

[To be signed, also, by a number of representative citizens of the District of Columbia]

FOOTNOTES

1. Constitution of the United States of America, Amendment I.
2. The Declaration of Independence (1776).
3. Constitution of the United States of America, Preamble.
4. Abraham Lincoln, The Gettysburg Address (November 19, 1863)
5. Susan B. Anthony, Women's Right to Vote Speech (June 1873)
6. Ibid.
7. Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr., "I Have a Dream" Speech (August 28, 1963).
8. Ibid.
9. 377 U.S. 533, 560 (1964).
10. 111 Cong. Rec. H5059 (1965).
11. Proclamation No. 6165, 55 Fed. Reg. 32233 (1990).
12. Ibid.
13. 42 U.S.C. §1973gg.
14. 124 Cong. Rec. 27253 (daily ed. August 22, 1978).
15. 124 Cong. Rec. 27254 (daily ed. August 22, 1978).
16. Ibid.
17. Washington Post, page J-1 (March 19, 1980).

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12 of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess until 2 p.m.

Accordingly (at 1 o'clock and 10 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess until 2 p.m.

AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. HAYWORTH) at 2 p.m.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, Rev. James David Ford, D.D., offered the following prayer:

May Your blessings, O God, that have touched our life since birth and continue with us day by day, abide in our hearts and minds this day. We recognize, gracious God, that the times abound with opportunities and challenges. As we seek to be responsible in our tasks, we need to know not only the details of issues, but we also need to surround ourselves with the great traditions from which we garner our values and ideals, our faith and our convictions. May our shared heritage remind us that in all things we should do justice, love mercy and ever walk humbly with You. Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. 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 pro tempore. Will the gentlewoman from Texas (Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Clerk of the House of Representatives:

U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, June 26, 1998.

Hon. NEWT GINGRICH,
The Speaker, U.S. House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: Pursuant to the permission granted to Clause 5 of Rule III of the Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives, the Clerk received the following messages from the Secretary of the Senate on Friday, June 26, 1998 at 1:00 p.m.:

That the Senate Agreed to House amendment S. 731.

That the Senate Passed without amendment H.R. 651.

That the Senate Passed without amendment H.R. 652.

That the Senate Passed without amendment H.R. 848.

That the Senate Passed without amendment H.R. 960.

That the Senate Passed without amendment H.R. 1184.

That the Senate Passed without amendment H.R. 1217.

That the Senate Passed without amendment H.R. 1635.

That the Senate Passed without amendment H.J. Res. 113.

With warm regards,

ROBIN H. CARLE,
Clerk.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Clerk of the House of Representatives:

U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, June 29, 1998.

Hon. NEWT GINGRICH,
The Speaker, U.S. House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: Pursuant to the permission granted to Clause 5 of Rule III of the Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives, the Clerk received the following messages from the Secretary of the Senate on Monday, June 29, 1998 at 3:03 p.m.

That the Senate Agreed to House amendments to Senate amendments H.R. 3130.

With warm regards,

ROBIN H. CARLE,
Clerk.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Clerk of the House of Representatives:

U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, July 10, 1998.

Hon. NEWT GINGRICH,
The Speaker, U.S. House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: Pursuant to the permission granted to Clause 5 of Rule III of the

Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives, the Clerk received the following message from the Secretary of the Senate on Friday, July 10, 1998 at 11:30 a.m.

That the Senate Agreed to conference report H.R. 2676.

With warm regards,

ROBIN H. CARLE,
Clerk.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair desires to announce that pursuant to clause 4 of rule 1, the Speaker pro tempore signed the following enrolled bills on Tuesday June 30, 1998:

H.R. 651, to extend the deadline under the Federal Power Act for the construction of a hydroelectric project located in the State of Washington, and for other purposes;

H.R. 652, to extend the deadline under the Federal Power Act for the construction of a hydroelectric project located in the State of Washington, and for other purposes;

H.R. 848, to extend the deadline under the Federal Power Act applicable to the construction of the AuSable hydroelectric project in New York, and for other purposes;

H.R. 960, to validate certain conveyances in the city of Tulare, Tulare County, California, and for other purposes;

H.R. 1184, to extend the deadline under the Federal Power Act for the construction of the Bear Creek hydroelectric project in the State of Washington, and for other purposes;

H.R. 1217, to extend the deadline under the Federal Power Act for the construction of a hydroelectric project located in the State of Washington, and for other purposes;

H.R. 2202, to amend the Public Health Service Act to revise and extend the Bone Marrow Donor Program, and for other purposes;

H.R. 2864, to require the Secretary of Labor to establish a program under which employers may consult with State officials respecting compliance with occupational safety and health requirements;

H.R. 2877, to amend the Occupational Health Act of 1970;

H.R. 3130, to provide for an alternative penalty procedure for States that fail to meet Federal child support data processing requirements, to reform Federal incentives payments for effective child support performance, to provide for a more flexible penalty procedure for States that violate inter-jurisdictional adoption requirements, and for other purposes; and

S. 731, to extend the legislative authority for construction of the National Peace Garden Memorial, and for other purposes;

And the Speaker pro tempore signed the following enrolled bills and joint resolution on Tuesday, July 7, 1998:

H.R. 1635, to establish within the United States National Park Service the National Underground Railroad

Network to Freedom Program, and for other purposes;

H.R. 3035, to establish an advisory commission to provide advice and recommendations on the creation of an integrated, coordinated Federal policy designed to prepare for and respond to serious drought emergencies; and

H.J. Res. 113, approving the location of a Martin Luther King, Jr., Memorial in the Nation's Capitol.

AUTHORIZING THE SPEAKER TO DECLARE A RECESS ON WEDNESDAY, JULY 15, 1998, FOR THE PURPOSE OF RECEIVING HIS EXCELLENCE EMIL CONSTANTINESCU, PRESIDENT OF ROMANIA

Mr. PITTS. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that it may be in order at any time on Wednesday, July 15, 1998, for the Speaker to declare a recess, subject to the call of the Chair, for the purpose of receiving in joint meeting his Excellency Emil Constantinescu, President of Romania.

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

There was no objection.

SUPPORT THE CHILD CUSTODY PROTECTION ACT

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

Mr. PITTS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of the Child Custody Protection Act, which this House will address tomorrow. It is time that we stand up for the safety of the daughters of this Nation as well as for the rights of the parents.

I served in the Pennsylvania legislature when we passed the parental consent laws for the purpose of keeping our young girls safe and under the consent of their parents. Yet abortion clinics in Pennsylvania's neighboring States, New Jersey and Maryland, seek to peddle their services through Pennsylvania newspapers and even to anyone who opens a Pennsylvania phone book.

By passing the Child Custody Protection Act this body will take a clear stand against the bizarre notion that the U.S. Constitution confers a right upon strangers to take one's minor daughter across State lines for a secret abortion, even when a State law specifically requires the involvement of a parent or judge in the daughter's abortion decision.

The government should not allow our daughters' lives to be endangered by turning them over to strangers for serious medical procedures.

Let us protect States' rights. Let us protect parental authority. And most importantly, let us protect our Nation's young women. Let us pass the Child Custody Protection Act.

THE LAST THING AMERICA SHOULD DO IS GIVE MORE TAX DOLLARS TO RUSSIA AND CHINA

(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, since 1992, Russia has gotten \$35 billion from the World Bank, the International Monetary Fund and foreign aid from the United States of America. And reports say, check this, not one penny of all those billions can be accounted for.

Now, if that is not enough to tax your vodka, the International Monetary Fund today is giving Russia another \$22 billion, to which the White House said, "Russia needs the money, and this time they promise to behave." Promises, my ascot, Mr. Speaker. Russia promised before, and they sold missiles to our enemies. China gets all our cash, and they have nuclear warheads pointed at America.

Promises, promises, promises. My colleagues, the last thing America needs is to give more money to China and Russia, who are building armies with our tax dollars. But what do I know, I am still trying to figure out the Tax Code.

PRESIDENT ASKS AMERICA TO BLINDLY TRUST THE COMMUNIST CHINESE

(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, the President is back from a \$50 million trip to China and he said that the Chinese now plan to move their nuclear-tipped missiles away from American children and American cities. So why are Americans a little confused and scratching their heads over this? Well, because time and time again this President has guaranteed the American public that we were free from the threat of nuclear missile attack.

In fact, the White House web site says that the President has made this promise 131 times. And in at least a quarter of these speeches, he stated very clearly that no country anywhere was aiming nuclear missiles at Americans.

The President was not alone in his claim. It seems the Vice President, as well as former Secretary of Defense Perry, have made similar claims.

Here is another surprise. President Clinton never mentioned that both Russia and China are upgrading their nuclear missiles with U.S. help. He also failed to mention that the missiles can be retargeted in minutes.

Mr. Speaker, I am not sure when to believe this President. All I know is he is asking us to blindly trust the Chinese, and that worries all of us.

SUPPORT STATES' RIGHTS TO ENACT DEATH WITH DIGNITY LAWS

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

Mr. DEFAZIO. Mr. Speaker, twice the voters of Oregon have gone to the ballot box to enact and uphold our Death With Dignity law. The Ninth Circuit Court, the Supreme Court, and most recently the Attorney General have upheld the right of the citizens of Oregon to enact a Death With Dignity law.

But now a group of our colleagues, working hand-in-glove with the same national special interest groups that opposed our ballot measure, have proposed Federal legislation to preempt our Death With Dignity law. Many of these same Members of Congress wax eloquent day after day on the floor of the House for States' rights. Yes, States' rights if it restricts a woman's right to choice. They are for States' rights if it shreds the social safety net. But if the people of Oregon want a Death With Dignity law, well, they are not for States' rights anymore. The Federal Government should preempt them.

This is not only an attack on our States' rights, it is an attempt to overturn the will of a majority of Oregonians with an unprecedented Federal intrusion into the doctor-patient relationship. It is no longer a doctor-patient relationship when we are dying, it is a doctor-patient and Drug Enforcement Administration official relationship. This will have an incredibly chilling effect on the end of life painfully provided by doctors. We must reject this proposal.

PRESIDENT'S TRIP TO CHINA SYMBOLIC OF MANY THINGS

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

Mr. HEFLEY. Mr. Speaker, the President just got back from his trip to China, and I read in the newspaper while we were home for the break that this trip was symbolic. I began to think, what is it symbolic of?

I think it is symbolic, maybe, that the President told them "symbolically" that we do not care that they are building the biggest nuclear arsenal in the world; and we do not care that they are selling that technology to people around the world; and "symbolically" the President was also saying that we do not care that they are invading a little nation like Tibet, that never hurt anybody, and have occupied it for all these years; and "symbolically" he is saying that we do not care that they persecute people because of their faith and their beliefs and religion; and he is telling them "symbolically" that we do not care that they