

We should enable all the world's people to explore the far reaches of cyberspace.

The first time I reported to you on the State of the Union, only a handful of physicists used the World Wide Web. Now, in schools, libraries, homes and businesses, millions of Americans surf the Net every day.

We must give parents the tools they need to protect their children from inappropriate material on the Internet. And the Internet is an exploding global marketplace of ideas as well as commerce.

I ask Congress to step up support for building the next generation Internet, which will operate up to a thousand times faster than today.

Even as we explore innerspace, in the new millennium we will open new frontiers in outer space.

Throughout history, humankind has had only one place to call home—the planet Earth. Beginning this year, 1998, men and women from 16 countries will build a foothold in the heavens—the international space station. With its vast expanses, scientists and engineers will set sail on this uncharted sea of limitless mystery and unlimited potential.

And this October, a true American hero, a veteran pilot of 149 combat missions, and one five hour space flight that changed the world, will return to the heavens.

Godspeed, John Glenn.

You will carry with you America's hopes, and on your uniform you will carry America's flag, marking the unbroken connection between the deeds of America's past and the daring of America's future.

Nearly 200 years ago, a tattered flag, its broad stripes and bright stars still gleaming through the smoke of a fierce battle, moved Francis Scott Key to scribble a few words on the back of an envelope. Those words became our national anthem. Today, that Star Spangled Banner, along with the Declaration of Independence, the Constitution, and the Bill of Rights are on display just a short walk from here. They are America's treasures, and we must save and preserve them for the ages. I ask all Americans to support our project to restore all of our treasures so that generations of the 21st Century can see for themselves the images and the words that are the old and continuing glory of America.

An America that has continued to rise through every age, against every challenge; a people of great works and greater possibilities, who have always found the wisdom and strength to come together as one nation—to widen the circle of opportunity—to deepen the meaning of our freedom—to form that more perfect union. Let that be our gift to the 21st Century.

God Bless You, and God Bless the United States of America.

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE RECEIVED DURING ADJOURNMENT

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of January 7, 1997, the Secretary of the Senate, on December 4, 1997, during the adjournment of the Senate, received a message from the House of Representatives announcing that the Speaker pro tempore (Mrs. MORELLA) has signed the following enrolled bills and joint resolution:

H.R. 1604. An Act to provide for the division, use, and distribution of judgment funds of the Ottawa and Chippewa Indians of Michigan pursuant to dockets numbered 18-E, 58, 364, and 18-R before the Indian Claims Commission.

H.R. 1658. An Act to reauthorize and amend the Atlantic Striped Bass Conservation Act and related laws.

H.R. 2265. An Act to amend the provisions of titles 17 and 18, United States Code, to provide greater copyright protection by amending the criminal copyright infringement provisions, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2476. An Act to amend title 49, United States Code, to require the National Transportation Safety Board and individual foreign air carriers to address the needs of families of passengers involved in aircraft accidents involving foreign air carriers.

H.R. 2796. An Act to authorize the reimbursement of members of the Army deployed to Europe in support of operations in Bosnia for certain out-of-pocket expenses incurred by the members during the period beginning on October 1, 1996, and ending on May 31, 1997.

H.R. 2977. An Act to amend the Federal Advisory Committee Act to clarify public disclosure requirements that are applicable to the National Academy of Sciences and the National Academy of Public Administration.

H.R. 2979. An Act to authorize acquisition of certain real property for the Library of Congress, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3025. An Act to amend the Federal charter for Group Hospitalization and Medical Services, Inc., and for other purposes.

H.R. 3034. An Act to amend section 13031 of the Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1985, relating to customers user fees, to allow the use of such fees to provide for customs inspectional personnel in connection with the arrival of passengers in Florida, and for other purposes.

H.J. Res. 95. Joint Resolution granting the consent of Congress to the Chickasaw Trail Economic Development Compact.

H.J. Res. 96. Joint Resolution granting the consent and approval of Congress for the State of Maryland, the Commonwealth of Virginia, and the District of Columbia to amend the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Regulation Compact.

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of January 7, 1997, the enrolled bills were signed on December 4, 1997 during the adjournment of the Senate by the President pro tempore (Mr. THURMOND).

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

At 11:46 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Goetz, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 548. An Act to designate the United States courthouse located at 500 Pearl Street in New York City, New York, as the "Ted Weiss United States Courthouse".

H.R. 595. An Act to designate the Federal building and United States courthouse located at 475 Mulberry Street in Macon, Georgia, as the "William Augustus Bootle Federal Building and United States Courthouse".

H.R. 1262. An Act to authorize appropriations for the Securities and Exchange Commission for fiscal years 1998 and 1999, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1476. An Act to settle certain Miccosukee Indian land takings claims within the State of Florida.

H.R. 2165. An Act to extend the deadline under the Federal Power Act applicable to the construction of FERC Project Number 3862 in the State of Iowa, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2007. An Act to amend the Act that authorized the Canadian River reclamation project, Texas, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to allow use of the project distribution system to transport water from sources other than the project.

H.R. 2207. An Act to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act concerning a proposal to construct a deep ocean outfall off the coast of Mayaguez, Puerto Rico.

H.R. 2233. An Act to assist in the conservation of coral reefs.

The message also announced that the House has agreed to the following concurrent resolutions, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. Con. Res. 137. Concurrent Resolution expressing the sense of the House of Representatives concerning the urgent need for an international criminal tribunal to try members of the Iraqi regime for crimes against humanity.

H. Con. Res. 197. Concurrent Resolution calling for the resignation or removal from office of Sara E. Lister, Assistant Secretary of the Army for Manpower and Reserve Affairs.

At 4:01 p.m. a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Hays, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, without amendment:

S. 1564. An Act to provide redress for inadequate restitution of assets seized by the United States Government during World War II which belonged to victims of the Holocaust, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the House has agreed to the following resolutions:

H. Res. 336. Resolution stating that the Clerk of the House informs the Senate that a quorum of the House is present and that the House is ready to proceed with business.

H. Res. 338. Resolution stating that the House has heard with profound sorrow of the death of the Honorable Sonny Bono, a Representative from the State of California.

The message further announced that the House has agreed to the following concurrent resolution, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. Con. Res. 201. Concurrent Resolution providing for an adjournment of both Houses.

MEASURES REFERRED

The following bills were read the first and second times by unanimous consent and referred as indicated:

H.R. 548. An Act to designate the United States courthouse located at 500 Pearl Street in New York City, New York, as the "Ted Weiss United States Courthouse".