CONGRESSIONAL RECORD—SENATE
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MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE
At 12:25 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Nieland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

To the Congress of the United States:
I take pleasure in transmitting the enclosed report for the Wekiva River and several tributaries in Florida. The report and my recommendations are in response to the petition of the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act, Public Law 90–542, as amended. The Wekiva study was authorized by Public Law 104–311.

The National Park Service conducted the study with assistance from the Wekiva River Basin Working Group, a committee established by the Florida Department of Environmental Protection to represent a broad spectrum of environmental and developmental interests. The study found that 43.5 miles of river are eligible for the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System (the “System”) based on free-flowing character, good water quality, and “outstandingly remarkable” scenic, recreational, fish and wildlife, and historical values. Almost all the land adjacent to the eligible rivers is in public ownership and managed by State and county governments for conservation purposes. The exception to this pattern is the 3.9-mile-long Seminole Creek that is in private ownership. The public land managers strongly support designation while the private landowner opposes designation of his land. Therefore, I recommend that the 41.6 miles of river abutted by public lands and as described in the enclosed report be designated a component of the System. Seminole Creek could be added if the adjacent landowner should change his mind.

I further recommend that legislation designating the eligible tributaries specify that on-the-ground management responsibilities remain with the existing land manager and that the Secretary of the Interior. This is in accordance with expressed State wishes and is logical. Responsibilities of the Secretary should be limited to working with State and local partners in developing a comprehensive river management plan, providing technical assistance, and reviewing effects of water resource development proposals in accordance with section 7 of the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act.

We look forward to working with the Congress to designate this worthy addition to the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System.

WILLIAM J. CLINTON

REPORT ENTITLED “THE WEKIVA RIVER ROCK SPRING RUN AND SEMINOLE CREEK”—MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT—PM 113

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the following message from the President of the United States, which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

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The following Members be the managers of the conference on the part of the House:
For consideration of the House bill, and division A of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference:
Mr. HOBSON, Mr. PORTER, Mr. TIAHER, Mr. WALSH, Mr. MILLER of Florida, Mr. ADEN, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. GOODE, Mr. YOUNG of Florida, Mr. OLVER, Mr. EDWARDS, Mr. FARR of California, Mr. BOYD, Mr. DICKS, and Mr. OBIE.

For consideration of division B of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference:
Mr. YOUNG of Florida, Mr. REGULA, Mr. LEWIS of California, Mr. ROGERS, Mr. SKEEN, Mr. CALLAHAN, Mr. OBIE, Mr. MURTIS, Ms. PELOSI, and Ms. KAPTUR.

MEASURES REFERRED
The following bills were read the first and second times by unanimous consent; and referred as indicated:
H.R. 4387. An act to provide that the School Governance Charter Amendment Act of 2000 shall take effect on the date such Act is ratified by the voters of the District of Columbia.

The messages also announced that the House disagrees to the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 4425) making appropriations for military construction, family housing, and base realignment and closure for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2001, and for other purposes, and agree to the conference asked by the Senate on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses thereon.

That the following Members be the managers of the conference on the part of the House:
For consideration of House bill, and division A of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference:
Mr. HOIBIN, Mr. PORTER, Mr. TAHERT, Mr. WALSH, Mr. MILLER of Florida, Mr. ADEN, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. GOODE, Mr. YOUNG of Florida, Mr. OLVER, Mr. EDWARDS, Mr. FARR of California, Mr. BOYD, Mr. DICKS, and Mr. OBIE.

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Mr. YOUNG of Florida, Mr. REGULA, Mr. LEWIS of California, Mr. ROGERS, Mr. SKEEN, Mr. CALLAHAN, Mr. OBIE, Mr. MURTIS, Ms. PELOSI, and Ms. KAPTUR.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS
The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, which were referred as indicated:
EC–9198. A communication from the Chairman of the National Science Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the Inspector General for the period October 1, 1999 through March 31, 2000, to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.
EC–9199. A communication from the Chairman of the Federal Housing Finance Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the Inspector General for the period October 1, 1999 through March 31, 2000, to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.