

to have arrived in Florida to be counted. So why 5 p.m. Tuesday as a deadline for completing a manual recount? Only one reason, to frustrate the manual recount, to make people be tired during the manual recount, to ridicule the manual recount. A manual recount, which is the method of choice in the State of Texas, because Governor Bush signed the law that made it so because he was right.

We have seen that the creation of God does a better job in this case than the invention of man and that human beings can do better. So it would be nice if the Governor was trying to get the most accurate recount instead of trying to slam the door on the most accurate recount.

Let me deal with one other issue. The Bush campaign says that what is unfair is that the media at around 7:40 p.m. or 6:40 p.m., anyway, 20 minutes before the polls were going to close in the Florida panhandle, called the Florida race. What the media did was inaccurate. They gave voters in the Florida panhandle inaccurate information. But is that the only stupid and inaccurate information to appear on television in this electoral season? The voters have a right under Florida law, under the U.S. Constitution, to vote and to have their will at the polls expressed. That is very different from saying that you have a constitutional right not to get bad information in the press, because I assure you there is no such right to get only accurate information in the press. We get inaccurate information in the press all the time, and the press has called Florida four or five different times. Every time they have called it wrong.

Mr. Speaker, to summarize, the popular vote will go overwhelmingly for AL GORE, the Vice President, and JOE LIEBERMAN, the Senator from Connecticut.

□ 2045

The ballot in Palm Beach County was responsible for twisting these results, which clearly possibly affected the results and was an illegal as well as a confusing ballot, a ballot in violation of two different Florida statutes, well-designed statutes, that were not carried out; and the Florida courts have recognized that where there is confusion because of a violation of the Florida elections code, a revote is called for. But before we get to a revote, we need to do everything possible to get an accurate count of the vote cast on election night; and that vote can best be recounted, as George Bush's signature indicates when he signed this bill, can best be recounted by a manual recount, the only recount requested by the Gore campaign, the only method that is recognized by the Governor of Texas as the most accurate way to do the recount.

Now, there are criticisms of what the standards are that are being used in

the manual recount. Those who criticize have an obligation to make suggestions. They do not have the right to say that because they do not find perfection in the best and preferred method, that because they do not find it perfect, that it should be ignored.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Mr. DEUTSCH (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT) for today on account of business in the district.

Mr. McNULTY (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT) for today on account of an airplane cancellation.

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

Mr. HEFLEY (at the request of Mr. ARMEY) for today and the balance of the week on account of illness.

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 Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. NORTON, for 5 minutes, today.

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

Mr. PAUL, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. METCALF, for 5 minutes, today and November 14.

Mr. KINGSTON, for 5 minutes, today and November 14.

Mr. MICA, for 5 minutes, today.

BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS PRESENTED TO THE PRESIDENT

Mr. THOMAS, from the Committee on House Administration, reported that that committee did on the following dates present to the President, for his approval, bills and joint resolutions of the House of the following titles:

On October 31, 2000:

H.J. Res. 121. Making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2001, and for other purposes.

On November 1, 2000:

H.R. 4864. To amend title 38, United States Code, to reaffirm and clarify the duty of the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to assist claimants for benefits under laws administered by the Secretary, and for other purposes.

H.R. 782. To amend the Older Americans Act of 1965 to extend authorizations of appropriations for programs under the Act, to modernize programs and services for older individuals, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2498. To amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for recommendations

of the Secretary of Health and Human Services regarding the placement of automatic external defibrillators in Federal buildings in order to improve survival rates of individuals who experience cardiac arrest in such buildings, and to establish protections from civil liability arising from the emergency use of the devices.

H.R. 4788. To amend the United States Grain Standards Act to extend the authority of the Secretary of Agriculture to collect fees to cover the cost of services performed under that Act, extend the authorization of appropriations for that Act, and improve the administration of that Act, to reenact the United States Warehouse Act to require the licensing and inspection of warehouses used to store agricultural products and provide for the issuance of receipts, including electronic receipts, for agricultural products stored or handled in licensed warehouses, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4868. To amend the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States to modify temporarily certain rates of duty, to make other technical amendments to the trade laws, and for other purposes.

H.J. Res. 122. Making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2001, and for other purposes.

On November 2, 2000:

H.R. 4312. To direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study of the suitability and feasibility of establishing an Upper Housatonic Valley National Heritage Area in the State of Connecticut and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3621. To provide for the posthumous promotion of William Clark of the Commonwealth of Virginia and the Commonwealth of Kentucky, co-leader of the Lewis and Clark Expedition, to the grade of captain in the Regular Army.

H.R. 3388. To promote environmental restoration around the Lake Tahoe basin.

H.R. 1444. To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to establish a program to plan, design, and construct fish screens, fish passage devices, and related features to mitigate impacts on fisheries associated with irrigation system water diversions by local governmental entities in the Pacific Ocean drainage of the States of Oregon, Washington, Montana, and Idaho.

H.R. 660. For the private relief of Ruth Hairston by waiver of a filing deadline for appeal from a ruling relating to her application for a survivor annuity.

H.R. 848. For the relief of Sepandan Farnia and Farbod Farnia.

H.R. 3184. For the relief of Zohreh Farhang Ghahfarokhi.

H.R. 3414. For the relief of Luis A. Leon-Molina, Ligia Padron, Juan Leon Padron, Rendy Leon Padron, Manuel Leon Padron, and Luis Leon Padron.

H.R. 5239. To provide for increased penalties for violations of the Export Administration Act of 1979, and for other purposes.

H.R. 5266. For the relief of Saeed Rezai.

H.R. 1235. To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to enter into contracts with the Solano County Water Agency, California, to use Solano Project facilities for impounding, storage, and carriage of nonproject water for domestic, municipal, industrial, and other beneficial purposes.

H.R. 1550. To authorize appropriations for the United States Fire Administration, and for carrying out the Earthquake Hazards Reduction Act of 1977, for fiscal years 2001, 2002, and 2003, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2462. To amend the Organic Act of Guam, and for other purposes.