] received November 21, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

11027. A letter from the Associate Bureau Chief, Wireless Telecommunications Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule—The Development of Operational, Technical and Spectrum Requirements For Meeting Federal, State and Local Public Safety Agency Communication Requirements Through the Year 2010; Establishment of Rules and Requirements For Priority Access Service [WT Docket No. 96-86] received November 28, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

11028. A letter from the General Counsel, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule—Revised Filing Requirements Under Part 33 of the Commission's Regulations [Docket No. RM98-4-000; Order No. 642] received November 28, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

11029. A letter from the General Counsel, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule—Collaborative Procedures for Energy Facility Applications [Docket No. RM98-16-001; Order No. 608-A] received November 20, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

11030. A letter from the Director, Office of Congressional Affairs, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule—NRC Regulatory Issue Summary

2000-21 Changes To The Unplanned Scram And Unplanned Scram With Loss Of Normal Heat Removal Performance Indicators—received November 14, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

11031. A letter from the Secretary, Division of Market Regulation, Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting the Commission's "Major" final rule—Disclosure of Order Execution and Routing Practices [Release No. 34-43590; File No. S7-16-00] (RIN: 3235-AH95) received November 20, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

11032. A letter from the Secretary, Division of Market Regulation, Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule—Firm Quote and Trade-Through Disclosure Rules for Options [Release No. 34-43591; File No. S7-17-00] (RIN: 3235-AH96) received November 20, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

11033. A letter from the Secretary, Office of the Chief Accountant, Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting the Commission's "Major" final rule—Revision of the Commission's Auditor Independence Requirements [Release Nos. 33-7919; 34-43602; 35-27279; IC-24744; IA-1911; FR-56; File No. S7-13-00] (RIN: 3235-AH91) received November 22, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

11034. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting a report on developments concerning the national emergency with respect to Sudan that was declared in Executive Order 13067 of November 3, 1997, and matters relating to the measures in that order, pursuant to 50 U.S.C. 1641(c); (H. Doc. No. 106-314); to the Committee on International Relations and ordered to be printed.

11035. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting a 6-month periodic report on the national emergency declared by Executive Order 12924 of August 19, 1994, to deal with the threat to the national security, foreign policy, and economy of the United States caused by the lapse of the Export Administration Act of 1979, pursuant to 50 U.S.C. 1703(c); (H. Doc. No. 106-315); to the Committee on International Relations and ordered to be printed.

11036. A letter from the Assistant Legal Adviser for Treaty Affairs, Department of State, transmitting copies of international agreements, other than treaties, entered into by the United States, pursuant to 1 U.S.C. 112b(a); to the Committee on International Relations.

11037. A letter from the Assistant Legal Adviser for Treaty Affairs, Department of State, transmitting copies of international agreements, other than treaties, entered into by the United States, pursuant to 1 U.S.C. 112b(a); to the Committee on International Relations.

11038. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting notification that effective November 5, 2000, the 20% danger pay allowance for Albania will be terminated, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 5928; to the Committee on International Relations.

11039. A letter from the Assistant Legal Adviser for Treaty Affairs, Department of State, transmitting copies of international agreements, other than treaties, entered into by the United States, pursuant to 1 U.S.C. 112b(a); to the Committee on International Relations.

11040. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting a semi-annual report on progress toward regional non-proliferation in South Asia, pursuant to Section 620F(c) of

the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 April 1, 2000 through September 30, 2000; to the Committee on International Relations.

11041. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting a report entitled "The Annual Report," produced by the Inter-agency Working Group on U.S. Government-Sponsored International Exchanges and Training; to the Committee on International Relations.

11042. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting a report on the assessment of the cost effectiveness of using refurbished A-10 aircraft for the Department of State's coca eradication mission in Colombia; to the Committee on International Relations.

11043. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting a Memorandum Of Justification For Use Of Economic Support Funds (ESF); To Support Assistance To The Sudanese National Democratic Alliance (NDA); to the Committee on International Relations.

11044. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting his report on the implementation of an alternative plan for Federal employee locality-based comparability payments (locality pay) for 2001, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 5305(a)(3); (H. Doc. No. 106—316); to the Committee on Government Reform and ordered to be printed.

11045. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Energy, transmitting the semi-annual report of the Inspector General for the period April 1 through September 30, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. app. (Insp. Gen. Act) section 5(b); to the Committee on Government Reform.

11046. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Labor, transmitting the Semiannual Report of the Inspector General of the Department of Labor covering the period April 1, 2000 through September 30, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. app. (Insp. Gen. Act) section 5(b); to the Committee on Government Reform.

11047. A letter from the Comptroller General, General Accounting Office, transmitting List of all reports issued or released by the GAO in September 2000, pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 719(h); to the Committee on Government Reform.

11048. A letter from the Secretary, American Battle Monuments Commission, transmitting the Fiscal Year 2000 annual report in compliance with the Inspector General Act and the Federal Managers' Financial Integrity Act, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552b(j); to the Committee on Government Reform.

11049. A letter from the Chair, Architectural and Transportation Barriers Compliance Board, transmitting the consolidated report in accordance with the Inspector General Act and the Federal Managers' Financial Integrity Act, pursuant to 5 app; to the Committee on Government Reform.

11050. A letter from the Chairman, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, transmitting the semiannual report of the Office of Inspector General covering the period April 1 through September 30, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. app. (Insp. Gen. Act) section 5(b); to the Committee on Government Reform.

11051. A letter from the Executive Director, Committee For Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled, transmitting the Committee's final rule—Additions to and Deletion from the Procurement List—received November 20, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Government Reform.

11052. A letter from the Executive Director, Committee For Purchase From People Who Are Blind Or Severely Disabled, transmitting

the Committee's final rule—Additions to the Procurement List—received November 15, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Government Reform.

11053. A letter from the Director, Division of Policy, Planning and Program Development, Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs, Department of Labor, transmitting the Department's final rule—Government Contractors, Affirmative Action Requirements (RIN: 1215-AA01) received November 14, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Government Reform.

11054. A letter from the United States Trade Representative, Executive Office of the President, transmitting a report on the Strategic Plan FY 2000—FY 2005; to the Committee on Government Reform.

11055. A letter from the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Farm Credit Administration, transmitting the semiannual report prepared by the Office of Inspector General for the period of April 1, 2000, through September 30, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. app. (Insp. Gen. Act) section 8G(h)(2); to the Committee on Government Reform.

11056. A letter from the Chairman, Federal Maritime Commission, transmitting the semiannual report on the activities of the Office of Inspector General for the period April 1 through September 30, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. app. (Insp. Gen. Act) section 5(b); to the Committee on Government Reform.

11057. A letter from the Chairman, Federal Mine Safety and Health Review Commission, transmitting a consolidated report on audit and investigative coverage required by the Inspector General Act of 1978, as amended, and the Federal Managers' Financial Integrity Act, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. app. (Insp. Gen. Act) section 5(b); to the Committee on Government Reform.

11058. A letter from the President, James Madison Memorial Fellowship Foundation, transmitting the 1998 annual report of the Foundation, pursuant to 20 U.S.C. 4513; to the Committee on Government Reform.

11059. A letter from the Executive Director, Marine Mammal Commission, transmitting the Marine Mammal Commission's Commercial Activities Inventory Report, as required by the Federal Activities Inventory Reform Act of 1998 and detailed in OMB Circular No. A-76 (revised); to the Committee on Government Reform.

11060. A letter from the Director, Office of Government Ethics, transmitting the Office's final rule—Technical Updating Amendments and Correction to Certain Executive Branch Regulations of the Office of Government Ethics (RIN: 3209-AA00; 3209-AA04) received November 14, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Government Reform.

11061. A letter from the Special Counsel, Office of Special Counsel, transmitting the consolidated annual report for FY 2000 in compliance with the Inspector General Act; to the Committee on Government Reform.

11062. A letter from the Chairman, Postal Rate Commission, transmitting a report submitted in accordance with the Inspector General Act of 1978, as amended, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. app. (Insp. Gen. Act) section 5(b); to the Committee on Government Reform.

11063. A letter from the Chairman, Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting a copy of the annual report of the Securities and Exchange Commission for calendar year 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552b(j); to the Committee on Government Reform.

11064. A letter from the Executive Director, State Justice Institute, transmitting a annual report in accordance with the Inspector General Act and the Federal Managers' Financial Integrity Act, pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 3512(c)(3); to the Committee on Government Reform.

11065. A letter from the Director, The Peace Corps, transmitting a report on the Year 2000 Inventory of Commercial Activities and Annual Management Report in accordance with the Federal Activities Inventory Reform Act of 1998; to the Committee on Government Reform.

11066. A letter from the Director, The Woodrow Wilson Center, transmitting a consolidated annual report on audit and investigative coverage required by the Inspector General Act of 1978, as amended, and the Federal Managers' Financial Integrity Act for fiscal year 1999; to the Committee on Government Reform.

11067. A letter from the Acting Director, Fish and Wildlife Service, Division of Endangered Species, Department of the Interior, transmitting the Department's final rule—Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Designation of Critical Habitat for the Tidewater Goby (RIN: 1018-AF73) received November 15, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

11068. A letter from the Director, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting the Department's final rule—Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants: Establishment of a Nonessential Experimental Population of Grizzly Bears in the Bitterroot Area of Idaho and Montana (RIN: 1018-AE00) received November 16, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

11069. A letter from the Assistant Secretary of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management, Department of the Interior, transmitting the Department's final rule—Mining Claims Under the General Mining Laws; Surface Management [WO-300-1990-00] (RIN: 1004-AD22) received November 20, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

11070. A letter from the Acting Director, Office of Surface Mining, Department of the Interior, transmitting the Department's final rule—Colorado Regulatory Program [CO-032-FOR] received November 20, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

11071. A letter from the Acting Director, Office of Surface Mining, Department of the Interior, transmitting the Department's final rule—Texas Regulatory Program [SPATS No. TX-047-FOR] received November 20, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

11072. A letter from the Acting Director, Office of Surface Mining, Department of the Interior, transmitting the Department's final rule—Pennsylvania Regulatory Program [PA-126-FOR] received November 20, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

11073. A letter from the Deputy Chief for National Forest System, Department of Agriculture, transmitting a report of detailed boundary maps for the following rivers added to the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System by the Omnibus Oregon Wild and Scenic Rivers Act of 1988: McKenzie and North Fork of the Middle Fork of the Willamette on the Willamette National Forest, and the North Umpqua on the Umpqua National Forest; to the Committee on Resources.

11074. A letter from the Director, Fish and Wildlife Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule—Endangered and Threatened Species; Final Endangered Status for a Distinct Population Segment of Anadromous Atlantic Salmon (*Salmo salar*) in the Gulf of Maine [Docket No. 991108299-0313-02; I.D. 102299A] (RIN: 0648-XA39) received November 16, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

11075. A letter from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, NMFS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule—Fisheries off West Coast States and in the Western Pacific; Western Pacific Pelagic Fisheries; Hawaii-based Pelagic Longline Area Closure [Docket No. 000822244-0291-02; I.D. 082100B] (RIN: 0648-AO66) received November 16, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

11076. A letter from the Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, NMFS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule—Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Black Sea Bass Fishery; Commercial Quota Harvested for Quarter 4 Period [Docket No. 000119014-0137-02; I.D. 091800G] received November 14, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

11077. A letter from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, NMFS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule—Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Spiny Dogfish Fishery; Commercial Quota Harvested for Period 2 [Docket No. 000426114-0114-01; I.D. 101700E] received November 14, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

11078. A letter from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, NMFS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule—Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Spiny Dogfish Fishery; 2000 Specifications; Extension of an Interim Rule [Docket No. 000426114-0114-01; I.D. 101700E] (RIN: 0648-AN53) received November 14, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

11079. A letter from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, NMFS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule—Fisheries off West Coast States and in the Western Pacific; Coastal Pelagic Species Fisheries; Closure of Directed Fishery for Pacific MACKEREL [Docket No. 000831250-0250-01; 102500C] received November 27, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

11080. A letter from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, NMFS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule—Fisheries off West Coast States and in the Western Pacific; Pacific Coast Groundfish Fishery; Recreational Fishery Closure [Docket No. 991223347-9347; I.D. 102600C] received November 27, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

11081. A letter from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, NMFS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule—Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Western Alaska Community Development Quota Program [Docket No. 000714206-0307-02; I.D. 061400A] (RIN: 0648-AM53) received November 27, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

11082. A letter from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, NMFS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule—Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Maine Mahogany Quahog Fishery; Commercial Quota Harvested [Docket No. 991228355-0140-02; I.D. 110700C] received November 27, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

11083. A letter from the Acting Assistant Administrator, National Ocean Service Coastal Services Center, National Oceanic

and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule—Coastal Services Center Broad Area Announcement [Docket No. 000927276-0276-01; I.D. No. 101000CH] (RIN: 0648-ZA94) received November 20, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

11084. A letter from the Assistant Attorney General, Department of Justice, transmitting a report of activities under the Civil Rights of Institutionalized Persons Act during Fiscal Year 1998, pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 1997f; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

11085. A letter from the Under Secretary of Commerce for Intellectual Property, and Director, Patent and Trademark Office, transmitting the Office's final rule—Simplification of certain requirements in patent interference practice (RIN: 0651-AB15) received November 20, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on the Judiciary.

11086. A letter from the Under Secretary of Commerce for Intellectual Property, and Director, Patent and Trademark Office, transmitting the Office's final rule—Rules to Implement Optional Inter Partes Reexamination Proceedings (RIN: 0651-AB04) received November 28, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on the Judiciary.

11087. A letter from the Administrator, Federal Highway Administration, transmitting the Administration's status report entitled, "Fundamental Properties of Asphalts and Modified Asphalts-II," is submitted in accordance with Section 6016(e) of the Intermodal Surface Transportation Act of 1991 (ISTEA), Public Law 102-240, and Section 5117 of the Transportation Equity Act of the 21st Century (TEA-21), pursuant to 23 U.S.C. 307nt; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

11088. A letter from the Assistant Secretary of the Army (Civil Works), Department of Defense, transmitting a report entitled "Roosevelt Inlet-Lewes Beach, DE, Interim Feasibility Study; Final Feasibility Report and Environmental Assessment"; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

11089. A letter from the Administrator, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting a report on the "Application of New Standards or Technologies to Reduce Aircraft Noise Levels"; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

11090. A letter from the Program Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Airworthiness Directives; Lockheed Model L-1011-385 Series Airplanes [Docket No. 98-NM-35-AD; Amendment 39-11933; AD 2000-21-01] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received November 14, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

11091. A letter from the Program Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Airworthiness Directives; Boeing Model 737 Series Airplanes [Docket No. 2000-NM-325-AD; Amendment 39-11948; AD 2000-22-02] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received November 14, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

11092. A letter from the Paralegal Specialist, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Airworthiness Directives; Fokker Model F.28 Mark 0100 Series Airplanes [Docket No. 2000-NM-17-AD; Amendment 39-11944; AD 2000-21-12] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received November 16, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

11093. A letter from the Regulations Officer, Federal Motor Carrier Safety Adminis-

tration, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Physical Qualification of Drivers; Medical Examination; Certificate [FMCSA Docket No. 98-3542 (formerly FHWA Docket No. 98-3542)] (RIN: 2126-AA06 (formerly 2125-AC63)) received November 14, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

11094. A letter from the Paralegal Specialist, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Airworthiness Directives; Empresa Brasileira de Aeronautica S.A. (EMBRAER) Model EMB-120 Series Airplanes [Docket No. 2000-NM-121-AD; Amendment 39-11958; AD 2000-22-12] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received November 16, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

11095. A letter from the Paralegal Specialist, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Model A310 and A300-600 Series Airplanes [Docket No. 2000-NM-114-AD; Amendment 39-11978; AD 2000-23-08] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received November 16, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

11096. A letter from the Paralegal Specialist, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Realignment of Federal Airways; IL [Airspace Docket No. 00-AGL-22] received November 16, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

11097. A letter from the Paralegal Specialist, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Airworthiness Directives; Rolls-Royce Spey 555-15, -15H, -15N, and -15P Turbofan Engines [Docket No. 2000-NE-03-AD; Amendment 39-11981; AD 2000-23-11] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received November 16, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

11098. A letter from the Paralegal Specialist, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Airworthiness Directives; CFE Company Model CFE738-1-1B Turbofan Engines [Docket No. 98-ANE-69-AD; Amendment 39-11982; AD 2000-23-12] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received November 16, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

11099. A letter from the Paralegal Specialist, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Airworthiness Directives; Aerospaziale Model ATR42-500 Series Aiplanes [Docket No. 2000-NM-26-AD; Amendment 39-11974; AD 2000-23-04] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received November 16, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

11100. A letter from the Regulations Officer, Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Transportation of Household Goods in Interstate or Foreign Commerce; Rules of Practice for Motor Carrier Safety and Hazardous Materials Proceedings (RIN: 2126-AA56) received November 14, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

11101. A letter from the Paralegal Specialist, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Airworthiness Directives; Bombardier Model CL-600-2B16 (CL-604) Series Airplanes [Docket No. 2000-NM-315-AD; Amendment 39-11972; AD 2000-23-02] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received November 16, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

11102. A letter from the Paralegal Specialist, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Airworthiness Directives; Eurocopter France Model SA330F, G, and J Helicopters [Docket No. 2000-SW-14-AD; Amendment 39-11967; AD 2000-22-19] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received November 16, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

11103. A letter from the Program Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Airworthiness Directives; Raytheon Model DH.125, Model HS.125, Model BH.125, Model BAe.125 Series 800A (Including Major Variants C-29A and U1-25), Model Hawker 800, Model Hawker 800XP, and Model Hawker 1000 Series Airplanes [Docket No. 99-NM-376-AD; Amendment 39-11949; AD 2000-22-03] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received November 14, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

11104. A letter from the Regulations Officer, Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Guidelines for Development of Functional Specifications for Performance-Based Brake Testers Used to Inspect Commercial Motor Vehicles [FMCSA Docket No. FMCSA-98-3611] received November 14, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

11105. A letter from the Paralegal Specialist, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Airworthiness Directives; McDonnell Douglas Model DC-9-10, -9-20, -9-30, -9-40, and -9-50 Series Airplanes and C-9 (Military) Airplanes [Docket No. 2000-NM-344-AD; Amendment 39-11968; AD 2000-22-20] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received November 16, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

11106. A letter from the Paralegal Specialist, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Airworthiness Directives; SOCAT—Groupe AEROSPATIALE Models MS 880B, MS 885, MS 892A-150, MS 892E-150, MS 893A, MS 893E, MS 894A, MS 894E, Rallye 100S, Rallye 150T, Rallye 150ST, Rallye 235C, and Rallye 235E Airplanes [Docket No. 2000-CE-34-AD; Amendment 39-11964; AD 2000-22-17] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received November 16, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

11107. A letter from the Paralegal Specialist, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Airworthiness Directives; Empresa Brasileira de Aeronautica S.A. (EMBRAER) Model EMB-120 Series Airplanes [Docket No. 2000-NM-130-AD; Amendment 39-11954; AD 2000-22-08] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received November 16, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

11108. A letter from the Paralegal Specialist, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Establishment of Class E Airspace; Oak Grove, NC [Airspace Docket No. 00-ASO-33] received November 16, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

11109. A letter from the Paralegal Specialist, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Establishment of Class D and Class E4 Airspace; New Bern, NC [Airspace Docket No. 00-ASO-29] received November 16, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

11110. A letter from the Paralegal Specialist, FAA, Department of Transportation,

transmitting the Department's final rule—Amendment of Class E3 Airspace; Tallahassee, FL, and Class E4 Airspace; Dothan, AL; Vero Beach, FL; Athens, GA; Columbus Lawson AAF, GA; Meridian Key Field, MS; Meridian NAS-MCCAIN Field, MS; and Florence, SC [Airspace Docket No. 00-ASO-38] received November 16, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

11111. A letter from the Paralegal Specialist, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Amendment of Class D Airspace; Kissimmee, FL [Airspace Docket No. 00-ASO-36] received November 16, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

11112. A letter from the Paralegal Specialist, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Standard Instrument Approach Procedures; Miscellaneous Amendments [Docket No. 30211; Amdt. No. 2018] received November 16, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

11113. A letter from the Paralegal Specialist, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Standard Instrument Approach Procedures; Miscellaneous Amendments [Docket No. 30210; Amdt. No. 2017] received November 16, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

11114. A letter from the Paralegal Specialist, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Revision of Class E Airspace; Atlanta, TX [Airspace Docket No. 2000-ASW-19] received November 16, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

11115. A letter from the Paralegal Specialist, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Amendment of Class D and Class E4 Airspace; Gainesville, FL [Airspace Docket No. 00-ASO-35] received November 16, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

11116. A letter from the Paralegal Specialist, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Modification of Class E Airspace; Willits, CA [Airspace Docket No. 00-AWP-8] received November 16, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

11117. A letter from the Paralegal Specialist, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Revision of Class D Airspace, Robert Gray Army Airfield, TX; and Revocation of Class D Airspace, Hood Army Airfield, TX [Airspace Docket No. 2000-ASW-18] received November 16, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

11118. A letter from the Paralegal Specialist, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Airworthiness Directives; International Aero Engines AG (IAE) V2500-A5 and -D5 Series Turbofan Engines [Docket No. 2000-NE-21-AD; Amendment 39-11953; AD 2000-22-07] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received November 16, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

11119. A letter from the Paralegal Specialist, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Airworthiness Directives; Boeing Model 747-100, -200B, -200C, -200F, and -300 Series Airplanes Delivered In or Modified Into the

Stretched Upper Deck Configuration [Docket No. 2000-NM-136-AD; Amendment 39-11962; AD 2000-22-15] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received November 16, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

11120. A letter from the Paralegal Specialist, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Airworthiness Directives Final Rule; Correction [Docket No. 98-ANE-43; Amendment 39-11939; AD 2000-21-07] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received November 30, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

11121. A letter from the Paralegal Specialist, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Airworthiness Directives; Robinson Helicopter Company Model R22 Helicopters [Docket No. 2000-SW-51-AD; Amendment 39-11960; AD 2000-20-51] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received November 16, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

11122. A letter from the Paralegal Specialist, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Airworthiness Directives; Pratt & Whitney PW2000 Series Turbofan Engines, Correction [Docket No. 98-ANE-61-AD; Amendment 39-11941; AD 2000-21-09] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received November 16, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

11123. A letter from the Paralegal Specialist, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Airworthiness Directives Final Rule; Correction [Docket No. 98-ANE-48; Amendment 39-11939; AD 2000-21-08] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received November 16, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

11124. A letter from the Paralegal Specialist, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Airworthiness Directives; Boeing Model 737-100, -200, -200C, -300, -400, and -500 Series Airplanes [Docket No. 99-NM-69-AD; Amendment 39-11906; AD 2000-19-05] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received November 16, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

11125. A letter from the Paralegal Specialist, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Airworthiness Directives; British Aerospace (Jetstream) Model 4101 Airplanes [Docket No. 2000-NM-152-AD; Amendment 39-11963; AD 2000-22-16] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received November 16, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

11126. A letter from the Paralegal Specialist, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Airworthiness Directives; McDonnell Douglas Model DC-9-10, -20, -30, -40, and -50 Series Airplanes and C-9 (Military) Airplanes [Docket No. 2000-NM-04-AD; Amendment 39-11961; AD 2000-22-14] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received November 16, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

11127. A letter from the Trial Attorney, Federal Railroad Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Annual Adjustment of Monetary Threshold for Reporting Rail Equipment Accidents/Incidents—Calendar Year 2001 [FRA-98-4898, Notice No. 3] (RIN: 2130-AB30) received November 16, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

11128. A letter from the Chief, Office of Regulations and Administrative Law, USCG, Department of Transportation, transmitting

the Department's final rule—Security Zone; Coastal Waters Adjacent to Florida [CGD 07-00-091] (RIN: 2115-AA97) received November 27, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

11129. A letter from the Chief, Office of Regulations and Administrative Law, USCG, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Special Local Regulation; Charleston Christmas Parade of Boats, Charleston Harbor, SC [CGD-07-00-107] (RIN: 2115-AE46) received November 27, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

11130. A letter from the Chief, Office of Regulations and Administrative Law, USCG, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Safety Zone; Wrangell Narrows, Petersburg, AK [COTP Southeast Alaska; 00-016] (RIN: 2115-AA97) received November 27, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

11131. A letter from the Chief, Office of Regulations and Administrative Law, USCG, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Drawbridge Operation Regulations; Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway, Key Largo, Monroe County, FL [CGD07-00-105] (RIN: 2115-AE47) received November 27, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

11132. A letter from the Chief, Office of Regulations and Administrative Law, USCG, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Licensing and Manning for Officers of Towing Vessels [USCG 1999-6224] (RIN: 2115-AF23) received November 27, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

11133. A letter from the Paralegal Specialist, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Airworthiness Directives; Aerospatiale Model ATR-42 and ATR-72 Series Airplanes [Docket No. 98-NM-259-AD; Amendment 39-11989; AD 98-09-16 R1] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received November 20, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

11134. A letter from the Paralegal Specialist, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Airworthiness Directives; Israel Aircraft Industries, Ltd., Model 1121, 1121A, 1121B, 1123, 1124, and 1124A Series Airplanes [Docket No. 2000-NM-364-AD; Amendment 39-11985; AD 2000-23-13] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received November 20, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

11135. A letter from the Paralegal Specialist, Department of Transportation, FAA, transmitting the Department's final rule—Airworthiness Directives; Pratt & Whitney JT9D Series Turbofan Engines [Docket No. 99-NE-25-AD; Amendment 39-11986; AD 2000-23-14] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received November 20, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

11136. A letter from the Paralegal Specialist, Department of Transportation, FAA,

transmitting the Department's final rule—Airworthiness Directives; Boeing Model 737 Series Airplanes [Docket No. 2000-NM-325-AD; Amendment 39-11948; AD 2000-22-02] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received November 20, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

11137. A letter from the Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Supplemental Guidelines for the Award of Section 319 Nonpoint Source Grants in FY 2001 [FRL-6908-9] received November 28, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

11138. A letter from the Associate Administrator for Procurement, National Aeronautics and Space Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule—Risk Management—received November 21, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Science.

11139. A letter from the Director, Office of Science and Technology Policy, transmitting a report entitled "Climate Change Impacts on the United States: The Potential Consequences of Climate Variability and Change"; to the Committee on Science.

11140. A letter from the Administrator, Small Business Administration, transmitting a draft of proposed legislation to amend the Small Business Act to increase the Sole Source Authority to adjust for inflation; to the Committee on Small Business.

11141. A letter from the Administrator, Office of Workforce Security, Employment and Training Administration, Department of Labor, transmitting the Department's final rule—Payment of Compensation and Timeliness of Determinations During a Continued Claims Series—received November 27, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

11142. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Action on Decision; *Weisbart v. United States Department of Treasury and Internal Revenue Service*—received November 14, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

11143. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Determination of Issue Price in the Case of Certain Debt Instruments Issued for Property [Rev. Rul. 2000-54] received November 20, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

11144. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—2000 Base Period Concerning T-Bill Rate—received November 27, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

11145. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Weighted Average Interest Rate Update—received November 27, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

11146. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Economic Development, Department of Commerce, transmitting the Depart-

ment's final rule—Implementation of the Economic Development Administration Reform Act of 1998 including Economic Adjustment Grants-Revolving Loan Funds [Docket No. 001024292-0292-01] (RIN: 0610-AA62) received November 28, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); jointly to the Committees on Transportation and Infrastructure and Banking and Financial Services.

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. BURTON: Committee on Government Reform. The Failure to Produce White House E-Mails: Threats, Obstructions, and Unanswered Questions (Rept. 106-1023). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

Mr. BURTON: Committee on Government Reform. Management Practices at the Office of Workers' Compensation Programs U.S. Department of Labor (Report 106-1024). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XII, public bills and resolutions of the following titles were introduced and severally referred, as follows:

By Mr. SHUSTER:

H.R. 5637. A bill to provide that an amount available for fiscal year 2001 for the Department of Transportation shall be available to reimburse certain costs incurred for clean-up of former Coast Guard facilities at Cape May, New Jersey, and to authorize the Coast Guard to transfer funds and authority for demolition and removal of a structure at former Coast Guard property in Traverse City, Michigan; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

By Mr. SMITH of Michigan:

H.R. 5638. A bill to amend section 402 of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to provide that States have the final authority to establish guidelines to determine which animal feeding operations are classified as concentrated animal feeding operations for purposes of the national pollutant discharge elimination system; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

By Mr. MINGE:

H.R. 5639. A bill to authorize the payment of a gratuity to certain members of the Armed Forces who served at Bataan and Corregidor during World War II, or the surviving spouses of such members, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. PAUL (for himself, Mr. STUMP, Mr. METCALF, and Mr. SANFORD):

H. Con. Res. 443. Concurrent resolution expressing the sense of the Congress in reaffirming the United States of America as a republic; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

ADDITIONAL SPONSORS

Under clause 7 of rule XII, sponsors were added to public bills and resolutions as follows:

- H.R. 49: Mr. OXLEY and Mr. DEFAZIO.
- H.R. 165: Ms. DELAURO.
- H.R. 489: Mr. BARRETT of Wisconsin.
- H.R. 2655: Mr. GOODE.
- H.R. 2725: Mr. BOEHLERT.
- H.R. 3981: Ms. KILPATRICK.
- H.R. 4559: Mr. OWENS, Mr. WYNN, Mr. MCGOVERN, and Mrs. MALONEY of New York.
- H.R. 5261: Mr. MCGOVERN.
- H.R. 5345: Mr. MATSUI and Mr. CALVERT.

- H.R. 5443: Mr. GREEN of Texas.
- H.R. 5612: Mr. WEXLER, Mr. PASTOR, Mr. PRICE of North Carolina, Mr. GONZALEZ, Mr. DOYLE, Mr. FARR of California, Mrs. CAPPS, Ms. DEGETTE, Mrs. CHRISTENSEN, Ms. BROWN of Florida, Mr. LANTOS, Mr. WAXMAN, Mr. SANDLIN, Mr. LEWIS of Georgia, Mr. JEFFERSON, Mr. REYES, and Mr. NADLER.
- H. Con. Res. 337: Mr. EDWARDS, Mr. PRICE of North Carolina, and Mr. ROTHMAN.
- H. Con. Res. 341: Mr. ANDREWS.

PETITIONS, ETC.

Under clause 3 of rule XII,

121. The SPEAKER presented a petition of the Legislature of Rockland County, New York, relative to Resolution No. 583 of 2000 petitioning the New York State Thruway Authority to erect protective sound barriers along the stretch of the New York State Thruway on the northbound side from just east of Exit 14B to the place where the Thruway intersects with College Road, Monsey, New York in the Town of Ramapo; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.