

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES—Monday, April 19, 1999

The House met at 2 p.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mrs. MORELLA).

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC,
April 19, 1999.

I hereby appoint the Honorable CONSTANCE A. MORELLA to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

J. DENNIS HASTERT,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, Reverend James David Ford, D.D., offered the following prayer:

We seek wisdom, O God, so our deeds reflect the works of justice; we seek understanding, O God, so our minds are receptive to the truth; we seek faith, O God, so we will experience the wonders of trust and grace, and we seek peace, O God, so all people will live together in harmony and in respect. It is in Your name, O gracious God, that we offer these sincere petitions. Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mrs. MORELLA). The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House her approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentleman from Nevada (Mr. GIBBONS) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. GIBBONS led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

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.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Clerk of the House of Representatives:

OFFICE OF THE CLERK,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, April 16, 1999.

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

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: Pursuant to the permission granted to Clause 2(h) of Rule II of the Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives, the Clerk received the following message from the Secretary of the Senate on April 16, 1999 at 12:00 noon.

that the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 911.

that the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 1376.

that the Senate passed without amendment H. Con. Res. 68.

Appointments: Congressional advisers on trade agreements United States Commission on Civil Rights.

With best wishes, I am
Sincerely,

JEFF TRANDAH,
Clerk.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair desires to announce that pursuant to clause 4 of rule 1, the Speaker signed the following enrolled bills on Friday, April 16, 1999:

H.R. 911, to designate the Federal building located at 310 New Bern Avenue in Raleigh, North Carolina as the "Terry Sanford Federal Building".

And, H.R. 1376, to extend the tax benefits available with respect to services performed in a combat zone to services performed in the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (Serbia/Montenegro) and certain other areas, and for other purposes.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF OFFICIAL OBJECTORS FOR PRIVATE CALENDAR FOR THE 106TH CONGRESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. On behalf of the majority and minority leaderships, the Chair announces that the official objectors for the Private Calendar for the 106th Congress are as follows: For the majority, Messrs. SEN-SENBRENNER of Wisconsin, GEKAS of Pennsylvania, and COBLE of North Carolina.

For the minority, Mr. BOUCHER of Virginia and Ms. DELAURO of Connecticut.

APPOINTMENT OF MEMBER OF THE HOUSE TO LIBRARY OF CONGRESS TRUST FUND BOARD

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, and pursuant to the provisions

of section 1 of the act to create a Library of Congress Trust Fund Board, (2 U.S.C. 154), amended by section 1 of Public Law 102-246, the Chair announces the Speaker's appointment of the following Member on the part of the House to the Library of Congress Trust Fund Board for a 5-year term to fill the existing vacancy thereon:

Mr. John Henry of Florida.
There was no objection.

NUCLEAR POWER INDUSTRY SHOULD PAY THE COSTS OF MOVING NUCLEAR WASTE

(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, there is going to be a \$2.3 billion price tag for transporting nuclear waste across America. I guess the question should be, and the one we should be asking is, should it be the responsibility of the nuclear power industry who, by the way, created and profited from nuclear energy, or should this price tag be picked up by the American taxpayer?

Well, legislation now pending before the House will force taxpayers to pick up the tab, all \$2.3 billion, for moving this lethal garbage through their neighborhoods and through their communities. On top of that, this legislation would also use American tax dollars to pay for the storage of nuclear waste.

I think most Americans would agree that the cost of transporting and storing these hazardous materials should not have to be paid by innocent American taxpayers. Rather, it should be paid by those responsible: The nuclear power industry.

Madam Speaker, let us save Americans' hard-earned tax dollars and return the responsibility of waste to the power companies who created the problem.

Oppose H.R. 45. I yield back the balance of my time and what little money is left in the pockets of the American people.

CORRECTION TO THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD OF WEDNESDAY, APRIL 14, 1999 AT PAGE H1979

A portion of the following one-minute speech of the gentleman from Georgia (Mr. LEWIS) was omitted from the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD of Wednesday, April 14, 1999.

□ This symbol represents the time of day during the House proceedings, e.g., □ 1407 is 2:07 p.m.

Matter set in this typeface indicates words inserted or appended, rather than spoken, by a Member of the House on the floor.

PRAISE FOR LOCAL HEROES IN
ATLANTA

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

Mr. LEWIS of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to praise courageous fire fighters in the City of Atlanta.

On Monday afternoon, members of the Atlanta City Fire Department fought a raging fire through the historic Fulton Bag and Cotton Mill in southeast Atlanta. Mr. Ivers Sims was trapped on a crane 220 feet in the air. As I watched this human drama unfold from my office, my heart stopped.

Demonstrating extraordinary courage and skill, fire fighter Matt Moseley and helicopter pilot Capt. Boyd Clines lifted Mr. Sims from his dangerous perch like angels from the heavens. They saved his life. This brilliant rescue has made the City of Atlanta, the State of Georgia, and our Nation proud.

The fire fighters and Mr. Sims have my profound respect for their raw courage and extraordinary calm and determination under the most dangerous of circumstances.

Mr. Speaker, let me take this opportunity to praise fire fighters throughout the Nation who put their lives on the line every day to protect and serve our communities.

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

Mr. WELDON of Pennsylvania, for 5 minutes, on April 22.

Mr. ENGLISH, for 5 minutes, on April 20.

Mr. LUCAS of Kentucky, for 5 minutes, on April 21.

BILLS PRESENTED TO THE
PRESIDENT

Mr. THOMAS, from the Committee on House Administration, reported that that committee did on the following date present to the President, for his approval, bills of the House of the following titles:

On April 16, 1999:

H.R. 911. To designate the Federal building located at 310 New Bern Avenue in Raleigh, North Carolina, as the "Terry Sandford Federal Building."

H.R. 1376. To extend the tax benefits available with respect to services performed in a combat zone to services performed in the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (Serbia/Montenegro) and certain other areas, and for other purposes.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 2 o'clock and 7 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until tomorrow, Tuesday, April 20, 1999, 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:

1561. A letter from the Director, Administration and Management, Department of Defense, transmitting the calendar year 1997 report on "Extraordinary Contractual Actions to Facilitate the National Defense," pursuant to 50 U.S.C. 1434; to the Committee on Armed Services.

1562. A letter from the Deputy Under Secretary of Defense (Environmental Security), Department of Defense, transmitting a report on the actions of the Defense Environmental Response Task Force (DERTF) for Fiscal Year 1998 (FY98), pursuant to Public Law 101-510; to the Committee on Armed Services.

1563. A letter from the Principal Deputy for the Under Secretary (Acquisition and Technology) of Defense, Department of Defense, transmitting an interim report on their efforts to develop a "Plan for Improved Demilitarization of Excess and Surplus Defense Property"; to the Committee on Armed Services.

1564. A letter from the Secretary of Defense, transmitting a report on an integrated program for the development and demonstration of technologies for the demilitarization and disposal of conventional munitions, rockets, and explosives; to the Committee on Armed Services.

1565. A letter from the Under Secretary of Defense, transmitting a report on Department of Defense reimbursement of contractor environmental response action costs; to the Committee on Armed Services.

1566. A letter from the Executive Secretary, Harry S. Truman Scholarship Foundation, transmitting the Foundation's annual report for 1998, pursuant to 20 U.S.C. 2012(b); to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

1567. A letter from the Secretary of Energy, transmitting the Annual/Quarterly Report on the Strategic Petroleum Reserve, pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 6241(g)(8); to the Committee on Commerce.

1568. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's Twenty-third Annual Report to Congress entitled "Automotive Fuel Economy Program," pursuant to 49 U.S.C. 32916; to the Committee on Commerce.

1569. A letter from the Acting Assistant General Counsel for Regulatory Law, Department of Energy, transmitting the Department's final rule—Quality Assurance—received April 6, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

1570. A letter from the Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting a report entitled "Report to Congress on Wastes from the Combustion of Fossil Fuels"; to the Committee on Commerce.

1571. A letter from the Director, Regulations Policy and Management Staff, Food and Drug Administration, transmitting the

Administration's final rule—Medical Devices; Exemptions From Premarket Notification; Class II Devices [Docket No. 98P-0833] received April 7, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

1572. A letter from the Senior Deputy Assistant Administrator, Bureau for Legislative and Public Affairs, Agency for International Development, transmitting the Egypt Economic Report; to the Committee on International Relations.

1573. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Export Administration, Bureau of Export Administration, transmitting the Bureau's final rule—Encryption Items [Docket No. 9809-11233-8318-02] (RIN: 0694-AB80) received March 24, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on International Relations.

1574. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting a national interest determination and waiver of Section 620(q) of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961, as amended, relating to assistance to Honduras; to the Committee on International Relations.

1575. A letter from the Executive Director, Committee for Purchase From People Who are Blind or Severely Disabled, transmitting the Committee's final rule—Procurement List Additions—received April 7, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Government Reform.

1576. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting the Department's Federal Equal Opportunity Recruitment Program (FEORP) Accomplishments Report for Fiscal Year 1998, pursuant to Public Law 96-465 section 105(d); to the Committee on Government Reform.

1577. A letter from the Director, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting the agency's twelfth annual report on drug and alcohol abuse prevention, treatment, and rehabilitation programs and services for Federal civilian employees covering fiscal year 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 7363; to the Committee on Government Reform.

1578. A letter from the Director, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting the Office's final rule—Temporary and Term Employment (RIN: 3206-A145) received April 7, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Government Reform.

1579. A letter from the Secretary of Agriculture, transmitting the Annual Performance Plan; to the Committee on Government Reform.

1580. A letter from the Deputy Assistant Administrator, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting a funding announcement concerning the request for proposals for the Coastal Ocean Program's U.S. GLOBEC project; to the Committee on Resources.

1581. A letter from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule—Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Amendment 7 to the Atlantic Sea Scallop Fishery Management Plan [Docket No. 981202293-9075-02; I.D. 110998F] (RIN: 0648-AJ33) received April 6, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

1582. A letter from the Director, Government Relations, Girl Scouts of the United States of America, transmitting the Girl Scouts of the United States of America 1998 Annual Report, pursuant to 36 U.S.C. 37; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

1583. A letter from the President and Chief Executive Officer, Little League Baseball,