NOW, I have put up here, Mr. Speaker, the results of the last eight Patriot 3 tests. That is our smaller defensive system that handles Scud-type missiles, and I put it up here to show that, in fact, we are now hitting a bullet with a bullet with missile defense. We can shoot a Scud missile that goes faster than a .30-06 bullet, that is a high-powered rifle bullet with a Patriot 3 missile that also goes faster than a .30-06 bullet. We have had now eight out of nine successful intercepts.

Mr. Speaker, at about 11:09 on Saturday night last Saturday, 148 miles above Vandenberg, California, going some 11,000 feet per second. That is about four times the speed of a .30-06 bullet. We hit it with an Interceptor from Vandenberg, 4,800 miles from the west. We launched that Interceptor, and it also had a speed about four times faster than a .30-06 bullet, and they collided 148 miles above the earth. That utilized radar capability, the real Air Force station in California, also our ex-band radar on Kwajalein, also radar at Hawaii with hundreds and hundreds of Navy and Air Force assets monitoring that test. And with some 35,000 Americans, whether they were members of the Army that helped develop the radar or the Air Force team that launched the missile from Vandenberg Air Base or the Navy and Coast Guard that provided security, some 35,000 plus Americans, engineers, scientists, technicians, blue-collar workers, participated in making that test a success.

It was a great day for the United States, but it was a chart along a very difficult road of trying to achieve missile defense.

The Bush administration has the right idea about missile defense. They know it is necessary because we live in an age of missiles. We found that out when we had a number of our personnel killed in Desert Storm by a ballistic missile launched by Saddam Hussein at an American force concentration. We can defend today, even though we have a weakened defense, we still have defenses against ships, tanks, aircraft. We have no defense against an incoming ICBM coming into this country.

So that is why the administration is working with the Russians to try to develop a cooperation that will allow us to deploy defenses, and it is why also the Bush administration has the right idea, the right thinking, the right agreement with the Russian, it is in our national interests to build a missile defense system, because it is the United States Government that has a constitutional responsibility to its people to provide for national security. National security must now and forever on include defense against incoming ballistic missiles.

So, Mr. Speaker, I would hope that the administration would work overtime to try to increase this defense budget. Let us not look back on this as years of relative prosperity when the American people are doing well as an era that was similar to the era immediately preceding Korea, when we decided that there would not be any more wars and that we did not need to have a military that was ready to go. Then, on June 6 of 1950, we found ourselves pushed down the Korean peninsula by a third-rate military; and when the dust had cleared, over 30,000 Americans lay dead because we had underestimated the danger of the world; and we had also underestimated the drawdown of the American military that took place after World War II.

Mr. Speaker, we must keep a strong military. That is the underpinnings of our foreign policy, which is ultimately the underpinnings of our economic policy. So let us try to get that $18 billion, Mr. Speaker. It is crucial to everybody that wears a uniform in the United States, and it is crucial to every American.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE
By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Mr. CRANE (at the request of Mr. ARMIEY) for today on account of attending a funeral.

Mr. GRAVES (at the request of Mr. ARMIEY) for today on account of traveling with the Vice President.

Mr. THOMAS (at the request of Mr. ARMIEY) for today on account of traveling with the Vice President.

SPECIAL ORDERS GRANTED
By unanimous consent, permission to address the House, following the legislative program and any special orders heretofore entered, was granted to:

(These Members (at the request of Mr. BROWN of Ohio) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material):

Mr. PALLONE, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. BROWN of Ohio, for 5 minutes, today.

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

(These Members (at the request of Mr. DIAZ-BALART) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material):

Mr. KERRS, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. WATERS, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. DeFAZIO, for 5 minutes, today.
a report pursuant to the Federal Vacancies Reform Act of 1998; to the Committee on Government Reform.

2983. A letter from the White House Liaison, Department of Education, transmitting a report pursuant to the Federal Vacancies Reform Act of 1998; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

2984. A letter from the White House Liaison, Department of Education, transmitting a report pursuant to the Federal Vacancies Reform Act of 1998; to the Committee on Government Reform.

2985. A letter from the Attorney/Advisor, Department of Transportation, transmitting a report pursuant to the Federal Vacancies Reform Act of 1998; to the Committee on Government Reform.

2986. A letter from the Acting Director, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting a report pursuant to the Federal Vacancies Reform Act of 1998; to the Committee on Government Reform.


2988. A letter from the Administrator, General Services Administration, transmitting a report on FY 2002 Annual Performance Plan; to the Committee on Government Reform.

2989. A letter from the Acting Director, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting a report pursuant to the Federal Vacancies Reform Act of 1998; to the Committee on Government Reform.

2990. A letter from the Program Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department’s final rule—Revisions to Requirements Concerning Airplane Operating Limitations and the Content of Airplane Flight Manuals for Transport Category Airplanes (Docket No. FAA-2000-8511; Amendment No. 23-105) (RIN: 2120-AG52) received July 16, 2001, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

2991. A letter from the Program Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department’s final rule—Protection of Voluntarily Submitted Information (Dockets No. FAA-2000-9649; Amendment No. 193-1) (RIN: 2120-AG36) received July 16, 2001, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

2992. A letter from the Clerk of the House of Representatives, transmitting the annual compilation of personal financial disclosure statements and amendments thereto filed with the Clerk of the House of Representatives, pursuant to Rule XXVII, clause 1, of the House Rules; (H. Doc. No. 107-104); to the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct and ordered to be printed.

PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. LAFALE:

H. R. 2579. A bill to prevent the use of certain bank instruments for Internet gambling, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Financial Services, and in addition to the Committee on the Judiciary, 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. MICA (for himself, Mr. PORTMAN, and Ms. LAFOURCHETTE):

H. R. 2580. A bill to establish grants for drug treatment alternative to prison programs administered by State or local prosecutors; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. GILMAN:

H. R. 2581. A bill to provide authority to control exports, and for other purposes; to the Committee on International Relations, and in addition to the Committee on Rules, 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. MICA (for himself, Mr. DAVIS of Illinois, Mr. OSE, Mr. GRAVES, and Mr. KELLETT):

H. R. 2582. A bill to combat the trafficking, distribution, and abuse of Ecstasy (and other club drugs) in the United States; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on the Judiciary, 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 Ms. HOOLEY of Oregon:

H. R. 2583. A bill to establish a national clearinghouse for information on incidents of environmental terrorism and to establish a program to reduce environmental terrorism; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. UDALL of Colorado (for himself and Ms. DEGETTE):

H. R. 2584. A bill to amend the Act of March 3, 1875, to permit the State of Colorado to use land held in trust by the State as open space; to the Committee on Resources.

By Mr. WALDEN of Oregon (for himself, Mr. CALVERT, Ms. HOOLEY of Oregon, Mr. SIMPSON, Mr. DEFAZIO, Mr. HASTINGS of Washington, Mr. POMEROY, Mr. HANSEN, and Mr. GIBSONS):

H. R. 2585. A bill to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study of the feasibility of adequate upstream and downstream passage for fish at the Chiloquin Dam on the Sprague River, Oregon; to the Committee on Resources.

By Mrs. KELLY:

H. Con. Res. 189. Concurrent resolution expressing the sense of the Congress regarding inflammatory bowel disease; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

ADDITIONAL SPONSORS

Under clause 7 of rule XII, sponsors were added to public bills and resolutions as follows:

H. R. 931: Mr. FILNER, Mr. FORD, Mr. PORTER, Mr. ADHOLT, Mr. CONDIT, Mr. BALLINGER, Mr. PETERSON of Pennsylvania, Mrs. MALONEY of New York, Mr. ENGEL, and Mr. SMITH of New Jersey.

H. R. 976: Mr. ACKERMAN, Mr. HASTINGS of Washington, and Mr. REEVES.

H. R. 981: Mr. BOREN and Mr. STEARNS.

H. R. 1084: Mr. LAHood and Mr. NETHERCUTT.

H. R. 1092: Mr. FRANK, Mr. MCINTYRE, Mr. TIERNEY, and Mr. BOREL.

H. R. 1100: Mr. CONDIT.

H. R. 1238: Mr. LEVIN, Mr. BECERRA, and Mr. REINSBERG.

H. R. 1286: Mr. ACKERMAN, Mr. GONZALEZ, Mr. STARK, and Mr. SEJN.

H. R. 1350: Mr. GONZALEZ.

H. R. 1405: Mr. CUMMINGS, Mr. FRANK, and Mr. TOWNS.

H. R. 1462: Mr. GIBSONs and Mr. NETHERCUTT.

H. R. 1506: Mr. BARK of Georgia.

H. R. 1535: Mr. BACHUS.

H. R. 1577: Mr. TAYLOR of North Carolina, Mr. WAMP, Mrs. JONES of Ohio, Mr. PICKERING, Ms. VELÁZQUEZ, Mr. NETHERCUTT, Mr. FLETCHER, Mr. RYAN of Wisconsin, Mr. CLEMMONS, and Mr. MILLER.

H. R. 1591: Mr. TIERNEY.

H. R. 1600: Ms. MCCARTHY of Missouri.

H. R. 1624: Mr. CAMP, Ms. FELSOI, and Mr. CARTER.

H. R. 1642: Mr. HOYER.

H. R. 1644: Mr. PLATTS.

H. R. 1680: Mr. McDERMOTT, Mr. GREENWOOD, Ms. MCCOLLUM, and Ms. MCKINNEY.

H. R. 1711: Mr. WU.

H. R. 1907: Mr. GONZALEZ.

H. R. 1943: Mr. ISAKSON.

H. R. 1956: Mr. BALDACCI and Mr. PETERSON of Pennsylvania.

H. R. 1983: Mr. DAVIS of Florida.

H. R. 1990: Mr. LAFALE.

H. R. 2018: Mr. GONZALEZ, Mr. OBERSTAR, Mr. MCHUGH, Mr. OTTER, Mr. PETERSON of Pennsylvania, Mrs. CUBIN, Mr. DE Mint, Mr. CAMP, Mr. GRUCCI, and Mr. PORTMAN.

H. R. 2032: Mr. SANDLIN, Mr. BONDOR, and Ms. BROWN of Florida.

H. R. 2143: Mr. PLATTS.

H. R. 2291: Mr. PETERSON of Pennsylvania.

H. R. 2329: Mr. COYNE, Mr. FROST, Mr. WATT of North Carolina, Ms. MCCOLLUM, and Mr. FATTAH.

H. R. 2389: Mr. DODDITTE.

H. R. 2442: Mr. McGOVERN.

H. R. 2478: Mr. DEFAZIO and Ms. LIE.

H. R. 2484: Mr. GOODLATTE and Mr. GOODE.

H. R. 2517: Mr. BAKER and Mr. LAFALE.

H. Con. Res. 164: Mr. FALLENWAGER.

H. Con. Res. 178: Mr. SHERMAN and Mr. ROHRABACHER.

H. Res. 17: Mr. BLUMENAUER.

DISCHARGE PETITIONS—ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS

The following Members added their names to the following discharge petitions:

Petition 2 by Mr. INSLEE on House Resolution 155: Vic Snyder and James H. Maloney.