

tool for the specific purpose of foiling these elections and impeding this exercise in democracy.

The people of Jammu and Kashmir were very brave to literally risk their lives in order to participate in these elections. In fact, the outcome of these elections was such a success that during the fourth phase of polling an estimated 52 percent of the nearly 450,000 electorate exercised their right to vote in six constituencies of the Doda district alone.

The example of these elections further reiterates India's dedication to democracy since it gained independence over 50 years ago. It is no wonder that the United States and India, the world's two largest democracies, are partners in the ongoing effort to build a more democratic world.

Mr. Speaker, unfortunately the same cannot be said about Pakistan. Not only has militant infiltration across the Kashmir border increased over the past 2 months, but in addition there is much concern that the legislative elections currently being held in Pakistan are a sham. President Musharraf has single-handedly emasculated the leadership of major political parties that oppose him, and he has altered the constitution to such an extreme degree that it is clear that the outcome of the election will favor a party of politicians or the "King's Party" who are directly under his control. And this is deliberate and I think absolutely undemocratic.

Mr. Speaker, the point I am trying to make is that we have two neighboring countries but that their electoral process and government structure could not be more different. As Indian citizens of Jammu and Kashmir faced potential death by heading to the polls over the last 4 weeks, these citizens courageously cast their votes, and I believe this democratic will and exercise on the part of the Indian Government and its people must be appropriately commended. And again, Mr. Speaker, that is why I felt it was necessary for me to speak on this important issue this late in the evening.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Mr. ORTIZ (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT) for today on account of medical reasons.

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

Mr. MCDERMOTT, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. NORTON, for 5 minutes, today.

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

Mr. FILNER, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. PALLONE, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. DEFAZIO, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. KAPTUR, for 5 minutes, today.

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

(The following Members (at the request of Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. HOSTETTLER, for 5 minutes, today and October 11.

Mr. NUSSLE, for 5 minutes, today.

EXTENSION OF REMARKS

By unanimous consent, permission to revise and extend remarks was granted to:

Mr. HORN and to include extraneous material, notwithstanding the fact that it exceeds two pages of the RECORD and is estimated by the Public Printer to cost \$650.00.

ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

Mr. Trandahl, Clerk of the House, reported and found truly enrolled bills of the House of the following titles, which were thereupon signed by the Speaker:

H.R. 2121. An act to make available funds under the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 to expand democracy, good governance, and anti-corruption programs in the Russian Federation in order to promote and strengthen democratic government and civil society and independent media in that country.

H.R. 4085. An act to increase, effective as of December 1, 2002, the rates of compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and the rates of dependency and indemnity compensation for the survivors of the certain disabled veterans.

H.R. 5531. An act to facilitate famine relief efforts and a comprehensive solution to the war in Sudan.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 11 o'clock and 58 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until tomorrow, Friday, October 11, 2002, at 10 a.m.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 8 of rule XII, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

9612. A letter from the Deputy Secretary, Department of Defense, transmitting the Department's certification that the costs of Wedges 2 through 5, of the Pentagon Renovation will be within the specified limitation; to the Committee on Armed Services.

9613. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Defense, transmitting a letter on the approved retirement of General John N. Abrams, United States Army, and his advancement to the grade of general on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

9614. A letter from the Legislative and Regulatory Activities Division, Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, transmitting

the Office's final rule — Debt Cancellation Contracts and Debt Suspension Agreements [Docket No. 02-14] (RIN: 1557-AB75) received September 23, 2002, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Financial Services.

9615. A letter from the Senior Legal Advisor to the Bureau Chief, Media Bureau, Federal Communication 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 Broadcast Television Stations (Galveston, Texas) [MB Docket No. 02-142; RM-10436] received October 8, 2002, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

9616. 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, Digital Television Broadcast Stations; and Section 73.622(b) Table of Allotments, Digital Broadcasting Television Stations (Hammond, Louisiana) [MB Docket No. 02-131; RM-10440] received October 8, 2002, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

9617. 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 (Reliance, South Dakota) [MB Docket No. 02-101; RM-10429] received October 8, 2002, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

9618. 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 (Florence, South Dakota) [MB Docket No. 02-102; RM-10430] received October 8, 2002; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

9619. A letter from the Acting Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting certification of a proposed license for the export of defense articles or defense services sold commercially under a contract to Canada, Denmark, Italy, Norway, The Netherlands, Turkey, and the United Kingdom [Transmittal No. DTC 277-02], pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2776(c); to the Committee on International Relations.

9620. A letter from the Director, Office of Government Ethics, transmitting the Office's final rule — Technical Updating Amendments to Executive Branch Financial Disclosure and Standards of Ethical Conduct Regulations (RINs: 3209-AA00 and 3209-AA04) received October 7, 2002, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Government Reform.

9621. A letter from the Chief Judge, Superior Court of the District of Columbia, transmitting the Superior Court's Family Court Transition Plan; to the Committee on Government Reform.

9622. A letter from the Chairman, Commission on Ocean Policy, transmitting a report entitled, "Developing a National Ocean Policy: Mid-Term Report of the U.S. Commission on Ocean Policy"; to the Committee on Resources.

9623. A letter from the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Insular Affairs, Department of the Interior, transmitting the Department's report entitled, "Annual Report on Financial and Social Impacts of the Compacts of Free Association on the United States Insular Areas and the State of Hawaii"; to the Committee on Resources.

9624. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Commerce, transmitting the

Department's draft bill entitled, "The Hydrographic Services Amendments Act of 2002"; to the Committee on Resources.

9625. A letter from the Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, NMFS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Fisheries Off West Coast States and in the Western Pacific; Coastal Pelagic Species Fisheries; Reallocation of Pacific sardine [Docket No. 020920218-2218-01; 091902C] (RIN: 0648-AQ47) received October 7, 2002, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

9626. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule — Termination of Appeals Settlement Initiative For Corporate Owned Life Insurance (COLI) Cases (Announcement 2002-96) received October 8, 2002, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

9627. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule — Settlement of Section 351 Contingent Liability Tax Shelter Cases (Revenue Procedure 2002-67) received October 8, 2002, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

9628. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule — Examination of returns and claims for refund, credit, or abatement; determination of correct tax liability (Rev. Proc. 2002-68) received October 8, 2002, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

9629. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule — Imposition of Tax; in general (Rev. Rul. 2002-60) received October 8, 2002, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

9630. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule — Election Under 1397B (Rev. Proc. 2002-62) received October 8, 2002, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

9631. A letter from the Regulations Coordinator, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Department's final rule — Medicare and Medicaid Programs; Conditions of Participation: Immunization Standards for Hospitals, Long-Term Care Facilities, and Home Health Agencies [CMS-3160-FC] (RIN: 0938-AM00) received October 2, 2002, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); jointly to the Committees on Ways and Means and Energy and Commerce.

9632. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Labor, transmitting the Department's bill entitled, "Employment Security Reform Act of 2002"; jointly to the Committees on Ways and Means, Education and the Workforce, and Government Reform.

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. YOUNG of Florida: Committee on Appropriations. Revised Suballocation of Budget Allocations for Fiscal Year 2003 (Rept. 107-738). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

Mr. HASTINGS of Washington: Committee on rules. House Resolution 580. Resolution providing for consideration of the joint resolution (House Joint Resolution 122) making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2003, and for other purposes (Rept. 107-739). Referred to the House Calendar.

Mr. WALSH: Committee on Appropriations. H.R. 5605. A bill making appropriations for the Departments of Veterans Affairs and Housing and Urban Development, and for sundry independent agencies, boards, commissions, corporations, and offices for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2003, and for other purposes (Rept. 107-740). 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. BRADY of Texas (for himself, Mr. DOGGETT, Mr. VITTER, Mr. POMEROY, Mr. SHAYS, and Mr. MEEHAN):

H.R. 5596. A bill to amend section 527 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to eliminate notification and return requirements for State and local party committees and candidate committees and avoid duplicate reporting by certain State and local political committees of information required to be reported and made publicly available under State law, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. YOUNG of Alaska (for himself and Mr. JONES of North Carolina):

H.R. 5597. A bill to amend the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972 to repeal the long-term goal for reducing to zero the incidental mortality and serious injury of marine mammals in commercial fishing operations, and to modify the goal of take reduction plans for reducing such takings; to the Committee on Resources.

By Mr. CASTLE (for himself and Mr. BOEHNER):

H.R. 5598. A bill to provide for improvement of Federal education research, statistics, evaluation, information, and dissemination, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce. Considered and passed.

By Mr. THUNE (for himself and Mr. CARSON of Oklahoma):

H.R. 5599. A bill to apply guidelines for the determination of per-pupil expenditure requirements for heavily impacted local educational agencies, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

By Mr. GEPHARDT (for himself, Mr. REYES, Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas, Mr. GUTIERREZ, Mr. BERMAN, Mr. BECERRA, Ms. SOLIS, Ms. ROYBAL-AL-LARD, Mr. RANGEL, Mr. GREEN of Texas, Mr. CONYERS, Ms. VELAZQUEZ, Mr. PASTOR, Mr. DOOLEY of California, Mr. GONZALEZ, Mr. HINOJOSA, Mr. SERRANO, Mr. OWENS, Mr. TOWNS, Mr. RODRIGUEZ, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, Mr. MENENDEZ, Ms. DELAULO, Mr. BACA, Mrs. NAPOLITANO, Mr. MORAN of Virginia, Mr. FARR of California, Mr. HONDA, Mr. FRANK, and Mr. FROST):

H.R. 5600. A bill to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to provide for permanent resident status for certain long-term resident workers and college-bound students, to modify the worldwide level of family-sponsored immigrants in order to promote family unification, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. HOEKSTRA (for himself, Mr. BOEHNER, Mr. DELAY, and Mr. GREENWOOD):

H.R. 5601. A bill to amend the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act to make improvements to and reauthorize programs under that Act, and for purposes; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce. Considered and passed.

By Mr. TERRY (for himself, Mr. LUTHER, Mr. SHIMKUS, and Mr. JENKINS):
H.R. 5602. A bill to create a Rural Issues Advisory Board within the Federal Communications Commission, to assist the Federal Communications Commission in developing policies and procedures, and to ensure that the Commission takes into account the size and resources of affected parties in rural America; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on the Budget, 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.

By Mr. THUNE (for himself, Mr. RAMSTAD, and Mrs. JOHNSON of Connecticut):

H.R. 5603. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to suspend the tax-exempt status of designated terrorist organizations, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Ms. CARSON of Indiana (for herself, Mr. KERNS, Mr. BUYER, Mr. VISCLOSKEY, Mr. BURTON of Indiana, Mr. HOSTETTLER, Mr. ROEMER, Mr. HILL, Mr. PENCE, and Mr. SOUDER):

H.R. 5604. A bill to designate the Federal building and United States courthouse located at 46 East Ohio Street in Indianapolis, Indiana, as the "Birch Bayh Federal Building and United States Courthouse"; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

By Mr. WALSH:

H.R. 5605. A bill making appropriations for the Departments of Veterans Affairs and Housing and Urban Development, and for sundry independent agencies, boards, commissions, corporations, and offices for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2003, and for other purposes.

By Mr. BACA (for himself, Ms. WATERS, Mr. TOWNS, and Mr. DAVIS of Illinois):

H.R. 5606. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to promote careers in nursing and diversity in the nursing workforce; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. BACA (for himself and Mrs. NAPOLITANO):

H.R. 5607. A bill to amend the Controlled Substances Act to place Salvinorin A in Schedule I; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, 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.

By Ms. BALDWIN (for herself and Mr. GREEN of Wisconsin):

H.R. 5608. A bill to provide for the testing of chronic wasting disease and other infectious disease in deer and elk herds, to establish the Interagency Task Force on Epizootic Hemorrhagic Disease, 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 each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. BARR of Georgia:

H.R. 5609. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 600 East 1st Street in Rome, Georgia, as the "Martha Berry Post Office"; to the Committee on Government Reform.

By Ms. BERKLEY:

H.R. 5610. A bill to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to construct a comprehensive veterans medical center in southern Nevada that would include a full service hospital, an outpatient clinic, and a long-