

importance of getting counted. And again, remember, if an individual does not get counted, we lose resources because of that. And for all practical purposes, that individual does not exist. And I think it is important that all individuals recognize that they have an obligation not only for themselves and for their families, but for their entire community, to make sure that everyone gets counted.

That is why organizations come into play, the ministers, the churches, and everyone has a role to play in educating ourselves about the importance of getting counted.

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I want to also share with my colleagues that the same methods that have been utilized in the past are going to be utilized but, in addition to that, to get that better accurate count is sampling statistical methods and to look at going to the courts to try to throw that out just means that the 2000 census will even be worse than the 1990 census that lost a large number of individuals that were not counted. And my colleagues heard some of those figures.

Now, we also recognize that the Hispanic population is one of the ones that was the most undercounted, with about 5 percent, the African-American population with 4.4, the Asian population with 4.5. And again, low-income individuals, whether they are minority or not, are the ones that are least likely to get counted. And those that are above in the economic bracket usually get over counted because of the fact they have several households.

So it becomes important that we look at that as seriously as possible and we ask that the Congress seriously look at this and move forward and assure that the funding comes directly to the Census Bureau and that the politicians stay away from dictating as to what should be happening and the Census Bureau and the individuals that have been doing that and have the education and have the expertise in that area should be the ones dictating what should happen.

Mr. GONZALEZ. Mr. Speaker, I could not agree with the gentleman from Texas (Mr. RODRIGUEZ) more on that observation.

In summary, I just want to reemphasize some things. I do not believe there is any legal impediment to the utilization of the modern scientific method for the purposes of redistricting and, of course, the distribution of Federal funds. That goes unquestioned. If people want to take it to the courts, that is a right, as we enjoy so many in our democracy.

But again, if it is done for the wrong purposes, if it is just done to delay, to frustrate and thwart an accurate census so we have inaccurate numbers for 10 years, that is wrong. I do not believe it is American and I think it is abuse of

the system. And if we ever had frivolous litigation, that is frivolous litigation.

I am going to wrap this up by going over other uses of these numbers because they truly are numbers that translate and affect the lives of human beings, though. Community agencies use the census data to target areas that need special programs, such as Meals on Wheels. The data is also used to allocate funds for programs that promote educational equality for women and girls under the Women's Educational Equity Act. And it creates prevention of violence against women's programs dealing with, of course, prevention and post-trauma assistance.

The Department of Health and Human Services uses data in its assistance program. Census data is used by State governments to support juvenile justice and create delinquency prevention programs. The Department of Education uses the information for preparing a report to Congress on the social and economic status of children served by different local school districts.

If they have faulty underlying data, they are not getting accurate information on which Congress can act. And local governments use the data to implement programs such as Head Start.

As we can see, virtually no one in this country goes untouched by the effects of an accurate or an inaccurate census, for that matter. We have all been elected to represent our constituencies and to represent their best interests. An accurate census is in our constituents' best interest.

It reminds me, of course, as everyone thinks of an accurate census, "how will that affect me?" It reminds me of Hemingway's "For Whom the Bell Tolls." And I will tell my colleagues now, if we do not realize an accurate census, that bell tolls for them, for me, our children, our constituents, and their children.

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

- Mr. LIPINSKI, for 5 minutes, today.
- Mr. PALLONE, for 5 minutes, today.
- Mrs. CAPPs, for 5 minutes, today.
- Mr. DAVIS of Illinois, for 5 minutes, today.
- Mr. FILNER, for 5 minutes, today.
- Mr. FALCOMA, for 5 minutes, today.
- Mr. RUSH, for 5 minutes, today.
- Ms. NORTON, for 5 minutes, today.
- Mr. MCGOVERN, for 5 minutes, today.
- Ms. MILLENDER-MCDONALD, for 5 minutes, today.

- Mr. HOLT, for 5 minutes, today.
- Mr. STUPAK, for 5 minutes, today.
- Mrs. CLAYTON, for 5 minutes, today.
- Mr. BARRETT of Wisconsin, for 5 minutes, today.
- Mr. TOWNS, for 5 minutes, today.
- Mrs. MEEK of Florida, for 5 minutes, today.

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

- Mr. HERGER, for 5 minutes, on May 13.
- Mr. BURTON of Indiana, for 5 minutes, on May 19.
- Mr. HANSEN, for 5 minutes, today.
- Mr. WELDON of Pennsylvania, for 5 minutes, today.

- Mr. HILL of Montana, for 5 minutes, on May 18.
  - Mrs. MORELLA, for 5 minutes, today.
- (The following Member (at his own request) to revise and extend his remarks and include extraneous material:)

- Mr. CASTLE, for 5 minutes, today.
- (The following Member (at his own request) to revise and extend his remarks and include extraneous material:)

- Mr. INSLEE, for 5 minutes, today.

#### ADJOURNMENT

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

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 9 o'clock and 3 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until tomorrow, Thursday, May 13, 1999, at 9 a.m.

#### EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

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

2049. A letter from the Administrator, Commodity Credit Corporation, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Dairy Market Loss Assistance Program (RIN: 0560-AF67) received May 5, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

2050. A letter from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department Of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Dried Prunes Produced in California: Undersized Regulation for the 1999-2000 Crop Year [Docket No. FV99-993-2 FR] received May 5, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

2051. A letter from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department Of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Melons Grown in South Texas; Change in Container Regulation [Docket No. FV99-979-1 IFR] received May 5, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

2052. A letter from the Director, Administrative Office Of The United States Courts, transmitting a proposed emergency supplemental request for fiscal year 1999 to provide for a necessary level of security for judges,

support personnel of the federal Judiciary, and the public; to the Committee on Appropriations.

2053. A letter from the Under Secretary, Acquisition and Technology, Department of Defense, transmitting Certification with respect to the Patriot PAC-3 Major Acquisition Program, pursuant to 10 U.S.C. 2433(e)(2)(B)(i); to the Committee on Armed Services.

2054. A letter from the Executive Director, Presidential Advisory Commission on Holocaust Assets In The United States, transmitting a draft of proposed legislation to extend the Presidential Advisory Commission on Holocaust Assets in the United States by one year and to authorize additional appropriations for the Commission; to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services.

2055. A letter from the Chairman, National Endowment for the Arts and Member Federal Council on the Arts and the Humanities, National Foundation on the Arts and the transmitting the Federal Council on the Arts and the Humanities' twenty-third annual report on the Arts and Artifacts Indemnity Program for Fiscal Year 1998, pursuant to 20 U.S.C. 959(c); to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

2056. A letter from the Acting Assistant Secretary for Environmental Management, Department of Energy, transmitting the Department's report on remediation of the radioactive Waste Management Complex located at the Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory; to the Committee on Commerce.

2057. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—National Priorities List for Uncontrolled Hazardous Waste Sites [FRL-6338-5] received May 5, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

2058. 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 (RIN: 2060-AH10) [FRL-6338-6] received May 5, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

2059. A letter from the Director, Office of Congressional Affairs, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation, transmitting the Office's final rule—Initial Licensed Operator Examination Requirements [RIN 3150-AF62] received April 27, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

2060. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting a copy of D.C. Law 5-11 "To adopt the form and content for a personal financial disclosure statement for members of the District of Columbia Retirement Board" received May 4, 1999, pursuant to D.C. Code section 1-233(c)(1); to the Committee on Government Reform.

2061. A letter from the District of Columbia Retirement Board, transmitting the personal financial disclosure statements of Board members, pursuant to D.C. Code section 1-732 and 1-734(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Government Reform.

2062. A letter from the District of Columbia Retirement Board, transmitting the personal financial disclosure statements of Board members, pursuant to D.C. Code section 1-732 and 1-734(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Government Reform.

2063. A letter from the Director, Office Of Management And Budget, transmitting the Office's final rule—discussing specific paper-work reduction accomplishments that these agencies have targeted for FY 1999 and FY 2000; to the Committee on Government Reform.

2064. A letter from the President and Chief Executive Officer, Overseas Private Investment Corporation, transmitting the FY 2000 Annual Performance Plan for the Overseas Private Investment Corporation, pursuant to Public Law 103-62; to the Committee on Government Reform.

2065. A letter from the Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule—Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Sablefish Managed under the Individual Fishing Quota Program [I.D. 030999C] received April 27, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

2066. A letter from the Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule—Atlantic Tuna Fisheries; Atlantic Bluefin Tuna [I.D. 021299E] received March 16, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

2067. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Revisions to the Clean Water Act Regulatory Definition of "Discharge of Dredged Material" [FRL-6338-9] received May 5, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

2068. A letter from the Acting General Counsel, Department of Defense, transmitting a draft of proposed legislation that addresses certain tax consequences for members of the Armed Forces; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

2069. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Weighted Average Interest Rate Update [Notice 99-21] received April 27, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

2070. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Method of valuing farm real property—received April 27, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

2071. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—last-in, first-out inventory methods [Revenue Ruling 99-22] received April 27, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

2072. A letter from the Secretary of Labor and Executive Director of the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, transmitting Administration of the Toxic Substances Control Act—the Corporation's financial statements a of September 30, 1998, pursuant to 15 U.S.C. 2629; jointly to the Committees on Commerce and Ways and Means.

2073. A letter from the Acting Secretary, Department Of State, transmitting the annual report for 1998 on voting practices at the United Nations, pursuant to Public Law 101-167; jointly to the Committees on International Relations and Appropriations.

2074. A letter from the Secretary of Defense, transmitting the unclassified version

of the report "Theater Missile Defense Architecture Options in the Asia-Pacific Region"; jointly to the Committees on International Relations and Armed Services.

2075. A letter from the Director, National Marine Fisheries Service, National Oceanic And Atmospheric Administration, transmitting a report on bluefin tuna for 1997-1998, pursuant to 16 U.S.C. 971; jointly to the Committees on Resources and International Relations.

2076. A letter from the Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Congressional Affairs, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting a draft of proposed legislation to provide a temporary authority for the use of voluntary separation incentives by the Department of Veterans Affairs to reduce employment levels, restructure staff, and for other purposes; jointly to the Committees on Veterans' Affairs and Government Reform.

2077. A letter from the Acting General Counsel, Department of Defense, transmitting a draft of proposed legislation that addresses various management concerns of the Department of Defense; jointly to the Committees on Armed Services, the Judiciary, and Government Reform.

2078. A letter from the Acting General Counsel, Department of Defense, transmitting a draft of proposed legislation that addresses various management concerns of the Department of Defense; jointly to the Committees on Armed Services, International Relations, Government Reform, Intelligence (Permanent Select), Education and the Workforce, and Transportation and Infrastructure.

#### 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. SMITH of Texas: Committee on the Judiciary. H.R. 441. A bill to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act with respect to the requirements for the admission of non-immigrant nurses who will practice in health professional shortage areas (Rept. 106-135). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

Mr. GOSS: Committee on Rules. House Resolution 167. Resolution providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 1555) to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2000 for intelligence and intelligence-related activities of the United States Government, the Community Management Account, and the Central Intelligence Agency Retirement and Disability System, and for other purposes (Rept. 106-136). Referred to the House Calendar.

#### DISCHARGE OF COMMITTEE

*[Omitted from the Record of May 11, 1999]*

Pursuant to clause 5 of rule X the Committee on Commerce discharged. H.R. 775 referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

The Committee on Armed Services discharged. H.R. 1555 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: