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The House met at 2 p.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mrs. MORELLA).

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC,
April 19, 1999.

I hereby appoint the Honorable CONSTANCE A. MORELLA to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

J. DENNIS HASTERT,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

PRAYER

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

We seek wisdom, O God, so our deeds reflect the works of justice; we seek understanding, O God, so our minds are receptive to the truth; we seek faith, O God, so we will experience the wonders of trust and grace, and we seek peace, O God, so all people will live together in harmony and in respect. It is in Your name, O gracious God, that we offer these sincere petitions. Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mrs. MORELLA). The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House her approval thereof.

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentleman from Nevada (Mr. GIBBONS) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. GIBBONS 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:

OFFICE OF THE CLERK,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, April 16, 1999.

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

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: Pursuant to the permission granted to 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 April 16, 1999 at 12:00 noon.

that the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 911.

that the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 1376.

that the Senate passed without amendment H. Con. Res. 68.

Appointments: Congressional advisers on trade agreements United States Commission on Civil Rights.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely,

JEFF TRANDAHL,
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 signed the following enrolled bills on Friday, April 16, 1999:

H.R. 911, to designate the Federal building located at 310 New Bern Avenue in Raleigh, North Carolina as the "Terry Sanford Federal Building".

And, H.R. 1376, to extend the tax benefits available with respect to services performed in a combat zone to services performed in the Federal Republic of

Yugoslavia (Serbia/Montenegro) and certain other areas, and for other purposes.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF OFFICIAL OBJECTORS FOR PRIVATE CALENDAR FOR THE 106TH CONGRESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. On behalf of the majority and minority leaderships, the Chair announces that the official objectors for the Private Calendar for the 106th Congress are as follows: For the majority, Messrs. SENBRENNER of Wisconsin, GEKAS of Pennsylvania, and COBLE of North Carolina.

For the minority, Mr. BOUCHER of Virginia and Ms. DELAURO of Connecticut.

APPOINTMENT OF MEMBER OF THE HOUSE TO LIBRARY OF CONGRESS TRUST FUND BOARD

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, and pursuant to the provisions of section 1 of the act to create a Library of Congress Trust Fund Board, (2 U.S.C. 154), amended by section 1 of Public Law 102-246, the Chair announces the Speaker's appointment of the following Member on the part of the House to the Library of Congress Trust Fund Board for a 5-year term to fill the existing vacancy thereon:

Mr. John Henry of Florida.

There was no objection.

NUCLEAR POWER INDUSTRY SHOULD PAY THE COSTS OF MOVING NUCLEAR WASTE

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

Mr. GIBBONS. Madam Speaker, there is going to be a \$2.3 billion price tag for transporting nuclear waste across

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America. I guess the question should be, and the one we should be asking is, should it be the responsibility of the nuclear power industry who, by the way, created and profited from nuclear energy, or should this price tag be picked up by the American taxpayer?

Well, legislation now pending before the House will force taxpayers to pick up the tab, all \$2.3 billion, for moving this lethal garbage through their neighborhoods and through their communities. On top of that, this legislation would also use American tax dollars to pay for the storage of nuclear waste.

I think most Americans would agree that the cost of transporting and storing these hazardous materials should not have to be paid by innocent American taxpayers. Rather, it should be paid by those responsible: The nuclear power industry.

Madam Speaker, let us save Americans' hard-earned tax dollars and return the responsibility of waste to the power companies who created the problem.

Oppose H.R. 45. I yield back the balance of my time and what little money is left in the pockets of the American people.

CORRECTION TO THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD OF WEDNESDAY, APRIL 14, 1999 AT PAGE H1979

A portion of the following one-minute speech of the gentleman from Georgia (Mr. LEWIS) was omitted from the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD of Wednesday, April 14, 1999.

PRAISE FOR LOCAL HEROES IN ATLANTA

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

Mr. LEWIS of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to praise courageous fire fighters in the City of Atlanta.

On Monday afternoon, members of the Atlanta City Fire Department fought a raging fire through the historic Fulton Bag and Cotton Mill in southeast Atlanta. Mr. Ivers Sims was trapped on a crane 220 feet in the air. As I watched this human drama unfold from my office, my heart stopped.

Demonstrating extraordinary courage and skill, fire fighter Matt Moseley and helicopter pilot Capt. Boyd Clines lifted Mr. Sims from his dangerous perch like angels from the heavens. They saved his life. This brilliant rescue has made the City of Atlanta, the State of Georgia, and our Nation proud.

The fire fighters and Mr. Sims have my profound respect for their raw courage and extraordinary calm and determination under the most dangerous of circumstances.

Mr. Speaker, let me take this opportunity to praise fire fighters throughout the Nation who put their lives on

the line every day to protect and serve our communities.

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. GIBBONS) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. WELDON of Pennsylvania, for 5 minutes, on April 22.

Mr. ENGLISH, for 5 minutes, on April 20.

Mr. LUCAS of Kentucky, for 5 minutes, on April 21.

BILLS PRESENTED TO THE PRESIDENT

Mr. THOMAS, from the Committee on House Administration, reported that that committee did on the following date present to the President, for his approval, bills of the House of the following titles:

On April 16, 1999:

H.R. 911. To designate the Federal building located at 310 New Bern Avenue in Raleigh, North Carolina, as the "Terry Sandford Federal Building."

H.R. 1376. To extend the tax benefits available with respect to services performed in a combat zone to services performed in the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (Serbia/Montenegro) and certain other areas, and for other purposes.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 2 o'clock and 7 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until tomorrow, Tuesday, April 20, 1999, at 12:30 p.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:

1561. A letter from the Director, Administration and Management, Department of Defense, transmitting the calendar year 1997 report on "Extraordinary Contractual Actions to Facilitate the National Defense," pursuant to 50 U.S.C. 1434; to the Committee on Armed Services.

1562. A letter from the Deputy Under Secretary of Defense (Environmental Security), Department of Defense, transmitting a report on the actions of the Defense Environmental Response Task Force (DERTF) for Fiscal Year 1998 (FY98), pursuant to Public Law 101-510; to the Committee on Armed Services.

1563. A letter from the Principal Deputy for the Under Secretary (Acquisition and Technology) of Defense, Department of Defense, transmitting an interim report on their efforts to develop a "Plan for Improved Demilitarization of Excess and Surplus Defense Property"; to the Committee on Armed Services.

1564. A letter from the Secretary of Defense, transmitting a report on an integrated program for the development and demonstration of technologies for the demilitarization and disposal of conventional munitions, rockets, and explosives; to the Committee on Armed Services.

1565. A letter from the Under Secretary of Defense, transmitting a report on Department of Defense reimbursement of contractor environmental response action costs; to the Committee on Armed Services.

1566. A letter from the Executive Secretary, Harry S. Truman Scholarship Foundation, transmitting the Foundation's annual report for 1998, pursuant to 20 U.S.C. 2012(b); to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

1567. A letter from the Secretary of Energy, transmitting the Annual/Quarterly Report on the Strategic Petroleum Reserve, pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 6241(g)(8); to the Committee on Commerce.

1568. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's Twenty-third Annual Report to Congress entitled "Automotive Fuel Economy Program," pursuant to 49 U.S.C. 32916; to the Committee on Commerce.

1569. A letter from the Acting Assistant General Counsel for Regulatory Law, Department of Energy, transmitting the Department's final rule—Quality Assurance—received April 6, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

1570. A letter from the Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting a report entitled "Report to Congress on Wastes from the Combustion of Fossil Fuels"; to the Committee on Commerce.

1571. A letter from the Director, Regulations Policy and Management Staff, Food and Drug Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule—Medical Devices; Exemptions From Premarket Notification; Class II Devices [Docket No. 98P-0833] received April 7, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

1572. A letter from the Senior Deputy Assistant Administrator, Bureau for Legislative and Public Affairs, Agency for International Development, transmitting the Egypt Economic Report; to the Committee on International Relations.

1573. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Export Administration, Bureau of Export Administration, transmitting the Bureau's final rule—Encryption Items [Docket No. 9809-11233-8318-02] (RIN: 0694-AB80) received March 24, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on International Relations.

1574. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting a national interest determination and waiver of Section 620(q) of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961, as amended, relating to assistance to Honduras; to the Committee on International Relations.

1575. A letter from the Executive Director, Committee for Purchase From People Who are Blind or Severely Disabled, transmitting the Committee's final rule—Procurement List Additions—received April 7, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Government Reform.

1576. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting the Department's Federal Equal Opportunity Recruitment Program (FEORP) Accomplishments Report for Fiscal Year 1998, pursuant to Public Law 96-465 section 105(d); to the Committee on Government Reform.

1577. A letter from the Director, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting the agency's twelfth annual report on drug and alcohol abuse prevention, treatment, and rehabilitation programs and services for Federal civilian employees covering fiscal year

1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 7363; to the Committee on Government Reform.

1578. A letter from the Director, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting the Office's final rule—Temporary and Term Employment (RIN: 3206-A145) received April 7, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Government Reform.

1579. A letter from the Secretary of Agriculture, transmitting the Annual Performance Plan; to the Committee on Government Reform.

1580. A letter from the Deputy Assistant Administrator, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting a funding announcement concerning the request for proposals for the Coastal Ocean Program's U.S. GLOBEC project; to the Committee on Resources.

1581. A letter from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule—Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Amendment 7 to the Atlantic Sea Scallop Fishery Management Plan [Docket No. 981202293-9075-02; I.D. 110998F] (RIN: 0648-AJ33) received April 6, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

1582. A letter from the Director, Government Relations, Girl Scouts of the United States of America, transmitting the Girl Scouts of the United States of America 1998 Annual Report, pursuant to 36 U.S.C. 37; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

1583. A letter from the President and Chief Executive Officer, Little League Baseball, transmitting the organization's annual report for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998, pursuant to 36 U.S.C. 1084(b); to the Committee on the Judiciary.

1584. A letter from the Chairperson, National Council on Disability, transmitting a report entitled, "Enforcing the Civil Rights of Air Travelers with Disabilities: Recommendations for the Department of Transportation and Congress"; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

1585. A letter from the Secretary of Transportation, transmitting a report in response to Section 2 of the National Invasive Species Act of 1996; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

1586. A letter from the Secretary of Transportation, transmitting a report to present the feasibility, cost, and benefits of full implementation of the Performance and Registration Information Systems Management (PRISM) pilot demonstration project; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

1587. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Electronic Funds Transfer—Temporary Waiver of Failure to Deposit Penalty for Certain Taxpayers (Notice 99-20) received April 7, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

1588. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Post-1997 Distributions of Capital Gains from Charitable Remainder Trusts (Notice 99-17) received April 7, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

1589. A letter from the Chairman, Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board, transmitting their Annual Report to Congress which describes the Board's health and safety activities relating to the Department of Energy's defense nuclear facilities during the calendar year 1998; jointly to the Committees on Armed Services and Commerce.

1590. A letter from the Assistant Secretary of Defense, for Health Affairs, Department of Defense, transmitting an annual report to

Congress on outreach to Gulf War veterans, revision of Physical Evaluation Board criteria, and review of records and reevaluation of the ratings of previously discharged Gulf War veterans; jointly to the Committees on Armed Services and Veterans' Affairs.

1591. A letter from the Chairman, Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board, transmitting the Ninth Annual Report to Congress which describes the Board's health and safety activities relating to the Department of Energy's defense nuclear facilities during the calendar year 1998; jointly to the Committees on Commerce and Armed Services.

1592. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting notification that the President proposes to draw down up to a total of 25 million in commodities and services from the Department of Defense to assist in the international relief efforts for those countries bordering Kosovo that are affected by the humanitarian crisis caused by the Kosovo Conflict, pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2348a; jointly to the Committees on International Relations and Appropriations.

1593. A letter from the Assistant Secretary of the Army (Civil Works), Department of the Army, transmitting the Army Corps of Engineers Post Authorization Change Report, dated April 1998, and Limited Reevaluation Report, dated December 1997; jointly to the Committees on Transportation and Infrastructure and Appropriations.

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. H.R. 929. A bill to amend title 13, United States Code, to require that the questionnaire used in taking the 2000 decennial census be made available in certain languages besides English (Rept. 106-96). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

Mr. BURTON: Committee on Government Reform. H.R. 1010. A bill to improve participation in the 2000 decennial census by increasing the amounts available to the Bureau of the Census for marketing, promotion, and outreach; with an amendment (Rept. 106-97). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

Mr. SHUSTER: Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure. H.R. 999. A bill to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to improve the quality of coastal recreation waters, and for other purposes; with an amendment (Rept. 106-98). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

Mr. SENSENBRENNER: Committee on Science. H.R. 1184. A bill to authorize appropriations for carrying out the Earthquake Hazards Reduction Act of 1977 for fiscal years 2000 and 2001, and for other purposes; with an amendment (Rept. 106-99 Pt. 1).

DISCHARGE OF COMMITTEE

[The following action occurred on April 16, 1999]

Pursuant to clause 5 of rule X, the Committee on the Judiciary discharged. H.R. 851 referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

Pursuant to clause 5 of rule X, the Committee on Commerce discharged. H.R. 1027 referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

[Submitted April 19, 1999]

Pursuant to clause 5 of rule X, the Committee on Resources discharged. H.R. 1184 referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union and ordered to be printed.

TIME LIMITATION OF REFERRED BILL

Pursuant to clause 5 of rule X, the following action was taken by the Speaker:

H.R. 1184. Referred to the Committee on Resources extended for a period ending not later than April 19, 1999.

PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XII,

Mr. GIBBONS introduced a bill (H.R. 1474) to restore the traditional day of observance of Memorial Day; to the Committee on Government Reform, and in addition to the Committee on the Judiciary, 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.

MEMORIALS

Under clause 3 of rule XII, memorials were presented and referred as follows:

22. The SPEAKER presented a memorial of the General Assembly of the State of Rhode Island, relative to Senate Resolution 849 memorializing the United States Congress to enact legislation amending the Social Security Act to prohibit recoupment by the federal government of state tobacco settlement funds; to the Committee on Commerce.

23. Also, a memorial of the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, relative to Resolution Number 4493 memorializing the President of the United States and the Secretary of State to use all means in their power to intercede in behalf of the liberation of the people arrested and subject to trial in Cuba, for the sole cause of dissidence towards the policies of the government of said Republic, or their exercise of freedom of the press, or their support of the rights of dissidents and journalists; to the Committee on International Relations.

24. Also, a memorial of the House of Representatives of the State of Michigan, relative to Resolution Number 26 memorializing the Congress of the United States and the Veterans Affairs Administration to prevent the reduction of hospital bed capacity at the Iron Mountain Veterans Administration Medical Care Facility; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

25. Also, a memorial of the Senate of the State of Maine, relative to Senate Paper 517 recommending and urging Congress to enact laws to encourage workers and their employers to save or invest for retirement, but, these provisions should supplement the basic benefits of Social Security insurance and not substitute for core protections that are vital to American working families; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

ADDITIONAL SPONSORS

Under clause 7 of rule XII, sponsors were added to public bills and resolutions as follows:

H.R. 637: Mr. FILNER, Ms. PRYCE of Ohio, Mr. LOBIONDO, and Mr. TAYLOR of North Carolina.

H.R. 684: Mr. BLUMENAUER, Ms. DEGETTE, Mr. KUCINICH, and Mr. HINCHEY.

H.R. 716: Ms. DELAURO.

H.R. 798: Ms. WATERS and Ms. DEGETTE.

H.R. 854: Ms. DEGETTE and Mr. HINCHEY.

H.R. 903: Mrs. EMERSON, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. HEFLEY, Mrs. TAUSCHER, Mr. SOUDER, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. CLAY, Mr. OSE, Mr. DOOLITTLE, Mr. HERGER, Mr. BERMAN, Mr. EWING, Mr. STEARNS, Mr. GREENWOOD, Mr. BOEHNER, Mr. CLEMENT, Mr. FILNER, and Mr. WISE.

H.R. 960: Mr. SMITH of Washington and Ms. NORTON.

H.R. 985: Mr. BARRETT of Wisconsin.

H.R. 1074: Mr. RYAN of Wisconsin.

H.R. 1168: Ms. DELAURO and Mr. WELLER.

H.R. 1269: Mrs. CHRISTENSEN, Mr. CAPUANO, Mr. UNDERWOOD, and Ms. ESHOO.

H.R. 1443: Mr. RUSH and Mr. TOWNS.

H. Res. 115: Mr. DIXON, Mr. MURTHA, and Mr. CRAMER.

PETITIONS, ETC.

Under clause 3 of rule XII, petitions and papers were laid on the Clerk's desk and referred as follows:

9. The SPEAKER presented a petition of the Legislature of Erie County, relative to a petition thanking and giving recognition to all participants whose hard work and devotion to the neighborhood and to low- and moderate-income residents help ensure the quality and effectiveness of the Community Development Block Grant program; to the

Committee on Banking and Financial Services.

10. Also, a petition of the Idaho Park and Recreation Board, relative to resolution 99-1 petitioning the Senate and the House of Representatives of the United States to pass legislation re-allocating stateside funding for the Land and Water Conservation Fund; to the Committee on Resources.

11. Also, a petition of the Legislature of Rockland County, New York, relative to Resolution No. 33 petitioning the Congress of the United States to Enact a Tax Credit to Support Elderly Americans and Their Families Providing Long-Term Care at Home; to the Committee on Ways and Means.