otherwise have been the future of yet another generation. This is a 24-year-old young man talking about trying to preserve the future of another generation and talking about what the death tax does to threaten that next generation.

He is 24 years old and he is already thinking about the next generation. This letter is not a plea for help.

“I want to know that although I am not a victim of this tax, I appreciate the fight against it. I firmly believe that Congress and the government at large need to recognize that America’s future is and will always be firmly rooted in the success of small business. Many of these businesses are family-owned and need the next generation to be able to continue them into the future.

“I spent a few years working for a small family-owned business. Not just myself but several workers depended on the income they derived from working for this small family business operation. I fear for those workers when the tax man comes knocking. This tax has claws that rip at many people, and many more people than the immediate family of the deceased. It also has a huge impact on the employees of the family business.

“I hope your constituents recognize this and they will continue to work to get rid of this tax.”

Now, remember, what this letter focuses on is not his particular situation, but what it does to the employees of a family-owned business. It is not fair to those workers who may not themselves inherit the business but who depend on that farm of another family or depend on that business of another family for their living.

Recently, we had a death in my district in a small community, and this individual was hit with the death tax. The estate was. Do Members know what it did to that community? That individual was the largest employer in the community, the largest contributor to charities, the largest contributor to his local church, the largest owner of real estate in that community.

Do Members know what happened to that community? All of those assets and those jobs, that money that supported many, that had to be accumulated in a pot. The majority of that money, the majority, this is not an aggrandizement or an embellishment, the majority of that money had to be wired to Washington, D.C. for redistribution throughout this country.

Do Members think any of those dollars went back to that little community in the State of Colorado, or it could have been in the community of Missouri, or out in Michigan, or in California or Virginia? This hurts those communities. It does not just devastate families, it hurts people that are related to that small business, that work for that small business.

Again, a lot of the big businesses and wealthy people have planned around this. They have purchased premiums that will not be turned in their lifetime, and they are sitting there. I think Members have an obligation to do that. If they really do it, I think they will come back here next week ready to vote with us to eliminate or reduce the death tax and the burden it puts on the American people.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:
Ms. BALDWIN (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT) for today on account of family illness.
Mr. BECERRA (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT) for today on account of personal business.

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 Mr. McNULTY) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)
Mr. HONDA, for 5 minutes, today.
Mr. FALLONE, for 5 minutes, today.
Ms. NORTON, for 5 minutes, today.
Mr. DAVIS of Illinois, for 5 minutes, today.
Ms. WOOLSEY, for 5 minutes, today.
Ms. SLAUGHTER, for 5 minutes, today.
Mr. BALDACCI, for 5 minutes, today.
Mr. RODRIGUEZ, for 5 minutes, today.
Mr. HONDA, for 5 minutes, today.
Mr. KANJORSKI, for 5 minutes, today.
Mr. SCHIFF, for 5 minutes, today.
Mr. KILPATRICK, for 5 minutes, today.
Ms. LEW, for 5 minutes, today.
Mr. CLAY, for 5 minutes, today.
EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

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

1974. A letter from the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Farm Credit Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule—Organization; Funding and Fiscal Affairs, Loan Policies and Operations, and Funding Operations; Stock Issuances (RIN: 3052–A981) received March 23, 2001, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.


1980. A letter from the Acting Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, NMFS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration’s final rule—Pacific Halibut Fisheries; Catch Sharing Plans (Docket No. 01021902–1062–02; I.D. 121903A) received March 23, 2001, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

1981. A letter from the Acting Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, NMFS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule—Fisheries Off West Coast States and in the Western Pacific Pelagic Fisheries; Hawaii–Kauai Waters (Docket No. 00082244–1060–03; I.D. 032010B) (RIN: 0648–A068) received March 23, 2001, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

1982. A letter from the Acting Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, NMFS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule—Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Summer Flounder Fishery; 2001 Specifications (Docket No. 00112313–1086–03; I.D. 111500C1) (RIN: 0648–AN71) received March 23, 2001, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.


1984. A letter from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, NMFS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule—Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Species in the Rock sole/Flathead sole/‘‘Other flatfish’’ complex (Docket No. 00112013–1013–01; I.D. 031501E) received March 21, 2001, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

1985. A letter from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, NMFS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule—Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Pollock in Statistical Area 680 of the Gulf of Alaska (Docket No. 010121013–1013–01; I.D. 031501E) received March 21, 2001, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.


1989. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Branch, Customs Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting the Department’s final rule—Airworthiness Directives; Foreign Repairs To American Vessels (T.D. 01–21) (RIN: 1515–AC50) received March 20, 2001, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.


REPORTS OF COMMITTEES ON PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XIII, reports of committees were delivered to the Clerk for printing and reference to the proper calendar as follows:

Ms. PRYCE of Ohio: Committee on Rules. House Resolution 104. Resolution providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 6) to...