The Chief Justice of the United States and the Associate Justices of the Supreme Court.

The Dean of the Diplomatic Corps.

JOINT SESSION DISSOLVED

The SPEAKER. The Chair declares the joint meeting of the two Houses now dissolved.

Accordingly, at 9 o’clock and 45 minutes p.m., the joint meeting of the two Houses was dissolved.

The Members of the Senate retired to their Chamber.

RECESS

The SPEAKER. Pursuant to clause 12 of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

Accordingly (at 9 o’clock and 45 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 8 of rule XII, executive communications were taken from the Speaker’s table and referred as follows:

3712. A letter from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department’s final rule—Scrapie in Sheep and Goats; Interstate Movement Restrictions and Indemnity Program (Docket No. 96–081–5) (RIN: 0579–AA90) received August 23, 2001, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

3714. A letter from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency’s final rule—Fluazinam; Pesticide Tolerance (OPP–03180; FRL–6797–5) (RIN: 0579–AA90) received August 23, 2001, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

3715. A letter from the Director, Executive Office of the President, transmitting notification of the President’s intent to exempt all military personnel accounts from sequester for FY 2002, if a subsequent security emergency, pursuant to section 255(f) of the Balanced Budget Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985; to the Committee on Appropriations.

3716. A letter from the General Counsel, National Credit Union Administration, transmitting the Administration’s final rule—Involuntary Liquidation of Federal Credit Unions and Adjudication of Creditor Claims Involving Federally-Insured Credit Unions in Liquidation—received August 31, 2001, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Financial Services.

3717. A letter from the General Counsel, National Credit Union Administration, transmitting the Administration’s final rule—Involuntary Liquidation of Federal Credit Unions and Adjudication of Creditor Claims Involving Federally-Insured Credit Unions in Liquidation—received August 31, 2001, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Financial Services.
Claims involving Federally Insured Credit Unions in Liquidation—received August 31, 2001, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Financial Services.

3718. A letter from the General Counsel, National Credit Union Administration, transmitting the Department of Navy’s final rule—Federal Credit Union Incidental Powers Activities—received August 31, 2001, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Financial Services.


3723. A letter from the Director, Defense Security Cooperation Agency, transmitting the Department of Defense’s proposed lease of defense articles to the Government of Ukraine (Transmittal No. 25–01), pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2796a(a); to the Committee on International Relations.

3724. A letter from the Director, Defense Security Cooperation Agency, transmitting the Department of Defense’s proposed lease of defense articles to the Government of Estonia (Transmittal No. 17–01), pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2796a(a); to the Committee on International Relations.

3725. A letter from the Director, Defense Security Cooperation Agency, transmitting the Department of Defense’s proposed lease of defense articles to the Government of Uzbekistan (Transmittal No. 26–01), pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2796a(a); to the Committee on International Relations.

3726. A letter from the Director, Defense Security Cooperation Agency, transmitting the Department of Defense’s proposed lease of defense articles to the Government of Moldova (Transmittal No. 24–01), pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2796a(a); to the Committee on International Relations.

3727. A letter from the Director, Defense Security Cooperation Agency, transmitting the Department of Defense’s proposed lease of defense articles to the Government of Latvia (Transmittal No. 18–01), pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2796a(a); to the Committee on International Relations.

3728. A letter from the Director, Defense Security Cooperation Agency, transmitting the Department of Defense’s proposed lease of defense articles to the Republic of Lithuania (Transmittal No. 19–01), pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2796a(a); to the Committee on International Relations.

3729. A letter from the Director, Defense Security Cooperation Agency, transmitting the Department of Army’s proposed lease of defense articles to the Government of Singapore (Transmittal No. 10–01), pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2796a(a); to the Committee on International Relations.

3730. A letter from the Director, Defense Security Cooperation Agency, transmitting the Department of Defense’s proposed lease of defense articles to the Government of the Arab Republic of Egypt (Transmittal No. 12–01), pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2796a(a); to the Committee on International Relations.

3731. A letter from the Director, Defense Security Cooperation Agency, transmitting the Department of Defense’s proposed lease of defense articles to the Government of Kyrgyzstan (Transmittal No. 29–01), pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2796a(a); to the Committee on International Relations.

3732. A letter from the Director, Defense Security Cooperation Agency, transmitting the Department of Defense’s proposed lease of defense articles to the Government of Albania (Transmittal No. 15–01), pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2796a(a); to the Committee on International Relations.

3733. A letter from the Director, Defense Security Cooperation Agency, transmitting the Department of Defense’s proposed lease of defense articles to the Government of Romania (Transmittal No. 16–01), pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2796a(a); to the Committee on International Relations.

3734. A letter from the Director, Defense Security Cooperation Agency, transmitting the Department of Defense’s proposed lease of defense articles to the Government of Bulgaria (Transmittal No. 14–01), pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2796a(a); to the Committee on International Relations.

3735. A letter from the Director, Defense Security Cooperation Agency, transmitting the Department of Defense’s proposed lease of defense articles to the Government of the Slovak Republic (Transmittal No. 21–01), pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2796a(a); to the Committee on International Relations.

3736. A letter from the Director, Defense Security Cooperation Agency, transmitting the Department of Defense’s proposed lease of defense articles to the Republic of Bulgaria (Transmittal No. 17–01), pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2796a(a); to the Committee on International Relations.

3737. A letter from the Director, Defense Security Cooperation Agency, transmitting the Department of Defense’s proposed lease of defense articles to the Government of Estonia (Transmittal No. 17–01), pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2796a(a); to the Committee on International Relations.

3738. A letter from the Director, Defense Security Cooperation Agency, transmitting the Department of Defense’s proposed lease of defense articles to the Government of Croatia (Transmittal No. 20–01), pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2796a(a); to the Committee on International Relations.

3739. A letter from the Director, Defense Security Cooperation Agency, transmitting the Department of Defense’s proposed lease of defense articles to the Government of Latvia (Transmittal No. 18–01), pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2796a(a); to the Committee on International Relations.
THE HOUSE ON THE STATE OF THE UNION

Mr. HOBSON: Committee on Appropriations. H.R. 2904. A bill making appropriations for military construction, family housing, and base realignment and closure for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2002, and for other purposes. Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

Mr. YOUNG of Florida: Committee on Appropriations. Report on Suballocation of Budget Allocations for Fiscal Year 2002 (Rept. 107–207). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

Mr. REYNOLDS, from the Committee on Rules, submitted a privileged report (Rept. No. 107–209) on the resolution (H. Res. 242) waiving a requirement of clause 6(a) of rule XIII with respect to consideration of certain resolutions reported from the Committee on Rules, which was referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed.

THE HOUSE ON THE STATE OF THE UNION

Mr. LAHOOD. Mr. Speaker, I move that the message of the President be referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union and ordered printed.

The motion was agreed to.

GIVING HIGHEST PRIORITY TO CHILDREN VICTIMIZED BY EVENTS OF SEPTEMBER 11, 2001

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, again I wish to offer my deepest sympathy and compassion for those who have lost their lives, their loved ones and, as well, who have been injured through the heinous acts of September 11. Now I think it is time for us to come together as Americans and deal with the human tragedy for those who are remaining.

It is very important that we speak to and address the issues dealing with our children. I am delighted to join with almost 30 other cosponsors and my co-chair of the Congressional Children’s Caucus, the gentlewoman from Florida (Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN), to put to the Congress H. Con. Res. 228, which expresses the sense of the Congress to deal with those children who have lost a parent or parents or guardians, to prioritize their needs, to ensure that the dollars that we have to assist in this tragedy are quickly and deliberately given to these children as we seek to nurture them and to say to them all will be well.

We must also look at the human capital that is impacting those who are losing their jobs: U.S. Airways, 20,000; Continental Airways, 12,000; Boeing, 30,000.

So, as we move to assist the airlines and others, let us remember those who are now being laid off, the human tragedy, the human loss. Let us make sure that language in the bill that is being put forward for the airlines talks about the laid-off employees. As we do that, we must make sure we take care of our children.

Mr. Speaker, this resolution is for our children. The World Trade Center, to cleaning and maintenance crews, to CEOs and top brass of major brokerage houses. They included all races, colors, and religious denominations. But those who will suffer the greatest and most enduring losses will be the children that they left behind.

This important resolution expresses the sense of the Congress that the children who lost one or both parents or a guardian in the September 11, 2001, World Trade Center and Pentagon tragedies (including the aircraft crash in Somerset County, Pennsylvania) should be provided will all necessary assistance, services, and benefits and urges the heads of Federal agencies responsible for providing such assistance, services and benefits to give the highest possible priority to those children.

Mr. Speaker, this resolution is non-controversial. It merely prioritizes the delivery of federal benefits currently available under federal law to children who have lost their parent(s) or guardian in this horrific tragedy. These should include: (1) foster care assistance; (2) adoption assistance; (3) medical, nutritional, and psychological care; (4) educational services; and (5) such additional care or services as may be necessary in light of this tragedy.

Additionally, we urge such agencies, to the maximum extent possible, to take such steps as necessary to ensure that such assistance, services and benefits are provided within 60 days of the date of the determination of the death of the child’s parent or guardian.

I urge my colleagues to support this important legislation.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Mr. KIND (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT) for today on account of an unavoidable medical reason.

Mr. ORTIZ (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT) for today on account of medical reasons.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 8 o’clock and 52 minutes a.m.), the House adjourned until today, Friday, September 21, 2001, at 9 a.m.