

worldwide, collapsed, not because we attacked it militarily but for financial and economic reasons. They no longer could afford it and the resources and wealth that it drained finally turned the people against its authoritarian rule.

Maintaining an overseas empire is incompatible with the American tradition of liberty and prosperity. The financial drain and the antagonism that it causes with our enemies, and even our friends, will finally force the American people to reject the policy outright. There will be no choice. Gorbachev just walked away and Yeltsin walked in, with barely a ripple. A non-violent revolution of unbelievable historic magnitude occurred and the Cold War ended. We are not immune from such a similar change.

This Soviet collapse ushered in the age of unparalleled American dominance over the entire world and along with it allowed the new expanded hot war between the West and the Muslim East. All the hostility directed toward the West built up over the centuries between the two factions is now directed toward the United States. We are now the only power capable of paying for and literally controlling the Middle East and its cherished wealth, and we have not hesitated. Iraq, with its oil and water and agricultural land, is a prime target of our desire to further expand our dominion. The battle is growing ever so tense with our acceptance and desire to control the Caspian Sea oil riches. But Russia, now licking its wounds and once again accumulating wealth, will not sit idly by and watch the American empire engulf this region. When time runs out for us, we can be sure Russia will once again be ready to fight for control of all those resources in countries adjacent to her borders. And expect the same from China and India. And who knows, maybe one day even Japan will return to the ancient art of using force to occupy the cherished territories in their region of the world.

The most we can hope for will be, once the errors of our ways are acknowledged and we can no longer afford our militarism, we will reestablish the moral principle that underpins the policy of "peace, commerce and honest friendship with all nations, entangling alliances with none." Our modern-day war hawks represent neither this American principle nor do they understand how the love of liberty drove the founders in their great battle against tyranny.

We must prepare for the day when our financial bankruptcy and the failure of our effort at world domination are apparent. The solution to such a crisis can be easily found in our Constitution and in our traditions. But ultimately, the love of liberty can only come from a change in the hearts and minds of the people and with an answered prayer for the blessings of divine intervention.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Mr. UNDERWOOD (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT) for today on account of activities in the district.

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

Mr. FILNER, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. DEFAZIO, for 5 minutes, today.

Mrs. Davis of California, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. NORTON, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. GREEN of Texas, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. MCGOVERN, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas, for 5 minutes, today.

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. DUNCAN) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. DUNCAN, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. SIMMONS, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. GRUCCI, for 5 minutes, today.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 1 o'clock and 8 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until Monday, September 9, 2002, 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:

8890. A letter from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule — Tart Cherries Grown in the States of Michigan, New York, Pennsylvania, Oregon, Utah, Washington and Wisconsin; Order Amending Marketing Agreement and Order No. 930 [Docket Nos. AO-370-A7; FV00-930-1] received September 3, 2002, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

8891. A letter from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule — Dried Prunes Produced in California; Under-sized Regulation for the 2002-03 Crop Year [Docket No. FV02-993-1 FR] received September 3, 2002, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

8892. A letter from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final

rule — Importation of Artificially Dwarfed Plants [Docket No. 00-042-2] received August 28, 2002, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

8893. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Agriculture, transmitting a copy of the Agency's draft bill entitled, "Packers and Stockyards Licensing Fee Act of 2002"; to the Committee on Agriculture.

8894. A letter from the Assistant General Counsel for Regulations, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting the Department's final rule — Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) Program; Conforming Changes to Annual Income Requirements for HUD's Public Housing and Section 8 Assistance Programs [Docket No. FR-4635-F-02] (RIN: 2502-AC77) received August 13, 2002, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Financial Services.

8895. A letter from the Assistant General Counsel for Regulations, Office of Housing, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting the Department's final rule — Single Family Mortgage Insurance; Section 203(k) Consultant Placement and Removal Procedures [Docket No. FR-4592-F-02] (RIN: 2502-AH51) received August 28, 2002, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Financial Services.

8896. A letter from the General Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Suspension of Community Eligibility [Docket No. FEMA-7789] received August 28, 2002, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Financial Services.

8897. A letter from the General Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Changes in Flood Elevation Determinations — received August 28, 2002, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Financial Services.

8898. A letter from the General Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP); Assistance to Private Sector Property Insurers (RIN: 3067-AD30) received August 28, 2002, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Financial Services.

8899. A letter from the Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Department of Interior, transmitting the Department's final rule — Indian School Equalization Program (RIN: 1076-AE14) received August 9, 2002, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

8900. A letter from the Senior Legal Advisor to the Chief, Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule — Amendment of Section 73.202(b), Table of Allotments, FM Broadcast Stations. (Chester and Westwood, California) [MM Docket No. 02-42; RM-10382] received July 30, 2002, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

8901. A letter from the Senior Legal Advisor, Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule — Amendment of Section 73.292(b), Table of Allotments, FM Broadcast Stations. (Big Wells, Texas) [MM Docket No. 01-247; RM-10232] received August 27, 2002, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

8902. A letter from the Senior Legal Advisor to the Bureau Chief, Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule — Amendment of Section 73.606(b), Table of Allotments, Television Broadcast Stations; and Section 73.622(b), Table of Allotments, Digital Television Broadcast Stations (Georgetown, South Carolina) [MB Docket No. 02-65;

RM-10370] received August 27, 2002, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

8903. A letter from the Senior Legal Advisor, Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule — Amendment of Section 73.202(b), Table of Allotments, FM Broadcast Stations. (Childress, Texas) [MM Docket No. 01-196; RM-10208] received August 27, 2002, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

8904. A letter from the Senior Legal Advisor, Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule — Amendment of Section 73.202(b), Table of Allotments, FM Broadcast Stations. (Baird, Texas) [MM Docket No. 01-197; RM 10170] received August 27, 2002, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

8905. A letter from the Senior Legal Advisor to the Bureau Chief, Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule — Amendment of Section 73.622(b), Table of allotments, Digital Television Broadcast Stations. (Athens, Georgia) [MB Docket No. 02-94; RM-10423] received August 27, 2002, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

8906. A letter from the Director, Defense Security Cooperation Agency, transmitting notification concerning the Department of the Navy's proposed Letter(s) of Offer and Acceptance (LOA) to the United Arab Emirates for defense articles and services (Transmittal No. 02-44), pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2776(b); to the Committee on International Relations.

8907. A letter from the Director, Defense Security Cooperation Agency, transmitting notification concerning the Department of the Navy's Proposed Letter(s) of Offer and Acceptance (LOA) to Malaysia for defense articles and services (Transmittal No. 02-56), pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2776(b); to the Committee on International Relations.

8908. A letter from the Assistant General Counsel for Regulatory Law, Office of Environment, Safety and Health, Department of Energy, transmitting the Department's final rule — Guidelines for Physician Panel Determinations on Worker Requests for Assistance in Filing for State Workers' Compensation Benefits (RIN: 1901-AA90) received August 21, 2002, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on the Judiciary.

8909. A letter from the Assistant General Counsel for Regulation, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting the Department's final rule — Administrative Wage Garnishment [Docket No. FR-4711-F-02] (RIN: 2501-AC85) received August 13, 2002, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on the Judiciary.

8910. A letter from the Rules Administrator, Federal Bureau of Prisons, Department of Justice, transmitting the Department's final rule — District of Columbia Educational Good Time Credit [BOP-1106-F] (RIN: 1120-AB05) received August 13, 2002, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on the Judiciary.

8911. A letter from the General Counsel, Executive Office for Immigration Review, Department of Justice, transmitting the Department's final rule — Board of Immigration Appeals: Procedural Reforms to Improve Case Management [EOIR No. 131; AG Order No. 2609-2002] (RIN: 1125-AA36) received August 28, 2002, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on the Judiciary.

8912. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting the Department's final rule —

Visas: Documentation of Immigrants — Visa Classification Symbols — received August 13, 2002, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on the Judiciary.

8913. A letter from the General Counsel, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule — Civil Monetary Penalty Inflation Adjustment Rule [Docket No. RM02-11-000; Order No. 890] received August 28, 2002, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on the Judiciary.

8914. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule — Determination of Interest Rate [Rev. Rul. 2002-59] received September 3, 2002, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

8915. A letter from the Secretary, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting a copy of the Agency's draft bill entitled, "Clear Skies Act of 2002"; jointly to the Committees on Energy and Commerce and Science.

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. HANSEN: Committee on Resources. H.R. 4708. A bill to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain facilities to the Fremont-Madison Irrigation District; with an amendment (Rept. 107-641). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

Mr. HANSEN: Committee on Resources. H.R. 4822. A bill to clarify that the Upper Missouri River Breaks National Monument does not include within its boundaries any privately owned property, and for other purposes (Rept. 107-642). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

Mr. HANSEN: Committee on Resources. H.R. 4938. A bill to direct the Secretary of the Interior, through the Bureau of Reclamation, to conduct a feasibility study to determine the most feasible method of developing a safe and adequate municipal, rural, and industrial water supply for the Santee Sioux Tribe of Nebraska, and for other purposes (Rept. 107-643). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

Mr. YOUNG of Alaska: Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure. H.R. 5157. A bill to amend section 5307 of title 49, United States Code, to allow transit systems in urbanized areas that, for the first time, exceeded 200,000 in population according to the 2000 census to retain flexibility in the use of Federal transit formula grants in fiscal year 2003, and for other purposes (Rept. 107-644). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

Mr. YOUNG of Alaska: Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure. H.R. 5169. A bill to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control act to enhance the security of wastewater treatment works (Rept. 107-645). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XII, public bills and resolutions were introduced and severally referred, as follows:

By Mr. ETHERIDGE (for himself, Mr. HOYER, Mr. WELDON of Pennsylvania,

Mr. OXLEY, Mr. ANDREWS, Mr. PASCARELL, Mr. SMITH of Michigan, and Mr. WATT of North Carolina):

H.R. 5334. A bill to ensure that a public safety officer who suffers a fatal heart attack or stroke while on duty shall be presumed to have died in the line of duty for purposes of public safety officer survivor benefits; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. HOBSON (for himself, Mr. BOEHNER, Mr. BROWN of Ohio, Mr. CHABOT, Mr. GILLMOR, Mrs. JONES of Ohio, Ms. KAPTUR, Mr. KUCINICH, Mr. LATOURETTE, Mr. NEY, Mr. OXLEY, Mr. PORTMAN, Ms. PRYCE of Ohio, Mr. REGULA, Mr. SAWYER, Mr. STRICKLAND, Mr. TIBERI, and Mr. WOLF):

H.R. 5335. A bill to designate the Federal building and United States courthouse located at 200 West 2nd Street in Dayton, Ohio, as the "Tony Hall Federal Building and United States Courthouse"; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

By Mr. KING (for himself, Mr. GRUCCI, Mr. ISRAEL, Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York, Mr. ACKERMAN, Mr. MEEKS of New York, Mr. CROWLEY, Mr. WEINER, Mr. TOWNS, Mr. FOSSELLA, Mrs. MALONEY of New York, Mr. GILMAN, Mr. BOEHLERT, Mr. WALSH, Mr. HOUGHTON, Mr. SWEENEY, Mr. QUINN, Mrs. KELLY, Mr. ENGEL, Mr. MCHUGH, Mr. LAFALCE, Mr. OWENS, Mr. HINCHEY, Mr. SERRANO, Mrs. LOWEY, Mr. NADLER, Mr. MCNULTY, Mr. RANGEL, Mr. REYNOLDS, Ms. SLAUGHTER, and Ms. VELAZQUEZ):

H.R. 5336. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 380 Main Street in Farmingdale, New York, as the "Peter J. Ganci, Jr. Post Office Building"; to the Committee on Government Reform.

By Mrs. MORELLA:

H.R. 5337. A bill to amend title 5, United States Code, to allow periods of certain service performed as an employee under certain Cooperative Federal-State programs to be creditable for purposes of civil service retirement; to the Committee on Government Reform.

By Mr. POMEROY:

H.R. 5338. A bill to provide emergency disaster assistance to agricultural producers; to the Committee on Agriculture.

By Mr. REYNOLDS:

H.R. 5339. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the provision that limited the interest deduction on refinanced home mortgage indebtedness to the amount of the indebtedness being refinanced; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. SHERMAN (for himself, Mr. ISSA, Mr. WAXMAN, Mr. LANTOS, Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD, Mr. CALVERT, Mr. CONDIT, Mr. CUNNINGHAM, Mr. FARR of California, Ms. LOFGREN, Mr. BECERRA, Mr. ROYCE, Mrs. BONO, Ms. PELOSI, Mr. THOMPSON of California, Mr. BERMAN, Mr. OSE, Mr. SCHIFF, Mrs. DAVIS of California, Mr. MCKEON, Mr. HONDA, Mr. POMBO, and Mr. GALLEGLY):

H.R. 5340. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 5805 White Oak Avenue in Encino, California, as the "Francis Dayle 'Chick' Hearn Post Office"; to the Committee on Government Reform.

By Mr. TAYLOR of North Carolina:

H.R. 5341. A bill to authorize and direct the Secretary of Agriculture to take actions to promptly address the risk of fire and insect infestation in National Forest System lands, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, and in addition to the Committee on Resources, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in