Mr. HOLT. Mr. Speaker, I look forward to working with the gentleman from North Carolina also.

Each of these pieces of legislation deals with one aspect of the problem. One of the lessons of the election of 2000 was that many millions of Americans learned how complicated the voting question is. But we certainly can take care of these two matters in a straightforward way.

Again, my legislation would require that all voting systems produce a voter-verified paper record for use in manual audits. It would ban the use of undisclosed software. It would require that all voting systems meet these requirements, a voter verification, in time for their November 2004 election, this year. It requires that electronic voting systems be provided for persons with disabilities earlier than under the Help America Vote Act, and it would require mandatory surprise recounts in one-half of 1 percent of all jurisdictions.

I think that would go a long way. Now, some of my colleagues here on the floor say, oh, that is not necessary, let us let HAVA work. I tell you one way we can let HAVA work. Each State has submitted to the Election Assistance Commission a plan of how it will comply with HAVA. That has been published in the Federal Register. Public comments on those State plans are due by May 8, and members of the public are invited to comment to the Election Assistance Commission.

That is one way that the process will work. Because ultimately it is the public, not the 435 of us here, who own this democracy and who ultimately must ensure that it works as it should.

RECESS

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

Accordingly (at 6 o'clock and 21 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

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AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. DREIER) at 7 o'clock and 3 minutes p.m.

REPORT ON RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 2844, CONTINUITY IN REPRESENTATION ACT OF 2004

Mr. MARIO DIAZ-BALART of Florida from the Committee on Rules, submitted a privileged report (Rept. No. 108–466) on the resolution (H. Res. 602) providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 2844) to require States to hold special elections to fill vacancies in the House of Representatives not later than 21 days after the vacancy is announced by the Speaker of the House of Representatives in extraordinary circumstances, and for other purposes, which was referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Mr. KINGSTON (at the request of Mr. DELAY) for today on account of attending the funeral of a dear friend.

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. BROWN of Ohio) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. DEFAZIO, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. EMANUEL, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, for 5 minutes, today.

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

Mr. PALLONE, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. HINCHEY, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. WOOLSEY, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. WYNN, for 5 minutes, today.

Mrs. MALONEY, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. CONYERS, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. CARDOZA, for 5 minutes, today.

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

Mr. MCDERMOTT, for 5 minutes, today.

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

Mr. SCHIFF, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. KAPTUR, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. NORTON, for 5 minutes, today.

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

Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California, for 5 minutes, today.

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

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

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

Mr. SHIMKUS, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. OWENS, for 5 minutes, today.

SENATE BILL REFERRED

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

S. 1814. An act to transfer Federal lands between the Secretary of Agriculture and the Secretary of the Interior; to the Committee on Resources; in addition to the Committee on Agriculture and to the Committee on Education and the Workforce for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

Mr. Trandahl, Clerk of the House, reported and found truly enrolled bills of the House of the following titles, which were thereupon signed by the Speaker:

H.R. 1274. An act to direct the Administrator of General Services to convey to Fresno County, California, the existing Federal courthouse in that county.

H.R. 2489. An act to provide for the distribution of judgment funds to the Cowlitz Indian Tribe.

H.R. 3118. An act to designate the Orville Wright Federal Building and the Wilbur Wright Federal Building in Washington, District of Columbia.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. MARIO DIAZ-BALART of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 7 o'clock and 4 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until tomorrow, Thursday, April 22, 2004, at 9 a.m.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

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

7623. A letter from the Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Support the Tribal Pesticide Program Council (TPPC); Notice of Funds Availability [OPP–2003–0399; FRL–7349–1] received April 9, 2004, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

7624. A letter from the Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Boscalid; Pesticide Tolerance [OPP–2004–0075; FRL–7353–1] received April 9, 2004, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

7625. A letter from the Comptroller, Department of Defense, transmitting a report of a violation of the Antideficiency Act by the Department of the Navy, Case Number 02–15, pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 1517(b); to the Committee on Appropriations.

7626. A letter from the Comptroller, Department of Defense, transmitting a report of a violation of the Antideficiency Act by the Department of the Army, Case Number 03–08, pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 1517(b); to the Committee on Appropriations.

7627. A letter from the Assistant Secretary, Department of Defense, transmitting the National Guard Challenge Program Annual Report for Fiscal Year 2004, required under section 509(k) of title 32, United States Code; to the Committee on Armed Services.

7628. A letter from the Acting Under Secretary, Department of Defense, transmitting a report required by section 335 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2004 (Pub. L. 108–136) regarding the implementation of the revised Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Circular A–76, Performance of Commercial Activities; jointly to the Committees on Armed Services and Government Reform.

7629. A letter from the Principal Deputy Under Secretary, Department of Defense, transmitting the Department's report that covers two areas involving the Armed Services' aviation programs for FY 2003, pursuant to 37 U.S.C. 301a(f) and (b); to the Committee on Armed Services.