

capital city, those cacophony of critics that we are certain to hear.

A couple of notes should be acknowledged as we conclude this time on the House floor. I thank both of my colleagues.

Number one, it is not enough to say everybody does this, for, if that were the case, we would blame Lyndon Johnson for the John Walker Navy espionage spy ring that began operation in the late 1960s.

No, the analogy may be somewhat quaint, but I think it is appropriate. It is one thing to lock your windows and doors and set an alarm and go on vacation and have folks cut that alarm off, somehow circumvent that system, come into what you thought was your secured home and steal your secrets.

It is quite another thing for your neighbor next door to meet the truck of the would-be burglars, to let them in the House, to help them find your most valuable possessions, and then to disavow any knowledge of that action. And that is just how simple and just how sad the current dilemma we face in fact presents itself.

A couple of final notes. It is sad that this administration has worked at cross-purposes. It has, on the one hand, deployed American forces to more locations than any other administration in the post World War II era, and, at the same time, it has denied the efforts of this common-sense conservative Congress to provide for our national defense, to provide the weapons systems, to provide the manpower and material. So you have a situation where there is work at cross purposes.

Worse still, the actions of this Congress to provide a missile defense system at long last after the news of the Chinese theft, those on the left joined us in bipartisan fashion, and yet this President in subsequent correspondence has, pointed out by our majority leader, sought to reassure the Chinese that we would not mount a missile defense system.

Madam Speaker, the American people deserve better. It should be the mission of this Congress to make sure we provide for the common defense.

#### ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mrs. BIGGERT). The Chair will remind Members to direct their remarks to the Chair and not to the television audience.

#### LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Mr. FORD (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT) for after 5 p.m. On Tuesday, June 8, on account of personal 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. McNULTY) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. FILNER, for 5 minutes, today.  
Mr. LIPINSKI, for 5 minutes, today.  
Ms. NORTON, for 5 minutes, today.  
Mr. RUSH, for 5 minutes, today.  
Mr. BROWN of Ohio, for 5 minutes, today.  
Mrs. CLAYTON, for 5 minutes, today.  
Mr. PALLONE, for 60 minutes, today.  
Mr. OWENS, for 60 minutes, today.

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

Mr. FLETCHER, for 5 minutes, on June 10.  
Mr. BURTON of Indiana, for 5 minutes, on June 15.

#### ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

Mr. THOMAS, from the Committee on House Administration, reported that that committee had examined and found truly enrolled a bill of the House of the following title, which was thereupon signed by the Speaker:

H.R. 1379. An act to amend the Omnibus Consolidated and Emergency Supplemental Appropriations Act, 1999, to make a technical correction relating to international narcotics control assistance.

#### ADJOURNMENT

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

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 12 midnight), the House adjourned until Wednesday, June 9, 1999, at 10 a.m.

#### OATH OF OFFICE MEMBERS, RESIDENT COMMISSIONER, AND DELEGATES

The oath of office required by the sixth article of the Constitution of the United States, and as provided by section 2 of the act of May 13, 1884 (23 Stat. 22), to be administered to Members, Resident Commissioner, and Delegates of the House of Representatives, the text of which is carried in 5 U.S.C. 3331:

I, AB, do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; that I take this obligation freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion; and that I will well and faithfully discharge the duties of the office on which I am about to enter. So help me God.

has been subscribed to in person and filed in duplicate with the Clerk of the House of Representatives by the following Member of the 106th Congress, pursuant to the provisions of 2 U.S.C. 25:

Honorable DAVID VITTER, First Louisiana.

#### EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

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

2529. A letter from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Raisins Produced From Grapes Grown in California; Increase in Assessment Rate [Docket No. FV99-989-2 FIR] received May 17, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

2530. A letter from the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Farm Credit Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule—Funding and Fiscal Affairs, Loan Policies and Funding Operations; Investment Management (RIN: 3052-AB76) received May 25, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

2531. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting his requests for FY 2000 budget amendments for the Departments of Commerce, Defense, Justice, State, and Transportation, pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 1107; (H. Doc. No. 106—81); to the Committee on Appropriations and ordered to be printed.

2532. A letter from the Assistant General Counsel for Regulations, Office of Postsecondary Education, Department of Education, transmitting the Department's final rule—William D. Ford Federal Direct Loan Program (RIN: 1840-AC57) received May 25, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

2533. A letter from the Director, Regulations Policy and Management Staff, Food and Drug Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule—Indirect Food Additives: Polymers [Docket No. 92F-0368] received May 14, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

2534. A letter from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting a draft of proposed legislation to provide a program of grants to children's hospitals to support graduate medical education; to the Committee on Commerce.

2535. A letter from the Assistant Administrator, Bureau for Legislative and Public Affairs, Agency for International Development, transmitting a draft of proposed legislation to amend the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 to establish a working capital fund for the United States Agency for International Development; to the Committee on International Relations.

2536. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Defense, transmitting a draft of proposed legislation to address various management concerns of the Department regarding its security cooperation programs; to the Committee on International Relations.

2537. A letter from the Senior Attorney, Federal Register Certifying Officer, Department of the Treasury, transmitting the Department's final rule—Rules and Procedures for Funds Transfers (RIN: 1510-AA38) received April 30, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C.

801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Government Reform.

2538. A letter from the Senior Attorney, Federal Register Certifying Officer, Department of the Treasury, transmitting the Department's final rule—Federal Government Participation in the Automated Clearing House (RIN: 1510-AA39) received April 14, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Government Reform.

2539. A letter from the Director, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting a draft of proposed legislation to amend title 5, United States Code, to provide for appropriate targeting of early retirement offers by Federal agencies; to the Committee on Government Reform.

2540. A letter from the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife Parks, Department of the Interior, transmitting a draft of proposed legislation to amend the National Trails System Act to create a third category of long-distance trails to be known as National Discovery Trails and to authorize the American Discovery Trail as the first trail in that category; to the Committee on Resources.

2541. A letter from the Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Congressional Affairs, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting a draft of proposed legislation to amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize a cost-of-living adjustment in the rates of disability compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and dependency and indemnity compensation for survivors of such veterans, to authorize payment of these benefits at full rates for certain Filipinos who reside in the United States, to make improvements in veterans home loan guaranty programs, to make permanent certain temporary authorities; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

2542. A letter from the Director, Bureau of the Census, Department of Commerce, transmitting the Department's final rule—New Canadian Province Import Code for Territory of Nunavut [Docket No. 990416099-9099-01] (RIN: 0607-AA32) received May 6, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

2543. A letter from the Assistant Secretary, Administration for Children and Families, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Service's final rule—Child Support Enforcement Program; Grants to States for Access and Visitation Programs; Monitoring, Evaluation, and Reporting (RIN: 0970-AB72) received April 6, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

2544. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Election to Claim Education Tax Credit [Notice 99-32] received May 25, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

2545. A letter from the 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, Small Business, and Government Reform.

*[Omitted from the Record of June 7, 1999]*

Mr. SHUSTER: Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure. House Concurrent Resolution 91. Resolution authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for a clinic to be conducted by the United States Luge Association (Rept. 106-171). Referred to the House Calendar.

Mr. SHUSTER: Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure. House Concurrent Resolution 105. Resolution authorizing the Law Enforcement Torch Run for the 1999 Special Olympics World Games to be run through the Capitol Grounds (Rept. 106-172). Referred to the House Calendar.

Mr. YOUNG of Alaska: Committee on Resources. H.R. 898. A bill designating certain land in the San Isabel National Forest in the State of Colorado as the "Spanish Peaks Wilderness" (Rept. 106-173). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

*[Submitted June 8, 1999]*

Mrs. MYRICK: Committee on Rules. House Resolution 200. Resolution providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 1401) to authorize appropriations for fiscal years 2000 and 2001 for military activities of the Department of Defense, to prescribe military personnel strengths for fiscal years 2000 and 2001, and for other purposes (Rept. 106-175). Referred to the House Calendar.

## PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

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

*[Omitted From the Record of June 7, 1999]*

By Mr. CHABOT (for himself, Ms. SLAUGHTER, and Mr. SHIMKUS):

H.R. 2005. A bill to establish a statute of repose for durable goods used in a trade or business; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. ANDREWS:

H.R. 2006. A bill to amend title I of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 to require persons who are plan administrators of employee pension benefit plans or provide administrative services to such plans, and who also provide automobile insurance coverage or provide persons offering such coverage identifying information relating to plan participants or beneficiaries, to submit to the Federal Trade Commission certain information relating to such automobile insurance coverage; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

By Mr. BLUMENAUER:

H.R. 2007. A bill to authorize the Consumer Product Safety Commission to regulate gun safety, to ban the transfer of a firearm to, or the possession of a firearm by, a person who has been convicted of a violent misdemeanor, and to ban the importation or manufacture of handguns which do not have certain safety features, and to ban the transfer of a firearm to, or the possession of a firearm by, a person who has been twice convicted of drunk driving; to the Committee on the Judiciary, 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.

H.R. 2008. A bill to authorize the Consumer Product Safety Commission to regulate gun safety, and to ban the importation or manufacture of handguns which do not have certain safety features; to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Com-

mittee 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.

H.R. 2009. A bill to apply the same quality and safety standards to domestically manufactured handguns that are currently applied to imported handguns; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

H.R. 2010. A bill to provide for the establishment of a National Firearm Injury Reporting System, and for grants to States for the collection of information on fatal injuries caused by firearms; to the Committee on Commerce.

By Mrs. CHRISTENSEN:

H.R. 2011. A bill to establish the District Court of the Virgin Islands as a court under article III of the United States Constitution; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. DEUTSCH (for himself and Mr. WEXLER):

H.R. 2012. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for coverage of outpatient prescription drugs under the Medicare Program; to the Committee on Ways and Means, 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. DUNCAN:

H.R. 2013. A bill to amend the Inspector General Act of 1978 to provide for the appointment of the Inspector General of certain Federal agencies by the President of the United States; to the Committee on Government Reform.

By Mr. FRANKS of New Jersey (for himself, Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN, and Mrs. ROUKEMA):

H.R. 2014. A bill to prohibit a State from imposing a discriminatory commuter tax on nonresidents; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. GONZALEZ:

H.R. 2015. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a 5-year extension for the work opportunity credit and the welfare-to-work credit; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. GUTIERREZ (for himself and Ms. BROWN of Florida):

H.R. 2016. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to repeal the provision of law requiring termination of the Advisory Committee on Minority Veterans as of December 31, 1999; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. HERGER (for himself and Mr. POMBO):

H.R. 2017. A bill to amend the Endangered Species Act of 1973 to enable Federal agencies responsible for the preservation of threatened species and endangered species to rescue and relocate members of any of those species that would be taken in the course of certain reconstruction, maintenance, or repair of Federal or non-Federal manmade flood control levees; to the Committee on Resources.

By Mr. HOUGHTON (for himself, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas, Mr. HERGER, Mr. MATSUI, Mr. CRANE, and Mr. ENGLISH):

H.R. 2018. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to simplify certain rules relating to the taxation of United States business operating abroad, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mrs. JOHNSON of Connecticut (for herself, Mr. ENGLISH, Mrs. THURMAN,

## 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: