

heartfelt thanks and appreciation to Don Powell for his exemplary service, and further extend best wishes to Don and his wonderful wife Jackie Powell for every continued happiness, great health and success in the years ahead. It gives me great pleasure to pay tribute to a superb public servant and fine American citizen Don Powell on the floor of the House of Representatives in Washington. Thanks for everything Don.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Mr. WATTS of Oklahoma (at the request of Mr. ARMEY) for today on account of personal 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. McNULTY) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. LIPINSKI, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. HILLIARD, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. WOOLSEY, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. MILLENDER-McDONALD, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. MALONEY of Connecticut, for 5 minutes, today.

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

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

Mrs. NAPOLITANO, for 5 minutes, today.

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

Mr. WAMP, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. DEMINT, for 5 minutes, today.

Mrs. MORELLA, for 5 minutes, on June 30.

Mr. LUCAS of Oklahoma, for 5 minutes, on June 30.

Mr. FOSSELLA, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. DUNCAN, for 5 minutes, today.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 12 midnight), the House adjourned until tomorrow, Wednesday, June 30, 1999, 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:

2777. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information,

Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Certain Plant Regulators; Cytokinins, Auxins, Gibberellins, Ethylene, and Pelargonic Acid; Exemptions from the Requirement of a Tolerance [OPP-300690B; FRL-6076-5] (RIN: 2070-AB78) received June 8, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

2778. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Sethoxydim; Pesticide Tolerance [OPP-300859; FRL-6080-9] (RIN: 2070-AB78) received June 8, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

2779. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Diphenylamine; Pesticide Tolerance [OPP-300773A; FRL-6077-3] (RIN: 2070-AB78) received May 11, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

2780. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Defense, transmitting a draft of proposed legislation to authorize the Secretary of Defense to transfer property to the local redevelopment authority (LRA) for a closed or realigned military installation, without consideration, provided the LRA's reuse plan provides for the property to be used for job creation and the LRA uses the economic benefits from the property to reinvest in the economic redevelopment of the installation and the surrounding community; to the Committee on Armed Services.

2781. A letter from the Secretary of Defense, transmitting a report on Department of Defense Aviation Accident Investigations; to the Committee on Armed Services.

2782. A letter from the Secretary of the Interior, transmitting a draft of proposed legislation to establish a nonprofit education foundation; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

2783. A letter from the Secretary of Labor, transmitting a draft of proposed legislation to amend the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970 to enhance protections for employees reporting workplace hazards to the Occupational Safety and Health Administration; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

2784. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Identification of Additional Ozone Areas Attaining the 1-Hour Standard and to Which the 1-Hour Standard is No Longer Applicable [FRL-6344-4] received June 8, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

2785. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; California State Implementation Plan Revision, Six California Air Pollution Control Districts [CA 009-0137a FRL-6337-8] received May 11, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

2786. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Findings of Significant Contribution and Rulemaking on Section 126 Petitions for Purposes of Reducing Interstate Ozone Transport [FRL-6336-9] received May 11, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

2787. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information,

Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Technical Amendment to the Finding of Significant Contribution and Rulemaking for Certain States for Purposes of Reducing Regional Transport of Ozone [FRL-6338-6] (RIN: 2060-AH10) received May 11, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

2788. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Guidelines Establishing Test Procedures for the Analysis of Oil and Grease and Non-polar Material Under the Clean Water Act and Resource Conservation and Recovery Act [FRL-6341-9] (RIN: 2040-AC63) received May 11, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

2789. A letter from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting a draft of proposed legislation to make amendments to the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act authorizing the Secretary to charge fees for certain regulatory activities related to medical devices and food and color additives; to the Committee on Commerce.

2790. A letter from the Chairman, Board of Directors, African Development Foundation, transmitting a draft of proposed legislation to amend the International Security and Development Cooperation Act of 1980; to the Committee on International Relations.

2791. A letter from the Chairman, Board of Directors, African Development Foundation, transmitting a draft of proposed legislation to authorize appropriations for the African Development Foundation; to the Committee on International Relations.

2792. A letter from the Secretary of Transportation, transmitting the semiannual report of the Inspector General for the period ending March 30, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. app. (Insp. Gen. Act) section 5(b); to the Committee on Government Reform.

2793. A letter from the Director, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting a draft of proposed legislation to eliminate two inequities under current provisions of the Civil Service Retirement System (CSRS) and the Federal Employees' Retirement System (FERS); to the Committee on Government Reform.

2794. A letter from the Director, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting a draft of proposed legislation to amend the Federal Employees Health Benefits (FEHB) law to enable the Federal Government to enroll an employee and his or her family in the FEHB Program when a State court orders the employee to provide health insurance coverage for a child of the employee but the employee fails to provide the coverage; to the Committee on Government Reform.

2795. A letter from the Director, Office of Government Relations, Smithsonian Institution, transmitting a copy of the "Annual Proceedings of the One-Hundred Seventh Continental Congress" of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution, pursuant to 36 U.S.C. 18b; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

2796. A letter from the Director, Federal Emergency Management Agency, transmitting a draft of proposed legislation to establish a working capital fund for the Federal Emergency Management Agency; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

2797. A letter from the General Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, transmitting a draft of proposed legislation to exempt disaster employees from filing

Virgin Island income tax forms; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

2798. A letter from the Acting Assistant Attorney General, Department of Justice, transmitting a draft of proposed legislation to improve the asset forfeiture program; jointly to the Committees on the Judiciary, Ways and Means, Commerce, Resources, Agriculture, and Banking and Financial Services.

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. STUMP: Committee on Veterans' Affairs. House Joint Resolution 34. Resolution congratulating and commending the Veterans of Foreign Wars (Rept. 106-205). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

Mr. TALENT: Committee on Small Business. H.R. 1568. A bill to provide technical, financial, and procurement assistance to veteran owned small businesses, and for other purposes; with an amendment (Rept. 106-206 Pt. 1). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

Mr. YOUNG of Alaska: Committee on Resources. H.R. 562. A bill to approve and ratify certain transfers of land and natural resources by or on behalf of the Delaware Nation of Indians, and for other purposes; with an amendment (Rept. 106-207). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

Mr. HASTINGS of Washington: Committee on Rules. House Resolution 230. Resolution providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 66) to preserve the cultural resources of the Route 66 corridor and to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to provide assistance (Rept. 106-208). Referred to the House Calendar.

Mr. HASTINGS of Washington: Committee on Rules. House Resolution 231. Resolution providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 592) to redesignate Great Kills Park in the Gateway National Recreation Area as "World War II Veterans Park at Great Kills" (Rept. 106-209). Referred to the House Calendar.

Mr. HASTINGS of Washington: Committee on Rules. House Resolution 232. Resolution providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 791) to amend the National Trails System Act to designate the route of the War of 1812 British invasion of Maryland and Washington, District of Columbia, and the route of the American defense, for study for potential addition to the national trails system (Rept. 106-210). Referred to the House Calendar.

Mrs. MYRICK: Committee on Rules. House Resolution 233. Resolution providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 1218) to amend title 18, United States Code, to prohibit taking minors across State lines in circumvention of laws requiring the involvement of parents in abortion decisions (Rept. 106-211). Ordered to be printed.

Mr. HYDE: Committee of Conference. Conference report on H.R. 775. A bill to establish certain procedures for civil actions brought for damages relating to the failure of any device or system to process or otherwise deal with the transition from the year 1999 to the year 2000, and for other purposes (Rept. 106-212). Ordered to be printed.

DISCHARGE OF COMMITTEE

Pursuant to clause 5 of rule X, the Committee on Veterans' Affairs dis-

charged. H.R. 1568 referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

TIME LIMITATION OF REFERRED BILL

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

H.R. 1568. Referral to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs extended for a period ending not later than June 29, 1999.

PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. SMITH of New Jersey (for himself, Mr. LANTOS, Mr. GILMAN, and Ms. MCKINNEY):

H.R. 2367. A bill to reauthorize a comprehensive program of support for victims of torture; to the Committee on International Relations, and in addition to the Committee on Commerce, 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. YOUNG of Alaska (for himself and Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California):

H.R. 2368. A bill to assist in the resettlement and relocation of the people of Bikini Atoll by amending the terms of the trust fund established during the United States administration of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands; to the Committee on Resources.

By Mr. NETHERCUTT (for himself and Mr. LAFALCE):

H.R. 2369. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for Medicare coverage of certain biologicals used in treating lower extremity ulcers in patients with diabetes; to the Committee on Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Ways and Means, 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. DOGGETT (for himself, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. FROST, Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas, Mrs. MINK of Hawaii, Ms. RIVERS, Ms. SLAUGHTER, Ms. HOOLEY of Oregon, Ms. MCCARTHY of Missouri, Ms. VELÁZQUEZ, Mrs. THURMAN, Mr. BONIOR, Mrs. MEEK of Florida, Ms. CARSON, and Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York):

H.R. 2370. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide that no individual shall be denied unemployment compensation solely on the basis of leaving employment due to a reasonable fear of domestic violence; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. BONIOR (for himself, Mr. FROST, Mr. STUPAK, Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts, Mr. MALONEY of Connecticut, Mr. CROWLEY, Mr. BARCIA, Mr. CUMMINGS, and Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas):

H.R. 2371. A bill to make schools safer by waiving the local matching requirement under the Community Policing program for the placement of law enforcement officers in local schools; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. CANADY of Florida (for himself, Mr. FROST, Mr. DOOLEY of California, Mr. GOODE, Mr. BISHOP, Mr. DIAZ-BALART, Mr. WALSH, Mr. BARCIA, and Mr. BURTON of Indiana):

H.R. 2372. A bill to simplify and expedite access to the Federal courts for injured parties whose rights and privileges, secured by the United States Constitution, have been deprived by final actions of Federal agencies, or other government officials or entities acting under color of State law; to prevent Federal courts from abstaining from exercising Federal jurisdiction in actions where no State law claim is alleged; to permit certification of unsettled State law questions that are essential to resolving Federal claims arising under the Constitution; and to clarify when government action is sufficiently final to ripen certain Federal claims arising under the Constitution; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. DEMINT (for himself and Mr. BAIRD):

H.R. 2373. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for Start-up Success Accounts; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. FOSSELLA:

H.R. 2374. A bill to amend title 36, United States Code, to grant a Federal charter to the National Lighthouse Center and Museum; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. GILMAN:

H.R. 2375. A bill to authorize a demonstration project to expand eligibility under existing State prescription drug assistance programs for low-income seniors; to the Committee on Commerce.

By Mr. GREEN of Wisconsin (for himself, Mr. SIMPSON, Mr. FLETCHER, Mr. DEMINT, Mr. HAYES, Mr. OSE, Mr. KUYKENDALL, Mr. RYAN of Wisconsin, Mr. SWEENEY, and Mrs. BIGBERT):

H.R. 2376. A bill to require executive agencies to establish expedited review procedures for granting a waiver to a State under a grant program administered by the agency if another State has already been granted a similar waiver by the agency under such program; to the Committee on Government Reform.

By Mr. HOEFFEL:

H.R. 2377. A bill to provide for a study and report to the Congress on the use of antique firearms in crime; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. HOUGHTON (for himself, Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas, Mr. LEVIN, and Ms. DUNN):

H.R. 2378. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to clarify that advance pricing agreements between taxpayers and the Internal Revenue Service are confidential return information; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. INSLEE (for himself, Mr. MCDERMOTT, and Mr. SMITH of Washington):

H.R. 2379. A bill to ensure that adequate frequencies of the electromagnetic spectrum are available for biomedical telemetry; to the Committee on Commerce.

By Mr. MATSUI (for himself, Mr. NEAL of Massachusetts, Mr. LEWIS of Georgia, Mr. BECERRA, Mrs. THURMAN, Mr. WAXMAN, Ms. DELAURO, Mr. PALLONE, Mr. BROWN of Ohio, Mr. MINGE, Mr. FROST, Mr. FILNER, Ms. LOFGREEN, Mrs. LOWEY, Ms. LEE, Mr. HINCHEY, Mr. KUCINICH, Mr. VENTO, Mr. LAFALCE, and Mr. BERMAN):

H.R. 2380. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide incentives to reduce energy consumption; to the Committee on Ways and Means.