

There was no objection.

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REPORT ON RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF HOUSE RESOLUTION 524, SENSE OF HOUSE THAT CONGRESS SHOULD COMPLETE ACTION ON PERMANENT DEATH TAX REPEAL ACT OF 2002, AND HOUSE RESOLUTION 525, SENSE OF HOUSE THAT CONGRESS SHOULD COMPLETE ACTION ON LEGISLATION EXTENDING AND STRENGTHENING SUCCESSFUL 1996 WELFARE REFORMS

Mr. HASTINGS of Washington, from the Committee on Rules, submitted a privileged report (Rept. No. 107-660) on the resolution (H. Res. 527) providing for consideration of the resolution (H. Res. 524) expressing the sense of the House that Congress should complete action on the Permanent Death Tax Repeal Act of 2002, and for consideration of the resolution (H. Res. 525) expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that the 107th Congress should complete action on and present to the President, before September 30, 2002, legislation extending and strengthening the successful 1996 welfare reforms, which was referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed.

REPORT ON RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 1701, CONSUMER RENTAL PURCHASE AGREEMENT ACT

Mr. HASTINGS of Washington, from the Committee on Rules, submitted a privileged report (Rept. No. 107-661) on the resolution (H. Res. 528) providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 1701) to amend the Consumer Credit Protection Act to assure meaningful disclosures of the terms of rental-purchase agreements, including disclosures of all costs to consumers under such agreements, to provide certain substantive rights to consumers under such agreements, and for other purposes, which was referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF INTENTION TO OFFER MOTION TO INSTRUCT CONFEREES ON H.R. 3295, HELP AMERICA VOTE ACT OF 2001

Ms. WATERS. Mr. Speaker, pursuant to clause 7(c) of rule XXII, I hereby announce my intention to offer a motion to instruct conferees on H.R. 3295 tomorrow.

The form of the motion is as follows:

Ms. WATERS moves that the managers on the part of the House at the conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the Senate amendments to the bill H.R. 3295 be instructed to take such actions as may be appropriate to ensure that a conference report is filed on the bill prior to October 1, 2002.

AUTHORIZING USE OF CAPITOL ROTUNDA TO PRESENT CONGRESSIONAL GOLD MEDAL TO GENERAL HENRY H. SHELTON

Mr. EHLERS. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on House Administration be discharged from further consideration of the concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 469) authorizing the Rotunda of the Capitol to be used on September 19, 2002, for a ceremony to present the Congressional Gold Medal to General Henry H. Shelton (USA, Ret.), and ask for its immediate consideration in the House.

The Clerk read the title of the concurrent resolution.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. DUNCAN). Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Michigan?

There was no objection.

The Clerk read the concurrent resolution, as follows:

H. CON. RES. 469

Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate concurring), That the Rotunda of the Capitol is authorized to be used on September 19, 2002, for a ceremony to present the Congressional Gold Medal to General Henry H. Shelton (USA, Ret.). Physical preparations for the ceremony shall be carried out in accordance with such conditions as the Architect of the Capitol may prescribe.

The concurrent resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. EHLERS. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material on H. Con. Res. 469.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Michigan?

There was no objection.

COMMUNICATION FROM STAFF DIRECTOR AND CHIEF COUNSEL, SUBCOMMITTEE ON CRIMINAL JUSTICE, DRUG POLICY AND HUMAN RESOURCES, COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT REFORM

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from Christopher Donesa, Staff Director and Chief Counsel, Subcommittee on Criminal Justice, Drug Policy and Human Resources, Committee on Government Reform:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT REFORM,

Washington, DC, September 10, 2002.

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

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: This is to notify you formally, pursuant to Rule VIII of the Rules

of the House of Representatives, that I have been served with a subpoena for testimony before a general court martial of the United States.

After consultation with the Office of General Counsel, I will make the determinations required by Rule VIII.

Sincerely,

CHRISTOPHER DONESA,
Staff Director and
Chief Counsel, Subcommittee on Criminal Justice, Drug Policy and Human Resources.

COMMUNICATION FROM PROFESSIONAL STAFF MEMBER, SUBCOMMITTEE ON CRIMINAL JUSTICE, DRUG POLICY AND HUMAN RESOURCES, COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT REFORM

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KEVIN LONG,
Professional Staff Member.

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SCOTT FEENEY,
Professional Staff Member.

COMMUNICATION FROM MINORITY COUNSEL, SUBCOMMITTEE ON CRIMINAL JUSTICE, DRUG POLICY AND HUMAN RESOURCES, COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT REFORM

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from Julian A. Haywood, Minority Counsel, Subcommittee on Criminal Justice, Drug Policy and Human Resources, Committee on Government Reform:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT REFORM,
Washington, DC, September 16, 2002.

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

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: This is to notify you formally, pursuant to Rule VIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, that I have been served with a subpoena for testimony before a general court martial of the United States.

After consultation with the Office of General Counsel, I will make the determinations required by Rule VIII.

Sincerely,

JULIAN A. HAYWOOD,
Minority Counsel.

SEMIANNUAL REPORT DETAILING TELECOMMUNICATIONS PAYMENTS MADE TO CUBA—MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following message from the President of the United States; which was read and, together with the accompanying papers, without objection, referred to the Committee on International Relations:

To the Congress of the United States:

As required by section 1705(e)(6) of the Cuban Democracy Act of 1992, as amended by section 102(g) of the Cuban Liberty and Democratic Solidarity (LIBERTAD) Act of 1996, 22 U.S.C. 6004(e)(6), I transmit herewith a semi-annual report prepared by my Administration detailing payments made to Cuba by United States persons as a result of the provision of telecommunications services pursuant to Department of the Treasury specific licenses.

GEORGE W. BUSH.

THE WHITE HOUSE, September 17, 2002.

SPECIAL ORDERS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 3, 2001, and under a previous order of the House, the following Members will be recognized for 5 minutes each.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from the District of Columbia (Ms. NORTON) is recognized for 5 minutes.

(Ms. NORTON addressed the House. Her remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gen-

tleman from Oregon (Mr. DEFAZIO) is recognized for 5 minutes.

(Mr. DEFAZIO addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from California (Mr. FILNER) is recognized for 5 minutes.

(Mr. FILNER addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. PHELPS) is recognized for 5 minutes.

(Mr. PHELPS addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

RECORD INCREASE IN PUBLIC DEBT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Mississippi (Mr. TAYLOR) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. TAYLOR of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, last week the President of the United States went to Ohio and mentioned repeatedly that what this Congress needed was a budget. I agree. I wish he had included one more word in that, what this Congress needs is a "balanced" budget.

See, Mr. Speaker, last year this Congress, when there was still a Republican majority in the other body and a Republican majority in this body, gave the President his budget and gave the President his tax breaks. They passed both bodies by a fairly narrow margin, but they did indeed become law and the President signed them into law.

As a result of that budget, our Nation's debt has increased by \$440,605,894,921 in the past 12 months. To put that into perspective, our Nation is now \$6,210,481,675,956 in debt.

What is particularly disturbing about that is that as our President ponders sending the young men and women in uniform off to fight, most of whom are 23 years old or younger, I think it is particularly significant that in the lifetime of those soldiers and sailors who are 23 years of age or younger, our Nation's debt has increased by over \$5 trillion. What is particularly bad about that is, just like any individual who has a credit card, as long as we owe that money, we have to pay interest on it. The single largest expenditure of this Nation is not welfare, it is not food stamps, it is not veterans' health care, it is not building highways, it is not defending the Nation. It is squandered on interest on the national debt. We squander \$1 billion a day. That is 1,000 times 1,000 times 1,000 every day is squandered on the national debt.

Mr. Bush, I know that all of us are our fathers' sons. All of us are proud of our dads, and you should be particularly proud of your dad. After all, he

was the President of the United States. One of the things your dad did not do well was controlling the deficit when he was President. As a matter of fact, the largest deficit in our Nation's history took place during the fiscal year of 1991, when your dad was President. In that year, our Nation borrowed \$432 billion. That is 1,000 times 1,000 times 1,000 times 432 to make ends meet.

I regret to tell you, Mr. Bush, that you are on the way to breaking your dad's record; that in all probability, at the end of this year, you will have borrowed, with your budget passed through a Republican Senate and Republican House, more than that \$432 billion. So as you go to Ohio and tell folks that we need a balanced budget, I would only ask as one of 435 Members of this House that you include the word "balanced" budget.

Why do you not use your incredible popularity to ask the American people to get their Congressmen to support a constitutional amendment to balance the budget, so that this generation does not burden the next generation with our bills? After all, no mom or dad would go buy a house and say, "I don't care what it costs, because I am going to stick my child with that bill when they hit 40 years of age, when they reach the maximum income years."

None of us would go out and buy a fancy car, and say, "By the way, bill it to my grandchildren, whether they are born or not."

That is precisely what this Nation has been doing, particularly for the last 23 years, when it borrowed \$5 trillion.

On an aside, Mr. Bush, you made a very compelling case to the UN last Thursday, and I am in agreement; you have now convinced me that our Nation will be at war unless the Iraqis back down. If that is the case, then I must insist as a Member of Congress that the wise thing for our Nation to do would be to call up the Guard and Reserve. Over one-half of the force of the United States of America is in the Guard and Reserve.

If there is going to be a war, then I subscribe to former General and now Secretary of State Colin Powell's theory of the overwhelming use of force, and we cannot have the overwhelming use of force if the Guard and Reserve is not called up.

If we are going to do this, let us do this right. The best way to minimize American casualties is to use overwhelming force, and that has to include the calling up of the Guard and Reserves. If this is going to be a war, then it is going to be everybody's war, and the way you make it everyone's war is including the National Guard and the various branches of the Reserves in the effort.

I would also hope that this body has an opportunity to vote on it. But, prior to that vote, I would highly recommend that the Guard and Reserve be called up, because the Iraqis watch