issue, when few others were raising this concern.

I thank the chairman of the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee for his help on this issue and would like to work with him to make some technical and refining changes that are currently being discussed. I strongly support the solution included in this bill and look forward to it becoming law.

Mr. SHUSTER. Mr. Chairman, I move that the Committee do now rise.

The motion was agreed to.

Accordingly, the Committee rose; and the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. WELLER) having assumed the chair, Mr. MCINNIS, Chairman of the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union, reported that that Committee, having had under consideration the bill (H.R. 961) to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act, had come to no resolution thereon.

REMOVAL OF NAME OF MEMBER AS COSPONSOR OF H.R. 357

Mr. LAHOOD. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that my name be removed as a cosponsor of H.R. 357.

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

There was no objection.

REPORT ON RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 535, THE CORNING NATIONAL FISH HATCHERY CONVEYANCE ACT

Mr. MCINNIS, from the Committee on Rules, submitted a privileged report (Rept. No. 104–116) on the resolution (H. Res. 144) providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 535) to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey the Corning National Fish Hatchery to the State of Arkansas, which was referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed.

REPORT ON RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 584, CONVEYANCE OF THE FAIRPORT NATIONAL FISH HATCHERY TO THE STATE OF IOWA

Mr. MCINNIS, from the Committee on Rules, submitted a privileged report (Rept. No. 104–117) on the resolution (H. Res. 145) providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 584) to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey a fish hatchery to the State of Iowa, which was referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed.

REPORT ON RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 614, THE NEW LONDON NATIONAL FISH HATCHERY CONVEYANCE ACT

Mr. MCINNIS, from the Committee on Rules, submitted a privileged report (Rept. No. 104–118) on the resolution (H. Res. 146) providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 614) to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey to the State of Minnesota the New London National Fish Hatchery production facility, which was referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed.

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REMOVAL OF NAME OF MEMBER AS COSPONSOR OF H.R. 1500

Ms. PELOSI. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that my name be removed as a cosponsor of H.R. 1500.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. WELLER). Is there objection to the request of the gentlewoman from California?

There was no objection.

PERMISSION FOR CERTAIN COMMITTEES TO SIT TOMORROW, FRIDAY, MAY 12, 1995 DURING 5-MINUTE RULE

Mr. HAYWORTH. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the following committees and their subcommittees be permitted to sit tomorrow while the House is meeting in the Committee of the Whole House under the 5-minute rule: the Committee on Banking and Financial Services; the Committee on Commerce; the Committee on Economic and Educational Opportunities; the Committee on International Relations; and the Committee on Veterans Affairs.

It it my understanding that the minority has been consulted and that there is no objection to these requests.

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

Mr. WATT of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, reserving the right to object, I am instructed by the leadership that these committees have been consulted, and it is proper for them to meet tomorrow.

Mr. Speaker, I withdraw my reservation of objection.

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

There was no objection.

REMOVAL OF NAME OF MEMBER AS COSPONSOR OF H.R. 1143, H.R. 1144, AND H.R. 1145

Mr. FOX of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that Mr. BRYANT of Texas be removed from the list of cosponsors of the following bills introduced by myself: H.R. 1143, H.R. 1144, and H.R. 1145.

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

There was no objection.

SPECIAL ORDERS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 4, 1995, and under a previous order of the House, the following Members will be recognized for 5 minutes each.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from South Carolina [Mr. GRAHAM] is recognized for 5 minutes.

[Mr. GRAHAM addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extension of Remarks.]

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from New York [Mr. OWENS] is recognized for 5 minutes.

[Mr. OWENS addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extension of Remarks.]

NATIONAL SPACEPORT ACT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentlewoman from California [Mrs. SEASTRAND] is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mrs. SEASTRAND. Mr. Speaker, tomorrow I will formally introduce the National Spaceport Act, but today, I would like to take a few minutes to discuss why I believe this is a critical and important step forward for American space policy as we prepare for the 21st century.

America has always been a world leader in space development, exploration, technology, and most recently commercialization. Our Nation has always understand the importance of space and has exercised bipartisan cooperation when it came to advancing space issues. This bipartisan cooperation has come from every corner of the political spectrum because of a universal recognition that space is an area of national unity and importance. I recently saw this bipartisan cooperation first hand during the deliberations over the California Spaceport and its 25-year lease with the Air Force.

We are now into the next frontier of space and that is the growing commercial arena. Commercial space was once an area dominated by the United States. However, over the past few years, we have relinquished our leadership position and stood by as other nation's have stepped in and vigorously embraced the vast opportunities presented by this market.

Today, a European consortium controls over 60 percent of the commercial launch market. In addition, many other nations including China, Russia, Japan, India, Canada, and Australia are becoming stronger and stronger competitors. Most have the benefit of big and seemingly unlimited government subsidies. For example, earlier this year, the Japanese government announced a 5.1-percent increase in their overall space budget. The Russians have also approved a substantial increase in 1995 funding while the Indian Government increased their funding for