

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.

ANNOUNCING THE PASSING OF THE HONORABLE BRUCE VENTO

(Mr. OBERSTAR asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. OBERSTAR. Madam Speaker, with great sadness, a sense of personal loss and loss to this House, I take the well to announce that at 11:20 this morning, our colleague, Congressman BRUCE VENTO, succumbed to mesothelioma, asbestos-induced cancer of the lung and peritoneal cavity.

BRUCE, in his 12th term, served the people of his district nobly, with dignity, with passion, with purpose. He championed environmental causes. He championed the needs of the homeless, the voiceless, the voteless, those who could not do for themselves. He was an advocate for working people. He voted consistently and worked vigorously and strenuously, to champion the cause of organized labor in this body. He brought a balance to all that he undertook, and with a science teacher-like care for fact and detail, he pursued his causes with only the greatest of dignity and of skill.

My prayers go out to his wife Sue, to his children, to his constituents. I thank the Reverend Chaplain for the prayer for BRUCE and for his family. I ask all of our colleagues to join their prayers with those of the Vento family.

SECURITY FOR OUR SENIORS

(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, we all have responsibilities in life. Unfortunately, the Clinton-Gore administration is once again irresponsibly blocking the road to prosperity for American people.

Our seniors should not be forced to choose between food and medicine, and under our debt relief plan they will not have to make this tough choice. This Republican-led Congress wants to put 100 percent of Social Security and Medicare surpluses in a lockbox, and create another lockbox strictly for debt reduction to protect all our senior citizens. We want to guarantee that the surplus created by the tax dollars of the hardworking people of America be used for debt reduction and not big government spending.

Our fiscal discipline will ensure that as we continue to pay off the debt, we will have more money to save for Social Security and Medicare. And this means more security and a better quality of life for our seniors.

Let us keep the Washington bureaucrats out of our surpluses, out of our pockets, and out of our medicine cabinets. Let us build true prosperity and

security for every American, young and old alike.

THE CHINA THREAT

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

Mr. TRAFICANT. Madam Speaker, China will get \$100 billion from Uncle Sam this year in trade surplus. With our cash, China is buying missiles like they are going out of style. Now, if that is not enough to arm yourself, after being told by the CIA that in fact China has those missiles aimed at America, Janet Reno appointed independent counsels for two love triangles.

Beam me up. Monica may be a threat to fidelity but China happens to be a threat perhaps to our national security. It is time to wise up, Congress, and wake up and smell the treason, and it is time to have a full and thorough investigation into this China mess and Janet Reno.

I yield back the fact that China has more soldiers than America has citizens, men, women and children combined.

TAIWAN

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

Mr. BARTLETT of Maryland. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the people of Taiwan as they celebrate their 89th National Day, which anniversary is today. There is a great deal to celebrate for the people of Taiwan. Taiwan has an even distribution of wealth and its citizens enjoy a high standard of living. Taiwan has been able to prosper in recent times despite its limited resources and relatively large population.

President Chen Shui-bian and the political leaders of Taiwan have done an excellent job of leading their country into the 21st century. Their effort to rejoin the United Nations and to maintain a dialogue with the Chinese mainland are admirable. Taiwan deserves a voice in these and other international organizations. There is no question that President Chen wants a serious dialogue with the mainland. He seeks stability in the Taiwan Strait and wants peace to prevail in the Asia Pacific region.

May God continue to bless our friends in the Republic of China on Taiwan. May Taiwan continue to shine as a beacon of prosperity and freedom in the Far East. And may Taiwan play an active role in international affairs and coexist with the Chinese mainland.

A PRESIDENT SHOULD TELL THE TRUTH

(Mr. SMITH of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. SMITH of Texas. Madam Speaker, should someone who does not believe in facts be our President?

Fiction: AL GORE recently claimed that his mother-in-law pays more than \$100 for arthritis medicine. Fact: The figure came from a Democratic Party study. Newspapers reported AL GORE was not even sure his mother-in-law was taking any medication or had arthritis.

Fiction: AL GORE'S sister tragically died of lung cancer and he vowed never to accept tobacco money as campaign contributions. Fact: Just 4 years later he spoke to the tobacco industry, said he was one of them, and raised \$100,000.

Fiction: AL GORE'S campaign literature once claimed he was a "brilliant student." Fact: He received C's and D's in college and dropped out of law school and divinity school.

Fiction: AL GORE claimed credit for inventing the Internet in the 1990s. Fact: The Internet has been used by government and educational institutions since the 1970s.

Fiction: AL GORE recently said that if elected President he would penalize producers of Hollywood's graphic sex and violence. Fact: Just 6 days later he attended a fund-raiser by Hollywood producers and raised \$4 million.

Madam Speaker, we need a President who tells the truth.

TRIBUTE TO K. GUNN MCKAY

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

Mr. HANSEN. Madam Speaker, on October 6 last week our former colleague K. Gunn McKay passed away due to complications of cancer.

Gunn served in this House from 1971 to 1981 and was chairman of the Subcommittee on Military Construction of the Committee on Appropriations.

Gunn's family comes from Huntsville, Utah, and as a relatively young man his father passed away. Gunn worked diligently to help his brothers and sisters to gain an education and took over many of the responsibilities of the family.

As a public servant, Gunn admirably served the people of the First Congressional District of Utah, he served in the Utah legislature, and as chief of staff to former Governor Cal Rampton. He also was a very devout member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints and served in many positions of leadership.

Gunn and his wife Donna are the parents of 10 children, and he has a remarkably fine family composed of both his brothers and sisters as well as his own children. I am sure that many of my former colleagues and his former colleagues join with me in expressing condolences to the McKay family at the time of Gunn's passing.

ON SCORE

(Mr. TANCREDO asked and was given permission to address the House

for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. TANCREDO. Madam Speaker, since coming to the U.S. House of Representatives, I have had the opportunity to become familiar with a volunteer organization in Colorado known as SCORE, or Service Corps of Retired Executives, a great resource partner to the Small Business Administration that specializes in counseling, mentoring and educating America's small business owners.

In Colorado, there are 154 men and women volunteering their time, business acumen and counsel to the small business community to provide a top quality resource at no cost to their clients. Nationally there are more than 12,000 volunteer members representing 389 SCORE chapters providing individual counseling and business workshops for aspiring entrepreneurs and small business owners.

With over 50 percent of all new businesses failing within the first 6 years, counseling early on can be the difference between success and failure.

Small businesses account for 99.7 percent of all employers and 54 percent of employment representing a major contribution to our economic growth. It is time we recognized that this organization is the best kept secret in the country, that we appreciate their hard work and dedication, and that we vote to support its modest budget for this year.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 4 of rule I, the Speaker signed the following enrolled bill earlier today:

H.R. 4444, an act to authorize extension of nondiscriminatory treatment (normal trade relations treatment) to the People's Republic of China, and to establish a framework for relations between the United States and the People's Republic of China.

COMMUNICATION FROM CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the chairman of the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, which was read and, without objection, referred to the Committee on Appropriations:

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES,
COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION
AND INFRASTRUCTURE, WASHINGTON, DC, OCTOBER 2, 2000.

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

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: I am transmitting herewith copies of the resolutions approved on September 27, 2000 by the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, as follows:

• Committee survey resolutions authorizing the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to

study the following potential water resources projects: Donaldsonville, Louisiana; Atchafalaya River Channels, Louisiana; and, Tennessee River Watershed, Virginia.

• Committee resolution authorizing the Natural Resources Conservation Service to undertake a small watershed project for the Snake River, Minnesota.

With kind personal regards, I am
Sincerely,

BUD SHUSTER,
Chairman.

Enclosures.

DOCKET 2657: ATCHAFALAYA RIVER CHANNELS,
LA

Resolved by the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the United States House of Representatives, That, the Secretary of the Army, is requested to view the report, Atchafalaya River and Bayous Chene, Boeuf, and Black, Louisiana, published as House Document 155, 90th Congress, 1st Session, and other pertinent reports, with a view to determine whether modifications of the recommendations contained therein are advisable at the present time, with particular reference to the provision of a 35-foot channel in the Lower Atchafalaya River between Morgan City, Louisiana, and the Gulf of Mexico and to the enlargement of the remaining project channels to the project depth of 35 feet.

Adopted: September 27, 2000.

DOCKET 2656: DONALDSONVILLE, ASCENSION
PARISH, LOUISIANA

Resolved by the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the United States House of Representatives, That, the Secretary of the Army, is requested to review the report on the Mississippi River and Tributaries Project, published as House Document 308, 88th Congress, 2nd Session, and other pertinent reports, with a view to determine if improvements along the Mississippi River in the area of Ascension Parish, Louisiana inclusive of the City of Donaldson, Louisiana, in the interest of navigation, environmental restoration and protection, and related purposes are advisable at the present time.

Adopted: September 27, 2000.

DOCKET 2658: TENNESSEE RIVER WATERSHED,
VIRGINIA

Resolved by the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the United States House of Representatives, That, the Secretary of the Army, is requested to review the report of the Chief of Engineers, Cumberland River, Kentucky and Tennessee, published as House Document 761, 79th Congress, 2nd Session, and Senate Document 81, 83rd Congress, 2nd Session, and the Tennessee River and Tributaries, North Carolina, Tennessee, Alabama and Kentucky, published as House Document 328, 71st Congress, 2nd Session, and other pertinent reports to determine whether modifications of the recommendations contained therein are advisable at the present time, with a view to determine whether improvements to the Tennessee River Watershed, including all tributaries, located in Lee, Wise, Scott, Russell, Tazewell, Smyth, and Washington Counties, Virginia are advisable for environmental restoration and protection, flood control, regional water systems, and watershed management.

Adopted: September 27, 2000.

RESOLUTION

Resolved by the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the United States House of Representatives, That pursuant to the provisions of Section 2 of Public

Law 566, Eighty-third Congress, as amended, the following project for flood protection, water quality, soil conservation, and other purposes at Snake River Watershed, Minnesota, is hereby approved in accordance with the report on such project dated June 1999, and transmitted to Congress by the Deputy Chief of Programs, Natural Resources Conservation Service, by letter dated June 2, 2000, and said report is made a part of this approval.

Name of Project: Snake River Watershed, Minnesota

Adopted: September 27, 2000.

There was no objection.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE HONORABLE SAM FARR, MEMBER OF CONGRESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Honorable SAM FARR, Member of Congress:

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, October 10, 2000.

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

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: This is to formally notify you, pursuant to Rule VIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, that I have been served with a civil subpoena for documents issued by the Superior Court for San Diego County, California.

After consultation with the Office of General Counsel, I have determined that it is consistent with the precedents and privileges of the House to notify the party that issued the subpoenas that I do not have any responsive documents.

Sincerely,

SAM FARR,
Member of Congress.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the Chair announces that she will postpone further proceedings today on each motion to suspend the rules on which a recorded vote or the yeas and nays are ordered, or on which the vote is objected to under clause 6 of rule XX.

Any record votes on postponed questions will be taken after debate has concluded on all motions to suspend the rules but not before 6 p.m. today.

SENSE OF CONGRESS IN SUPPORT OF A LIBERTY DAY

Mrs. MORELLA. Madam Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and agree to the concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 376) expressing the sense of the Congress regarding support for the recognition of a Liberty Day.

The Clerk read as follows:

H. CON. RES. 376

Whereas our rights and liberties are rooted in the cherished documents that gave birth to our nation, those being the Declaration of Independence and the United States Constitution with its Bill of Rights;

Whereas the patriot James Madison, fourth President of the United States, was the major author of the Virginia Plan, the model