

caused by increased demand, increased imports, or instability in the Persian Gulf. The projections that drew that Republican chairman's criticism predicted that in the year 2000, the price per barrel of imported oil could be as high as \$34, and to that Republican subcommittee chair, that was outrageous. I note for the record that as of March 7 in the year 2000, the price was \$34.13.

Mr. Speaker, every day in America communities large and small are struggling with issues that define their environment, their liveability, their quality of life. Some people suggest that there is no difference between the Republicans and the Democrats, but I will tell my colleagues when it comes to the environment, the reality is stark. The Democrats in this administration and in Congress have a positive record of support and accomplishment, of sympathy and passion. The Republican ticket offers indifferent voting records, cursory performance in office, and advocacy of dangerous, even reckless, environmental policies. Our air, our water, the landscape, our precious natural resources do not have the time to survive benign neglect or malicious indifference, let alone active assault. There is a huge difference between the parties, perhaps on the environment more than any other issue. The stakes of the election for the environment could not be higher. I hope that the American public will look closely at the records and promote policies and candidates that will make our communities more livable and our families safer, healthier, and more economically secure.

REPORT ON RESOLUTION WAIVING ALL POINTS OF ORDER AGAINST MOTION TO CONCUR IN SENATE AMENDMENTS TO H.R. 940, LACKAWANNA VALLEY NATIONAL HERITAGE ACT OF 1999

Mr. DIAZ-BALART (during special order of Mr. BLUMENAUER) from the Committee on Rules, submitted a privileged report (Rept. No. 106-873) on the resolution (H. Res. 583) providing for consideration of the Senate amendments to the bill (H.R. 940) to designate the Lackawanna Valley National Heritage Area, and for other purposes, which was referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed.

REPORT ON RESOLUTION WAIVING POINTS OF ORDER AGAINST CONFERENCE REPORT ON H.R. 4919, SECURITY ASSISTANCE ACT OF 2000

Mr. DIAZ-BALART (during special order of Mr. BLUMENAUER) from the Committee on Rules, submitted a privileged report (Rept. No. 106-874) on the resolution (H. Res. 584) waiving points of order against the conference report to accompany the bill (H.R. 4919) to

amend the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 and the Arms Export Control Act to make improvements to certain defense and security assistance provisions under those Acts, to authorize the transfer of naval vessels to certain foreign countries, and for other purposes, which was referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed.

REPORT ON RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 5109, DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS HEALTH CARE PERSONNEL ACT OF 2000

Mr. DIAZ-BALART (during special order of Mr. BLUMENAUER) from the Committee on Rules, submitted a privileged report (Rept. No. 106-875) on the resolution (H. Res. 585) providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 5109) to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the personnel system of the Veterans Health Administration, and for other purposes, which was referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed.

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. BROWN of Ohio, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. STRICKLAND, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. NORTON, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. UNDERWOOD, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. STABENOW, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. MCGOVERN, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. ENGEL, for 5 minutes, today.

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

Mr. FOLEY, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. ROHRBACHER, for 5 minutes, September 21.

SENATE ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

The SPEAKER announced his signature to enrolled bills of the Senate of the following titles:

S. 1638. An act to amend the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to extend the retroactive eligibility dates for financial assistance for higher education for spouses and dependent children of Federal, State, and local law enforcement officers who are killed in the line of duty.

S. 2460. An act to authorize the payment of rewards to individuals furnishing information relating to persons subject to indictment for serious violations of international humanitarian law in Rwanda, and for other purposes.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 6 o'clock and 56 minutes p.m.), the House adjourned until tomorrow, September 21, 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:

10134. A letter from the Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Myclobutanil; Extension of Tolerance for Emergency Exemptions [OPP-301045; FRL-6742-6] (RIN: 2070-AB78) received September 12, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

10135. A letter from the Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Difenoconazole; Pesticide Tolerance [OPP-301005; FRL-6589-3] (RIN: 2070-AB) received September 12, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

10136. A letter from the Director, Office of Management and Budget, transmitting the OMB Sequestration Update Report to the President and Congress for fiscal year 2001; to the Committee on Appropriations.

10137. A letter from the Assistant General Counsel for Regulations, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting the Department's final rule—Section 8 Homeownership Program [Docket No. FR-4427-F-02] (RIN: 2577-AB90) received September 13, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services.

10138. A letter from the General Counsel, Federal Emergency Management, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Changes in Flood Elevation Determinations [Docket No. FEMA-D-7501] received September 15, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services.

10139. A letter from the General Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Final Flood Elevation Determinations—received September 15, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services.

10140. A letter from the General Counsel, Corporation for National and Community Service, transmitting the Corporation's final rule—Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Sex in Education Programs or Activities Receiving Federal Financial Assistance—received September 6, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

10141. A letter from the Under Secretary, Food, Nutrition, and Consumer Services, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children: Implementation of WIC Mandates of Public Law 104-193, the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996 (RIN: 0584-AC51) received September 15, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

10142. A letter from the Assistant General Counsel for Regulations, Office of the Secretary, Department of Housing and Urban