

changed its terms and exercised a veto over its operation and terms once again must explain their intransigence to the Irish people, both north and south, who support the Good Friday Accord in overwhelming terms.

We need to get the institutions back up and running in order to create the climate and framework for arms decommissioning as envisioned by the terms of the Good Friday Accord.

#### LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Mrs. LOWEY (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT) for today and February 16 on account of illness.

Mrs. CAPPS (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT) for today on account of a death in the family.

Mr. BAIRD (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT) for today on account of an unavoidable family matter.

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

Mr. PALLONE, for 5 minutes, today.

Mrs. CLAYTON, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. LARSON, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. BALDACCIO, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. CROWLEY, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. SLAUGHTER, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. PASCRELL, for 5 minutes, today.

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

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

Mr. FOLEY, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. RILEY, for 5 minutes, February 16.

#### SENATE BILL REFERRED

A bill of the Senate of the following title was taken from the Speaker's table and, under the rule, referred as follows:

S. 1052. An act to implement further the Act (Public Law 94-241) approving the Covenant to Establish a Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands in Political Union with the United States of America, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Resources.

#### ADJOURNMENT

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

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 10 o'clock and 3 minutes p.m.), the House adjourned until tomorrow, Wednesday, February 16, 2000, 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:

6197. A letter from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Gypsy Moth Generally Infested Areas [Docket No. 99-042-2] received February 8, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

6198. A letter from the Architect of the Capitol, transmitting the report of expenditures of appropriations during the period April 1, 1999 through September 30, 1999, pursuant to 40 U.S.C. 162b; to the Committee on Appropriations.

6199. A letter from the Secretary of Defense, Department of Defense, transmitting the 2000 Department of Defense Annual Report to the President and the Congress, pursuant to 10 U.S.C. 113 (c) and (e); to the Committee on Armed Services.

6200. A letter from the Acting Director, Defense Procurement, Department of Defense, transmitting the Department's final rule—Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement; Mentor-Protégé Program Improvements [DFARS Case 99-D307] received February 8, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Armed Services.

6201. A letter from the Acting Director, Defense Procurement, Department of Defense, transmitting the Department's final rule—Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement; People's Republic of China [DFARS Case 98-D305] received February 8, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Armed Services.

6202. A letter from the Acting Director, Defense Procurement, Department of Defense, transmitting the Department's final rule—Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement; Delegation of Class Deviation Authority [DFARS Case 99-D027] received February 8, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Armed Services.

6203. A letter from the Assistant General Counsel for Regulations, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting the Department's final rule—Home Equity Conversion Mortgage Insurance; Right of First Refusal Permitted for Condominium Associations [Docket No. FR-4267-F-02] (RIN: 2502-AG93) received February 8, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services.

6204. A letter from the Department of Education, Office of Postsecondary Education, transmitting a report on Strengthening Institutions Programs and Developing Hispanic-Serving Institutions Program; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

6205. A letter from the Director, Regulations Policy and Management Staff, FDA, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the department's final rule—New Drug Applications; Drug Master Files [Docket No. 94N-0449] (RIN: 0910-AA78) received January 20, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce.

6206. 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-6532-7] received February 4, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

6207. A letter from the Chairman, Federal Regulatory Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule—Regional Transmission Organizations [Docket No. RM99-2-000; Order No. 2000] received January 27, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

6208. A letter from the Assistant Legal Adviser for Treaty Affairs, Department of State, transmitting Copies of international agreements, other than treaties, entered into by the United States, pursuant to 1 U.S.C. 112b(a); to the Committee on International Relations.

6209. A letter from the Acting Director, Defense Security Cooperation Agency, transmitting the reports containing the 30 September 1999 status of loans and guarantees issued under the Arms Export Control Act; to the Committee on International Relations.

6210. A letter from the Secretary of Commerce, transmitting the semiannual report on the activities of the Inspector General for the period from April 1 through September 30, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. app. (Insp. Gen. Act) section 5(b); to the Committee on Government Reform.

6211. A letter from the Attorney General, Department of Justice, transmitting the Semiannual Management Report to Congress: April 1, 1999 to September 30, 1999 and the Inspector General's Semiannual Report for the same period, pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 4062(c); to the Committee on Government Reform.

6212. A letter from the Comptroller General, General Accounting Office, transmitting List of all reports issued or released by the GAO in December 1999, pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 719(h); to the Committee on Government Reform.

6213. A letter from the Chairman, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, transmitting the 2000 Annual Performance Plan; to the Committee on Government Reform.

6214. A letter from the Chairman, Merit Systems Protection Board, transmitting the Merit Systems Protection Board report titled, "Restoring Merit to Federal Hiring: Why Two Special Hiring Programs Should be Ended."; to the Committee on Government Reform.

6215. A letter from the Director, National Counterintelligence Center, transmitting a report of activities under the Freedom of Information Act from October 1, 1998 to September 30, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552(d); to the Committee on Government Reform.

6216. A letter from the Director, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting the Department's final rule—Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Determination of Endangered Status for the Plant *Thlaspi californicum* (Kneeland Prairie Penny-Cress) from Coastal Northern California (RIN: 1018-AE55) received February 8, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

6217. A letter from the Acting Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife and Parks, Department of the Interior, transmitting the Department's final rule—Marine Mammals; Incidental Take During Specified Activities (RIN: 1018-AF87) received February 4, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

6218. A letter from the Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of Justice, transmitting the report on State Sex Offender Public Information Programs and the Feasibility of Establishing a National Sex Offender Hotline January 2000; to the Committee on the Judiciary.