

FEBRUARY 7, 2001.

Speaker J. DENNIS HASTERT,  
Speaker's Floor Office, The Capitol,  
Washington, DC.

DEAR SPEAKER HASTERT: This letter will serve as official notification of my resignation from both the Education and the Workforce and Government Reform Committees. If you have any questions, feel free to contact me or my Administrative Assistant, Michelle Anderson Lee (202) 225-4001.

Very truly yours,

CHAKA FATTAH,  
Member of Congress.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the resignation is accepted. There was no objection.

#### RESIGNATION AS MEMBER OF COMMITTEE ON SCIENCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following resignation as a member of the Committee on Science:

FEBRUARY 7, 2001.

Hon. DENNIS HASTERT,  
Speaker, House of Representatives, Capitol,  
Washington, DC.

DEAR SPEAKER HASTERT: In order to comply with the rules of the Caucus so that I may serve on the committee on the Budget, I hereby resign from the Committee on Science. Pursuant to the rules of the Democratic Caucus, I understand that my rights for seniority on the Science Committee will be preserved.

Sincerely,

MICHAEL E. CAPUANO.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the resignation is accepted. There was no objection.

#### RESIGNATION AS MEMBER OF COMMITTEE ON SMALL BUSINESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following resignation as a member of the Committee on Small Business:

FEBRUARY 7, 2001.

Hon. DENNIS HASTERT,  
Speaker of the House, House of Representatives,  
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER, I am writing to inform you of my resignation, effective immediately, from the Small Business Committee. I have enjoyed serving my constituents' interests on small business matters, and I will continue to do so during the 107th Congress.

Sincerely,

SHELLEY BERKLEY,  
Member of Congress.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the resignation is accepted. There was no objection.

#### RESIGNATION AS MEMBER OF COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT REFORM

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following resignation as a member of the Committee on Government Reform:

FEBRUARY 8, 2001.

Hon. J. DENNIS HASTERT,  
Speaker of the House of Representatives, The  
Capitol, Washington, DC.

DEAR SPEAKER HASTERT: Pursuant to my appointment to the Committee on Financial Services, I hereby resign my assignment to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

HAROLD E. FORD, Jr.,  
Member of Congress.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the resignation is accepted. There was no objection.

#### ELECTION OF MEMBERS TO CERTAIN STANDING COMMITTEES OF THE HOUSE

Mr. KIRK. Mr. Speaker, I offer a resolution (H. Res. 32) and I ask unanimous consent for its immediate consideration in the House.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Clerk will report the resolution.

The Clerk read as follows:

H. RES. 32

*Resolved*, That the following named Members be and are hereby, elected to the following standing committees of the House of Representatives:

Budget: Mr. Kirk.

Energy and Commerce: Mr. Bass to rank after Mr. Radanovich.

Government Reform: Mr. Weldon of Florida; Mr. Cannon; Mr. Putnam; Mr. Otter, and Mr. Schrock.

Resources: Mr. Flake and Mr. Rehberg.

Science: Mr. Shays to rank after Mrs. Morella.

Transportation and Infrastructure: Mr. Pombo and Mr. Hayes to rank after Mr. Isakson.

Veterans' Affairs: Mr. Brown of South Carolina.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Illinois?

There was no objection.

The resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

#### ELECTION OF MEMBERS TO CERTAIN STANDING COMMITTEES OF THE HOUSE

Mr. FROST. Mr. Speaker, by direction of the Democratic Caucus, I offer a privileged resolution (H. Res. 33) and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 33

*Resolved*, That the following named members be, and are hereby, elected to the following standing committees of the House of Representatives:

Committee on Appropriations: Mr. Fattah of Pennsylvania, Mr. Rothman of New Jersey;

Committee on Agriculture: Mr. Larsen of Washington, Mr. Ross of Arkansas, Mr. Acevedo-Vilá of Puerto Rico;

Committee on the Budget: Mrs. McCarthy of New York, Mr. Moore of Kansas, Mr.

Capuano of Massachusetts, Mr. Honda of California;

Committee on Education and the Workforce: to rank after Mr. Holt of New Jersey, Ms. Solis of California, Mrs. Davis of California, Ms. McCollum of Minnesota;

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Mr. Doyle of Pennsylvania, Mr. John of Louisiana, Ms. Harman of California;

Committee on Financial Services: Mr. Ford of Tennessee, Mr. Hinojosa of Texas, Mr. Lucas of Kentucky, Mr. Shows of Mississippi, Mr. Crowley of New York, Mr. Clay of Missouri, Mr. Israel of New York, Mr. Ross of Arkansas;

Committee on Government Reform: Mr. Clay of Missouri;

Committee on International Relations: Mr. Blumenauer of Oregon, Ms. Berkley of Nevada, Mrs. Napolitano of California, Mr. Schiff of California;

Committee on the Judiciary: Mr. Schiff of California;

Committee on Resources: Mr. Rahall of West Virginia, Mr. Markey of Massachusetts, Mr. Kildee of Michigan, Mr. DeFazio of Oregon, Mr. Faleomavaega of American Samoa, Mr. Abercrombie of Hawaii, Mr. Ortiz of Texas, Mr. Pallone of New Jersey, Mr. Dooley of California, Mr. Underwood of Guam, Mr. Smith of Washington, Mrs. Christensen of the Virgin Islands, Mr. Kind of Wisconsin, Mr. Inslee of Washington, Mrs. Napolitano of California, Mr. Udall of New Mexico, Mr. Udall of Colorado, Mr. Holt of New Jersey, Mr. McGovern of Massachusetts, Mr. Acevedo-Vilá of Puerto Rico, Ms. Solis of California, Mr. Carson of Oklahoma, Ms. McCollum of Minnesota;

Committee on Science: Mr. Matheson of Utah, Mr. Israel of New York;

Committee on Small Business: Mr. Langevin of Rhode Island.

Mr. FROST (during the reading). Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be considered as read and printed in the RECORD.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Texas?

There was no objection.

The resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

#### PREVENTING WASTEFUL FEDERAL BOONDOGGLES

(Mr. DUNCAN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. DUNCAN. Mr. Speaker, the Orlando Sentinel published a headline yesterday saying "Anger Over Courthouse Won't Die."

The anger concerns a proposed \$60,000,000 Federal courthouse in Orlando that the judges are unhappy with. I have been told by an expert that to build what the judges want could potentially double the cost and send several million dollars in architect's fees down the drain. At \$60 million, the building will already cost \$195 a square foot.

The cost is already too high. If costs explode because of spoiled judges, it will be far too expensive to build if we