

bombing efforts, support the President's policies, and was a very key part of our delegation. In fact, he is the one who talked to Podesta at the White House from Vienna;

The gentleman from Ohio (Mr. DENNIS KUCINICH), former Mayor of Cleveland, who is an active Member who has a background from the Balkans ethnically, understands the problems. Probably no one is as well versed in this Congress on issues involving the Balkans than the Democrat from Ohio (Mr. KUCINICH);

And the fifth Democrat, the gentleman from Vermont (Mr. BERNIE SANDERS), who is the only Independent, the only socialist in Congress, a self-admitted liberal. He was an outstanding contributor to our effort.

In fact, it was interesting, I was in a press conference with the gentleman from Maryland (Mr. ROSCOE BARTLETT) today and he is as far to the right as the gentleman from Vermont (Mr. SANDERS) is to the left. And the gentleman from Maryland (Mr. BARTLETT) said, you know something, the gentleman from Vermont (Mr. SANDERS) and I sat together during all the discussions and there was not one issue that he and I disagreed on. We were in sync on every issue in every statement. My colleague and I were in complete agreement. That is the kind of relationship we have.

Perhaps my colleague would like to go over some of the other Republican Members that were with us on the delegation. I have covered the Democrats.

Mr. GIBBONS. Mr. Speaker, first of all, if I can just repeat that my colleague down here from Pennsylvania (Mr. WELDON) was the head of this delegation. It was a bipartisan delegation, as he has already stated.

On our side we had the gentleman from New Jersey (Mr. JIM SAXTON) who is a wonderful contributor to the process, brought a great deal of insight to the committee, both his position on his committee assignment, as well as having traveled to Yugoslavia earlier in the week in an effort on his own as an individual to learn more about the process and meet and be able to inform us of his findings, as well.

We had also the gentleman from Maryland (Mr. ROSCOE BARTLETT) as my colleague has said, one of the gentleman who has a defined point of view, as we say, but yet contributed very well to the whole process as we go.

We had the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. JOE PITTS) a wonderful colleague who came into the same Congress as I did in the same class in the 105th Congress, a remarkable individual, very renowned for his work in education and a great member of our bipartisan delegation, as my colleague has already stated.

Mr. WELDON of Pennsylvania. His colleague from Pennsylvania (Mr. DON SHERWOOD) was there also, a good friend of my colleague's.

Mr. GIBBONS. And the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. DON SHERWOOD) a freshman who entered this Congress this year but with a great deal of enthusiasm, a great deal of respect for the process, serves on the Committee on Armed Services and made an ideal partner in all of this as we went forward during this time.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. PEASE). Members are reminded again that they are to address their remarks to the Chair, not to the television audience.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Mr. MCNULTY (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT) for today on account of personal business.

Mr. BEREUTER (at the request of Mr. ARMEY) for today after 3:30 p.m. on account of official business.

Mr. KUYKENDALL (at the request of Mr. ARMEY) for today on account of attending his son's college graduation.

Mr. BLILEY (at the request of Mr. ARMEY) for today after 3:00 p.m. on account of official travel on behalf of the standing committee of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization Parliamentary Assemblies special meeting on the Kosovo situation.

Mr. TIAHRT (at the request of Mr. ARMEY) for today on account of inspecting tornado damage in Kansas.

Mr. PACKARD (at the request of Mr. ARMEY) for today after 3:30 p.m. on account of official business.

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. PALLONE, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. CUMMINGS, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. CARSON, for 5 minutes, today.

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

Mr. WOLF, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. NETHERCUTT, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. HILL of Montana, for 5 minutes, on May 12.

Mr. KASICH, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. LUCAS of Oklahoma, for 5 minutes, today.

(The following Member (at his own request) to revise and extend his remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. GIBBONS, for 5 minutes, today.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. WELDON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 9 o'clock and 35 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until Monday, May 10, 1999, at 2 p.m.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

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

1901. A letter from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Oranges, Grapefruit, Tangerines, and Tangelos Grown in Florida and Imported Grapefruit; Relaxation of the Minimum Size Requirement for Red Seedless Grapefruit [Docket No. FV99-905-1 FIR] received April 6, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

1902. A letter from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Olives Grown in California; Increased Assessment Rate [Docket No. FV99-932-1 FR] received April 6, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

1903. A letter from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Milk in the New England and Other Marketing Areas; Decision on Proposed Amendments to Marketing Agreements and to Orders [DA-97-12] received April 6, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

1904. A letter from the Administrator, Rural Development, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Distance Learning and Telemedicine Loan and Grant Program (RIN: 0572-AB31) received April 6, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

1905. A letter from the Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller), Department of Defense, transmitting a report of a violation of the Anti-Deficiency Act, pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 1517(b); to the Committee on Appropriations.

1906. A letter from the Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller), Department of Defense, transmitting a report of a violation of the Anti-Deficiency Act, pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 1517(b); to the Committee on Appropriations.

1907. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Health Affairs, Department of Defense, transmitting the 1999 interim report on our evaluation of TRICARE, the Department of Defense (DoD) managed health care program, pursuant to 10 U.S.C. 1073 nt.; to the Committee on Armed Services.

1908. A letter from the Legislative and Regulatory Activities Division, Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, transmitting the Office's final rule—Risk-Based Capital Standards: Market Risk [Docket No. 99-04] (RIN: 1557-AB14) received April 16, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services.