grow even more cynical with the revelations that have appeared, some that have come out in dribs and drabs with the delay of the release of this report, despite the fact that there are national security concerns, we do have our own counterintelligence efforts, it appears that in this city, politics is pre-eminent.

Again let me state this. I take no joy in this. It is mind-boggling, it is disturbing, but every American should ask themselves this question: Have our leaders in the administration been good custodians of the Constitution? Have they provided for the common defense; or, in boastful claims of reinventing government, claiming drawdown, a reduction in government employees, eviscerated our military to the tune of a quarter million personnel, put American lives at risk who brought us to this? A question not of personal conduct in terms of relationships but of actions taken that jeopardize and threaten the security of every American. That is the juncture at which we find ourselves now.

No one takes joy in this but the strength of the American people is in understanding once a problem has been confronted through our constitutional processes, through the fact that we must all stand at the bar of public opinion and let the public render a judgment, that we can rectify the problem.

Jefferson spoke of it, that the vitality of this country would eventually overcome those who would follow mistaken policies, for whatever reason, and that is the challenge that we confront, not as Democrats or Republicans but as Americans, because nothing less than our national security and our national vitality in the next century is at stake. This is the stark reality that we confront.

That is why all of us who serve in this Chamber, Mr. Speaker, as constitutional officers to provide for the common defense, to provide for our national security, must have answers to these hard questions. And that is why, Mr. Speaker, the Attorney General of the United States should tender her resignation immediately, the National Security Adviser should tender his resignation immediately, and those who are elected officials will have the verdict of history decide but that history and history’s judgment will not be a century away, it will be forthcoming and in short order.

Mr. KINGSTON. Let me just say this. I think the gentleman from Arizona is absolutely right, as certainly Jefferson was, about the vitality of the American people and may they use that strength quickly and decisively on this particular scandal. But we have got to protect our Nation and our national security interest.

That is one reason why this Congress is going to move ahead to make recommendaions to get rid of the spies at Los Alamos and anywhere else. But one thing I want to emphasize is that this is a bipartisan effort. That report, the Cox report, passed unanimously from a bipartisan committee. This is not about getting onto the White House. This is about national security. I think that it is very important that we all keep in mind that the Democrats and Republicans on this one are scared to death.

**LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT) for today on account of official business.

Mr. REYES (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT) for today on account of official business.

Ms. MILLENDER-McDONALD (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT) for today on account of official business.

Mr. MCCOLLUM (at the request of Mr. ARMYE) for today after 8:00 p.m. and May 26 until 3:00 p.m. on account of family 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. UDALL of New Mexico) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:

Ms. NORTON, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. PALLONE, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. FILNER, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. CUMMINGS, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. UNDERWOOD, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. CARSON, for 5 minutes, today.

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

Mr. DIAZ-BALART, for 5 minutes each day, today and on May 26.

Mr. FLETCHER, for 5 minutes, on May 27.

Mr. JONES of North Carolina, for 5 minutes, today.

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 11 o’clock and 59 minutes p.m.), the House adjourned until tomorrow, Wednesday, May 26, 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:


215. A letter from the Director, the Office of Management and Budget, transmitting cumulative report on rescissions and deferrals, pursuant to 2 U.S.C. 685(e); (H. Doc. No. 106–71); to the Committee on Appropriations and ordered to be printed.

216. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting a request of transfers from the Information Technology Systems and Related Expenses account; (H. Doc. No. 106–70); to the Committee on Appropriations and ordered to be printed.

217. A letter from the Assistant General Counsel for Regulations, Office of the Secretary, Department of Urban Development, transmitting the Department’s final rule—Section 8 Tenant-Based Assistance; Statutory Merger of Section 8 Contribute and Voucher Programs [Docket No. FR–4428–1–01] (RIN: 2577–AB91) received May 18, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services.

218. A letter from the Assistant General Counsel for Regulations, Office of the Secretary, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting the Department’s final rule—Revised Restrictions on Assistance to Noncitizens [Docket No. FR–4154–F–03] (RIN: 2501–AC36) received May 18, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services.

219. A letter from the President and Chairman, Export–Import Bank, transmitting a statement with respect to a transaction involving U.S. exports to Saudi Arabia; to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services.

220. A letter from the Chairman, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, transmitting the Corporation’s semiannual report on the adequacy and efficiency of regulation of the private sector, pursuant to 12 U.S.C. 1827; to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services.

221. A letter from the Regulations Policy and Management Staff, FDA, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Service’s final rule—Secondary Direct Food Additives Permitted in Food for Human Consumption [Docket No. 98F–0342] received May 20, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.


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Standards, Final Rule; and K088 Treatment Standards
for Non-Household Food Contact Surfaces
(RIN: 2050–AE56) received April 29, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on
Commerce.

2324. A letter from the Legal Advisor, Cable Services Bureau, Federal Communications
Commission, transmitting the Commission’s final rule—Amendment of Section
73.220(b)(2) Table of Alotments, FM Broadcast Stations (East Brevton, Alabama and
Navarre, Florida) [MM Docket No. 97–233 RM–9162] received May 14, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on
Commerce.

2325. A letter from the Special Assistant Chief, Mass Media Bureau, Federal Communications
Commission, transmitting the Commission’s final rule—Amendment of Section
73.220(b) Table of Alotments, FM Broadcast Stations (East Brevton, Alabama and
Navarre, Florida) [MM Docket No. 97–233 RM–9162] received May 14, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on
Commerce.

2326. A letter from the Director, Office of Compliance, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting the Commission’s final rule—Consolidated Guidance about Materials Licenses: Program-Specific Guidance about the Industrial Irradiator Program dated January 1999—received May 17, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on
Commerce.

2327. A letter from the Deputy Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting the Commission’s final rule—Rulemaking for EDGAR System [Release Nos. 33–7684; 17 CFR 239.40, 239.41, 239.43; File No. 97–37–99] (RIN: 3235–AH70) received May 17, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on
Commerce.

2328. A letter from the Acting Director, Defense Security Cooperation Agency, transmitting notification concerning the Department of the Navy’s Proposed Letter(s) of Offer and Acceptance for the United Kingdom’s defense articles and services [Transmittal No. 99–15], pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2776(b); to the Committee on International Relations.

2330. A letter from the Chairman, International Fund for Ireland, transmitting the Fund’s 1998 Annual Report; to the Committee on International Relations.

2331. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting a copy of D.C. ACT 13–64, “Solid Waste Facility Permit Amendment Act of 1999” received May 19, 1999, pursuant to D.C. Code section 1–233(c)(1); to the Committee on
Government Reform.

Government Reform.

2333. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting a copy of D.C. ACT 13–66, “Chief Technology Officer Council of the District of Columbia Authority Temporary Amendment Act of 1999” received May 19, 1999, pursuant to D.C. Code section 1–233(c)(1); to the Committee on
Government Reform.

2334. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting the District’s final rule—Enlarged and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Thelypodium howelli sp. spectabilis (Howell’s spectacular thelypod) (RIN: 1018–AE52) received May 21, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

2337. A letter from the Director, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting the Department’s final rule—Endangered and Threatened Plants; Thelypodium howelli sp. spectabilis (Howell’s spectacular thelypod) (RIN: 1018– AE52) received May 21, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

2338. A letter from the Acting 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; Species in the Rock sole/Flathead sole/ “Other flatfish” Fishery Category by Vessels Using Trawl Gear in Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area [Docket No. 99034863–9063–01; I.D. 042799B] received May 19, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

2339. A letter from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration’s final rule—Fisheries of the Economic Exclusive Zone Off Alaska; Other “Flatfish” Fishery Category by Vessels Using Trawl Gear in the Gulf of Alaska [Docket No. 99034862–9062–01; I.D. 651299E] received May 20, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.


2341. A letter from the Acting Chief, Office of Regulations and Administrative Law, USCG, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department’s final rule—Drawbridge Operating Regulation; Lake Pontchartrain, LA [CGDOE–99–09] (RIN: 2115–AE97) received May 20, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

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. Report on Suballocation of Budget Allocations for Fiscal Year 2000 (Rept. 106–165). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union. Mr. SESSIONS: Committee on Rules. House Resolution 189. Resolution providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 1905) making appropriations for the Legislative Branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Mr. HERGER (for himself, Mr. CLEMENT, Mr. CRANE, Mr. RAMSTAD, Ms. DUNN, Mr. WATKINS, Mr. HAYWORTH, Mr. WELLER, Mr. FOLEY, and Mr. TANNER):

H.R. 1918. A bill to provide for implementation of prohibitions against payment of Social Security benefits to prisoners, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Mr. HERGER (for himself, Mr. CLEMENT, Mr. CRANE, Mr. RAMSTAD, Ms. DUNN, Mr. WATKINS, Mr. HAYWORTH, Mr. WELLER, and Mr. FOLEY):

H.R. 1919. A bill to require the Commissioner of Social Security to provide prisoner information obtained from the States to Federal and federally assisted benefit programs as a means of preventing the erroneous provision of benefits to prisoners; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Mr. BARRETT of Wisconsin (for himself and Mr. OBEY):

H.R. 1920. A bill to establish a program to provide grants to expand the availability of public health dentistry programs in medically underserved areas, health professional shortage areas, and other Federal- or State-defined medically underserved areas that lack primary dental services; to the Committee on Commerce.

Mr. BILL BRY (for himself, Mr. McKOWN, Mr. RAMPFEL, Mr. COX, and Mr. EHLICH):

H.R. 1921. A bill to provide that the provision of the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 on the minimum wage be superseded by the wage of tipped employees shall preempt any State or local provision precluding a tip credit or requiring a tip credit less than the tip credit provided under such Act and to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide that tips received for certain services shall not be subject to income or employment tax, or tip-out tax, on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committee on Education and the Workforce, 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.

Mr. DOOLITTLE (for himself, Mr. DELAY, Mrs. CUBIN, Mr. SHADROD, Mr. MCMINTOSH, Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas, Mr. Dickey, Mr. Paul, Mrs. CHOWNEFF, Mr. LANZERT, Mr. TANCEDRO, Mr. TAYLOR of North Carolina, Mr. Petersen of Pennsylvania, Mr. KNOBBENBERG, Mr. THABET, Mr. SKEEN, Mr. BARE of Georgia, Mr. HANSEN, Mr. Chafee, Mr. ARMET, Mr. CALVERT, Mr. CANNON, Mr. NEHERCUTT, Mr. LEWIS of California, Mr. McCINNIS, Mr. Young of Alaska, Mr. LINDER, Mr. SPENCE, Mr. DREIER, Ms. FYCE of Ohio, Mr. Pomio, Mr. RADANOVICH, Mr. LEWIS of Kentucky, Mr. TRAFICANT, Mrs. FOWLER, Mr. WIGGINS, Mr. AMI of Illinois, Mr. HOLLON, Mr. COLLINS, Mr. CUNNINGHAM, Mr. BAKER, Mr. SESONS, Mr. BURTON of Indiana, Mr. COOK, Mr. DUNN, Mr. HUNTS, Mr. ING of Wyoming, Mr. PACKARD, Mr. ROHRABACHER, Mr. TACZYK, Mr. WHITFIELD, Mr. GARY MILLER of California, Mr. McCaughy, Mr. McLaughlin, Mr. JONES of North Carolina, Mr. HALL of Texas, Mr. COBLE, Mr. BLILYK, Mr. SALMON, Mr. BALLBENGER, Mr. MICA, Mr. WELDON of Florida, Mr. SIMPSON, Mr. ROGAN, Mr. SIMPSON, Mr. HAYES, Mr. HOEKSTRA, Mr. CALLAHAN, Mr. EVERETT, and Mr. HERGER):

H.R. 1922. A bill to amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to reform the financing of campaigns for election for Federal office; to the Committee on House Administration, 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.

Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts (for himself, Mr. FROST, Ms. SANCHEZ, and Mr. HUBBLIN):

H.R. 1923. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to restore the exclusion from gross income for damage awards for emotional distress; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Mr. GEARKIN:

H.R. 1925. A bill to prevent Federal agencies from pursuing policies of unjustifiable nonacquiescence in, and revalidation of, precedents established in the Federal judicial courts; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. GREEN of Wisconsin:

H.R. 1926. A bill to amend the Banking Act of 1863, United States Code, to prohibit sex offenders from entering National Parks; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. HEPBURN (for himself, Mr. ROHRABACHER, Mrs. McCARTHY of New York, Mr. SHOWS, Mr. HOLDEN, Mr. DIAZ-BALART, Mr. MCHUGH, Mr. OETTE, Mr. SCHAPIRO of South Carolina, Mr. ENGLISH, Mr. GREEN of Texas, Mr. WHITFIELD, Mr. GRANGER, Mr. BURTON of Indiana, Mrs. KELLY, Mr. GUTTENBERG, Mr. DAVIS of Virginia, Mr. FLETCHER, Mr. FORRIS, Mr. CUNNINGHAM, Mr. SHAYS, Mr. FILNER, Mr. MCCLURE, Mr. HILLEY, Mr. LUCAS of Kentucky, Mr. McGovern, Mr. King, Mr. LEWIS of Kentucky, Mr. HUNTER, and Mr. HOSTETTLER):

H.R. 1929. A bill to provide for the granting of retirement status in the United States to nationals of certain foreign countries in which United States of American Vietnam War POW/MIA's or American Korean War POW/MIA's may be present, if those nationals are alive on May 25, 1999; to the Committee on the Budget, and in addition to the Committee on International Relations, 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.

Mr. HOLT (for himself, Mr. LUCAS of Kentucky, and Mr. MOORE):

H.R. 1934. A bill to amend the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 to preserve all budget surpluses until legislation is enacted significantly extending the solvency of the Social Security and Medicare trust funds; to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committee on Rules, 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.

Mr. HOUGHTON (for himself, Mr. RODGERS of Connecticut, and Mr. ENGLISH):


Mr. INSLEE (for himself, Mr. CAPUANO, Mr. FILNER, Mr. HINCHIEY,