HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES—*Tuesday, February 3, 1998*

The House met at 12:30 p.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. MILLER of Florida).

DESIGNATION OF SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC,
February 3, 1998.

I hereby designate the Honorable DAN MILLER to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

NEWT GINGRICH,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

MORNING HOUR DEBATES

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the order of the House of January 21, 1997, the Chair will now recognize Members from lists submitted by the majority and minority leaders for morning hour debates. The Chair will alternate recognition between the parties, with each party limited to 30 minutes, and each Member, except the majority leader, the minority leader, or the minority whip, limited to 5 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Texas (Mr. ARMEY) for 5 minutes.

CONGRESS SHOULD NOT SAY "NO" TO THE STUDENTS OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, I am not sure that I will take my whole 5 minutes, but I do have a few things that I would like to point out.

Washington, D.C., has some very, very good schools, has some exceptionally good public schools, and it has some exceptionally good private schools. Unfortunately, the city also has some exceptionally bad schools where we have too many young children that are caught in circumstances that would almost say they have no opportunity for anything but failure.

Those of us that have met these children have understood what one always understands when one meets a child: This is a very, very special and precious person. We have seen too many cases of children that have the ability, that have the energy, that have the hopes and the dreams that are coupled with the same on the part of their parents and punctuated with prayers for a better opportunity for this child, for us to turn our back on these children.

Mr. Speaker, we will bring to consideration for this body again a bill that would allow scholarships for choice for those families that are disadvantaged so they, like so many more wealthy families, particularly here in D.C. and across the country, could exercise their opportunity to take their child out of a school that is failing that child and move that child to a school where the child will have their hopes and dreams and abilities recognized and nourished.

We have people that oppose this. They oppose it for ideological reasons; they oppose it for institutional reasons; they oppose it for reasons that, quite frankly, I do not understand.

One prominent Senator said, "D.C. parents and ministers and local leaders have made it clear that they do not want vouchers." Another prominent Member of this body made the point, "I think I can say with confidence that the people I represent would deeply resent the imposition of vouchers." That was the gentlewoman from the District of Columbia (Ms. NORTON). "I think I can say with confidence that the people I represent would deeply resent the imposition of vouchers."

What is a voucher? We say to people, we make available to you the opportunity. You can choose or you cannot choose to accept that opportunity for your child.

On October 13, 1997, the Washington Scholarship Fund announced the availability of 1,000 new scholarships for children that are disadvantaged by being stuck in failing schools. By the deadline last Saturday, 7,573 children applied. One out of every six children eligible for these scholarships applied.

Mr. Speaker, D.C. parents are making the effort.

Let me talk about this a moment. I have had the opportunity to work with the D.C. Scholarship Fund. I have met these parents. I have met these children. I have seen those that have already had the scholarships that have moved to the other schools. I have seen them brighten up and seen them do better. I have seen children that might have been stuck forever with failure emerge and shine.

What child is not precious enough that they ought to have this opportunity? How can somebody's heart be so cold as to say we deny that?

This is not taking money away from the other D.C. schools. The voucher program that we are putting forward says we will add additional money beyond that which is already available to the City of D.C., which has, if not the highest, certainly the second or third highest per capita student budget for their school system of any city in the Nation. And yet, with all that they already have, we have children that are not being well served by the schools; and we are saying, in addition to that money, let us put some more vouchers in place for these little children.

Mr. Speaker, this is a little thing in Washington. The numbers here are very big. The President has got a $1.73 trillion budget. He has got all kinds of things in that budget, all full of good intentions. Big heart. Something for everyone.

We are saying drive off these Capitol grounds two blocks, three blocks. See the children that do not have the opportunity that children in my district in Texas have to walk to school safe in neighborhoods that are safe; to be with friends in school and to be proud of their school; to learn and understand and be appreciated and, yes, on occasions, disciplined so that they can successfully learn.

Then I ask my colleagues to tell me if they meet these children, they meet these parents, they see these opportunities, that they can have a heart that is so closed, cold, and a mind that is so closed, a dedication to a union so strong or a perversion of priority so cruel that they will say "no" to these children.

Mr. Speaker, I cannot do it. And it is not just because I have met the children. I do not think anybody can do that. And I have to say I deeply regret the callous expressions of sentiment that I read from the two Members of Congress whose quotes I opened this discussion with. I hope that something will touch their heart for these children.

PRESIDENT CLINTON'S EDUCATION INITIATIVE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 21, 1997, the gentleman from Texas (Mr. GREEN) is recognized during morning hour debates for 5 minutes.

Mr. GREEN. Mr. Speaker, I am glad I have the opportunity to follow the gentleman from Texas (Mr. ARMEY), my colleague from Texas and Majority Leader.

I think there is such a diversity in what we can talk about because both the Majority Leader and my Republican colleagues' solution to our education problems is vouchers. Let us give vouchers to a small number of children instead of fixing the big problem.

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That is the difference that I want to talk about today. Let us fix public education. Let us not abandon it. Let us not take away and give vouchers for a small segment, 7,500 that the gentleman talks about, when we have thousands that need help. I do not want to abandon public education and only help a few.

Mr. Speaker, that is why I join a lot of my Democratic colleagues today saying let us fix the problems rather than saying that vouchers are the solution. That is not a solution. That is a short-term, one-time solution for one child.

Let us talk about the millions of children that are in public education. Public education educates millions of children around the country, compared to what private and church-based education can do. There is just not enough private and church-based education to do what they want to do. We need to fix the problems for the millions and not the few; that is what is important today.

My children went to public schools in Texas in an urban environment, and now they attend a public university in Texas. The image that people may have that in Congress a lot of our children go to private schools, that is just not true. Students can get an adequate public education in public schools as well as they can in private schools. It takes parental involvement, it takes dedicated teachers, and it takes business-community partnerships.

President Clinton last week in his State of the Union talked about some of the new initiatives that we need to do, including preparing children for the future. The President and Members, whether it be President, Member of Congress, a doctor, lawyer, engineer, business owner, whatever, that is our job as a Member of Congress and leader of our country, to be able to prepare the children who are in school now, whether it be in the D.C. schools or the schools in my district in Houston, Texas.

One of those initiatives that he talked about is the Head Start program. The President committed to Head Start for one million children, expanding it to one million children. I know in Harris County our Head Start program for a number of years has had problems, but we are fixing it. They serve now over 5,000 students, needy preschoolers.

What we are doing now with the help of both the independent school districts in our community, with Health and Human Service employees and the staff that are helping, we have an interim provider providing the service for 70 percent of those children. We are going to fix it even more by providing a long-term solution for those children in Head Start; and we need to expand it, whether it be in Harris County or all across this great Nation.

We are fixing our problem locally, but we also need to make sure that the funds are there for those children when we can expand it. Head Start works. It works to give children, when they show up at that kindergarten or the public schools or first grade, that same start, that same opportunity as those children whose parents could afford prekindergarten programs.

President Clinton proposed a lot of other great programs for expanding education and making sure that the next generation of Americans can stand in the place that we do and a lot of our colleagues do, to take over the job that a lot of us do here on the floor or also in lots of businesses and places all across the country, including reducing the class size to 18-to-1.

In Texas, we reduced our class size in the 1980s for kindergarten through fourth grade by mandate that the schools could not have more than 22-to-1 in kindergarten through fourth grade. I would like to see that on a national basis.

Again, it is tough to pay for it and tough to have facilities; and that is another thing that the President asked for. For the first time, we will actually see the Federal Government helping with facilities construction. It is great to talk about lowering class size, but we have to have buildings, and we have to have teachers. We have to have Federal assistance. Not a great deal of money, because it is not going to help any one district, but it will help leverage a lot of our districts that are having trouble providing facilities.

Also, he talked about the 100,000 new teachers, if we are going to have smaller class size, 100,000 new teachers helping our children. That is preparing for the next generation of our country, not just a quick fix to have vouchers for a small group of children who are fortunate enough to have a voucher.

Another one of the President's proposals was the Education Opportunity Zones. The Department of Education would select 50 high-poverty urban or rural districts who use high standards of tests for their children, provide the help to teachers and students and schools who need it, prevent students from falling behind by ensuring quality curriculum and teaching and also end social promotion.

I think that is something on this floor that we can probably agree upon on a bipartisan basis. We do not need to continue to promote someone if they are not making the grade in their current district. We are not doing that child a favor.

There are so many good things that I could talk about. I look forward to engaging my colleagues on the other side of the aisle in really dealing with education issues.

BAILOUT OF THE IMF

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 21, 1997, the gentleman from Florida (Mr. STEARNS) is recognized during morning hour debates for 5 minutes.

Mr. STEARNS. Mr. Speaker, this morning I would like to call my colleagues' attention to an op-ed in the Wall Street Journal this morning called "Who Needs the IMF?" It is written by George Schultz, who is the former Secretary of State under President Reagan; Mr. William Simon, who was Secretary of Treasury under Presidents Nixon and Ford; and Mr. Riften, who is a former Chairman of Citicorp/Citibank.

The American taxpayers are being asked to bail out the IMF, and I believe they are being taken advantage of.

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The bailout has been organized by the IMF fund to which the United States has contributed roughly 18 percent of the IMF's reserve fund. The IMF, as of 1996, there was about $210 billion in the reserve fund. The United States has been liable for approximately $47 billion of this. This fund has responded to the East Asian financial crisis by nearly liquidating its assets. Thailand has received $17 billion in bailout money; $40 billion has been handed to Indonesia, and South Korea has been given a staggering $68 billion in funds. The total cost of this bailout amounts to more than 14 percent of East Asia's gross domestic product.

Let us put this in perspective: 14 percent of the U.S. gross domestic product would equal over $1 trillion. This breathtaking figure would be 61 percent of the Federal budget. The IMF is engaging in a policy of privatizing the profits and socializing the losses. So instead of helping beleaguered nations, the American taxpayer is guaranteeing a return of investment, of course with a profit attached, to the various investment institutions and investors who knew that they were engaging in highly risky investments. The protected markets, not the open ones, are in trouble.

The financial crisis in East Asia is not the result of excess capitalism. The crisis has been caused and exacerbated by the Asian economies that have been forcibly insulated from the free market through quasi-protectionist practices, especially as it concerns banning foreign financial services to operate in these markets.

The Heritage Foundation, a conservative think tank, reports, quote, the financial crisis in Asia is a culmination of decades of hands-on government regulation of the region's economies, distrust of foreign capital and competition, concentration of power in a family-owned business group with close ties to the government, and closed financial systems and quotes.

As the case with Japan, which has experienced nearly a decade-long recession, these Asian nations have created managed economies by picking economic winners and losers instead of allowing competition to sort out the free market winners and losers. By trying to guide their economies through bureaucratic hands, Thailand, Indonesia, and South Korea have worsened their economic crisis because they have been incapable of taking immediate action to fight the effects of a growing economic free fall. The IMF can lull nations into complacency by acting as a self-appointed leader of last resort.

This fund was originally created in 1944 to assist in global trade by supporting currency convertibility and providing needed financing to defend exchange rates. The purpose of the IMF was entirely dissolved with the demise of the fixed exchange system in 1937 and the advent of international capital markets. But instead of putting the IMF out of business as it should have been, the IMF was allowed by its member nations to redefine itself by becoming a lender to developing nations. Such a change in its mandate automatically increased the risk to its reserve funds and duplicated the efforts of other international financial institutions such as the World Bank.

The IMF money has made investors more reckless with their decisions because they have come to expect that this money will be an insurance plan against the risk of investing in questionable economic settings in foreign nations. They realize their investments will be practically guaranteed. Instead of making wise business decisions, certain investors and institutions get consumed with the thought of great profits despite significant risks.

Most importantly this crisis should teach the world, especially in countries like Japan and China, that true economic reform is needed to wean nations off managed economic policies. By allowing the free market to rule, the nations of East Asia will have the security to avoid these economic downturns that currently have befallen them. Asian nations are facing financial difficulties, not because of outside forces having imposed bad economic policies on them, but because they have imposed these bad policies on themselves.

NUCLEAR TECHNOLOGY EXPORT

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. MILLER of Florida). Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 21, 1997 the gentleman from New Jersey (Mr. PALLONE) is recognized during morning hour debates for 5 minutes.

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, on January 12 of this year, the Clinton administration issued a statement certifying that China had provided clear and unequivocal assurances to the United States that it is not assisting and will not assist any nonnuclear weapons State either directly or indirectly in acquiring nuclear explosive devices or the material components of such devices. This is the first time in 12 years that a U.S. President has granted such a certification.

I am greatly disturbed by this statement. As many Members of this body are aware, China is a major supplier of weapons of mass destruction, nuclear and missile technology. We have less than 30 days to take action and either reject or accept the certification.

Mr. Speaker, when the United States and China had signed an accord in 1985 to allow American firms to export nuclear technology to China, Members of Congress were concerned over China's sales of nuclear weapons technology to third countries. In response, Congress quickly passed legislation that required the President to first certify that China has not sold or transferred nuclear technology to countries that are not subject to inspection by the International Atomic Energy Agency. In granting this certification, the Clinton administration has chosen to overlook China's recent transfer of nuclear technology to unregulated nuclear facilities in Pakistan and Iran. The administration has accepted a so-called assurance by Beijing that it would cancel or postpone indefinitely several projects, especially secret nuclear facilities in Pakistan and a uranium conversion facility in Iran, as the basis for the United States granting the certification.

The administration continues to overlook CIA findings that the Chinese have sold 5,000 ring magnets to Pakistan for its uranium enrichment facility. The ring magnets were transferred to a laboratory in Pakistan, and the facility is named after the founder of Pakistan's nuclear weapons program. I would like to note that ring magnets are used for the building of nuclear weapons.

The administration has overlooked, in my opinion, a CIA report that described the Chinese sale of a special industrial furnace and high-tech diagnostic equipment to Pakistan. The furnace and diagnostic equipment have dual use and can be used to melt plutonium as well as uranium for nuclear weapons. Furthermore, by granting the certification the administration is willing to approve China's continued support of Pakistan's commitment to build a plutonium production reactor and a plutonium reprocessing plant. These facilities are essential for a nuclear weapons program.

Despite the repeated protests by Members of this body, China continues to assist Pakistan in building a sophisticated nuclear arsenal. Unfortunately, this nuclear arsenal is not subject to international inspection. Furthermore, the administration continues to look the other way as China continues to export technology and ballistic and missile components to Pakistan. I would like to remind my colleagues that Pakistan is not a member of the International Atomic Energy Agency and bans investigators from several of its nuclear facilities. Members of this body have supported and at times insisted that China receive United States peaceful nuclear technology only if China halts all nuclear exports to nations with unregulated nuclear facilities.

Last year a letter was sent to President Clinton by Members of this body stating that China has not earned or behaved in a manner that warrants such certification. The Arms Control and Disarmament Agency's annual report to Congress stated that while the administration could not stipulate a violation, questions remained about contacts between Chinese entities and elements associated with Pakistan's nuclear weapons program.

Mr. Speaker, I hope that many of my colleagues will support legislation that rejects the administration's granting of this certification. We have less than 30 days to act. We must send a message to the Chinese that we will not turn our heads away and accept its nuclear weapons relations with Pakistan. We should not accept the assurances made by the Chinese when they have continually failed to be responsible and act responsibly as a member of the international proliferation community.

CONFIRMATION OF DR. SATCHER AS U.S. SURGEON GENERAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 21, 1997 the gentlewoman from Texas (Ms. JACKSON-LEE) is recognized during morning hour debates for 5 minutes.

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, as a student of the Constitution, I am reminded of the wisdom of the Founding Fathers in establishing three branches of Government. Also recognizing as the President is the head of this Nation that there should be advice and consent from the other body of this Congress. All of us as Americans respect that process and have watched that process help govern this Nation for the years that it has been a Nation under our Constitution.

But, Mr. Speaker, I would argue very vigorously today that there is a crisis in government and one that must be remedied by the people. We recognize that in this three branches of government there are checks and balances. But there should not be a runaway government.

We understand through statistical analysis and polls that this President was reelected because there was the view of the American people that they wanted to go in a direction of moderation, not in a radical right direction.

And so they voted for a President that they thought would have the powers to select the judiciary for the 21st century. In that judiciary would be combined individuals who would decide cases in a moderate and respectful manner of the law. It would include judges who affirmed and approved and understood that affirmative action was still legal.

But it seems, however, that the other body refuses to confirm and affirm those appointments by the President of the United States who cannot pass their own political litmus test. This is a travesty and this is against the underpinnings of advice and consent that have been given under the Constitution. We need to stop this runaway process. We need to allow the President of the United States to appoint those judges that are needed, some 81 vacancies, denying the American people their justice and saying to those who believe under the Constitution that issues like affirmative action and choice are the law of the land being rejected because they do not pass a political litmus test.

We come again to another crisis, Mr. Speaker. That is the confirmation of Dr. Satcher, Dr. Satcher, who has been nominated by the President of the United States to be the U.S. Surgeon General and be the Assistant Secretary of Health at the Department of Health and Human Services, someone who is a fine scholar but also a medical professional.

The health of the people is really the foundation upon which all their happiness and all their powers as a State depends. This was spoken by Benjamin Disraeli, Earl of Beaconsfield, in a speech in 1877.

What we find here is a bottleneck in the other body, using an unfortunate and negative litmus test to refuse to confirm Dr. Satcher. He has had a distinguished career, an eloquent spokesperson and a proven health professional. He qualifies to succeed in this role.

The surgeon general's job is to develop medical consensus and articulate a broad public health vision, tasks for which Dr. Satcher is well prepared. As Director of the Center for Disease Control and Prevention, the Administrator of the Agency for Toxic Substances and Diseases Registry, and as the former president of Meharry Medical College, Dr. Satcher has made a lasting impression on the public health of this Nation. In fact, through his leadership at the CDC, childhood immunization rates have increased dramatically, growing from 55 percent in 1992 to 78 percent, and vaccine-preventable childhood diseases have been reduced to the lowest level in American history.

Under Dr. Satcher's direction, the CDC has also placed a greater emphasis on prevention. For example, the CDC's comprehensive breast and cervical cancer screening program increased from 18 to 50 States, and the agency highlighted the importance of physical activity and good health by encouraging Americans to become more physically active.

Why, however, is Dr. Satcher's confirmation being held up? Because of some false litmus test about abortion. Because of some belief that he may be prochoice or pro a procedure, none of which should have anything to do with the head of this country's medical message being confirmed or not confirmed, particularly when Dr. Satcher has indicated that it is his desire to lead this country in a comprehensive way of providing an opportunity for more Americans to be healthy.

He is highly respected and supported by the American Medical Association, the American Academy of Family Physicians, the American Academy of Pediatrics, Dr. Louis Sullivan, the President of Morehouse School of Medicine and former Secretary of Health and Human Services under Republican administrations, and numerous other medical groups.

The Office of Surgeon General has been vacant too long. This is a travesty.

Dr. Satcher wrote in 1977 to Senator WILLIAM FRIST, himself a doctor: Let me state unequivocally that I have no intention of using the position of Assistant Secretary for Health and Surgeon General to promote issues related to abortion. That is it, plain and simple. What more do you need? You cannot take away from an individual his right to his opinions and his belief. Stop the travesty. Follow the Constitution. Proceed with the advice and consent from the other body, proceed to nominate and affirm judges that can be independent and Surgeon Generals that can be independent.

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NAME CHANGE FOR WASHINGTON NATIONAL AIRPORT SHOULD NOT HAPPEN

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. MILLER of Florida). Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Virginia (Mr. MORAN) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. MORAN of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, tomorrow this House will take up a bill to strip George Washington's name from Washington National Airport and to rename it the Ronald Reagan National Airport.

I oppose this legislation. My opposition and the opposition of other Members to this bill has nothing to do with personal feelings about President Reagan and his family. In fact, we wish them the best. The debate on this bill should not be about President Reagan or his policies.

I want to repeat this. This debate is not about President Reagan or how best to honor his legacy, this debate is about the majority's efforts to push through a bill that will have serious consequences with little debate and no serious consideration.

In the 7 years I have been a Member of Congress I have never seen greater arrogance than has been exhibited by the majority party in their efforts to enact this legislation. This is an arrogant abuse of power. Washington National Airport is in my district. I have never been consulted about this legislation. I was never asked to appear at a hearing, because there was no hearing. And no one from the other side has even bothered to ask my constituents what they thought about it. If they had, they would find that we do not want this name changed.

Every Member of this House should think how they would feel if the Congress were to vote tomorrow to rename the airport in their district without even consulting them. This bill was drafted without consulting Senators WARNER and ROBB, Virginia's representatives in the other body.

This bill was drafted without consulting the Washington Metropolitan Airport Authority, the body that Ronald Reagan created to govern the Washington National Airport. It was drafted without consulting the Federal Aviation Administration that has to change all the tickets and the rerouting and their whole computer network. The airlines operating out of National were not consulted or the businesses located around the airport in my district. Each of these entities will be significantly and adversely impacted by this bill and each deserves a voice in this decision.

Rather than honor Ronald Reagan and his family and his philosophy of devolving Federal power to State and local governments, this Congress is completely ignoring the expressed wishes of local government when it acts in such an imperious, dictatorial manner. Both Arlington County and the City of Alexandria have gone on record as firmly opposing this renaming bill.

The Greater Washington Board of Trade, which is the equivalent of our regional Chamber of Commerce, opposes this legislation. These local organizations reflect strong public sentiment against H.R. 2526. So rather than respect the conservative principles of Ronald Reagan, this Congress is diminishing the history of the airport and the President for which it was named to glorify another President.

Our local airport was named Washington National Airport for a very good reason. George Washington lived less than 10 miles away from it, on the very same route. He lived at the end of the street where Washington National Airport is located, Mount Vernon. When it

was built, President Roosevelt and airport architects wanted the original terminal to bear a resemblance to Mount Vernon, which it does.

Virginia is a State which is proud to have produced so many Presidents and Founding Fathers for this Nation. We do not want to have the name of our first President taken off the busiest airport in our State. Rather than honor President Reagan's belief in limited and preferably local government, this Congress is about to enact a bill that will saddle the Washington Metropolitan Airport Authority and hundreds of local businesses in and around Washington National Airport with great and unnecessary expenses.

The most ironic, and some would say saddest, part of this entire debate is that we are trying to overturn one of President Reagan's accomplishments. It was, after all, President Ronald Reagan who in 1986 signed legislation that ceded Federal control over Washington National and Dulles Airports to the State and regional authorities. That 1986 law granted to the Washington Metropolitan Airport Authority control over these airports. They were not even consulted.

This is wrong. It is an outrageous abuse of power. It should not be done. Do not do it.

By signing that legislation, President Reagan assured that the federal government would get out of the business of running regional airports. He was correct in doing so. He was acting in a manner that was consistent with this core philosophy, which was to devolve power to the state and local governments.

Now, twelve years later, my Republican colleagues want to ignore completely the spirit and purpose of that law and force this name change on unwilling local authorities.

Lest anyone think that this is just a partisan concern, or that we are acting in a petty manner, I ask them to consider not my comments but the comments of former Virginia Governor Linwood Holton, who was also a former chairman of the Washington Airports Authority.

In a letter to me last week, the Governor stated his strong opposition to H.R. 2526. He expressed the concern that this bill defeats the purpose of the 1986 airports law and the underlying lease for the airports between the federal government and the airports authority. That lease grants to the authority—and not to this Congress—the control over all operational issues relating to the airport. And that includes its name!

Governor Holton goes on to articulate the concerns that many of us have about the cost of this name change and its impact on the traveling public.

These are not the concerns of some partisan Democrat, but of the first Republican elected to statewide office in modern Virginia history.

Mr. Speaker, President Reagan has been and will continue to be honored by the American people. His name will be on the Navy's next *Nimitz*-class aircraft carrier. The new international trade center downtown will be dedicated in April as the Ronald Reagan Building. And there is a courthouse in California named after President Reagan.

These honors are appropriate and enjoy bipartisan support.

Let's not subject the President and his family to a divisive debate over renaming Washington National Airport. H.R. 2526 is a bill that is opposed by our local governments in Virginia. It is opposed by the business community. It runs counter to the spirit and purpose of existing law. It diminishes Virginia history and the legacy of George Washington. And it establishes a bad precedent for this House.

I urge the Republican leadership to withdraw this ill-advised and hastily drawn measure.

Mr. Speaker, I include for the RECORD the following:

MCLEAN, VA, *January 29, 1998.*

DEAR JIM: I am writing to you in regards to the pending legislation to change the name of the Washington National Airport to "Ronald Reagan National Airport." I had the honor of working closely with the Congress and Secretary of Transportation Elizabeth Dole in advancing the Metropolitan Washington Airports Act of 1986 to transfer Washington National Airport out of the Federal Government to the Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority. This legislation of course was signed into law by President Reagan. The Airports Authority was created by the Commonwealth of Virginia and the District of Columbia. The Federal Government leased Washington National Airport and Washington Dulles International Airport to the Authority for fifty years beginning on June 7, 1987. I was privileged to serve as Chairman of the Authority at that time and I signed that lease on behalf of the Authority.

The purpose of the transfer, as recited in the lease itself, was to achieve "local control, management, operation and development" of the airports. I am very concerned that after ten years of this lease arrangement, the Congress now proposed to take unilateral action to change the name of the airport. This is not at all consistent with either the literal terms or the purpose of that lease agreement. Further, the change to the name as proposed, while honoring a president for whom I have the greatest respect, would be detrimental to the airport and its users and affect the traveling public in ways certainly not intended by the drafters of this legislation.

The lease grants the Authority complete control, power, and dominion over the airports. The intent of Congress, Virginia and the District of Columbia in this arrangement is clear. Even though the Federal Government continues to own the underlying land, the airport is to be treated as any other airport, not as a federal facility. In the past, there have been changes made to the lease at the request of Congress and the changes have been brought about by a mutually agreed upon amendment to the lease to secure the consent of the Airports Authority. The proposed name change legislation does not acknowledge the need to obtain the consent of the Authority and this is inconsistent with the intended relationship between the Federal Government and the Authority.

As for the consequences, the removal of "Washington" from the airport name removed the location and market identifier that is obviously very important to travelers and shippers at points distant from the Washington area. It is worth noting that well over half of those who travel through National are not residents of the Washington region. The word "Washington" provides immediate market and location information. Without it, there will be confusion that does not exist today about where the airport is and what market it serves. The cost of such loss of identity and confusion may not be readily quantified, but I believe that it would be substantial. There also are other costs such as the costs to local businesses who have associated their identities with Washington National Airport.

In conclusion, the legislation which transferred Washington National Airport to the Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority granted to the Authority the control and oversight of the airport. Unilateral action by the Congress to take the drastic action of changing the name of the airport is inconsistent with both the spirit and the intent of the transfer.

Very truly yours,

LINWOOD HOLTON.

LEGISLATION TO KEEP SOCIAL SECURITY SOLVENT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Michigan (Mr. SMITH) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. SMITH of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, thank you very much. As you well know, Mr. Speaker, the Committee on the Budget for the last 3 hours has been meeting, talking to Mr. Raines, the Director of the Office of Management and Budget. My concern and what I noted to Mr. Raines was the fact that Social Security is in jeopardy.

I have introduced the only bill in this U.S. House of Representatives that has now been scored by the Social Security Administration to keep Social Security solvent, so I applauded the President when he suggested that we put Social Security first. However, as I said to Mr. Raines, in examining the budget that was delivered yesterday, Social Security was not put first. Social Security was put ninth, not first.

And I explained the problem of the expanded spending in this budget, where ahead of Social Security was an expanded Medicare program; ahead of Social Security was the high cost of this global warming agreement; ahead of Social Security was $37 billion expanded role for government in education, where Washington is going to decide more of the decisions and pass more regulations as they pass through that money back to local communities; ahead of Social Security was new penalties for moms who stay at home to take care of their kids with a $21 billion program of government getting into the baby-sitting business; expanded welfare programs were there; infusing $18 billion into the International Monetary Fund, the IMF; the budget created or expanded $39 billion worth of new or expanded entitlement programs. Social Security was definitely not put first.

In the budget was roughly $102 billion of increased taxes, another $23 billion

of increased fees, which one could almost consider taxes because eventually they are going to be passed on to the consumer. My question to Mr. Raines was, would he consider taking whatever increased revenues was projected and not spending it on these new expanded "make government bigger and more powerful" programs and put all that surplus into Social Security? And he reacted that, no, they thought they had the correct balance.

I think, Mr. Speaker, that we should change the definition of what a balanced budget is. We are hoodwinking the American people in pretending there is a balanced budget, because there is not. If you look in this book of part of the budget, the historical tables, on page 111, we talk about what happens to the national debt of this country, the Federal debt of this country. The Federal debt in this budget is going up between $100 billion and $200 billion every year for the next 5 years. I personally think that a reasonable definition for a balanced budget is when we stop increasing the national debt.

And the justification is, and it is not just the President, it has been Congress, too, that says, look, we are defining a balanced budget as everything that comes into budget. But everybody should understand what government is doing is overtaxing workers today because there is more money coming in in the Social Security tax than is needed to pay out immediately for benefits. And the Federal Government is taking that money, not only spending it for other social programs but they are taking that money and considering it is balancing the budget.

That should not be the way, Mr. Speaker. We need to start being more honest with the American people. In this budget we should be looking at how we reduce the overall size of government and not, as suggested in this government, in this budget, that we have another $102 billion of taxes, or a total of $129 billion of taxes if you include the fee increases that are going to be put on the American people. We should not increase those taxes to expand government.

We should put Social Security first. I agree with the President. Let us not expand government at a time that we have these huge challenges of saving Social Security and saving Medicare.

SCHOOL OVERCROWDING

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentlewoman from California (Ms. SÁNCHEZ) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Ms. SÁNCHEZ. Mr. Speaker, many of you know that my major legislative focus this past year has been to alleviate California's and the Nation's overcrowded schools. I have introduced a bill, the Expand & Rebuild America's Schools Act, to ensure that schools with high growth rates have a Federal incentive to pass local bond initiatives to help build new schools and new classrooms.

To highlight this legislation, I held a forum this past month in my hometown of Anaheim, California, a forum on school overcrowding, and it was attended by the gentleman from Missouri (Mr. GEPHARDT), our Democratic leader, and the gentlewoman from California (Ms. JUANITA MILLENDER-MCDONALD). She herself is a former teacher in California.

We held it and we had witnesses to talk to us about how they are affected by the overcrowding crisis. Students and teachers, administrators, education experts from my district, Sacramento and Washington, D.C. gave valuable testimony that shed light on what is going right, what is wrong, and what has to be done to help our kids.

And, yes, I did hear a 6th grade student talk about how she no longer has playground space because portable classrooms were needed to be placed on the school's blacktop; or the teacher's frustration who said she was using a coat closet as a workroom; or even the knowledge that I have of having returned to my elementary school there in Anaheim and to see the janitor's mop room now being used as a classroom for special education children. And I know that we need to solve this problem of school overcrowding.

The forum produced many good ideas about what must be done locally and in our State to build more schools, but what remains clear is through this we still need Federal help. I applaud the President for stepping up to the plate and offering two major bond programs to encourage renovation of schools and new school construction. His bond program could be, in my view, more focused on alleviating the crowding of our most impacted schools, and I look forward to working with the administration to ensure that some exception or preference can be given to schools suffering from both high growth rates and little space. For example, the elementary schools in Anaheim were built for 500 students, yet each of them has almost 1100 students attending. And, of course, they are now on year-round schedule.

My legislation, which offers a similar bond financing program, is a good example of getting local people to take on the responsibility of financing their schools with an incentive that if they do this, we will help them, not by creating more Federal bureaucracy or a new spending program, but by offering interest free rates on bonds because the Federal Government will provide a tax credit to the lenders in the amount of the interest. Therefore, these local agencies will only have to repay the principal. Only schools which are highly impacted by overcrowding can qualify for these bonds.

School overcrowding is not only just a problem in Orange County or in California, but States such as Nevada and Arizona, Florida, and Pennsylvania are experiencing the same challenges. If my colleagues would like additional information about the forum and the information we have received there, please contact me. And I hope that we can work together to ensure that our children can get all the space that they need.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12 of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess until 2:00 p.m.

Accordingly (at 1 o'clock and 14 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess until 2:00 p.m.

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AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. GOODLATTE) at 2 p.m.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, Rev. James David FORD, D.D., offered the following prayer:

We admit, O gracious God, that we strive to know Your love, but we realize in our hearts that we miss the mark; we confess that we seek to do Your will in our lives, but we know in our hearts that we often fail; we acknowledge that we aspire to obey Your commandments, but in our hearts we can follow a selfish path. O God of Gods and Creator of all the world, breath into us a new spirit of faith and hope and love that we will be the people You would have us be and do those good works that honor You and serve people in their need. In Your name, we pray. Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentleman from Georgia (Mr. NORWOOD) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. NORWOOD led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE

The Speaker pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Clerk of the House of Representatives:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, January 30, 1998.

Hon. NEWT GINGRICH,
Speaker, House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: Pursuant to the permission granted to Clause 5 of Rule III of the Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives, the Clerk received the following message from the Secretary of the Senate on Friday, January 30, 1998 at 10:03 a.m.: that the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 3042.

With warm regards,

ROBIN H. CARLE, *Clerk.*

RESIGNATION FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following resignation from the House of Representatives:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, January 15, 1998.

Hon. NEWT GINGRICH,
Speaker of the House,
The Capitol, Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: It is with very mixed feelings that I write to you to tender my resignation from the House of Representatives, effective at the close of business on Friday, February 6, 1998. After so many years of watching my family's sacrifice, in the interests of public service, I find that the requirements of being more available to them now press very hard upon me. Therefore, I will leave the House and turn my attention to these pressing matters.

Serving in the House has been a profound honor, both because it has allowed me to share in the traditions and history of the House and because of the incredible district that I was honored to represent in the House chamber. I will miss my many colleagues and the opportunity to contribute so directly to the governance of our nation. I leave with a sense of significant accomplishment, as well as with the optimism with which I entered the chamber for the first time in 1971. I will value our friendship and the challenging debate that we have engaged in over these many years.

Mr. Speaker, I wish you well and extend through you my very best wishes to all of our colleagues.

Sincerely yours,

RONALD V. DELLUMS,
Member of Congress.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
January 27, 1998.

Gov. PETE WILSON,
State Capitol,
Sacramento, CA.

DEAR GOVERNOR WILSON: I write to you pursuant to California law to advise you that I will resign my office, Representative in Congress, 9th California District, effective at the close of business on February 6, 1998. I have similarly advised the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

I appreciate and have been honored by the opportunity to have served the people of the State of California in the United States Congress.

Sincerely yours,

RONALD V. DELLUMS,
Member of Congress.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE HONORABLE HENRY BONILLA, MEMBER OF CONGRESS

The Speaker pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Honorable Henry Bonilla, Member of Congress:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, February 2, 1998.

Hon. NEWT GINGRICH,
Speaker, House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: This is to formally notify you, pursuant to Rule L (50) of the Rules of the House of Representatives, that my office has been served with a subpoena (for written testimony and documents) issued by the 63rd District Court for Val Verde County, Texas, and directed to the "Custodian of Records, United States of Representatives."

After consultation with the Office of General Counsel, I have determined that compliance with the subpoena is not consistent with the precedents and privileges of the House and, therefore, that the subpoena should be resisted.

Sincerely,

HENRY BONILLA,
Member of Congress.

A LEOPARD CANNOT CHANGE HIS SPOTS

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

Mr. DELAY. Mr. Speaker, it is often said that a leopard cannot change his spots. It must also be said of Bill Clinton that he cannot stop his bad habits, the most obvious of those habits being his propensity to tax and spend.

The President's budget submission is a reaffirmation of this administration's commitment to a bigger government and a heavier tax burden for working Americans. The President's budget includes close to $100 billion in new taxes to pay for close to $100 billion in bigger government.

The American people do not want new taxes and they do not want new government programs. They want a smaller and smarter government that takes less of their money and works more effectively for their families. This is not the time to increase taxes. This is the time to cut taxes. The President's budget is a disappointment, but not a surprise. One cannot expect a leopard to change its spots and one cannot expect President Clinton to embrace the concepts of a smaller and smarter Federal Government.

KARLA FAYE TUCKER DESERVES THE DEATH PENALTY

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

Mr. TRAFICANT. Mr. Speaker, Karla Faye Tucker, who is scheduled to be executed tonight, has asked for clemency. This is the same Karla Faye Tucker who brutally murdered two helpless victims with a pick ax, no less. At that trial, Karla Faye testified, and I quote, that she "enjoyed every single killing stroke" and that she knowingly did not pay any attention to the screams and pleas of her dying victims.

But now, Karla Faye has found the Lord and she begs for mercy. Beam me up, Mr. Speaker. Who now speaks for the innocent victims of Karla Faye Tucker? I say good night, sweet princess. Karla Faye Tucker has deserved the death penalty. She earned it with every single enjoyable killing stroke on those helpless victims.

Think about it. An America that tolerates and coddles murderers will continue to have them.

COMPETITION IN COMMUNICATIONS

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

Mr. NORWOOD. Mr. Speaker, there are critics of Congress and the Communications Act of 1996 who say our efforts to bring competition to the American people have failed. Now, Mr. Speaker, we know that Rome was not built in one day. We also know, thanks to this act, we are seeing competition in this industry sprout like a budding flower on a spring morning.

This act is working, Mr. Speaker. Almost 300 companies have been certified as local carriers in the territory just covered by Bell South. What we need now is for industry to completely honor the intent of the act and for the regulators, both Federal and as well as local regulators, to move as quickly as possible to implement this act the way Congress intended it to be.

Mr. Speaker, let us bring real choice, cheaper prices, and one-stop shopping to all consumers as soon as possible.

ARLINGTON NATIONAL CEMETERY INTEGRITY ACT

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

Mr. KLECZKA. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to offer legislation that will restore the integrity of the final resting place for many of our veterans at Arlington National Cemetery. In recent months we have heard about 69 nonveterans who were granted waivers by the Secretary of the Army to be buried in Arlington over the last 6 years. We also heard allegations that campaign donations may have influenced the waiver process.

While an investigation by the GAO found no wrongdoing, the need for tightened standards has become evident.

That is why today I am introducing the Arlington National Cemetery Integrity Act, which will put into law the current regulations allowing veterans, certain family members, and a few distinguished government officials who have served on active duty to be interred at the cemetery. This bill will end the practice of granting waivers and legally clarify once and for all who may be buried at Arlington Cemetery.

Being laid to rest at Arlington is the last honor we can bestow upon our veterans. The Arlington National Cemetery Integrity Act will provide this honor for veterans for years and years to come.

THE CLINTON BUDGET: A RETURN TO BIG GOVERNMENT

(Mr. CHABOT asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. CHABOT. Mr. Speaker, remember when President Clinton told us that the era of big government is over? Well, apparently he has had a change of heart, because his latest budget proposal is a true monument to big government excess. Billions and billions and billions in new taxes, and billions and billions and billions in new Federal spending. So much for presidential promises, welcome back, big government.

This Congress cannot and will not accept a return to the tax and spend days of old. Because the taxpayers in 1994 installed a new majority in Congress, family income is up, interest rates are down, unemployment is down, and tax relief is finally on the way. And the budget will soon show a surplus for the first time in a generation. It is no time to turn back the clock.

Mr. Speaker, the President's budget completely ignores last year's balanced budget agreement by creating a variety of new spending programs and a host of new taxes. That is not what the taxpayers had in mind. Let us balance the budget. Let us cut taxes, let us do it now.

DEATH PENALTY

(Ms. NORTON asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, tonight Karla Faye Tucker may well be executed. But whether Ms. Tucker lives or dies, her case is making the country think more reflectively about the death penalty.

The moral bankruptcy of adopting death and violence to conquer death and violence has not been lost on our moral leaders, such as the Catholic Church, and the American people are beginning to appreciate the futility of execution. Given a choice, most people would choose life without parole, plus restitution to the victim's family, over the death penalty.

In the Senate, there is a bill that few Americans would condone to impose the death penalty on the District despite a referendum and a council vote to the contrary.

Karla Faye Tucker's Christian conversion has drawn her much support. May her faith convert us all from selective Christianity when it comes to the death penalty.

AN ORDINARY HERO

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

Mr. GUTKNECHT. Mr. Speaker, Ronald Reagan said, we all have the right to dream heroic dreams. Those who say we are in a time when there are no heroes just do not know where to look. We can see heroes every day going in and out of factory gates. Others, a handful of them, produce enough food to feed all of us and then the world beyond. We meet heroes across the counter and they are on both sides of that counter. They are entrepreneurs with faith in themselves and faith in a new idea who create jobs, new wealth, new opportunity. They are individuals and families whose taxes support the Government and whose voluntary gifts support church, charity, art, and education. Their patriotism is quiet, but deep. Their values sustain our national life.

Mr. Speaker, Ronald Reagan believed in us, in our capacity to perform great deeds. He was the American President in the American century. It is altogether fitting that we rename our National Airport after him.

THE AMERICAN DREAM FOR ALL

(Ms. JACKSON-LEE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I am not sure if my colleagues on the other side of the aisle heard the same message that I heard and the American people heard at the State of the Union, and as well, at the budget presentation that was made by the President just yesterday; that is, that we have the first balanced budget in the history of this Nation in the last 30 years.

In addition, let me offer to say to my colleagues that the point is how the American people perceive the next decade and the 21st century. Are my colleagues to tell me that the American people do not want real, viable and trustworthy child care; that we are not suffering from the crumbling schools around the Nation; that we do not want to emphasize education and opportunities for higher education for those moving from welfare to work? I think not.

Mr. Speaker, a 79 percent approval rating after the State of the Union indicates that the American people want action. Yes, they want a balanced budget, but they also want to go into the future, standing tall. They want an increase in the minimum wage. Yes, they want the same things that those who make $200,000 and up have in this country. They want the American dream.

So I say to my colleagues, follow the American people, and if you cannot, get out of the way, because we have a balanced budget and we have a vision for the 21st century.

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RENAMING NATIONAL AIRPORT FOR PRESIDENT RONALD REAGAN

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

Mr. GIBBONS. Mr. Speaker, former President Ronald Reagan never lobbied personally for his place in history. This kind of self-confident leadership style is often missed in Washington, today more than ever.

It is a travesty that partisan politics has entered into what should be a bipartisan tribute to this great man. Whether my colleagues agree or disagree with Ronald Reagan's philosophy, I doubt that anyone can question Reagan's great love for this Nation and his dedication to his role as the leader of the free world.

People from around the world visit our Nation's capital each year. We need to show them the enormous sense of pride that all America takes in honoring his legacy. In an era where partisan politics have so often replaced open and honest debate, the time has come to say enough is enough. For once, just once, let us put aside our egos and with this simple but grand gesture pay tribute to this great man who is so deserving.

I urge my colleagues to support H.R. 2625 when it comes before the House Floor tomorrow.

MEDICARE VENIPUNCTURE SENIORS PROTECTION ACT

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

Mr. ADERHOLT. Mr. Speaker, today I am introducing the Medicare Venipuncture Seniors Protection Act. This bill will delay the implementation of a section in the Balanced Budget Act

which changes the Medicare coverage for venipuncture, or the drawing of blood.

By delaying the implementation of this provision for 18 months, we will be able to study the impact of this change on the elderly and the frail more closely. I fear that, without closer examination, we may make a rash decision which could be devastating to the health care needs of many of our country's seniors.

I fully support eliminating waste, fraud, and abuse from the Medicare program, but throwing the baby out with the bath water is not the answer, and that is exactly what the change in venipuncture coverage may do.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join with me in fighting to make sure that our seniors are protected during this change and that no one who depends on this home health care service is left out in the cold.

RONALD REAGAN'S LEGACY

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

Mr. ROGAN. Mr. Speaker, there are those who still turn a blind eye to the legacy of President Ronald Reagan. Although he left office in 1989 as one of the most beloved presidents of this century, there are some academicians and members of the political left who still want to denigrate his place in history.

When we look at the opening of the Soviet archives over the last few years, and the testimony of former Soviet leaders themselves, we see that President Reagan's strong foreign policy and defense buildup were responsible for the fall of the communist empire.

The transformation of the American economy under his stewardship into a low-tax, deregulated economy has now made our country the envy of the world.

Mr. Speaker, there is no better way to honor his achievement than to rename Washington National Airport after President Ronald Reagan, one of the truly great presidents in American history.

ON THE 200TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE DEATH OF GEORGE WASHINGTON

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

Mr. GILMAN. Mr. Speaker, today, along with Speaker GINGRICH, I will be introducing a concurrent resolution remembering the life of George Washington and his significant contributions to our Nation.

As my colleagues will recall, December 14, 1999, will be the 200th anniversary of the death of George Washington, the founder of our Nation and protector of our liberties. Throughout his life, George Washington projected selfless bravery and astute decision-making, all of which helped to formulate our great Nation into what it is today.

Today, the Mount Vernon Ladies Association of the Union, which maintains the Mount Vernon estate and directs research education programs relating to George Washington, will be on Capitol Hill to demonstrate their support for this resolution.

Accordingly, I invite my colleagues to join me and the Speaker and the Mount Vernon Ladies Association in supporting this concurrent resolution in observation of the 200th anniversary of the death of George Washington, commemorating this notable public servant, an outstanding president, and a courageous general and a splendid human being.

LAOTIAN GOVERNMENT SHOULD RELEASE PRISONERS

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

Mr. HUTCHINSON. Mr. Speaker, Jerry Canfield, long-time city attorney in Ft. Smith, and his wife Meg have been held in custody by the Laotian government since last Friday. They were arrested along with one other American and 40 Laotians.

What was their crime? They were helping Laotians build water systems. But could it also be that they were peacefully assembling to exercise freedom of religion, freedoms that we in a democratic Nation exercise routinely?

The Americans have been released, but what about the 40 Laotians who are still in custody? It is my hope and prayer that these Laotians will be released as well and that the Laotian government recognize that freedom works, not just in America but throughout the world.

PRESIDENT'S BUDGET NOT ALL THAT IS PROMISED

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

Mr. HILL. Mr. Speaker, yesterday the President sent to Congress his budget. He claims that this is the first balanced budget in 30 years. Is that true? Only in Washington could this be called a balanced budget.

The President proposes to borrow an additional $185 billion this year in this budget. That is right. The national debt this year would go up another $185 billion. As a matter of fact, the President's plan over the next 6 years would increase the national debt by $1 trillion. And they say that is balanced.

The President claims that the surpluses in this budget would go to make Social Security solvent. That is not quite accurate either, Mr. Speaker. The President's budget continues, repeat continues, the practice of raiding the Social Security Trust Fund.

To top it all off, the President is proposing to increase taxes. As a matter of fact, under this plan, the President's plan, taxes would be at the third highest level than they have ever been in the history of the United States.

So this budget increases taxes, it adds more debts, and it raids the Social Security Trust Fund. This is business as usual, Mr. Speaker. Shame on the President. And if Congress adopts this budget, shame on Congress.

PRESIDENT'S BUDGET IS BUSINESS AS USUAL

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

Mr. KINGSTON. Mr. Speaker, a year ago the President proclaimed the era of big government is over. And then recently he said, it is now the end of an era, meaning we have a surplus and we had a lot of ways to spend it. So I guess the era that big government was over was only about an 11-month period of history in the United States. Now we are back to the government spending as usual.

The President came on like gangbusters, Santa Claus on Christmas morning, with all kinds of high taxes, new spending programs, old Democrat stuff, tried and true methods of buying blocs of voters one at a time.

One thing the President forgot in his speech, he said the deficit had 11 zeros. Actually, the debt has more zeros than the deficit. I believe the President confused the debt with the deficit, and he thinks we have paid off the debt.

Mr. Speaker, the children of the United States of America, and all others, are faced with over a $5 trillion debt. We have got to pay down the debt. That should be the highest priority with the surplus.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. GOODLATTE) laid before the House the following communication from the President of the United States:

THE WHITE HOUSE,
Washington, February 2, 1998.

Hon. NEWT GINGRICH,
Speaker of the House of Representatives, Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: Pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 1105, attached is the Budget of the United States Government for Fiscal Year 1999.

Sincerely,

WILLIAM J. CLINTON.

BUDGET OF THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT, FISCAL YEAR 1999—MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES (H. DOC. NO. 105–177)

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following message from the President of the United States; which was read and, together with the accompanying papers, without objection, referred to the Committee on Appropriations and ordered to be printed:

To the Congress of the United States:

The 1999 Budget, which I am submitting to you with this message, is a balanced Federal budget, marking the first such budget in 30 years and bringing an era of exploding deficits to an end.

By reaching balance, my budget represents a remarkable turnaround in our fiscal policy over the last five years. It brings to an end three decades of fiscal chaos, a period in which Americans had lost confidence in their Government and the ability of their leaders to do the people's business.

This budget is not just balanced, it is balanced the right way. It not only ends the deficit, it reflects the values that Americans hold dear—the values of opportunity, responsibility, and community. The budget reflects my commitment to continue helping working families with their basic needs—to raise their children, send them to college, and pay for health care.

The budget invests in education and training and in research to raise the standard of living for average Americans. It invests in the environment and in law enforcement to raise the quality of life across our Nation. It invests in our communities at home while providing the resources to maintain a strong defense and conduct the international relations that have become so important to our future.

In the public and private sectors, prospects for a budget surplus are spurring a wide array of ideas about how to spend it. At this point, the Government has not yet reached the surplus milestone, and I continue to believe strongly that we should not spend a surplus that we don't yet have.

More specifically, I believe that the Administration and Congress should not spend a budget surplus for any reason until we have a solution to the long-term financing challenge facing Social Security. With that in mind, my budget proposes a reserve for the projected surpluses for 1999 and beyond.

PREPARING THE NATION FOR A NEW AMERICAN CENTURY

Five years ago, my Administration took office determined to restore the American Dream for every American. We were determined to turn the economy around, to rein in a budget that was out of control, and to create a Government that once again would focus on its customers, the American people.

Five years later, we have made enormous progress. Our economy is strong, our budget is headed toward balance, and our Government is making noticeable progress in providing better service to Americans.

We are beginning to bring Americans together again, to repair the social fabric that has frayed so badly in recent decades. All across America, crime is down, poverty is down, and welfare is down. Incomes are rising at all levels, and a new spirit of optimism is sweeping through many of our urban and rural communities that are rebounding from decades of lost jobs and lost hope.

Now that we have turned the economy around, our task is to spread the benefits of our economic well-being to more Americans, to ensure that every American has the chance to live out his or her dreams. As we move confidently ahead as a Nation, we want to ensure that nobody is left behind.

A century ago, the economy shifted from agriculture to manufacturing, changing the way that Americans lived, the way they worked, the way they related to one another. Today, the economy is shifting once more, this time from manufacturing to services, information, technology, and global commerce.

We can ensure that every American fully enjoys the benefits of this exciting new age, but only if we continue to give people the tools they need and create the conditions in which they can prosper. That is what my budget is designed to do.

CREATING A BRIGHT ECONOMIC FUTURE

When my Administration took office, the Nation was mired in economic problems. The economy had barely grown over four years, creating few jobs. Interest rates were high. Incomes remained stagnant for all but the most well-off. The budget deficit, which had exploded in size in the early 1980s, had reached a record $290 billion and was headed higher. Clearly, the Nation needed a new course.

We launched an economic policy with three central features that had never before been tried together: We set out to reduce the deficit, invest in the American people, and open up markets abroad. Only by pursuing all three elements could we restore the economy and build for the future.

My 1993 budget plan, the centerpiece of our economic strategy, was a balanced plan that cut hundreds of billions of dollars of Federal spending while raising income taxes only on the top 1.2 percent of Americans. By cutting unnecessary and lower-priority spending, we found the resources to cut taxes for 15 million working families while investing in education and training, the environment, and other priorities.

Five years later, we have cut the deficit dramatically, and this budget will finish the job by reaching balance and keeping the budget in balance for the foreseeable future. We have invested in the education and skills of our people, giving them the tools they need to raise their children and get good jobs in an increasingly competitive economy. We have expanded trade through global as well as bilateral agreements, generating record exports that create high-wage jobs for millions of Americans.

The economy responded almost immediately to our policies. When I announced my 1993 budget plan, interest rates fell, and they fell even more as I worked successfully with Congress to put the plan into law. These lower interest rates helped to spur the steady economic growth and strong business investment that we have enjoyed for the last five years. Our policies have helped create over 14 million jobs, while interest rates have remained low and inflation has stayed under control.

As we move ahead, I am determined to ensure that we stick with the policies that are working. We must maintain our fiscal discipline so that we not only reach balance, but also keep the budget in balance.

IMPROVING PERFORMANCE THROUGH BETTER MANAGEMENT

We are balancing the budget the right way, by reducing the size and scope of our Government.

We have done more than just eliminate hundreds of Federal programs and projects. We have cut the civilian Federal work force by over 316,000 employees, giving us the smallest work force in 35 years. In fact, as a share of our total civilian employment, we have the smallest work force since 1931.

But we set out to do more than just cut Government. Under the leadership of the Vice President's National Performance Review, we set out to make Government work, to create a Government that is more efficient and effective, to create a Government focused on its customers, the American people.

We have made real progress, but we still have much work to do. We have reinvented parts of departments and agencies, but now we are determined to turn our agencies around from top to bottom. For 1999, the Vice President will lead an effort to improve the performance of agencies that interact most with the American people. We want to enable Americans not only to quickly enjoy better service from our Government, but to regain confidence in Government as well.

At the same time, I am determined that we will solve the very real management challenges before us. A good example is the challenge of ensuring that our computer systems can accurately process the year 2000 date change. I have directed my Administration to take the necessary steps to meet the problem head-on.

PREPARING FOR THE 21ST CENTURY

Nothing is more important to our future than education. It has become the

dividing line between those who are moving ahead and those who are lagging behind. That is why I have devoted so much effort to ensure that we have a world-class system of education and training in place for Americans of all ages. Over the last five years, we have worked hard to ensure that every boy and girl is prepared to learn, that our schools focus on high standards and achievement, that anyone who wants to go to college can get the financial help to attend, and that those who need a second chance at education and training or a chance to improve or learn new skills can do so. My budget significantly increases funds to help children, especially in the poorest communities, reach challenging academic standards and makes further progress in implementing voluntary national tests. It proposes to build more classrooms and pay for 100,000 more teachers so that we can reduce class sizes. For higher education and training, my budget increases Pell Grants and other college scholarships from the record levels that we have already achieved; expands College Work-Study to a record one million students; streamlines student loan programs and cuts student fees; and expands access to job placement services, training, and related services for dislocated workers and others. Now that anyone who wants to attend college can find the means through Hope scholarships, Pell Grants, and other assistance that we worked so hard to enact, I want to provide the same universal opportunity for job training and re-training to those who need it.

Over the last five years, we have worked hard to help working families. We cut taxes for 15 million working families, provided a tax credit to help families raise their children, ensured that 25 million Americans a year can change jobs without losing their health insurance, made it easier for the self-employed and those with pre-existing conditions to get health insurance, provided health care coverage for up to five million uninsured children, raised the minimum wage, and provided guaranteed time off for workers who need to care for a newborn or address the health needs of a family member. Now, with my new Child Care Initiative, I am determined to provide the help that families need when it comes to finding safe, high-quality, affordable child care. Parents should know that, when they go to work, their children are in safe, healthy environments. I also propose to address the problems faced by a particular group of working families—legal immigrants. In signing the 1996 welfare reform law, I said that I would try to restore the cuts in benefits for legal immigrants that were not only harsh and unnecessary but that had nothing to do with the fundamental goal of welfare reform—to move people from welfare to work while protecting children. My budget restores Food Stamps to 730,000 legal immigrants and lets States provide health insurance to the children of legal immigrants.

This past year, we continued to improve health care for millions of Americans. we strengthened Medicare by extending the life of the trust fund until at least 2010, while we also invested in preventive benefits, introduced more choice of health plans, and strengthened our expanding array of activities to combat fraud and abuse. We extended health care coverage to up to five million uninsured children. We created the Advisory Commission on Consumer Protection and Quality in the Health Care Industry and we later endorsed its Health Care Consumer Bill of Rights. With this budget, I propose that we build on our achievements on a host of important fronts. I want to work with Congress to enact national bipartisan tobacco legislation; nothing is more potentially important to the health of our people, particularly children. My budget also proposes to expand health care coverage for some of the most vulnerable Americans aged 55 to 65, to enroll more eligible children in Medicaid, to provide for unprecedented levels of investment in health research, to expand access to powerful AIDS therapies, to expand access to cancer clinical trials, to increase funds for substance abuse treatment and prevention, and to help reduce health-related disparities across racial and ethnic groups.

Last year was a remarkable one for the environment, and I am determined to build on our progress. Led by the Vice President, the Administration reached an historic international agreement in Kyoto that calls for cuts in greenhouse gas emissions. We also issued new, more protective air quality standards to better safeguard public health, and we strengthened our citizens' right to know about toxic chemical releases. We continued to protect our natural treasures, such as Yellowstone National Park and Florida's Everglades, and to make further progress toward my goal of cleaning up 900 hazardous waste sites under the Superfund by the end of the year 2001. With this budget, I am proposing an Environmental Resources Fund for America that will support increases for many of our key environmental programs. It provides for more construction, maintenance, and land acquisition for national parks, forests, refuges, and other public lands; for a new effort to improve the quality of our water; for improvements to community drinking water and wastewater facilities; and for continuing our efforts to clean up abandoned hazardous waste sites. My budget also includes a new, five-year, $6 billion program to prevent global warming, and more resources to protect endangered species, control pollution, and preserve the global environment.

I am proposing a Transportation Fund for America, reflecting my commitment to provide the resources to ensure that our transportation infrastructure remains safe, integrated, and efficient enough to serve our growing needs. Investment in infrastructure is good for America because it helps grow the economy, improve safety and public health, strengthen our competitiveness abroad, support our national security, and increase the mobility, access, and choice for Americans who need to travel. We must build upon our vast network of roads, highways, and bridges to meet the demands of the next century for a system that links our various modes of travel, that is cleaner and safer, and that helps bring together and support our urban and rural communities. My budget maintains the Administration's record support for transportation, and the Fund includes all of the Transportation Department's highway, highway safety, transit, and air transportation programs.

Scientific and technological advances have created a world vastly different from the one our grandparents knew. They have helped generate huge leaps in the speed and economy of transportation, enormous increases in farm productivity, lightning-fast flows of information and services across national borders, and advances in treating and preventing diseases and protecting the environment. Because I am committed to America's continued leadership in science and technology, I am proposing a Research Fund for America, from which many of our important investments will flow. It includes record increases for the National Institutes of Health, higher funding for the National Science Foundation, new resources to address global climate change, and a wide variety of investments in basic and applied research. These investments are vital; they help to create new knowledge, train more workers, spur new jobs and industries, address our health care challenges, strengthen our understanding of environmental problems, better educate our children, and maintain a strong national defense.

Our anti-crime strategy is working. Serious crime is down five years in a row and, in 1996, we witnessed the largest drop in violent crime in 35 years. But, because crime remains unacceptably high, we must go further. My budget expands our community policing (COPS) program, which is already putting 83,000 more police on the streets toward my goal of 100,000 by the year 2000. The budget also proposes a new Community Prosecutors Initiative to help prosecutors prevent crimes from occurring, rather than simply prosecuting criminals after the fact. And it provides the necessary funds to prevent violence against women, to help States and Indian Tribes build

prisons, and to address the growing law enforcement crisis on Indian lands. To boost our efforts to control illegal immigration, the budget provides the resources to strengthen border enforcement in the South and West, to remove illegal aliens, and to expand our efforts to verify whether newly hired non-citizens are eligible for jobs. To combat drug use, particularly among young people, my budget expands programs that stress treatment and prevention, law enforcement, international assistance, and interdiction. It continues to build on our innovative Drug Courts initiative, proposes School Drug Prevention Coordinators for our schools, supports local efforts that target drug-using offenders, expands drug testing, and strengthens our efforts to make our ports and borders more secure from drugs while disrupting drug trafficking organizations overseas.

Most Americans are enjoying the fruits of our strong economy. But while many urban and rural areas are doing better, too many others have grown disconnected from our values of opportunity, responsibility, and community. Working with State and local governments and with the private sector, I am determined to help bring our distressed areas back to life, to replace despair with hope. My budget expands my national service program, giving more Americans the chance to serve their country and help solve problems at the local level while earning money for college. I am proposing to create more Empowerment Zones and Enterprise Communities that offer tax incentives and direct spending to encourage the kind of private investment that creates jobs, and to provide more capital for lending through my Community Development Financial Institutions program. My budget also expands opportunities for homeownership, provides more funds to enforce the Nation's civil rights laws, maintains our Government-to-Government commitment to Native Americans, and strengthens the partnership we have begun with the District of Columbia.

Because America continues to have a tremendous stake in world affairs, my budget proposes the necessary funds to maintain national security, to conduct our diplomacy, to promote democracy and free markets abroad, and to increase exports. Last year, my Administration worked with Congress to increase international affairs spending. But, Congress faces an unfinished agenda to provide financial support for, and fulfill America's obligations to, a number of international organizations that benefit our economy and serve other objectives, including the International Monetary Fund (IMF), the United Nations system, and the multilateral development banks. Congress should continue to support the decisive action of the IMF as well as our leadership in that institution by providing the supplementary contingent IMF funding that the Administration has sought and replenishing the IMF's basic financial resources. Congress also should give the President traditional trade negotiating authority to help fuel our surging exports into the next century. To enhance national security, my budget maintains large-scale funding to support the Middle East peace process, continues assistance to Bosnia to carry out the Dayton Accords, supports NATO expansion, and increases aid to the New Independent States of the former Soviet Union to support the development of democracy and free markets. I am also proposing a major initiative to provide critical, targeted assistance to African countries that are undertaking difficult economic reforms, and my budget increases counter-narcotics aid to Latin American countries and supports the Summit of the Americas.

Our military serves as the backbone of our national security strategy, and I am committed to maintain a strong and capable military that protects our freedoms and our global leadership role as we approach the 21st Century. The budget continues the Administration's plan to complete the careful resizing of our military forces, to fully support military readiness, to strengthen quality of life programs for our armed forces, and to provide increased funding to modernize our forces as new technologies become available after the turn of the century. My budget reflects the recommendations of the Quadrennial Defense Review and of the Defense Department's recent Defense Reform Initiative to achieve a leaner, more efficient, and more cost-effective organization by improving management and business practices. To implement these improvements, the Defense Department will send legislation to Congress in conjunction with this budget, including a request for two more rounds of base closures and realignments.

INVESTING IN THE COMMON GOOD

Our commitment to balance the budget, and to keep it in balance, will mean that the Administration and Congress must use taxpayer dollars as wisely as possible. If we are to continue funding Federal programs, they will have to show that they are reaching the goals set for them. That is, they will have to show that they are well-run and that they can produce results.

In 1993, I actively supported, and was eager to sign, the Government Performance and Results Act. With this budget, I am delighted to send Congress what the law envisioned—the first comprehensive, Government-wide Performance Plan.

In developing this budget, the Administration for the first time could rely on performance measures and annual performance goals that are now included in agency Annual Performance Plans. We have made a good start on the process that the Administration and Congress outlined in enacting the 1993 law.

As we continue to implement this law, my Administration will focus more and more attention on how programs work, whether they are meeting their goals, and what we should do to make them better. We look forward to working with Congress on our shared goal of improving Government performance.

WILLIAM J. CLINTON.

February 2, 1998.

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ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. GOODLATTE). Pursuant to the provisions of clause 5, rule I, the Chair announces that he will postpone further proceedings today on each motion to suspend the rules on which a recorded vote or the yeas and nays are ordered, or on which the vote is objected to under clause 4 of rule XV.

Such rollcall votes, if postponed, will be taken after debate has concluded on both motions to suspend the rules, but not before 5 p.m. today.

LAWS RELATING TO PATRIOTIC AND NATIONAL OBSERVANCES, CEREMONIES, AND ORGANIZATIONS

Mr. PEASE. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 1085) to revise, codify, and enact without substantive change certain general and permanent laws, related to patriotic and national observances, ceremonies, and organizations, as title 36, United States Code, "Patriotic and National Observances, Ceremonies, and Organizations", as amended.

The Clerk read as follows:

H.R. 1085

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. TITLE 36, UNITED STATES CODE.

Certain general and permanent laws of the United States, related to patriotic and national observances, ceremonies, and organizations, are revised, codified, and enacted as title 36, United States Code, "Patriotic and National Observances, Ceremonies, and Organizations", as follows:

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§ 101. American Heart Month

The President is requested to issue each year a proclamation—

(1) designating February as American Heart Month;

(2) inviting the chief executive officers of the States, territories, and possessions of the United States to issue proclamations designating February as American Heart Month; and

(3) urging the people of the United States to recognize the nationwide problem of heart and blood vessel diseases and to support all essential programs required to solve the problem.

§ 102. Asian/Pacific American Heritage Month

(a) DESIGNATION.—May is Asian/Pacific American Heritage Month.

(b) PROCLAMATIONS.—The President is requested to issue each year a proclamation calling on the people of the United States, and the chief executive officers of each State of the United States, the District of Columbia, the Virgin Islands, Puerto Rico, Guam, American Samoa, the Northern Mariana Islands, the Marshall Islands, Micronesia, and Palau are requested to issue each year proclamations calling on the people of their respective jurisdictions, to observe Asian/Pacific American Heritage Month with appropriate programs, ceremonies, and activities.

§ 103. Cancer Control Month

(a) GENERAL.—The President is requested—

(1) to issue each year a proclamation designating April as Cancer Control Month; and

(2) to invite each year the chief executive officers of the States, territories, and possessions of the United States to issue proclamations designating April as Cancer Control Month.

(b) CONTENTS OF PROCLAMATIONS.—As part of those proclamations, the chief executive officers and President are requested to invite the medical profession, the press, and all agencies and individuals interested in a national program for the control of cancer by education and other cooperative means to unite during Cancer Control Month in a public dedication to the program and in a concerted effort to make the people of the United States aware of the need for the program.

§ 104. Carl Garner Federal Lands Cleanup Day

(a) DESIGNATION.—The first Saturday after Labor Day is Carl Garner Federal Lands Cleanup Day.

(b) PROCLAMATION.—The President shall issue a proclamation calling on the people of the United States to observe Carl Garner Federal Lands Cleanup Day with appropriate programs, ceremonies, and activities. However, activities may be undertaken in individual States on a day other than the first Saturday after Labor Day if a manager of Federal land decides that an alternative date is more appropriate because of climatological or other factors.

§ 105. Child Health Day

The President is requested to issue each year a proclamation—

(1) designating the first Monday in October as Child Health Day; and

(2) inviting all agencies and organizations interested in child welfare to unite on Child Health Day in observing exercises that will make the people of the United States aware of the fundamental necessity of a year-round program to protect and develop the health of the children of the United States.

§ 106. Citizenship Day

(a) DESIGNATION.—September 17 is Citizenship Day.

(b) PURPOSE.—Citizenship Day commemorates the formation and signing on September 17, 1787, of the Constitution and recognizes all who, by coming of age or by naturalization, have become citizens.

(c) PROCLAMATION.—The President may issue each year a proclamation calling on United States Government officials to display the flag of the United States on all Government buildings on Citizenship Day and inviting the people of the United States to observe Citizenship Day, in schools and churches, or other suitable places, with appropriate ceremonies.

(d) STATE AND LOCAL OBSERVANCES.—The civil and educational authorities of States, counties, cities, and towns are urged to make plans for the proper observance of Citizenship Day and for the complete instruction of citizens in their responsibilities and opportunities as citizens of the United States and of the State and locality in which they reside.

§ 107. Columbus Day

The President is requested to issue each year a proclamation—

(1) designating the 2d Monday in October as Columbus Day;

(2) calling on United States Government officials to display the flag of the United States on all Government buildings on Columbus Day; and

(3) inviting the people of the United States to observe Columbus Day, in schools and churches, or other suitable places, with appropriate ceremonies that express the public sentiment befitting the anniversary of the discovery of America.

§ 108. Constitution Week

The President is requested to issue each year a proclamation—

(1) designating September 17–September 23 as Constitution Week; and

(2) inviting the people of the United States to observe Constitution Week, in schools, churches, and other suitable places, with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

§ 109. Father's Day

(a) DESIGNATION.—The 3d Sunday in June is Father's Day.

(b) PROCLAMATION.—The President is requested to issue a proclamation—

(1) calling on United States Government officials to display the flag of the United States on all Government buildings on Father's Day;

(2) inviting State and local governments and the people of the United States to observe Father's Day with appropriate ceremonies; and

(3) urging the people of the United States to offer public and private expressions of Father's Day to the abiding love and gratitude they have for their fathers.

§ 110. Flag Day

(a) DESIGNATION.—June 14 is Flag Day.

(b) PROCLAMATION.—The President is requested to issue each year a proclamation—

(1) calling on United States Government officials to display the flag of the United States on all Government buildings on Flag Day; and

(2) urging the people of the United States to observe Flag Day as the anniversary of the adoption on June 14, 1777, by the Continental Congress of the Stars and Stripes as the official flag of the United States.

§ 111. Gold Star Mother's Day

(a) DESIGNATION.—The last Sunday in September is Gold Star Mother's Day.

(b) PROCLAMATION.—The President is requested to issue a proclamation calling on United States Government officials to display the flag of the United States on all Government buildings, and the people of the United States to display the flag and hold appropriate meetings at homes, churches, or other suitable places, on Gold Star Mother's Day as a public expression of the love, sorrow, and reverence of the people for Gold Star Mothers.

§ 112. Honor America Days

(a) DESIGNATION.—The 21 days from Flag Day through Independence Day is a period to honor America.

(b) CONGRESSIONAL DECLARATION.—Congress declares that there be public gatherings and activities during that period at which the people of the United States can celebrate and honor their country in an appropriate way.

§ 113. Law Day, U.S.A.

(a) DESIGNATION.—May 1 is Law Day, U.S.A.

(b) PURPOSE.—Law Day, U.S.A., is a special day of celebration by the people of the United States—

(1) in appreciation of their liberties and the reaffirmation of their loyalty to the United States and of their rededication to the ideals of equality and justice under law in their relations with each other and with other countries; and

(2) for the cultivation of the respect for law that is so vital to the democratic way of life.

(c) PROCLAMATION.—The President is requested to issue a proclamation—

(1) calling on all public officials to display the flag of the United States on all government buildings on Law Day, U.S.A.; and

(2) inviting the people of the United States to observe Law Day, U.S.A., with appropriate ceremonies and in other appropriate ways, through public entities and private organizations and in schools and other suitable places.

§ 114. Leif Erikson Day

The President may issue each year a proclamation designating October 9 as Leif Erikson Day.

§ 115. Loyalty Day

(a) DESIGNATION.—May 1 is Loyalty Day.

(b) PURPOSE.—Loyalty Day is a special day for the reaffirmation of loyalty to the United States and for the recognition of the heritage of American freedom.

(c) PROCLAMATION.—The President is requested to issue a proclamation—

(1) calling on United States Government officials to display the flag of the United States on all Government buildings on Loyalty Day; and

(2) inviting the people of the United States to observe Loyalty Day with appropriate ceremonies in schools and other suitable places.

§ 116. Memorial Day

(a) DESIGNATION.—The last Monday in May is Memorial Day.

(b) PROCLAMATION.—The President is requested to issue each year a proclamation—

(1) calling on the people of the United States to observe Memorial Day by praying, according to their individual religious faith, for permanent peace;

(2) designating a period of time on Memorial Day during which the people may unite in prayer for a permanent peace;

(3) calling on the people of the United States to unite in prayer at that time; and

(4) calling on the media to join in observing Memorial Day and the period of prayer.

§ 117. Mother's Day

(a) DESIGNATION.—The 2d Sunday in May is Mother's Day.

(b) PROCLAMATION.—The President is requested to issue a proclamation calling on United States Government officials to display the flag of the United States on all Government buildings, and on the people of the United States to display the flag at their homes or other suitable places, on Mother's Day as a public expression of love and reverence for the mothers of the United States.

§ 118. National Aviation Day

The President may issue each year a proclamation—

(1) designating August 19 as National Aviation Day;

(2) calling on United States Government officials to display the flag of the United States on all Government buildings on National Aviation Day; and

(3) inviting the people of the United States to observe National Aviation Day with appropriate exercises to further stimulate interest in aviation in the United States.

§ 119. National Day of Prayer

The President shall issue each year a proclamation designating the first Thursday in May as a National Day of Prayer on which the people of the United States may turn to God in prayer and meditation at churches, in groups, and as individuals.

§ 120. National Defense Transportation Day

The President is requested to issue each year a proclamation—

(1) designating the 3d Friday in May as National Defense Transportation Day; and

(2) urging the people of the United States, including labor, management, users, and investors, in all communities served by the various forms of transportation to observe National Defense Transportation Day by appropriate ceremonies that will give complete recognition to the importance to each community and its people of the transportation system of the United States and the maintenance of the facilities of the system in the most modern state of adequacy to serve the needs of the United States in times of peace and in national defense.

§ 121. National Disability Employment Awareness Month

(a) DESIGNATION.—October is National Disability Employment Awareness Month.

(b) CEREMONIES.—Appropriate ceremonies shall be held throughout the United States during National Disability Employment Awareness Month to enlist public support for, and interest in, the employment of workers with disabilities who are otherwise qualified. Governors, mayors, heads of other governmental entities, and interested organizations and individuals are invited to participate in the ceremonies.

(c) PROCLAMATION.—The President is requested to issue each year a suitable proclamation.

§ 122. National Flag Week

The President is requested to issue each year a proclamation—

(1) designating the week in which June 14 falls as National Flag Week; and

(2) calling on citizens to display the flag of the United States during National Flag Week.

§ 123. National Forest Products Week

(a) DESIGNATION.—The week beginning on the 3d Sunday in October is National Forest Products Week.

(b) PROCLAMATION.—The President is requested to issue each year a proclamation calling on the people of the United States to observe National Forest Products Week with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

§ 124. National Freedom Day

The President may issue each year a proclamation designating February 1 as National Freedom Day to commemorate the signing by Abraham Lincoln on February 1, 1865, of the joint resolution adopted by the Senate and the House of Representatives that proposed the 13th amendment to the Constitution.

§ 125. National Grandparents Day

The President is requested to issue each year a proclamation—

(1) designating the first Sunday in September after Labor Day as National Grandparents Day; and

(2) calling on the people of the United States and interested groups and organizations to observe National Grandparents Day with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

§ 126. National Hispanic Heritage Month

The President is requested to issue each year a proclamation—

(1) designating September 15–October 15 as National Hispanic Heritage Month; and

(2) calling on the people of the United States, especially the educational community, to observe National Hispanic Heritage Month with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

§ 127. National Korean War Veterans Armistice Day

(a) DESIGNATION.—July 27 of each year until 2003 is National Korean War Veterans Armistice Day.

(b) PROCLAMATION.—The President is requested to issue each year a proclamation calling on—

(1) the people of the United States to observe National Korean War Veterans Armistice Day with appropriate ceremonies and activities; and

(2) all departments, agencies, and instrumentalities of the United States Government, and interested organizations, groups, and individuals, to fly the flag of the United States at halfstaff on July 27 of each year until 2003 in honor of the individuals who died as a result of their service in Korea.

§ 128. National Maritime Day

(a) DESIGNATION.—May 22 is National Maritime Day.

(b) PROCLAMATION.—The President is requested to issue each year a proclamation calling on—

(1) the people of the United States to observe National Maritime Day by displaying the flag of the United States at their homes or other suitable places; and

(2) United States Government officials to display the flag on all Government buildings on National Maritime Day.

§ 129. National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day

(a) DESIGNATION.—December 7 is National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day.

(b) PROCLAMATION.—The President is requested to issue each year a proclamation calling on—

(1) the people of the United States to observe National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day with appropriate ceremonies and activities; and

(2) all departments, agencies, and instrumentalities of the United States Government, and interested organizations, groups, and individuals, to fly the flag of the United States at halfstaff each December 7 in honor of the individuals who died as a result of their service at Pearl Harbor.

§ 130. National Poison Prevention Week

The President is requested to issue each year a proclamation designating the 3d week in March as National Poison Prevention Week to aid in encouraging the people of the United States to learn of the dangers of accidental poisoning and to take preventive measures that are warranted by the seriousness of the danger.

§ 131. National Safe Boating Week

The President is requested to issue each year a proclamation designating the 7-day

period ending on the last Friday before Memorial Day as National Safe Boating Week.

§ 132. National School Lunch Week

(a) DESIGNATION.—The week beginning on the 2d Sunday in October is National School Lunch Week.

(b) PROCLAMATION.—The President is requested to issue each year a proclamation calling on the people of the United States to observe National School Lunch Week with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

§ 133. National Transportation Week

The President is requested to issue each year a proclamation—

(1) designating the week that includes the 3d Friday of May as National Transportation Week; and

(2) inviting the people of the United States to observe National Transportation Week with appropriate ceremonies and activities as a tribute to the men and women who, night and day, move goods and individuals throughout the United States.

§ 134. Pan American Aviation Day

The President may issue each year a proclamation—

(1) designating December 17 as Pan American Aviation Day; and

(2) calling on all officials of the United States Government, the chief executive offices of the States, territories, and possessions of the United States, and all citizens to participate in the observance of Pan American Aviation Day to further, and stimulate interest in, aviation in the American countries as an important stimulus to the further development of more rapid communications and a cultural development between the countries of the Western Hemisphere.

§ 135. Parents' Day

(a) DESIGNATION.—The 4th Sunday in July is Parents' Day.

(b) RECOGNITION.—All private citizens, organizations, and Federal, State, and local governmental and legislative entities are encouraged to recognize Parents' Day through proclamations, activities, and educational efforts in furtherance of recognizing, uplifting, and supporting the role of parents in bringing up their children.

§ 136. Peace Officers Memorial Day

The President is requested to issue each year a proclamation—

(1) designating May 15 as Peace Officers Memorial Day in honor of Federal, State, and local officers killed or disabled in the line of duty;

(2) directing United States Government officials to display the flag of the United States at halfstaff on all Government buildings on Peace Officers Memorial Day, as provided by section 7(m) of title 4; and

(3) inviting State and local governments and the people of the United States to observe Peace Officers Memorial Day with appropriate ceremonies and activities, including the display of the flag at halfstaff.

§ 137. Police Week

The President is requested to issue each year a proclamation—

(1) designating the week in which May 15 occurs as Police Week in recognition of the service given by men and women who stand guard to protect the people of the United States through law enforcement; and

(2) inviting State and local governments and the people of the United States to observe Police Week with appropriate ceremonies and activities, including the display of the flag at halfstaff.

§ 138. Save Your Vision Week

The President is requested to issue each year a proclamation—

(1) designating the first week in March as Save Your Vision Week;

(2) inviting the governors and mayors of State and local governments to issue proclamations designating the first week in March as Save Your Vision Week;

(3) inviting the communications media, health care professions, and other agencies and individuals concerned with programs for the improvement of vision to unite during Save Your Vision Week in public activities to convince the people of the United States of the importance of vision to their welfare and the welfare of the United States; and

(4) urging the media, health care professions, and other agencies and individuals to support programs to improve and protect the vision of the people of the United States.

§ 139. Steelmark Month

(a) DESIGNATION.—May is Steelmark Month.

(b) PURPOSE.—Steelmark Month recognizes the tremendous contribution made by the steel industry in the United States to national security and defense.

(c) PROCLAMATION.—The President is requested to issue a proclamation calling on the people of the United States to observe Steelmark Month with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

§ 140. Stephen Foster Memorial Day

The President may issue each year a proclamation—

(1) designating January 13 as Stephen Foster Memorial Day; and

(2) calling on the people of the United States to observe Stephen Foster Memorial Day with appropriate ceremonies, pilgrimages to his shrines, and musical programs featuring his compositions.

§ 141. Thomas Jefferson's birthday

The President shall issue each year a proclamation—

(1) calling on officials of the United States Government to display the flag of the United States on all Government buildings on April 13; and

(2) inviting the people of the United States to observe April 13 in schools and churches, or other suitable places, with appropriate ceremonies in commemoration of Thomas Jefferson's birthday.

§ 142. White Cane Safety Day

The President may issue each year a proclamation—

(1) designating October 15 as White Cane Safety Day; and

(2) calling on the people of the United States to observe White Cane Safety Day with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

§ 143. Wright Brothers Day

(a) DESIGNATION.—December 17 is Wright Brothers Day.

(b) PURPOSE.—Wright Brothers Day commemorates the first successful flights in a heavier than air, mechanically propelled airplane, that were made by Orville and Wilbur Wright on December 17, 1903, near Kitty Hawk, North Carolina.

(c) PROCLAMATION.—The President is requested to issue each year a proclamation inviting the people of the United States to observe Wright Brothers Day with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

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§ 301. National anthem

(a) DESIGNATION.—The composition consisting of the words and music known as the Star-Spangled Banner is the national anthem.

(b) CONDUCT DURING PLAYING.—During a rendition of the national anthem—

(1) when the flag is displayed—

(A) all present except those in uniform should stand at attention facing the flag with the right hand over the heart;

(B) men not in uniform should remove their headdress with their right hand and hold the headdress at the left shoulder, the hand being over the heart; and

(C) individuals in uniform should give the military salute at the first note of the anthem and maintain that position until the last note; and

(2) when the flag is not displayed, all present should face toward the music and act in the same manner they would if the flag were displayed.

§ 302. National motto

"In God we trust" is the national motto.

§ 303. National floral emblem

The flower commonly known as the rose is the national floral emblem.

§ 304. National march

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CHAPTER 5—PRESIDENTIAL INAUGURAL CEREMONIES

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§ 501. Definitions

For purposes of this chapter—

(1) "Inaugural Committee" means the committee appointed by the President-elect to be in charge of the Presidential inaugural ceremony and functions and activities connected with the ceremony.

(2) "inaugural period" means the period that includes the day on which the Presidential inaugural ceremony is held, the 5 calendar days immediately preceding that day, and the 4 calendar days immediately following that day.

§ 502. Regulations, licenses, and registration tags

(a) REGULATIONS AND LICENSES.—For each inaugural period, the Council of the District of Columbia shall—

(1) prescribe reasonable regulations necessary to preserve public order and protect life, health, and property;

(2) prescribe special regulations related to the standing, movement, and operation of vehicles; and

(3) grant special licenses to peddlers and vendors to sell merchandise in places the Council considers proper, subject to conditions and fees for the licenses the Council considers proper.

(b) REGISTRATION TAGS.—The Mayor of the District of Columbia may issue, for any motor vehicle made available for the use of

the Inaugural Committee, special registration tags, valid for not more than 90 days, designed to celebrate the inauguration of the President and Vice President.

§ 503. Use of reservations, grounds, and public spaces

(a) PERMIT FOR USE.—With the approval of the officer having jurisdiction over any of the Federal reservations or grounds in the District of Columbia, the Secretary of the Interior may grant to the Inaugural Committee a permit to use the reservations or grounds during the inaugural period, including a reasonable time before and after the inaugural period. The Mayor of the District of Columbia may grant a similar permit to use public space under the Mayor's jurisdiction. Each permit granted under this subsection is subject to conditions the grantor of the permit prescribes.

(b) REVIEWING STANDS AND COMMERCIAL STANDS AND STRUCTURES.—A reviewing stand or a stand or structure for the sale of merchandise, food, or drink may be built on public grounds in the District of Columbia only if approved by the Inaugural Committee and by the Secretary or the Mayor, as appropriate.

(c) RESTORATION AFTER INAUGURAL PERIOD.—After the inaugural period, the reservation, ground, or public space occupied by a stand or structure shall be restored promptly to its prior condition.

(d) INDEMNIFICATION.—The Inaugural Committee shall indemnify and save harmless the District of Columbia and the appropriate department, agency, or instrumentality of the United States Government against any loss or damage to, and against any liability arising from the use of, the reservation, ground, or public space, by the Inaugural Committee or a licensee of the Inaugural Committee.

§ 504. Installation and removal of electrical facilities

(a) INSTALLATION.—The Mayor of the District of Columbia may allow the Inaugural Committee to install suitable overhead conductors and electrical facilities, with adequate supports. The official in charge of a park or reservation in the District of Columbia in which it is necessary to place wires shall supervise the placing and removal of those wires.

(b) REMOVAL.—The conductors and supports shall be removed not later than 5 days after the end of the inaugural period.

(c) INDEMNIFICATION.—The United States Government and the District of Columbia may not incur any expense or damage from the installation, operation, or removal of a temporary overhead conductor or electrical facility. The Inaugural Committee shall indemnify and hold harmless the District of Columbia and the appropriate department, agency, or instrumentality of the Government against any loss or damage, and against any liability arising, from any act of the Inaugural Committee or any agent, licensee, servant, or employee of the Inaugural Committee in connection with the installation, operation, or removal of a temporary overhead conductor or electrical facility.

§ 505. Extension of wires along parade routes

The Mayor of the District of Columbia, the Secretary of the Interior, and the Inaugural Committee may allow communications companies to extend overhead wires to places along a parade route that are considered convenient for use in connection with the parade and other inaugural purposes. The wires shall be removed not later than 10 days after the inaugural period ends.

§ 506. Duration of regulations and licenses and publication of regulations

Regulations prescribed and licenses authorized under this chapter are effective only during the inaugural period. The regulations shall be published in at least one daily newspaper published in the District of Columbia. A penalty prescribed for violating such a regulation may not be enforced until 5 days after publication.

§ 507. Application to other property

This chapter does not apply to the United States Capitol Buildings or Grounds or other property under the jurisdiction of Congress or a committee, commission, or officer of Congress. A service or facility authorized by or under this chapter is available for the property on request or approval of the joint committee of the Senate and House of Representatives appointed by the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives to arrange for the inauguration of the President-elect and the Vice President-elect.

§ 508. Enforcement

The Mayor of the District of Columbia, or other official having jurisdiction in the premises, shall enforce this chapter, take necessary precautions to protect the public, and ensure that the pavement of any street, sidewalk, avenue, or alley disturbed or damaged is restored to its prior condition.

§ 509. Penalty

A person violating a regulation prescribed under this chapter shall be fined under title 18 or imprisoned for not more than 30 days. A separate violation occurs under this section for each day the violation continues.

§ 510. Authorization of appropriations

(a) AUTHORIZATION.—Necessary amounts are authorized to be appropriated—

(1) to enable the Mayor of the District of Columbia to provide additional municipal services in the District of Columbia during the inaugural period, including—

(A) employment of personal services without regard to chapters 33 and 51 and subchapter III of chapter 53 of title 5;

(B) travel expenses of enforcement personnel, including sanitarians, from other jurisdictions;

(C) the hiring of the means of transportation;

(D) meals for policemen, firemen, and other municipal employees;

(E) the cost of removing and relocating streetcar loading platforms, construction, rent, maintenance, and expenses incident to the operation of temporary public comfort stations, first-aid stations, and information booths; and

(F) other incidental expenses in the discretion of the Mayor; and

(2) to enable the Secretary of the Interior to provide meals for the members of the United States Park Police during the inaugural period.

(b) PAYMENT.—Amounts appropriated under—

(1) subsection (a)(1) of this section are payable in the same way as other appropriations for the expenses of the District of Columbia; and

(2) subsection (a)(2) of this section are payable in the same way as other appropriations for the expenses of the Department of the Interior.

CHAPTER 7—FEDERAL PARTICIPATION IN CARL GARNER FEDERAL LANDS CLEANUP DAY

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§ 701. Findings

Congress finds that—

(1) Federal lands, parks, recreation areas, and waterways provide recreational opportunities for millions of Americans each year;

(2) Federal lands administered by Federal land management agencies contain valuable wildlife, scenery, natural and historic features, and other resources which may be damaged by litter and misuse;

(3) it is in the best interest of the United States and its citizens to maintain and preserve the beauty, safety, and availability of these Federal lands;

(4) these Federal land management agencies have been designated as the caretakers of these Federal lands and are responsible for maintaining and preserving those areas and facilities;

(5) there is great value in volunteer involvement in maintaining and preserving Federal lands for recreational use;

(6) the Federal land management agencies should be concerned with promoting a sense of pride and ownership among citizens toward these lands;

(7) the use of citizen volunteers in a national cleanup effort promotes these goals and encourages the thoughtful use of these Federal lands and facilities;

(8) the positive impact of annual cleanup events held at various recreation sites has already been proven by steadily declining levels of litter at these sites; and

(9) a national program for cleaning and maintaining Federal lands using volunteers will save millions of tax dollars.

§ 702. Definition

For purposes of this chapter, "Federal land management agency" includes—

(1) the Forest Service of the Department of Agriculture;

(2) the Bureau of Land Management of the Department of the Interior;

(3) the National Park Service of the Department of the Interior;

(4) the Fish and Wildlife Service of the Department of the Interior;

(5) the Bureau of Reclamation of the Department of the Interior; and

(6) the Army Corps of Engineers.

§ 703. Duties of Federal land management agency

To observe Carl Garner Federal Lands Cleanup Day at the Federal level, each Federal land management agency shall organize, coordinate, and participate with citizen volunteers and State and local authorities in cleaning and providing for the maintenance of Federal public land, recreation areas, and waterways within the jurisdiction of the agency.

§ 704. Activities

In cooperation with appropriate State and local government authorities, each Federal land management agency shall plan for and carry out activities on Carl Garner Federal Lands Cleanup Day that—

(1) encourage continuing public and private sector cooperation in preserving the beauty and safety of areas within the jurisdiction of the agency;

(2) increase citizens' sense of ownership and community pride in those areas;

(3) reduce litter on Federal lands, along trails and waterways, and within those areas; and

(4) maintain and improve trails, recreation areas, waterways, and facilities.

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§ 901. Service flag and service lapel button

(a) INDIVIDUALS ENTITLED TO DISPLAY SERVICE FLAG.—A service flag approved by the Secretary of Defense may be displayed in a window of the place of residence of individuals who are members of the immediate family of an individual serving in the armed forces of the United States during any period of war or hostilities in which the armed forces of the United States are engaged.

(b) INDIVIDUALS ENTITLED TO DISPLAY SERVICE LAPEL BUTTON.—A service lapel button approved by the Secretary may be worn by members of the immediate family of an individual serving in the armed forces of the United States during any period of war or hostilities in which the armed forces of the United States are engaged.

(c) LICENSE TO MANUFACTURE AND SELL SERVICE FLAGS AND SERVICE LAPEL BUTTONS.—Any person may apply to the Secretary for a license to manufacture and sell the approved service flag, or the approved service lapel button, or both. Any person that manufactures a service flag or service lapel button without having first obtained a license, or otherwise violates this section is liable to the United States Government for a civil penalty of not more than $1,000.

(d) REGULATIONS.—The Secretary may prescribe regulations necessary to carry out this section.

§ 902. National League of Families POW/MIA Flag

(a) DESIGNATION.—The National League of Families POW/MIA flag is designated as the symbol of our Nation's concern and commitment to resolving as fully as possible the fates of Americans still prisoner, missing and unaccounted for in Southeast Asia, thus ending the uncertainty for their families and the Nation.

(b) DISPLAY.—The flag shall be displayed—

(1) at each national cemetery and at the National Vietnam Veterans Memorial each year on Memorial Day and Veterans Day and on any day designated by law as National POW/MIA Recognition Day; and

(2) on, or on the grounds of, the buildings containing the primary offices of the Secretaries of State, Defense, and Veterans Affairs, and the Director of the Selective Service System on any day designated by law as National POW/MIA Recognition Day.

(c) TERMINATION OF FLAG DISPLAY REQUIREMENT.—Subsection (b) of this section ceases to apply when the President decides that the fullest possible accounting has been made of all members of the armed forces and civilian employees of the United States Government who have been identified as prisoners of war or missing in action in Southeast Asia.

PART B—UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT ORGANIZATIONS INVOLVED WITH OBSERVANCES AND CEREMONIES

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§ 2101. Membership

(a) COMPOSITION AND TERMS.—The American Battle Monuments Commission has not more than 11 members appointed by the President. The President also shall appoint one officer of the Regular Army to serve as secretary of the Commission. The members and secretary serve at the pleasure of the President. The President shall fill any vacancies that occur. Notwithstanding any other law, members of the armed forces may be appointed members of the Commission.

(b) PAY AND EXPENSES.—The members of the Commission serve without compensation. However, the members of the Commission may receive, from an amount appropriated to carry out this chapter or acquired by another authorized way—

(1) their actual expenses related to the work of the Commission;

(2) when in a travel status outside the continental United States, a per diem at the rate authorized to be paid for members of the uniformed services under section 405 of title 37, instead of subsistence; and

(3) when in a travel status in the continental United States, a per diem at the rate authorized to be paid under sections 5702 and 5703 of title 5, instead of subsistence.

(c) EXPENSES OF OFFICERS OF ARMED FORCES SERVING ON COMMISSION.—An officer of the armed forces serving as a member or as secretary of the Commission may be reimbursed for expenses when traveling on business of the Commission in the same way as civilian members of the Commission.

§ 2102. Employment of personnel

(a) GENERAL.—Within the limits of an appropriation made to employ personnel, the American Battle Monuments Commission may employ personnel necessary to carry out this chapter. To ensure adequate care and maintenance of cemeteries, monuments, and memorials, the Commission, subject to the availability of appropriations, shall employ—

(1) at least 50 individuals in the competitive service (as defined in section 2102 of title 5), of whom at least 43 shall be assigned to duty in foreign countries where the cemeteries, monuments, and memorials are located; and

(2) at least 348 individuals who are citizens of the countries where the cemeteries, monuments, and memorials are located.

(b) DETAILED PERSONNEL.—On request of the Commission, the heads of departments, agencies, and instrumentalities of the United States Government may make available to the Commission their personnel and facilities to assist in carrying out this chapter, and may expend for that purpose amounts appropriated to the department, agency, and instrumentality. The Commission shall reimburse the department, agency, or instrumentality for the pay and allowances of designated personnel.

(c) STATION ALLOWANCE FOR OFFICERS ASSIGNED TO THE COMMISSION.—For officers of the armed forces assigned to the Commission, the same station allowance shall be authorized for serving at foreign stations as the Secretary of the Army has authorized for officers of the Army.

(d) CITIZENSHIP REQUIREMENT.—An individual may be employed as the superintendent, or as an assistant superintendent, of a cemetery operated by the Commission only if the individual is a citizen of the United States.

§ 2103. Administrative

(a) GENERAL AUTHORITY.—Subject to appropriations made to carry out this chapter, the American Battle Monuments Commission may—

(1) acquire land or an interest in land in a foreign country to carry out the purposes of this chapter, or an executive order conferring duties and powers on the Commission, without submission to the Attorney General under section 355 of the Revised Statutes (40 U.S.C. 255);

(2) maintain, repair, and operate motor-propelled passenger-carrying vehicles and other property that another department, agency, or instrumentality of the United States Government provides to the Commission;

(3) establish offices in the District of Columbia and elsewhere in or outside the United States;

(4) rent office and garage space, which may be paid for in advance, in foreign countries; and

(5) procure printing, binding, engraving, lithographing, photographing, and typewriting, including the publication of information on United States activities, battlefields, memorials, and cemeteries with respect to which the Commission may exercise any duties and powers.

(b) DISPOSITION OF LAND.—Under conditions and in the manner the Commission decides is proper, the Commission may dispose of land or an interest in land in a foreign country that the Commission acquires in connection with its work.

(c) CONTRACTING OUT.—Notwithstanding the requirements of existing laws or regulations, the Commission, under conditions the Commission decides are necessary and proper, may contract for work, supplies, materials, and equipment outside or for use outside the United States and engage the services of architects and other technical and professional personnel.

(d) DELEGATION.—Under conditions the Commission may prescribe, the Commission may delegate to its Chairman, secretary, or officials in charge of any of its offices any of its authority it considers necessary and proper.

(e) AUTHORITY TO RECEIVE STATE, LOCAL, OR PRIVATE AMOUNTS.—The Commission may receive State, local, or private amounts to carry out this chapter. The Commission shall deposit the amounts with the Treasurer of the United States. The Treasurer shall keep the amounts in separate accounts and shall disburse the amounts on vouchers approved by the Chairman.

(f) LIMITATION ON USE OF CONTRIBUTIONS.—The Commission may not obligate, withdraw, or expend amounts received as contributions before March 1, 1998.

(g) STATEMENTS TO PRESIDENT.—The Commission shall transmit to the President on October 1 of each year a statement of all its financial and other transactions during the prior fiscal year.

(h) FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND AUDITS.—(1) The Commission shall have a system of financial controls to enable the Commission to comply with the requirements of paragraph (2) of this subsection and with section 2106(d)(4) of this title.

(2) The Commission shall—

(A) by March 1 of each year (beginning with 1998)—

(i) prepare a financial statement which covers all accounts and associated activities of the Commission for the prior fiscal year and is consistent with the requirements of section 3515 of title 31; and

(ii) submit the financial statement, together with a narrative summary, to the Committees on Veterans' Affairs of the Senate and House of Representatives; and

(B) obtain an audit by the Comptroller General of each financial statement prepared under subparagraph (A) of this paragraph, which shall be conducted in accordance with applicable generally accepted government auditing standards and shall be in lieu of any audit otherwise required by law.

(i) DISPOSITION OF RECORDS AND ARCHIVES.—When no longer required by the Commission, the records and archives of the Commission shall be deposited with the National Archives in accordance with section 2107 of title 44.

(j) SEAL.—The Commission shall have a seal that shall be judicially noticed.

(k) DISBURSEMENTS OUTSIDE CONTINENTAL UNITED STATES.—Disbursements for expenditures outside the continental United States may be made by a special disbursing agent designated by the Commission under regulations it prescribes.

§ 2104. Military cemeteries in foreign countries

When, as a result of combat operations, the armed forces establish military cemeteries in zones of operations outside the United States and the territories and possessions of the United States, the American Battle Monuments Commission and the Secretary of the Army, immediately on the cessation of hostilities, shall decide which of the cemeteries will become permanent cemeteries or, if they decide it is desirable, shall select new sites for the cemeteries at any other location. The Commission is solely responsible for the design and construction of the permanent cemeteries, and of all buildings, plantings, headstones, and other permanent improvements incidental to the cemeteries, except that—

(1) the armed forces are responsible for maintaining the permanent cemeteries until the Commission declares its readiness to assume the authorized administrative duties and powers;

(2) all construction undertaken by the armed forces in establishing and maintaining the cemetery prior to its transfer to the Commission shall be nonpermanent;

(3) burials and reburials by the armed forces shall be carried out in accordance with plans prepared by the Commission; and

(4) the armed forces have the right to reenter a cemetery transferred to the Commission to exhume or reinter a body if they decide it is necessary.

§ 2105. Monuments built by the United States Government

(a) MEMORIALS.—The American Battle Monuments Commission shall prepare plans and estimates to build suitable memorials commemorating the service of American armed forces, and shall build and maintain memorials in the United States and, as the Commission decides, at any place outside the United States where the armed forces have served since April 6, 1917.

(b) ARCHITECTURE AND ART.—The Commission shall build and maintain works of architecture and art in United States cemeteries located outside the United States and the territories and possessions of the United States that are permanent cemeteries. The Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall maintain works of architecture and art built by the Commission in the National Cemetery System, as described in section 2400(b) of title 38.

(c) CONTROL AND SUPERVISION OF MATERIALS, DESIGN, AND BUILDING.—(1) The Commission shall control the materials and design and prescribe regulations for, and supervise the building of, all memorial monuments and buildings in United States cemeteries located outside the United States and the territories and possessions of the United States.

(2) The Commission shall control the design and prescribe regulations for the building of all memorial monuments and buildings commemorating the service of American armed forces that are built in a foreign country or political division of the foreign country that authorizes the Commission to carry out those duties and powers.

(d) APPROVAL BY NATIONAL COMMISSION OF FINE ARTS.—A design for a memorial must be approved by the National Commission of Fine Arts before the Commission can accept it.

§ 2106. War memorials not built by the United States Government

(a) COOPERATION WITH OTHERS.—The American Battle Monuments Commission may cooperate with citizens of the United States, States, municipalities, or associations desiring to build war memorials outside the continental limits of the United States in the way the Commission decides. An administrative agency of the United States Government may give assistance to build the memorial only if a plan for the memorial has been approved under this chapter.

(b) CONTROL, ADMINISTRATION, AND MAINTENANCE OF WAR MEMORIALS.—(1) The Commission may assume responsibility for the control, administration, and maintenance of any war memorial built outside the United States by a citizen of the United States, a State, a political subdivision of a State, a governmental authority (except a department, agency, or instrumentality of the United States Government), a foreign agency, or a private association to commemorate the services of any of the armed forces in hostilities occurring since April 6, 1917, if—

(A) the memorial is not built on the territory of the applicable former enemy; and

(B) the sponsors of the memorial consent to the Commission assuming those responsibilities and transfer to the Commission all their rights and interests in the memorial.

(2) If reasonable effort fails to locate the sponsors of a memorial, the Commission may assume responsibility for the memorial under this subsection by agreement with the appropriate foreign authorities. A decision of the Commission to assume responsibility for a war memorial under this subsection is final.

(3) Sponsors of a war memorial for which the Commission assumes responsibility under this subsection may transfer amounts accumulated to maintain and repair the memorial to the Commission for use in carrying out this chapter. Except as provided in subsection (c) of this section, the Commission shall deposit transferred amounts as provided in section 2103(e) of this title.

(c) ARRANGEMENTS FOR REPAIR OR LONG-TERM MAINTENANCE OF MEMORIALS.—In assuming responsibility for a war memorial under subsection (b)(1) or (2) of this section, the Commission may arrange with the sponsors of the memorial to provide for repair or long-term maintenance of the memorial. An amount transferred to the Commission for the purpose of this subsection shall be deposited by the Commission in the fund established under subsection (d) of this section.

(d) FUND FOR ARRANGEMENTS FOR REPAIR OR LONG-TERM MAINTENANCE OF MEMORIALS.—(1) There is a fund in the Treasury that is available to the Commission for expenses of repair and long-term maintenance of memorials for which the Commission has made arrangements under subsection (c) of this section. The fund consists of—

(A) amounts deposited into, and interest and proceeds credited to, the fund under paragraph (2) of this subsection; and

(B) obligations obtained under paragraph (3) of this subsection.

(2) The Commission shall deposit into the fund the amounts that are accepted under subsection (c) of this section. The Secretary of the Treasury shall credit to the fund the interest on, and the proceeds from the sale or redemption of, obligations held in the fund.

(3) The Secretary shall invest any part of the fund that the Commission decides is not required to meet current expenses. Each investment shall be made in an interest-bearing obligation of the United States Government, or an obligation that has its principal and interest guaranteed by the Government, that the Commission decides has a maturity suitable for the fund.

(4) The Commission shall separately account for all amounts deposited in and expended from the fund for each war memorial for which an arrangement for repair or long term maintenance is made under subsection (c) of this section.

(e) DEMOLITION OF WAR MEMORIAL BUILT IN A FOREIGN COUNTRY AND DISPOSITION OF SITE.—The Commission may take necessary action to demolish any war memorial built outside the United States by a citizen of the United States, a State, a political subdivision of a State, a governmental authority (except a department, agency, or instrumentality of the United States Government), a foreign agency, or a private association and to dispose of the site of the memorial in a way the Commission decides is proper, if—

(1) the appropriate foreign authorities agree to the demolition; and

(2)(A) the sponsor of the memorial consents to the demolition; or

(B) the memorial has fallen into disrepair and a reasonable effort by the Commission has failed—

(i) to persuade the sponsor to maintain the memorial at a standard acceptable to the Commission; or

(ii) to locate the sponsor.

§ 2107. National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific

With the consent of the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, the American Battle Monuments Commission may build works of architecture and art in the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific.

§ 2108. Pacific War Memorial and other historical and memorial sites on Corregidor

(a) GENERAL.—After an agreement is made between the government of the Republic of the Philippines and the United States Government, the American Battle Monuments Commission shall restore, operate, and maintain the Pacific War Memorial and other historical and memorial sites on Corregidor.

(b) PERSONNEL.—The Commission may employ necessary personnel to carry out this section.

(c) USE OF OTHER DEPARTMENTS, AGENCIES, AND INSTRUMENTALITIES.—Departments, agencies, and instrumentalities of the United States Government may assist the Commission, on a reimbursable basis, in carrying out this section.

(d) AUTHORITY TO SOLICIT CONTRIBUTIONS.—To carry out this section, the Commission may solicit and accept private contributions and shall deposit the contributions in the fund established by subsection (f) of this section.

(e) USE OF PRIVATE AMOUNTS.—The Commission shall carry out this section with private amounts except to the extent amounts are appropriated under subsection (g) of this section.

(f) FUND.—(1) There is a fund in the Treasury that is available to the Commission only to carry out this section. The fund consists of—

(A) amounts deposited into, and interest and proceeds credited to, the fund under paragraph (2) of this subsection; and

(B) obligations obtained under paragraph (3) of this subsection.

(2) The Chairman of the Commission shall deposit into the fund the amounts that are accepted under subsection (d) of this section. The Secretary of the Treasury shall credit to the fund the interest on, and the proceeds from the sale or redemption of, obligations held in the fund.

(3) The Secretary shall invest any part of the fund that the Chairman decides is not required to meet current expenses. Each investment shall be made in an interest-bearing obligation of the United States Government, or an obligation that has its principal and interest guaranteed by the Government, that the Chairman decides has a maturity suitable for the fund.

(4) Amounts in the fund exceeding the cost of carrying out this section, as decided by the Chairman, shall be deposited in the Treasury as miscellaneous receipts to reimburse the United States Government for amounts appropriated under subsection (g) of this section.

(g) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There are authorized to be appropriated—

(1) $6,000,000 for site preparation, design, planning, construction, and associated administrative costs for the restoration of the Memorial and other historical and memorial sites referred to in subsection (a) of this section; and

(2) amounts necessary to operate and maintain the Memorial and those other historical and memorial sites.

§ 2109. Foreign Currency Fluctuations Account

(a) ESTABLISHMENT AND PURPOSE.—There is an account in the Treasury known as the "Foreign Currency Fluctuations, American Battle Monuments Commission, Account". The Account shall be used to provide amounts, in addition to amounts appropriated for salaries and expenses of the Commission, to pay the cost of salaries and expenses that exceeds the amount appropriated for salaries and expenses because of fluctuations in currency exchange rates of foreign countries occurring after a budget request for the Commission is submitted to Congress. The Account may not be used for any other purpose.

(b) INCREASE IN PERMISSIBLE OBLIGATIONS OF AMOUNTS.—A provision of law limiting the amounts the Commission may obligate in a fiscal year shall be increased to the extent necessary to reflect fluctuations in exchange rates from those used in preparing the budget submission.

(c) TRANSFERRED AMOUNTS.—(1) Amounts in the Account may be transferred to amounts appropriated for salaries and expenses of the Commission. Transferred amounts shall be merged with, and are available for the same time period as, the appropriation to which they are applied.

(2) Amounts transferred from the Account may be transferred back—

(A) if the amounts are not needed to pay obligations incurred because of fluctuations in currency exchange rates of foreign countries in the appropriation to which the amounts were originally transferred; or

(B) because of subsequent favorable fluctuations in the rates or because other amounts are, or become, available to pay the obligations.

(3) Amounts transferred to an appropriation under this subsection may not be transferred back to the Account after the end of the 2d fiscal year after the fiscal year in which the appropriation was available for obligation.

(d) RECORDING OF OBLIGATIONS AND FLUCTUATIONS IN EXCHANGE RATES.—An obligation of the Commission payable in the currency of a foreign country may be recorded as an obligation based on exchange rates used in preparing a budget submission. A change reflecting fluctuations in exchange rates may be recorded as a disbursement is made.

(e) UNOBLIGATED BALANCES.—The unobligated balance of an appropriation for salaries and expenses may be transferred to the Account not later than the end of the 2d fiscal year following the fiscal year for which the appropriation was made. The unobligated balance shall be merged with, and be available for the same period and purposes as, the Account.

(f) ANNUAL REPORT.—The Commission each year shall submit to the appropriate committees of Congress a report on amounts transferred under this section.

(g) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is authorized to be appropriated $3,000,000 to the Account.

§ 2110. Claims against the Commission

A claim against the American Battle Monuments Commission that is similar to a claim described in section 2734 of title 10, that is based on damage to, or loss or destruction of, property, or personal injury or death of an individual, and that is caused by the negligent or wrongful act or omission of an officer or civilian employee of the Commission acting within the scope of the officer's or employee's office or employment, may be settled, decided, and paid as provided in section 2734 for the settlement of Army claims. However, the Secretary of the Army may appoint an officer or employee of the Commission to a claims commission or as an officer to approve settlements of claims made by the claims commission. All payments in settlement of a claim shall be made out of appropriations made to carry out this chapter.

§ 2111. Presidential duties and powers

(a) ARRANGEMENTS WITH FOREIGN COUNTRIES.—The President is requested to make the necessary arrangements with the proper authorities of the appropriate foreign countries to enable the American Battle Monuments Commission to carry out this chapter.

(b) TRANSFER OF ADMINISTRATIVE DUTIES AND POWERS AND SUPPLIES, MATERIAL, AND EQUIPMENT TO COMMISSION.—(1) The President by executive order may transfer to the Commission—

(A) the same administrative duties and powers related to a permanent military cemetery located outside the United States and the territories and possessions of the United States that were transferred to the Commission by Executive Order 6614, February 26, 1934, and Executive Order 10057, May 14, 1949, as amended by Executive Order 10087, December 3, 1949; and

(B) supplies, material, and equipment located in the permanent military cemetery or in a military depot overseas that—

(i) the Department of Defense does not need; and

(ii) the Commission requests to carry out the duties and powers specified in clause (A) of this paragraph.

(2) After a transfer under this subsection, the Commission shall maintain the cemetery and all improvements in it.

§ 2112. Care and maintenance of Surrender Tree site

The American Battle Monuments Commission is responsible for the care and maintenance of the Surrender Tree site in Santiago, Cuba.

CHAPTER 23—UNITED STATES HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL COUNCIL

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§ 2301. Establishment and purposes

The United States Holocaust Memorial Council is an independent establishment of the United States Government. The Council shall—

(1) provide for appropriate ways for the Nation to commemorate the Days of Remembrance as an annual, national, civic commemoration of the Holocaust;

(2) encourage and sponsor appropriate observances of the Days of Remembrance throughout the United States;

(3) plan, construct, and operate a permanent living memorial museum to the victims of the holocaust in cooperation with the Secretary of the Interior and other departments, agencies, and instrumentalities of the United States Government as provided in section 2305 of this title; and

(4) develop a plan for carrying out the recommendations of the President's Commission on the Holocaust in its report to the President of September 27, 1979, to the extent the recommendations are not otherwise provided for in this chapter.

§ 2302. Membership

(a) COMPOSITION.—(1) The United States Holocaust Memorial Council consists of 65 voting members and the following ex officio nonvoting members:

(A) one appointed by the Secretary of the Interior.

(B) one appointed by the Secretary of State.

(C) one appointed by the Secretary of Education.

(2) Of the 65 voting members—

(A) the President of the United States appoints 55;

(B) the Speaker of the House of Representatives appoints 5 from among members of the House of Representatives; and

(C) the President pro tempore of the Senate appoints 5, on the recommendation of the majority and minority leaders, from among members of the Senate.

(b) TERMS OF OFFICE.—(1) Except as provided in this subsection, Council members serve for terms of 5 years.

(2) The terms of the 5 members of the House of Representatives and the 5 members of the Senate appointed during a term of Congress expire at the end of that term of Congress.

(c) CHAIRPERSON AND VICE CHAIRPERSON.—The President of the United States shall appoint the Chairperson and Vice Chairperson of the Council from among the members of the Council. The Chairperson and Vice Chairperson serve for terms of 5 years.

(d) VACANCIES.—(1) A vacancy on the Council shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointment was made.

(2) A member appointed to fill a vacancy occurring before the expiration of the term for which the predecessor was appointed shall be appointed only for the remainder of the term. A member, except a Member of Congress appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives or the President pro tempore of the Senate, may serve after the expiration of a term until a successor takes office.

(3) The President of the United States fills a vacancy in the offices of the Chairperson and Vice Chairperson.

(e) REAPPOINTMENT.—A member whose term expires may be reappointed. The Chairperson and Vice Chairperson may be reappointed to those offices.

(f) PAY AND EXPENSES.—(1) Except as provided in paragraph (2) of this subsection, members of the Council may be paid the daily equivalent of the maximum annual rate of basic pay payable under section 5376 of title 5 for each day (including traveltime) during which they perform duties of the Council. A member is entitled to travel expenses, including a per diem allowance, as provided under section 5703 of title 5.

(2) Members who are full-time officers or employees of the United States Government or Members of Congress may not receive additional pay because of their service on the Council.

(g) ASSOCIATED COMMITTEES.—Subject to appointment by the Chairperson, an individual who is not a member of the Council may be designated as a member of a committee associated with the Council. The individual serves without cost to the Government.

§ 2303. Executive Director

(a) APPOINTMENT AND PAY.—The Chairperson of the United States Holocaust Memorial Council shall appoint an Executive Director, subject to confirmation by the Council. The Executive Director may be paid with nonappropriated funds. However, if the Executive Director is paid with appropriated funds, the rate of pay shall be a rate that is not more than the maximum rate of basic pay payable under section 5376 of title 5. The Executive Director serves at the pleasure of the Council.

(b) DUTIES AND POWERS.—The Executive Director may—

(1) appoint employees in the competitive service subject to chapter 51 and subchapter III of chapter 53 of title 5;

(2) appoint and fix the compensation (at a rate that is not more than the maximum rate of basic pay payable under section 5376 of title 5) of not more than 3 employees, notwithstanding any other law; and

(3) implement decisions of the Council, in the manner the Council directs, and carry out other functions the Council, the Executive Committee of the Council, or the Chairperson assigns.

§ 2304. Gifts, bequests, and devises of property

(a) GENERAL.—The United States Holocaust Memorial Council may solicit, accept, own, administer, invest, and use gifts, bequests, and devises of property to aid or facilitate the construction, maintenance, and operation of the memorial museum. The property and the proceeds of the property shall be used as nearly as possible in accordance with the terms of the gift, bequest, or devise donating the property. Funds donated to and accepted by the Council under this section are not considered appropriated funds and are not subject to any requirements or restrictions applicable to appropriated funds.

(b) TAX TREATMENT.—For the purposes of Federal income, estate, and gift taxes, property accepted under this section is deemed to be a gift, bequest, or devise to the United States Government.

§ 2305. Memorial museum

(a) TRANSFER OR PURCHASE OF REAL PROPERTY IN THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.—For the purpose of establishing the memorial museum, and with the approval of the Secretary of the Interior in consultation with the Commission of Fine Arts and the National Capital Planning Commission—

(1) a department, agency, or instrumentality of the United States Government may transfer to the administrative jurisdiction of the United States Holocaust Memorial Council, any real property in the District of Columbia that is under the administrative jurisdiction of the department, agency, or instrumentality and that the Council considers suitable for the memorial museum; and

(2) the Council may purchase, with the consent of the owner, any real property within the District of Columbia that the Council considers suitable for the memorial museum.

(b) ARCHITECTURAL DESIGN APPROVAL.—The architectural design for the memorial museum is subject to the approval of the Secretary of the Interior, in consultation with the Commission of Fine Arts and the National Capital Planning Commission.

(c) INSURANCE.—The Council shall maintain insurance on the memorial museum to cover the risks, in the amount, and containing the terms the Council considers necessary.

§ 2306. Audits

When requested by Congress, the Comptroller General shall audit financial transactions of the United States Holocaust Memorial Council, including those involving donated funds, under generally accepted auditing standards. The Council shall make available for an audit under this section all records, items, or property used by the Council that are necessary for the audit. The Council shall provide facilities for verifying transactions with the balances.

§ 2307. Administrative

(a) BYLAWS.—(1) The United States Holocaust Memorial Council shall adopt bylaws to carry out its functions under this chapter.

(2) The Chairperson of the Council may waive a bylaw when the Chairperson decides the waiver is in the best interest of the Council. Immediately after waiving a bylaw, the Chairperson shall send written notice to every voting member of the Council. The waiver becomes final 30 days after the notice is sent unless a majority of Council members disagrees in writing before the end of the 30-day period.

(b) QUORUM.—One-third of the members of the Council is a quorum. A vacancy in the Council does not affect its power to function.

(c) EXPERTS AND CONSULTANTS.—The Council may procure the temporary or intermittent services of experts or consultants under section 3109 of title 5, at rates that are not more than the daily equivalent of the maximum annual rate of basic pay payable under section 5376 of title 5.

(d) CONTRACT AUTHORITY.—In accordance with applicable law, the Council may make contracts or other arrangements with public agencies or authorities and with private organizations and persons and may make payments necessary to carry out its functions under this chapter.

(e) ASSISTANCE FROM OTHER UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS, AGENCIES, AND INSTRUMENTALITIES.—The Secretary of the Smithsonian Institution, the Library of Congress, and all departments, agencies, and instrumentalities in the executive branch of the United States Government may assist the Council in carrying out its functions under this chapter.

(f) ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES AND SUPPORT.—The Secretary of the Interior may provide administrative services and support to the Council on a reimbursable basis.

§ 2308. Annual report

Each year, the Executive Director of the United States Holocaust Memorial Council shall submit to Congress a report on the Executive Director's stewardship of the authority to construct, maintain, and operate the memorial museum, including an accounting of all financial transactions involving donated funds.

§ 2309. Authorization of appropriations

(a) GENERAL.—Amounts necessary to carry out this chapter are authorized to be appropriated for each of the fiscal years ending September 30, 1997–2000. Notwithstanding any other law, necessary amounts are authorized to be appropriated to the Council to obtain, from a private insurance carrier, insurance against loss in connection with the memorial museum and related property and exhibits.

(b) USE OF AMOUNTS FOR CONSTRUCTION BARRED.—Amounts authorized under this chapter may not be used for construction.

(c) PRIOR AUTHORITY REQUIRED.—Authority to make contracts and to make payments under this chapter, using amounts authorized to be appropriated under this section, are effective only to the extent, and in amounts, provided in advance in an appropriations law.

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§ 2501. Acceptance of voluntary services and money or property

The President's Committee on Employment of People With Disabilities—

(1) notwithstanding section 1342 of title 31, may accept voluntary and uncompensated services; and

(2) may accept, use, and dispose of any money or property the Committee receives.

§ 2502. Authorization of appropriations

(a) GENERAL.—Amounts necessary for the work of the President's Committee on Employment of People With Disabilities are authorized to be appropriated for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1997, to be expended in the manner and by agencies the President may direct.

(b) USES.—Amounts appropriated under this section are to be used to carry out the

purposes of National Disability Employment Awareness Month and to enable the President to provide the Committee with adequate personnel to assist in its activities, and otherwise to provide the Committee with the means of carrying out a program to promote the employment of individuals with disabilities, by—

(1) creating interest throughout the United States in the rehabilitation and employment of such individuals; and

(2) obtaining and maintaining cooperation from all public and private groups in the field.

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PART A—GENERAL

CHAPTER 101—GENERAL

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§ 10101. Audits

(a) GENERAL.—Except as otherwise provided, the financial statements of each corporation in part B of this subtitle shall be audited annually in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards by an independent certified public accountant or independent licensed public accountant, certified or licensed by a regulatory authority of a State or other political subdivision of the United States. The audit shall be conducted where the financial statements of the corporation normally are kept. The person conducting the audit shall be given access to—

(1) all records and property owned or used by the corporation necessary to facilitate the audit; and

(2) full facilities for verifying transactions with the balances or securities held by depositories, fiscal agents, and custodians.

(b) REPORT.—(1) The corporation shall submit a report of the audit to Congress not later than 6 months after the close of the fiscal year for which the audit is made. The report shall describe the scope of the audit and include—

(A) statements necessary to present fairly the corporation's assets, liabilities, and surplus or deficit, and an analysis of the changes in those amounts during the year;

(B) a statement in reasonable detail of the corporation's income and expenses during the year including the results of any trading, manufacturing, publishing, or other commercial-type endeavor; and

(C) the independent auditor's opinion of those statements.

(2) The report may not be printed as a public document, except as part of proceedings authorized to be printed under section 1332 of title 44.

§ 10102. Reservation of right to amend or repeal

(a) GENERAL.—Congress reserves the right to amend or repeal the provisions of part B of this subtitle.

(b) NONAPPLICATION.—Subsection (a) of this section does not apply to chapters 213, 407, 801, 1403, 1503 (except section 150302(b)), 1513, 1517, 1531, and 1539 of this title.

PART B—ORGANIZATIONS

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§ 20101. Organization

(a) FEDERAL CHARTER.—Agricultural Hall of Fame (in this chapter, the "corporation") is a federally chartered corporation.

(b) PERPETUAL EXISTENCE.—Except as otherwise provided, the corporation has perpetual existence.

§ 20102. Purposes

The purposes of the corporation are—

(1) to receive and maintain one or more funds and to use any part of the principal or interest only for charitable, scientific, literary, or educational purposes either directly or by contributing to organizations authorized to carry on similar activities;

(2) to honor farmers, farm women, farm leaders, teachers, scientists, inventors, governmental leaders, and other individuals who have helped make this Nation great by their outstanding contributions to the establishment, development, advancement, or improvement of agriculture in the United States;

(3) to perpetuate the memory of those individuals and record their contributions and achievements by the erection and maintenance of buildings and monuments as may be appropriate as a lasting memorial;

(4) to promote a greater sense of appreciation of the dignity and importance of agriculture, historically carried out through owner-operated farms, and the part it has played in developing those social, economic, and spiritual values which are essential in maintaining the free and democratic institutions of our Republic;

(5) to establish and maintain a library and museum for the collection and preservation for posterity of agricultural tools, implements, machines, vehicles, pictures, paintings, books, papers, documents, data, relics, mementos, artifacts, and other items relating to agriculture;

(6) to cooperate with other organizations interested in similar projects; and

(7) to engage in other activities appropriate to carry out its purposes.

§ 20103. Membership

(a) ELIGIBILITY.—Except as provided in this chapter, eligibility for membership in the corporation and the rights, privileges, and designation of classes of members are as provided in the bylaws.

(b) VOTING.—Each member given voting rights by the bylaws has one vote on each matter submitted to a vote at a meeting of the voting members. The vote may be cast in the manner provided in the bylaws.

§ 20104. Governing body

(a) BOARD OF GOVERNORS.—(1) The board of governors is the governing body of the corporation. Between meetings of the members of the corporation, the board is responsible for the general policies and program of the corporation and for the control of all funds of the corporation.

(2) The number of governors, their manner of selection (including the filling of vacancies), and their term of office are as provided in the bylaws. However, the board shall have at least 15 members.

(3) The board may appoint committees. Each committee has the powers provided in the bylaws or by resolution of the board. The powers of a committee may include all the powers of the board.

(b) OFFICERS.—(1) The officers of the corporation are a president, one or more one vice presidents as provided in the bylaws, a secretary, a treasurer, one or more assistant secretaries and assistant treasurers, and other officers as provided in the bylaws.

(2) The manner of election, term of office, and duties of the officers are as provided in the bylaws.

§ 20105. Powers

The corporation may—

(1) adopt and amend bylaws for the management of its property and the regulation of its affairs;

(2) adopt and alter a corporate seal;

(3) choose officers, managers, agents, and employees as the activities of the corporation require;

(4) make contracts;

(5) acquire, own, lease, encumber, and transfer property as necessary or convenient to carry out the purposes of the corporation;

(6) borrow money, issue instruments of indebtedness, and secure its obligations by granting security interests in its property; and

(7) sue and be sued.

§ 20106. Restrictions

(a) STOCK AND DIVIDENDS.—The corporation may not issue stock or declare or pay a dividend.

(b) POLITICAL ACTIVITIES.—The corporation or a governor, officer, employee, or member as such may not contribute to, support, or assist a political party or candidate for public office.

(c) DISTRIBUTION OF INCOME OR ASSETS.—The income or assets of the corporation may not inure to the benefit of, or be distributed to, a governor, officer, or member as such during the life of the corporation or on its dissolution or final liquidation. This subsection does not prevent the payment of compensation to an officer or employee in an amount approved by the board of governors.

(d) LOANS.—The corporation may not make a loan or advance to a governor, officer, employee, or member. Governors who vote for or assent to making a loan or advance to a governor, officer, employee, or member, and officers who participate in making the loan or advance, are jointly and severally liable to the corporation for the amount of the loan or advance until it is repaid.

(e) CONTRIBUTIONS TO CERTAIN ORGANIZATIONS.—None of the principal or interest of a fund referred to in section 20102(1) of this title may be contributed to an organization if—

(1) a substantial part of its activities is carrying on propaganda or attempting to influence legislation; or

(2) any part of its net earnings benefits a private shareholder or individual.

§ 20107. Principal office

The principal office of the corporation shall be in Kansas City, Kansas, or another place decided by the board of governors. However, the activities of the corporation are not confined to the place where the principal office is located but may be conducted throughout the States, territories, and possessions of the United States.

§ 20108. Records and inspection

(a) RECORDS.—The corporation shall keep—

(1) correct and complete records of account;

(2) minutes of the proceedings of its members, board of governors, and committees having any of the authority of its board of governors; and

(3) at its principal office, a record of the names and addresses of its members entitled to vote.

(b) INSPECTION.—A member entitled to vote, or an agent or attorney of the member, may inspect the records of the corporation for any proper purpose, at any reasonable time.

§ 20109. Service of process

The corporation shall have a designated agent in the District of Columbia to receive service of process for the corporation. Notice to or service on the agent is notice to or service on the corporation.

§ 20110. Liability for acts of officers and agents

The corporation is liable for the acts of its officers and agents acting within the scope of their authority.

§ 20111. Use of assets on dissolution or final liquidation

On dissolution or final liquidation of the corporation, any assets of the corporation remaining after the discharge of all liabilities shall be distributed as provided by the board of governors, but in compliance with the charter and bylaws.

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§ 20301. Organization

(a) FEDERAL CHARTER.—American Academy of Arts and Letters (in this chapter, the "corporation") is a federally chartered corporation.

(b) PLACE OF INCORPORATION.—The corporation is declared to be incorporated in the District of Columbia.

§ 20302. Purpose

The purpose of the corporation is to further the interests of literature and the fine arts.

§ 20303. Membership

The corporation may have not more than 50 regular members.

§ 20304. Powers

The corporation may—

(1) adopt bylaws and regulations;

(2) fill vacancies;

(3) provide for the election of foreign, domestic, or honorary associate members, and the division of those members into classes;

(4) receive bequests and donations of property, hold the property in trust, and invest the property to carry out the purpose of the corporation; and

(5) do any other act necessary or usual for such a corporation.

§ 20305. Annual meeting

The corporation shall hold an annual meeting at a place in the United States as may be designated.

§ 20306. Annual report

The corporation shall make an annual report to Congress, to be filed with the Librarian of Congress.

§ 20307. Nonapplication of audit requirements

The audit requirements of section 10101 of this title do not apply to the corporation.

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§ 20501. Organization

American Chemical Society (in this chapter, the "corporation") is a federally chartered corporation.

§ 20502. Purposes

The purposes of the corporation are—

(1) to encourage in the broadest and most liberal manner the advancement of chemistry in all its branches;

(2) to promote research in chemical science and industry;

(3) to improve the qualifications and usefulness of chemists through high standards of professional ethics, education, and attainments;

(4) to increase and diffuse chemical knowledge; and

(5) by its meetings, professional contacts, reports, papers, discussions, and publications, to promote scientific interests and inquiry to foster public welfare and education, aid the development of our country's industries, and add to the material prosperity and happiness of our people.

§ 20503. Powers

The corporation may—

(1) adopt a constitution, bylaws, and regulations;

(2) fill vacancies;

(3) provide for the election of members and the division of those members into classes;

(4) receive property, hold the property absolutely or in trust, invest and manage the property, and use the property and income arising from it to carry out the purposes of the corporation; and

(5) do any other act necessary and proper to carry out the purposes of the corporation.

§ 20504. Cooperation with the military

(a) INVESTIGATIONS, EXAMINATIONS, EXPERIMENTS, AND REPORTS.—When requested by the Secretary of the Army, Air Force, or Navy, the corporation shall investigate, examine, experiment, and report on any subject in pure or applied chemistry connected with the national defense.

(b) PAYMENTS.—The actual expense of those investigations, examinations, experiments, and reports shall be paid from amounts appropriated for those purposes, but the corporation may not receive compensation for any services performed for the United States Government.

(c) TITLE AND LICENSE.—Title to inventions and discoveries made in the course of those investigations, examinations, and experiments that the appropriate Secretary believes involve the national defense vest in the Government. The Government shall have unlimited license under other inventions and discoveries made in the course of those investigations, examinations, and experiments.

§ 20505. Annual meeting

The corporation shall hold an annual meeting at a place in the United States as may from time to time be designated.

§ 20506. Annual report

Not later than December 1 of each year, the corporation shall submit a report to Congress on the activities of the corporation during the prior calendar year, including a complete statement of its receipts and expenditures. The report may not be printed as a public document.

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§ 20701. Definition

For purposes of this chapter, "State" includes the District of Columbia and the territories and possessions of the United States.

§ 20702. Organization

American Council of Learned Societies (in this chapter, the "corporation"), a nonprofit corporation incorporated in the District of Columbia, is a federally chartered corporation.

§ 20703. Purposes

The purposes of the corporation are as provided in the articles of incorporation and include—

(1) the advancement of the humanistic studies in all fields of learning; and

(2) the maintenance and strengthening of relations among the national societies devoted to those studies.

§ 20704. Membership

Except as provided in this chapter, eligibility for membership in the corporation and the rights and privileges of members are as provided in the constitution and bylaws of the corporation.

§ 20705. Governing body

(a) BOARD OF DIRECTORS.—The board of directors and the responsibilities of the board are as provided in the articles of incorporation.

(b) OFFICERS.—The officers and the election of officers are as provided in the articles of incorporation.

§ 20706. Powers

The corporation has only the powers provided in its bylaws and articles of incorporation filed in each State in which it is incorporated.

§ 20707. Restrictions

(a) STOCK AND DIVIDENDS.—The corporation may not issue stock or declare or pay a dividend.

(b) POLITICAL ACTIVITIES.—The corporation or a director or officer as such may not contribute to, support, or participate in any political activity or in any manner attempt to influence legislation.

(c) DISTRIBUTION OF INCOME OR ASSETS.—The income or assets of the corporation may not inure to the benefit of, or be distributed to, a director, officer, or member during the life of the charter granted by this chapter. This subsection does not prevent the payment of reasonable compensation to an officer or reimbursement for actual necessary expenses in amounts approved by the board of directors.

(d) LOANS.—The corporation may not make a loan to a director, officer, or employee.

(e) CLAIM OF GOVERNMENTAL APPROVAL OR AUTHORITY.—The corporation may not claim congressional approval or the authority of the United States Government for any of its activities.

§ 20708. Duty to maintain tax-exempt status

The corporation shall maintain its status as an organization exempt from taxation under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (26 U.S.C. 1 et seq.). If the corporation does not maintain that status, the charter granted by this chapter expires.

§ 20709. Records and inspection

(a) RECORDS.—The corporation shall keep—

(1) correct and complete records of account;

(2) minutes of the proceedings of its members, board of directors, and committees having any of the authority of its board of directors; and

(3) at its principal office, a record of the names and addresses of its members entitled to vote.

(b) INSPECTION.—A member entitled to vote, or an agent or attorney of the member, may inspect the records of the corporation for any proper purpose, at any reasonable time.

§ 20710. Service of process

The corporation shall comply with the law on service of process of each State in which it is incorporated and each State in which it carries on activities.

§ 20711. Liability for acts of officers and agents

The corporation is liable for the acts of its officers and agents acting within the scope of their authority.

§ 20712. Annual report

The corporation shall submit an annual report to Congress on the activities of the corporation during the prior fiscal year. The report shall be submitted at the same time as the report of the audit required by section 10101 of this title. The report may not be printed as a public document.

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§ 20901. Definition

For purposes of this chapter, "State" includes the District of Columbia and the territories and possessions of the United States.

§ 20902. Organization

(a) FEDERAL CHARTER.—American Ex-Prisoners of War (in this chapter, the "corporation"), a nonprofit corporation incorporated in the State of Washington, is a federally chartered corporation.

(b) EXPIRATION OF CHARTER.—If the corporation does not comply with any provision of this chapter, the charter granted by this chapter expires.

§ 20903. Purposes

The purposes of the corporation are as provided in the articles of incorporation and include—

(1) encouraging fraternity for the common good;

(2) fostering patriotism and loyalty;

(3) assisting widows and orphans of deceased ex-prisoners of war;

(4) assisting ex-prisoners of war who have been injured or disabled as a result of their service;

(5) maintaining allegiance to the United States;

(6) preserving and defending the United States from all enemies; and

(7) maintaining historical records.

§ 20904. Membership

Except as provided in this chapter, eligibility for membership in the corporation and the rights and privileges of members are as provided in the bylaws.

§ 20905. Governing body

(a) BOARD OF DIRECTORS.—The board of directors and the responsibilities of the board are as provided in the articles of incorporation.

(b) OFFICERS.—The officers and the election of officers are as provided in the articles of incorporation.

§ 20906. Powers

The corporation has only the powers provided in its bylaws and articles of incorporation filed in each State in which it is incorporated.

§ 20907. Exclusive right to name and emblem

The corporation has the exclusive right to use and to allow others to use the name "American Ex-Prisoners of War" and the official American Ex-Prisoners of War emblem or any colorable simulation of that emblem. This section does not affect any vested rights.

§ 20908. Restrictions

(a) STOCK AND DIVIDENDS.—The corporation may not issue stock or declare or pay a dividend.

(b) POLITICAL ACTIVITIES.—The corporation or a director or officer as such may not contribute to, support, or participate in any political activity or in any manner attempt to influence legislation.

(c) DISTRIBUTION OF INCOME OR ASSETS.—The income or assets of the corporation may not inure to the benefit of, or be distributed to, a director, officer, or member during the life of the charter granted by this chapter. This subsection does not prevent the payment of reasonable compensation to an officer or reimbursement for actual necessary expenses in amounts approved by the board or directors.

(d) LOANS.—The corporation may not make a loan to a director, officer, or employee.

(e) CLAIM OF GOVERNMENTAL APPROVAL OR AUTHORITY.—The corporation may not claim congressional approval or the authority of the United States Government for any of its activities.

§ 20909. Duty to maintain corporate and tax-exempt status

(a) CORPORATE STATUS.—The corporation shall maintain its status as a corporation incorporated under the laws of the State of Washington.

(b) TAX-EXEMPT STATUS.—The corporation shall maintain its status as an organization exempt from taxation under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (26 U.S.C. 1 et seq.).

§ 20910. Records and inspection

(a) RECORDS.—The Corporation shall keep—

(1) correct and complete records of account;

(2) minutes of the proceedings of its members, board of directors, and committees having any of the authority of its board of directors; and

(3) at its principal office, a record of the names and addresses of its members entitled to vote.

(b) INSPECTION.—A member entitled to vote, or an agent or attorney of the member, may inspect the records of the corporation for any proper purpose, at any reasonable time.

§ 20911. Service of process

The corporation shall comply with the law on service of process of each State in which it is incorporated and each State in which it carries on activities.

§ 20912. Liability for acts of officers and agents

The corporation is liable for the acts of its officers and agents acting within the scope of their authority.

§ 20913. Annual report

The corporation shall submit an annual report to Congress on the activities of the corporation during the prior fiscal year. The report shall be submitted at the same time as the report of the audit required by section 10101 of this title. The report may not be printed as a public document.

CHAPTER 211—AMERICAN GOLD STAR MOTHERS, INCORPORATED

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§ 21101. Definition

For purposes of this chapter, "State" includes the District of Columbia and the territories and possessions of the United States.

§ 21102. Organization

(a) FEDERAL CHARTER.—American Gold Star Mothers, Incorporated (in this chapter, the "corporation"), incorporated in the District of Columbia, is a federally chartered corporation.

(b) EXPIRATION OF CHARTER.—If the corporation does not comply with any provision of this chapter, the charter granted by this chapter expires.

§ 21103. Purposes

The purposes of the corporation are as provided in the articles of incorporation and include a continuing commitment, on a national basis, to—

(1) keep alive and develop the spirit that promoted world services;

(2) maintain the ties of fellowship born of that service, and assist and further all patriotic work;

(3) inculcate a sense of individual obligation to the community, State, and Nation;

(4) assist veterans of World War I, World War II, the Korean Conflict, Vietnam, and other strategic areas and their dependents in the presentation of claims to the Department of Veterans Affairs, and aid in any way in their power the men and women who served and died or were wounded or incapacitated during hostilities;

(5) perpetuate the memory of those whose lives were sacrificed in our wars;

(6) maintain true allegiance to the United States;

(7) inculcate lessons of patriotism and love of country in the communities in which we live;

(8) inspire respect for the Stars and Stripes in the youth of America;

(9) extend needful assistance to all Gold Star Mothers and, when possible, to their descendants; and

(10) promote peace and good will for the United States and all other Nations.

§ 21104. Membership

(a) ELIGIBILITY.—Except as provided in this chapter, eligibility for membership in the corporation and the rights and privileges of members are as provided in the constitution and bylaws.

(b) NONDISCRIMINATION.—The terms of membership may not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, or national origin.

§ 21105. Governing body

(a) BOARD OF DIRECTORS.—The board of directors and the responsibilities of the board are as provided in the articles of incorporation.

(b) OFFICERS.—The officers and the election of officers are as provided in the articles of incorporation.

(c) NONDISCRIMINATION.—The requirements for holding office in the corporation may not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, or national origin.

§ 21106. Powers

The corporation has only the powers provided in its bylaws and articles of incorporation filed in each State in which it is incorporated.

§ 21107. Restrictions

(a) STOCK AND DIVIDENDS.—The corporation may not issue stock or declare or pay a dividend.

(b) DISTRIBUTION OF INCOME OR ASSETS.—The income or assets of the corporation may not inure to the benefit of, or be distributed to, a director, officer, or member during the life of the charter granted by this chapter. This subsection does not prevent the payment of reasonable compensation to an officer or reimbursement for actual necessary expenses in amounts approved by the board of directors.

(c) LOANS.—The corporation may not make a loan to a director, officer, or employee.

(d) CLAIM OF GOVERNMENTAL APPROVAL OR AUTHORITY.—The corporation may not claim congressional approval or the authority of the United States Government for any of its activities.

§ 21108. Duty to maintain corporate and tax-exempt status

(a) CORPORATE STATUS.—The corporation shall maintain its status as a corporation incorporated under the laws of each State in which it is incorporated.

(b) TAX-EXEMPT STATUS.—The corporation shall maintain its status as an organization exempt from taxation under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (26 U.S.C. 1 et seq.).

§ 21109. Records and inspection

(a) RECORDS.—The corporation shall keep—

(1) correct and complete records of account;

(2) minutes of the proceedings of its members, board of directors, and committees having any of the authority of its board of directors; and

(3) at its principal office, a record of the names and addresses of its members entitled to vote.

(b) INSPECTION.—A member entitled to vote, or an agent or attorney of the member, may inspect the records of the corporation for any proper purpose, at any reasonable time.

§ 21110. Service of process

The corporation shall comply with the law on service of process of each State in which it is incorporated and each State in which it carries on activities.

§ 21111. Liability for acts of officers and agents

The corporation is liable for the acts of its officers and agents acting within the scope of their authority.

§ 21112. Annual report

The corporation shall submit an annual report to Congress on the activities of the corporation during the prior fiscal year. The report shall be submitted at the same time as the report of the audit required by section 10101 of this title. The report may not be printed as a public document.

CHAPTER 213—AMERICAN HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION

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§ 21301. Organization

American Historical Association (in this chapter, the "corporation") is a body corporate and politic in the District of Columbia.

§ 21302. Purposes

The purposes of the corporation are—

(1) to promote historical studies;

(2) to collect and preserve historical manuscripts; and

(3) other kindred purposes in the interest of American history and of history in America.

§ 21303. Powers

The corporation may—

(1) adopt a constitution and bylaws; and

(2) hold property in the District of Columbia necessary to carry out the purposes of the corporation.

§ 21304. Annual meeting

The corporation may hold its annual meeting in a place the members of the corporation select.

§ 21305. Principal office

The principal office of the corporation shall be in the District of Columbia.

§ 21306. Historical collections

The Regents of the Smithsonian Institution may allow the corporation to deposit its collections, manuscripts, books, pamphlets, and other historical material in the Smithsonian Institution or the National Museum on conditions and under regulations the Regents prescribe.

§ 21307. Annual report

The corporation shall submit an annual report to the Secretary of the Smithsonian Institution on the activities of the corporation and the condition of historical study in America. The Secretary shall submit to Congress any part of the report the Secretary decides is appropriate.

CHAPTER 215—AMERICAN HOSPITAL OF PARIS

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§ 21501. Organization

(a) FEDERAL CHARTER.—American Hospital of Paris (in this chapter, the "corporation") is a federally chartered corporation.

(b) PLACE OF INCORPORATION.—The corporation is declared to be incorporated in the District of Columbia.

(c) PERPETUAL EXISTENCE.—Except as otherwise provided, the corporation has perpetual existence.

§ 21502. Purpose

The purpose of the corporation is to maintain a hospital in the vicinity of Paris, France, to provide medical and surgical care to citizens of the United States.

§ 21503. Governing body

(a) GENERAL.—(1) The board of governors is the governing body of the corporation.

(2) The board shall have at least 12 governors, divided into 3 classes of equal numbers. One class of governors shall be elected each year for a term of 3 years or until their successors are elected. The corporation shall elect the governors at its annual meeting.

(b) QUORUM.—Five governors are a quorum for the transaction of business, except that a majority vote of the board is required for—

(1) the sale or alienation of any real or personal estate of the corporation; or

(2) the leasing of real estate of the corporation for a term of more than one year.

(c) POWERS.—The board may—

(1) adopt and amend bylaws, as may be necessary and proper, related to—

(A) elections and meetings;

(B) qualifications and duties of governors and officers;

(C) admission and qualifications of members; and

(D) management and disposition of the property, business, and concerns of the corporation;

(2) conduct all business of the corporation;

(3) fill, until the next annual election, a vacancy on the board; and

(4) appoint attending and resident physicians and surgeons, agents, assistants, and attendants as may be necessary, set their compensation, and discharge them.

§ 21504. Acquisition and management of property

The corporation may acquire, own, lease, encumber, and transfer property, in the United States and France, to carry out the purposes of the corporation.

§ 21505. Charges for medical services

The corporation may charge a reasonable compensation for providing medical and surgical services or may provide those services without charge. Amounts received under this section shall be used to carry out the purposes of the corporation.

§ 21506. Principal office

The principal office of the corporation shall be in the District of Columbia. However, offices may be maintained and meetings of the board of governors and committees may be held elsewhere.

§ 21507. Nonapplication of audit requirements

The audit requirements of section 10101 of this title do not apply to the corporation.

CHAPTER 217—THE AMERICAN LEGION

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§ 21701. Organization

(a) FEDERAL CHARTER.—The American Legion (in this chapter, the "corporation") is a federally chartered corporation.

(b) PERPETUAL EXISTENCE.—Except as otherwise provided, the corporation has perpetual existence.

§ 21702. Purposes

The purposes of the corporation are—

(1) to uphold and defend the Constitution of the United States;

(2) to promote peace and good will among the peoples of the United States and all the nations of the Earth;

(3) to preserve the memories and incidents of the 2 World Wars and the other great hostilities fought to uphold democracy;

(4) to cement the ties and comradeship born of service; and

(5) to consecrate the efforts of its members to mutual helpfulness and service to their country.

§ 21703. Membership

An individual is eligible for membership in the corporation only if the individual—

(1) has served in the armed forces of—

(A) the United States at any time during any period from—

(i) April 6, 1917, through November 11, 1918;

(ii) December 7, 1941, through December 31, 1946;

(iii) June 25, 1950, through January 31, 1955;

(iv) December 22, 1961, through May 7, 1975;

(v) August 24, 1982, through July 31, 1984;

(vi) December 20, 1989, through January 31, 1990; or

(vii) August 2, 1990, through the date of cessation of hostilities, as decided by the United States Government; or

(B) a government associated with the United States during a period referred to in subclause (A) of this clause and was a citizen of the United States when the individual entered that service; and

(2) was honorably discharged or separated from that service or continues to serve honorably after that period.

§ 21704. Powers

The corporation may—

(1) adopt a constitution, bylaws, and regulations to carry out the purposes of the corporation;

(2) adopt and alter a corporate seal;

(3) establish and maintain offices to conduct its activities;

(4) establish State and territorial organizations and local chapter or post organizations;

(5) acquire, own, lease, encumber, and transfer property as necessary to carry out the purposes of the corporation;

(6) publish a magazine and other publications;

(7) sue and be sued; and

(8) do any other act necessary and proper to carry out the purposes of the corporation.

§ 21705. Exclusive right to name, emblems, and badges

The corporation and its State and local subdivisions have the exclusive right to use the name "The American Legion" or "American Legion". The corporation has the exclusive right to use, manufacture, and control

the right to manufacture, emblems and badges the corporation adopts.

§ 21706. Political activities

The corporation shall be nonpolitical and may not promote the candidacy of an individual seeking public office.

§ 21707. Service of process

As a condition to the exercise of any power or privilege granted by this chapter, the corporation shall file, with the secretary of state or other designated official of each State, the name and address of an agent in that State on whom legal process or demands against the corporation may be served.

§ 21708. Annual report

Not later than January 1 of each year, the corporation shall submit a report to Congress on the activities of the corporation during the prior calendar year. The report may not be printed as a public document.

CHAPTER 219—THE AMERICAN NATIONAL THEATER AND ACADEMY

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§ 21901. Organization

(a) FEDERAL CHARTER.—The American National Theater and Academy (in this chapter, the "corporation") is a federally chartered corporation.

(b) PERPETUAL EXISTENCE.—Except as otherwise provided, the corporation has perpetual existence.

§ 21902. Purposes

The purposes of the corporation include—

(1) the presentation of theatrical productions of the highest type;

(2) the stimulation of public interest in the drama as an art belonging both to the theater and to literature and to be enjoyed both on the stage and in the study;

(3) the advancement of interest in the drama throughout the United States by furthering the production of the best plays, interpreted by the best actors at a minimum cost;

(4) the further development of the study of drama of the present and past in our universities, colleges, schools, and elsewhere; and

(5) the sponsoring, encouraging, and developing of the art and technique of the theater through a school within the National Academy.

§ 21903. Powers

The corporation may—

(1) adopt a constitution, bylaws, and regulations;

(2) adopt and alter a corporate seal;

(3) establish and maintain offices and buildings to conduct its activities;

(4) establish State and territorial organizations and local branches;

(5) acquire, own, lease, encumber, and transfer property as necessary to carry out the purposes of the corporation, subject to its constitution and instructions of donors;

(6) sue and be sued; and

(7) do any other act necessary and proper to carry out the purposes of the corporation.

§ 21904. Exclusive right to name

The corporation and its State and local branches and subdivisions have the exclusive right to use the name "The American National Theater and Academy".

§ 21905. Restrictions

(a) PROFIT AND STOCK.—The corporation shall be nonprofit and may not issue stock.

(b) POLITICAL ACTIVITIES.—The corporation shall be nonpolitical and nonsectarian, and may not promote the candidacy of an individual seeking public office.

(c) HONORARY MEMBERS.—The corporation may not have honorary members.

§ 21906. Headquarters and meetings

The corporation may have its headquarters and hold its meetings at places the corporation decides are best.

§ 21907. Service of process

As a condition to the exercise of any power or privilege granted by this chapter, the corporation shall file, with the secretary of state or other designated official of the District of Columbia or of each State, territory, or possession of the United States in which its headquarters, branches, or subdivisions are located, the name and address of an agent in that jurisdiction on whom legal process or demands against the corporation may be served.

§ 21908. Annual report

Not later than January 1 of each year, the corporation shall submit a report to Congress on the activities of the corporation during the prior calendar year, including a complete report of its receipts and expenditures. The report may not be printed as a public document.

CHAPTER 221—THE AMERICAN SOCIETY OF INTERNATIONAL LAW

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§ 22101. Organization

(a) FEDERAL CHARTER.—The American Society of International Law (in this chapter, the "corporation") is a federally chartered corporation.

(b) PERPETUAL EXISTENCE.—Except as otherwise provided, the corporation has perpetual existence.

§ 22102. Purposes

The purposes of the corporation are—

(1) to foster the study of international law; and

(2) to promote the establishment and maintenance of international relations on the basis of law and justice.

§ 22103. Governing body

(a) EXECUTIVE COUNCIL.—(1) The executive council is the governing body of the corporation. However, the council is subject to the directions of the corporation at its annual meetings and at any other meeting called under the constitution, bylaws, or regulations of the corporation.

(2) The council consists of a president, an honorary president, a number of vice presidents and honorary vice presidents as provided in the constitution, a secretary, a treasurer, and at least 24 additional individuals.

(b) ELECTION AND TERMS.—The officers of the corporation and one-third of the other members of the council shall be elected at each annual meeting of the corporation. However, the constitution may authorize the council—

(1) to elect the secretary and the treasurer of the corporation for specified terms; and

(2) to fill vacancies until the next annual meeting.

§ 22104. Powers

The corporation may—

(1) adopt and amend a constitution, bylaws, and regulations for the management of its property and the regulation of its affairs;

(2) adopt and alter a corporate seal;

(3) choose officers, managers, and agents as the activities of the corporation require;

(4) make contracts;

(5) acquire, own, lease, encumber, and transfer property as necessary to carry out the purposes of the corporation;

(6) borrow money, issue instruments of indebtedness, and secure its obligations by granting security interests in its property;

(7) publish a journal and other publications;

(8) sue and be sued; and

(9) do any other act necessary and proper to carry out the purposes of the corporation.

§ 22105. Restrictions

(a) PROFIT.—The corporation may not operate for profit.

(b) STOCK AND DIVIDENDS.—The corporation may not issue stock or declare or pay a dividend.

(c) POLITICAL ACTIVITIES.—The corporation or an officer or member of the executive council as such may not contribute to, support, or assist a political party or candidate for elective public office.

(d) DISTRIBUTION OF INCOME OR ASSETS.—The income or assets of the corporation may not inure to the benefit of, or be distributed to, a member of the corporation or an officer or member of the executive council, except on the dissolution or final liquidation of the corporation.

(e) LOANS.—The corporation may not make a loan or advance to an officer or member of the executive council. Members of the council who vote for or assent to making a loan or advance to an officer or member of the council, and officers who participate in making the loan or advance, are jointly and severally liable to the corporation for the amount of the loan or advance until it is repaid.

§ 22106. Principal office

The principal office of the corporation shall be in the District of Columbia. However, the activities of the corporation are not confined to the District of Columbia but may be conducted throughout the United States.

§ 22107. Records and inspection

(a) RECORDS.—The corporation shall keep—

(1) correct and complete records of account;

(2) minutes of the proceedings of its members, executive council, and committees having any of the authority of its executive council; and

(3) at its principal office, a record of the names and addresses of its members entitled to vote.

(b) INSPECTION.—A member, or an agent or attorney of the member, may inspect the records of the corporation for any proper purpose, at any reasonable time.

§ 22108. Service of process

The corporation shall have a designated agent in the District of Columbia to receive service of process for the corporation. Notice to or service on the agent, or mailed to the business address of the agent, is notice to or service on the corporation.

§ 22109. Liability for acts of officers and agents

The corporation is liable for the acts of its officers and agents acting within the scope of their authority.

CHAPTER 223—AMERICAN SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA LEAGUE

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§ 22301. Organization

(a) FEDERAL CHARTER.—American Symphony Orchestra League (in this chapter, the "corporation") is a federally chartered corporation.

(b) PERPETUAL EXISTENCE.—Except as otherwise provided, the corporation has perpetual existence.

§ 22302. Purposes

The purposes of the corporation are—

(1) to serve as a coordinating, research, and educational agency and clearinghouse for symphony orchestras to help strengthen the work in their local communities;

(2) to assist in the formation of new symphony orchestras;

(3) to encourage and recognize the work of America's musicians, conductors, and composers, through suitable means; and

(4) to aid the expansion of the musical and cultural life of the United States through suitable educational and service activities.

§ 22303. Membership

(a) ELIGIBILITY.—Except as provided in this chapter, eligibility for membership in the corporation and the rights, privileges, and designation of classes of members are as provided in the constitution and bylaws of the corporation.

(b) VOTING.—Each member (except an honorary, sustaining, or associate member) has one vote on each matter submitted to a vote at a meeting of the members.

§ 22304. Governing body

(a) BOARD OF DIRECTORS.—(1) The board of directors is the governing body of the corporation. Between meetings of the members of the corporation, the board is responsible for the general policies and program of the corporation and for the control of contributions raised by the corporation.

(2) The number of directors, their manner of selection (including the filling of vacancies), and their term of office are as provided in the constitution and bylaws of the corporation.

(b) OFFICERS.—(1) The officers of the corporation are a president, one or more vice presidents as provided in the constitution and bylaws, a secretary, a treasurer, and one or more assistant secretaries and assistant treasurers as provided in the constitution and bylaws.

(2) The manner of election, term of office, and duties of the officers are as provided in the constitution and bylaws.

§ 22305. Powers

The corporation may—

(1) adopt and amend a constitution and bylaws for the management of its property and the regulation of its affairs;

(2) adopt and alter a corporate seal;

(3) choose officers, managers, agents, and employees as the activities of the corporation require;

(4) make contracts;

(5) acquire, own, lease, encumber, and transfer property as necessary or convenient to carry out the purposes of the corporation;

(6) borrow money, issue instruments of indebtedness, and secure its obligations by granting security interests in its property; and

(7) sue and be sued.

§ 22306. Exclusive right to name, insignia, emblems, and badges

The corporation has the exclusive right to use the name "American Symphony Orchestra League" and distinctive insignia, emblems and badges, descriptive or designating marks, and words or phrases required to carry out the duties and powers of the corporation. This section does not affect any vested rights.

§ 22307. Restrictions

(a) STOCK AND DIVIDENDS.—The corporation may not issue stock or declare or pay a dividend.

(b) POLITICAL ACTIVITIES.—The corporation or a director or officer as such may not contribute to, support, or assist a political party or candidate for public office.

(c) DISTRIBUTION OF INCOME OR ASSETS.—The income or assets of the corporation may not inure to the benefit of, or be distributed to, a director, officer, or member as such during the life of the corporation or on its dissolution or final liquidation. This subsection does not prevent the payment of compensation to an officer in an amount approved by the board of directors.

(d) LOANS.—The corporation may not make a loan or advance to a director, officer, or employee. Directors who vote for or assent to making a loan or advance to a director, officer, or employee, and officers who participate in making the loan or advance, are jointly and severally liable to the corporation for the amount of the loan or advance until it is repaid.

§ 22308. Principal office

The principal office of the corporation shall be in Charleston, West Virginia, or another place decided by the board of directors. However, the activities of the corporation are not confined to the place where the principal office is located but may be conducted throughout the States, territories, and possessions of the United States.

§ 22309. Records and inspection

(a) RECORDS.—The corporation shall keep—

(1) correct and complete records of account;

(2) minutes of the proceedings of its members, board of directors, and committees having any of the authority of its board of directors; and

(3) at its principal office, a record of the names and addresses of its members entitled to vote.

(b) INSPECTION.—A member entitled to vote, or an agent or attorney of the member, may inspect the records of the corporation for any proper purpose, at any reasonable time.

§ 22310. Service of process

The corporation shall have a designated agent in the District of Columbia to receive service of process for the corporation. Notice to or service on the agent, or mailed to the business address of the agent, is notice to or service on the corporation.

§ 22311. Liability for acts of officers and agents

The corporation is liable for the acts of its officers and agents acting within the scope of their authority.

§ 22312. Distribution of assets on dissolution or final liquidation

On dissolution or final liquidation of the corporation, any assets remaining after the discharge of all liabilities shall be distributed as provided by the board of directors, but in compliance with the constitution and bylaws of the corporation.

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§ 22501. Organization

(a) FEDERAL CHARTER.—American War Mothers (in this chapter, the "corporation") is a federally chartered corporation.

(b) PLACE OF INCORPORATION.—The corporation is declared to be incorporated in the District of Columbia.

(c) PERIOD OF EXISTENCE.—The corporation may continue to exist until there are no individuals who qualify for membership.

§ 22502. Purposes

The purposes of the corporation are—

(1) to keep alive and develop the spirit that promoted world service;

(2) to maintain the ties of fellowship born of that service and to assist and further any patriotic work;

(3) to inculcate a sense of individual obligation to the community, State, and Nation;

(4) to work for the welfare of the Army and Navy;

(5) to assist, in any way in their power, men and women who served and were wounded or incapacitated in World War I; and

(6) to foster and promote friendship and understanding between America and the Allies in World War I.

§ 22503. Membership

Eligibility for membership in the corporation is limited to women—

(1) who are citizens of the United States; and

(2) whose natural son or daughter, legally adopted son or daughter, or stepson or stepdaughter—

(A) served in the armed forces of the United States or its allies in World War I, World War II, the Korean conflict, or any subsequent war or conflict involving the United States; and

(B) was honorably discharged from that service or continues in the service.

§ 22504. Powers

The corporation may—

(1) adopt a constitution, bylaws, and regulations;

(2) adopt and alter a corporate seal;

(3) adopt emblems and badges;

(4) establish and maintain offices to conduct its activities;

(5) establish State, territorial, and local subdivisions;

(6) acquire, own, lease, encumber, and transfer property as necessary to carry out

the purposes of the corporation, subject to section 22506(b) of this title;

(7) publish a magazine and other publications;

(8) sue and be sued; and

(9) do any other act necessary and proper to carry out its purposes.

§ 22505. Exclusive right to name

The corporation and its State, territorial, and local subdivisions have the exclusive right to use the name "American War Mothers".

§ 22506. Restrictions

(a) GENERAL.—The corporation shall be nonprofit, nonpolitical, nonsectarian, and nonpartisan, and may not promote the candidacy of an individual seeking public office.

(b) OWNERSHIP AND USE OF PROPERTY.—The corporation may not accept, own, or hold, directly or indirectly, any property not reasonably necessary to carry out the purposes of the corporation.

§ 22507. Tax-exempt status

The personal property and funds of the corporation, whether principal or income, so long as held or used only to carry out the purposes of the corporation, are exempt from taxation by the United States Government, the District of Columbia, and the territories and possessions of the United States.

§ 22508. Meetings

The corporation may hold its meetings at any place the corporation decides.

§ 22509. Service of process

As a condition to the exercise of any power or privilege granted by this chapter, the corporation shall file, with the secretary of state or other designated official of each State, the name and address of an agent in that State on whom legal process or demands against the corporation may be served.

§ 22510. Annual report

Not later than January 1 of each year, the corporation shall submit a report to Congress on the activities of the corporation during the prior calendar year. The report may not be printed as a public document.

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§ 22701. Organization

(a) FEDERAL CHARTER.—AMVETS (American Veterans of World War II, Korea, and Vietnam) (in this chapter, the "corporation") is a federally chartered corporation.

(b) PERPETUAL EXISTENCE.—Except as otherwise provided, the corporation has perpetual existence.

§ 22702. Purposes

The purposes of corporation are—

(1) to preserve for ourselves and our posterity the great and basic truths and enduring principles upon which this Nation was founded;

(2) to maintain a continuing interest in the welfare and rehabilitation of the disabled veterans of World War II, the Korean conflict, and the Vietnam era and to establish facilities for the assistance of all veterans and to represent them in their claims before the Department of Veterans Affairs and other organizations without charge;

(3) to dedicate ourselves to the service and best interests of the community, State, and Nation to the end that our country shall be and remain forever a whole, strong, and free Nation;

(4) to aid and encourage the abolition of prejudice, ignorance, and disease;

(5) to encourage universal exercise of the voting franchise to the end that there shall be elected and maintained in public office men and women who hold public office as a public trust administered in the best interests of all the people;

(6) to advocate the development and means by which all Americans may become enlightened and informed citizens and thus participate fully in the functions of our democracy;

(7) to encourage and support an international organization of all peace-loving nations to the end that not again shall any nation be permitted to breach their national peace;

(8) to continue to serve the best interests of our Nation in peace as in war;

(9) to develop to the utmost the human, mental, spiritual, and economical resources of our Nation;

(10) to perpetuate and preserve the friendships and comradeship born on the battle front and nurtured in the common experience of service to our Nation during time of war; and

(11) to honor the memory of those men and women who gave their lives that a free America and a free world might live by the creation of living memorials in the form of additional educational, cultural, and recreational facilities.

§ 22703. Membership

(a) ELIGIBILITY.—Except as provided in this chapter, eligibility for membership in the corporation and the rights and privileges of members are as provided in the constitution and bylaws of the corporation.

(b) VOTING.—Each member has one vote in the conduct of official business at the post level.

(c) NONDISCRIMINATION.—The terms of membership may not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, or national origin.

§ 22704. Governing body

(a) DELEGATES TO NATIONAL CONVENTIONS.—Each post may elect delegates to national conventions of the corporation. The delegates each have one vote in the conduct of business of the convention to which they are elected.

(b) EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.—The executive committee of the corporation consists of—

(1) one member elected to represent each department; and

(2) the officers of the corporation as ex officio members.

(c) OFFICERS.—(1) The officers of the corporation are a national commander, 7 national vice commanders, one of whom shall be a woman, a finance officer, an adjutant, a judge advocate, and a provost marshal.

(2) The officers shall be elected by the delegates at the annual national convention.

(d) NONDISCRIMINATION.—The requirements for holding office in the corporation may not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, or national origin.

§ 22705. Powers

(a) GENERAL.—The corporation may—

(1) adopt bylaws and regulations for the management of its property and the regulation of its affairs;

(2) adopt seals, emblems, and badges;

(3) choose officers, representatives, and agents as necessary to carry out the purposes of the corporation;

(4) make contracts;

(5) establish State and regional organizations and local posts;

(6) acquire, own, lease, encumber, and transfer property as necessary to carry out the purposes of the corporation;

(7) borrow money, issue instruments of indebtedness, and secure its obligations by granting security interests in its property;

(8) publish a magazine, newspaper, and other publications consistent with the purposes of the corporation;

(9) sue and be sued; and

(10) do any other act necessary and proper to carry out the purposes of the corporation.

(b) POWERS GRANTED TO OTHER ORGANIZATIONS.—The provisions, privileges, and prerogatives granted before July 24, 1947, to other national veterans' organizations because of their incorporation by Congress are granted to the corporation.

§ 22706. Exclusive right to name, seals, emblems, and badges

The corporation and its State, regional, and local subdivisions have the exclusive right to use the name "AMVETS (American Veterans of World War II, Korea, and Vietnam)" and seals, emblems, and badges the corporation adopts.

§ 22707. Restrictions

(a) PROFIT.—The corporation shall operate as a not-for-profit corporation, exclusively for charitable, educational, patriotic, and civic improvement purposes.

(b) STOCK AND DIVIDENDS.—The corporation may not issue stock or declare or pay a dividend.

(c) POLITICAL ACTIVITIES.—The corporation or an officer of the corporation or member of its executive committee as such may not contribute to, support, or assist a political party or candidate for elective public office. The corporation may not carry on propaganda.

(d) DISTRIBUTION OF INCOME OR ASSETS.—The income or assets of the corporation may not inure to the benefit of, or be distributed to, a director, officer, or member of the corporation, except on dissolution or final liquidation of the corporation.

(e) LOANS.—The corporation may not make a loan or advance to a director or officer. Directors who vote for or assent to making a loan or advance to a director or officer, and officers who participate in making the loan or advance, are jointly and severally liable to the corporation for the amount of the loan or advance until it is repaid.

§ 22708. Headquarters and principal place of business

The headquarters and principal place of business of the corporation shall be in the District of Columbia. However, the activities of the corporation are not confined to the District of Columbia but may be conducted throughout the States, territories, and possessions of the United States.

§ 22709. Records and inspection

(a) RECORDS.—The corporation shall keep—

(1) correct and complete records of account;

(2) minutes of the proceedings of its members, executive committee, and committees having any of the authority of its executive committee; and

(3) at its registered or principal office, a record of the names and addresses of its members entitled to vote.

(b) INSPECTION.—A member, or an agent or attorney of the member, may inspect the records of the corporation for any proper purpose, at any reasonable time.

§ 22710. Service of process

(a) DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.—The corporation shall have a designated agent in the District of Columbia to receive service of process for the corporation. Notice to or service on the agent, or mailed to the business address of the agent, is notice to or service on the corporation.

(b) STATES.—As a condition to the exercise of any power or privilege granted by this chapter, the corporation shall file, with the secretary of state or other designated official of each State, the name and address of an agent in that State on whom legal process or demands against the corporation may be served.

§ 22711. Liability for acts of officials, representatives, and agents

The corporation is liable for the acts of its officials, representatives, and agents acting within the scope of their authority.

§ 22712. Distribution of assets on dissolution or final liquidation

On dissolution or final liquidation of the corporation, any assets remaining after the discharge or satisfactory provision for discharge of all liabilities shall be transferred to the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to be applied to the care and comfort of disabled veterans of World War II, the Korean conflict, and the Vietnam era.

CHAPTER 229—ARMY AND NAVY UNION OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

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§ 22901. Definition

For purposes of this chapter, "State" includes the District of Columbia and the territories and possessions of the United States.

§ 22902. Organization

(a) FEDERAL CHARTER.—Army and Navy Union of the United States of America (in this chapter, the "corporation"), incorporated in Ohio, is a federally chartered corporation.

(b) EXPIRATION OF CHARTER.—If the corporation does not comply with any provision of this chapter, the charter granted by this chapter expires.

§ 22903. Purposes

The purposes of the corporation are as provided in its articles of incorporation and include—

(1) holding true allegiance to the United States Government and fidelity to its Constitution, laws, and institutions;

(2) serving our Nation under God in peace as well as in war by fostering the ideals of faith and patriotism, loyalty, justice, and liberty, by inculcating in the hearts of young and old, through precept and practice, the spirit of true Americanism, and by participating in civic activities for the good of our country and our community;

(3) uniting in fraternal fellowship those who have served, or are now serving, honorably in the armed forces of the United States;

(4) protecting and advancing their civic, social, and economic welfare;

(5) aiding them in sickness and distress;

(6) assisting in the burial and commemoration of their dead and providing help for their widows and orphans; and

(7) perpetuating the memory of patriotic deeds performed by the defenders of our country.

§ 22904. Membership

Eligibility for membership in the corporation and the rights and privileges of members are as provided in the bylaws.

§ 22905. Governing body

(a) BOARD OF DIRECTORS.—The board of directors and the responsibilities of the board are as provided in the articles of incorporation.

(b) OFFICERS.—The officers and the election of officers are as provided in the articles of incorporation.

§ 22906. Powers

The corporation has only the powers provided in its bylaws and articles of incorporation filed in each State in which it is incorporated.

§ 22907. Restrictions

(a) STOCK AND DIVIDENDS.—The corporation may not issue stock or declare or pay a dividend.

(b) POLITICAL ACTIVITIES.—The corporation or a director or officer as such may not contribute to, support, or participate in any political activity or in any manner attempt to influence legislation.

(c) DISTRIBUTION OF INCOME OR ASSETS.—The income or assets of the corporation may not inure to the benefit of, or be distributed to, a director, officer, or member during the life of the charter granted by this chapter. This subsection does not prevent the payment of reasonable compensation to an officer or reimbursement for actual necessary expenses in amounts approved by the board of directors.

(d) LOANS.—The corporation may not make a loan to a director, officer, or employee.

(e) CLAIM OF GOVERNMENTAL APPROVAL OR AUTHORITY.—The corporation may not claim congressional approval or the authority of the United States Government for any of its activities.

§ 22908. Duty to maintain corporate and tax-exempt status

(a) CORPORATE STATUS.—The corporation shall maintain its status as a corporation incorporated under the laws of Ohio.

(b) TAX-EXEMPT STATUS.—The corporation shall maintain its status as an organization exempt from taxation under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (26 U.S.C. 1 et seq.).

§ 22909. Records and inspection

(a) RECORDS.—The corporation shall keep—

(1) correct and complete records of account;

(2) minutes of the proceedings of its members, board of directors, and committees having any of the authority of its board of directors; and

(3) at its principal office, a record of the names and addresses of its members entitled to vote.

(b) INSPECTION.—A member entitled to vote, or an agent or attorney of the member, may inspect the records of the corporation for any proper purpose, at any reasonable time.

§ 22910. Service of process

The corporation shall comply with the law on service of process of each State in which it is incorporated and each State in which it carries on activities.

§ 22911. Liability for acts of officers and agents

The corporation is liable for the acts of its officers and agents acting within the scope of their authority.

§ 22912. Annual report

The corporation shall submit an annual report to Congress on the activities of the corporation during the prior fiscal year. The report shall be submitted at the same time as the report of the audit required by section 10101 of this title. The report may not be printed as a public document.

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§ 23101. Organization

(a) FEDERAL CHARTER.—Aviation Hall of Fame (in this chapter, the "corporation") is a federally chartered corporation.

(b) PERPETUAL EXISTENCE.—Except as otherwise provided, the corporation has perpetual existence.

§ 23102. Purposes

The purposes of the corporation are—

(1) to receive and maintain one or more funds and to use any part of the principal and income only for charitable, scientific, literary, or educational purposes, either directly or by contributing to organizations authorized to carry on similar activities;

(2) to honor citizens, aviation leaders, pilots, teachers, scientists, engineers, inventors, governmental leaders, and other individuals who have helped to make this Nation great by their outstanding contributions to the establishment, development, advancement, or improvement of aviation in the United States;

(3) to perpetuate the memory of those individuals and record their contributions and achievements by the erection and maintenance of buildings and monuments as may be appropriate as a lasting memorial;

(4) to promote a better sense of appreciation of the origins and growth of aviation, especially in the United States, and the part aviation has played in changing the economic, social, and scientific aspects of our Nation;

(5) to establish and maintain a library and museum for the collection and preservation for posterity of the history of those honored by the organization, together with a documentation of their accomplishments and contributions to aviation, including items such as aviation pictures, paintings, books, papers, documents, scientific data, relics,

mementos, artifacts, and other items related to that history;

(6) to cooperate with other recognized aviation organizations actively engaged and interested in similar projects; and

(7) to engage in any other activities appropriate to carry out the purposes of the corporation.

§ 23103. Membership

(a) ELIGIBILITY.—Except as provided in this chapter, eligibility for membership in the corporation and the rights, privileges, and designation of classes of members are as provided in the bylaws.

(b) VOTING.—Each member given voting rights by the bylaws has one vote on each matter submitted to a vote at a meeting of the voting members. The vote may be cast in the manner provided in the bylaws.

§ 23104. Governing body

(a) BOARD OF TRUSTEES.—(1) The board of trustees is the governing body of the corporation. Between meetings of the members of the corporation, the board is responsible for the general policies and program of the corporation and for the control of all funds of the corporation.

(2) The number of trustees, their manner of selection (including the filling of vacancies), and their term of office are as provided in the bylaws. However, the board shall have at least 18 members.

(3) The board may appoint committees. Each committee has the powers provided in the bylaws or by resolution of the board. The powers of a committee may include all the powers of the board.

(b) OFFICERS.—(1) The officers of the corporation are a president, one or more vice presidents as provided in the bylaws, a secretary, a treasurer, and other officers as provided in the bylaws.

(2) The manner of election, term of office, and duties of the officers are as provided in the bylaws.

(c)(1) BOARD OF NOMINATIONS.—The board of trustees shall appoint a board of nominations, consisting of at least 24 members, from members of the corporation not concurrently serving as members of the board of trustees. Those individuals serve for the term provided in the bylaws.

(2) The board of nominations shall nominate United States citizens or residents to be honored by the corporation and recommend those persons to the board of trustees for consideration as provided in the bylaws.

§ 23105. Powers

The corporation may—

(1) adopt and amend bylaws for the management of its property and the regulation of its affairs;

(2) adopt and alter a corporate seal;

(3) choose officers, trustees, managers, agents, and employees as the activities of the corporation require;

(4) make contracts;

(5) acquire, own, lease, encumber, and transfer property as necessary or convenient to carry out the purposes of the corporation;

(6) borrow money, issue instruments of indebtedness, and secure its obligations by granting security interests in its property; and

(7) sue and be sued.

§ 23106. Restrictions

(a) STOCK AND DIVIDENDS.—The corporation may not issue stock or declare or pay a dividend.

(b) POLITICAL ACTIVITIES.—The corporation or a trustee, officer, employee, member of the board of nominations, or member of the corporation as such may not contribute to, support, or assist a political party or candidate for public office.

(c) DISTRIBUTION OF INCOME OR ASSETS.—The income or assets of the corporation may not inure to the benefit of, or be distributed to, a trustee, officer, member of the board of nominations, or member of the corporation, as such, during the life of the corporation or on its dissolution or final liquidation. This subsection does not prevent the payment of reasonable compensation to an officer or employee in an amount approved by the board of trustees.

(d) LOANS.—The corporation may not make a loan or advance to a trustee, officer, employee, member of the board of nominations, or member of the corporation. Trustees who vote for or assent to making such a loan or advance, and officers who participate in making the loan or advance, are jointly and severally liable to the corporation for the amount of the loan or advance until it is repaid.

(e) CONTRIBUTIONS TO CERTAIN ORGANIZATIONS.—None of the principal or interest of a fund referred to in section 23102(1) of this title may be contributed to an organization if—

(1) a substantial part of its activities is carrying on propaganda or attempting to influence legislation; or

(2) any part of its net earnings benefits a private shareholder or individual.

§ 23107. Principal office

The principal office of the corporation shall be in Dayton, Ohio, or another place decided by the board of trustees. However, the activities of the corporation are not confined to the place where the principal office is located but may be conducted throughout the States, territories, and possessions of the United States.

§ 23108. Records and inspection

(a) RECORDS.—The corporation shall keep—

(1) correct and complete records of account;

(2) minutes of the proceedings of its members, board of trustees, board of nominations, and committees having any of the authority of its board of trustees; and

(3) at its principal office, a record of the names and addresses of its members entitled to vote.

(b) INSPECTION.—A member entitled to vote, or an agent or attorney of the member, may inspect the records of the corporation for any proper purpose, at any reasonable time.

§ 23109. Statement required in audit report

The corporation shall include in the audit report statement required under section 10101(b)(1)(B) of this title a schedule of all contracts requiring payments greater than $10,000 and all payments of compensation or fees at a rate greater than $10,000 a year.

§ 23110. Service of process

The corporation shall have a designated agent in the District of Columbia to receive service of process for the corporation. Notice to or service on the agent is notice to or service on the corporation.

§ 23111. Liability for acts of officers and agents

The corporation is liable for the acts of its officers and agents acting within the scope of their authority.

§ 23112. Distribution of assets on dissolution or final liquidation

On dissolution or final liquidation of the corporation, any assets remaining after the discharge of all liabilities shall be distributed as provided by the board of trustees, but consistent with the purposes of the corporation and in compliance with the charter and bylaws.

CHAPTER 301—BIG BROTHERS—BIG SISTERS OF AMERICA

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§ 30101. Organization

(a) FEDERAL CHARTER.—Big Brothers—Big Sisters of America (in this chapter, the "corporation") is a federally chartered corporation.

(b) PLACE OF INCORPORATION AND DOMICILE.—The corporation is declared to be incorporated and domiciled in the District of Columbia.

(c) PERPETUAL EXISTENCE.—Except as otherwise provided, the corporation has perpetual existence.

§ 30102. Purposes

The purposes of the corporation are—

(1) to assist individuals throughout the United States in solving their social and economic problems and in their health and educational and character development;

(2) to promote the use, by other lay and professional agencies and workers, of the techniques of that assistance developed by the corporation; and

(3) to receive, invest, and disburse funds and hold property for the purposes of the corporation.

§ 30103. Membership

(a) ELIGIBILITY.—Except as provided in this chapter, eligibility for membership in the corporation and the rights, privileges, and designation of classes of members are as provided in the constitution and bylaws of the corporation.

(b) VOTING.—Each member has one vote on each matter submitted to a vote at a meeting of the members.

§ 30104. Governing body

(a) BOARD OF DIRECTORS.—(1) The board of directors is the governing body of the corporation. The powers, duties, and responsibilities of the board are as provided in the constitution and bylaws of the corporation.

(2) The number of directors is as provided in the constitution. Their manner of selection (including the filling of vacancies) and their term of office are as provided in the constitution and bylaws.

(b) OFFICERS.—(1) The officers of the corporation are a chairman of the board of directors, a president, one or more vice presidents as provided in the constitution and bylaws, a secretary, and a treasurer.

(2) The manner of election, term of office, and duties of the officers are as provided in the constitution and bylaws.

§ 30105. Powers

The corporation may—

(1) adopt and amend a constitution and bylaws for the management of its property and the regulation of its affairs;

(2) adopt and alter a corporate seal;

(3) choose officers, managers, agents, and employees as the activities of the corporation require;

(4) make contracts;

(5) acquire, own, lease, encumber, and transfer property as necessary or convenient to carry out the purposes of the corporation;

(6) borrow money, issue instruments of indebtedness, and secure its obligations by granting security interests in its property; and

(7) sue and be sued.

§ 30106. Exclusive right to names, seals, emblems, and badges

The corporation and its subordinate divisions have the exclusive right to use the names "The Big Brothers of America, Big Sisters International, Incorporated", "Big Sisters of America", "Big Brothers", "Big Sisters", "Big Brothers—Big Sisters of America", and "Big Sisters—Big Brothers", and to use and to allow others to use seals, emblems, and badges the corporation adopts.

§ 30107. Restrictions

(a) STOCK AND DIVIDENDS.—The corporation may not issue stock or declare or pay a dividend.

(b) POLITICAL ACTIVITIES.—The corporation or a director or officer as such may not contribute to, support, or assist a political party or candidate for public office.

(c) DISTRIBUTION OF INCOME OR ASSETS.—The income or assets of the corporation may not inure to the benefit of, or be distributed to, a director, officer, or member as such during the life of the corporation or on its dissolution or final liquidation. This subsection does not prevent the payment of compensation to an officer in an amount approved by the board of directors.

(d) LOANS.—The corporation may not make a loan or advance to a director, officer, or employee. Directors who vote for or assent to making a loan or advance to a director, officer, or employee, and officers who participate in making the loan or advance, are jointly and severally liable to the corporation for the amount of the loan or advance until it is repaid.

§ 30108. Principal office

The principal office of the corporation shall be in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, or another place decided by the board of directors. However, the activities of the corporation are not confined to the place where the principal office is located but may be conducted throughout the States, territories, and possessions of the United States.

§ 30109. Records and inspection

(a) RECORDS.—The corporation shall keep—

(1) correct and complete records of account;

(2) minutes of the proceedings of its members, board of directors, and committees having any of the authority of its board of directors; and

(3) at its principal office, a record of the names and addresses of its members entitled to vote.

(b) INSPECTION.—A member entitled to vote, or an agent or attorney of the member, may inspect the records of the corporation for any proper purpose, at any reasonable time.

§ 30110. Service of process

The corporation shall have a designated agent in the District of Columbia to receive service of process for the corporation. Notice to or service on the agent, or mailed to the business address of the agent, is notice to or service on the corporation.

§ 30111. Liability for acts of officers and agents

The corporation is liable for the acts of its officers and agents acting within the scope of their authority.

§ 30112. Distribution of assets on dissolution or final liquidation

On dissolution or final liquidation of the corporation, any assets remaining after the discharge of all liabilities shall be distributed as provided by the board of directors, but in compliance with the constitution and bylaws of the corporation.

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§ 30301. Organization

(a) FEDERAL CHARTER.—Blinded Veterans Association (in this chapter, the "corporation") is a federally chartered corporation.

(b) PERPETUAL EXISTENCE.—Except as otherwise provided, the corporation has perpetual existence.

§ 30302. Purposes

The purposes of the corporation are—

(1) to operate as a not-for-profit corporation exclusively for charitable, educational, patriotic, and civic improvement purposes;

(2) to promote the welfare of blinded veterans so that, notwithstanding their disabilities, they may take their rightful place in the community and work with their fellow citizens toward the creation of a peaceful world;

(3) to preserve and strengthen a spirit of fellowship among blinded veterans so that they may give mutual aid and assistance to one another; and

(4) to maintain and extend the institutions of American freedom and to encourage loyalty to the Constitution and laws of the United States and of the States in which they reside.

§ 30303. Membership

(a) GENERAL MEMBERSHIP.—An individual who served in the armed forces of the United States and who, in the line of duty in that service, sustained a substantial impairment of sight or vision as defined by the bylaws of the corporation is eligible for general membership in the corporation.

(b) HONORARY AND ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP.—In addition to general membership, the corporation shall have special classes of honorary and associate membership. Eligibility for, and the rights and obligations of, those special classes are as provided in the bylaws.

§ 30304. Governing body

(a) BOARD OF DIRECTORS.—(1) The number of directors of the corporation shall be at least 3 but not more than 15. The directors shall be divided into a specified number of classes. Each class shall hold office for a definite period of years as provided in the bylaws.

(2) A majority of the directors must be present at a meeting of directors to constitute a quorum. A majority vote of the directors present at a meeting at which there is a quorum is necessary for the transaction of business.

(3) A director may be removed at any time for just and proper cause by a majority vote of a quorum of directors present at a meeting called for that purpose.

(4) A vacancy in the office of director may be filled by a majority vote of a quorum of the remaining directors present at a meeting called for that purpose. A director elected to fill a vacancy serves until the next annual meeting of the corporation.

(b) OFFICERS.—The officers of the corporation and their manner of election, term of office, duties, and powers are as provided in the bylaws.

§ 30305. Powers

The corporation may—

(1) adopt and amend a constitution and bylaws for the management of its property and the regulation of its affairs;

(2) adopt and alter a corporate seal;

(3) choose officers, managers, and agents as the activities of the corporation require;

(4) charge and collect membership dues;

(5) make contracts;

(6) acquire, own, lease, encumber, and transfer property as necessary or convenient to carry out the purposes of the corporation;

(7) borrow money, issue instruments of indebtedness, and secure its obligations by granting security interests in its property;

(8) sue and be sued; and

(9) do any other act necessary and proper to carry out the purposes of the corporation.

§ 30306. Exclusive right to name, seals, emblems, and badges

The corporation and its authorized regional groups and other local subdivisions have the exclusive right to use the name "Blinded Veterans Association" and seals, emblems, and badges the corporation adopts.

§ 30307. Restrictions

(a) STOCK AND DIVIDENDS.—The corporation may not issue stock or declare or pay a dividend.

(b) POLITICAL ACTIVITIES.—The corporation or a director or officer as such may not contribute to, support, or assist a political party or candidate for elective public office.

(c) DISTRIBUTION OF INCOME OR ASSETS.—The income or assets of the corporation may not inure to the benefit of, or be distributed to, a director, officer, or member as such during the life of the corporation or on its dissolution or final liquidation. This section does not prevent the payment of—

(1) bona fide expenses of officers of the corporation in amounts approved by the board of directors; or

(2) appropriate aid to blinded veterans or their widows or children in carrying out the purposes of the corporation.

(d) LOANS.—The corporation may not make a loan to a director, officer, or employee. Directors and officers who vote for or assent to making a loan to a director, officer, or employee, and officers who participate in making the loan, are jointly and severally liable to the corporation for the amount of the loan until it is repaid.

(e) IMMUNITY FROM LIABILITY.—Members and private individuals are not liable for the obligations of the corporation.

§ 30308. Principal office

The principal office of the corporation shall be in the District of Columbia or another place decided by the board of directors.

However, the activities of the corporation are not confined to the place where the principal office is located but may be conducted throughout the States, territories, and possessions of the United States.

§ 30309. Records and inspection

(a) RECORDS.—The corporation shall keep—

(1) correct and complete records of account;

(2) minutes of the proceedings of its members, board of directors, and committees having any of the authority of its board of directors; and

(3) at its principal office, a record of the names and addresses of its members, directors, and officers.

(b) INSPECTION.—A member, or an agent or attorney of the member, may inspect the records of the corporation for any proper purpose, at any reasonable time.

§ 30310. Service of process

The corporation shall have a designated agent in the District of Columbia to receive service of process for the corporation. Notice to or service on the agent, or mailed to the business address of the agent, is notice to or service on the corporation.

§ 30311. Liability for acts of officers and agents

The corporation is liable for the acts of its officers and agents acting within the scope of their authority.

§ 30312. Distribution of assets on dissolution or final liquidation

On dissolution or final liquidation of the corporation, any assets remaining after the discharge of all liabilities shall be transferred to the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to be applied to the care and comfort of blinded veterans.

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§ 30501. Definition

For purposes of this chapter, "armed forces" includes the United States Army, United States Navy, United States Marines, United States Air Force, United States Coast Guard, National Guard, United States Army Reserves, United States Navy Reserves, United States Marine Reserves, United States Air Force Reserves, United States Coast Guard Reserves, United States Naval Militia, merchant marines, and armed home guards who have served on active duty.

§ 30502. Organization

(a) FEDERAL CHARTER.—Blue Star Mothers of America, Inc. (in this chapter, the "corporation"), is a federally chartered corporation.

(b) PLACE OF INCORPORATION AND DOMICILE.—The corporation is declared to be incorporated and domiciled in the District of Columbia.

(c) PERPETUAL EXISTENCE.—Except as otherwise provided, the corporation has perpetual existence.

§ 30503. Purposes

The purposes of the corporation are patriotic, educational, social, and for service, and include—

(1) perpetuating the Blue Star Mothers of America, Inc., and the memory of all the men and women who have served our country as members of the armed forces;

(2) maintaining true allegiance to the Government of the United States;

(3) educating members of the corporation and others not to divulge military, naval, or other Government information;

(4) assisting in veterans' ceremonies;

(5) attending patriotic rallies and meetings;

(6) fostering true democracy;

(7) caring for unsupported mothers who gave their sons to the service of the Nation;

(8) aiding in bringing about recognition of the need for permanent civilian defense in each community and the need to be always alert against invasion of un-American activities;

(9) upholding the American institutions of freedom, justice, and equal rights; and

(10) defending the United States from all enemies.

§ 30504. Membership

An individual is eligible for membership in the corporation if—

(1) she is a mother, adoptive mother, or stepmother (who has given a mother's care at least since the stepchild was age 13) of a son or daughter who—

(A) is serving in the armed forces; or

(B) has served in, or has been honorably discharged from, the armed forces in World War II or the Korean hostilities; and

(2) she is living in the United States.

§ 30505. Governing body

(a) NATIONAL CONVENTION.—(1) The national convention is the supreme governing authority of the corporation.

(2) The national convention is composed of officers and elected representatives from the States and other local subdivisions of the corporation as provided in the constitution and bylaws. However, the form of government of the corporation must be representative of the membership at large and may not permit concentration of control in a limited number of members or in a self-perpetuating group not representative of the membership at large.

(3) The meetings of the national convention may be held in the District of Columbia or any State, territory, or possession of the United States.

(b) OFFICERS.—The officers of the corporation and their manner of selection, term of office, and duties are as provided in the constitution and bylaws of the corporation.

§ 30506. Powers

The corporation may—

(1) adopt and amend a constitution and bylaws for the management of its property and the regulation of its affairs;

(2) adopt and alter a corporate seal;

(3) choose officers, managers, employees, and agents as the activities of the corporation require;

(4) make contracts;

(5) acquire, own, lease, encumber, and transfer property as necessary or convenient to carry out the purposes of the corporation;

(6) borrow money, issue instruments of indebtedness, and secure its obligations by granting security interests in its property;

(7) sue and be sued; and

(8) do any other act necessary and proper to carry out the purposes of the corporation.

§ 30507. Exclusive right to name, seals, emblems, and badges

The corporation and its subordinate divisions have the exclusive right to use the name "Blue Star Mothers of America, Inc.". The corporation has the exclusive right to use, and to allow others to use, seals, emblems, and badges the corporation adopts.

§ 30508. Restrictions

(a) STOCK AND DIVIDENDS.—The corporation may not issue stock or declare or pay a dividend.

(b) POLITICAL ACTIVITIES.—The corporation or an officer or agent as such may not contribute to a political party or candidate for public office.

(c) DISTRIBUTION OF INCOME OR ASSETS.—The income or assets of the corporation may not inure to the benefit of, or be distributed to, an officer or member as such during the life of the corporation or on its dissolution or final liquidation. This subsection does not prevent the payment of compensation to an officer or reimbursement for actual necessary expenses in amounts approved by the council of administration of the corporation.

(d) LOANS.—The corporation may not make a loan or advance to an officer or employee. Members of the council of administration who vote for or assent to making a loan or advance to an officer or employee, and officers who participate in making the loan or advance, are jointly and severally liable to the corporation for the amount of the loan or advance until it is repaid.

§ 30509. Principal office

The principal office of the corporation shall be in the District of Columbia.

§ 30510. Records and inspection

(a) RECORDS.—The corporation shall keep—

(1) correct and complete records of account; and

(2) minutes of the proceedings of its national conventions and council of administration.

(b) INSPECTION.—A member, or an agent or attorney of the member, may inspect the records of the corporation for any proper purpose, at any reasonable time.

§ 30511. Service of process

The corporation shall have a designated agent in the District of Columbia to receive service of process, notice, or demand for the corporation. Designation of the agent shall be filed in the office of the Mayor of the District of Columbia or another office designated by the Mayor. Notice to or service on the agent is notice to or service on the corporation.

§ 30512. Liability for acts of officers and agents

The corporation is liable for the acts of its officers and agents acting within the scope of their authority.

§ 30513. Annual report

Not later than March 1 of each year, the corporation shall submit a report to Congress on the activities of the corporation during the prior fiscal year. The report may consist of a report of the proceedings of the national convention. The report may not be printed as a public document.

§ 30514. Distribution of assets on dissolution or final liquidation

On dissolution or final liquidation of the corporation, any assets remaining after the discharge of all liabilities shall be distributed as provided by the national executive

board, but in compliance with the constitution and bylaws of the corporation.

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§ 30701. Organization

(a) FEDERAL CHARTER.—Board for Fundamental Education (in this chapter, the "corporation") is a federally chartered corporation.

(b) PERPETUAL EXISTENCE.—Except as otherwise provided, the corporation has perpetual existence.

§ 30702. Purpose

The purpose of the corporation is to foster the development of fundamental education through programs and projects such as—

(1) giving citizens (children, youth, and adults) an opportunity to acquire the understandings and skills necessary to relate the resources of the community to the needs and interests of the community;

(2) demonstrating programs of fundamental education and measuring results; and

(3) training men and women as leaders in fundamental education by providing internships and other experiences.

§ 30703. Membership

(a) ELIGIBILITY.—Except as provided in this chapter, eligibility for membership in the corporation and the rights and privileges of members are as provided in constitution and bylaws of the corporation.

(b) VOTING.—Each member has one vote in the conduct of official business of the corporation.

§ 30704. Governing body

(a) BOARD OF DIRECTORS.—The board of directors is the governing body of the corporation. The board shall consist of at least 15 directors elected annually by the members.

(b) OFFICERS.—The officers of the corporation are a chairman of the board, a president, one or more vice presidents, a secretary, a treasurer, and any assistant officers designated by the board. The officers have the powers and shall carry out the duties provided in the bylaws or prescribed by the board.

§ 30705. Powers

The corporation may—

(1) adopt and amend a constitution and bylaws for the management of its property and the regulation of its affairs;

(2) adopt and alter a corporate seal;

(3) choose officers, managers, agents, and employees as the activities of the corporation require;

(4) make contracts;

(5) acquire, own, lease, encumber, and transfer property as necessary to carry out the purposes of the corporation;

(6) borrow money, issue instruments of indebtedness, and secure its obligations by granting security interests in its property;

(7) use corporate funds to give prizes, awards, loans, scholarships, and grants to deserving students to carry out the purpose of the corporation;

(8) publish a magazine and other publications;

(9) sue and be sued; and

(10) do any other act necessary and proper to carry out the purpose of the corporation.

§ 30706. Exclusive right to name, seals, emblems, and badges

The corporation has the exclusive right to use the name "Board for Fundamental Education" and seals, emblems, and badges the corporation adopts.

§ 30707. Restrictions

(a) PROFIT.—The corporation may not engage in business for profit.

(b) STOCK AND DIVIDENDS.—The corporation may not issue stock or declare or pay a dividend.

(c) POLITICAL ACTIVITIES.—The corporation or a director, officer, or member as such may not contribute to, support, or assist a political party or candidate for elective public office.

(d) DISTRIBUTION OF INCOME OR ASSETS.—The income or assets of the corporation may not inure to the benefit of, or be distributed to, a director, officer, or member except on dissolution or final liquidation of the corporation.

(e) LOANS.—The corporation may not make a loan to a director, officer, or employee. Directors who vote for or assent to making a loan to a director, officer, or employee, and officers who participate in making the loan, are jointly and severally liable to the corporation for the amount of the loan until it is repaid.

§ 30708. Principal office

The principal office of the corporation shall be in a place the board of directors decides is appropriate. However, the activities of the corporation may be conducted throughout the States, territories, and possessions of the United States.

§ 30709. Records and inspection

(a) RECORDS.—The corporation shall keep—

(1) correct and complete records of account;

(2) minutes of the proceedings of its members, board of directors, and committees having any of the authority of its board of directors; and

(3) a record of the names and addresses of its members entitled to vote.

(b) INSPECTION.—A member, or an agent or attorney of the member, may inspect the records of the corporation at any reasonable time.

§ 30710. Service of process

(a) DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.—The corporation shall have a designated agent in the District of Columbia to receive service of process for the corporation. Designation of the agent shall be filed in the office of the clerk of the United States District Court for the District of Columbia. Notice to or service on the agent, or mailed to the business address of the agent, is notice to or service on the corporation.

(b) STATES, TERRITORIES, AND POSSESSIONS.—As a condition to the exercise of any power or privilege granted by this chapter, the corporation shall file, with the secretary of state or other designated official of each State, territory, or possession of the United States in which the corporation does business, the name and address of an agent in that State, territory, or possession on whom legal process or demands against the corporation may be served.

§ 30711. Liability for acts of officers and agents

The corporation is liable for the acts of its officers and agents acting within the scope of their authority.

§ 30712. Distribution of assets on dissolution or final liquidation

On dissolution or final liquidation of the corporation, any assets remaining after the discharge of all liabilities shall be used by the board of directors for the purpose stated in section 30702 of this title or be transferred to a recognized educational foundation.

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§ 30901. Organization

(a) FEDERAL CHARTER.—Boy Scouts of America (in this chapter, the "corporation") is a body corporate and politic of the District of Columbia.

(b) DOMICILE.—The domicile of the corporation is the District of Columbia.

(c) PERPETUAL EXISTENCE.—Except as otherwise provided, the corporation has perpetual existence.

§ 30902. Purposes

The purposes of the corporation are to promote, through organization, and cooperation with other agencies, the ability of boys to do things for themselves and others, to train them in scoutcraft, and to teach them patriotism, courage, self-reliance, and kindred virtues, using the methods that were in common use by boy scouts on June 15, 1916.

§ 30903. Governing body

(a) EXECUTIVE BOARD.—An executive board composed of citizens of the United States is the governing body of the corporation. The number, qualifications, and term of office of members of the board are as provided in the bylaws. A vacancy on the board shall be filled by a majority vote of the remaining members of the board.

(b) QUORUM.—The bylaws may prescribe the number of members of the board necessary for a quorum. That number may be less than a majority of the entire board.

(c) COMMITTEES.—(1) The board, by resolution passed by a majority of the entire board, may designate 3 or more members of the board as an executive or governing committee. A majority of the committee is a quorum. The committee, to the extent provided in the resolution or bylaws, may—

(A) exercise the powers of the executive board in managing the activities of the corporation; and

(B) authorize the seal of the corporation to be affixed to papers that may require it.

(2) The board, by majority vote of the entire board, may appoint other standing committees. The standing committees may exercise powers as provided in the bylaws.

§ 30904. Powers

(a) GENERAL.—The corporation may—

(1) adopt and amend bylaws and regulations, including regulations for the election of associates and successors;

(2) adopt and alter a corporate seal;

(3) have offices and conduct its activities in the District of Columbia and the States, territories, and possessions of the United States;

(4) acquire and own property as necessary to carry out the purposes of the corporation;

(5) sue and be sued within the jurisdiction of the United States; and

(6) do any other act necessary to carry out this chapter and promote the purpose of the corporation.

(b) LIMITATIONS ON EXERCISING CERTAIN POWERS.—(1) The corporation may execute mortgages and liens on the property of the corporation only if approved by a two-thirds vote of the entire executive board at a meeting called for that purpose.

(2) The corporation may dispose in any manner of the whole property of the corporation only with the written consent and affirmative vote of a majority of the members of the corporation.

§ 30905. Exclusive right to emblems, badges, marks, and words

The corporation has the exclusive right to use emblems, badges, descriptive or designating marks, and words or phrases the corporation adopts. This section does not affect any vested rights.

§ 30906. Restrictions

(a) PROFIT.—The corporation may not operate for pecuniary profit to its members.

(b) STOCKS AND DIVIDENDS.—The corporation may not issue stock or declare or pay a dividend.

§ 30907. Annual and special meetings

(a) ANNUAL MEETINGS.—The corporation shall hold an annual meeting at a time and place as provided in the bylaws. At the meeting, the annual reports of the officers and executive board shall be presented, and members of the board shall be elected for the next year.

(b) SPECIAL MEETINGS.—Special meetings of the corporation may be called on notice as provided in the bylaws.

(c) QUORUM.—The number of members necessary for a quorum at an annual or special meeting shall be prescribed in the bylaws.

(d) LOCATIONS.—The members and the executive board may hold meetings and keep the seal and records of the corporation in or outside the District of Columbia.

§ 30908. Annual report

Not later than April 1 of each year, the corporation shall submit a report to Congress on the activities of the corporation during the prior calendar year.

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§ 31101. Organization

(a) FEDERAL CHARTER.—Boys & Girls Clubs of America (in this chapter, the "corporation") is a federally chartered corporation.

(b) PLACE OF INCORPORATION AND DOMICILE.—The corporation is declared to be incorporated and domiciled in the District of Columbia.

(c) PERPETUAL EXISTENCE.—Except as otherwise provided, the corporation has perpetual existence.

§ 31102. Purposes

The purposes of the corporation are—

(1) to promote the health, social, educational, vocational, and character development of youth throughout the United States; and

(2) to receive, invest, and disburse funds and to hold property for the purposes of the corporation.

§ 31103. Membership

(a) ELIGIBILITY.—Except as provided in this chapter, eligibility for membership in the corporation and the rights, privileges, and designation of classes of members are as provided in the constitution and bylaws of the corporation.

(b) VOTING.—Each member has one vote on each matter submitted to a vote at a meeting of the members.

(c) BENEFITS OF MEMBER ORGANIZATIONS.—Each organization that is a member of the corporation as provided in the constitution of the corporation is entitled to all the benefits of incorporation under this chapter. Those benefits cease immediately on termination of membership, whether by—

(1) resignation from the corporation; or

(2) termination of its membership by the board of directors of the corporation as provided in the constitution.

§ 31104. Governing body

(a) BOARD OF DIRECTORS.—(1) The board of directors is the governing body of the corporation. The powers, duties, and responsibilities of the board are as provided in the constitution and bylaws of the corporation.

(2) The number of directors is as provided in the constitution of the corporation. Their manner of selection (including the filling of vacancies) and their term of office are as provided in the constitution and bylaws.

(b) OFFICERS.—(1) The officers of the corporation are a chairman of the board of directors, a president, one or more vice presidents as provided in the constitution and bylaws, a secretary, a treasurer, and one or more assistant secretaries and assistant treasurers as provided in the constitution and bylaws.

(2) The manner of election, term of office, and duties of the officers are as provided in the constitution and bylaws.

§ 31105. Powers

The corporation may—

(1) adopt and amend a constitution and bylaws for the management of its property and the regulation of its affairs;

(2) adopt and alter a corporate seal;

(3) choose officers, managers, agents, and employees as the activities of the corporation require;

(4) make contracts;

(5) acquire, own, lease, encumber, and transfer property as necessary or convenient to carry out the purposes of the corporation;

(6) borrow money, issue instruments of indebtedness, and secure its obligations by granting security interests in its property; and

(7) sue and be sued.

§ 31106. Restrictions

(a) STOCK AND DIVIDENDS.—The corporation may not issue stock or declare or pay a dividend.

(b) POLITICAL ACTIVITIES.—The corporation or a director or officer as such may not contribute to, support, or assist a political party or candidate for public office.

(c) DISTRIBUTION OF INCOME OR ASSETS.—The income or assets of the corporation may not inure to the benefit of, or be distributed to, a director, officer, or member as such during the life of the corporation or on its dissolution or final liquidation. This subsection does not prevent the payment of compensation to an officer in an amount approved by the board of directors.

(d) LOANS.—The corporation may not make a loan or advance to a director, officer, or employee. Directors who vote for or assent to making a loan or advance to a director, officer, or employee, and officers who participate in making the loan or advance, are jointly and severally liable to the corporation for the amount of the loan or advance until it is repaid.

§ 31107. Principal office

The principal office of the corporation shall be in New York, New York, or another place decided by the board of directors. However, the activities of the corporation are not confined to the place where the principal office is located but may be conducted throughout the States, territories, and possessions of the United States.

§ 31108. Records and inspection

(a) RECORDS.—The corporation shall keep—

(1) correct and complete records of account;

(2) minutes of the proceedings of its members, board of directors, and committees having any of the authority of its board of directors; and

(3) at its principal office, a record of the names and addresses of its members entitled to vote.

(b) INSPECTION.—A member entitled to vote, or an agent or attorney of the member, may inspect the records of the corporation for any proper purpose, at any reasonable time.

§ 31109. Service of process

The corporation shall have a designated agent in the District of Columbia to receive service of process for the corporation. Notice to or service on the agent, or mailed to the business address of the agent, is notice to or service on the corporation.

§ 31110. Liability for acts of officers and agents

The corporation is liable for the acts of its officers and agents acting within the scope of their authority.

§ 31111. Distribution of assets on dissolution or final liquidation

On dissolution or final liquidation of the corporation, any assets remaining after the discharge of all liabilities shall be distributed as provided by the board of directors, but in compliance with the constitution and bylaws of the corporation.

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§ 40101. Definition

For purposes of this chapter, "State" includes the District of Columbia and the territories and possessions of the United States.

§ 40102. Organization

(a) FEDERAL CHARTER.—Catholic War Veterans of the United States of America, Incorporated (in this chapter, the "corporation"), incorporated in New York, is a federally chartered corporation.

(b) EXPIRATION OF CHARTER.—If the corporation does not comply with any provision of this chapter, the charter granted by this chapter expires.

§ 40103. Purposes

The purposes of the corporation are as provided in the articles of incorporation and include a continuing commitment, on a national basis, to—

(1) preserve, protect, and defend the Constitution of the United States and the laws of the States;

(2) commemorate the wars, campaigns, and military actions of the United States to reflect profound respect, high honor, and great tribute on the glorious dead and the surviving veterans of those wars, campaigns, and actions and to give all Americans a greater understanding of and appreciation for the sacrifices of those who participated in them for all Americans;

(3) stimulate to the highest degree possible the interests of the entire Nation in the problems of veterans, their widows, and orphans;

(4) cooperate to the fullest extent and in a harmonious manner with all veterans' organizations in common projects designed to serve the interests of all veterans of all wars in which the United States has participated;

(5) collate, preserve, and encourage the study of historical episodes, chronicles, mementos, and events pertaining to the wars, campaigns, and military actions of the United States;

(6) inculcate an enduring love of country, a deep and abiding sense of patriotism, and a profound commitment to Americanism among all the people of the United States;

(7) encourage, among the youth of our Nation, respect for our national flag, our anthem, and the traditions of America;

(8) preserve the freedoms of all the people, national peace, prosperity, tranquility, good will, the permanence of free institutions, and the defense of the United States;

(9) foster the association of veterans of the Catholic faith who have served in the armed forces of the United States;

(10) encourage morality in government, labor, management, economic, social, fraternal, and all other phases of American life;

(11) promote the realization that the family is the basic unit of society;

(12) increase our love, honor, and service to God and to our fellow man without regard to race, creed, color, or national origin; and

(13) function as a veterans' and patriotic organization as authorized by the laws of the each State in which it is incorporated.

§ 40104. Membership

Eligibility for membership in the corporation and the rights and privileges of members are as provided in the bylaws.

§ 40105. Governing body

(a) BOARD OF DIRECTORS.—The board of directors and the responsibilities of the board are as provided in the articles of incorporation.

(b) OFFICERS.—The officers and the election of officers are as provided in the articles of incorporation.

§ 40106. Powers

The corporation has only the powers provided in its bylaws and articles of incorporation filed in each State in which it is incorporated.

§ 40107. Restrictions

(a) STOCK AND DIVIDENDS.—The corporation may not issue stock or declare or pay a dividend.

(b) DISTRIBUTION OF INCOME OR ASSETS.—The income or assets of the corporation may not inure to the benefit of, or be distributed to, a director, officer, or member during the life of the charter granted by this chapter. This subsection does not prevent the payment of reasonable compensation to an officer or employee in an amount approved by the board of directors.

(c) LOANS.—The corporation may not make a loan to a director, officer, or employee.

(d) CLAIM OF GOVERNMENTAL APPROVAL OR AUTHORIZATION.—The corporation may not claim congressional approval or the authority of the United States Government for any of its activities.

§ 40108. Duty to maintain tax-exempt status

The corporation shall maintain its status as an organization exempt from taxation under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (26 U.S.C. 1 et seq.).

§ 40109. Records and inspection

(a) RECORDS.—The corporation shall keep—

(1) correct and complete records of account;

(2) minutes of the proceedings of its members, board of directors, and committees having any of the authority of its board of directors; and

(3) at its principal office, a record of the names and addresses of its members entitled to vote.

(b) INSPECTION.—A member entitled to vote, or an agent or attorney of the member, may inspect the records of the corporation for any proper purpose, at any reasonable time.

§ 40110. Service of process

The corporation shall comply with the law on service of process of each State in which it is incorporated and each State in which it carries on activities.

§ 40111. Liability for acts of officers and agents

The corporation is liable for the acts of its officers and agents acting within the scope of their authority.

§ 40112. Annual report

The corporation shall submit an annual report to Congress on the activities of the corporation during the prior fiscal year. The report shall be submitted at the same time as the report of the audit required by section 10101 of this title. The report may not be printed as a public document.

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§ 40301. Organization

(a) FEDERAL CHARTER.—Civil Air Patrol (in this chapter, the "corporation") is a federally chartered corporation.

(b) PERPETUAL EXISTENCE.—Except as otherwise provided, the corporation has perpetual existence.

§ 40302. Purposes

The purposes of the corporation are to—

(1) provide an organization to—

(A) encourage and aid citizens of the United States in contributing their efforts, services, and resources in developing aviation and in maintaining air supremacy; and

(B) encourage and develop by example the voluntary contribution of private citizens to the public welfare;

(2) provide aviation education and training especially to its senior and cadet members;

(3) encourage and foster civil aviation in local communities; and

(4) provide an organization of private citizens with adequate facilities to assist in meeting local and national emergencies.

§ 40303. Membership

Eligibility for membership in the corporation and the rights and privileges of members are as provided in the constitution and bylaws of the corporation.

§ 40304. Powers

The corporation may—

(1) adopt and amend a constitution, bylaws, and regulations;

(2) adopt and alter a corporate seal;

(3) establish and maintain offices in the District of Columbia and the States, territories, and possessions of the United States to conduct its affairs;

(4) acquire, own, lease, encumber, and transfer property as necessary to carry out the purposes of the corporation;

(5) sue and be sued; and

(6) do any other act necessary and proper to carry out the purposes of the corporation.

§ 40305. Restrictions

The corporation may not engage in business for profit or issue stock.

§ 40306. Exclusive right to name, insignia, copyrights, emblems, badges, marks, and words

The corporation has the exclusive right to use the name "Civil Air Patrol" and all insignia, copyrights, emblems, badges, descriptive or designating marks, words, and phrases the corporation adopts. This section does not affect any vested rights.

§ 40307. Annual report

The corporation shall submit an annual report to Congress on the activities of the corporation during the prior fiscal year.

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§ 40501. Organization

(a) FEDERAL CHARTER.—Congressional Medal of Honor Society of the United States of America (in this chapter, the "corporation") is a federally chartered corporation.

(b) PLACE OF INCORPORATION AND DOMICILE.—The corporation is declared to be incorporated and domiciled in the District of Columbia.

(c) PERPETUAL EXISTENCE.—Except as otherwise provided, the corporation has perpetual existence.

§ 40502. Purposes

The purposes of the corporation are—

(1) to form a bond of friendship and comradeship among all holders of the Medal of Honor as presented by Congress;

(2) to protect, uphold, and preserve the dignity and honor of the medal at all times and on all occasions;

(3) to protect the name of the medal and individual holders of the medal from exploitation;

(4) to provide appropriate aid to all persons to whom the medal has been awarded, their widows, or their children;

(5) to serve our country in peace as in war;

(6) to inspire and stimulate our youth to become worthy citizens of our country; and

(7) to foster and perpetuate Americanism.

§ 40503. Membership

(a) ELIGIBILITY.—An individual who has been awarded the Medal of Honor as presented by Congress is eligible for membership in the corporation. An honorary membership may not be granted.

(b) VOTING.—Each member has one vote on each matter submitted to a vote at a meeting of the members. The vote may be cast in person or by proxy.

§ 40504. Governing body

(a) BOARD OF DIRECTORS.—(1) The board of directors is the governing body of the corporation. The board may exercise, or provide for the exercise of, the powers of the corporation.

(2) The number of directors, their manner of election (including the filling of vacancies), and their term of office are as provided in the bylaws. However, the board shall have at least 9 directors.

(3) The board shall meet at least annually. Each director has one vote on matters decided by the board.

(4) The president of the corporation is the chairman of the board.

(b) OFFICERS.—(1) The officers of the corporation are a president, an executive vice president, a secretary, a treasurer, and 6 regional vice presidents as provided in the bylaws. The offices of secretary and treasurer may be combined and held by the same individual, but an individual holding those combined offices has only one vote as a director.

(2) The manner of election, term of office, duties, and powers of the officers are as provided in the bylaws.

§ 40505. Powers

The corporation may—

(1) adopt and amend a constitution and bylaws for the management of its property and the regulation of its affairs;

(2) adopt and alter a corporate seal;

(3) choose officers, managers, and agents as the activities of the corporation require;

(4) charge and collect membership dues;

(5) make contracts;

(6) acquire, own, lease, encumber, and transfer property as necessary or convenient to carry out the purposes of the corporation;

(7) borrow money, issue instruments of indebtedness, and secure its obligations by granting security interests in its property;

(8) sue and be sued; and

(9) do any other act necessary and proper to carry out the purposes of the corporation.

§ 40506. Restrictions

(a) STOCK AND DIVIDENDS.—The corporation may not issue stock or declare or pay a dividend.

(b) POLITICAL ACTIVITIES.—The corporation or a director or officer as such may not contribute to, support, or participate in any political activity or in any manner attempt to influence legislation.

(c) DISTRIBUTION OF INCOME OR ASSETS.—The income or assets of the corporation may not inure to the benefit of, or be distributed to, a director, officer, or member as such during the life of the corporation or on its dissolution or final liquidation. This subsection does not prevent the payment of—

(1) expenses of officers of the corporation in amounts approved by the board of directors; or

(2) appropriate aid to individuals to whom the Medal of Honor has been awarded, their widows, or their children, to carry out the purposes of the corporation.

(d) LOANS.—The corporation may not make a loan to a director, officer, or employee. Directors and officers who vote for or assent to making a loan to a director, officer, or employee, and officers who participate in making the loan, are jointly and severally liable to the corporation for the amount of the loan until it is repaid.

§ 40507. Principal office

The principal office of the corporation shall be in the District of Columbia or another place decided by the board of directors. However, the activities of the corporation are not confined to the place where the principal office is located but may be conducted throughout the States, territories, and possessions of the United States.

§ 40508. Records and inspection

(a) RECORDS.—The corporation shall keep—

(1) correct and complete records of account;

(2) minutes of the proceedings of its members, board of directors, and committees having any of the authority of its board of directors; and

(3) at its principal office, a record of the names and addresses of its members entitled to vote.

(b) INSPECTION.—A member entitled to vote, or an agent or attorney of the member, may inspect the records of the corporation for any proper purpose, at any reasonable time.

§ 40509. Service of process

The corporation shall have a designated agent in the District of Columbia to receive service of process for the corporation. Notice to or service on the agent, or mailed to the business address of the agent, is notice to or service on the corporation.

§ 40510. Liability

(a) LIABILITY OF CORPORATION.—The corporation is liable for the acts of its officers and agents acting within the scope of their authority.

(b) IMMUNITY OF INDIVIDUALS.—A member or private individual is not liable for the obligations of the corporation.

§ 40511. Distribution of assets on dissolution or final liquidation

On dissolution or final liquidation of the corporation, any assets remaining after the discharge of all liabilities shall be distributed as provided by the board of directors, but in compliance with the bylaws.

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SUBCHAPTER I—CORPORATION

§ 40701. Organization

(a) FEDERAL CHARTER.—Corporation for the Promotion of Rifle Practice and Firearms Safety (in this chapter, the "corporation") is a federally chartered corporation.

(b) NON-GOVERNMENTAL STATUS.—The corporation is a private corporation, not a department, agency, or instrumentality of the United States Government. An officer or employee of the corporation is not an officer or employee of the Government.

§ 40702. Governing body

(a) BOARD OF DIRECTORS.—(1) The board of directors is the governing body of the corporation. The board of directors may adopt bylaws, policies, and procedures for the corporation and may take any other action that it considers necessary for the management and operation of the corporation.

(2) The board shall have at least 9 directors.

(3) The term of office of a director is 2 years. A director may be reappointed.

(4) A vacancy on the board of directors shall be filled by a majority vote of the remaining directors.

(b) DIRECTOR OF CIVILIAN MARKSMANSHIP.—(1) The board of directors shall appoint the Director of Civilian Marksmanship.

(2) The Director is responsible for—

(A) the daily operation of the corporation; and

(B) the duties of the corporation under subchapter II of this chapter.

§ 40703. Powers

The corporation may—

(1) adopt, use, and alter a corporate seal, which shall be judicially noticed;

(2) make contracts;

(3) acquire, own, lease, encumber, and transfer property as necessary or convenient to carry out the activities of the corporation;

(4) incur and pay obligations;

(5) charge fees to cover the corporation's costs in carrying out the Civilian Marksmanship Program; and

(6) do any other act necessary and proper to carry out the activities of the corporation.

§ 40704. Restrictions

(a) PROFIT.—The corporation may not operate for profit.

(b) USE OF AMOUNTS COLLECTED.—Amounts collected under section 40703(3) and (5) of this title, including proceeds from the sale of firearms, ammunition, repair parts, and other supplies, may be used only to support the Civilian Marksmanship Program.

§ 40705. Duty to maintain tax-exempt status

The corporation shall be operated in a manner and for purposes that qualify the

corporation for exemption from taxation under section 501(a) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (26 U.S.C. 501(a)) as an organization described in section 501(c)(3) of that Code (26 U.S.C. 501(c)(3)).

§ 40706. Distribution of assets on dissolution

(a) SECRETARY OF THE ARMY.—On dissolution of the corporation, title to the following items, and the right to possess the items, vest in the Secretary of the Army:

(1) firearms stored at Defense Distribution Depot, Anniston, Anniston, Alabama on the date of dissolution.

(2) M–16 rifles under control of the corporation.

(3) trophies received from the National Board for the Promotion of Rifle Practice through the date of dissolution.

(b) TAX-EXEMPT ORGANIZATIONS.—(1) On dissolution of the corporation, an asset not described in subsection (a) of this section may be distributed to an organization that—

(A) is exempt from taxation under section 501(a) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (26 U.S.C. 501(a)) as an organization described in section 501(c)(3) of that Code (26 U.S.C. 501(c)(3)); and

(B) performs functions similar to the functions described in section 40722 of this title.

(2) An asset distributed under this subsection may not be distributed to an individual.

(c) TREASURY.—On dissolution of the corporation, any asset not distributed under subsection (a) or (b) of this section shall be sold and the proceeds shall be deposited in the Treasury.

§ 40707. Nonapplication of audit requirements

The audit requirements of section 10101 of this title do not apply to the corporation.

SUBCHAPTER II—CIVILIAN MARKSMANSHIP PROGRAM

§ 40721. Responsibility of corporation

The corporation shall supervise and control the Civilian Marksmanship Program.

§ 40722. Functions

The functions of the Civilian Marksmanship Program are—

(1) to instruct citizens of the United States in marksmanship;

(2) to promote practice and safety in the use of firearms;

(3) to conduct competitions in the use of firearms and to award trophies, prizes, badges, and other insignia to competitors;

(4) to secure and account for firearms, ammunition, and other equipment for which the corporation is responsible;

(5) to issue, loan, or sell firearms, ammunition, repair parts, and other supplies under sections 40731 and 40732 of this title; and

(6) to procure necessary supplies and services to carry out the Program.

§ 40723. Eligibility for participation

(a) CERTIFICATION.—(1) An individual shall certify by affidavit, before participating in an activity sponsored or supported by the corporation, that the individual—

(A) has not been convicted of a felony;

(B) has not been convicted of a violation of section 922 of title 18; and

(C) is not a member of an organization that advocates the violent overthrow of the United States Government.

(2) The Director of Civilian Marksmanship may require an individual to provide certification from law enforcement agencies to verify that the individual has not been convicted of a felony or a violation of section 922 of title 18.

(b) INELIGIBILITY.—An individual may not participate in an activity sponsored or supported by the corporation if the individual—

(1) has been convicted of a felony; or

(2) has been convicted of a violation of section 922 of title 18.

(c) LIMITING PARTICIPATION.—The Director may limit participation in the program as necessary to ensure—

(1) the safety of participants;

(2) the security of firearms, ammunition, and equipment; and

(3) the quality of instruction in the use of firearms.

§ 40724. Priority of youth participation

In carrying out the Civilian Marksmanship Program, the corporation shall give priority to activities that benefit firearms safety, training, and competition for youth and that reach as many youth participants as possible.

§ 40725. National Matches and small-arms firing school

(a) ANNUAL COMPETITION.—An annual competition called the "National Matches" and consisting of rifle and pistol matches for a national trophy, medals, and other prizes shall be held as prescribed by the Secretary of the Army.

(b) ELIGIBLE PARTICIPANTS.—The National Matches are open to members of the armed forces, National Guard, Reserve Officers' Training Corps, Air Force Reserve Officers' Training Corps, Citizens' Military Training Camps, Citizens' Air Training Camps, and rifle clubs, and to civilians.

(c) SMALL-ARMS FIRING SCHOOL.—A small-arms firing school shall be held in connection with the National Matches.

(d) OTHER COMPETITIONS.—Competitions for which trophies and medals are provided by the National Rifle Association of America shall be held in connection with the National Matches.

§ 40726. Allowances for junior competitors

(a) DEFINITION.—In this section, a "junior competitor" is a competitor at the National Matches, a small-arms firing school, a competition in connection with the National Matches, or a special clinic under section 40725 of this title who is—

(1) less than 18 years of age; or

(2) a member of a gun club organized for the students of a college or university.

(b) SUBSISTENCE ALLOWANCE.—A junior competitor may be paid a subsistence allowance in an amount prescribed by the Secretary of the Army.

(c) TRAVEL ALLOWANCE.—A junior competitor may be paid a travel allowance in an amount prescribed by the Secretary instead of travel expenses and subsistence while traveling. The travel allowance for the return trip may be paid in advance.

§ 40727. Army support

(a) LOGISTICAL SUPPORT.—The Secretary of the Army shall provide logistical support to the Civilian Marksmanship Program for competitions and other activities. The corporation shall reimburse the Secretary for incremental direct costs incurred in providing logistical support. The reimbursements shall be credited to the appropriations account of the Department of the Army that is charged to provide the logistical support.

(b) NATIONAL MATCHES.—(1) The National Matches may be held at Department of Defense facilities where the National Matches were held before February 10, 1996.

(2) The Secretary shall provide, without cost to the corporation, members of the National Guard and Army Reserve to support the National Matches as part of the annual training under title 10 and title 32.

(c) REGULATIONS.—The Secretary shall prescribe regulations to carry out this section.

§ 40728. Transfer of firearms, ammunition, and parts

(a) REQUIRED TRANSFERS.—In accordance with subsection (b) of this section, the Secretary of the Army shall transfer to the corporation all firearms and ammunition that, on February 9, 1996, were under the control of the director of civilian marksmanship (as that position existed under section 4307 of title 10 on February 9, 1996), including—

(1) all firearms on loan to affiliated clubs and State associations;

(2) all firearms in the possession of the Civilian Marksmanship Support Detachment; and

(3) all M–1 Garand and caliber .22 rimfire rifles stored at Defense Distribution Depot, Anniston, Anniston, Alabama.

(b) TIME FOR TRANSFERS.—The Secretary shall transfer firearms and ammunition under subsection (a) of this section as and when necessary to enable the corporation—

(1) to issue or loan firearms or ammunition under section 40731 of this title; or

(2) to sell firearms or ammunition under section 40732 of this title.

(c) VESTING OF TITLE IN TRANSFERRED ITEMS.—Title to an item transferred to the corporation under this section shall vest in the corporation—

(1) on the issuance of the item to an eligible recipient under section 40731 of this title; or

(2) immediately before the corporation delivers the item to a purchaser in accordance with a contract for sale of the item that is authorized under section 40732 of this title.

(d) STORAGE OF FIREARMS.—Firearms stored at Defense Distribution Depot, Anniston, Anniston, Alabama, before February 10, 1996, and used for the Civilian Marksmanship Program (as that program existed under section 4308(e) of title 10 before February 10, 1996), shall remain at that facility or another storage facility designated by the Secretary, without cost to the corporation, until the firearms are issued, loaned, or sold by the corporation, or otherwise transferred to the corporation.

(e) DISCRETIONARY TRANSFER OF PARTS.—The Secretary may transfer from the inventory of the Department of the Army to the corporation any part from a rifle designated to be demilitarized.

(f) LIMITATION ON DEMILITARIZATION OF M–1 RIFLES.—After February 10, 1996, the Secretary may not demilitarize an M–1 Garand rifle in the inventory of the Army unless the Defense Logistics Agency decides the rifle is unserviceable.

(g) COST OF TRANSFERS.—A transfer of firearms, ammunition, or parts to the corporation under this section shall be made without cost to the corporation, except that the corporation shall assume the cost of preparation and transportation of firearms and ammunition transferred under this section.

§ 40729. Reservation of firearms, ammunition, and parts

(a) RESERVATION.—The Secretary of the Army shall reserve for the corporation—

(1) firearms described in section 40728(a) of this title;

(2) ammunition for firearms described in 40728(a) of this title;

(3) M–16 rifles held by the Department of the Army on February 10, 1996, and used to support the small-arms firing school; and

(4) parts from, and other supplies for, surplus caliber .30 and caliber .22 rimfire rifles.

(b) EXCEPTION.—This section does not supersede the authority provided in section 1208 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Years 1990 and 1991 (Public Law 101–189; 10 U.S.C. 372 note).

§ 40730. Surplus property

The corporation may obtain surplus property from the Defense Reutilization Marketing Service to carry out the Civilian Marksmanship Program. A transfer of property to the corporation under this section shall be made without cost to the corporation.

§ 40731. Issuance or loan of firearms and supplies

(a) ISSUANCE OR LOAN.—For purposes of training and competition, the corporation may issue or loan, with or without charges to recover administrative costs, caliber .22 rimfire and caliber .30 surplus rifles, air rifles, caliber .22 and .30 ammunition, repair parts, and other supplies necessary for activities related to the Civilian Marksmanship Program to—

(1) organizations affiliated with the corporation that provide firearms training to youth;

(2) the Boy Scouts of America;

(3) 4–H Clubs;

(4) the Future Farmers of America; and

(5) other youth oriented organizations.

(b) SECURITY OF FIREARMS.—The corporation shall ensure adequate oversight and accountability for firearms issued or loaned under this section. The corporation shall prescribe procedures for the security of issued or loaned firearms in accordance with United States, State, and local laws.

§ 40732. Sale of firearms and supplies

(a) AFFILIATED ORGANIZATIONS.—The corporation may sell, at fair market value, caliber .22 rimfire and caliber .30 surplus rifles, air rifles, caliber .22 and .30 ammunition, repair parts, and other supplies to organizations affiliated with the corporation that provide training in the use of firearms.

(b) GUN CLUB MEMBERS.—(1) The corporation may sell, at fair market value, caliber .22 rimfire and caliber .30 surplus rifles, ammunition, repair parts and other supplies necessary for target practice to a citizen of the United States who is over 18 years of age and who is a member of a gun club affiliated with the corporation.

(2) Except as provided in section 40733 of this title, sales under this subsection are subject to applicable United States, State, and local law. In addition to any other requirement, the corporation shall establish procedures to obtain a criminal records check of the individual with United States Government and State law enforcement agencies.

(c) LIMITATION ON SALES.—(1) The corporation may not sell a repair part designed to convert a firearm to fire in a fully automatic mode.

(2) The corporation may not sell any item to an individual who has been convicted of—

(A) a felony; or

(B) a violation of section 922 of title 18.

§ 40733. Applicability of other law

Section 922(a)(1)–(3) and (5) of title 18 does not apply to the shipment, transportation, receipt, transfer, sale, issuance, loan, or delivery by the corporation, of an item that the corporation is authorized to issue, loan, sell, or receive under this chapter.

CHAPTER 501—DAUGHTERS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR 1861–1865

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§ 50101. Definition

For purposes of this chapter, "State" includes the District of Columbia and the territories and possessions of the United States.

§ 50102. Organization

(a) FEDERAL CHARTER.—Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War 1861–1865 (in this chapter, the "corporation"), a nonprofit corporation incorporated in Ohio, is a federally chartered corporation.

(b) EXPIRATION OF CHARTER.—If the corporation does not comply with any provision of this chapter, the charter granted by this chapter expires.

§ 50103. Purposes

(a) PROVIDED IN ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION.—The purposes of the corporation are as provided in the articles of incorporation.

(b) PERPETUATING MEMORIES.—To perpetuate the memories of the fathers of the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War 1861–1865, their loyalty to the Union, and their unselfish sacrifices for the preservation of the Union, the purposes of the corporation also include—

(1) encouraging the preservation of historic sites and the construction and preservation of monuments commemorating any aspect of the Civil War;

(2) building and maintaining a Museum of Civil War History, admission to which shall be free and open to the public, in the city of Springfield, Illinois, as a repository of Civil War documents, artifacts, and cultural relics;

(3) maintaining a library in connection with the Civil War museum, admission to which shall be open to the public, containing the official volumes of the War of the Rebellion Records, Civil War genealogical files, Adjutant General reports of the various States, military and biographical records and accounts of the individual service of Union soldiers, sailors, and marines, diaries, letters, relics, and other records;

(4) promulgating and teaching American history, particularly the history of the Civil War period, through the establishment of scholarship programs at the national and State levels, the presentation of American flags to youth groups and newly naturalized citizens, and the sponsorship of contests of educational merit;

(5) caring for veterans of all wars through volunteer programs in Department of Veterans Affairs medical centers and in homes and other institutions maintained by the States for the welfare of American veterans; and

(6) participating, in a spirit of cooperation and reciprocity, in programs with other societies devoted to American history, veterans' affairs, or community interests.

(c) VETERANS' AND PATRIOTIC ORGANIZATION.—The corporation shall function as a veterans' and patriotic organization as authorized by the laws of each State in which it is incorporated.

§ 50104. Membership

Eligibility for membership in the corporation and the rights and privileges of members are as provided in the constitution and bylaws of the corporation.

§ 50105. Governing body

(a) BOARD OF DIRECTORS.—The board of directors and the responsibilities of the board are as provided in the articles of incorporation.

(b) OFFICERS.—The officers and the election of officers are as provided in the articles of incorporation.

§ 50106. Powers

The corporation has only the powers provided in its bylaws and articles of incorporation filed in each State in which it is incorporated.

§ 50107. Restrictions

(a) STOCK AND DIVIDENDS.—The corporation may not issue stock or declare or pay a dividend.

(b) POLITICAL ACTIVITIES.—The corporation or a director or officer as such may not contribute to, support, or participate in any political activity or in any manner attempt to influence legislation.

(c) DISTRIBUTION OF INCOME OR ASSETS.—The income or assets of the corporation may not inure to the benefit of, or be distributed to, a director, officer, or member during the life of the charter granted by this chapter. This subsection does not prevent the payment of reasonable compensation to an officer or reimbursement for actual necessary expenses in amounts approved by the board of directors.

(d) LOANS.—The corporation may not make a loan to a director, officer, or employee.

(e) CLAIM OF GOVERNMENTAL APPROVAL OR AUTHORIZATION.—The corporation may not claim congressional approval or the authority of the United States Government for any of its activities.

§ 50108. Duty to maintain tax-exempt status

The corporation shall maintain its status as an organization exempt from taxation under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (26 U.S.C. 1 et seq.). If the corporation does not maintain that status, the charter granted by this chapter expires.

§ 50109. Records and inspection

(a) RECORDS.—The corporation shall keep—

(1) correct and complete records of account;

(2) minutes of the proceedings of its members, board of directors, and committees having any of the authority of its board of directors; and

(3) at its principal office, a record of the names and addresses of its members entitled to vote.

(b) INSPECTION.—A member entitled to vote, or an agent or attorney of the member, may inspect the records of the corporation for any proper purpose, at any reasonable time.

§ 50110. Service of process

The corporation shall comply with the law on service of process of each State in which it is incorporated and each State in which it carries on activities.

§ 50111. Liability for acts of officers and agents

The corporation is liable for the acts of its officers and agents acting within the scope of their authority.

§ 50112. Annual report

The corporation shall submit an annual report to Congress on the activities of the corporation during the prior fiscal year. The report shall be submitted at the same time as the report of the audit required by section 10101 of this title. The report may not be printed as a public document.

CHAPTER 503—DISABLED AMERICAN VETERANS

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§ 50301. Organization

(a) FEDERAL CHARTER.—Disabled American Veterans (in this chapter, the "corporation") is a federally chartered corporation.

(b) PERPETUAL EXISTENCE.—Except as otherwise provided, the corporation has perpetual existence.

§ 50302. Purposes

The purposes of the corporation are—

(1) to uphold and maintain the Constitution and laws of the United States;

(2) to realize the true American ideals and aims for which those eligible to membership fought;

(3) to advance the interests, and work for the betterment, of all wounded, injured, and disabled American veterans;

(4) to cooperate with the Department of Veterans Affairs and all other public and private agencies devoted to the cause of improving and advancing the condition, health, and interests of all wounded, injured, and disabled veterans;

(5) to stimulate a feeling of mutual devotion, helpfulness, and comradeship among all wounded, injured, and disabled veterans;

(6) to serve our comrades, our communities, and our country; and

(7) to encourage in all people that spirit of understanding which will guard against future wars.

§ 50303. Membership

(a) ELIGIBILITY.—An individual is eligible for membership in the corporation if the individual—

(1)(A) was wounded, gassed, injured, or disabled in the line of duty during time of war while in the service of the military or naval forces of the United States; and

(B) was honorably discharged or separated from that service or is still in active service in the armed forces of the United States; or

(2)(A) was disabled while serving with any of the armed forces of a country associated with the United States as an ally during any of its war periods;

(B) is a citizen of the United States; and

(C) was honorably discharged.

(b) NO HONORARY MEMBERSHIPS.—An honorary membership may not be granted.

§ 50304. Powers

The corporation may—

(1) adopt a constitution, bylaws, and regulations to carry out the purposes of the corporation;

(2) adopt and alter a corporate seal;

(3) adopt emblems and badges;

(4) establish and maintain offices to conduct its activities;

(5) establish State and territorial organizations and local chapter or post organizations;

(6) acquire, own, lease, encumber, and transfer property as necessary to carry out the purposes of the corporation;

(7) publish a newspaper and other publications devoted to the purposes of the corporation;

(8) sue and be sued; and

(9) do any other act necessary or proper to carry out the purposes of the corporation.

§ 50305. Exclusive right to name

The corporation and its State and local subdivisions have the exclusive right to use the name "Disabled American Veterans".

§ 50306. Restrictions

The corporation shall be nonpolitical and nonsectarian, and may not promote the candidacy of an individual seeking public office.

§ 50307. Service of process

As a condition to the exercise of any power or privilege granted by this chapter, the corporation shall file, with the secretary of state or other designated official of each State in which a chapter is organized, the name and address of an agent in that State on whom legal process or demands against the corporation may be served.

§ 50308. Annual report

Not later than January 1 of each year, the corporation shall submit a report to Congress on the activities of the corporation during the prior fiscal year.

CHAPTER 601—82ND AIRBORNE DIVISION ASSOCIATION, INCORPORATED

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§ 60101. Definition

For purposes of this chapter, "State" includes the District of Columbia and the territories and possessions of the United States.

§ 60102. Organization

(a) FEDERAL CHARTER.—82nd Airborne Division Association, Incorporated (in this chapter, the "corporation"), a nonprofit corporation incorporated in Illinois, is a federally chartered corporation.

(b) EXPIRATION OF CHARTER.—If the corporation does not comply with any provision of this chapter, the charter granted by this chapter expires.

§ 60103. Purposes

The purposes of the corporation are as provided in the articles of incorporation and include—

(1) perpetuating the memory of members of the 82nd Airborne Division who fought and died for this country;

(2) furthering the common bond between retired and active members of the 82nd Airborne Division;

(3) providing educational assistance in the form of college scholarships and grants to the qualified children of current and former members of the 82nd Airborne Division;

(4) promoting civic and patriotic activities; and

(5) promoting the indispensable role of airborne defense to the national security of the United States.

§ 60104. Membership

(a) ELIGIBILITY.—Except as provided in this chapter, eligibility for membership in the corporation and the rights and privileges of members are as provided in the constitution and bylaws of the corporation.

(b) NONDISCRIMINATION.—The terms of membership may not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, disability, or national origin.

§ 60105. Governing body

(a) BOARD OF DIRECTORS.—The board of directors and the responsibilities of the board are as provided in the articles of incorporation.

(b) OFFICERS.—The officers and the election of officers are as provided in the articles of incorporation.

(c) NONDISCRIMINATION.—The requirements for holding office in the corporation may not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, disability, or national origin.

§ 60106. Powers

The corporation has only the powers provided in its bylaws and articles of incorporation filed in each State in which it is incorporated.

§ 60107. Restrictions

(a) STOCK AND DIVIDENDS.—The corporation may not issue stock or declare or pay a dividend.

(b) POLITICAL ACTIVITIES.—The corporation or a director or officer as such may not contribute to, support, or participate in any political activity or in any manner attempt to influence legislation.

(c) DISTRIBUTION OF INCOME OR ASSETS.—The income or assets of the corporation may not inure to the benefit of, or be distributed to, a director, officer, or member during the life of the charter granted by this chapter. This subsection does not prevent the payment of reasonable compensation to an officer or reimbursement for actual and necessary expenses in amounts approved by the board of directors.

(d) LOANS.—The corporation may not make a loan to a director, officer, or employee.

(e) CLAIM OF GOVERNMENTAL APPROVAL OR AUTHORIZATION.—The corporation may not claim congressional approval or the authority of the United States Government for any of its activities.

§ 60108. Duty to maintain tax-exempt status

The corporation shall maintain its status as an organization exempt from taxation under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (26 U.S.C. 1 et seq.).

§ 60109. Records and inspection

(a) RECORDS.—The corporation shall keep—

(1) correct and complete records of account;

(2) minutes of the proceedings of its members, board of directors, and committees having any of the authority of its board of directors; and

(3) at its principal office, a record of the names and addresses of its members entitled to vote.

(b) INSPECTION.—A member entitled to vote, or an agent or attorney of the member, may inspect the records of the corporation for any proper purpose, at any reasonable time.

§ 60110. Service of process

The corporation shall comply with the law on service of process of each State in which it is incorporated and each State in which it carries on activities.

§ 60111. Liability for acts of officers and agents

The corporation is liable for the acts of its officers and agents acting within the scope of their authority.

§ 60112. Annual report

The corporation shall submit an annual report to Congress on the activities of the corporation during the prior fiscal year. The report shall be submitted at the same time as the report of the audit required by section 10101 of this title. The report may not be printed as a public document.

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§ 70101. Definition

For purposes of this chapter, "State" includes the District of Columbia and the territories and possessions of the United States.

§ 70102. Organization

(a) FEDERAL CHARTER.—Fleet Reserve Association (in this chapter, the "corporation"), a nonprofit corporation incorporated in Delaware, is a federally chartered corporation.

(b) EXPIRATION OF CHARTER.—If the corporation does not comply with any provision of this chapter, the charter granted by this chapter expires.

§ 70103. Purposes

(a) GENERAL.—The purposes of the corporation are as provided in its articles of incorporation and bylaws and include—

(1) upholding and defending the Constitution of the United States;

(2) aiding and maintaining an adequate naval defense for the United States;

(3) assisting the recruitment of the best personnel available for the United States Navy, United States Marine Corps, and United States Coast Guard;

(4) providing for the welfare of the personnel who serve in the United States Navy, United States Marine Corps, and United States Coast Guard;

(5) continuing to loyally serve the United States Navy, United States Marine Corps, and United States Coast Guard;

(6) preserving the spirit of shipmanship by providing assistance to shipmates and their families; and

(7) instilling love of the United States and its flag, and promoting soundness of mind and body, in the youth of the United States.

(b) CORPORATE FUNCTION.—The corporation shall function as an educational, patriotic, civic, historical, and research organization under the laws of the State of Delaware.

§ 70104. Membership

(a) ELIGIBILITY.—Except as provided in this chapter, eligibility for membership in the corporation and the rights and privileges of members are as provided in the articles of incorporation and bylaws.

(b) NONDISCRIMINATION.—The terms of membership may not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, disability, age, or national origin.

§ 70105. Governing body

(a) BOARD OF DIRECTORS.—The board of directors and the responsibilities of the board are as provided in the bylaws and articles of incorporation.

(b) OFFICERS.—The officers and the election of officers are as provided in the bylaws and articles of incorporation.

(c) NONDISCRIMINATION.—The requirements for serving as a director or officer may not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, disability, age, or national origin.

§ 70106. Powers

The corporation has only the powers provided in its bylaws and articles of incorporation filed in each State in which it is incorporated.

§ 70107. Restrictions

(a) STOCK AND DIVIDENDS.—The corporation may not issue stock or declare or pay a dividend.

(b) DISTRIBUTION OF INCOME OR ASSETS.—The income or assets of the corporation may not inure to the benefit of, or be distributed to, a director, officer, or member during the life of the charter granted by this chapter. This subsection does not prevent the payment of reasonable compensation to an officer or employee or reimbursement for actual necessary expenses in amounts approved by the board of directors.

(c) LOANS.—The corporation may not make a loan to a director, officer, employee, or member.

(d) CLAIM OF GOVERNMENTAL APPROVAL OR AUTHORITY.—The corporation may not claim congressional approval or the authority of the United States Government for any of its activities.

§ 70108. Duty to maintain corporate and tax-exempt status

(a) CORPORATE STATUS.—The corporation shall maintain its status as a corporation incorporated under the laws of Delaware.

(b) TAX-EXEMPT STATUS.—The corporation shall maintain its status as an organization exempt from taxation under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (26 U.S.C. 1 et seq.).

§ 70109. Records and inspection

(a) RECORDS.—The corporation shall keep—

(1) correct and complete records of account;

(2) minutes of the proceedings of its members, board of directors, and committees having any of the authority of its board of directors; and

(3) at its principal office, a record of the names and addresses of its members entitled to vote.

(b) INSPECTION.—A member entitled to vote, or an agent or attorney of the member, may inspect the records of the corporation for any proper purpose, at any reasonable time.

§ 70110. Service of process

The corporation shall comply with the law on service of process of each State in which it is incorporated and each State in which it carries on activities.

§ 70111. Liability for acts of officers and agents

The corporation is liable for the acts of its officers and agents acting within the scope of their authority.

§ 70112. Annual report

The corporation shall submit an annual report to Congress on the activities of the corporation during the prior fiscal year. The report shall be submitted at the same time as the report of the audit required by section 10101 of this title. The report may not be printed as a public document.

CHAPTER 703—FORMER MEMBERS OF CONGRESS

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§ 70301. Definition

For purposes of this chapter, "State" includes the District of Columbia and the territories and possessions of the United States.

§ 70302. Organization

(a) FEDERAL CHARTER.—Former Members of Congress (in this chapter, the "corporation"), a nonprofit corporation incorporated in the District of Columbia, is a federally chartered corporation.

(b) EXPIRATION OF CHARTER.—If the corporation does not comply with any provision of this chapter, the charter granted by this chapter expires.

§ 70303. Purposes

The purposes of the corporation are as provided in the articles of incorporation and include the promotion of the cause of good government at the national level by improving the public understanding of Congress as an institution and strengthening its support by the public. The corporation shall function as an educational, patriotic, civic, historical, and research organization as authorized by the laws of each State in which it is incorporated.

§ 70304. Membership

Eligibility for membership in the corporation and the rights and privileges of members are as provided in the bylaws.

§ 70305. Governing body

(a) BOARD OF DIRECTORS.—The board of directors and the responsibilities of the board are as provided in the articles of incorporation.

(b) OFFICERS.—The officers and the election of officers are as provided in the articles of incorporation.

§ 70306. Powers

The corporation has only the powers provided in its bylaws and articles of incorporation filed in each State in which it is incorporated.

§ 70307. Restrictions

(a) STOCK AND DIVIDENDS.—The corporation may not issue stock or declare or pay a dividend.

(b) POLITICAL ACTIVITIES.—The corporation or a director or officer as such may not contribute to, support, or participate in any political activity or in any manner attempt to influence legislation.

(c) DISTRIBUTION OF INCOME OR ASSETS.—The income or assets of the corporation may not inure to the benefit of, or be distributed to, a director, officer, or member during the life of the charter granted by this chapter. This subsection does not prevent the payment of reasonable compensation to an officer or reimbursement for actual necessary expenses in amounts approved by the board of directors.

(d) LOANS.—The corporation may not make a loan to a director, officer, or employee.

(e) CLAIM OF GOVERNMENTAL APPROVAL OR AUTHORIZATION.—The corporation may not claim congressional approval or the authority of the United States Government for any of its activities.

§ 70308. Duty to maintain tax-exempt status

The corporation shall maintain its status as an organization exempt from taxation under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (26 U.S.C. 1 et seq.).

§ 70309. Records and inspection

(a) RECORDS.—The corporation shall keep—

(1) correct and complete records of account;

(2) minutes of the proceedings of its members, board of directors, and committees having any of the authority of its board of directors; and

(3) at its principal office, a record of the names and addresses of its members entitled to vote.

(b) INSPECTION.—A member entitled to vote, or an agent or attorney of the member, may inspect the records of the corporation for any proper purpose, at any reasonable time.

§ 70310. Service of process

The corporation shall comply with the law on service of process of each State in which it is incorporated and each State in which it carries on activities.

§ 70311. Liability for acts of officers and agents

The corporation is liable for the acts of its officers and agents acting within the scope of their authority.

§ 70312. Annual report

The corporation shall submit an annual report to Congress on the activities of the corporation during the prior fiscal year. The report shall be submitted at the same time as the report of the audit required by section 10101 of this title. The report may not be printed as a public document.

CHAPTER 705—THE FOUNDATION OF THE FEDERAL BAR ASSOCIATION

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§ 70501. Organization

(a) FEDERAL CHARTER.—The Foundation of the Federal Bar Association (in this chapter, the "corporation") is a federally chartered corporation.

(b) PLACE OF INCORPORATION AND DOMICILE.—The corporation is declared to be incorporated and domiciled in the District of Columbia.

(c) PERPETUAL EXISTENCE.—Except as otherwise provided, the corporation has perpetual existence.

§ 70502. Purposes

The purposes of the corporation are—

(1) to receive and hold property, including by gift, devise, or grant, and to invest, administer, and dispose of the property without restrictions applicable to trustees or trust funds;

(2) to apply its income and any part of its principal exclusively to educational, charitable, scientific, or literary purposes—

(A) to advance the science of jurisprudence;

(B) to uphold high standards for the Federal judiciary and attorneys representing the United States Government;

(C) to promote and improve the administration of justice, including the study of means for the improved handling of the legal business of the departments, agencies, and instrumentalities of the Government;

(D) to facilitate the cultivation and diffusion of knowledge and understanding of the law and the promotion of the study of the law and the science of jurisprudence and research in jurisprudence, through the maintenance of a law library, the establishment of seminars, lectures, and studies devoted to the law, and the publication of addresses, essays, treatises, reports and other literary works by students, practitioners, and teachers of the law; and

(E) to provide for the acquisition, preservation, and exhibition of rare books and documents, sculptures, paintings, and other objects of art and historical interest relating to the law, the courts, and the legal profession; and

(3) to do any other acts necessary or incident to the accomplishment of these purposes.

§ 70503. Membership

(a) MEMBERS.—The members of the corporation are—

(1) the members of the National Council of the Federal Bar Association, a nonprofit corporation incorporated in the District of Columbia, during their term of membership on that Council; and

(2) other individuals the corporation provides for in the bylaws or otherwise.

(b) VOTING.—Each member has one vote on each matter submitted to a vote of the members.

(c) GROUNDS FOR DISQUALIFICATION.—An individual may not be a member, director, or officer of the corporation if the individual—

(1) is a member of, or advocates the principles of, an organization believing in, or working for, the overthrow of the United States Government by force or violence; or

(2) refuses to uphold and defend the Constitution of the United States.

§ 70504. Governing body

(a) BOARD OF DIRECTORS.—(1) The board of directors is the governing body of the corporation. The board may exercise, or provide for the exercise of, the powers of the corporation.

(2) The board shall consist of 12 individuals elected, and subject to removal at any time, by a majority vote of the members of the corporation. The term of office of an elected director is 6 years. A vacancy on the board shall be filled by a majority vote of the members of the corporation.

(3) The board shall meet at least annually. Each director has one vote on each matter decided by the board. The board may delegate its powers to a prudential committee subject to the direction of, and reporting to, the board.

(4) The president of the corporation is the chairman of the board and of the prudential committee.

(b) OFFICERS.—(1) The officers of the corporation are a president, a vice president, a secretary, a treasurer, a historian, and other officers provided for in the bylaws. The powers of the officers are as provided in the bylaws.

(2) The officers shall be elected by the board of directors at its annual meeting. The term of office of an officer is one year.

§ 70505. Powers

The corporation may—

(1) adopt and amend bylaws for the management of its property and the regulation of its affairs;

(2) adopt and alter a corporate seal;

(3) choose officers, managers, and agents as the activities of the corporation require;

(4) make contracts;

(5) acquire, own, lease, encumber, and transfer property as necessary to carry out the purposes of the corporation;

(6) borrow money, issue instruments of indebtedness, and secure its obligations by granting security interests in its property;

(7) sue and be sued; and

(8) do any other act necessary and proper to carry out the purposes of the corporation.

§ 70506. Exclusive right to name

The corporation has the exclusive right to use the name "The Foundation of the Federal Bar Association".

§ 70507. Restrictions

(a) STOCK AND DIVIDENDS.—The corporation may not issue stock or declare or pay a dividend.

(b) POLITICAL ACTIVITIES.—(1) The activities, funds, income, and property of the corporation may not be used to carry on political activity or attempt to influence legislation.

(2) The corporation or a director or officer as such may not contribute to, support, or assist a political party or candidate for elective public office.

(c) DISTRIBUTION OF INCOME.—The income of the corporation may not inure to the benefit of a director, officer, member, or private individual.

(d) LOANS.—The corporation may not make a loan or advance to a director or officer. Directors and officers who vote for, assent to, or participate in making a loan or advance to a director or officer are jointly and severally liable to the corporation for the amount of the loan or advance until it is repaid.

(e) IMMUNITY FROM LIABILITY.—Members and private individuals are not liable for the obligations of the corporation.

§ 70508. Principal office

The corporation shall have its principal office in the District of Columbia, but may conduct its activities anywhere.

§ 70509. Records and inspection

(a) RECORDS.—The corporation shall keep—

(1) correct and complete records of account;

(2) minutes of the proceedings of its members, board of directors, and committees having any of the authority of its board of directors; and

(3) at its principal office, a record of the names and addresses of its members entitled to vote.

(b) INSPECTION.—A member entitled to vote, or an agent or attorney of the member, may inspect the records of the corporation for any proper purpose, at any reasonable time.

§ 70510. Service of process

The corporation shall have a designated agent in the District of Columbia to receive service of process for the corporation. Notice to or service on the agent, or mailed to the business address of the agent, is notice to or service on the corporation.

§ 70511. Liability for acts of officers and agents

The corporation is liable for the acts of its officers and agents acting within the scope of their authority.

§ 70512. Deposit of assets on dissolution or final liquidation

On dissolution or final liquidation of the corporation, any assets remaining after the discharge of all liabilities shall be deposited in the Treasury of the United States as a miscellaneous receipt.

CHAPTER 707—FREDERICK DOUGLASS MEMORIAL AND HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION

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§ 70701. Organization

(a) FEDERAL CHARTER.—Frederick Douglass Memorial and Historical Association (in this chapter, the "corporation") is a body corporate and politic in the District of Columbia.

(b) PERPETUAL EXISTENCE.—Except as otherwise provided, the corporation has perpetual existence.

§ 70702. Purposes

The purposes of the corporation are—

(1) to preserve to posterity the memory of the life and character of the late Frederick Douglass; and

(2) to collect, collate, and preserve a historical record of the inception, progress, and culmination of the antislavery movement in the United States, and to assemble in the homestead of the late Frederick Douglass, commonly called Cedar Hill, in the village of Anacostia, District of Columbia, all suitable exhibits of records or things illustrative or commemorative of the antislavery movement and history that are donated to, or acquired by, the corporation.

§ 70703. Governing body

(a) BOARD OF TRUSTEES.—(1) The board of trustees is the governing body of the corporation. The board shall exercise the powers granted to the corporation.

(2) The board shall consist of at least 9 but not more than 19 members. A vacancy on the board shall be filled by decision of the remaining members of the board.

(3) The board shall adopt a seal under which all acts of the corporation shall be passed and authenticated.

(b) OFFICERS.—(1) The board shall elect officers the board considers necessary, including a treasurer, for the term and at the compensation the board decides, as provided in the bylaws.

(2) The treasurer shall give a bond as provided in the bylaws.

(3) The board may remove an officer, employee, or agent of the corporation for a cause provided in the bylaws.

§ 70704. Powers

The corporation may—

(1) adopt and amend bylaws for the regulation of its affairs;

(2) adopt and alter a corporate seal;

(3) employ persons the corporation considers necessary;

(4) acquire, own, lease, encumber, and transfer property;

(5) sue and be sued; and

(6) do any other act to carry out the purposes of the corporation.

§ 70705. Management of homestead and erection of monument

After the corporation has acquired any part of the property occupied by the late Frederick Douglass as his homestead, commonly called Cedar Hill, in the village of Anacostia, District of Columbia, the corporation may—

(1) manage, repair, and improve the property to carry out the purposes of the corporation; and

(2) erect on the property a monument to the memory of the late Frederick Douglass.

§ 70706. Property exempt from taxation

Any property formerly occupied by the late Frederick Douglass as his homestead, commonly called Cedar Hill, in the village of Anacostia, District of Columbia, and owned by the corporation, is exempt from taxation as long as the property is used for the purposes of the corporation.

§ 70707. Misnomer not to affect transfer of property

A misnomer of the corporation does not affect any transfer of property to or from the corporation.

§ 70708. Nonapplication of audit requirements

The audit requirements of section 10101 of this title do not apply to the corporation.

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§ 70901. Organization

(a) FEDERAL CHARTER.—Future Farmers of America (in this chapter, the "corporation") is a federally chartered corporation.

(b) PERPETUAL EXISTENCE.—Except as otherwise provided, the corporation has perpetual existence.

§ 70902. Purposes

The purposes of the corporation are—

(1) to create, foster, and assist subsidiary chapters composed of students and former students of vocational agriculture in public schools qualifying for Federal reimbursement under the Smith-Hughes Vocational Education Act (20 U.S.C. 11–15, 16–28) and associations of those chapters in the States, territories, and possessions of the United States;

(2) to develop character, train for useful citizenship, and foster patriotism, and thereby develop competent and aggressive rural and agricultural leadership;

(3) to create and nurture a love of country life by encouraging members to improve the farm home and its surroundings, to develop organized rural recreational activities, and to create more interest in the intelligent choice of farming occupations;

(4) to encourage the practice of thrift;

(5) to procure for and distribute to State associations, local chapters, and members all official supplies and equipment of the corporation;

(6) to publish an official magazine and other publications for the members of the corporation;

(7) to strengthen the confidence of young men and women in themselves and their work, to encourage members in the development of individual farming programs, and to promote their permanent establishment in farming by—

(A) encouraging improvement in scholarship;

(B) providing prizes and awards to deserving students who have achieved distinction in vocational agriculture, including farm mechanics activities on a local, State, or national basis; and

(C) assisting financially, through loans or grants, deserving students in all-day vocational agriculture classes and young farmers under 30 years of age who were former students in all-day vocational agriculture classes in becoming satisfactorily established in a farming occupation;

(8) to cooperate with others, including State boards for vocational education, in accomplishing these purposes; and

(9) to engage in other activities, consistent with these purposes, determined by the governing body to be for the best interests of the corporation.

§ 70903. Membership

(a) ELIGIBILITY.—Except as provided in this chapter, eligibility for membership in the corporation and the rights and privileges of members are as provided in the bylaws.

(b) VOTING.—In matters of official business of a local chapter, each member has one vote. In matters of official business of a State association, each qualified delegate of a local chapter has one vote.

§ 70904. Governing body

(a) BOARD OF DIRECTORS.—(1) The board of directors is the governing body of the corporation. The board shall exercise the powers granted to the corporation.

(2) The board consists of the Secretary of Education, 4 staff members in the Department of Education, and 4 State supervisors of agriculture education. The Secretary is chairman of the board.

(3) The term of office of the directors and the method of selecting the directors (except ex officio directors) are as provided in the bylaws.

(4) The board shall meet at least annually at the time and place provided in the bylaws. The annual report of the board shall be presented at that meeting. Special meetings of the board may be called at any time by the chairman.

(b) GOVERNING COMMITTEE.—The board may designate the chairman of the board and 2 members of the chairman's staff as a governing committee. When the board is not in session, the governing committee has the powers of the board subject to the board's direction and may authorize the seal of the corporation to be affixed to all papers that require it.

§ 70905. National officers

(a) COMPOSITION.—The national officers of the corporation are a student president, 4 student vice presidents (one from each of 4 regions of the United States established in the bylaws for purposes of administration of the corporation), a student secretary, an executive secretary, a treasurer, and a national advisor.

(b) BOARD OF STUDENT OFFICERS.—The national student officers of the corporation comprise a board of student officers. The board of student officers shall advise and make recommendations to the board of directors about the activities and business of the corporation.

(c) ELECTION.—The national officers of the corporation shall be elected annually by a majority vote of the delegates assembled in the annual national convention from among qualified members of the corporation, except that—

(1) the national advisor shall be the Secretary of Education;

(2) the executive secretary shall be a member of the Department of Education; and

(3) the treasurer shall be an employee or member of a State agency that directs or supervises a State program of agricultural education under the provisions of the Smith-Hughes Vocational Education Act (20 U.S.C. 11–15, 16–28).

(d) VOTE AT NATIONAL CONVENTION.—Each qualified delegate has one vote at the annual national convention.

§ 70906. Powers

The corporation may—

(1) adopt and amend bylaws and regulations for the management of its property and the regulation of its affairs, including the establishment and maintenance of local chapters and State associations of chapters;

(2) adopt and alter a corporate seal;

(3) adopt emblems and badges;

(4) choose officers, managers, agents, and employees as the activities of the corporation require;

(5) make contracts;

(6) acquire, own, lease, encumber, and transfer property as necessary or convenient to carry out the purposes of the corporation;

(7) borrow money, issue instruments of indebtedness, and secure its obligations by granting security interests in its property;

(8) use corporate funds to give prizes, awards, loans, and grants to deserving students and young farmers to carry out the purposes of the corporation;

(9) publish a magazine and other publications;

(10) procure for and distribute to State associations, local chapters, and members all official Future Farmers of America supplies and equipment;

(11) sue and be sued; and

(12) do any other act necessary and proper to carry out the purposes of the corporation.

§ 70907. Exclusive right to name, seals, emblems, and badges

The corporation and its authorized chapters and associations of chapters have the exclusive right to use the name "Future Farmers of America" and the initials FFA as representing an agricultural membership organization and seals, emblems, and badges the corporation adopts.

§ 70908. Restrictions

(a) STOCK AND DIVIDENDS.—The corporation may not issue stock or declare or pay a dividend.

(b) POLITICAL ACTIVITIES.—The corporation or a director, officer, or member as such may not contribute to, support, or assist a political party or candidate for elective public office.

(c) DISTRIBUTION OF INCOME OR ASSETS.—The income or assets of the corporation may not inure to the benefit of, or be distributed to, a director, officer, or member, except on dissolution or final liquidation of the corporation.

(d) LOANS.—The corporation may not make a loan to a director, officer, or employee. Directors who vote for or assent to making a loan to a director, officer, or employee, and officers who participate in making the loan, are jointly and severally liable to the corporation for the amount of the loan until it is repaid.

(e) PRIZES, AWARDS, GRANTS, OR LOANS TO STUDENT OFFICERS AND MEMBERS MEETING CRITERIA.—This section does not preclude prizes, awards, grants, or loans to student officers and members meeting the criteria established by the board of directors for selecting recipients of those benefits.

§ 70909. Availability of personnel, services, and facilities of Department of Education

On request of the board of directors of the corporation, the Secretary of Education may make personnel, services, and facilities of the Department of Education available to administer or assist in the administration of the activities of the corporation. Personnel of the Department may not receive compensation from the corporation for their services, except that travel and other legitimate expenses as defined by the Secretary and approved by the board may be paid. The Secretary also may cooperate with the State boards for vocational education to assist in the promotion of the activities of the corporation.

§ 70910. Headquarters and principal office

The headquarters and principal office of the corporation shall be in the District of Columbia. However, the activities of the corporation are not confined to the District of Columbia but may be conducted throughout the States, territories, and possessions of the United States.

§ 70911. Records and inspection

(a) RECORDS.—The corporation shall keep—

(1) correct and complete records of account;

(2) minutes of the proceedings of its members, board of directors, and committees having any of the authority of its board of directors; and

(3) a record of the names and addresses of its members entitled to vote.

(b) INSPECTION.—A member, or an agent or attorney of the member, may inspect the records of the corporation at any reasonable time.

§ 70912. Service of process

(a) DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.—The corporation shall have a designated agent in the District of Columbia to receive service of process for the corporation. Designation of the agent shall be filed in the office of the clerk of the United States District Court for the District of Columbia. Notice to or service on the agent, or mailed to the business address of the agent, is notice to or service on the corporation.

(b) STATES, TERRITORIES, AND POSSESSIONS.—As a condition to the exercise of any power or privilege granted by this chapter, the corporation shall file, with the secretary of state or other designated official of each State, territory, or possession of the United States in which a subordinate association or chapter is organized, the name and address of an agent in that State, territory, or possession on whom legal process or demands against the corporation may be served.

§ 70913. Liability for acts of officers and agents

The corporation is liable for the acts of its officers and agents acting within the scope of their authority.

§ 70914. Distribution of assets on dissolution or final liquidation

On dissolution or final liquidation of the corporation, any assets remaining after the discharge of all liabilities shall be used by the board of directors for the benefit of students of vocational agriculture or be transferred to a recognized educational foundation.

CHAPTER 801—GENERAL FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS

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§ 80101. Organization

(a) FEDERAL CHARTER.—General Federation of Women's Clubs (in this chapter, the "corporation") is a body corporate and politic of the District of Columbia.

(b) PERPETUAL EXISTENCE.—Except as otherwise provided, the corporation has perpetual existence.

§ 80102. Purposes

The corporation shall be organized and operated exclusively for charitable and educational purposes within the meaning of section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (26 U.S.C. 501(c)(3)) and shall comply with the requirements for classification as an exempt organization under section 501(c)(3). The charitable purposes of the corporation shall be achieved through volunteer efforts by the members of the corporation, including arts programs, conservation programs, educational programs, homelife programs, international affairs, public affairs programs advancing information about public affairs, and community improvement programs.

§ 80103. Constitution and bylaws

The corporation shall have a constitution and may adopt bylaws for the admission and qualifications of members, the management of its property, and the regulation of its affairs. The corporation may amend its constitution and bylaws.

§ 80104. Property

The corporation may—

(1) acquire, own, lease, encumber, and transfer property as necessary to carry out the purposes of the corporation; and

(2) issue instruments of indebtedness in relation to its real property.

§ 80105. Principal office and meetings

(a) PRINCIPAL OFFICE.—The principal office of the corporation shall be in the District of Columbia.

(b) MEETINGS.—The corporation may hold its meetings at places outside the District of Columbia.

§ 80106. Distribution of assets on dissolution

On dissolution of the corporation, the board of directors shall liquidate and distribute its assets to organizations qualified as exempt organizations under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (26 U.S.C. 501(c)(3)) with purposes similar to those of the corporation.

CHAPTER 803—GIRL SCOUTS OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

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§ 80301. Organization

(a) FEDERAL CHARTER.—Girl Scouts of the United States of America (in this chapter, the "corporation") is a body corporate and politic of the District of Columbia.

(b) DOMICILE.—The domicile of the corporation is the District of Columbia.

(c) PERPETUAL EXISTENCE.—Except as otherwise provided, the corporation has perpetual existence.

§ 80302. Purposes

The purposes of the corporation are—

(1) to promote the qualities of truth, loyalty, helpfulness, friendliness, courtesy, purity, kindness, obedience, cheerfulness, thriftiness, and kindred virtues among girls, as a preparation for their responsibilities in the home and for service to the community;

(2) to direct and coordinate the Girl Scout movement in the United States and territories and possessions of the United States; and

(3) to fix and maintain standards for the movement that will inspire the rising generation with the highest ideals of character, patriotism, conduct, and attainment.

§ 80303. Governing body

(a) NATIONAL COUNCIL.—(1) There shall be a National Council of Girl Scouts. The number, qualifications, and term of office of members of the Council are as provided in the constitution of the corporation, except that members of the Council must be citizens of the United States.

(2) The Council may adopt and amend a constitution and bylaws and elect a board of directors, officers, and agents.

(3) The constitution may prescribe the number of members of the Council necessary for a quorum. That number may be less than a majority of the entire Council.

(4) Meetings of the Council shall be held as provided in the constitution to hold elections and receive reports of the officers and board of directors. Special meetings may be called as provided in the constitution.

(b) BOARD OF DIRECTORS.—(1) To the extent provided in the constitution and bylaws, the board of directors shall have the powers of the Council and manage the activities of the corporation between meetings of the Council. The number, qualifications, and term of office of directors are as provided in the constitution.

(2) The constitution may prescribe the number of directors necessary for a quorum. That number shall be at least 20 or two-fifths of the entire board.

(c) EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMITTEES.—The bylaws may provide for—

(1) an executive committee to carry out the powers of the board of directors between meetings of the board; and

(2) other committees to operate under the general supervision of the board of directors.

(d) LOCATION OF MEETINGS AND RECORDS.—The Council and the board of directors may hold meetings and keep the seal and records of the corporation in or outside the District of Columbia.

§ 80304. Powers

The corporation may—

(1) adopt and amend a constitution, bylaws, and regulations, including regulations for the election of associates and successors;

(2) adopt and alter a seal;

(3) have offices and conduct its activities in the District of Columbia and in the States, territories, and possessions of the United States;

(4) acquire, own, lease, encumber, and transfer property, and use any income from the property, as necessary to carry out the purposes of the corporation;

(5) sue and be sued within the jurisdiction of the United States; and

(6) do any other act necessary to carry out this chapter and the purposes of the corporation.

§ 80305. Exclusive right to emblems, badges, marks, and words

The corporation has the exclusive right to use all emblems and badges, descriptive or designating marks, and words or phrases the corporation adopts, including the badge of the Girl Scouts, Incorporated, referred to in the Act of August 12, 1937 (ch. 590, 50 Stat. 623), and to authorize their use, during the life of the corporation, in connection with the manufacture, advertisement, and sale of equipment and merchandise. This section does not affect any vested rights.

§ 80306. Restrictions

(a) PROFIT.—The corporation may not operate for profit.

(b) POLITICAL ACTIVITIES.—The corporation shall be nonpolitical and nonsectarian.

§ 80307. Annual report

Not later than April 1 of each year, the corporation shall submit a report to Congress on the activities of the corporation during the prior fiscal year. The report shall be printed each year, with accompanying illustrations, as a separate House document of the session of the Congress to which the report is submitted.

CHAPTER 805—GOLD STAR WIVES OF AMERICA

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§ 80501. Definition

For purposes of this chapter, "State" includes the District of Columbia and the territories and possessions of the United States.

§ 80502. Organization

(a) FEDERAL CHARTER.—Gold Star Wives of America (in this chapter, the "corporation"), incorporated in New York, is a federally chartered corporation.

(b) EXPIRATION OF CHARTER.—If the corporation does not comply with any provision of this chapter, the charter granted by this chapter expires.

§ 80503. Purposes

The purposes of the corporation are—

(1) to operate in the public interest, as a nonpartisan and nonprofit organization, solely for patriotic, charitable, literary, educational, scientific, or civic improvement purposes; and

(2) the purposes stated in its articles of incorporation that are not inconsistent with the purposes described in clause (1) of this section.

§ 80504. Membership

(a) ELIGIBILITY.—Except as provided in this chapter, eligibility for membership in the corporation and the rights and privileges of members are as provided in the articles of incorporation and bylaws.

(b) NONDISCRIMINATION.—The terms of membership may not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, or national origin.

§ 80505. Governing body

(a) BOARD OF DIRECTORS.—The board of directors and the responsibilities of the board are as provided in the articles of incorporation.

(b) OFFICERS.—The officers and the election of officers are as provided in the articles of incorporation.

(c) NONDISCRIMINATION.—The requirements for holding office in the corporation may not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, or national origin.

§ 80506. Powers

The corporation has only the powers provided in its bylaws and articles of incorporation filed in the State in which it is incorporated.

§ 80507. Restrictions

(a) STOCK AND DIVIDENDS.—The corporation may not issue stock or declare or pay a dividend.

(b) POLITICAL ACTIVITIES.—The corporation or a director or officer as such may not contribute to, support, or participate in any political activity or in any manner attempt to influence legislation.

(c) DISTRIBUTION OF INCOME OR ASSETS.—The income or assets of the corporation may not inure to the benefit of, or be distributed to, a director, officer, or member during the life of the charter granted by this chapter. This subsection does not prevent the payment of reasonable compensation to an officer or reimbursement for actual necessary expenses in amounts approved by the board of directors.

(d) LOANS.—The corporation may not make a loan to any director, officer, or employee.

§ 80508. Duty to maintain tax-exempt status

The corporation shall maintain its status as an organization exempt from taxation under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (26 U.S.C. 1 et seq.).

§ 80509. Records and inspection

(a) RECORDS.—The corporation shall keep—

(1) correct and complete records of account;

(2) minutes of the proceedings of its members, board of directors, and committees having any of the authority of its board of directors; and

(3) at its principal office, a record of the names and addresses of its members entitled to vote.

(b) INSPECTION.—A member entitled to vote, or an agent or attorney of the member, may inspect the records of the corporation for any proper purpose, at any reasonable time.

§ 80510. Service of process

The corporation shall comply with the law on service of process of each State in which it is incorporated and each State in which it carries on activities.

§ 80511. Liability for acts of officers and agents

The corporation is liable for the acts of its officers and agents acting within the scope of their authority and in accordance with the laws of the States in which it carries on its activities.

§ 80512. Annual report

The corporation shall submit an annual report to Congress on the activities of the corporation during the prior calendar year. The report may not be printed as a public document.

CHAPTER 901—[RESERVED]

CHAPTER 1001—ITALIAN AMERICAN WAR VETERANS OF THE UNITED STATES

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§ 100101. Definition

For purposes of this chapter, "State" includes the District of Columbia and the territories and possessions of the United States.

§ 100102. Organization

(a) FEDERAL CHARTER.—Italian American War Veterans of the United States (in this chapter, the "corporation"), a nonprofit corporation incorporated in California, Connecticut, Florida, Massachusetts, New Jersey, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, and Rhode Island, is a federally chartered corporation.

(b) EXPIRATION OF CHARTER.—If the corporation does not comply with any provision of this chapter, the charter granted by this chapter expires.

§ 100103. Purposes

The purposes of the corporation are as provided in the articles of incorporation and include—

(1) giving patriotic allegiance to the United States, fidelity to the Constitution and laws of the United States, and support to the security of civil liberty and permanence of free institutions;

(2) stimulating patriotism in the minds of Americans by encouraging the study of the history of the United States;

(3) ensuring the preservation and defense of the United States from all enemies without reservation;

(4) preserving the memories and records of patriotic service performed by men and women who served in the armed forces, by gathering, collating, editing, publishing, and exhibiting the memorabilia, information, records, military awards, decorations, and citations of those who served in the armed forces;

(5) promoting peace, prosperity, and good will between the peoples of the United States and Italy; and

(6) functioning as a veterans' and patriotic organization as authorized by the laws of each State in which it is incorporated.

§ 100104. Membership

A citizen of the United States who was honorably discharged from the armed forces is eligible for membership in the corporation. Except as provided in this chapter, eligibility for membership and the rights and privileges of members are as provided in the bylaws.

§ 100105. Governing body

(a) BOARD OF DIRECTORS.—The board of directors and the responsibilities of the board are as provided in the articles of incorporation.

(b) OFFICERS.—The officers and the election of officers are as provided in the articles of incorporation.

§ 100106. Powers

The corporation has only the powers provided in its bylaws and articles of incorporation filed in each State in which it is incorporated.

§ 100107. Restrictions

(a) STOCK AND DIVIDENDS.—The corporation may not issue stock or declare or pay a dividend.

(b) POLITICAL ACTIVITIES.—The corporation or a director or officer as such may not contribute to, support, or participate in any political activity or in any manner attempt to influence legislation.

(c) DISTRIBUTION OF INCOME OR ASSETS.—The income or assets of the corporation may not inure to the benefit of, or be distributed to, a director, officer, or member during the life of the charter granted by this chapter. This subsection does not prevent the payment of reasonable compensation to an officer or reimbursement for actual necessary expenses in amounts approved by the board of directors.

(d) LOANS.—The corporation may not make a loan to a director, officer, or employee.

(e) CLAIM OF GOVERNMENTAL APPROVAL OR AUTHORITY.—The corporation may not claim congressional approval or the authority of the United States Government for any of its activities.

§ 100108. Duty to maintain tax-exempt status

The corporation shall maintain its status as an organization exempt from taxation under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (26 U.S.C. 1 et seq.).

§ 100109. Records and inspection

(a) RECORDS.—The corporation shall keep—

(1) correct and complete records of account;

(2) minutes of the proceedings of its members, board of directors, and committees having any of the authority of its board of directors; and

(3) at its principal office, a record of the names and addresses of its members entitled to vote.

(b) INSPECTION.—A member entitled to vote, or an agent or attorney of the member, may inspect the records of the corporation for any proper purpose, at any reasonable time.

§ 100110. Service of process

The corporation shall comply with the law on service of process of each State in which it is incorporated and each State in which it carries on activities.

§ 100111. Liability for acts of officers and agents

The corporation is liable for the acts of its officers and agents acting within the scope of their authority.

§ 100112. Annual report

The corporation shall submit an annual report to Congress on the activities of the corporation during the prior fiscal year. The report shall be submitted at the same time as the report of the audit required by section 10101 of this title. The report may not be printed as a public document.

CHAPTER 1101—JEWISH WAR VETERANS OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, INCORPORATED

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§ 110101. Definition

For purposes of this chapter, "State" includes the District of Columbia and the territories and possessions of the United States.

§ 110102. Organization

(a) FEDERAL CHARTER.—Jewish War Veterans of the United States of America, Incorporated (in this chapter, the "corporation"), a nonprofit corporation incorporated in New York, is a federally chartered corporation.

(b) EXPIRATION OF CHARTER.—If the corporation does not comply with any provision of this chapter, the charter granted by this chapter expires.

§ 110103. Purposes

The purposes of the corporation are as provided in its articles of incorporation and include a continuing commitment, on a national basis, to—

(1) maintain true allegiance to the United States;

(2) foster and perpetuate true Americanism;

(3) combat whatever tends to impair the efficiency and permanency of our free institutions;

(4) uphold the fair name of Jews and fight their battles wherever unjustly assailed;

(5) encourage the doctrine of universal liberty, equal rights, and full justice to all men;

(6) combat the powers of bigotry and darkness wherever originating and whatever the target;

(7) preserve the spirit of comradeship by mutual helpfulness to comrades and their families;

(8) cooperate with and support existing educational institutions and establish educational institutions;

(9) foster the education of ex-servicemen and ex-servicewomen and members of the corporation in the ideals and principles of Americanism;

(10) instill love of country and flag;

(11) promote sound minds and bodies in members of the corporation and their youth;

(12) preserve the memories and records of patriotic service performed by the men and women of the Jewish faith and honor their memory; and

(13) shield from neglect the graves of our heroic dead.

§ 110104. Membership

Except as provided in this chapter, eligibility for membership in the corporation and the rights and privileges of members are as provided in the constitution and bylaws of the corporation.

§ 110105. Governing body

(a) BOARD OF DIRECTORS.—The board of directors and the responsibilities of the board are as provided in the articles of incorporation.

(b) OFFICERS.—The officers and the election of officers are as provided in the articles of incorporation.

§ 110106. Powers

The corporation has only the powers provided in its bylaws and articles of incorporation filed in each State in which it is incorporated.

§ 110107. Restrictions

(a) STOCK AND DIVIDENDS.—The corporation may not issue stock or declare or pay a dividend.

(b) DISTRIBUTION OF INCOME OR ASSETS.—The income or assets of the corporation may not inure to the benefit of, or be distributed to, a director, officer, or member during the life of the charter granted by this chapter. This subsection does not prevent the payment of reasonable compensation to an officer or reimbursement for actual necessary expenses in amounts approved by the board of directors.

(c) LOANS.—The corporation may not make a loan to a director, officer, or employee.

(d) CLAIM OF GOVERNMENTAL APPROVAL OR AUTHORITY.—The corporation may not claim congressional approval or the authority of the United States Government for any of its activities.

§ 110108. Duty to maintain corporate and tax-exempt status

(a) CORPORATE STATUS.—The corporation shall maintain its status as a corporation incorporated under the laws of New York.

(b) TAX-EXEMPT STATUS.—The corporation shall maintain its status as an organization

exempt from taxation under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (26 U.S.C. 1 et seq.).

§ 110109. Records and inspection

(a) RECORDS.—The corporation shall keep—

(1) correct and complete records of account;

(2) minutes of the proceedings of its members, board of directors, and committees having any of the authority of its board of directors; and

(3) at its principal office, a record of the names and addresses of its members entitled to vote.

(b) INSPECTION.—A member entitled to vote, or an agent or attorney of the member, may inspect the records of the corporation for any proper purpose, at any reasonable time.

§ 110110. Service of process

The corporation shall comply with the law on service of process of each State in which it is incorporated and each State in which it carries on activities.

§ 110111. Liability for acts of officers and agents

The corporation is liable for the acts of its officers and agents acting within the scope of their authority.

§ 110112. Annual report

The corporation shall submit an annual report to Congress on the activities of the corporation during the prior fiscal year. The report shall be submitted at the same time as the report of the audit required by section 10101 of this title. The report may not be printed as a public document.

CHAPTER 1103—JEWISH WAR VETERANS, U.S.A., NATIONAL MEMORIAL, INCORPORATED

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§ 110301. Organization

(a) FEDERAL CHARTER.—Jewish War Veterans, U.S.A., National Memorial, Incorporated (in this chapter, the "corporation"), is a federally chartered corporation.

(b) PLACE OF INCORPORATION AND DOMICILE.—The corporation is declared to be a nonprofit corporation incorporated and domiciled in the District of Columbia.

(c) PERPETUAL EXISTENCE.—Except as otherwise provided, the corporation has perpetual existence.

§ 110302. Purposes

The purposes of the corporation are—

(1) to maintain and conduct a national memorial and museum dedicated to and commemorating the service and sacrifice by Americans of the Jewish faith in the armed forces of the United States during the period of war;

(2) to gather, collate, edit, publish, and exhibit memorabilia, information, records, military awards, decorations, citations, and similar items, to preserve the memories and records of patriotic service performed by men and women of the Jewish faith while in the armed forces of the United States in time of war; and

(3) to stimulate patriotism in the minds of all Americans by encouraging the study of the military and naval history of the United States.

§ 110303. Governing body

(a) BOARD OF DIRECTORS.—(1) The board of directors is the governing body of the corporation. Between meetings of the corporation, the board is responsible for the general policies and program of the corporation. The board is responsible for the control of all funds of the corporation.

(2) The number of directors, their manner of selection (including the filling of vacancies), and their term of office are as provided in the constitution and bylaws of the corporation. However, the board shall have at least 36 directors.

(b) OFFICERS.—(1) The officers of the corporation are a president, one or more vice presidents as provided in the constitution and bylaws, a secretary, and a treasurer.

(2) The manner of election, term of office, and duties of the officers are as provided in the constitution and bylaws.

§ 110304. Powers

The corporation may—

(1) adopt and amend a constitution and bylaws for the management of its property and the regulation of its affairs;

(2) adopt and alter a corporate seal;

(3) make contracts;

(4) acquire, own, lease, encumber, and transfer property as necessary or convenient to carry out the purposes of the corporation;

(5) borrow money, issue instruments of indebtedness, and secure its obligations by granting security interests in its property; and

(6) sue and be sued.

§ 110305. Restrictions

(a) STOCK AND DIVIDENDS.—The corporation may not issue stock or declare or pay a dividend.

(b) POLITICAL ACTIVITIES.—The corporation or a director or officer as such may not contribute to, support, or assist a political party or candidate for public office.

(c) DISTRIBUTION OF INCOME OR ASSETS.—The income or assets of the corporation may not inure to the benefit of, or be distributed to, a director or officer. This subsection does not prevent the payment of compensation to an officer or employee in an amount approved by the executive committee of the corporation.

(d) LOANS.—The corporation may not make a loan to a director, officer, or employee. Directors who vote for or assent to making a loan to a director, officer, or employee, and officers who participate in making the loan, are jointly and severally liable to the corporation for the amount of the loan until it is repaid.

§ 110306. Principal office

The principal office of the corporation shall be in the District of Columbia. However, the activities of the corporation are not confined to the District of Columbia but may be conducted throughout the States, territories, and possessions of the United States.

§ 110307. Records and inspection

(a) RECORDS.—The corporation shall keep—

(1) correct and complete records of account;

(2) minutes of the proceedings of its members, board of directors, and committees having any of the authority of its board of directors; and

(3) at its principal office, a record of the names and addresses of its members entitled to vote.

(b) INSPECTION.—A member entitled to vote, or an agent or attorney of the member, may inspect the records of the corporation for any proper purpose, at any reasonable time.

§ 110308. Service of process

The corporation shall have a designated agent in its headquarters in the District of Columbia to receive service of process for the corporation. Notice to or service on the agent, or mailed to the headquarters of the corporation in the District of Columbia, is notice to or service on the corporation.

§ 110309. Liability for acts of officers and agents

The corporation is liable for the acts of its officers and agents acting within the scope of their authority.

§ 110310. Distribution of assets on dissolution or final liquidation

On dissolution or final liquidation of the corporation, any assets remaining after the discharge of all liabilities shall be distributed as provided by the board of directors, but in compliance with the constitution and bylaws of the corporation. This section does not allow assets to be distributed to an officer or employee or to inure to the benefit of a private person.

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CHAPTER 1301—LADIES OF THE GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC

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§ 130101. Organization

(a) FEDERAL CHARTER.—Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic (in this chapter, the "corporation") is a federally chartered corporation.

(b) PLACE OF INCORPORATION AND DOMICILE.—The corporation is declared to be incorporated and domiciled in the District of Columbia.

(c) PERPETUAL EXISTENCE.—Except as otherwise provided, the corporation has perpetual existence.

§ 130102. Purposes

The purposes of the corporation are—

(1) to perpetuate the memory of the Grand Army of the Republic and of the men who saved the Union in 1861 to 1865;

(2) to assist in every practicable way in preserving, and making available for research, documents and records pertaining to the Grand Army of the Republic and its members;

(3) to cooperate in doing honor to all those who have served our country patriotically in any way;

(4) to teach patriotism, the duties of citizenship, the true history of our country, and the love and honor of our flag;

(5) to oppose every tendency or movement that would weaken loyalty to, destroy, or impair our constitutional Union; and

(6) to inculcate and broadly sustain the American principles of representative government, equal rights, and impartial justice for all.

§ 130103. Membership

(a) ELIGIBILITY.—(1) Except as provided in this chapter, eligibility for membership in the corporation and the rights, privileges, and designation of classes of members are as provided in the constitution and bylaws of the corporation.

(2) Eligibility for membership is limited to female blood relatives of an individual who—

(A) served at any time during the period April 12, 1861, through April 9, 1865, as a soldier or sailor in—

(i) the United States Army, Navy, Marine Corps, or Revenue-Cutter Service; or

(ii) a State regiment that was called into active service and was subject to orders of United States general officers during that period; and

(B) was honorably discharged from, or died in, that service.

(b) VOTING.—Each member has one vote on each matter submitted to a vote at a meeting of the members.

§ 130104. Governing body

(a) NATIONAL CONVENTION.—(1) The national convention is the supreme governing authority of the corporation.

(2) The national convention is composed of officers and elected representatives from the States and other local subdivisions of the corporation as provided in the constitution and bylaws. However, the form of government of the corporation must be representative of the membership at large and may not permit concentration of control in a limited number of members or in a self-perpetuating group not representative of the membership at large.

(3) The meetings of the national convention may be held in the District of Columbia or in any State, territory, or possession of the United States.

(b) OFFICERS.—The titles, manner of selection, term of office, and duties of the officers are as provided in the constitution and bylaws of the corporation.

§ 130105. Powers

The corporation may—

(1) adopt and amend a constitution and bylaws for the management of its property and the regulation of its affairs;

(2) adopt and alter a corporate seal;

(3) choose officers, managers, agents, and employees as the activities of the corporation require;

(4) make contracts;

(5) acquire, own, lease, encumber, and transfer property as necessary or convenient to carry out the purposes of the corporation;

(6) borrow money, issue instruments of indebtedness, and secure its obligations by granting security interests in its property;

(7) sue and be sued; and

(8) do any other act necessary and proper to carry out the purposes of the corporation.

§ 130106. Exclusive right to name, seals, emblems, and badges

The corporation and its subordinate divisions have the exclusive right to use the name "Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic". The corporation has the exclusive right to use and to allow others to use seals, emblems, and badges the corporation adopts.

§ 130107. Restrictions

(a) STOCK AND DIVIDENDS.—The corporation may not issue stock or declare or pay a dividend.

(b) POLITICAL ACTIVITIES.—The corporation or an officer or agent as such may not contribute to a political party or candidate for public office.

(c) DISTRIBUTION OF INCOME OR ASSETS.—The income or assets of the corporation may not inure to the benefit of, or be distributed to, an officer or member during the life of the corporation or on its dissolution or final liquidation. This subsection does not prevent the payment of compensation to an officer or reimbursement for actual necessary expenses in amounts approved by the council of administration of the corporation.

(d) LOANS.—The corporation may not make a loan or advance to an officer or employee. Members of the council of administration who vote for or assent to making a loan or advance to an officer or employee, and officers who participate in making the loan or advance, are jointly and severally liable to the corporation for the amount of the loan or advance until it is repaid.

§ 130108. Principal office

The principal office of the corporation shall be in the District of Columbia or another place decided by the corporation. However, the activities of the corporation are not confined to the place where the principal office is located but may be conducted throughout the States, territories, and possessions of the United States.

§ 130109. Records and inspection

(a) RECORDS.—The corporation shall keep—

(1) correct and complete records of account; and

(2) minutes of the proceedings of its national conventions and council of administration.

(b) INSPECTION.—A member, or an agent or attorney of the member, may inspect the records of the corporation for any proper purpose, at any reasonable time.

§ 130110. Service of process

The corporation shall have a designated agent in the District of Columbia to receive service of process for the corporation. Notice to or service on the agent, or mailed to the business address of the agent, is notice to or service on the corporation.

§ 130111. Liability for acts of officers and agents

The corporation is liable for the acts of its officers and agents acting within the scope of their authority.

§ 130112. Annual report

Not later than March 1 of each year, the corporation shall submit a report to Congress on the activities of the corporation during the prior fiscal year. The report may consist of a report on the proceedings of the national convention. The report may not be printed as a public document.

§ 130113. Distribution of assets on dissolution or final liquidation

On dissolution or final liquidation of the corporation, any assets remaining after the discharge of all liabilities shall be distributed as provided by the council of administration, but in compliance with the constitution and bylaws of the corporation.

CHAPTER 1303—LEGION OF VALOR OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, INCORPORATED

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§ 130301. Organization

(a) FEDERAL CHARTER.—Legion of Valor of the United States of America, Incorporated (in this chapter, the "corporation"), is a federally chartered corporation.

(b) PLACE OF INCORPORATION AND DOMICILE.—The corporation is declared to be incorporated and domiciled in the District of Columbia.

(c) PERPETUAL EXISTENCE.—Except as otherwise provided, the corporation has perpetual existence.

(d) REFERENCES TO ARMY AND NAVY LEGION OF VALOR OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, INCORPORATED.—Any reference to the Army and Navy Legion of Valor of the United States of America, Incorporated, is deemed to refer to the Legion of Valor of the United States of America, Incorporated.

§ 130302. Principles and purposes

(a) PRINCIPLES.—The principles underlying the corporation are patriotic allegiance to the United States of America, fidelity to the constitution and law of the United States, the security of civil liberty, and the permanence of free institutions.

(b) PURPOSES.—The purposes of the corporation are—

(1) to cherish the memories of the valiant deeds in arms for which the Congressional Medal of Honor, the Distinguished Service Cross, the Navy Cross, and the Air Force Cross are the insignia;

(2) to promote true fellowship among its members;

(3) to advance the best interests of members of the armed forces of the United States of America;

(4) to extend all possible relief to needy members of the corporation and their widows and children; and

(5) to stimulate patriotism in the minds of our youth by encouraging the study of the patriotic, military, and naval history of our Nation.

§ 130303. Membership

(a) ELIGIBILITY.—An individual is eligible for active membership in the corporation if the individual—

(1) is of good moral character; and

(2) has received a Congressional Medal of Honor, a Distinguished Service Cross, a Navy Cross, or an Air Force Cross awarded for acts of extraordinary heroism in connection with military or naval operations against an armed enemy, or for heroism of a specially distinguished character, as a member of the armed forces of the United States or any foreign country.

(b) EXTENSION OF ELIGIBILITY TO PARENTS AND DESCENDANTS.—The corporation may extend eligibility for membership, either active or associate, to parents and lineal descendants of an individual described in subsection (a) of this section on terms provided in its constitution and bylaws.

(c) VOTING.—Each member (except an associate member) has one vote on each matter submitted to a vote at a meeting of the members.

§ 130304. Governing body

(a) BOARD OF DIRECTORS.—(1) The board of directors is the governing body of the corporation. Between meetings of the corporation, the board is responsible for the general policies and program of the corporation. The board is responsible for all funds of the corporation.

(2) The number of directors, their manner of selection (including the filling of vacancies), and their term of office are as provided in the constitution and bylaws of the corporation. However, the board shall have at least 10 directors.

(b) OFFICERS.—(1) The officers of the corporation are a commander, a senior vice commander, a junior vice commander, a chaplain, an adjutant and quartermaster, a judge advocate, an inspector, a surgeon, a historian, and any aides-de-camp provided in the constitution and bylaws.

(2) The manner of election, term of office, and duties of the officers are as provided in the constitution and bylaws.

§ 130305. Powers

The corporation may—

(1) adopt and amend a constitution and bylaws for the management of its property and the regulation of its affairs;

(2) adopt and alter a corporate seal;

(3) make contracts;

(4) acquire, own, lease, encumber, and transfer property as necessary or convenient to carry out the purposes of the corporation;

(5) borrow money, issue instruments of indebtedness, and secure its obligations by granting security interests in its property;

(6) charge and collect membership dues; and

(7) sue and be sued.

§ 130306. Restrictions

(a) STOCK AND DIVIDENDS.—The corporation may not issue stock or declare or pay a dividend.

(b) POLITICAL ACTIVITIES.—The corporation or a director or officer as such may not contribute to, support, or assist a political party or candidate for public office.

(c) DISTRIBUTION OF INCOME OR ASSETS.—The income or assets of the corporation may not inure to the benefit of, or be distributed to, a director, officer, or member except on dissolution or final liquidation of the corporation. This subsection does not prevent the payment of compensation to an officer in an amount approved by the executive committee of the corporation.

(d) LOANS.—The corporation may not make a loan to a director, officer, or employee. Directors who vote for or assent to making a loan to a director, officer, or employee, and officers who participate in making the loan, are jointly and severally liable to the corporation for the amount of the loan until it is repaid.

§ 130307. Principal office

The principal office of the corporation shall be in a place decided by the board of directors. However, the activities of the corporation are not confined to the place where the principal office is located but may be conducted throughout the States, territories, and possessions of the United States.

§ 130308. Records and inspection

(a) RECORDS.—The corporation shall keep—

(1) correct and complete records of account;

(2) minutes of the proceedings of its members, board of directors, and committees having any of the authority of its board of directors; and

(3) at its principal office, a record of the names and addresses of its members entitled to vote.

(b) INSPECTION.—A member entitled to vote, or an agent or attorney of the member, may inspect the records of the corporation for any proper purpose, at any reasonable time.

§ 130309. Service of process

The corporation shall have a designated agent in the District of Columbia to receive service of process for the corporation. Notice to or service on the agent, or mailed to the business address of the agent, is notice to or service on the corporation.

§ 130310. Liability for acts of officers and agents

The corporation is liable for the acts of its officers and agents acting within the scope of their authority.

§ 130311. Distribution of assets on dissolution or final liquidation

On dissolution or final liquidation of the corporation, any assets remaining after the discharge of all liabilities shall be distributed as provided by the board of directors, but in compliance with the constitution and bylaws of the corporation.

CHAPTER 1305—LITTLE LEAGUE BASEBALL, INCORPORATED

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§ 130501. Organization

(a) FEDERAL CHARTER.—Little League Baseball, Incorporated (in this chapter, the "corporation"), is a federally chartered corporation.

(b) PERPETUAL EXISTENCE.—Except as otherwise provided, the corporation has perpetual existence.

§ 130502. Purposes

The purposes of the corporation are—

(1) to promote, develop, supervise, and voluntarily assist in all lawful ways the interest of young people who participate in Little League baseball;

(2) to help and voluntarily assist young people in developing qualities of citizenship and sportsmanship; and

(3) using the disciplines of the native American game of baseball, to teach spirit and competitive will to win, physical fitness through individual sacrifice, the values of team play, and wholesome well being through healthy social association with other youngsters under proper leadership.

§ 130503. Membership

(a) ELIGIBILITY.—Except as provided in this chapter, eligibility for membership in the corporation and the rights and privileges of members are as provided in the constitution and bylaws of the corporation.

(b) VOTING.—Each member (except an honorary or associate member) has one vote on each matter submitted to a vote at a meeting of the members.

§ 130504. Governing body

(a) BOARD OF DIRECTORS.—(1) The board of directors is the governing body of the corporation. Between meetings of the corporation, the board is responsible for the general policies and program of the corporation. The board is responsible for the control of all funds of the corporation.

(2) The number of directors, their manner of selection (including the filling of vacancies), and their term of office are as provided in the constitution and bylaws of the corporation. However, the board shall have at least 13 directors.

(b) OFFICERS.—(1) The officers of the corporation are a chairman of the board of directors, a president, a vice president, and a secretary-treasurer. Their duties are as provided in the constitution and bylaws of the corporation.

(2) The officers shall be elected annually at the annual meeting of the corporation.

§ 130505. Powers

The corporation may—

(1) adopt and amend a constitution and bylaws for the management of its property and the regulation of its affairs;

(2) adopt and alter a corporate seal;

(3) adopt, alter, and display seals, emblems, and badges;

(4) choose directors, officers, trustees, managers, employees, and agents as the activities of the corporation require;

(5) make contracts;

(6) acquire, own, lease, encumber, and transfer property as necessary or convenient to carry out the purposes of the corporation;

(7) borrow money, issue instruments of indebtedness, and secure its obligations by granting security interests in its property;

(8) charge and collect membership dues and subscription fees;

(9) sue and be sued; and

(10) do any other act necessary or desirable to carry out the purposes of the corporation.

§ 130506. Exclusive right to name and emblems

The corporation has the exclusive right to use and to allow others to use the names "Little League" and "Little Leaguer" and the official Little League emblem or any colorable simulation of that emblem. This section does not affect any vested rights.

§ 130507. Restrictions

(a) STOCK AND DIVIDENDS.—The corporation may not issue stock or declare or pay a dividend.

(b) POLITICAL ACTIVITIES.—The corporation or a director, officer, or agent as such may not contribute to, support, or assist any political party or candidate for office.

(c) DISTRIBUTION OF INCOME OR ASSETS.—The income and assets of the corporation may not inure to the benefit of, or be distributed to, a director, officer, or member during the life of the corporation or on its dissolution or final liquidation. This subsection does not prevent the payment of reasonable compensation to an officer in an amount approved by the board of directors.

(d) LOANS.—The corporation may not make a loan to a director, officer, or employee. Directors who vote for or assent to making a loan to a director, officer, or employee, and officers who participate in making the loan, are jointly and severally liable to the corporation for the amount of the loan until it is repaid.

§ 130508. Principal office

The principal office of the corporation shall be in Williamsport, Pennsylvania, or another place decided by the board of directors. However, the activities of the corporation may be conducted throughout the world.

§ 130509. Records and inspection

(a) RECORDS.—The corporation shall keep—

(1) correct and complete records of account;

(2) minutes of the proceedings of its members, board of directors, and committees having any of the authority of its board of directors; and

(3) at its principal office, a record of the names and addresses of its members entitled to vote.

(b) INSPECTION.—A member entitled to vote, or an agent or attorney of the member,

may inspect the records of the corporation for any proper purpose, at any reasonable time.

§ 130510. Statement required in audit report

The corporation shall include in the audit report statement required under section 10101(b)(1)(B) of this title a schedule of all contracts requiring payments greater than $10,000 and all payments of compensation or fees at a rate greater than $10,000 a year.

§ 130511. Service of process

The corporation shall have a designated agent in the District of Columbia to receive service of process for the corporation. Notice to or service on the agent, or mailed to the business address of the agent, is notice to or service on the corporation.

§ 130512. Liability for acts of officers and agents

The corporation is liable for the acts of its officers and agents acting within the scope of their authority.

§ 130513. Distribution of assets on dissolution or final liquidation

On dissolution or final liquidation of the corporation, any assets remaining after the discharge of all liabilities shall be distributed as provided by the board of directors, but consistent with the purposes of the corporation and in compliance with the constitution and bylaws of the corporation.

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§ 140101. Organization

(a) FEDERAL CHARTER.—Marine Corps League (in this chapter, the "corporation") is a federally chartered corporation.

(b) PERPETUAL EXISTENCE.—Except as otherwise provided, the corporation has perpetual existence.

§ 140102. Purposes

The purposes of the corporation are—

(1) to preserve the traditions and to promote the interests of the United States Marine Corps;

(2) to band those who, on August 4, 1937, were serving in the United States Marine Corps and those who have been honorably discharged from that service together in fellowship that they may effectively promote the ideals of American freedom and democracy;

(3) to fit its members for the duties of citizenship and to encourage them to serve as ably as citizens as they have served the Nation under arms;

(4) to hold sacred the history and memory of the men who have given their lives to the Nation;

(5) to foster love for the principles which they have supported by blood and valor since the founding of the Republic;

(6) to maintain true allegiance to American institutions;

(7) to create a bond of comradeship between those in service and those who have returned to civil life;

(8) to aid voluntarily and to render assistance to all marines and former marines as well as to their widows and orphans; and

(9) to perpetuate the history of the United States Marine Corps and by fitting acts to observe the anniversaries of historical occasions of peculiar interest to marines.

§ 140103. Powers

The corporation may—

(1) adopt and amend bylaws;

(2) adopt and alter a corporate seal;

(3) appoint or elect officers and agents;

(4) choose a board of trustees, consisting of at least 5 but not more than 15 individuals, to conduct the business and exercise the powers of the corporation;

(5) establish and maintain offices to conduct its activities;

(6) acquire, own, lease, encumber, and transfer property as necessary or appropriate to carry out the purposes of the corporation;

(7) charge and collect membership dues and receive contributions of money or property to be devoted to carrying out the purposes of the corporation;

(8) sue and be sued; and

(9) do any other act necessary or appropriate to carry out the purposes of the corporation.

§ 140104. Annual report

Not later than December 1 of each year, the corporation shall submit a report to Congress on the activities of the corporation during the prior calendar year. The report may not be printed as a public document.

CHAPTER 1403—THE MILITARY CHAPLAINS ASSOCIATION OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

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(a) FEDERAL CHARTER.—The Military Chaplains Association of the United States of America (in this chapter, the "corporation") is a federally chartered corporation.

(b) PERPETUAL EXISTENCE.—Except as otherwise provided, the corporation has perpetual existence.

§ 140302. Purposes

The purposes of the corporation are—

(1) to safeguard and strengthen the forces of faith and morality of our Nation;

(2) to perpetuate and deepen the bonds of understanding and friendship of our military service;

(3) to preserve our spiritual influence and interest in all members and veterans of the armed forces;

(4) to uphold the Constitution of the United States; and

(5) to promote justice, peace, and good will.

§ 140303. Powers

The corporation may—

(1) make its own organization, including its constitution, bylaws, and regulations;

(2) adopt and alter a corporate seal;

(3) establish and maintain offices to conduct its activities;

(4) appoint or elect officers and agents;

(5) authorize the executive committee to conduct the business and exercise the powers of the corporation;

(6) acquire, own, lease, encumber, and transfer property as necessary or appropriate to carry out the purposes of the corporation;

(7) publish a magazine and other publications;

(8) charge and collect membership dues and subscription fees;

(9) sue and be sued; and

(10) do any other act necessary or appropriate to carry out the purposes of the corporation.

§ 140304. Exclusive right to name

The corporation and its area, State, and local chapters have the exclusive right to use the name "The Military Chaplains Association of the United States of America".

§ 140305. Annual report

Not later than September 1 of each year, the corporation shall submit a report to Congress on the activities of the corporation during the prior calendar year. The report may not be printed as a public document.

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§ 140501. Organization

(a) FEDERAL CHARTER.—Military Order of the Purple Heart of the United States of America, Incorporated (in this chapter, the "corporation"), is a federally chartered corporation.

(b) PLACE OF INCORPORATION AND DOMICILE.—The corporation is declared to be incorporated and domiciled in the District of Columbia.

(c) PERPETUAL EXISTENCE.—Except as otherwise provided, the corporation has perpetual existence.

§ 140502. Principles and purposes

(a) PRINCIPLES.—The principles underlying the corporation are patriotic allegiance to the United States, fidelity to the Constitution and laws of the United States, the security of civil liberty, and the permanence of free institutions.

(b) PURPOSES.—The purposes of the corporation are educational, fraternal, historical, and patriotic, perpetuating the principles of liberty and justice which have created the United States, by—

(1) commemorating all national patriotic holidays;

(2) maintaining true allegiance to the Government of the United States and fidelity to its Constitution and laws;

(3) preserving and strengthening comradeship and patriotism among its members;

(4) assisting, comforting, and aiding all needy and distressed members and their dependents;

(5) giving needed hospital and service work through its Department of Veterans Affairs certified service officers;

(6) cooperating with other civic and patriotic organizations having worthy objectives;

(7) keeping alive the achievements and memory of our country's founders;

(8) ever cherishing the memory of General George Washington, who founded the Purple Heart at his headquarters at Newburgh-on-the-Hudson on August 7, 1782;

(9) influencing and teaching our citizenry, in a loyal appreciation of the heritages of American citizenship, with its responsibilities and privileges; and

(10) preserving and defending the United States from all enemies.

§ 140503. Membership

(a) ACTIVE MEMBERS.—An individual is eligible for active membership in the corporation if the individual—

(1) is of good moral character; and

(2) has received the Purple Heart for wounds received as a member, of any rank, of the armed forces of the United States or any foreign country during military or naval combat against an armed enemy of the United States.

(b) ASSOCIATE MEMBERS.—The corporation may extend eligibility for membership as associate members to parents and lineal descendants of an individual described in subsection (a) of this section on terms provided in its constitution and bylaws.

(c) VOTING.—Each member described in subsection (a) of this section has one vote on each matter submitted to a vote at a meeting of the members.

§ 140504. Governing body

(a) BOARD OF DIRECTORS.—(1) The board of directors is the governing body of the corporation. Between meetings of the corporation, the board is responsible for the general policies and program of the corporation. The board is responsible for all funds of the corporation.

(2) The number of directors, their manner of selection (including the filling of vacancies), and their term of office are as provided in the constitution and bylaws of the corporation. However, the board shall have at least 18 directors.

(b) OFFICERS.—(1) The officers of the corporation are a commander, a senior vice commander, a chaplain, an adjutant, a finance officer, a judge advocate, an inspector, a surgeon, a historian, and other elected officers as provided in the constitution and bylaws.

(2) The manner of election, term of office, and duties of the officers are as provided in the constitution and bylaws.

§ 140505. Powers

The corporation may—

(1) adopt and amend a constitution and bylaws for the management of its property and the regulation of its affairs;

(2) adopt and alter a corporate seal;

(3) make contracts;

(4) acquire, own, lease, encumber, and transfer property as necessary or convenient to carry out the purposes of the corporation;

(5) borrow money, issue instruments of indebtedness, and secure its obligations by granting security interests in its property;

(6) charge and collect membership dues; and

(7) sue and be sued.

§ 140506. Restrictions

(a) STOCK AND DIVIDENDS.—The corporation may not issue stock or declare or pay a dividend.

(b) POLITICAL ACTIVITIES.—The corporation or a director or officer as such may not contribute to, support, or assist a political party or candidate for public office.

(c) DISTRIBUTION OF INCOME OR ASSETS.—The income or assets of the corporation may not inure to the benefit of, or be distributed to, a director, officer, or member except on dissolution or final liquidation of the corporation. This subsection does not prevent the payment of compensation to an officer in an amount approved by the executive committee of the corporation.

(d) LOANS.—The corporation may not make a loan to a director, officer, or employee. Directors who vote for or assent to making a loan to a director, officer, or employee, and officers who participate in making the loan, are jointly and severally liable to the corporation for the amount of the loan until it is repaid.

§ 140507. Principal office

The principal office of the corporation shall be in the District of Columbia or another place decided by the national executive board. However, the activities of the corporation are not confined to the place where the principal office is located but may be conducted throughout the States, territories, and possessions of the United States.

§ 140508. Records and inspection

(a) RECORDS.—The corporation shall keep—

(1) correct and complete records of account;

(2) minutes of the proceedings of its members, board of directors, and committees having any of the authority of its board of directors; and

(3) at its principal office, a record of the names and addresses of its members entitled to vote.

(b) INSPECTION.—A member entitled to vote, or an agent or attorney of the member, may inspect the records of the corporation for any proper purpose, at any reasonable time.

§ 140509. Liability for acts of officers and agents

The corporation is liable for the acts of its officers and agents acting within the scope of their authority.

§ 140510. Service of process

The corporation shall have a designated agent in the District of Columbia to receive service of process for the corporation. Notice to or service on the agent, or mailed to the business address of the agent, is notice to or service on the corporation.

§ 140511. Distribution of assets on dissolution or final liquidation

On dissolution or final liquidation of the corporation, any assets remaining after the discharge of all liabilities shall be distributed as provided by the board of directors, but in compliance with the constitution and bylaws of the corporation.

CHAPTER 1407—MILITARY ORDER OF THE WORLD WARS

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§ 140701. Definition

For purposes of this chapter, "State" includes the District of Columbia and the territories and possessions of the United States.

§ 140702. Organization

(a) FEDERAL CHARTER.—Military Order of the World Wars (in this chapter, the "corporation"), a nonprofit corporation incorporated in the District of Columbia, is a federally chartered corporation.

(b) EXPIRATION OF CHARTER.—The charter granted by this chapter expires if the corporation fails to comply with any provision of—

(1) its bylaws or articles of incorporation;

(2) this chapter; or

(3) the laws of the District of Columbia that apply to corporations such as the corporation recognized under this chapter.

§ 140703. Purposes

The purposes of the corporation are as provided in the articles of incorporation and bylaws and include—

(1) promoting military service associations;

(2) promoting patriotic education and military, naval, and air science;

(3) defending the honor and integrity of the United States Government and the Constitution;

(4) fostering fraternal relations among all branches of the armed forces;

(5) encouraging the adoption of a suitable policy of national security; and

(6) encouraging the commemoration of military service and the establishment of war memorials.

§ 140704. Membership

(a) ELIGIBILITY.—Except as provided in this chapter, eligibility for membership in the corporation and the rights and privileges of members are as provided in the articles of incorporation and bylaws.

(b) NONDISCRIMINATION.—The terms of membership may not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, disability, age, or national origin.

§ 140705. Governing body

(a) BOARD OF DIRECTORS.—The board of directors and the responsibilities of the board are as provided in the articles of incorporation.

(b) OFFICERS.—The officers and the election of officers are as provided in the articles of incorporation.

(c) NONDISCRIMINATION.—The requirements for serving as a director or officer may not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, disability, age, or national origin.

§ 140706. Powers

The corporation has only the powers provided in its bylaws and articles of incorporation filed in the State in which it is incorporated.

§ 140707. Restrictions

(a) STOCK AND DIVIDENDS.—The corporation may not issue stock or declare or pay a dividend.

(b) DISTRIBUTION OF INCOME OR ASSETS.—The income or assets of the corporation may not inure to the benefit of, or be distributed to, a director, officer, or member during the life of the charter granted by this chapter. This subsection does not prevent the payment of reasonable compensation to an officer or reimbursement for actual necessary expenses in amounts approved by the board of directors.

(c) LOANS.—The corporation may not make a loan to a director, officer, or employee.

(d) CLAIM OF GOVERNMENTAL APPROVAL OR AUTHORIZATION.—The corporation may not claim congressional approval or the authority of the United States Government for any of its activities.

§ 140708. Duty to maintain tax-exempt status

The corporation shall maintain its status as an organization exempt from taxation under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (26 U.S.C. 1 et seq.).

§ 140709. Records and inspection

(a) RECORDS.—The corporation shall keep—

(1) correct and complete records of account;

(2) minutes of the proceedings of its members, board of directors, and committees having any of the authority of its board of directors; and

(3) at its principal office, a record of the names and addresses of its members entitled to vote.

(b) INSPECTION.—A member entitled to vote, or an agent or attorney of the member, may inspect the records of the corporation

for any proper purpose, at any reasonable time.

§ 140710. Service of process

The corporation shall comply with the law on service of process of each State in which it is incorporated and each State in which it carries on activities.

§ 140711. Liability for acts of officers and agents

The corporation is liable for the acts of its officers and agents acting within the scope of their authority.

§ 140712. Annual report

The corporation shall submit an annual report to Congress on the activities of the corporation during the prior fiscal year. The report shall be submitted at the same time as the report of the audit required by section 10101 of this title. The report may not be printed as a public document.

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§ 150101. Definition

For purposes of this chapter, "State" includes the District of Columbia and the territories and possessions of the United States.

§ 150102. Organization

(a) FEDERAL CHARTER.—National Academy of Public Administration (in this chapter, the "corporation"), incorporated in the District of Columbia, is a federally chartered corporation.

(b) EXPIRATION OF CHARTER.—If the corporation does not comply with any provision of this chapter, the charter granted by this chapter expires.

§ 150103. Purposes

The purposes of the corporation are as provided in the articles of incorporation and include—

(1) evaluating the structure, administration, operation, and program performance of Federal and other governments and government agencies, anticipating, identifying, and analyzing significant problems, and suggesting timely corrective action;

(2) foreseeing and examining critical emerging issues in governance, and formulating practical approaches to their resolution;

(3) assessing the effectiveness, structure, administration, and implications for governance of present or proposed public programs, policies, and processes, and recommending specific changes;

(4) advising on the relationship of Federal, State, regional, and local governments, and increasing public officials', citizens', and scholars' understanding of requirements and opportunities for sound governance and how these can be effectively met; and

(5) demonstrating by the conduct of its affairs a commitment to the highest professional standards of ethics and scholarship.

§ 150104. Services to United States Government

On request of the United States Government, the corporation shall investigate, examine, experiment, and report on any subject of government. The actual expense of the investigation, examination, experimentation, and report shall be paid by the Government from appropriations available for that purpose.

§ 150105. Membership

Eligibility for membership in the corporation and the rights and privileges of members are as provided in the bylaws.

§ 150106. Governing body

(a) BOARD OF DIRECTORS.—The board of directors and the responsibilities of the board are as provided in the articles of incorporation.

(b) OFFICERS.—The officers and the election of officers are as provided in the articles of incorporation.

§ 150107. Powers

The corporation has only the powers provided in its bylaws and articles of incorporation filed in each State in which it is incorporated.

§ 150108. Restrictions

(a) STOCK AND DIVIDENDS.—The corporation may not issue stock or declare or pay a dividend.

(b) POLITICAL ACTIVITIES.—The corporation or a director or officer as such may not contribute to, support, or participate in any political activity or in any manner attempt to influence legislation.

(c) DISTRIBUTION OF INCOME OR ASSETS.—The income or assets of the corporation may not inure to the benefit of, or be distributed to, a director, officer, or member during the life of the charter granted by this chapter. This subsection does not prevent the payment of reasonable compensation to an officer or member in an amount approved by the board of directors.

(d) LOANS.—The corporation may not make a loan to a director, officer, or employee.

(e) CLAIM OF GOVERNMENTAL APPROVAL OR AUTHORIZATION.—Except by agreement, the corporation may not claim congressional approval or the authority of the United States Government for any of its activities.

§ 150109. Duty to maintain corporate and tax-exempt status

(a) CORPORATE STATUS.—The corporation shall maintain its status as a corporation incorporated under the laws of the District of Columbia.

(b) TAX-EXEMPT STATUS.—The corporation shall maintain its status as an organization exempt from taxation under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (26 U.S.C. 1 et seq.).

§ 150110. Records and inspection

(a) RECORDS.—The corporation shall keep—

(1) correct and complete records of account;

(2) minutes of the proceedings of its members, board of directors, and committees having any of the authority of its board of directors; and

(3) at its principal office, a record of the names and addresses of its members entitled to vote.

(b) INSPECTION.—A member entitled to vote, or an agent or attorney of the member, may inspect the records of the corporation for any proper purpose, at any reasonable time.

§ 150111. Service of process

The corporation shall comply with the law on service of process of each State in which it is incorporated and each State in which it carries on activities.

§ 150112. Liability for acts of officers and agents

The corporation is liable for the acts of its officers and agents acting within the scope of their authority.

§ 150113. Annual report

The corporation shall submit an annual report to Congress on the activities of the corporation during the prior fiscal year. The report shall be submitted at the same time as the report of the audit required by section 10101 of this title. The report may not be printed as a public document.

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§ 150301. Federal charter

National Academy of Sciences (in this chapter, the "corporation") is a federally chartered corporation.

§ 150302. Powers

(a) GENERAL.—The corporation may—

(1) make its own organization, including adopting a constitution, bylaws, and regulations;

(2) provide for the election of domestic and foreign members, their division into classes, and other matters needful or usual in such an institution;

(3) fill vacancies; and

(4) report its actions under this subsection to Congress.

(b) PROPERTY.—(1) The corporation may—

(A) receive property by devise, bequest, donation, or otherwise;

(B) hold the property absolutely or in trust;

(C) manage and invest the property as provided in the constitution of the corporation; and

(D) use the property and income from the property to carry out the purposes of the corporation, subject to instructions of donors.

(2) Congress at any time may limit the amount of real estate the corporation may acquire and the amount of time it may be held.

§ 150303. Services to United States Government

On request of the United States Government, the corporation shall investigate, examine, experiment, and report on any subject of science or art. The corporation may not receive compensation for services to the Government, but the actual expense of the investigation, examination, experimentation, and report shall be paid by the Government from an appropriation for that purpose.

§ 150304. Annual meeting

The corporation shall hold an annual meeting at a place designated by the corporation.

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§ 150501. Definition

For purposes of this chapter, "State" includes the District of Columbia.

§ 150502. Organization

(a) FEDERAL CHARTER.—National Conference of State Societies, Washington, District of Columbia (in this chapter, the "corporation"), is a federally chartered corporation.

(b) PERPETUAL EXISTENCE.—Except as otherwise provided, the corporation has perpetual existence.

§ 150503. Purposes

The purposes of the corporation are—

(1) to promote friendly and cooperative relations between the State and territorial societies in the District of Columbia;

(2) to foster, participate in, and encourage educational, cultural, charitable, civic, and patriotic programs and activities in the District of Columbia and surrounding communities; and

(3) to act as contact agent with States for carrying out State and national programs.

§ 150504. Membership

The membership of the corporation consists of the members of the State and territorial societies in the District of Columbia. Except as provided in this chapter, eligibility for membership in the corporation and the rights and privileges of members are as provided in the bylaws and regulations of the corporation.

§ 150505. Governing body

(a) BOARD OF REPRESENTATIVES.—(1) The board of representatives is the governing body of the corporation. The board shall exercise the powers granted to the corporation.

(2) The board consists of one representative from each State society and territorial society in the District of Columbia. Each member of the board has one vote.

(b) OFFICERS.—(1) The officers of the corporation are a president, a first vice president, a second vice president, a secretary, an assistant secretary, a treasurer, an assistant treasurer, a historian, and other officers designated by the board.

(2) The officers shall be elected by the board at an annual meeting and serve for a term of one year.

§ 150506. Powers

The corporation has the powers provided in its bylaws and articles of incorporation filed in the State in which it is incorporated, including the power to—

(1) adopt bylaws and regulations for the management of its property and the regulation of its affairs;

(2) adopt and alter a corporate seal;

(3) adopt emblems and badges;

(4) choose officers, managers, and agents as the activities of the corporation require;

(5) make contracts;

(6) acquire, own, lease, encumber, and transfer property as necessary to carry out the purposes of the corporation;

(7) borrow money, issue instruments of indebtedness, and secure its obligations by granting security interests in its property;

(8) publish a magazine, newspaper, and other publications consistent with the purposes of the corporation;

(9) sue and be sued; and

(10) do any other act necessary and proper to carry out the purposes of the corporation.

§ 150507. Exclusive right to name, seals, emblems, and badges

The corporation has the exclusive right to use the name "National Conference of State Societies, Washington, District of Columbia" and seals, emblems, and badges the corporation adopts.

§ 150508. Restrictions

(a) STOCK AND DIVIDENDS.—The corporation may not issue stock or declare or pay a dividend.

(b) POLITICAL ACTIVITIES.—The corporation or an officer or member as such may not contribute to, support, or assist a political party or candidate for elective public office. The corporation may not carry on propaganda.

(c) DISTRIBUTION OF INCOME OR ASSETS.—The income or assets of the corporation may not inure to the benefit of, or be distributed to, an officer or member except on dissolution or final liquidation of the corporation.

(d) LOANS.—The corporation may not make a loan or advance to an officer or member of the board of representatives. Officers and members of the board who vote for or assent to making a loan or advance to an officer or member of the board, and officers or members of the board who participate in making the loan or advance, are jointly and severally liable to the corporation for the amount of the loan or advance until it is repaid.

§ 150509. Headquarters and principal office

The headquarters and principal office of the corporation shall be in the District of Columbia. However, the activities of the corporation are not confined to the District of Columbia but may be conducted throughout the States, territories, and possessions of the United States.

§ 150510. Records and inspection

(a) RECORDS.—The corporation shall keep—

(1) correct and complete records of account;

(2) minutes of the proceedings of its members, board of representatives, and committees having any of the authority of its board of representatives; and

(3) at its principal office, a record of the names and addresses of its members entitled to vote.

(b) INSPECTION.—A member entitled to vote, or an agent or attorney of the member, may inspect the records of the corporation for any proper purpose, at any reasonable time.

§ 150511. Service of process

(a) DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.—The corporation shall have a designated agent in the District of Columbia to receive service of process for the corporation. Designation of the agent shall be filed in the office of the clerk of the United States District Court for the District of Columbia. Notice to or service on the agent, or mailed to the address of the agent, is notice to or service on the corporation.

(b) STATES.—As a condition to the exercise in any State of any power or privilege granted by this chapter, the corporation shall file, with secretary of state or other designated official of that State, the name and address of an agent in that State on whom legal process or demands against the corporation may be served.

§ 150512. Liability for acts of officers and agents

The corporation is liable for the acts of its officers and agents acting within the scope of their authority.

§ 150513. Distribution of assets on dissolution or final liquidation

On dissolution or final liquidation of the corporation, any assets remaining after the discharge of all liabilities shall be divided equally among the State and territorial societies in the District of Columbia.

CHAPTER 1507—NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON CITIZENSHIP

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§ 150701. Organization

(a) FEDERAL CHARTER.—National Conference on Citizenship (in this chapter, the "corporation") is a federally chartered corporation.

(b) PERPETUAL EXISTENCE.—Except as otherwise provided, the corporation has perpetual existence.

§ 150702. Purposes

The purposes of the corporation are—

(1) to hold an annual national conference on citizenship on or about "Citizenship Day", September 17;

(2) to assist in the development of more dynamic procedures for making citizenship more effective, including the promotion and encouragement of local, State, and regional citizenship conferences; and

(3) to indicate the ways and means by which various organizations may contribute concretely to the development of a more active, alert, enlightened, conscientious, and progressive citizenry in our country.

§ 150703. Membership

(a) ELIGIBILITY.—Membership in the corporation is confined to agencies and organizations. Except as provided in this chapter, the rights and privileges of members are as provided in the bylaws.

(b) VOTING.—Each agency or organization sending delegates to, and participating in, the annual national conference on citizenship has one vote in the conduct of the business of the conference.

§ 150704. National officers

(a) NATIONAL OFFICERS.—The national officers of the corporation are a president, a first vice president, a second vice president, a third vice president, a secretary, and a treasurer. The president is chairman of the board of directors and of the executive committee described in section 150705(d) of this title.

(b) ELECTION.—The national officers are elected biennially from among the officers and members of the member agencies and organizations participating in the annual national conference on citizenship, by a majority vote of the agencies and organizations sending delegates to, and participating in, the conference.

§ 150705. Board of directors

(a) GENERAL.—The board of directors is the governing body of the corporation. The board shall exercise the powers granted to the corporation.

(b) NUMBER AND ELECTION.—The number of directors and their term of office are as provided in the bylaws, except that the board shall have at least 10 members (including ex officio members). The directors are elected from among the officers and members of the member agencies and organizations participating in the annual national conference on citizenship, by a majority vote of the agencies and organizations sending delegates to, and participating in, the conference.

(c) MEETINGS.—The board shall hold an annual meeting at a time and place as may be provided in the bylaws. The annual report of the board shall be presented at the annual meeting. Special meetings of the board may be called as provided in the bylaws.

(d) EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.—The board shall designate 3 of its own members, who together with the president and the 3 vice presidents constitute the executive committee. When the board is not in session, the executive committee has the powers of the board subject to the board's direction and may authorize the seal of the corporation to be affixed to all papers that require it.

(e) EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND PROFESSIONAL STAFF.—The executive committee shall select an executive director for the corporation, who shall have the qualifications and terms of employment decided by the committee. The executive director shall nominate other professional staff members, who must be approved by the executive committee.

§ 150706. Powers

The corporation may—

(1) adopt and amend bylaws and regulations for the management of its property and the regulation of its affairs, including the establishment and maintenance of local and State conferences on citizenship;

(2) adopt and alter a corporate seal;

(3) adopt emblems and badges;

(4) choose officers, managers, employees, and agents as the activities of the corporation require;

(5) make contracts;

(6) acquire, own, lease, encumber, and transfer property as necessary to carry out the purposes of the corporation;

(7) borrow money, issue instruments of indebtedness, and secure its obligations by granting security interests in its property;

(8) use corporate funds to give prizes or awards to citizens for outstanding contributions toward the achievement of the purposes of the corporation;

(9) publish a magazine and other publications consistent with the purposes of the corporation;

(10) sue and be sued; and

(11) do any other act necessary and proper to carry out the purposes of the corporation.

§ 150707. Exclusive right to name, seals, emblems, and badges

The corporation has the exclusive right to use the name "National Conference on Citizenship" and seals, emblems, and badges the corporation adopts.

§ 150708. Restrictions

(a) STOCK AND DIVIDENDS.—The corporation may not issue stock or declare or pay a dividend.

(b) POLITICAL ACTIVITIES.—The corporation or a director, officer, or member as such may not contribute to, support, or assist a political party or candidate for elective public office, or advocate, sponsor, or promote legislation in the Congress of the United States or in the legislature of a State.

(c) DISTRIBUTION OF INCOME OR ASSETS.—The income or assets of the corporation may not inure to the benefit of, or be distributed to, a director, officer, or member except on dissolution or final liquidation of the corporation. This subsection does not prevent the executive committee from adopting terms of employment of the executive director as provided in section 150705(e) of this title.

(d) LOANS.—The corporation may not make a loan to a director, officer, or employee. Directors who vote for or assent to making a loan to a director, officer, or employee, and officers who participate in making the loan, are jointly and severally liable to the corporation for the amount of the loan until it is repaid.

§ 150709. Headquarters and principal office

The headquarters and principal office of the corporation shall be in the District of Columbia, Maryland, or Virginia. However, the activities of the corporation are not confined to the District of Columbia, Maryland, and Virginia but may be conducted throughout the States, territories, and possessions of the United States.

§ 150710. Records and inspection

(a) RECORDS.—The corporation shall keep—

(1) correct and complete records of account;

(2) minutes of the proceedings of its annual national conference, board of directors, and committees having any of the authority of its board of directors; and

(3) at its principal office, a record of the names and addresses of its members entitled to vote.

(b) INSPECTION.—A member entitled to vote, or an agent or attorney of the member, may inspect the records of the corporation for any proper purpose, at any reasonable time.

§ 150711. Service of process

The corporation shall have a designated agent in the District of Columbia to receive service of process for the corporation. Designation of the agent shall be filed in the office of the clerk of the United States District Court for the District of Columbia. Notice to or service on the agent, or mailed to the business address of the agent, is notice to or service on the corporation.

§ 150712. Liability for acts of officers and agents

The corporation is liable for the acts of its officers and agents acting within the scope of their authority.

§ 150713. Distribution of assets on dissolution or final liquidation

On dissolution or final liquidation of the corporation, any assets remaining after the discharge of all liabilities shall be transferred by the board of directors to a recognized agency or agencies engaged in the furtherance and advancement of citizenship.

CHAPTER 1509—NATIONAL COUNCIL ON RADIATION PROTECTION AND MEASUREMENTS

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§ 150901. Organization

(a) FEDERAL CHARTER.—National Council on Radiation Protection and Measurements (in this chapter, the "corporation") is a federally chartered corporation.

(b) PERPETUAL EXISTENCE.—Except as otherwise provided, the corporation has perpetual existence.

§ 150902. Purposes

The purposes of the corporation are—

(1) to collect, analyze, develop, and disseminate in the public interest information and recommendations about—

(A) protection against radiation; and

(B) radiation measurements, quantities, and units, particularly those concerned with protection against radiation;

(2) to provide a means by which organizations concerned with the scientific and related aspects of protection against radiation and of radiation quantities, units, and measurements may cooperate for effective use of their combined resources, and to stimulate the work of those organizations;

(3) to develop basic concepts about—

(A) radiation quantities, units, and measurements;

(B) the application of those concepts; and

(C) protection against radiation; and

(4) to cooperate with the International Commission on Radiological Protection, the Federal Radiation Council, the International Commission on Radiological Units and Measurements, and other national and international organizations, governmental and private, concerned with radiation quantities, units, and measurements and with protection against radiation.

§ 150903. Membership

(a) ELIGIBILITY.—Except as provided in this chapter, eligibility for membership in the corporation and the rights and privileges of members are as provided in the bylaws.

(b) VOTING.—Each member (except an honorary or associate member) has one vote on each matter submitted to a vote at a meeting of the members.

§ 150904. Governing body

(a) BOARD OF DIRECTORS.—(1) The board of directors is the governing body of the corporation. Between meetings of the corporation, the board is responsible for the general policies and program of the corporation. The board is responsible for the control of all funds of the corporation.

(2) The selection of directors and their term of office are as provided in the bylaws.

(b) OFFICERS.—(1) The officers of the corporation are a president, one or more vice presidents, a secretary, a treasurer, and other officers as provided in the bylaws. Their duties are as provided in the bylaws.

(2) The officers shall be elected at the annual meeting of the corporation.

§ 150905. Powers

The corporation may—

(1) adopt and amend bylaws for the management of its property and the regulation of its affairs;

(2) adopt and alter a corporate seal;

(3) choose directors, officers, trustees, managers, employees, and agents as the activities of the corporation require;

(4) make contracts;

(5) acquire, own, lease, encumber, and transfer property as necessary to carry out the purposes of the corporation;

(6) borrow money, issue instruments of indebtedness, and secure its obligations by granting security interests in its property;

(7) sue and be sued; and

(8) do any other act necessary and proper to carry out the purposes of the corporation.

§ 150906. Restrictions

(a) STOCK AND DIVIDENDS.—The corporation may not issue stock or declare or pay a dividend.

(b) POLITICAL ACTIVITIES.—The corporation or a director, officer, or agent as such may not contribute to, support, or assist a political party or candidate for office.

(c) DISTRIBUTION OF INCOME OR ASSETS.—The income or assets of the corporation may not inure to the benefit of, or be distributed to, a director, officer, or member during the life of the corporation or on its dissolution or final liquidation. This subsection does not prevent the payment of reasonable compensation to an officer in an amount approved by the board of directors.

(d) LOANS.—The corporation may not make a loan to a director, officer, or employee. Directors who vote for or assent to making a loan to a director, officer, or employee, and officers who participate in making the loan, are jointly and severally liable to the corporation for the amount of the loan until it is repaid.

§ 150907. Principal office

The principal office of the corporation shall be in the District of Columbia or another place decided by the board of directors. However, the activities of the corporation may be conducted throughout the world.

§ 150908. Records and inspection

(a) RECORDS.—The corporation shall keep—

(1) correct and complete records of account;

(2) minutes of the proceedings of its members, board of directors, and committees having any of the authority of its board of directors; and

(3) at its principal office, a record of the names and addresses of its members entitled to vote.

(b) INSPECTION.—A member entitled to vote, or an agent or attorney of the member, may inspect the records of the corporation for any proper purpose, at any reasonable time.

§ 150909. Statement required in audit report

The corporation shall include in the audit report statement required under section 10101(b)(1)(B) of this title a schedule of all contracts requiring payments greater than $10,000 and all payments of compensation or fees at a rate greater than $10,000 a year.

§ 150910. Service of process

The corporation shall have a designated agent in the District of Columbia to receive service of process for the corporation. Notice to or service on the agent, or mailed to the business address of the agent, is notice to or service on the corporation.

§ 150911. Liability for acts of officers and agents

The corporation is liable for the acts of its officers and agents acting within the scope of their authority.

§ 150912. Distribution of assets on dissolution or final liquidation

On dissolution or final liquidation of the corporation, any assets remaining after the discharge of all liabilities shall be distributed as provided by the board of directors, but consistent with the purposes of the corporation and in compliance with the bylaws.

CHAPTER 1511—NATIONAL EDUCATION ASSOCIATION OF THE UNITED STATES

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§ 151101. Organization

(a) FEDERAL CHARTER.—National Education Association of the United States (in this chapter, the "corporation") is a federally chartered corporation.

(b) PLACE OF INCORPORATION.—The corporation is declared to be incorporated in the District of Columbia.

(c) PERPETUAL EXISTENCE.—Except as otherwise provided, the corporation has perpetual existence.

§ 151102. Purposes

The purposes of the corporation are—

(1) to elevate the character and advance the interests of the profession of teaching; and

(2) to promote the cause of education in the United States.

§ 151103. Membership

Eligibility for membership in the corporation and the rights, obligations, and designation of classes of members are as provided in the bylaws.

§ 151104. Governing body

(a) OFFICERS.—The officers of the corporation are a president, one or more vice presidents, a secretary, a treasurer, and the members of a board of directors, an executive committee, and any other boards, councils, and committees, and other officers, as provided in the bylaws.

(b) ADDITIONAL PROVISIONS.—Except as provided in this chapter, the manner of selection, term of office, powers, and duties of the officers, boards, councils, and committees are as provided in the bylaws. The bylaws may provide other and different provisions as to the names and numbers of the officers, boards, councils, and committees.

§ 151105. Powers

The corporation may—

(1) adopt and amend bylaws;

(2) adopt and alter a corporate seal;

(3) acquire, own, lease, encumber, and transfer property to carry out the purposes of the corporation;

(4) accept and administer a trust for educational purposes;

(5) borrow money, issue instruments of indebtedness, and secure its obligations by granting security interests in its property; and

(6) sue and be sued in any court of the United States, or other court of competent jurisdiction.

§ 151106. Tax exemption

(a) REAL PROPERTY.—Real property of the corporation is exempt from taxation if it is—

(1) located in the District of Columbia;

(2) used for the purposes provided in section 151102 of this title; and

(3) not used to produce income.

(b) PERSONAL PROPERTY.—Personal property of the corporation is exempt from taxation if it is used for the purposes provided in section 151102 of this title or to produce income to be used for those purposes.

(c) ANNUAL REPORT.—The corporation shall submit annually to the Secretary of Education a written report stating in detail for the prior year—

(1) the real and personal property held by the corporation;

(2) the income from the property; and

(3) the expenditure or other use or disposition of the property and income from the property.

§ 151107. Principal office

The principal office of the corporation shall be in the District of Columbia. However, the activities of the corporation may be conducted, and offices may be maintained, throughout the United States in accordance with the bylaws.

§ 151108. Nonapplication of audit requirements

The audit requirements of section 10101 of this title do not apply to the corporation.

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§ 151301. Organization

(a) FEDERAL CHARTER.—National Fallen Firefighters Foundation (in this chapter, the "corporation") is a federally chartered corporation.

(b) NATURE OF CORPORATION AND PLACE OF INCORPORATION.—The corporation is a charitable and nonprofit corporation incorporated under the laws of Maryland and is not an agency or establishment of the United States Government.

(c) PERPETUAL EXISTENCE.—Except as otherwise provided, the corporation has perpetual existence.

§ 151302. Purposes

The purposes of the corporation are—

(1) primarily to encourage, accept, and administer private gifts of property for the benefit of the National Fallen Firefighters' Memorial and the annual memorial service associated with it;

(2) to provide financial assistance to families of fallen firefighters for transportation to and lodging at non-Federal facilities during the annual memorial service;

(3) to assist State and local efforts to recognize firefighters who die in the line of duty; and

(4) to provide scholarships and other financial assistance for educational purposes and job training for the spouses and children of fallen firefighters.

§ 151303. Board of directors

(a) GENERAL.—The board of directors is the governing body of the corporation.

(b) MEMBERS AND APPOINTMENT.—(1) The Administrator of the United States Fire Administration of the Federal Emergency Management Agency is an ex officio nonvoting member of the board. The Administrator appoints the voting members of the board.

(2) The board consists of the following 9 voting members:

(A) one active volunteer firefighter;

(B) one active career firefighter;

(C) one United States Government firefighter; and

(D) six individuals who have a demonstrated interest in the fire service.

(3) The terms of office of the voting members are 6 years (except for the initial members). The terms shall be staggered so that the terms of 3 members expire every 2 years.

(4) A vacancy on the board shall be filled within 60 days in the manner in which the original appointment was made.

(c) CHAIRMAN.—The Chairman shall be elected by the board from its voting members for a 2-year term.

(d) QUORUM.—A majority of the current membership of the board is a quorum.

(e) MEETINGS.—The board shall meet at the call of the chairman at least once a year. If a member of the board misses 3 consecutive meetings, that member may be removed from the board and that vacancy may be filled as provided in subsection (b)(4) of this section.

(f) STATUS AND COMPENSATION.—Members of the board—

(1) are not officers or employees of the United States Government; and

(2) serve without compensation.

(g) LIABILITY OF DIRECTORS.—Members of the board are not personally liable, except for gross negligence.

§ 151304. Officers and employees

(a) APPOINTMENT.—The board of directors may appoint not more than 2 officers or employees, but only after the corporation has sufficient funds to pay for their services.

(b) STATUS AND COMPENSATION.—Officers and employees of the corporation—

(1) are not employees of the United States Government;

(2) shall be appointed without regard to the provisions of title 5 governing appointments in the competitive service; and

(3) may be paid without regard to chapter 51 and subchapter III of chapter 53 of title 5, except that an officer or employee may not be paid more than the annual rate of basic pay for level GS–15 of the General Schedule under section 5107 of title 5.

§ 151305. Powers

(a) GENERAL.—The corporation may—

(1) adopt a constitution and bylaws;

(2) adopt a seal which shall be judicially noticed; and

(3) do any other act necessary to carry out this chapter.

(b) POWERS AS TRUSTEE.—To carry out its purposes, the corporation has the usual powers of a corporation acting as a trustee in the State of Maryland, including the power—

(1) to accept, receive, solicit, hold, administer, and use any gift, devise, or bequest, either absolutely or in trust, of property or any income from or other interest in the property;

(2) unless otherwise required by the instrument of transfer, to sell, donate, lease, invest, or otherwise dispose of any property or income from the property;

(3) to make contracts and other arrangements with public agencies and private organizations and persons and to make payments necessary to carry out its functions;

(4) to sue and be sued; and

(5) to do any other act necessary and proper to carry out the purposes of the corporation.

§ 151306. Principal office

The principal office of the corporation shall be in Maryland. However, the corporation may conduct business throughout the States, territories, and possessions of the United States.

§ 151307. Provision and acceptance of support by Administrator

(a) PROVISION BY ADMINISTRATOR.—(1) The Administrator of the United States Fire Administration of the Federal Emergency Management Agency—

(A) may provide personnel, facilities, and other administrative services to the corporation; and

(B) shall require and accept reimbursements for these personnel, facilities, and services.

(2) Reimbursements under paragraph (1) of this subsection shall be deposited in the Treasury to the credit of the appropriations then current and chargeable for the cost of providing the services.

(3) Notwithstanding any other law, United States Government personnel and stationery may not be used to solicit funding for the corporation.

(b) ACCEPTANCE BY ADMINISTRATOR.—The Administrator may accept, without regard to chapters 33 and 51 and subchapter III of chapter 53 of title 5 and related regulations, the services of the corporation and its directors, officers, and employees as volunteers in performing functions authorized under this chapter, without compensation from the Administration.

§ 151308. Service of process

The corporation shall have a designated agent to receive service of process for the corporation.

§ 151309. Civil action by Attorney General for equitable relief

The Attorney General may bring a civil action in the United States District Court for the District of Columbia for appropriate equitable relief if the corporation—

(1) engages or threatens to engage in any act, practice, or policy that is inconsistent with the purposes in section 151302 of this title; or

(2) refuses, fails, or neglects to carry out its obligations under this chapter or threatens to do so.

§ 151310. Immunity of United States Government

The United States Government is not liable for any debts, defaults, acts, or omissions of the corporation. The full faith and credit of the Government does not extend to any obligation of the corporation.

§ 151311. Annual report

Not later than 4 months after the end of each fiscal year, the corporation shall submit a report to the appropriate committees of Congress on the activities of the corporation during the prior fiscal year, including a complete statement of its receipts, expenditures, and investments.

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§ 151501. Definition

For purposes of this chapter, "State" includes the District of Columbia and the territories and possessions of the United States.

§ 151502. Organization

(a) FEDERAL CHARTER.—National Federation of Music Clubs (in this chapter, the "corporation"), incorporated in Illinois, is a federally chartered corporation.

(b) EXPIRATION OF CHARTER.—If the corporation does not comply with any provision of this chapter, the charter granted by this chapter expires.

§ 151503. Purposes

(a) SPECIFIC PURPOSES.—The purposes of the corporation are as provided in the articles of incorporation and include—

(1) bringing into working relations with one another, music clubs and other musical organizations and individuals associated with musical activity for the purpose of developing and maintaining high musical standards;

(2) aiding and encouraging musical education; and

(3) promoting American music and American artists throughout the United States and the world.

(b) PATRIOTIC, CIVIC, AND HISTORICAL ORGANIZATION.—The corporation shall function as a patriotic, civic, and historical organization as authorized by the laws of each State in which it is incorporated.

§ 151504. Membership

Eligibility for membership in the corporation and the rights and privileges of members are as provided in the bylaws.

§ 151505. Governing body

(a) BOARD OF DIRECTORS.—The board of directors and the responsibilities of the board are as provided in the articles of incorporation.

(b) OFFICERS.—The officers and the election of the officers are as provided in the articles of incorporation.

§ 151506. Powers

The corporation has only the powers provided in its bylaws and articles of incorporation filed in each State in which it is incorporated.

§ 151507. Restrictions

(a) STOCK AND DIVIDENDS.—The corporation may not issue stock or declare or pay a dividend.

(b) POLITICAL ACTIVITIES.—The corporation or a director or officer as such may not contribute to, support, or participate in any political activity or in any manner attempt to influence legislation.

(c) DISTRIBUTION OF INCOME OR ASSETS.—The income or assets of the corporation may not inure to the benefit of, or be distributed to, a director, officer, or member during the life of the charter granted by this chapter. This subsection does not prevent the payment of reasonable compensation to an officer or reimbursement for actual necessary expenses in amounts approved by the board of directors.

(d) LOANS.—The corporation may not make a loan to a director, officer, or employee.

(e) CLAIM OF GOVERNMENTAL APPROVAL OR AUTHORIZATION.—The corporation may not claim congressional approval or the authority of the United States Government for any of its activities.

§ 151508. Duty to maintain corporate and tax-exempt status

(a) CORPORATE STATUS.—The corporation shall maintain its status as a corporation incorporated under the laws of Illinois.

(b) TAX-EXEMPT STATUS.—The corporation shall maintain its status as an organization exempt from taxation under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (26 U.S.C. 1 et seq.).

§ 151509. Records and inspection

(a) RECORDS.—The corporation shall keep—

(1) correct and complete records of account;

(2) minutes of the proceedings of its members, board of directors, and committees having any of the authority of its board of directors; and

(3) at its principal office, a record of the names and addresses of its members entitled to vote.

(b) INSPECTION.—A member entitled to vote, or an agent or attorney of the member,

may inspect the records of the corporation for any proper purpose, at any reasonable time.

§ 151510. Service of process

The corporation shall comply with the law on service of process of each State in which it is incorporated and each State in which it carries on activities.

§ 151511. Liability for acts of officers and agents

The corporation is liable for the acts of its officers and agents acting within the scope of their authority.

§ 151512. Annual report

The corporation shall submit an annual report to Congress on the activities of the corporation during the prior fiscal year. The report shall be submitted at the same time as the report of the audit required by section 10101 of this title. The report may not be printed as a public document.

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§ 151701. Organization

(a) FEDERAL CHARTER.—National Film Preservation Foundation (in this chapter, the "corporation") is a federally chartered corporation.

(b) NATURE OF CORPORATION.—The corporation is a charitable and nonprofit corporation and is not an agency or establishment of the United States Government.

(c) PERPETUAL EXISTENCE.—Except as otherwise provided, the corporation has perpetual existence.

§ 151702. Purposes

The purposes of the corporation are to—

(1) encourage, accept, and administer private gifts to promote and ensure the preservation and public accessibility of the nation's film heritage held at the Library of Congress and other public and nonprofit archives throughout the United States;

(2) further the goals of the Library of Congress and the National Film Preservation Board in connection with their activities under the National Film Preservation Act of 1996 (2 U.S.C. 179*l*–179w); and

(3) conduct activities, alone or in cooperation with other film related institutions and organizations, to further the preservation and public accessibility of films made in the United States, particularly films not protected by private interests, for the benefit of present and future generations of Americans.

§ 151703. Board of directors

(a) GENERAL.—The board of directors is the governing body of the corporation.

(b) MEMBERS AND APPOINTMENT.—(1) The Librarian of Congress is an ex officio nonvoting member of the board. The Librarian appoints the directors to the board.

(2)(A) The board consists of 9 directors.

(B) Each director must be a United States citizen.

(C) At least 6 directors must be knowledgeable or experienced in film production, distribution, preservation, or restoration, including 2 who are sitting members of the National Film Preservation Board. These 6 directors must, to the extent practicable, represent diverse points of view from the film community, including motion picture producers, creative artists, nonprofit and public archivists, historians, film critics, theater owners, and laboratory and university personnel.

(3) A director is not an employee of the Library of Congress and appointment to the board does not constitute appointment as an officer or employee of the United States Government for the purpose of any law of the United States.

(4) The terms of office of the directors are 4 years. An individual may not serve more than 2 consecutive terms.

(5) A vacancy on the board shall be filled within 60 days in the manner in which the original appointment was made.

(c) CHAIR.—The Librarian shall appoint one of the directors as the initial chair of the board for a 2-year term. Thereafter, the chair shall be appointed and removed in accordance with the bylaws of the corporation.

(d) QUORUM.—A majority of the current membership of the board is a quorum.

(e) MEETINGS.—The board shall meet at the call of the Librarian or the chair at least once each year. If a director misses 3 consecutive regularly scheduled meetings, the director may be removed from the board by the Librarian and that vacancy may be filled as provided in subsection (b) of this section.

(f) COMPENSATION AND REIMBURSEMENT.—Directors serve without compensation but may be reimbursed for actual and necessary travel and subsistence expenses incurred in performing duties for the corporation.

(g) LIABILITY OF DIRECTORS.—Directors are not personally liable, except for gross negligence.

§ 151704. Officers and employees

(a) SECRETARY OF THE BOARD.—(1) The Librarian of Congress shall appoint a Secretary of the Board to serve as executive director of the corporation. The Librarian may remove the Secretary.

(2) The Secretary must be knowledgeable and experienced in matters relating to—

(A) film preservation and restoration activities;

(B) financial management; and

(C) fundraising.

(b) APPOINTMENT OF OFFICERS.—Except as provided in subsection (a) of this section, the board of directors appoints, removes, and replaces officers of the corporation.

(c) APPOINTMENT OF EMPLOYEES.—Except as provided in subsection (a) of this section, the Secretary appoints, removes, and replaces employees of the corporation.

(d) STATUS AND COMPENSATION OF EMPLOYEES.—Employees of the corporation (including the Secretary)—

(1) are not employees of the Library of Congress;

(2) shall be appointed and removed without regard to the provisions of title 5 governing appointments in the competitive service; and

(3) may be paid without regard to chapter 51 and subchapter III of chapter 53 of title 5, except that an employee may not be paid more than the annual rate of basic pay for level GS–15 of the General Schedule under section 5107 of title 5.

§ 151705. Powers

(a) GENERAL.—The corporation may—

(1) adopt a constitution and bylaws;

(2) adopt a seal which shall be judicially noticed; and

(3) do any other act necessary to carry out this chapter.

(b) POWERS AS TRUSTEE.—To carry out its purposes, the corporation has the usual powers of a corporation acting as a trustee in the District of Columbia, including the power—

(1) to accept, receive, solicit, hold, administer, and use any gift, devise, or bequest, either absolutely or in trust, of property or any income from or other interest in property;

(2) to acquire property or an interest in property by purchase or exchange;

(3) unless otherwise required by an instrument of transfer, to sell, donate, lease, invest, or otherwise dispose of any property or income from property;

(4) to borrow money and issue instruments of indebtedness;

(5) to make contracts and other arrangements with public agencies and private organizations and persons and to make payments necessary to carry out its functions;

(6) to sue and be sued; and

(7) to do any other act necessary and proper to carry out the purposes of the corporation.

(c) ENCUMBERED OR RESTRICTED GIFTS.—A gift, devise, or bequest may be accepted by the corporation even though it is encumbered, restricted, or subject to beneficial interests of private persons, if any current or future interest is for the benefit of the corporation.

§ 151706. Principal office

The principal office of the corporation shall be in the District of Columbia. However, the corporation may conduct business throughout the States, territories, and possessions of the United States.

§ 151707. Provision and acceptance of support by Librarian of Congress

(a) PROVISION BY LIBRARIAN.—(1) The Librarian of Congress may provide personnel, facilities, and other administrative services to the corporation. Administrative services may include reimbursement of expenses under section 151703(f) of this title, at rates not exceeding the applicable per diem rates for the United States Government.

(2) The corporation shall reimburse the Librarian for support provided under paragraph (1) of this subsection. Amounts reimbursed shall be deposited in the Treasury to the credit of the appropriations then current and chargeable for the cost of providing the support.

(b) ACCEPTANCE BY LIBRARIAN.—The Librarian may accept, without regard to chapters 33 and 51 and subchapter III of chapter 53 of title 5 and related regulations, the services of the corporation and its directors, officers, and employees as volunteers in performing functions authorized under this chapter, without compensation from the Library of Congress.

§ 151708. Service of process

The corporation shall have a designated agent to receive service of process for the corporation. Notice to or service on the agent, or mailed to the business address of the agent, is notice to or service on the corporation.

§ 151709. Civil action by Attorney General for equitable relief

The Attorney General may bring a civil action in the United States District Court for the District of Columbia for appropriate equitable relief if the corporation—

(1) engages or threatens to engage in any act, practice, or policy that is inconsistent with the purposes in section 151702 of this title; or

(2) refuses, fails, or neglects to carry out its obligations under this chapter or threatens to do so.

§ 151710. Immunity of United States Government

The United States Government is not liable for any debts, defaults, acts, or omissions of the corporation. The full faith and credit of the Government does not extend to any obligation of the corporation.

§ 151711. Authorization of appropriations

(a) AUTHORIZATION.—There are authorized to be appropriated to the Library of Congress amounts necessary to carry out this chapter, not to exceed $250,000 for each of the fiscal years ending September 30, 2000-2003. These amounts are to be made available to the corporation to match private contributions (whether in currency, services, or property) made to the corporation by private persons and State and local governments.

(b) LIMITATION RELATED TO ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES.—Amounts authorized under this section may not be used by the corporation for administrative expenses of the corporation, including salaries, travel, transportation, and overhead expenses.

§ 151712. Annual report

As soon as practicable after the end of each fiscal year, the corporation shall submit a report to Congress on the activities of the corporation during the prior fiscal year, including a complete statement of its receipts, expenditures, and investments.

CHAPTER 1519—NATIONAL FUND FOR MEDICAL EDUCATION

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§ 151901. Organization

(a) FEDERAL CHARTER.—National Fund for Medical Education (in this chapter, the "corporation") is a federally chartered corporation.

(b) PLACE OF INCORPORATION AND DOMICILE.—The corporation is declared to be incorporated and domiciled in the District of Columbia.

(c) PERPETUAL EXISTENCE.—Except as otherwise provided, the corporation has perpetual existence.

§ 151902. Purposes

The purposes of the corporation are to raise from private sources, administer, and disperse funds for medical education, and in carrying out those purposes, to take other appropriate action to promote—

(1) the interpretation of the needs of medical education to the American public;

(2) the encouragement of the growth, development, and advancement of constantly improving standards and methods in the education and training of all medical personnel in the United States; and

(3) the preservation of academic freedom in the institutions of medical education.

§ 151903. Membership

(a) ELIGIBILITY.—Except as provided in this chapter, eligibility for membership in the corporation and the rights, privileges, and designation of classes of members are as provided in the constitution and bylaws of the corporation.

(b) VOTING.—Each member (except an honorary, sustaining, or associate member) has one vote on each matter submitted to a vote at a meeting of the members.

§ 151904. Governing body

(a) BOARD OF DIRECTORS.—(1) The board of directors is the governing body of the corporation. Between meetings of the members of the corporation, the board is responsible for the general policies and program of the corporation and for the control of all funds of the corporation.

(2) The number of directors, their manner of selection (including the filling of vacancies), and their term of office are as provided in the constitution and bylaws of the corporation. However—

(A) the corporation shall have at least 15 but not more than 25 directors; and

(B) at least 4 of the directors shall be members of the medical profession.

(b) OFFICERS.—(1) The officers of the corporation are a chairman of the board of directors, a president, one or more vice presidents as provided in the constitution and bylaws, a secretary, a treasurer, and one or more assistant secretaries and assistant treasurers as provided in the constitution and bylaws.

(2) The manner of election, term of office, and duties of the officers are as provided in the constitution and bylaws.

§ 151905. Powers

The corporation may—

(1) adopt and amend a constitution and bylaws for the management of its property and the regulation of its affairs;

(2) adopt and alter a corporate seal;

(3) choose officers, managers, employees, and agents as the activities of the corporation require;

(4) make contracts;

(5) acquire, own, lease, encumber, and transfer property as necessary or convenient to carry out the purposes of the corporation;

(6) borrow money, issue instruments of indebtedness, and secure its obligations by granting security interests in its property; and

(7) sue and be sued.

§ 151906. Restrictions

(a) STOCK AND DIVIDENDS.—The corporation may not issue stock or declare or pay a dividend.

(b) POLITICAL ACTIVITIES.—The corporation or a director or officer as such may not contribute to, support, or assist a political party or candidate for public office.

(c) DISTRIBUTION OF INCOME OR ASSETS.—The income or assets of the corporation may not inure to the benefit of, or be distributed to, a director, officer, or member during the life of the corporation or on its dissolution or final liquidation. This subsection does not prevent the payment of compensation to an officer in an amount approved by the board of directors.

(d) LOANS.—The corporation may not make a loan or advance to a director, officer, or employee. Directors who vote for or assent to making a loan or advance to a director, officer, or employee, and officers who participate in making the loan or advance, are jointly and severally liable to the corporation for the amount of the loan or advance until it is repaid.

§ 151907. Principal office

The principal office of the corporation shall be in New York, New York, or another place decided by the board of directors. However, the activities of the corporation are not confined to the place where the principal office is located but may be conducted throughout the States, territories, and possessions of the United States.

§ 151908. Records and inspection

(a) RECORDS.—The corporation shall keep—

(1) correct and complete records of account;

(2) minutes of the proceedings of its members, board of directors, and committees having any of the authority of its board of directors; and

(3) at its principal office, a record of the names and addresses of its members entitled to vote.

(b) INSPECTION.—A member entitled to vote, or an agent or attorney of the member, may inspect the records of the corporation for any proper purpose, at any reasonable time.

§ 151909. Service of process

The corporation shall have a designated agent in the District of Columbia to receive service of process for the corporation. Notice to or service on the agent, or mailed to the business address of the agent, is notice to or service on the corporation.

§ 151910. Liability for acts of officers and agents

The corporation is liable for the acts of its officers and agents acting within the scope of their authority.

§ 151911. Distribution of assets on dissolution or final liquidation

On dissolution or final liquidation of the corporation, any assets remaining after the discharge of all liabilities shall be distributed as provided by the board of directors, but in compliance with the constitution and bylaws of the corporation.

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§ 152101. Definition

For purposes of this chapter, "State" includes the District of Columbia and the territories and possessions of the United States.

§ 152102. Organization

(a) FEDERAL CHARTER.—National Mining Hall of Fame and Museum (in this chapter, the "corporation"), incorporated in Colorado, is a federally chartered corporation.

(b) EXPIRATION OF CHARTER.—If the corporation does not comply with any provision of this chapter, the charter granted by this chapter expires.

§ 152103. Purposes

The purposes of the corporation are as provided in its articles of incorporation and include—

(1) honoring citizens, mining leaders, miners, prospectors, teachers, scientists, engineers, inventors, governmental leaders, and

other individuals, who have helped to make this country great by their outstanding contributions to the establishment, development, advancement, or improvement of mining in the United States;

(2) perpetuating the memory of those individuals and recording their contributions and achievements by the erection and maintenance of buildings, monuments, and edifices considered appropriate as a lasting memorial;

(3) fostering, promoting, and encouraging a better understanding of the origins and growth of mining, especially in the United States, and the part mining has played in changing the economic, social, and scientific aspects of our country;

(4) establishing and maintaining a library and museum for collecting and preserving for posterity, the history of those honored by the corporation, together with a documentation of their accomplishments and contributions to mining, including such items as mining pictures, paintings, books, papers, documents, scientific data, relics, mementos, artifacts, and things relating to those items;

(5) cooperating with other mining organizations that are actively engaged and interested in similar projects; and

(6) engaging in any other activity necessary or proper to accomplish any of the purposes in this section.

§ 152104. Membership

Eligibility for membership in the corporation and the rights and privileges of members are as provided in the bylaws.

§ 152105. Governing body

(a) BOARD OF DIRECTORS.—The board of directors and the responsibilities of the board are as provided in the articles of incorporation.

(b) OFFICERS.—The officers and the election of officers are as provided in the articles of incorporation.

§ 152106. Powers

The corporation has only the powers provided in its bylaws and articles of incorporation filed in each State in which it is incorporated.

§ 152107. Restrictions

(a) STOCK AND DIVIDENDS.—The corporation may not issue stock or declare or pay a dividend.

(b) POLITICAL ACTIVITIES.—The corporation or a director or officer as such may not contribute to, support, or participate in any political activity or in any manner attempt to influence legislation.

(c) DISTRIBUTION OF INCOME OR ASSETS.—The income or assets of the corporation may not inure to the benefit of, or be distributed to, a director, officer, or member during the life of the charter granted by this chapter. This subsection does not prevent the payment of reasonable compensation to an officer or reimbursement for actual necessary expenses in amounts approved by the board of directors.

(d) LOANS.—The corporation may not make a loan to a director, officer, or employee.

(e) CLAIM OF GOVERNMENTAL APPROVAL OR AUTHORIZATION.—The corporation may not claim congressional approval or the authority of the United States Government for any of its activities.

§ 152108. Duty to maintain corporate and tax-exempt status

(a) CORPORATE STATUS.—The corporation shall maintain its status as a corporation incorporated under the laws of Colorado.

(b) TAX-EXEMPT STATUS.—The corporation shall maintain its status as an organization exempt from taxation under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (26 U.S.C. 1 et seq.).

§ 152109. Records and inspection

(a) RECORDS.—The corporation shall keep—

(1) correct and complete records of account;

(2) minutes of the proceedings of its members, board of directors, and committees having any of the authority of its board of directors; and

(3) at its principal office, a record of the names and addresses of its members entitled to vote.

(b) INSPECTION.—A member entitled to vote, or an agent or attorney of the member, may inspect the records of the corporation for any proper purpose, at any reasonable time.

§ 152110. Service of process

The corporation shall comply with the law on service of process of each State in which it is incorporated and each State in which it carries on activities.

§ 152111. Liability for acts of officers and agents

The corporation is liable for the acts of its officers and agents acting within the scope of their authority.

§ 152112. Annual report

The corporation shall submit an annual report to Congress on the activities of the corporation during the prior fiscal year. The report shall be submitted at the same time as the report of the audit required by section 10101 of this title. The report may not be printed as a public document.

CHAPTER 1523—NATIONAL MUSIC COUNCIL

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§ 152301. Organization

(a) FEDERAL CHARTER.—National Music Council (in this chapter, the "corporation") is a federally chartered corporation.

(b) PERPETUAL EXISTENCE.—Except as otherwise provided, the corporation has perpetual existence.

§ 152302. Purposes

The purposes of the corporation are—

(1) to provide the member organizations with a forum for the free discussion of problems affecting national musical life in this country;

(2) to speak with one voice for music whenever an authoritative expression of opinion is desirable;

(3) to provide for the interchange of information between the various member organizations;

(4) to encourage the coordination of efforts of the member organizations, thereby avoiding duplication or conflict;

(5) to organize exploratory surveys or fact-finding commissions whenever the corporation considers them necessary for the solution of important problems; and

(6) to encourage the development and appreciation of the art of music and to foster the highest ethical standards in the musical professions and industries.

§ 152303. Membership

(a) ELIGIBILITY.—Except as provided in this chapter, eligibility for membership in the corporation and the rights and privileges of members are as provided in the constitution and bylaws of the corporation.

(b) VOTING.—Each member has one vote in the conduct of official business of the corporation.

§ 152304. Governing body

(a) GENERAL.—(1) The board of directors is the governing body of the corporation. The board may be known as an Executive Committee.

(2) The board shall consist of at least 10 individuals who shall be representative of members of the corporation or other individuals selected by the members of the corporation. The directors shall be elected by the members of the corporation annually or at another regular interval as provided in the bylaws of the corporation.

(b) OFFICERS.—The officers of the corporation are a chairman of the board, a president, one or more vice presidents, a secretary, a treasurer, and assistant officers the board designates. The officers shall perform the duties and have the powers provided in the bylaws and by the board.

§ 152305. Powers

The corporation may—

(1) adopt and amend a constitution and bylaws for the management of its property and the regulation of its affairs;

(2) adopt and alter a corporate seal;

(3) choose officers, managers, employees, and agents as the activities of the corporation require;

(4) make contracts;

(5) publish a bulletin, magazine, and other publications;

(6) acquire, own, lease, encumber, and transfer property as necessary to carry out the purposes of the corporation;

(7) borrow money, issue instruments of indebtedness, and secure its obligations by granting security interests in its property;

(8) use corporate funds to give prizes, awards, loans, scholarships, and grants to deserving composers, conductors, and others for the purposes stated in section 152302 of this title and for other purposes the board of directors considers proper;

(9) sue and be sued; and

(10) do any other act necessary and proper to carry out the purposes of the corporation.

§ 152306. Exclusive right to name, seals, emblems, and badges

The corporation has the exclusive right to use the name "National Music Council" and seals, emblems, and badges the corporation adopts.

§ 152307. Restrictions

(a) PROFIT.—The corporation may not engage in business for profit.

(b) STOCK AND DIVIDENDS.—The corporation may not issue stock or declare or pay a dividend.

(c) POLITICAL ACTIVITIES.—The corporation or a director, officer, or member as such may not contribute to, support, or assist a political party or candidate for elective public office.

(d) DISTRIBUTION OF INCOME OR ASSETS.—The income or assets of the corporation may not inure to the benefit of, or be distributed to, a director, officer, or member except on dissolution or final liquidation of the corporation.

(e) LOANS.—The corporation may not make a loan to a director, officer, or employee. Directors who vote for or assent to making a

loan to a director, officer, or employee, and officers who participate in making the loan, are jointly and severally liable to the corporation for the amount of the loan until it is repaid.

§ 152308. Principal office

The principal office of the corporation shall be at the place the board of directors decides. However, the activities of the corporation may be conducted throughout the States, territories, and possessions of the United States.

§ 152309. Records and inspection

(a) RECORDS.—The corporation shall keep—

(1) correct and complete records of account;

(2) minutes of the proceedings of its members, board of directors, and committees having any of the authority of its board of directors; and

(3) at its principal office, a record of the names and addresses of its members entitled to vote.

(b) INSPECTION.—A member entitled to vote, or an agent or attorney of the member, may inspect the records of the corporation for any proper purpose, at any reasonable time.

§ 152310. Service of process

(a) DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.—The corporation shall have a designated agent in the District of Columbia to receive service of process for the corporation. Designation of the agent shall be filed in the office of the clerk of the United States District Court for the District of Columbia. Notice to or service on the agent, or mailed to the business address of the agent, is notice to or service on the corporation.

(b) STATES, TERRITORIES, AND POSSESSIONS.—As a condition to the exercise of any power or privilege granted by this chapter, the corporation shall file, with the secretary of state or other designated official of each State, territory, or possession of the United States in which the corporation does business, the name and address of an agent in that State, territory, or possession on whom legal process or demands against the corporation may be served.

§ 152311. Liability for acts of officers and agents

The corporation is liable for the acts of its officers and agents acting within the scope of their authority.

§ 152312. Distribution of assets on dissolution or final liquidation

On dissolution or final liquidation of the corporation, any assets remaining after the discharge of all liabilities shall be used by the board of directors for the purposes stated in section 152302 of this title or be transferred to a recognized educational foundation.

CHAPTER 1525—NATIONAL SAFETY COUNCIL

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§ 152501. Organization

(a) FEDERAL CHARTER.—National Safety Council (in this chapter, the "corporation") is a federally chartered corporation.

(b) PERPETUAL EXISTENCE.—Except as otherwise provided, the corporation has perpetual existence.

§ 152502. Purposes

The purposes of the corporation are—

(1) to further, encourage, and promote methods and procedures leading to increased safety, protection, and health among employees, employers, and children in industries, on farms, in schools and colleges, in homes, on streets and highways, in recreation, and in other public and private places;

(2) to collect, correlate, publish, and disseminate educational and informative reports and all other data related to safety methods and procedures;

(3) to arouse and maintain the interest of the people of the United States and its territories and possessions in safety and accident prevention, and to encourage the adoption and institution of safety methods by all individuals, corporations, and other organizations;

(4) to organize, establish, and conduct programs, lectures, conferences, and other activities for the education of all individuals, corporations, and other organizations in safety methods and procedures;

(5) to organize and aid in organizing local safety chapters throughout the United States and its territories and possessions, and to provide organizational guidance and materials to promote the national safety;

(6) to cooperate with, enlist, and develop the cooperation of and among all individuals, corporations, and other organizations and agencies, public and private, engaged in, interested in, or in any manner connected with, any of these purposes; and

(7) to do any lawful acts necessary, useful, suitable, desirable, and proper for the furtherance and accomplishment of any of these purposes.

§ 152503. Membership

(a) ELIGIBILITY.—Except as provided in this chapter, eligibility for membership in the corporation and the rights and privileges of members are as provided in the constitution and bylaws of the corporation.

(b) VOTING.—Each member (except an honorary or sustaining member) has one vote on each matter submitted to a vote at a meeting of the members. The corporation may provide in its constitution and bylaws for additional voting rights based on dues paid.

§ 152504. Governing body

(a) BOARD OF DIRECTORS.—(1) The board of directors is the governing body of the corporation. Between meetings of the corporation, the board is responsible for the general policies and program of the corporation. Except as provided in subsection (c) of this section, the board is responsible for all funds of the corporation.

(2) The board shall consist of at least 15 directors. Their manner of selection (including the filling of vacancies) and term of office are as provided in the constitution and bylaws of the corporation.

(b) OFFICERS.—(1) The officers of the corporation are a chairman of the board of directors, a president, 3 or more vice presidents as provided in the constitution and bylaws, a secretary, a treasurer, and an executive vice president. Their duties are as provided in the constitution and bylaws.

(2) Except for the executive vice president, the officers shall be elected at the annual meeting of the corporation. The executive vice president shall be elected by the board of directors in the manner provided in the constitution and bylaws.

(c) TRUSTEES.—The corporation shall have at least 15 trustees. Their manner of selection and term of office are as provided in the constitution and bylaws. The trustees have full power and control over contributed funds that they raise.

§ 152505. Powers

The corporation may—

(1) adopt and amend a constitution and bylaws for the management of its property and the regulation of its affairs;

(2) adopt and alter a corporate seal;

(3) adopt and alter seals, emblems, and badges;

(4) choose directors, officers, trustees, managers, employees, and agents as the activities of the corporation require;

(5) make contracts;

(6) acquire, own, lease, encumber, and transfer property as necessary to carry out the purposes of the corporation;

(7) borrow money, issue instruments of indebtedness, and secure its obligations by granting security interests in its property;

(8) publish a magazine and other publications consistent with the purposes of the corporation;

(9) charge and collect membership dues and subscription fees;

(10) receive contributions or grants of money or property to be devoted to carrying out the purposes of the corporation;

(11) use corporate funds to give prizes, awards, or other evidences of merit or recognition to individuals, corporations, and other organizations, public or private, for outstanding contributions toward the achievement of the purposes of the corporation;

(12) organize, establish, and conduct conferences on safety and accident prevention;

(13) establish and maintain offices to conduct its activities, charter local, State, and regional safety organizations, and establish, regulate, and discontinue departmental subdivisions and local, State, and regional chapters in appropriate places throughout the United States and its territories and possessions;

(14) sue and be sued; and

(15) do any other act necessary and proper to carry out the purposes of the corporation.

§ 152506. Exclusive right to name, seals, emblems, and badges

The corporation and its subordinate divisions and regional, State, and local chapters have the exclusive right to use the name "National Safety Council". The corporation has the exclusive right to use and to allow others to use seals, emblems, and badges the corporation adopts. This section does not affect any vested rights.

§ 152507. Restrictions

(a) STOCK AND DIVIDENDS.—The corporation may not issue stock or declare or pay a dividend.

(b) POLITICAL ACTIVITIES.—The corporation or a director, officer, or agent as such may not contribute to, support, or assist a political party or candidate for public office.

(c) DISTRIBUTION OF INCOME OR ASSETS.—The income or assets of the corporation may not inure to the benefit of, or be distributed to, a director, officer, or member except on dissolution or final liquidation of the corporation. This subsection does not prevent the payment of compensation to an officer in an amount approved by the board of directors.

(d) LOANS.—The corporation may not make a loan to a director, officer, or employee. Directors who vote for or assent to making a loan to a director, officer, or employee, and officers who participate in making the loan, are jointly and severally liable to the corporation for the amount of the loan until it is repaid.

§ 152508. Principal office

The principal office of the corporation shall be in Chicago, Illinois, or another place decided by the board of directors. However, the activities of the corporation are not confined to the place where the principal office is located but may be conducted throughout the States, territories, and possessions of the United States.

§ 152509. Records and inspection

(a) RECORDS.—The corporation shall keep—

(1) correct and complete records of account;

(2) minutes of the proceedings of its members, board of directors, and committees having any of the authority of its board of directors; and

(3) at its principal office, a record of the names and addresses of its members entitled to vote.

(b) INSPECTION.—A member entitled to vote, or an agent or attorney of the member, may inspect the records of the corporation for any proper purpose, at any reasonable time.

§ 152510. Service of process

The corporation shall have a designated agent in the District of Columbia to receive service of process for the corporation. Notice to or service on the agent, or mailed to the business address of the agent, is notice to or service on the corporation.

§ 152511. Liability for acts of officers and agents

The corporation is liable for the acts of its officers and agents acting within the scope of their authority.

§ 152512. Distribution of assets on dissolution or final liquidation

On dissolution or final liquidation of the corporation, any assets remaining after the discharge of all liabilities shall be distributed as provided by the board of directors, but in compliance with the constitution and bylaws of the corporation.

CHAPTER 1527—NATIONAL SKI PATROL SYSTEM, INCORPORATED

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§ 152701. Definition

For purposes of this chapter, "State" includes the District of Columbia and the territories and possessions of the United States.

§ 152702. Organization

(a) FEDERAL CHARTER.—National Ski Patrol System, Incorporated (in this chapter, the "corporation"), incorporated in New York and Colorado, is a federally chartered corporation.

(b) EXPIRATION OF CHARTER.—If the corporation does not comply with any provision of this chapter, the charter granted by this chapter expires.

§ 152703. Purposes

The purposes of the corporation are—

(1) to promote, in every way, patriotic, scientific, educational, and civic improvement activities and public safety in skiing, by such means as the dissemination of information and the formation of volunteer local patrols consisting of competent skiers trained in first aid for the purpose of preventing accidents and rendering speedy assistance to individuals sustaining accidents; and

(2) to solicit contributions of money, services, and other property for, and generally to encourage and assist in carrying out, these purposes in every way.

§ 152704. Membership

Except as provided in this chapter, eligibility for membership in the corporation and the rights and privileges of members are as provided in the bylaws.

§ 152705. Governing body

(a) BOARD OF DIRECTORS.—The board of directors and the responsibilities of the board are as provided in the articles of incorporation.

(b) OFFICERS.—The officers and the election of officers are as provided in the articles of incorporation.

§ 152706. Powers

The corporation has only the powers provided in its bylaws and articles of incorporation filed in each State in which it is incorporated.

§ 152707. Restrictions

(a) STOCK AND DIVIDENDS.—The corporation may not issue stock or declare or pay a dividend.

(b) POLITICAL ACTIVITIES.—The corporation or a director or officer as such may not contribute to, support, or participate in any political activity or in any manner attempt to influence legislation.

(c) DISTRIBUTION OF INCOME OR ASSETS.—The income or assets of the corporation may not inure to the benefit of, or be distributed to, a director, officer, or member during the life of the charter granted by this chapter. This subsection does not prevent the payment of reasonable compensation to an officer or reimbursement for actual necessary expenses in amounts approved by the board of directors.

(d) LOANS.—The corporation may not make a loan to a director, officer, or employee.

§ 152708. Duty to maintain tax-exempt status

The corporation shall maintain its status as an organization exempt from taxation under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (26 U.S.C. 1 et seq.).

§ 152709. Records and inspection

(a) RECORDS.—The corporation shall keep—

(1) correct and complete records of account;

(2) minutes of the proceedings of its members, board of directors, and committees having any of the authority of its board of directors; and

(3) at its principal office, a record of the names and addresses of its members entitled to vote.

(b) INSPECTION.—A member entitled to vote, or an agent or attorney of the member, may inspect the records of the corporation for any proper purpose, at any reasonable time.

§ 152710. Service of process

The corporation shall comply with the law on service of process of each State in which it is incorporated and each State in which it carries on activities.

§ 152711. Liability for acts of officers and agents

The corporation is liable for the acts of its officers and agents acting within the scope of their authority.

§ 152712. Annual report

The corporation shall submit an annual report to Congress on the activities of the corporation during the prior calendar year. The report may not be printed as a public document.

CHAPTER 1529—NATIONAL SOCIETY, DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN COLONISTS

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§ 152901. Definition

For purposes of this chapter, "State" includes the District of Columbia and the territories and possessions of the United States.

§ 152902. Organization

(a) FEDERAL CHARTER.—National Society, Daughters of the American Colonists (in this chapter, the "corporation"), incorporated in the District of Columbia, is a federally chartered corporation.

(b) EXPIRATION OF CHARTER.—If the corporation does not comply with any provision of this chapter, the charter granted by this chapter expires.

§ 152903. Purposes

The purposes of the corporation are as provided in the articles of incorporation and include a continuing commitment, on a national basis—

(1) to conduct, record, and publish the results of research on the history and deeds of the American colonists;

(2) to publish the memoirs of American colonists;

(3) to erect memorials to commemorate the history and deeds of the American colonists;

(4) to promote respect and admiration for the institutions, laws, and flag of the United States;

(5) to engage in mutual improvement and educational activities;

(6) to establish scholarships to assist needy and deserving students and to promote the improvement of educational institutions;

(7) to engage in volunteer service and make contributions to veterans hospitals; and

(8) to perform other charitable activities, including the national presidents' projects, as may be provided in the articles of incorporation or bylaws of corporation.

§ 152904. Membership

(a) ELIGIBILITY.—Except as provided in this chapter, eligibility for membership in the corporation and the rights and privileges of members are as provided in the constitution and bylaws of the corporation.

(b) NONDISCRIMINATION.—The terms of membership may not discriminate on the

basis of race, color, religion, or national origin.

§ 152905. Governing body

(a) BOARD OF DIRECTORS.—The board of directors and the responsibilities of the board are as provided in the articles of incorporation or bylaws.

(b) OFFICERS.—The officers and the election of officers are as provided in the articles of incorporation or bylaws.

(c) NONDISCRIMINATION.—The requirements for holding office in the corporation may not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, or national origin.

§ 152906. Powers

The corporation has only the powers provided in its bylaws and articles of incorporation filed in each State in which it is incorporated.

§ 152907. Exclusive right to name, seals, emblems, and badges

The corporation has the exclusive right to use the name "National Society, Daughters of the American Colonists" and seals, emblems, and badges the corporation adopts. This section does not affect any vested rights.

§ 152908. Restrictions

(a) STOCK AND DIVIDENDS.—The corporation may not issue stock or declare or pay a dividend.

(b) POLITICAL ACTIVITIES.—The corporation or a director or officer as such may not contribute to, support, or participate in any political activity or in any manner attempt to influence legislation.

(c) DISTRIBUTION OF INCOME OR ASSETS.—The income or assets of the corporation may not inure to the benefit of, or be distributed to, a director, officer, or member during the life of the charter granted by this chapter. This subsection does not prevent the payment of reasonable compensation to an officer or reimbursement for actual necessary expenses in amounts approved by the board of directors.

(d) LOANS.—The corporation may not make a loan to a director, officer, or employee.

(e) CLAIM OF GOVERNMENTAL APPROVAL OR AUTHORIZATION.—The corporation may not claim congressional approval or the authority of the United States Government for any of its activities.

§ 152909. Duty to maintain corporate and tax-exempt status

(a) CORPORATE STATUS.—The corporation shall maintain its status as a corporation incorporated under the laws of each State in which it is incorporated.

(b) TAX-EXEMPT STATUS.—The corporation shall maintain its status as an organization exempt from taxation under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (26 U.S.C. 1 et seq.).

§ 152910. Records and inspection

(a) RECORDS.—The corporation shall keep—

(1) correct and complete records of account;

(2) minutes of the proceedings of its members, board of directors, and committees having any of the authority of its board of directors; and

(3) at its principal office, a record of the names and addresses of its members entitled to vote.

(b) INSPECTION.—A member entitled to vote, or an agent or attorney of the member, may inspect the records of the corporation for any proper purpose, at any reasonable time.

§ 152911. Service of process

The corporation shall comply with the law on service of process of each State in which it is incorporated and each State in which it carries on activities.

§ 152912. Liability for acts of officers and agents

The corporation is liable for the acts of its officers and agents acting within the scope of their authority.

§ 152913. Annual report

The corporation shall submit an annual report to Congress on the activities of the corporation during the prior fiscal year. The report shall be submitted at the same time as the report of the audit required by section 10101 of this title. The report may not be printed as a public document.

CHAPTER 1531—THE NATIONAL SOCIETY OF THE DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

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153101. Organization.
153102. Purposes.
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153104. Exclusive right to name, seals, emblems, and badges.
153105. Principal office.
153106. Deposit of historical material in Smithsonian Institution.
153107. Annual report.

§ 153101. Organization

The National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution (in this chapter, the "corporation") is a body corporate and politic in the District of Columbia.

§ 153102. Purposes

The purposes of the corporation are patriotic, historical, and educational, and include—

(1) perpetuating the memory and spirit of the men and women who achieved American independence by—

(A) acquiring and protecting historical spots and erecting monuments;

(B) encouraging historical research in relation to the Revolution and publishing its results;

(C) preserving documents and relics and the records of the individual services of Revolutionary soldiers and patriots; and

(D) promoting celebrations of all patriotic anniversaries;

(2) carrying out the injunction of Washington, in his farewell address to the American people, "to promote, as an object of primary importance, institutions for the general diffusion of knowledge," thus developing an enlightened public opinion and affording to young and old such advantages as shall develop in them the largest capacity for performing the duties of American citizens;

(3) cherishing, maintaining, and extending the institutions of American freedom;

(4) fostering true patriotism and love of country; and

(5) aiding in securing for mankind all the blessings of liberty.

§ 153103. Powers

The corporation may—

(1) adopt a constitution and bylaws;

(2) adopt a seal; and

(3) acquire, own, lease, encumber, and transfer property as necessary or convenient to carry out its purposes.

§ 153104. Exclusive right to name, seals, emblems, and badges

The corporation and its subordinate divisions have the exclusive right to use the name "National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution". The corporation has the exclusive right to use and to allow others to use seals, emblems, and badges the corporation adopts.

§ 153105. Principal office

The corporation shall have its headquarters or principal office in the District of Columbia.

§ 153106. Deposit of historical material in Smithsonian Institution

The Regents of the Smithsonian Institution may permit the corporation to deposit its collections, manuscripts, books, pamphlets, and other material for history in the Smithsonian Institution or in the National Museum, on conditions and under rules they prescribe.

§ 153107. Annual report

The corporation shall submit an annual report to the Secretary of the Smithsonian Institution on the activities of the corporation. The Secretary shall communicate to Congress any part of the report that the Secretary considers of national interest and importance.

CHAPTER 1533—NATIONAL SOCIETY OF THE SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

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153301. Organization.
153302. Purposes.
153303. Powers.
153304. Trustees.

§ 153301. Organization

National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution (in this chapter, the "corporation") is a body corporate and politic in the District of Columbia.

§ 153302. Purposes

The purposes of the corporation are patriotic, historical, and educational, and include those intended or designed—

(1) to perpetuate the memory of the men who, by their services or sacrifices during the war of the American Revolution, achieved the independence of the American people;

(2) to unite and promote fellowship among their descendants;

(3) to inspire them and the community at large with a more profound reverence for the principles of the government founded by our forefathers;

(4) to encourage historical research in relation to the American Revolution;

(5) to acquire and preserve the records of the individual services of the patriots of the war, as well as documents, relics, and landmarks;

(6) to mark the scenes of the American Revolution by appropriate memorials;

(7) to celebrate the anniversaries of the prominent events of the war and of the Revolutionary period;

(8) to foster true patriotism;

(9) to maintain and extend the institutions of American freedom; and

(10) to carry out the purposes expressed in the preamble to the Constitution of our country and the injunctions of Washington in his farewell address to the American people.

§ 153303. Powers

The corporation may—

(1) adopt and amend a constitution, bylaws, and regulations for the admission, government, suspension, and expulsion of its members;

(2) adopt and alter a seal;

(3) provide for the election of its officers and define their duties;

(4) provide for State societies or chapters with regulations for their conduct, and regulate and provide for the management, safekeeping, and protection of their property and funds;

(5) acquire, own, lease, encumber, and transfer property as necessary or convenient to carry out the purposes of the corporation; and

(6) sue and be sued.

§ 153304. Trustees

The property and affairs of the corporation shall be managed by at least 40 trustees. The trustees shall be elected annually at the time provided in the bylaws. At least one trustee shall be elected annually from a list of nominees to be made by each of the State societies and submitted to the corporation at least 30 days before the annual meeting, in accordance with provisions adopted by the corporation to regulate nominations.

CHAPTER 1535—NATIONAL TROPICAL BOTANICAL GARDEN

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153505. Powers.
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153509. Records and inspection.
153510. Statement required in audit report.
153511. Service of process.
153512. Liability for acts of officers and agents.
153513. Distribution of assets on dissolution or final liquidation.

§ 153501. Organization

(a) FEDERAL CHARTER.—National Tropical Botanical Garden (in this chapter, the "corporation") is a federally chartered corporation.

(b) PERPETUAL EXISTENCE.—Except as otherwise provided, the corporation has perpetual existence.

§ 153502. Purposes

The purposes of the corporation are—

(1) to establish, develop, operate, and maintain for the benefit of the people of the United States an educational and scientific center in the form of one or more tropical botanical gardens, together with facilities such as libraries, herbaria, laboratories, and museums that are appropriate and necessary for encouraging and conducting research in basic and applied tropical botany;

(2) to foster and encourage fundamental research about tropical plant life and to encourage research and study of the uses of tropical flora in agriculture, forestry, horticulture, medicine, and other sciences;

(3) to disseminate through publications and other media the knowledge about basic and applied tropical botany acquired at the gardens;

(4) to collect and cultivate tropical flora of every nature and origin and to preserve for the people of the United States species of tropical plant life threatened with extinction; and

(5) to provide a beneficial facility that will contribute to the education, instruction, and recreation of the people of the United States.

§ 153503. Membership

(a) ELIGIBILITY.—Except as provided in this chapter, eligibility for membership in the corporation and the rights and privileges of members are as provided in the constitution and bylaws of the corporation.

(b) VOTING.—Each member (except an honorary or associate member) has one vote on each matter submitted to a vote at a meeting of the members.

§ 153504. Governing body

(a) BOARD OF TRUSTEES.—(1) The board of trustees is the governing body of the corporation. The duties and powers of the board are as provided in the bylaws.

(2) The manner of selection and term of office of the trustees are as provided in the bylaws.

(b) OFFICERS.—(1) The officers of the corporation are a president, one or more vice presidents, a secretary, a treasurer, and other officers as provided in the bylaws.

(2) The manner of election, term of office, and duties of the officers are as provided in the bylaws.

§ 153505. Powers

The corporation may—

(1) adopt and amend bylaws for the management of its property and the regulation of its affairs;

(2) adopt and alter a corporate seal;

(3) choose officers, trustees, managers, employees, and agents as the activities of the corporation require;

(4) make contracts;

(5) acquire, own, lease, encumber, and transfer property as necessary or proper to carry out the purposes of the corporation;

(6) borrow money, issue instruments of indebtedness, and secure its obligations by granting security interests in its property;

(7) sue and be sued; and

(8) do any other act necessary and proper to carry out the purposes of the corporation.

§ 153506. Exclusive right to name

The corporation has the exclusive right to use and to allow others to use the name "National Tropical Botanical Garden".

§ 153507. Restrictions

(a) STOCK AND DIVIDENDS.—The corporation may not issue stock or declare or pay a dividend.

(b) POLITICAL ACTIVITIES.—The corporation or a trustee or officer as such may not contribute to, support, or assist a political party or candidate for elective public office.

(c) DISTRIBUTION OF INCOME OR ASSETS.—The income or assets of the corporation may not inure to the benefit of, or be distributed to, a trustee, officer, or member during the life of the corporation or on its dissolution or final liquidation. This subsection does not prevent the payment of reasonable compensation to an officer or reimbursement for actual necessary expenses in amounts approved by the board of trustees.

(d) LOANS.—The corporation may not make a loan to a trustee, officer, or employee. Trustees who vote for or assent to making a loan to a trustee, officer, or employee, and officers who participate in making the loan, are jointly and severally liable to the corporation for the amount of the loan until it is repaid.

§ 153508. Principal office and location of activities and gardens

(a) PRINCIPAL OFFICE.—The principal office of the corporation shall be in the District of Columbia or another place decided by the board of trustees.

(b) LOCATION OF ACTIVITIES AND GARDENS.—The activities of the corporation may be conducted anywhere. However, the corporation may establish tropical botanical gardens only in the United States and its territories and possessions.

§ 153509. Records and inspection

(a) RECORDS.—The corporation shall keep—

(1) correct and complete records of account;

(2) minutes of the proceedings of its board of trustees and committees having any of the authority of its board of trustees; and

(3) at its principal office, a record of the names and addresses of its members entitled to vote.

(b) INSPECTION.—A member entitled to vote, or an agent or attorney of the member, may inspect the records of the corporation for any proper purpose, at any reasonable time.

§ 153510. Statement required in audit report

The corporation shall include in the audit report statement required under section 10101(b)(1)(B) of this title a schedule of all contracts requiring payments greater than $10,000 and all payments of compensation or fees at a rate of greater than $10,000 a year.

§ 153511. Service of process

The corporation shall have a designated agent in the District of Columbia to receive service of process for the corporation. Notice to or service on the agent, or mailed to the business address of the agent, is notice to or service on the corporation.

§ 153512. Liability for acts of officers and agents

The corporation is liable for the acts of its officers and agents acting within the scope of their authority.

§ 153513. Distribution of assets on dissolution or final liquidation

(a) ALLOWABLE RECIPIENTS.—On dissolution or final liquidation of the corporation, any assets remaining after the discharge of all liabilities shall be distributed, as decided by the board of trustees, to—

(1) the United States Government, to be administered by the Secretary of the Interior under the Act of August 25, 1916 (16 U.S.C. 1 et seq.) (known as the National Park Service Organic Act); or

(2) a State or local government to be used for a public purpose.

(b) RESTRICTION.—A distribution under subsection (a) of this section shall be consistent with the purposes of the corporation and in compliance with the charter and bylaws.

CHAPTER 1537—NATIONAL WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS, AUXILIARY TO THE GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC

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§ 153701. Organization

(a) FEDERAL CHARTER.—National Woman's Relief Corps, Auxiliary to the Grand Army of the Republic (in this chapter, the "corporation"), is a federally chartered corporation.

(b) PLACE OF INCORPORATION AND DOMICILE.—The corporation is declared to be incorporated and domiciled in the District of Columbia.

(c) PERPETUAL EXISTENCE.—Except as otherwise provided, the corporation has perpetual existence.

§ 153702. Purposes

The purposes of the corporation are—

(1) to perpetuate the memory of the Grand Army of the Republic, as the National Woman's Relief Corps is its auxiliary and was organized at its request in 1883, and of the men who saved the Union in 1861 to 1865;

(2) to assist in every practicable way in preserving, and making available for research, documents and records pertaining to the Grand Army of the Republic and its members;

(3) to cooperate in doing honor to all those who have served our country patriotically in any war;

(4) to teach patriotism, the duties of citizenship, the true history of our country, and the love and honor of our flag;

(5) to oppose every tendency or movement that would weaken loyalty to, destroy, or impair our constitutional Union; and

(6) to inculcate and broadly sustain the American principles of representative government, equal rights, and impartial justice for all.

§ 153703. Membership

Except as provided in this chapter, eligibility for membership in the corporation and the rights, privileges, and designation of classes of members are as provided in the constitution and bylaws of the corporation. Eligibility for membership is limited to—

(1) women who are the wives, mothers, daughters, and sisters of Union soldiers, sailors, and marines; and

(2) other loyal women who have not given aid or comfort to the enemies of the United States of America.

§ 153704. Governing body

(a) NATIONAL CONVENTION.—(1) The national convention is the supreme governing authority of the corporation.

(2) The national convention is composed of officers and elected representatives from the States as provided by the regulations of the corporation. However, the form of government of the corporation must be representative of the membership at large and may not permit concentration of control in a limited number of members or in a self-perpetuating group not representative of the membership at large.

(3) The meetings of the national convention may be held in the District of Columbia or in any State.

(4) During the intervals between the convention, the executive officers are the governing board of the corporation and are responsible for the general policies, program, and activities of the corporation.

(b) COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION.—The council of administration of the corporation shall consist of at least 7 members elected in the manner and for the term provided in the constitution and bylaws of the corporation.

(c) OFFICERS.—(1) The officers of the corporation are a national president, senior vice national president, junior vice national president, secretary, treasurer, and other officers as provided in the constitution and bylaws. One individual may hold the offices of secretary and treasurer.

(2) The titles, manner of election, term of office, and duties of the officers are as provided in the constitution and bylaws.

§ 153705. Powers

The corporation may—

(1) adopt and amend a constitution and bylaws for the management of its property and the regulation of its affairs;

(2) adopt and alter a corporate seal;

(3) choose officers as the corporation requires;

(4) make contracts;

(5) acquire, own, lease, encumber, and transfer property as necessary or convenient to carry out the purposes of the corporation; and

(6) sue and be sued.

§ 153706. Exclusive right to name, seals, emblems, and badges

The corporation and its subordinate corps have the exclusive right to use the name "National Woman's Relief Corps, Auxiliary to the Grand Army of the Republic". The corporation has the exclusive right to use and to allow others to use seals, emblems, and badges the corporation adopts.

§ 153707. Restrictions

(a) STOCK AND DIVIDENDS.—The corporation may not issue stock or declare or pay a dividend.

(b) POLITICAL ACTIVITIES.—The corporation or an officer or agent as such may not contribute to, support, or assist a political party or candidate for public office.

(c) DISTRIBUTION OF INCOME OR ASSETS.—The income or assets of the corporation may not inure to the benefit of, or be distributed to, an officer or member during the life of the corporation or on its dissolution or final liquidation. This subsection does not prevent the payment of reasonable compensation to an officer or reimbursement for actual necessary expenses in amounts approved by the council of administration of the corporation.

(d) LOANS.—The corporation may not make a loan or advance to an officer or member of the corporation. Members of the council of administration who vote for or assent to making a loan or advance to an officer or member, and officers who participate in making the loan or advance, are jointly and severally liable to the corporation for the amount of the loan or advance until it is repaid.

§ 153708. Principal office

The principal office of the corporation shall be in Springfield, Illinois. However, the activities of the corporation are not confined to Springfield but may be conducted throughout the States of the United States and the District of Columbia.

§ 153709. Records and inspection

(a) RECORDS.—The corporation shall keep—

(1) correct and complete records of account; and

(2) minutes of the proceedings of its national convention.

(b) INSPECTION.—A member, or an agent or attorney of the member, may inspect the records of the corporation for any proper purpose, at any reasonable time.

§ 153710. Service of process

The corporation shall have a designated agent in the District of Columbia to receive service of process, notice, or demand for the corporation. Designation of the agent shall be filed in the office of the Mayor of the District of Columbia or another office designated by the Mayor. Notice to or service on the agent is notice to or service on the corporation.

§ 153711. Liability for acts of officers and agents

The corporation is liable for the acts of its officers and agents acting within the scope of their authority.

§ 153712. Annual report

Not later than 6 months after the end of each fiscal year, the corporation shall submit a report to Congress on the activities of the corporation during the prior fiscal year. The report may consist of a report on the proceedings of the national convention during that fiscal year. The report may not be printed as a public document.

§ 153713. Distribution of assets on dissolution or final liquidation

On dissolution or final liquidation of the corporation, its assets shall be distributed as follows:

(1) All liabilities shall be paid and discharged, or adequate provision for payment and discharge shall be made.

(2) Assets held on condition requiring return or transfer on dissolution of the corporation shall be returned or transferred as required by the condition.

(3) Assets received and held subject to a limitation permitting use only for charitable, religious, benevolent, educational, or similar purposes, but not held on a condition requiring return or transfer on dissolution of the corporation, shall be transferred to one or more appropriate domestic or foreign corporations, societies, or organizations under a plan of distribution adopted as provided in this chapter.

(4) Other assets shall be distributed as provided by the articles of incorporation or bylaws to the extent that the articles or bylaws provide the distributive rights of members, or any class of members, or provide for distribution to others.

(5) Any remaining assets may be distributed to persons, societies, organizations, or domestic or foreign corporations engaged in activities not for profit, as provided in a plan of distribution adopted by the council of administration of the corporation and in compliance with the constitution and bylaws of the corporation.

CHAPTER 1539—THE NATIONAL YOEMEN F

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§ 153901. Organization

The National Yoemen F (in this chapter, the "corporation") is a body corporate and politic in the District of Columbia.

§ 153902. Purposes

The purposes of the corporation are patriotic, historical, and educational and are—

(1) to foster and perpetuate the memory of the service of Yoemen (f) in the United States Naval Reserve Force of the United States Navy during World War I;

(2) to preserve the memories and incidents of their association in World War I by the encouragement of historical research concerning the service of Yoemen (f);

(3) to cherish, maintain, and extend the institutions of American freedom by the promotion of celebrations of all patriotic anniversaries;

(4) to foster true patriotism and love of country; and

(5) to aid in securing for mankind all the blessings of liberty.

§ 153903. Powers

The corporation may—

(1) adopt a constitution and bylaws;

(2) adopt a seal; and

(3) hold real and personal property in the United States, but only to the extent necessary to carry out the purposes of the corporation and only in an amount not more than $50,000.

§ 153904. Deposit of historical material

The Regents of the Smithsonian Institution may permit the corporation to deposit its collections, manuscripts, books, pamphlets, and other material for history in the Smithsonian Institution or in the National Museum, on conditions and under rules they prescribe.

CHAPTER 1541—NAVAL SEA CADET CORPS

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§ 154101. Organization

(a) FEDERAL CHARTER.—Naval Sea Cadet Corps (in this chapter, the "corporation") is a federally chartered corporation.

(b) PERPETUAL EXISTENCE.—Except as otherwise provided, the corporation has perpetual existence.

§ 154102. Purposes

The purposes of the corporation are, through organization and cooperation with the Department of the Navy—

(1) to encourage and aid American young people to develop an interest and skill in basic seamanship and in its naval adaptations;

(2) to train them in seagoing skills; and

(3) to teach them patriotism, courage, self-reliance, and kindred virtues.

§ 154103. Membership

Except as provided in this chapter, eligibility for membership in the corporation and the rights, privileges, and designation of classes of members are as provided in the constitution and bylaws of the corporation.

§ 154104. Governing body

(a) BOARD OF DIRECTORS.—(1) The board of directors is the governing body of the corporation. The board is responsible for the general policies and program of the corporation and the control of all funds of the corporation.

(2) The number of directors, their manner of selection (including the filling of vacancies), and their term of office are as provided in the constitution and bylaws. However, the board shall have at least 10 but not more than 25 directors.

(b) OFFICERS.—(1) The officers of the corporation are a president, one or more vice presidents as provided in the constitution and bylaws, a secretary, a treasurer, and other officers as provided in the constitution and bylaws.

(2) The manner of election, term of office, and duties of the officers are as provided in the constitution and bylaws.

§ 154105. Powers

The corporation may—

(1) adopt and amend a constitution and bylaws for the management of its property and the regulation of its affairs;

(2) adopt and alter a corporate seal;

(3) choose officers, managers, employees, and agents as the activities of the corporation require;

(4) make contracts;

(5) acquire, own, lease, encumber, and transfer property as necessary or convenient to carry out the purposes of the corporation;

(6) borrow money, issue instruments of indebtedness, and secure its obligations by granting security interests in its property; and

(7) sue and be sued.

§ 154106. Exclusive right to name, insignia, emblems, badges, marks, and words

The corporation has the exclusive right to use the name "Naval Sea Cadet Corps" and distinctive insignia, emblems, and badges, descriptive or designating marks, and words or phrases required to carry out the duties and powers of the corporation. This section does not affect any vested rights.

§ 154107. Restrictions

(a) STOCK AND DIVIDENDS.—The corporation may not issue stock or declare or pay a dividend.

(b) POLITICAL ACTIVITIES.—The corporation or a director or officer as such may not contribute to, support, or assist a political party or candidate for public office.

(c) DISTRIBUTION OF INCOME OR ASSETS.—The income or assets of the corporation may not inure to the benefit of, or be distributed to, a director, officer, or member during the life of the corporation or on its dissolution or final liquidation. This subsection does not prevent the payment of compensation to an officer in an amount approved by the board of directors.

(d) LOANS.—The corporation may not make a loan or advance to a director, officer, or employee. Directors who vote for or assent to making a loan or advance to a director, officer, or employee, and officers who participate in making the loan or advance, are jointly and severally liable to the corporation for the amount of the loan or advance until it is repaid.

§ 154108. Principal office

The principal office of the corporation shall be in Tacoma, Washington, or another place decided by the board of directors. However, the activities of the corporation are not confined to the place where the principal office is located but may be conducted throughout the States, territories, and possessions of the United States.

§ 154109. Records and inspection

(a) RECORDS.—The corporation shall keep—

(1) correct and complete records of account;

(2) minutes of the proceedings of its members, board of directors, and committees having any of the authority of its board of directors; and

(3) at its principal office, a record of the names and addresses of its members entitled to vote.

(b) INSPECTION.—A member entitled to vote, or an agent or attorney of the member, may inspect the records of the corporation for any proper purpose, at any reasonable time.

§ 154110. Service of process

The corporation shall have a designated agent in the District of Columbia to receive service of process for the corporation. Notice to or service on the agent, or mailed to the business address of the agent, is notice to or service on the corporation.

§ 154111. Liability for acts of officers and agents

The corporation is liable for the acts of its officers and agents acting within the scope of their authority.

§ 154112. Annual report

The corporation shall submit an annual report to the Secretary of the Navy on the activities of the corporation during the prior calendar year. The Secretary shall communicate to Congress any part of the report that the Secretary considers appropriate.

§ 154113. Distribution of assets on dissolution or final liquidation

On dissolution or final liquidation of the corporation, any assets remaining after the discharge of all liabilities shall be distributed as provided by the board of directors, but in compliance with the constitution and bylaws of the corporation.

CHAPTER 1543—NAVY CLUB OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

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§ 154301. Organization

(a) FEDERAL CHARTER.—Navy Club of the United States of America (in this chapter, the "corporation") is a federally chartered corporation.

(b) PERPETUAL EXISTENCE.—Except as otherwise provided, the corporation has perpetual existence.

§ 154302. Purposes

The purposes of the corporation are—

(1) to encourage, promote, and maintain comradeship among individuals who are or have been in the active service of the United States Navy, the United States Marine Corps, or the United States Coast Guard;

(2) to revere, honor, and perpetuate the memory of individuals described in clause (1) of this section who have departed this life;

(3) to promote and encourage further public interest in the United States Navy, the United States Marine Corps, and the United States Coast Guard and the history of those organizations;

(4) to uphold the spirit and ideals of the United States Navy, the United States Marine Corps, and the United States Coast Guard;

(5) to promote the ideals of American freedom and democracy and to fit its members for the duties of citizenship and to encourage them to serve as ably as citizens as they have served the Nation under arms; and

(6) to maintain true allegiance to American institutions.

§ 154303. Powers

The corporation may—

(1) adopt and amend bylaws;

(2) adopt and alter a corporate seal;

(3) appoint or elect officers and agents;

(4) choose a board of trustees, consisting of at least 5 but not more than 15 individuals, to conduct the business and exercise the powers of the corporation;

(5) establish and maintain offices to conduct its activities;

(6) acquire, own, lease, encumber, and transfer property as necessary or appropriate to carry out the purposes of the corporation;

(7) charge and collect membership dues and receive contributions of money or property to be devoted to carrying out the purposes of the corporation;

(8) sue and be sued; and

(9) do any other act necessary or appropriate to carry out the purposes of the corporation.

§ 154304. Annual report

Not later than December 1 of each year, the corporation shall submit a report to Congress on the activities of the corporation during the prior calendar year. The report may not be printed as a public document.

CHAPTER 1545—NAVY WIVES CLUBS OF AMERICA

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§ 154501. Definition

For purposes of this chapter, "State" includes the District of Columbia and the territories and possessions of the United States.

§ 154502. Organization

(a) FEDERAL CHARTER.—Navy Wives Clubs of America (in this chapter, the "corporation"), incorporated in California, is a federally chartered corporation.

(b) EXPIRATION OF CHARTER.—If the corporation does not comply with any provision of this chapter, the charter granted by this chapter expires.

§ 154503. Purposes

The purposes of the corporation are as provided in the articles of incorporation and include—

(1) supporting the Constitution of the United States;

(2) promoting a friendly relationship between the wives of enlisted men who are serving in the active United States Navy, United States Marine Corps, or United States Coast Guard or in the Active Reserves of those services; and

(3) performing charitable activities as provided in the constitution or bylaws of the corporation.

§ 154504. Membership

Eligibility for membership in the corporation and the rights and privileges of members are as provided in the bylaws.

§ 154505. Governing body

(a) BOARD OF DIRECTORS.—The board of directors and the responsibilities of the board are as provided in the articles of incorporation.

(b) OFFICERS.—The officers and the election of officers are as provided in the articles of incorporation.

§ 154506. Powers

The corporation has only the powers provided in its bylaws and articles of incorporation filed in each State in which it is incorporated.

§ 154507. Restrictions

(a) STOCK AND DIVIDENDS.—The corporation may not issue stock or declare or pay a dividend.

(b) POLITICAL ACTIVITIES.—The corporation or a director or officer as such may not contribute to, support, or participate in any political activity or attempt to influence legislation.

(c) DISTRIBUTION OF INCOME OR ASSETS.—The income or assets of the corporation may not inure to the benefit of, or be distributed to, a director, officer, or member during the life of the charter granted by this chapter. This subsection does not prevent the payment of reasonable compensation to an officer or reimbursement for actual necessary expenses in amounts approved by the board of directors.

(d) LOANS.—The corporation may not make a loan to a director, officer, or employee.

(e) CLAIM OF GOVERNMENTAL APPROVAL OR AUTHORITY.—The corporation may not claim congressional approval or the authority of the United States Government for any of its activities.

§ 154508. Duty to maintain corporate and tax-exempt status

(a) CORPORATE STATUS.—The corporation shall maintain its status as a corporation incorporated under the laws of each State in which it is incorporated.

(b) TAX-EXEMPT STATUS.—The corporation shall maintain its status as an organization exempt from taxation under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (26 U.S.C. 1 et seq.).

§ 154509. Records and inspection

(a) RECORDS.—The corporation shall keep—

(1) correct and complete records of account;

(2) minutes of the proceedings of its members, board of directors, and committees having any of the authority of its board of directors; and

(3) at its principal office, a record of the names and addresses of its members entitled to vote.

(b) INSPECTION.—A member entitled to vote, or an agent or attorney of the member, may inspect the records of the corporation for any proper purpose, at any reasonable time.

§ 154510. Service of process

The corporation shall comply with the law on service of process of each State in which it is incorporated and each State in which it carries on activities.

§ 154511. Liability for acts of officers and agents

The corporation is liable for the acts of its officers and agents acting within the scope of their authority.

§ 154512. Annual report

The corporation shall submit an annual report to Congress on the activities of the corporation during the prior fiscal year. The report shall be submitted at the same time as the report of the audit required by section 10101 of this title. The report may not be printed as a public document.

CHAPTER 1547—NON COMMISSIONED OFFICERS ASSOCIATION OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, INCORPORATED

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§ 154701. Definition

For purposes of this chapter, "State" includes the District of Columbia and the territories and possessions of the United States.

§ 154702. Organization

(a) FEDERAL CHARTER.—Non Commissioned Officers Association of the United States of America, Incorporated (in this chapter, the "corporation"), a nonprofit corporation incorporated in Texas, is a federally chartered corporation.

(b) EXPIRATION OF CHARTER.—If the corporation does not comply with any provision of this chapter, the charter granted by this chapter expires.

§ 154703. Purposes

The purposes of the corporation are as provided in the bylaws and articles of incorporation and include—

(1) upholding and defending the Constitution of the United States;

(2) promoting health, prosperity, and scholarship among its members and their dependents and survivors through benevolent programs;

(3) assisting veterans and their dependents and survivors through a service program established for that purpose;

(4) improving conditions for service members, veterans, and their dependents and survivors; and

(5) fostering fraternal and social activities among its members in recognition that cooperative action is required for the furtherance of their common interests.

§ 154704. Membership

(a) ELIGIBILITY.—Except as provided in this chapter, eligibility for membership in the corporation and the rights and privileges of members are as provided in the constitution and bylaws of the corporation.

(b) NONDISCRIMINATION.—The terms of membership may not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, disability, age, or national origin.

§ 154705. Governing body

(a) BOARD OF DIRECTORS.—The board of directors and the responsibilities of the board are as provided in the articles of incorporation.

(b) OFFICERS.—The officers and the election of officers are as provided in the articles of incorporation.

(c) NONDISCRIMINATION.—The requirements for serving as a director or officer may not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, disability, age, or national origin.

§ 154706. Powers

The corporation has only the powers provided in its bylaws and articles of incorporation filed in each State in which it is incorporated.

§ 154707. Exclusive right to name, seals, emblems, and badges

The corporation has the exclusive right to use the names "The Non Commissioned Officers Association of the United States of America", "Non Commissioned Officers Association of the United States of America", "Non Commissioned Officers Association", and "NCOA", and seals, emblems, and badges the corporation adopts. This section does not affect any vested rights.

§ 154708. Restrictions

(a) STOCK AND DIVIDENDS.—The corporation may not issue stock or declare or pay a dividend.

(b) DISTRIBUTION OF INCOME OR ASSETS.—The income or assets of the corporation may not inure of the benefit of, or be distributed to, a director, officer, or member during the life of the charter granted by this chapter. This subsection does not prevent the payment of reasonable compensation to an officer or reimbursement for actual necessary expenses in amounts approved by the board of directors.

(c) LOANS.—The corporation may not make a loan to a director, officer, or employee.

(d) CLAIM OF GOVERNMENTAL APPROVAL OR AUTHORITY.—The corporation may not claim congressional approval or the authority of the United States Government for any of its activities.

§ 154709. Duty to maintain tax-exempt status

The corporation shall maintain its status as an organization exempt from taxation under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (26 U.S.C. 1 et seq.).

§ 154710. Records and inspection

(a) RECORDS.—The corporation shall keep—

(1) correct and complete records of account;

(2) minutes of the proceedings of its members, board of directors, and committees having any of the authority of its board of directors; and

(3) at its principal office, a record of the names and addresses of its members entitled to vote.

(b) INSPECTION.—A member entitled to vote, or an agent or attorney of the member, may inspect the records of the corporation for any proper purpose, at any reasonable time.

§ 154711. Service of process

The corporation shall comply with the law on service of process of each State in which it is incorporated and each State in which it carries on activities.

§ 154712. Liability for acts of officers and agents

The corporation is liable for the acts of its officers and agents acting within the scope of their authority.

§ 154713. Annual report

The corporation shall submit an annual report to Congress on the activities of the corporation during the prior fiscal year. The report shall be submitted at the same time as the report of the audit required by section 10101 of this title. The report may not be printed as a public document.

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CHAPTER 1701—PARALYZED VETERANS OF AMERICA

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§ 170101. Organization

(a) FEDERAL CHARTER.—Paralyzed Veterans of America (in this chapter, the "corporation") is a federally chartered corporation.

(b) PERPETUAL EXISTENCE.—Except as otherwise provided, the corporation has perpetual existence.

§ 170102. Purposes

The purposes of the corporation are—

(1) to preserve the great and basic truths and enduring principles on which this Nation was founded;

(2) to form a national association for the benefit of individuals who have suffered injuries or diseases of the spinal cord;

(3) to acquaint the public with the needs and problems of paraplegics;

(4) to promote medical research in the several fields connected with injuries and diseases of the spinal cord, including research in neurosurgery and orthopedics and in genitourinary and orthopedic appliances; and

(5) to advocate and foster complete and effective reconditioning programs for paraplegics, including a thorough physical reconditioning program, physiotherapy, competent walking instructions, adequate guidance (both vocational and educational), academic and vocational education (both in hospitals and in educational institutions), psychological orientation and readjustment to family and friends, and occupational therapy (both functional and diversional).

§ 170103. Membership

An individual is eligible for membership in the corporation if the individual—

(1) is a citizen of the United States;

(2) was regularly enlisted, inducted, or commissioned, and was accepted for or on active duty, in the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force, or Coast Guard of the United States or an ally of the United States;

(3)(A) was separated from service in the armed forces under conditions other than dishonorable; or

(B) is on active duty or must continue to serve after the cessation of hostilities; and

(4) has suffered a spinal cord injury or disease, whether or not service connected in origin.

§ 170104. Powers

(a) SPECIFIC POWERS.—The corporation may—

(1) adopt and amend a constitution and bylaws;

(2) adopt and alter a corporate seal, emblems, and badges;

(3) choose officers, representatives, and agents as necessary to carry out the purposes of the corporation;

(4) make contracts;

(5) accept gifts, legacies, and devises that will further the purposes of the corporation;

(6) acquire, own, lease, encumber, and transfer property as necessary to carry out the purposes of the corporation;

(7) borrow money, issue instruments of indebtedness, and secure its obligations by granting security interests in its property;

(8) establish, regulate, and discontinue subordinate State and regional organizations and local chapters or posts;

(9) establish and maintain offices to conduct the affairs of the corporation;

(10) publish a magazine, newspaper, and other publications;

(11) sue and be sued; and

(12) do any other act necessary and proper to carry out the purposes of the corporation.

(b) PRIVILEGES OF OTHER NATIONAL VETERANS' ORGANIZATIONS.—Privileges granted to other national veterans' organizations as a result of their being incorporated by Congress are also granted to the corporation.

§ 170105. Exclusive right to name, seals, emblems, and badges

The corporation and its State and regional organizations and local chapters or posts have the exclusive right to use the name "Paralyzed Veterans of America" and seals, emblems, and badges the corporation lawfully adopts.

§ 170106. Restrictions

(a) PROFIT.—The corporation may not engage in business for profit.

(b) STOCK.—The corporation may not issue stock.

(c) POLITICAL ACTIVITIES.—The corporation shall be nonpolitical and may not provide financial aid to, or otherwise promote the candidacy of, an individual seeking public office.

(d) DISTRIBUTION OF INCOME OR ASSETS.—The income or assets of the corporation may not inure to the benefit of, or be distributed to, a director, officer, member, or employee during the life of the corporation or on its dissolution or final liquidation. This subsection does not prevent the payment of reasonable compensation to an officer or employee or reimbursement for actual necessary expenses in amounts approved by the board of directors.

(e) LOANS.—The corporation may not make a loan to a director, officer, member, or employee. Directors who vote for or assent to making such a loan, and officers who participate in making the loan, are jointly and severally liable to the corporation for the amount of the loan until it is repaid.

§ 170107. Headquarters and principal place of business

The headquarters and principal place of business of the corporation shall be in the District of Columbia. However, the activities of the corporation are not confined to the District of Columbia but may be conducted throughout the States, territories, and possessions of the United States.

§ 170108. Records and inspection

(a) RECORDS.—The corporation shall keep—

(1) correct and complete records of account;

(2) minutes of the proceedings of its members, executive committee, and committees having any of the authority of its executive committee; and

(3) at its principal office, a record of the names and addresses of its members entitled to vote.

(b) INSPECTION.—A member entitled to vote, or an agent or attorney of the member, may inspect the records of the corporation for any proper purpose, at any reasonable time.

§ 170109. Service of process

As a condition to the exercise of any power or privilege granted by this chapter, the corporation shall file, with the secretary of state or other designated official of each State, territory, or possession of the United States in which an organization, chapter, or post is organized, the name and address of an agent in that State, territory, or possession on whom legal process or demands against the corporation may be served.

§ 170110. Liability for acts of officers and agents

The corporation is liable for the acts of its officers and agents acting within the scope of their authority.

§ 170111. Distribution of assets on dissolution or final liquidation

On dissolution or final liquidation of the corporation, any assets remaining after the discharge or satisfactory provision for discharge of all liabilities shall be transferred to the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to be applied to the care and comfort of paralyzed veterans.

CHAPTER 1703—PEARL HARBOR SURVIVORS ASSOCIATION

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§ 170301. Definition

For purposes of this chapter, "State" includes the District of Columbia and the territories and possessions of the United States.

§ 170302. Organization

(a) FEDERAL CHARTER.—Pearl Harbor Survivors Association (in this chapter, the "corporation"), a nonprofit corporation incorporated in Missouri, is a federally chartered corporation.

(b) EXPIRATION OF CHARTER.—If the corporation does not comply with any provision of this chapter, the charter granted by this chapter expires.

§ 170303. Purposes

The purposes of the corporation are as provided in its articles of incorporation and include—

(1) upholding and defending the Constitution of the United States;

(2) collating, preserving, and encouraging the study of historical episodes, chronicles, mementos, and events pertaining to "The Day of Infamy, 7 December 1941", and in particular those memories and records of patriotic service performed by the heroic Pearl Harbor survivors and nonsurvivors;

(3) shielding from neglect the graves, past and future, of those who served at Pearl Harbor on that day;

(4) stimulating communities and political subdivisions into taking more interest in the affairs and future of the United States to keep our Nation alert;

(5) fighting unceasingly for our national security to protect the United States from enemies within and without our borders;

(6) preserving the American way of life and fostering the spirit and practice of Americanism; and

(7) instilling love of country and flag and promoting soundness of mind and body in the youth of our Nation.

§ 170304. Membership

(a) ELIGIBILITY.—Eligibility for membership in the corporation and the rights and privileges of members are as provided in the constitution and bylaws of the corporation.

(b) NONDISCRIMINATION.—The terms of membership may not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, or national origin.

§ 170305. Governing body

(a) BOARD OF DIRECTORS.—The board of directors and the responsibilities of the board are as provided in the articles of incorporation.

(b) OFFICERS.—The officers and the election of officers are as provided in the articles of incorporation.

(c) NONDISCRIMINATION.—The requirements for holding office in the corporation may not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, or national origin.

§ 170306. Powers

The corporation has the powers provided in its bylaws and articles of incorporation filed in the State in which it is incorporated, including the power to—

(1) adopt and amend a constitution and bylaws for the management of its property and the regulation of its affairs;

(2) adopt and alter a corporate seal;

(3) adopt emblems and badges;

(4) establish, maintain, and regulate offices to conduct the affairs of the corporation;

(5) publish a magazine and other publications;

(6) charge and collect membership dues and subscription fees and receive contributions or grants of money or property to be used to carry out the purposes of the corporation;

(7) accept gifts, legacies, and devises that will further the purposes of the corporation;

(8) promote the formation of auxiliaries, the membership requirements of which shall be as provided in the constitution and the bylaws of the corporation;

(9) sue and be sued; and

(10) do any other act necessary or desirable to carry out the purposes of the corporation.

§ 170307. Exclusive right to name, seals, emblems, and badges

The corporation and its regional districts and local branches have the exclusive right to use the name "Pearl Harbor Survivors Association" and seals, emblems, and badges the corporation adopts.

§ 170308. Restrictions

(a) STOCK AND DIVIDENDS.—The corporation may not issue stock or declare or pay a dividend.

(b) POLITICAL ACTIVITIES.—The corporation or a director or officer as such may not contribute to, support, or participate in any political activity or in any manner attempt to influence legislation.

(c) DISTRIBUTION OF INCOME OR ASSETS.—The income or assets of the corporation may not inure to the benefit of, or be distributed to, a director, officer, or member during the life of the charter granted by this chapter or on dissolution or final liquidation of the corporation. This subsection does not prevent the payment of compensation to an officer or reimbursement for actual necessary expenses in amounts approved by the board of directors.

(d) LOANS.—The corporation may not make a loan to a director, officer, or employee.

(e) CLAIM OF GOVERNMENTAL APPROVAL OR AUTHORIZATION.—The corporation may not claim congressional approval or the authority of the United States Government for any of its activities.

§ 170309. Duty to maintain tax-exempt status

The corporation shall maintain its status as an organization exempt from taxation under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (26 U.S.C. 1 et seq.).

§ 170310. Records and inspection

(a) RECORDS.—The corporation shall keep—

(1) correct and complete records of account;

(2) minutes of the proceedings of its members, board of directors, and committees having any of the authority of its board of directors; and

(3) at its principal office, a record of the names and addresses of its members entitled to vote.

(b) INSPECTION.—A member entitled to vote, or an agent or attorney of the member, may inspect the records of the corporation for any proper purpose, at any reasonable time.

§ 170311. Service of process

The corporation shall comply with the law on service of process of each State in which it is incorporated and each State in which it carries on activities.

§ 170312. Liability for acts of officers and agents

The corporation is liable for the acts of its officers and agents acting within the scope of their authority.

§ 170313. Annual report

The corporation shall submit an annual report to Congress on the activities of the corporation during the prior fiscal year. The report shall be submitted at the same time as the report of the audit required by section 10101 of this title. The report may not be printed as a public document.

CHAPTER 1705—POLISH LEGION OF AMERICAN VETERANS, U.S.A.

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§ 170501. Definition

For purposes of this chapter, "State" includes the District of Columbia and the territories and possessions of the United States.

§ 170502. Organization

(a) FEDERAL CHARTER.—Polish Legion of American Veterans, U.S.A. (in this chapter, the "corporation"), a nonprofit corporation incorporated in Illinois, is a federally chartered corporation.

(b) EXPIRATION OF CHARTER.—If the corporation does not comply with any provision of this chapter, the charter granted by this chapter expires.

§ 170503. Purposes

The purposes of the corporation are as provided in its articles of incorporation. The corporation shall function as a veterans' and patriotic organization as authorized by the laws of each State in which it is incorporated.

§ 170504. Membership

(a) ELIGIBILITY.—Except as provided in this chapter, eligibility for membership in the corporation and the rights and privileges of members are as provided in the constitution and bylaws of the corporation.

(b) NONDISCRIMINATION.—The terms of membership may not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, or national origin.

§ 170505. Governing body

(a) BOARD OF DIRECTORS.—The board of directors and the responsibilities of the board are as provided in the articles of incorporation.

(b) OFFICERS.—The officers and the election of officers are as provided in the articles of incorporation.

(c) NONDISCRIMINATION.—The requirements for holding office in the corporation may not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, or national origin.

§ 170506. Powers

The corporation has only the powers provided in its bylaws and articles of incorporation filed in each State in which it is incorporated.

§ 170507. Restrictions

(a) STOCK AND DIVIDENDS.—The corporation may not issue stock or declare or pay a dividend.

(b) POLITICAL ACTIVITIES.—The corporation or a director or officer as such may not contribute to, support, or participate in any political activity or in any manner attempt to influence legislation.

(c) DISTRIBUTION OF INCOME OR ASSETS.—The income or assets of the corporation may not inure to the benefit of, or be distributed to, a director, officer, or member during the life of the charter granted by this chapter. This subsection does not prevent the payment of reasonable compensation to an officer or reimbursement for actual necessary expenses in amounts approved by the board of directors.

(d) LOANS.—The corporation may not make a loan to a director, officer, or employee.

(e) CLAIM OF GOVERNMENTAL APPROVAL OR AUTHORIZATION.—The corporation may not claim congressional approval or the authority of the United States Government for any of its activities.

§ 170508. Duty to maintain tax-exempt status

The corporation shall maintain its status as an organization exempt from taxation under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (26 U.S.C. 1 et seq.).

§ 170509. Records and inspection

(a) RECORDS.—The corporation shall keep—

(1) correct and complete records of account;

(2) minutes of the proceedings of its members, board of directors, and committees having any of the authority of its board of directors; and

(3) at its principal office, a record of the names and addresses of its members entitled to vote.

(b) INSPECTION.—A member entitled to vote, or an agent or attorney of the member, may inspect the records of the corporation for any proper purpose, at any reasonable time.

§ 170510. Service of process

The corporation shall comply with the law on service of process of each State in which it is incorporated and each State in which it carries on activities.

§ 170511. Liability for acts of officers and agents

The corporation is liable for the acts of its officers and agents acting within the scope of their authority.

§ 170512. Annual report

The corporation shall submit an annual report to Congress on the activities of the corporation during the prior fiscal year. The report shall be submitted at the same time as the report of the audit required by section 10101 of this title. The report may not be printed as a public document.

CHAPTER 1801—[RESERVED]

CHAPTER 1901—RESERVE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION OF THE UNITED STATES

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§ 190101. Organization

(a) FEDERAL CHARTER.—Reserve Officers Association of the United States (in this chapter, the "corporation") is a federally chartered corporation.

(b) PERPETUAL EXISTENCE.—Except as otherwise provided, the corporation has perpetual existence.

§ 190102. Purposes

The purposes of the corporation are to support and promote the development and execution of a military policy for the United States that will provide adequate national security.

§ 190103. Membership

(a) ELIGIBILITY.—Eligibility for membership in the corporation is as provided in the constitution and bylaws of the corporation.

(b) VOTING.—Each active member of a department or chapter has one vote in the conduct of official business of that department or chapter.

§ 190104. Governing body

(a) NATIONAL CONVENTION.—The corporation shall hold an annual national convention. The national convention shall be composed of delegates elected by the various departments.

(b) NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.—(1) The national executive committee is the governing body of the corporation.

(2) The national executive committee consists of the president, the last past president, 3 vice presidents, 3 junior vice presidents, 3 national executive committee members, and the executive director. Each of these individuals, except the executive director, has one vote on each matter decided by the committee.

(c) OFFICERS.—(1) The officers of the corporation are a president, 3 vice presidents, 3 junior vice presidents, 3 national executive committee members, an executive director, a national treasurer, a judge advocate, a surgeon, a chaplain, a historian, a public relations officer, and other officers as decided at the national convention.

(2) The national officers of the corporation shall be elected at the annual national convention, except for the executive director, the national treasurer, and the national public relations officer, who shall be appointed by the national executive committee.

(3) The elected officers shall hold office for one year or until their successors have been elected and qualified.

(d) VACANCIES.—(1) Except for the positions of president and last past president, a vacancy on the national executive committee shall be filled by the existing members of the committee. An individual appointed by the committee to fill a vacancy serves until the next national convention when the individual's successor shall be elected for the unexpired term, if any, caused by the vacancy.

(2) If the president is absent or the office of president is vacant, the national vice president of the same service as the president shall act as president.

§ 190105. Powers

The corporation may—

(1) adopt and amend a constitution and bylaws;

(2) adopt and alter a corporate seal;

(3) adopt and alter emblems and badges;

(4) acquire, own, lease, encumber, and transfer property as necessary to carry out the purposes of the corporation;

(5) publish a magazine, newspaper, and other publications;

(6) establish, regulate, and discontinue subordinate departmental subdivisions and local chapters;

(7) sue and be sued; and

(8) do any other act necessary and proper to carry out the purposes of the corporation.

§ 190106. Exclusive right to name, seals, emblems, and badges

The corporation and its subordinate departmental subdivisions and local chapters have the exclusive right to use the name "Reserve Officers Association of the United States" and seals, emblems, and badges the corporation adopts.

§ 190107. Restrictions

(a) PROFIT.—The corporation may not engage in business for profit.

(b) STOCK.—The corporation may not issue stock.

(c) POLITICAL ACTIVITIES.—The corporation or an officer or member as such may not contribute to, support, or assist a political party or candidate for public office.

(d) DISTRIBUTION OF INCOME OR ASSETS.—The income or assets of the corporation may not inure to the benefit of, or be distributed to, an officer or member except on dissolution or final liquidation of the corporation.

(e) LOANS.—The corporation may not make a loan or advance to an officer or member of the national executive committee. Members of the national executive committee who vote for or assent to making a loan or advance to an officer, and officers who participate in making the loan or advance, are jointly and severally liable to the corporation for the amount of the loan or advance until it is repaid.

§ 190108. Headquarters

The headquarters of the corporation shall be in the District of Columbia.

§ 190109. Records and inspection

(a) RECORDS.—The corporation shall keep—

(1) correct and complete records of account;

(2) minutes of the proceedings of its national conventions, national executive committee, and national council; and

(3) at its principal office, a record of the names and addresses of its members entitled to vote.

(b) INSPECTION.—A member entitled to vote, or an agent or attorney of the member, may inspect the records of the corporation for any proper purpose, at any reasonable time.

§ 190110. Service of process

(a) DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.—The corporation shall have a designated agent in the District of Columbia to receive service of process for the corporation. Notice to or service on the agent is notice to or service on the corporation.

(b) STATES, TERRITORIES, AND POSSESSIONS.—As a condition to the exercise of any power or privilege granted by this chapter, the corporation shall file, with the secretary of state or other designated official of each State, territory, or possession of the United States in which a subordinate department or local chapter is organized, the name and address of an agent in that State, territory, or possession on whom legal process or demands against the corporation may be served.

§ 190111. Liability for acts of officers and agents

The corporation is liable for the acts of its officers and agents acting within the scope of their authority.

§ 190112. Distribution of assets on dissolution or final liquidation

On dissolution or final liquidation of the corporation, any assets remaining after the discharge of all liabilities shall be divided equally among the then active officers and members.

CHAPTER 1903—RETIRED ENLISTED ASSOCIATION, INCORPORATED

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§ 190301. Definition

For purposes of this chapter, "State" includes the District of Columbia and the territories and possessions of the United States.

§ 190302. Organization

(a) FEDERAL CHARTER.—Retired Enlisted Association, Incorporated (in this chapter, the "corporation"), a nonprofit corporation incorporated in Colorado, is a federally chartered corporation.

(b) EXPIRATION OF CHARTER.—If the corporation does not comply with any provision of this chapter, the charter granted by this chapter expires.

§ 190303. Purposes

The purposes of the corporation are as provided in its articles of incorporation and bylaws and include—

(1) upholding and defending the Constitution of the United States;

(2) promoting health, prosperity, and scholarship among its members and their dependents and survivors through benevolent programs;

(3) assisting veterans and their dependents and survivors through a service program established for that purpose;

(4) improving conditions for retired enlisted service members, veterans, and their dependents and survivors; and

(5) fostering fraternal and social activities among its members in recognition that cooperative action is required for the furtherance of their common interests.

§ 190304. Membership

(a) ELIGIBILITY.—Except as provided in this chapter, eligibility for membership in the corporation and the rights and privileges of members are as provided in the articles of incorporation and bylaws.

(b) NONDISCRIMINATION.—The terms of membership may not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, disability, age, or national origin.

§ 190305. Governing body

(a) BOARD OF DIRECTORS.—The board of directors and the responsibilities of the board are as provided in the articles of incorporation.

(b) OFFICERS.—The officers and the election of officers are as provided in the articles of incorporation.

(c) NONDISCRIMINATION.—The requirements for serving as a director or officer may not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, disability, age, or national origin.

§ 190306. Powers

The corporation has only the powers provided in its bylaws and articles of incorporation filed in each State in which it is incorporated.

§ 190307. Exclusive right to name, seals, emblems, and badges

The corporation has the exclusive right to use the names "The Retired Enlisted Association, Incorporated", "The Retired Enlisted Association", "Retired Enlisted Association", and "TREA" and seals, emblems, and badges the corporation adopts. This section does not affect any vested rights.

§ 190308. Restrictions

(a) STOCK AND DIVIDENDS.—The corporation may not issue stock or declare or pay a dividend.

(b) DISTRIBUTION OF INCOME OR ASSETS.—The income or assets of the corporation may not inure to the benefit of, or be distributed to, a director, officer, or member during the life of the charter granted by this chapter. This subsection does not prevent the payment of reasonable compensation to an officer or reimbursement for actual necessary expenses in amounts approved by the board of directors.

(c) LOANS.—The corporation may not make a loan to a director, officer, or employee.

(d) CLAIM OF GOVERNMENTAL APPROVAL OR AUTHORITY.—The corporation may not claim congressional approval or the authority of the United States Government for any of its activities.

§ 190309. Duty to maintain tax-exempt status

The corporation shall maintain its status as an organization exempt from taxation under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (26 U.S.C. 1 et seq.).

§ 190310. Records and inspection

(a) RECORDS.—The corporation shall keep—

(1) correct and complete records of account;

(2) minutes of the proceedings of its members, board of directors, and committees having any of the authority of its board of directors; and

(3) at its principal office, a record of the names and addresses of its members entitled to vote.

(b) INSPECTION.—A member entitled to vote, or an agent or attorney of the member, may inspect the records of the corporation for any proper purpose, at any reasonable time.

§ 190311. Service of process

The corporation shall comply with the law on service of process of each State in which it is incorporated and each State in which it carries on activities.

§ 190312. Liability for acts of officers and agents

The corporation is liable for the acts of its officers and agents acting within the scope of their authority.

§ 190313. Annual report

The corporation shall submit an annual report to Congress on the activities of the corporation during the prior fiscal year. The report shall be submitted at the same time as the report of the audit required by section 10101 of this title. The report may not be printed as a public document.

CHAPTER 2001—SOCIETY OF AMERICAN FLORISTS AND ORNAMENTAL HORTICULTURISTS

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§ 200101. Organization

Society of American Florists and Ornamental Horticulturists (in this chapter, the "corporation") is a body corporate and politic in the District of Columbia.

§ 200102. Purposes

The purposes of the corporation are to educate members of the florist industry and the public, and to promote scientific development, in floriculture and horticulture.

§ 200103. Powers

The corporation may—

(1) adopt a constitution and bylaws for the management of its property and the regulation of its affairs; and

(2)(A) hold property, in the District of Columbia or elsewhere, necessary to carry out the purposes of the corporation, in an amount not to exceed $1,000,000; and

(B) hold other property donated or bequeathed in any State or territory of the United States.

§ 200104. Restrictions

(a) PROFIT.—The corporation may not operate for profit.

(b) USE OF EARNINGS.—Earnings generated by the corporation may be used only for the purposes provided in section 200102 of this title.

(c) USE OF PROPERTY.—Property held by the corporation, and the proceeds from the property, may be used only for the purposes provided in section 200102 of this title.

(d) PARKS IN THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.—The corporation may not occupy any park in the District of Columbia.

§ 200105. Principal office

The principal office of the corporation shall be located in the District of Columbia. However, annual meetings may be held wherever the corporation decides.

§ 200106. Nonapplication of audit requirements

The audit requirements of section 10101 of this title do not apply to the corporation.

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§ 200301. Organization

(a) FEDERAL CHARTER.—Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (in this chapter, the "corporation") is a federally chartered corporation.

(b) PLACE OF INCORPORATION AND DOMICILE.—The corporation is declared to be incorporated and domiciled in the District of Columbia.

(c) PERPETUAL EXISTENCE.—Except as otherwise provided, the corporation has perpetual existence.

§ 200302. Purposes

The purposes of the corporation are—

(1) to perpetuate the memory of the Grand Army of the Republic and of the men who saved the Union in 1861 to 1865;

(2) to assist in every practicable way in preserving, and making available for research, documents and records pertaining to the Grand Army of the Republic and its members;

(3) to cooperate in honoring all those who have served our country patriotically in any war;

(4) to teach patriotism, the duties of citizenship, the true history of our country, and the love and honor of our flag;

(5) to oppose every tendency or movement that would weaken loyalty to, destroy, or impair our constitutional Union; and

(6) to inculcate and broadly sustain the American principles of representative government, equal rights, and impartial justice for all.

§ 200303. Membership

(a) GENERAL.—Except as provided in this chapter, eligibility for membership in the corporation and the rights, privileges, and designation of classes of members are as provided in the constitution and bylaws of the corporation.

(b) REQUIRED SERVICE.—Eligibility for membership in the corporation is limited to male blood relatives of an individual who—

(1) served at any time during the period from April 12, 1861, through April 9, 1865, as a soldier or sailor in—

(A) the United States Army, Navy, Marine Corps, or Revenue-Cutter Service; or

(B) a State regiment that was called into active service and was subject to orders of United States general officers during that period; and

(2) was discharged honorably from, or died in, that service.

§ 200304. Governing body

(a) NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT.—(1) The national encampment is the supreme governing authority of the corporation.

(2) The national encampment is composed of officers and elected representatives from the States and other local subdivisions of the corporation as provided in the constitution and bylaws. However, the form of government of the corporation must be representative of the membership at large and may not permit concentration of control in a limited number of members or in a self-perpetuating group not representative of the membership at large.

(3) The meetings of the national encampment may be held in the District of Columbia or in any State, territory, or possession of the United States.

(b) COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION.—(1) During the intervals between the national encampments, the council of administration is the governing board of the corporation and is responsible for the general policies, program, and activities of the corporation.

(2) The council of administration shall consist of at least 7 members elected in the manner and for the term provided in the constitution and bylaws.

(c) OFFICERS.—(1) The officers of the corporation are a commander in chief, a senior vice commander in chief, a junior vice commander in chief, a secretary, a treasurer, and other officers as provided in the constitution and bylaws. One individual may hold the offices of secretary and treasurer.

(2) The manner of selection, term of office, and duties of the officers are as provided in the constitution and bylaws.

§ 200305. Powers

The corporation may—

(1) adopt and amend a constitution and bylaws for the management of its property and the regulation of its affairs;

(2) adopt and alter a corporate seal;

(3) choose officers, managers, agents, and employees as the activities of the corporation require;

(4) make contracts;

(5) acquire, own, lease, encumber, and transfer property as necessary or convenient to carry out the purposes of the corporation;

(6) borrow money, issue instruments of indebtedness, and secure its obligations by granting security interests in its property;

(7) sue and be sued; and

(8) do any other act necessary and proper to carry out the purposes of the corporation.

§ 200306. Exclusive right to name, seals, emblems, and badges

The corporation and its subordinate divisions have the exclusive right to use the name "Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War". The corporation has the exclusive right to use and to allow others to use seals, emblems, and badges the corporation adopts.

§ 200307. Restrictions

(a) STOCK AND DIVIDENDS.—The corporation may not issue stock or declare or pay a dividend.

(b) POLITICAL ACTIVITIES.—The corporation or an officer or agent as such may not contribute to, support, or assist a political party or candidate for public office.

(c) DISTRIBUTION OF INCOME OR ASSETS.—The income or assets of the corporation may not inure to the benefit of, or be distributed to, an officer or member during the life of the corporation or on its dissolution or final liquidation. This subsection does not prevent the payment of compensation to an officer or reimbursement for actual necessary expenses in amounts approved by the council of administration of the corporation.

(d) LOANS.—The corporation may not make a loan or advance to an officer or employee. Members of the council of administration who vote for or assent to making a loan or advance to an officer or employee, and officers who participate in making the loan or advance, are jointly and severally liable to the corporation for the amount of the loan or advance until it is repaid.

§ 200308. Principal office

The principal office of the corporation shall be in Trenton, New Jersey, or another place decided by the council of administration. However, the activities of the corporation are not confined to the place where the principal office is located but may be conducted in the District of Columbia and throughout the States, territories, and possessions of the United States.

§ 200309. Records and inspection

(a) RECORDS.—The corporation shall keep—

(1) correct and complete records of account; and

(2) minutes of the proceedings of its national encampments and council of administration.

(b) INSPECTION.—A member, or an agent or attorney of the member, may inspect the records of the corporation for any proper purpose, at any reasonable time.

§ 200310. Service of process

The corporation shall have a designated agent in the District of Columbia to receive service of process for the corporation. Notice to or service on the agent, or mailed to the business address of the agent, is notice to or service on the corporation.

§ 200311. Liability for acts of officers and agents

The corporation is liable for the acts of its officers and agents acting within the scope of their authority.

§ 200312. Annual report

Not later than March 1 of each year, the corporation shall submit a report to Congress on the activities of the corporation during the prior fiscal year. The report may consist of a report on the proceedings of the national encampment. The report may not be printed as a public document.

§ 200313. Distribution of assets on dissolution or final liquidation

On dissolution or final liquidation of the corporation, any assets remaining after the discharge of all liabilities shall be distributed as provided by the council of administration, but in compliance with the constitution and bylaws of the corporation.

CHAPTER 2101—THEODORE ROOSEVELT ASSOCIATION

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§ 210101. Organization

(a) FEDERAL CHARTER.—Theodore Roosevelt Association (in this chapter, the "corporation") is a body corporate and politic in the District of Columbia.

(b) PERPETUAL EXISTENCE.—Except as otherwise provided, the corporation has perpetual existence.

§ 210102. Purposes

The purposes of the corporation are—

(1) to perpetuate the memory of Theodore Roosevelt for the benefit of the people of the United States and the world; and

(2) to solicit, receive, hold, and maintain funds, and to apply the principal of the funds and the income from those funds to the following objects, among others:

(A) the erection and maintenance of a suitable and adequate monumental memorial in the District of Columbia to the memory of Theodore Roosevelt;

(B) the acquisition, development, and maintenance of a public park in memory of Theodore Roosevelt in Oyster Bay, New York;

(C) the establishment and maintenance of an endowment fund to promote the development and application of the policies and ideals of Theodore Roosevelt for the benefit of the American people; and

(D) the donation of real and personal property, including part or all of its endowment fund, to a public agency for the purpose of preserving in public ownership historically significant property associated with the life of Theodore Roosevelt.

§ 210103. Membership

Eligibility for membership in the corporation is as provided in regulations adopted by the board of trustees.

§ 210104. Governing body

(a) BOARD OF TRUSTEES.—A self-perpetuating board of trustees shall manage and direct the property and affairs of the corporation.

(b) POWERS.—The board of trustees may adopt and amend a constitution, bylaws, and regulations for—

(1) the selection of successor trustees;

(2) the admission of members;

(3) the election of officers; and

(4) the conduct of the affairs of the corporation.

§ 210105. Powers

The corporation may—

(1) adopt a constitution, bylaws, and regulations;

(2) adopt and alter a corporate seal;

(3) acquire and own property necessary to carry out the purposes of the corporation;

(4) give and dedicate its property to public agencies and purposes;

(5) maintain offices, hold meetings, and conduct business affairs in the District of Columbia and in the States, territories, and possessions of the United States;

(6) sue and be sued within the jurisdiction of the United States; and

(7) do any other act necessary and proper to carry out the purposes of the corporation.

§ 210106. Restrictions

(a) EXCLUSIVELY EDUCATIONAL PURPOSES.—The corporation shall be operated exclusively for educational purposes.

(b) STOCKS AND DIVIDENDS.—The corporation may not issue stock or declare or pay a dividend.

(c) DISTRIBUTIONS OF INCOME OR ASSETS.—The income or assets of the corporation may

not inure to the benefit of any member or individual.

§ 210107. Nonapplication of audit requirements

The audit requirements of section 10101 of this title do not apply to the corporation.

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§ 210301. Definition

For purposes of this chapter, "State" includes the District of Columbia and the territories and possessions of the United States.

§ 210302. Organization

(a) FEDERAL CHARTER.—369th Veterans' Association (in this chapter, the "corporation"), a nonprofit corporation incorporated in New York, is a federally chartered corporation.

(b) EXPIRATION OF CHARTER.—If the corporation does not comply with any provision of this chapter, the charter granted by this chapter expires.

§ 210303. Purposes

The purposes of the corporation are as provided in the articles of incorporation and include—

(1) promoting the principles of friendship and good will among its members;

(2) engaging in social and civic activities that tend to enhance the welfare of its members and inculcate the true principles of good citizenship in its members; and

(3) memorializing, individually and collectively, the patriotic services of its members in the 369th antiaircraft artillery group and other units in the armed forces of the United States.

§ 210304. Membership

(a) ELIGIBILITY.—Except as provided in this chapter, eligibility for membership in the corporation and the rights and privileges of members are as provided in the constitution and bylaws of the corporation.

(b) NONDISCRIMINATION.—The terms of membership may not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, or national origin.

§ 210305. Governing body

(a) BOARD OF DIRECTORS.—The board of directors and the responsibilities of the board are as provided in the articles of incorporation.

(b) OFFICERS.—The officers and the election of officers are as provided in the articles of incorporation.

(c) NONDISCRIMINATION.—The requirements for holding office in the corporation may not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, or national origin.

§ 210306. Powers

The corporation has only the powers provided in its bylaws and articles of incorporation filed in each State in which it is incorporated.

§ 210307. Exclusive right to name, seals, emblems, and badges

The corporation has the exclusive right to use the name "369th Veterans' Association" and seals, emblems, and badges the corporation adopts. This section does not affect any vested rights.

§ 210308. Restrictions

(a) STOCKS AND DIVIDENDS.—The corporation may not issue stock or declare or pay a dividend.

(b) POLITICAL ACTIVITIES.—The corporation or a director or officer as such may not contribute to, support, or participate in any political activity or in any manner attempt to influence legislation.

(c) DISTRIBUTION OF INCOME OR ASSETS.—The income or assets of the corporation may not inure to the benefit of, or be distributed to, a director, officer, or member during the life of the charter granted by this chapter. This subsection does not prevent the payment of reasonable compensation to an officer or reimbursement for actual necessary expenses in amounts approved by the board of directors.

(d) LOANS.—The corporation may not make a loan to a director, officer, or employee.

(e) CLAIM OF GOVERNMENTAL APPROVAL OR AUTHORITY.—The corporation may not claim congressional approval or the authority of the United States Government for any of its activities.

§ 210309. Duty to maintain tax-exempt status

The corporation shall maintain its status as an organization exempt from taxation under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (26 U.S.C. 1 et seq.).

§ 210310. Records and inspection

(a) RECORDS.—The corporation shall keep—

(1) correct and complete records of account;

(2) minutes of the proceedings of its members, the board of directors, and committees having any of the authority of its board of directors; and

(3) at its principal office, a record of the names and addresses of its members entitled to vote.

(b) INSPECTION.—A member entitled to vote, or an agent or attorney of the member, may inspect the records of the corporation for any proper purpose, at any reasonable time.

§ 210311. Service of process

The corporation shall comply with the law on service of process of each State in which it is incorporated and each State in which it carries on activities.

§ 210312. Liability for acts of officers and agents

The corporation is liable for the acts of its officers and agents acting within the scope of their authority.

§ 210313. Annual report

The corporation shall submit an annual report to Congress on the activities of the corporation during the prior fiscal year. The report shall be submitted at the same time as the report of the audit required by section 10101 of this title. The report may not be printed as a public document.

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§ 220101. Organization

(a) FEDERAL CHARTER.—United Service Organizations, Incorporated (in this chapter, the "corporation"), is a federally chartered corporation.

(b) PERPETUAL EXISTENCE.—Except as otherwise provided, the corporation has perpetual existence.

§ 220102. Purposes

The purposes of the corporation are—

(1) to provide a voluntary civilian agency through which the people of this Nation may, in peace or war, serve the religious, spiritual, social, welfare, educational, and entertainment needs of men and women in the armed forces, within or without the territorial limits of the United States;

(2) to contribute to the maintenance of morale of men and women in the armed forces;

(3) to solicit funds to maintain the organization and accomplish its responsibility;

(4) to accept the cooperation of, and provide an organization and means through which, the National Board of Young Men's Christian Associations, the National Board of Young Women's Christian Associations, the National Catholic Community Service, the Salvation Army, the National Jewish Welfare Board, the Travelers Aid-International Social Service of America, and other civilian agencies experienced in specialized types of related work, which may be needed adequately to meet the particular needs of the members of the armed forces, may carry on their historic work of serving the religious, spiritual, social, welfare, educational, and entertainment needs of men and women in the armed forces and be afforded an appropriate means of participation and financial assistance;

(5) to coordinate their programs; and

(6) other consonant purposes.

§ 220103. Membership

Except as provided in this chapter, the rights, privileges, and designation of classes of members are as provided in the bylaws. The membership of the corporation consists of—

(1) nine individuals designated by the President; and

(2) representatives of the civilian organizations listed in section 220102(4) of this title, and of the public at large, as provided in the bylaws.

§ 220104. Governing body

(a) BOARD OF GOVERNORS.—(1) The board of governors is the governing body of the corporation. The board is responsible for the general policies and program of the corporation and for the control of the affairs and property of the corporation.

(2) The board shall be elected by the members of the corporation for the term and in the classes provided in the bylaws of the corporation. The board includes—

(A) six members appointed by the President;

(B) the Secretary of State or the Secretary's designee; and

(C) representatives of the civilian organizations listed in section 220102(4) of this title, and of the public at large, as provided in the bylaws.

(3) The corporation may have other governing bodies or committees as provided in the bylaws.

(b) OFFICERS.—(1) The office of honorary chairman of the corporation shall be offered to the President. On acceptance, the honorary chairman shall be invited to preside at meetings of the corporation that the honorary chairman deems appropriate and convenient.

(2) The corporation may have other officers as provided in the bylaws.

§ 220105. Powers

The corporation has all the powers necessary and proper to carry out the purposes stated in section 220102 of this title, including the power—

(1) to adopt and amend bylaws and regulations for the management of its property and the regulation of its affairs;

(2) to adopt and alter a corporate seal;

(3) to adopt and alter emblems and marks;

(4) to establish and maintain offices to conduct the affairs of the corporation;

(5) to choose officers, representatives, and agents as the activities of the corporation require;

(6) to make contracts;

(7) to acquire, own, lease, encumber, and transfer property as necessary or convenient to carry out the purposes of the corporation;

(8) to borrow money, issue instruments of indebtedness, and secure its obligations by granting security interests in its property;

(9) to publish a magazine, newspaper, and other publications;

(10) to establish, regulate, and terminate councils, organizations, chapters, or affiliates as needed to carry out the purposes stated in section 220102 of this title;

(11) to solicit funds;

(12) to sue and be sued; and

(13) to do any other act necessary and proper to carry out the purposes stated in section 220102 of this title.

§ 220106. Exclusive right to name, seals, emblems, and badges

The corporation and its councils, organizations, chapters, and affiliates have the exclusive right to use the names "United Service Organizations, Incorporated" and "USO" and seals, emblems, and badges the corporation adopts.

§ 220107. Assistance by Department of Defense

The Secretary of Defense may make the resources of the Department of Defense available to the corporation to the extent compatible with the primary mission of the Department and in accordance with guidelines issued by the Secretary.

§ 220108. Restrictions

(a) PROFIT.—The corporation may not engage in business activity for profit unless the activity is substantially related to—

(1) the purposes stated in section 220102 of this title; or

(2) raising funds to accomplish those purposes.

(b) STOCK AND DIVIDENDS.—The corporation may not issue stock or declare or pay a dividend.

(c) POLITICAL ACTIVITIES.—The corporation shall be nonpolitical and may not provide financial aid or assistance to, or otherwise promote the candidacy of, an individual seeking elective public office. A substantial part of the activities of the corporation may not involve carrying on propaganda or otherwise attempting to influence legislation.

(d) DISTRIBUTION OF INCOME OR ASSETS.—The income or assets of the corporation may not inure to the benefit of a governor, officer, member, or employee or be distributed to any person during the life of the corporation or on its dissolution or final liquidation. This subsection does not prevent the payment of reasonable compensation to an officer, employee, or other person or reimbursement for actual necessary expenses in amounts approved by the board of governors.

(e) LOANS.—The corporation may not make a loan to a governor, officer, member, or employee.

§ 220109. Duty to maintain corporate status

The corporation shall maintain its status as a corporation incorporated under the laws of New York, another State, or the District of Columbia.

§ 220110. Principal office

The principal office of the corporation shall be in New York, New York, or another place decided by the board of governors. However, the activities of the corporation are not confined to the place where the principal office is located but may be conducted throughout the States, territories, and possessions of the United States and in foreign countries.

§ 220111. Records and inspection

(a) RECORDS.—The corporation shall keep—

(1) correct and complete records of account;

(2) minutes of the proceedings of its members, board of governors, and committees having any of the authority of its board of governors; and

(3) at its principal office, a record of the names and addresses of its members entitled to vote.

(b) INSPECTION.—A member, or an agent or attorney of the member, may inspect the records of the corporation for any proper purpose, at any reasonable time.

§ 220112. Service of process

(a) DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.—The corporation shall have a designated agent in the District of Columbia to receive service of process for the corporation. Notice to or service on the agent, or mailed to the business address of the agent, is notice to or service on the corporation.

(b) STATES, TERRITORIES, AND POSSESSIONS.—The corporation shall file, with the secretary of state or other designated official of each State, territory, or possession of the United States in which the corporation or a council, organization, chapter, or affiliate may have activities, the name and address of an agent in that State, territory, or possession on whom legal process or demands against the corporation may be served.

§ 220113. Annual report

The corporation shall make public an annual report on its activities for the prior calendar year.

§ 220114. Distribution of assets on dissolution or final liquidation

On dissolution or final liquidation of the corporation, any assets remaining after the discharge of all liabilities shall be distributed as provided by the board of governors, but in compliance with the bylaws. However, the assets of the corporation are irrevocably dedicated to charitable purposes and may not inure to the benefit of a private person except a fund, foundation, or organization operated exclusively for charitable purposes.

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§ 220301. Organization

(a) FEDERAL CHARTER.—United States Capitol Historical Society (in this chapter, the "corporation") is a federally chartered corporation.

(b) PLACE OF INCORPORATION.—The corporation is declared to be incorporated in the District of Columbia.

(c) PERPETUAL EXISTENCE.—Except as otherwise provided, the corporation has perpetual existence.

§ 220302. Purposes

The purposes of the corporation are—

(1) to encourage in the most comprehensive and enlightened manner an understanding by the American people of the founding, growth, and significance of the Capitol of the United States as the tangible symbol of their representative form of government;

(2) to undertake research into the history of the Congress and the Capitol and to promote discussion, publication, and dissemination of the results of this research;

(3) to foster and increase an informed patriotism among the citizens in the study of this living memorial to the founders of this Nation and the continuing thread of principles as exemplified by their successors; and

(4) to cooperate with the standing committees of Congress, the Library of Congress, the Architect of the Capitol, and relevant departments, agencies, and instrumentalities of the executive branch of the United States Government in carrying out the purposes of the corporation.

§ 220303. Membership

Except as provided in this chapter, eligibility for membership in the corporation and the rights and privileges of members are as provided in the constitution and bylaws of the corporation.

§ 220304. Governing body

(a) BOARD OF TRUSTEES.—(1) The board of trustees is the governing body of the corporation. The board is responsible for the control of all funds and affairs of the corporation.

(2) Exclusive of ex officio and honorary members, the board shall consist of at least 12 but not more than 40 trustees, one of whom shall be elected chairman. Trustees shall be elected by the board of trustees, for a term of 4 years. A trustee may not be reelected as a trustee within one year of the expiration of the prior term, except by the unanimous vote of the trustees present and voting. A trustee may be removed at any time, with or without cause, by a two-thirds vote of the other trustees.

(3) The officers of the corporation are ex officio members of the board with all the rights and privileges of trustees, including the right to vote.

(4) The board shall meet at least once a year in the Capitol of the United States. The

board may meet at other times as decided by the chairman. A meeting may be held only at a time and place stated in the bylaws or on 30 days' written notice.

(b) OFFICERS.—(1) The officers of the corporation are a president, 5 vice presidents, a treasurer, and a secretary. The president is the chief executive officer.

(2) The officers shall be elected annually by the board of trustees and continue in office at the pleasure of the board.

(3) The duties of the officers are the usual duties pertaining to their offices and any additional duties delegated by the board.

(4) Officers may be compensated for their services, and reimbursed for actual expenses, in amounts decided by the board.

(c) EMPLOYEES.—The board of trustees may employ an executive secretary and other personnel needed to assist the board and the officers to carry out the activities of the corporation. Employees serve at the pleasure of the board. The board shall prescribe the compensation and duties of employees.

§ 220305. Powers

The corporation may—

(1) adopt and amend a constitution and bylaws for the management of its property and the regulation of its affairs;

(2) adopt and alter a corporate seal;

(3) choose officers, managers, and agents as the activities of the corporation require;

(4) make contracts;

(5) acquire, own, lease, encumber, and transfer property as necessary or convenient to carry out the purposes of the corporation;

(6) borrow money, issue instruments of indebtedness, and secure its obligations by granting security interests in its property;

(7) produce, buy, and market commemorative medals, souvenirs, publications, pictures, and cinemas consistent with the purposes of the corporation;

(8) charge and collect membership dues;

(9) conduct fund raising campaigns and accept contributions;

(10) sue and be sued; and

(11) do any other act necessary and proper to carry out the purposes of the corporation.

§ 220306. Exclusive right to name, seals, emblems, insignia, marks, and words

The corporation has the exclusive right to use the name "United States Capitol Historical Society" and seals, emblems, distinctive insignia, and descriptive or designating marks, words, or phrases required to carry out the duties and powers of the corporation. This section does not affect any vested rights.

§ 220307. Tax exemption

Notwithstanding section 105 of title 4 of the United States Code or any provision of the District of Columbia Code, the corporation is not required to pay, collect, or account for any tax specified in those provisions in connection with activities conducted within, or on the grounds of, the United States Capitol Building.

§ 220308. Restrictions

(a) STOCK AND DIVIDENDS.—The corporation may not issue stock or declare or pay a dividend.

(b) DISTRIBUTION OF INCOME OR ASSETS.—The income or assets of the corporation may not inure to the benefit of, or be distributed to, a trustee, officer, or member as such during the life of the corporation or on its dissolution or final liquidation. This subsection does not prevent the payment of reasonable compensation to an officer or employee or reimbursement for actual expenses in amounts approved by the board of trustees.

(c) LOANS.—The corporation may not make a loan or advance to a trustee, officer, or employee. Trustees who vote for or assent to making a loan or advance to a trustee, officer, or employee, and officers who participate in making the loan or advance, are jointly and severally liable to the corporation for the amount of the loan or advance until it is repaid.

§ 220309. Duty to maintain corporate status

The corporation shall maintain its status as a corporation incorporated under the laws of the District of Columbia or a State.

§ 220310. Principal office

The principal office of the corporation shall be in the District of Columbia or another place decided by the board of trustees. However, the activities of the corporation are not confined to the place where the principal office is located but may be conducted throughout the States, territories, and possessions of the United States.

§ 220311. Records and inspection

(a) RECORDS.—The corporation shall keep—

(1) correct and complete records of account;

(2) minutes of the proceedings of its members, board of trustees, and committees having any of the authority of its board of trustees; and

(3) at its principal office, a record of the names and addresses of its members entitled to vote.

(b) INSPECTION.—A member entitled to vote, or an agent or attorney of the member, may inspect the records of the corporation for any proper purpose, at any reasonable time.

§ 220312. Service of process

The corporation shall have a designated agent in the District of Columbia to receive service of process for the corporation. Notice to or service on the agent, or mailed to the business address of the agent, is notice to or service on the corporation.

§ 220313. Liability for acts of officers and agents

The corporation is liable for the acts of its officers and agents acting within the scope of their authority.

§ 220314. Annual report and audit

(a) ANNUAL REPORT.—The corporation shall submit an annual report to each House of Congress on the activities of the corporation during the prior fiscal year. The report shall be submitted as soon as practical after the end of each fiscal year.

(b) AUDIT.—In addition to complying with the audit requirements of section 10101 of this title, the corporation shall comply with section 451 of the Legislative Reorganization Act of 1970 (40 U.S.C. 193m–1).

§ 220315. Distribution of assets on dissolution or final liquidation

On dissolution or final liquidation of the corporation, any assets remaining after the discharge of all liabilities shall be distributed as provided by the board of trustees, but in compliance with the constitution and bylaws of the corporation.

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SUBCHAPTER I—CORPORATION

§ 220501. Definitions

For purposes of this chapter—

(1) "amateur athlete" means an athlete who meets the eligibility standards established by the national governing body for the sport in which the athlete competes.

(2) "amateur athletic competition" means a contest, game, meet, match, tournament, regatta, or other event in which amateur athletes compete.

(3) "amateur sports organization" means a not-for-profit corporation, association, or other group organized in the United States that sponsors or arranges an amateur athletic competition.

(4) "corporation" means the United States Olympic Committee.

(5) "international amateur athletic competition" means an amateur athletic competition between one or more athletes representing the United States, individually or as a team, and one or more athletes representing a foreign country.

(6) "national governing body" means an amateur sports organization that is recognized by the corporation under section 220521 of this title.

(7) "sanction" means a certificate of approval issued by a national governing body.

§ 220502. Organization

(a) FEDERAL CHARTER.—The corporation is a federally chartered corporation.

(b) PERPETUAL EXISTENCE.—Except as otherwise provided, the corporation has perpetual existence.

(c) REFERENCES TO UNITED STATES OLYMPIC ASSOCIATION.—Any reference to the United States Olympic Association is deemed to refer to the United States Olympic Committee.

§ 220503. Purposes

The purposes of the corporation are—

(1) to establish national goals for amateur athletic activities and encourage the attainment of those goals;

(2) to coordinate and develop amateur athletic activity in the United States, directly related to international amateur athletic competition, to foster productive working relationships among sports-related organizations;

(3) to exercise exclusive jurisdiction, directly or through constituent members of committees, over—

(A) all matters pertaining to United States participation in the Olympic Games and the

Pan-American Games, including representation of the United States in the games; and

(B) the organization of the Olympic Games and the Pan-American Games when held in the United States;

(4) to obtain for the United States, directly or by delegation to the appropriate national governing body, the most competent amateur representation possible in each event of the Olympic Games and Pan-American Games;

(5) to promote and support amateur athletic activities involving the United States and foreign nations;

(6) to promote and encourage physical fitness and public participation in amateur athletic activities;

(7) to assist organizations and persons concerned with sports in the development of amateur athletic programs for amateur athletes;

(8) to provide swift resolution of conflicts and disputes involving amateur athletes, national governing bodies, and amateur sports organizations, and protect the opportunity of any amateur athlete, coach, trainer, manager, administrator, or official to participate in amateur athletic competition;

(9) to foster the development of amateur athletic facilities for use by amateur athletes and assist in making existing amateur athletic facilities available for use by amateur athletes;

(10) to provide and coordinate technical information on physical training, equipment design, coaching, and performance analysis;

(11) to encourage and support research, development, and dissemination of information in the areas of sports medicine and sports safety;

(12) to encourage and provide assistance to amateur athletic activities for women;

(13) to encourage and provide assistance to amateur athletic programs and competition for individuals with disabilities, including, where feasible, the expansion of opportunities for meaningful participation by individuals with disabilities in programs of athletic competition for able-bodied individuals; and

(14) to encourage and provide assistance to amateur athletes of racial and ethnic minorities for the purpose of eliciting the participation of those minorities in amateur athletic activities in which they are underrepresented.

§ 220504. Membership

(a) ELIGIBILITY.—Eligibility for membership in the corporation is as provided in the constitution and bylaws of the corporation.

(b) REQUIRED PROVISIONS FOR REPRESENTATION.—In its constitution and bylaws, the corporation shall establish and maintain provisions with respect to its governance and the conduct of its affairs for reasonable representation of—

(1) amateur sports organizations recognized as national governing bodies under section 220521 of this title;

(2) amateur athletes who are actively engaged in amateur athletic competition or who have represented the United States in international amateur athletic competition within the preceding 10 years;

(3) amateur sports organizations that conduct a national program or regular national amateur athletic competition in 2 or more sports that are included on the program of the Olympic Games or the Pan-American Games on a level of proficiency appropriate for the selection of amateur athletes to represent the United States in international amateur athletic competition; and

(4) individuals not affiliated or associated with any amateur sports organization who, in the corporation's judgment, represent the interests of the American public in the activities of the corporation.

§ 220505. Powers

(a) CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS.—The corporation shall adopt a constitution and bylaws. The corporation may amend its constitution only if the corporation—

(1) publishes, in its principal publication, a notice of the proposed amendment, including—

(A) the substantive terms of the amendment;

(B) the time and place of the corporation's regular meeting at which adoption of the amendment is to be decided; and

(C) a provision informing interested persons that they may submit materials as authorized in clause (2) of this subsection; and

(2) gives all interested persons an opportunity to submit written comments and information for at least 60 days after publication of notice of the proposed amendment and before adoption of the amendment.

(b) GENERAL CORPORATE POWERS.—The corporation may—

(1) adopt and alter a corporate seal;

(2) establish and maintain offices to conduct the affairs of the corporation;

(3) make contracts;

(4) accept gifts, legacies, and devises in furtherance of its corporate purposes;

(5) acquire, own, lease, encumber, and transfer property as necessary to carry out the purposes of the corporation;

(6) borrow money, issue instruments of indebtedness, and secure its obligations by granting security interests in its property;

(7) publish a magazine, newspaper, and other publications consistent with its corporate purposes;

(8) approve and revoke membership in the corporation;

(9) sue and be sued; and

(10) do any other act necessary and proper to carry out the purposes of the corporation.

(c) POWERS RELATED TO AMATEUR ATHLETICS AND THE OLYMPIC GAMES.—The corporation may—

(1) serve as the coordinating body for amateur athletic activity in the United States directly related to international amateur athletic competition;

(2) represent the United States as its national Olympic committee in relations with the International Olympic Committee and the Pan-American Sports Organization;

(3) organize, finance, and control the representation of the United States in the competitions and events of the Olympic Games and of the Pan-American Games, and obtain, directly or by delegation to the appropriate national governing body, amateur representation for those games;

(4) recognize eligible amateur sports organizations as national governing bodies for any sport that is included on the program of the Olympic Games or the Pan-American Games;

(5) facilitate, through orderly and effective administrative procedures, the resolution of conflicts or disputes that involve any of its members and any amateur athlete, coach, trainer, manager, administrator, official, national governing body, or amateur sports organization and that arise in connection with their eligibility for and participation in the Olympic Games, the Pan-American world championship competition, or other protected competition as defined in the constitution and bylaws of the corporation; and

(6) provide financial assistance to any organization or association, except a corporation organized for profit, in furtherance of the purposes of the corporation.

§ 220506. Exclusive right to name, seals, emblems, and badges

(a) EXCLUSIVE RIGHT OF CORPORATION.—Except as provided in subsection (d) of this section, the corporation has the exclusive right to use—

(1) the name "United States Olympic Committee";

(2) the symbol of the International Olympic Committee, consisting of 5 interlocking rings;

(3) the emblem of the corporation, consisting of an escutcheon having a blue chief and vertically extending red and white bars on the base with 5 interlocking rings displayed on the chief; and

(4) the words "Olympic", "Olympiad", "Citius Altius Fortius", or any combination of those words.

(b) CONTRIBUTORS AND SUPPLIERS.—The corporation may authorize contributors and suppliers of goods or services to use the trade name of the corporation or any trademark, symbol, insignia, or emblem of the International Olympic Committee or of the corporation to advertise that the contributions, goods, or services were donated or supplied to, or approved, selected, or used by, the corporation, the United States Olympic team, the Pan-American team, or team members.

(c) CIVIL ACTION FOR UNAUTHORIZED USE.—Except as provided in subsection (d) of this section, the corporation may file a civil action against a person for the remedies provided in the Act of July 5, 1946 (15 U.S.C. 1051 et seq.) (popularly known as the Trademark Act of 1946) if the person, without the consent of the corporation, uses for the purpose of trade, to induce the sale of any goods or services, or to promote any theatrical exhibition, athletic performance, or competition—

(1) the symbol described in subsection (a)(2) of this section;

(2) the emblem described in subsection (a)(3) of this section;

(3) the words described in subsection (a)(4) of this section, or any combination or simulation of those words tending to cause confusion or mistake, to deceive, or to falsely suggest a connection with the corporation or any Olympic activity; or

(4) any trademark, trade name, sign, symbol, or insignia falsely representing association with, or authorization by, the International Olympic Committee or the corporation.

(d) PRE-EXISTING RIGHTS.—(1) A person who actually used the emblem described in subsection (a)(3) of this section, or the words or any combination of the words described in subsection (a)(4) of this section, for any lawful purpose before September 21, 1950, is not prohibited by this section from continuing the lawful use for the same purpose and for the same goods or services.

(2) A person who actually used, or whose assignor actually used, the words or any combination of the words described in subsection (a)(4) of this section, or a trademark, trade name, sign, symbol, or insignia described in subsection (c)(4) of this section, for any lawful purpose before September 21, 1950, is not prohibited by this section from continuing the lawful use for the same purpose and for the same goods or services.

§ 220507. Restrictions

(a) PROFIT AND STOCK.—The corporation may not engage in business for profit or issue stock.

(b) POLITICAL ACTIVITIES.—The corporation shall be nonpolitical and may not promote the candidacy of an individual seeking public office.

§ 220508. Headquarters, principal office, and meetings

The corporation shall maintain its principal office and national headquarters in a place in the United States decided by the corporation. The corporation may hold its annual and special meetings in the places decided by the corporation.

§ 220509. Resolution of disputes

The corporation shall establish and maintain provisions in its constitution and bylaws for the swift and equitable resolution of disputes involving any of its members and relating to the opportunity of an amateur athlete, coach, trainer, manager, administrator, or official to participate in the Olympic Games, the Pan-American Games, world championship competition, or other protected competition as defined in the constitution and bylaws of the corporation.

§ 220510. Service of process

As a condition to the exercise of any power or privilege granted by this chapter, the corporation shall file, with the secretary of state or other designated official of each State, the name and address of an agent in that State on whom legal process or demands against the corporation may be served.

§ 220511. Annual report

(a) SUBMISSION TO PRESIDENT AND CONGRESS.—Not later than June 1 of each year, the corporation shall submit simultaneously to the President and to each House of Congress a detailed report of its operations during the prior calendar year, including—

(1) a complete statement of the corporation's receipts and expenditures; and

(2) a comprehensive description of the activities and accomplishments of the corporation during the prior year.

(b) AVAILABILITY TO PUBLIC.—The corporation shall make copies of the report available to interested persons at a reasonable cost.

SUBCHAPTER II—NATIONAL GOVERNING BODIES

§ 220521. Recognition of amateur sports organizations as national governing bodies

(a) GENERAL AUTHORITY.—For any sport that is included on the program of the Olympic Games or the Pan-American Games, the corporation may recognize as a national governing body an amateur sports organization that files an application and is eligible under section 220522 of this title. The corporation may recognize only one national governing body for each sport for which an application is made and approved.

(b) PUBLIC HEARING.—Before recognizing an organization as a national governing body, the corporation shall hold a public hearing on the application. The corporation shall publish notice of the time, place, and nature of the hearing. Publication shall be made in a regular issue of the corporation's principal publication at least 30 days, but not more than 60 days, before the date of the hearing.

(c) RECOMMENDATION TO INTERNATIONAL SPORTS FEDERATION.—Within 61 days after recognizing an organization as a national governing body, the corporation shall recommend and support in any appropriate manner the national governing body to the appropriate international sports federation as the representative of the United States for that sport.

(d) REVIEW OF RECOGNITION.—The corporation may review all matters related to the continued recognition of an organization as a national governing body and may take action it considers appropriate, including placing conditions on the continued recognition.

§ 220522. Eligibility requirements

An amateur sports organization is eligible to be recognized, or to continue to be recognized, as a national governing body only if it—

(1) is incorporated under the laws of a State of the United States or the District of Columbia as a not-for-profit corporation having as its purpose the advancement of amateur athletic competition;

(2) has the managerial and financial capability to plan and execute its obligations;

(3) submits—

(A) an application, in the form required by the corporation, for recognition as a national governing body;

(B) a copy of its corporate charter and bylaws; and

(C) any additional information considered necessary or appropriate by the corporation;

(4) agrees to submit, on demand by the corporation, to binding arbitration conducted in accordance with the commercial rules of the American Arbitration Association in any controversy involving—

(A) its recognition as a national governing body, as provided for in section 220529 of this title; or

(B) the opportunity of any amateur athlete, coach, trainer, manager, administrator, or official to participate in amateur athletic competition, as provided for in the corporation's constitution and bylaws;

(5) demonstrates that it is autonomous in the governance of its sport, in that it—

(A) independently decides and controls all matters central to governance;

(B) does not delegate decision-making and control of matters central to governance; and

(C) is free from outside restraint;

(6) demonstrates that it is a member of no more than one international sports federation that governs a sport included on the program of the Olympic Games or the Pan-American Games;

(7) demonstrates that its membership is open to any individual who is an amateur athlete, coach, trainer, manager, administrator, or official active in the sport for which recognition is sought, or any amateur sports organization that conducts programs in the sport for which recognition is sought, or both;

(8) provides an equal opportunity to amateur athletes, coaches, trainers, managers, administrators, and officials to participate in amateur athletic competition, without discrimination on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, age, or national origin, and with fair notice and opportunity for a hearing to any amateur athlete, coach, trainer, manager, administrator, or official before declaring the individual ineligible to participate;

(9) is governed by a board of directors or other governing board whose members are selected without regard to race, color, religion, national origin, or sex, except that, in sports where there are separate male and female programs, it provides for reasonable representation of both males and females on the board of directors or other governing board;

(10) demonstrates that—

(A) its board of directors or other governing board includes among its voting members—

(i) individuals who are actively engaged in amateur athletic competition in the sport for which recognition is sought; or

(ii) individuals who, within the prior 10 years, have represented the United States in international amateur athletic competition in the sport for which recognition is sought; and

(B) the individuals described in subclause (A) of this clause hold at least 20 percent of the membership and voting power on the board;

(11) provides for reasonable direct representation on its board of directors or other governing board for any amateur sports organization that—

(A) conducts a national program or regular national amateur athletic competition in the applicable sport on a level of proficiency appropriate for the selection of amateur athletes to represent the United States in international amateur athletic competition; and

(B) ensures that the representation reflects the nature, scope, quality, and strength of the programs and competitions of the amateur sports organization in relation to all other programs and competitions in the sport in the United States;

(12) demonstrates that none of its officers are also officers of any other amateur sports organization recognized as a national governing body;

(13) provides procedures for the prompt and equitable resolution of grievances of its members;

(14) does not have eligibility criteria related to amateur status that are more restrictive than those of the appropriate international sports federation; and

(15) demonstrates, if the organization is seeking to be recognized as a national governing body, that it is prepared to meet the obligations imposed on a national governing body under sections 220524 and 220525 of this title.

§ 220523. Authority of national governing bodies

(a) AUTHORITY.—For the sport that it governs, a national governing body may—

(1) represent the United States in the appropriate international sports federation;

(2) establish national goals and encourage the attainment of those goals;

(3) serve as the coordinating body for amateur athletic activity in the United States;

(4) exercise jurisdiction over international amateur athletic activities and sanction international amateur athletic competition held in the United States and sanction the sponsorship of international amateur athletic competition held outside the United States;

(5) conduct amateur athletic competition, including national championships, and international amateur athletic competition in the United States, and establish procedures for determining eligibility standards for participation in competition, except for amateur athletic competition specified in section 220526 of this title;

(6) recommend to the corporation individuals and teams to represent the United States in the Olympic Games and the Pan-American Games; and

(7) designate individuals and teams to represent the United States in international amateur athletic competition (other than the Olympic Games and the Pan-American Games) and certify, in accordance with applicable international rules, the amateur eligibility of those individuals and teams.

(b) REPLACEMENT OF NATIONAL GOVERNING BODY PURSUANT TO ARBITRATION.—A national governing body may not exercise any authority under subsection (a) of this section for a particular sport after another amateur

sports organization has been declared (in accordance with binding arbitration proceedings prescribed by the organic documents of the corporation) entitled to replace that national governing body as the member of the corporation for that sport.

§ 220524. General duties of national governing bodies

For the sport that it governs, a national governing body shall—

(1) develop interest and participation throughout the United States and be responsible to the persons and amateur sports organizations it represents;

(2) minimize, through coordination with other amateur sports organizations, conflicts in the scheduling of all practices and competitions;

(3) keep amateur athletes informed of policy matters and reasonably reflect the views of the athletes in its policy decisions;

(4) allow an amateur athlete to compete in any international amateur athletic competition conducted by any amateur sports organization or person, unless the national governing body establishes that its denial is based on evidence that the organization or person conducting the competition does not meet the requirements stated in section 220525 of this title;

(5) provide equitable support and encouragement for participation by women where separate programs for male and female athletes are conducted on a national basis;

(6) encourage and support amateur athletic sports programs for individuals with disabilities and the participation of individuals with disabilities in amateur athletic activity, including, where feasible, the expansion of opportunities for meaningful participation by individuals with disabilities in programs of athletic competition for able-bodied individuals;

(7) provide and coordinate technical information on physical training, equipment design, coaching, and performance analysis; and

(8) encourage and support research, development, and dissemination of information in the areas of sports medicine and sports safety.

§ 220525. Granting sanctions for amateur athletic competitions

(a) PROMPT REVIEW AND DECISION.—For the sport that it governs, a national governing body promptly shall—

(1) review a request by an amateur sports organization or person for a sanction to hold an international amateur athletic competition in the United States or to sponsor United States amateur athletes to compete in international amateur athletic competition outside the United States; and

(2) grant the sanction if—

(A) the national governing body does not decide by clear and convincing evidence that holding or sponsoring an international amateur athletic competition would be detrimental to the best interest of the sport; and

(B) the requirements of subsection (b) of this section are met.

(b) REQUIREMENTS.—An amateur sports organization or person may be granted a sanction under this section only if the organization or person meets the following requirements:

(1) The organization or person must pay the national governing body any required sanctioning fee, if the fee is reasonable and nondiscriminatory.

(2) For a sanction to hold an international amateur athletic competition in the United States, the organization or person must—

(A) submit to the national governing body an audited or notarized financial report of similar events, if any, conducted by the organization or person; and

(B) demonstrate that the requirements of paragraph (4) of this subsection have been met.

(3) For a sanction to sponsor United States amateur athletes to compete in international amateur athletic competition outside the United States, the organization or person must—

(A) submit a report of the most recent trip to a foreign country, if any, that the organization or person sponsored for the purpose of having United States amateur athletes compete in international amateur athletic competition; and

(B) submit a letter from the appropriate entity that will hold the international amateur athletic competition certifying that the requirements of paragraph (4) of this subsection have been met.

(4) The requirements referred to in paragraphs (2) and (3) of this subsection are that—

(A) appropriate measures have been taken to protect the amateur status of athletes who will take part in the competition and to protect their eligibility to compete in amateur athletic competition;

(B) appropriate provision has been made for validation of any records established during the competition;

(C) due regard has been given to any international amateur athletic requirements specifically applicable to the competition;

(D) the competition will be conducted by qualified officials;

(E) proper medical supervision will be provided for athletes who will participate in the competition; and

(F) proper safety precautions have been taken to protect the personal welfare of the athletes and spectators at the competition.

§ 220526. Restricted amateur athletic competitions

(a) EXCLUSIVE JURISDICTION.—An amateur sports organization that conducts amateur athletic competition shall have exclusive jurisdiction over that competition if participation is restricted to a specific class of amateur athletes, such as high school students, college students, members of the Armed Forces, or similar groups or categories.

(b) SANCTIONS FOR INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION.—An amateur sports organization under subsection (a) of this section shall obtain a sanction from the appropriate national governing body if the organization wishes to—

(1) conduct international amateur athletic competition in the United States; or

(2) sponsor international amateur athletic competition to be held outside the United States.

§ 220527. Complaints against national governing bodies

(a) GENERAL.—(1) An amateur sports organization or person that belongs to or is eligible to belong to a national governing body may seek to compel the national governing body to comply with sections 220522, 220524, and 220525 of this title by filing a written complaint with the corporation. A copy of the complaint shall be served on the national governing body.

(2) The corporation shall establish procedures for the filing and disposition of complaints under this section.

(b) EXHAUSTION OF REMEDIES.—(1) An organization or person may file a complaint under subsection (a) of this section only after exhausting all available remedies within the national governing body for correcting deficiencies, unless it can be shown by clear and convincing evidence that those remedies would have resulted in unnecessary delay.

(2) Within 30 days after a complaint is filed, the corporation shall decide whether the organization or person has exhausted all available remedies as required by paragraph (1) of this subsection. If the corporation determines that the remedies have not been exhausted, it may direct that the remedies be pursued before the corporation considers the complaint further.

(c) HEARINGS.—If the corporation decides that all available remedies have been exhausted as required by subsection (b)(1) of this section, it shall hold a hearing, within 90 days after the complaint is filed, to receive testimony to decide whether the national governing body is complying with sections 220522, 220524, and 220525 of this title.

(d) DISPOSITION OF COMPLAINT.—(1) If the corporation decides, as a result of the hearing, that the national governing body is complying with sections 220522, 220524, and 220525 of this title, it shall so notify the complainant and the national governing body.

(2) If the corporation decides, as a result of the hearing, that the national governing body is not complying with sections 220522, 220524, and 220525 of this title, it shall—

(A) place the national governing body on probation for a specified period of time, not to exceed 180 days, which the corporation considers necessary to enable the national governing body to comply with those sections; or

(B) revoke the recognition of the national governing body.

(3) If the corporation places a national governing body on probation under paragraph (2) of this subsection, it may extend the probationary period if the national governing body has proven by clear and convincing evidence that, through no fault of its own, it needs additional time to comply with sections 220522, 220524, and 220525 of this title. If, at the end of the period allowed by the corporation, the national governing body has not complied with those sections, the corporation shall revoke the recognition of the national governing body.

§ 220528. Applications to replace an incumbent national governing body

(a) GENERAL.—An amateur sports organization may seek to replace an incumbent as the national governing body for a particular sport by filing a written application for recognition with the corporation.

(b) ESTABLISHMENT OF PROCEDURES.—The corporation shall establish procedures for the filing and disposition of applications under this section. If 2 or more organizations file applications for the same sport, the applications shall be considered in a single proceeding.

(c) FILING PROCEDURES.—(1) An application under this section must be filed within one year after the final day of—

(A) any Olympic Games, for a sport in which competition is held in the Olympic Games or both the Olympic and Pan-American Games; or

(B) any Pan-American Games, for a sport in which competition is held in the Pan-American Games but not in the Olympic Games.

(2) The application shall be filed with the corporation by registered mail, and a copy of the application shall be served on the national governing body. The corporation shall inform the applicant that its application has been received.

(d) HEARINGS.—Within 180 days after receipt of an application filed under this section, the corporation shall conduct a formal

hearing to determine the merits of the application. The corporation shall publish notice of the time and place of the hearing in a regular issue of its principal publication at least 30 days, but not more than 60 days, before the date of the hearing. In the hearing, the applicant and the national governing body shall be given a reasonable opportunity to present evidence supporting their positions.

(e) STANDARDS FOR GRANTING APPLICATIONS.—In the hearing, the applicant must establish by a preponderance of the evidence that—

(1) it meets the criteria for recognition as a national governing body under section 220522 of this title; and

(2)(A) the national governing body does not meet the criteria of section 220522, 220524, or 220525 of this title; or

(B) the applicant more adequately meets the criteria of section 220522 of this title, is capable of more adequately meeting the criteria of sections 220524 and 220525 of this title, and provides or is capable of providing a more effective national program of competition than the national governing body in the sport for which it seeks recognition.

(f) DISPOSITION OF APPLICATIONS.—Within 30 days after the close of the hearing required by this section, the corporation shall—

(1) uphold the right of the national governing body to continue as the national governing body for its sport;

(2) revoke the recognition of the national governing body and declare a vacancy in the national governing body for that sport;

(3) revoke the recognition of the national governing body and recognize the applicant as the national governing body; or

(4) place the national governing body on probation for a period not exceeding 180 days, pending the compliance of the national governing body, if the national governing body would have retained recognition except for a minor deficiency in one of the requirements of section 220522, 220524, or 220525 of this title.

(g) REVOCATION OF RECOGNITION AFTER PROBATION.—If the national governing body does not comply with sections 220522, 220524, and 220525 of this title within the probationary period prescribed under subsection (f)(4) of this section, the corporation shall revoke the recognition of the national governing body and either—

(1) recognize the applicant as the national governing body; or

(2) declare a vacancy in the national governing body for that sport.

§ 220529. Arbitration of corporation determinations

(a) RIGHT TO REVIEW.—A party aggrieved by a determination of the corporation under section 220527 or 220528 of this title may obtain review by any regional office of the American Arbitration Association.

(b) PROCEDURE.—(1) A demand for arbitration must be submitted within 30 days after the determination of the corporation.

(2) On receipt of a demand for arbitration, the Association shall serve notice on the parties to the arbitration and on the corporation, and shall immediately proceed with arbitration according to the commercial rules of the Association in effect at the time the demand is filed, except that—

(A) the arbitration panel shall consist of at least 3 arbitrators, unless the parties to the proceeding agree to a lesser number;

(B) the arbitration hearing shall take place at a site selected by the Association, unless the parties to the proceeding agree to the use of another site; and

(C) the arbitration hearing shall be open to the public.

(3) A decision by the arbitrators shall be by majority vote unless the concurrence of all arbitrators is expressly required by the contesting parties.

(4) Each party may be represented by counsel or by any other authorized representative at the arbitration proceeding.

(5) The parties may offer any evidence they desire and shall produce any additional evidence the arbitrators believe is necessary to an understanding and determination of the dispute. The arbitrators shall be the sole judges of the relevancy and materiality of the evidence offered. Conformity to legal rules of evidence is not necessary.

(c) SETTLEMENT.—The arbitrators may settle a dispute arising under this chapter before making a final award, if agreed to by the parties and achieved in a manner not inconsistent with the constitution and bylaws of the corporation.

(d) BINDING NATURE OF DECISION.—Final decision of the arbitrators is binding on the parties if the award is not inconsistent with the constitution and bylaws of the corporation.

(e) REOPENING HEARINGS.—(1) At any time before a final decision is made, the hearings may be reopened by the arbitrators on their own motion or on the motion of a party.

(2) If the reopening is based on the motion of a party, and if the reopening would result in the arbitrators' decision being delayed beyond the specific period agreed to at the beginning of the arbitration proceedings, all parties to the decision must agree to reopen the hearings.

CHAPTER 2207—UNITED STATES SUBMARINE VETERANS OF WORLD WAR II

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§ 220701. Definition

For purposes of this chapter, "State" includes the District of Columbia and the territories and possessions of the United States.

§ 220702. Organization

(a) FEDERAL CHARTER.—United States Submarine Veterans of World War II (in this chapter, the "corporation"), a nonprofit corporation incorporated in New Jersey and Colorado, is a federally chartered corporation.

(b) EXPIRATION OF CHARTER.—If the corporation does not comply with any provision of this chapter, the charter granted by this chapter expires.

§ 220703. Purposes

The purposes of the corporation are as provided in its articles of incorporation and include—

(1) preserving and promoting patriotism and loyalty to the United States of America;

(2) perpetuating and establishing memorials to the memory of shipmates who served aboard United States submarines and gave their lives in submarine warfare during World War II;

(3) promoting the spirit and unity that existed among the United States Navy submarine crewmen during World War II;

(4) fostering general public awareness of life aboard submarines during World War II, through securing, restoring, and displaying the submarines that were in service at that time;

(5) sponsoring annual college scholarships; and

(6) performing acts of charity as provided in the constitution and bylaws of the corporation.

§ 220704. Membership

Except as provided in this chapter, eligibility for membership in the corporation and the rights and privileges of members are as provided in the constitution and bylaws of the corporation.

§ 220705. Governing body

(a) BOARD OF DIRECTORS.—The board of directors and the responsibilities of the board are as provided in the articles of incorporation.

(b) OFFICERS.—The officers and the election of officers are as provided in the articles of incorporation.

§ 220706. Powers

The corporation has only the powers provided in its bylaws and articles of incorporation filed in each State in which it is incorporated.

§ 220707. Restrictions

(a) STOCK AND DIVIDENDS.—The corporation may not issue stock or declare or pay a dividend.

(b) POLITICAL ACTIVITIES.—The corporation or a director or officer as such may not contribute to, support, or otherwise participate in any political activity or in any manner attempt to influence legislation.

(c) DISTRIBUTION OF INCOME OR ASSETS.—The income or assets of the corporation may not inure to the benefit of, or be distributed to, a director, officer, or member during the life of the charter granted by this chapter. This subsection does not prevent the payment of reasonable compensation to an officer or reimbursement for actual necessary expenses in amounts approved by the board of directors.

(d) LOANS.—The corporation may not make a loan to a director, officer, or employee.

(e) CLAIM OF GOVERNMENTAL APPROVAL OR AUTHORITY.—The corporation may not claim congressional approval or the authority of the United States Government for any of its activities.

§ 220708. Duty to maintain tax-exempt status

The corporation shall maintain its status as an organization exempt from taxation under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (26 U.S.C. 1 et seq.).

§ 220709. Records and inspection

(a) RECORDS.—The corporation shall keep—

(1) correct and complete records of account;

(2) minutes of the proceedings of its members, board of directors, and committees having any of the authority of its board of directors; and

(3) at its principal office, a record of the names and addresses of its members entitled to vote.

(b) INSPECTION.—A member entitled to vote, or an agent or attorney of the member, may inspect the records of the corporation for any proper purpose, at any reasonable time.

§ 220710. Service of process

The corporation shall comply with the law on service of process of each State in which it is incorporated and each State in which it carries on activities.

§ 220711. Liability for acts of officers and agents

The corporation is liable for the acts of its officers and agents acting within the scope of their authority.

§ 220712. Annual report

The corporation shall submit an annual report to Congress on the activities of the corporation during the prior fiscal year. The report shall be submitted at the same time as the report of the audit required by section 10101 of this title. The report may not be printed as a public document.

CHAPTER 2301—VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS OF THE UNITED STATES

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§ 230101. Organization

(a) FEDERAL CHARTER.—Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States (in this chapter, the "corporation"), a national association of men who as soldiers, sailors, marines, and airmen served this Nation in wars, campaigns, and expeditions on foreign soil or in hostile waters, is a federally chartered corporation.

(b) PERPETUAL EXISTENCE.—Except as otherwise provided, the corporation has perpetual existence.

§ 230102. Purposes

The purposes of the corporation are fraternal, patriotic, historical, and educational, and are—

(1) to preserve and strengthen comradeship among its members;

(2) to assist worthy comrades;

(3) to perpetuate the memory and history of our dead, and to assist their widows and orphans;

(4) to maintain true allegiance to the Government of the United States, and fidelity to its Constitution and laws;

(5) to foster true patriotism;

(6) to maintain and extend the institutions of American freedom; and

(7) to preserve and defend the United States from all enemies.

§ 230103. Membership

An individual is eligible for membership in the corporation only if the individual served honorably as a member of the armed forces of the United States—

(1) in a foreign war, insurrection, or expedition in service that—

(A) has been recognized as campaign-medal service; and

(B) is governed by the authorization of the award of a campaign badge by the United States Government; or

(2) on the Korean peninsula or in its territorial waters for at least 30 consecutive days, or a total of 60 days, after June 30, 1949.

§ 230104. Powers

The corporation may—

(1) adopt and amend a constitution, bylaws, and regulations to carry out the purposes of the corporation;

(2) adopt and alter a corporate seal;

(3) establish and maintain offices to conduct its activities;

(4) make contracts;

(5) acquire, own, lease, encumber, and transfer property as necessary and appropriate to carry out the purposes of the corporation;

(6) establish, regulate, and discontinue subordinate State and territorial subdivisions and local chapters or posts;

(7) publish a magazine and other publications;

(8) sue and be sued; and

(9) do any other act necessary and proper to carry out the purposes of the corporation.

§ 230105. Exclusive right to name, seal, emblems, and badges

The corporation has the exclusive right to use the name "Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States" and its corporate seal and to manufacture and use emblems and badges the corporation adopts.

§ 230106. Service of process

As a condition to the exercise of any power or privilege granted by this chapter, the corporation shall file, with the secretary of state or other designated official of each State, the name and address of an agent in that State on whom legal process or demands against the corporation may be served.

§ 230107. Annual report

Not later than January 1 of each year, the corporation shall submit a report to Congress on the activities of the corporation during the prior fiscal year. The report may not be printed as a public document.

CHAPTER 2303—VETERANS OF WORLD WAR I OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, INCORPORATED

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§ 230301. Organization

(a) FEDERAL CHARTER.—Veterans of World War I of the United States of America, Incorporated (in this chapter, the "corporation"), is a federally chartered corporation.

(b) PLACE OF INCORPORATION AND DOMICILE.—The corporation is declared to be incorporated and domiciled in the District of Columbia.

(c) PERPETUAL EXISTENCE.—Except as otherwise provided, the corporation has perpetual existence.

§ 230302. Purposes

The purposes of the corporation are patriotic, fraternal, historical, and educational, in the service and for the benefit of veterans of World War I, and are—

(1) to provide for the veterans of World War I an organization for their mutual benefit, pleasure, and amusement which will afford them opportunities and means for personal contact with each other to keep alive friendships and memories of World War I and to venerate the memory of their honored dead;

(2) to cooperate to the fullest extent and in a harmonious manner with all veterans' organizations so that the best interests of all veterans of all wars in which the United States has participated, and the widows and orphans of deceased veterans of those wars, may best be served;

(3) to stimulate communities and political subdivisions into taking more interest in veterans of World War I, the widows and orphans of those deceased veterans, and the problems of those veterans and their widows and orphans;

(4) to collate, preserve, and encourage the study of historical episodes, chronicles, mementos, and events pertaining to World War I;

(5) to fight vigorously to uphold the Constitution and laws of the United States as well as the individual States of the Union and to foster the spirit and practice of true Americanism;

(6) to fight unceasingly for our national security to protect Americans from enemies within our borders, as well as those from without, so that our American way of life is preserved;

(7) to fight to the utmost all those alien forces, particularly forces such as communism, whose objectives are to deny our very existence as a free people; and

(8) to do any other act necessary and proper to carry out the purposes of the corporation.

§ 230303. Membership

(a) ELIGIBILITY.—Eligibility for membership in the corporation and the rights, privileges, and designation of classes of members are as provided in the constitution and bylaws of the corporation. However, an individual who did not serve honorably in the armed forces of the United States during the period beginning April 6, 1917, and ending November 11, 1918, is not eligible for all classes of membership.

(b) VOTING.—Each member of the corporation (except an associate or honorary member) has one vote on each matter submitted to a vote at a meeting of the members of the corporation except the national convention.

§ 230304. Governing body

(a) NATIONAL CONVENTION.—(1) The national convention is the supreme governing authority of the corporation.

(2) The national convention is composed of officers and elected representatives from the States and other local subdivisions of the corporation as provided in the constitution and bylaws of the corporation. However, the form of government of the corporation must be representative of the membership at large and may not permit concentration of control in a limited number of members or in a self-perpetuating group not representative of the membership at large. Each elected representative is entitled to one vote at the national convention.

(3) The meetings of the national convention may be held in the District of Columbia or in any State, territory, or possession of the United States.

(b) BOARD OF ADMINISTRATION.—(1) During the intervals between the national convention, the board of administration is the governing board of the corporation and is responsible for the general policies, program, and activities of the corporation.

(2) The board shall consist of at least 7 members elected in the manner and for the term provided in the constitution and bylaws.

(c) OFFICERS.—(1) The officers of the corporation are a national commander, a national senior vice commander, a national junior vice commander, a national quartermaster, a national adjutant, a national judge advocate, 9 regional vice commanders, and other officers as provided in the constitution and bylaws. One individual may hold the offices of national quartermaster and national adjutant.

(2) The titles, manner of selection, term of office, and duties of the officers are as provided in the constitution and bylaws.

§ 230305. Powers

The corporation may—

(1) adopt and amend a constitution and bylaws for the management of its property and the regulation of its affairs;

(2) adopt and alter a corporate seal;

(3) choose officers, managers, employees, and agents as the activities of the corporation require;

(4) make contracts;

(5) acquire, own, lease, encumber, and transfer property as necessary or convenient to carry out the purposes of the corporation;

(6) borrow money, issue instruments of indebtedness, and secure its obligations by granting security interests in its property;

(7) sue and be sued; and

(8) do any other act necessary and proper to carry out the purposes of the corporation.

§ 230306. Exclusive right to name, seals, emblems, and badges

The corporation and its subordinate divisions have the exclusive right to use the name "Veterans of World War I of the United States of America, Incorporated". The corporation has the exclusive right to use, and to allow others to use, seals, emblems, and badges the corporation adopts.

§ 230307. Restrictions

(a) STOCKS AND DIVIDENDS.—The corporation may not issue stock or declare or pay a dividend.

(b) POLITICAL ACTIVITIES.—The corporation or an officer or agent as such may not contribute to, support, or assist a political party or candidate for public office.

(c) DISTRIBUTION OF INCOME OR ASSETS.—The income or assets of the corporation may not inure to the benefit of, or be distributed to, an officer or member during the life of the corporation or on its dissolution or final liquidation. This subsection does not prevent the payment of compensation to an officer or reimbursement for actual necessary expenses in amounts approved by the board of administration of the corporation.

(d) LOANS.—The corporation may not make a loan or advance to an officer or employee. Members of the board of administration who vote for or assent to making a loan or advance to an officer or employee, and officers who participate in making the loan or advance, are jointly and severally liable to the corporation for the amount of the loan or advance until it is repaid.

§ 230308. Principal office

The principal office of the corporation shall be in the District of Columbia or another place decided by the board of administration. However, the activities of the corporation are not confined to the place where the principal office is located but may be conducted in the District of Columbia and throughout the States, territories, and possessions of the United States.

§ 230309. Records and inspection

(a) RECORDS.—The corporation shall keep—

(1) correct and complete records of account; and

(2) minutes of the proceedings of its national convention and board of administration.

(b) INSPECTION.—A member, or an agent or attorney of the member, may inspect the records of the corporation for any proper purpose, at any reasonable time.

§ 230310. Service of process

The corporation shall have a designated agent in the District of Columbia to receive service of process for the corporation. Notice to or service on the agent, or mailed to the business address of the agent, is notice to or service on the corporation.

§ 230311. Liability for acts of officers and agents

The corporation is liable for the acts of its officers and agents acting within the scope of their authority.

§ 230312. Annual report

Not later than March 1 of each year, the corporation shall submit a report to Congress on the activities of the corporation during the prior fiscal year. The report may consist of a report on the proceedings of the national convention.

§ 230313. Termination of existence and distribution of assets

(a) AUTHORITY TO MAKE CONTINGENT PROVISIONS.—The national convention, by resolution, may declare that the corporate existence will terminate on the occurrence of a specified event and provide for the disposition of any property remaining after the discharge of all liabilities.

(b) PROCEDURE FOR CARRYING OUT CONTINGENT PROVISIONS.—(1) An authenticated copy of the national convention's resolution must be filed in the office of the United States District Court for the District of Columbia.

(2) The court shall take jurisdiction when—

(A) the declared event has occurred; and

(B) a petition is filed with the court reciting the relevant facts.

(3) On proof of the facts, the court shall enter an order vesting title and ownership in accordance with the resolution of the national convention.

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§ 230501. Definition

For purposes of this chapter, "State" includes the District of Columbia and the territories and possessions of the United States.

§ 230502. Organization

(a) FEDERAL CHARTER.—Vietnam Veterans of America, Inc. (in this chapter, the "corporation"), a nonprofit corporation incorporated in New York, is a federally chartered corporation.

(b) EXPIRATION OF CHARTER.—If the corporation does not comply with any provision of this chapter, the charter granted by this chapter expires.

§ 230503. Purposes

The purposes of the corporation are as provided in its articles of incorporation, constitution, and bylaws and include a commitment—

(1) to uphold and defend the Constitution of the United States;

(2) to foster improvement of the condition of Vietnam-era veterans;

(3) to promote the social welfare (including educational, economic, social, physical, and cultural improvement) of Vietnam-era veterans and other veterans in the United States by encouraging their growth, development, readjustment, self-respect, self-confidence, and usefulness;

(4) to improve conditions for Vietnam-era veterans and develop channels of communication to assist Vietnam-era veterans;

(5) to conduct and publish research, on a nonpartisan basis, pertaining to—

(A) the relationship between Vietnam-era veterans and American society;

(B) the Vietnam war experience;

(C) the role of the United States in securing peaceful coexistence for the world community; and

(D) other matters that affect the educational, economic, social, physical, or cultural welfare of Vietnam-era veterans, other veterans, and their families;

(6) to assist disabled Vietnam-era veterans and other veterans in need of assistance and the dependents and survivors of those veterans; and

(7) to consecrate the efforts of the members of the corporation, and Vietnam-era veterans generally, to mutual helpfulness and service to their country.

§ 230504. Membership

(a) ELIGIBILITY.—Except as provided in this chapter, eligibility for membership in the corporation and the rights and privileges of members are as provided in the constitution and bylaws of the corporation.

(b) NONDISCRIMINATION.—The terms of membership may not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, disability, age, or national origin.

§ 230505. Governing body

(a) BOARD OF DIRECTORS.—The board of directors and the responsibilities of the board are as provided in the constitution and bylaws of the corporation.

(b) OFFICERS.—The officers and the election of officers are as provided in the constitution and bylaws of the corporation.

(c) NONDISCRIMINATION.—The requirements for serving as a director or officer may not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, disability, age, or national origin.

§ 230506. Powers

The corporation has only the powers provided in its articles of incorporation filed in the State of incorporation and in its constitution and bylaws.

§ 230507. Exclusive right to name, seals, emblems, and badges

The corporation has the exclusive right to use the names "The Vietnam Veterans of America, Inc.", "Vietnam Veterans of America, Inc.", and "Vietnam Veterans of America", and seals, emblems, and badges the corporation adopts. This section does not affect any vested rights.

§ 230508. Restrictions

(a) STOCK AND DIVIDENDS.—The corporation may not issue stock or declare or pay a dividend.

(b) DISTRIBUTION OF INCOME OR ASSETS.—The income or assets of the corporation may not inure to the benefit of, or be distributed to, a director, officer, or member during the life of the charter granted by this chapter. This subsection does not prevent the payment of reasonable compensation to an officer or reimbursement for actual necessary expenses in amounts approved by the board of directors.

(c) LOANS.—The corporation may not make a loan to a director, officer, or employee.

(d) CLAIM OF GOVERNMENTAL APPROVAL OR AUTHORITY.—The corporation may not claim

congressional approval or the authority of the United States Government for any of its activities.

§ 230509. Duty to maintain tax-exempt status

The corporation shall maintain its status as an organization exempt from taxation under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (26 U.S.C. 1 et seq.).

§ 230510. Records and inspection

(a) RECORDS.—The corporation shall keep—

(1) correct and complete records of account;

(2) minutes of the proceedings of its members, board of directors, and committees having any of the authority of its board of directors; and

(3) at its principal office, a record of the names and addresses of its members entitled to vote.

(b) INSPECTION.—A member entitled to vote, or an agent or attorney of the member, may inspect the records of the corporation for any proper purpose, at any reasonable time.

§ 230511. Service of process

The corporation shall comply with the law on service of process of each State in which it is incorporated and each State in which it carries on activities.

§ 230512. Liability for acts of officers and agents

The corporation is liable for the acts of its officers and agents acting within the scope of their authority.

§ 230513. Annual report

The corporation shall submit an annual report to Congress on the activities of the corporation during the prior fiscal year. The report shall be submitted at the same time as the report of the audit required by section 10101 of this title. The report may not be printed as a public document.

CHAPTER 2401—WOMEN'S ARMY CORPS VETERANS' ASSOCIATION

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§ 240101. Definition

For purposes of this chapter, "State" includes the District of Columbia and the territories and possessions of the United States.

§ 240102. Organization

(a) FEDERAL CHARTER.—Women's Army Corps Veterans' Association (in this chapter, the "corporation"), a nonprofit corporation incorporated in the District of Columbia, is a federally chartered corporation.

(b) EXPIRATION OF CHARTER.—If the corporation does not comply with any provision of this chapter, the charter granted by this chapter expires.

§ 240103. Purposes

The purposes of the corporation are as provided in its articles of incorporation and include a continuing commitment on a national basis—

(1) to promote the general welfare of all veterans, especially women veterans, who have served or are serving in the United States Army, the Army Reserve, and the Army National Guard;

(2) to recognize outstanding women in college ROTC units throughout the United States; and

(3) to provide services and support to patients in medical facilities of the Department of Veterans Affairs throughout the United States.

§ 240104. Membership

Eligibility for membership in the corporation and the rights and privileges of members are as provided in the constitution and bylaws of the corporation.

§ 240105. Governing body

(a) BOARD OF DIRECTORS.—The board of directors and the responsibilities of the board are as provided in the articles of incorporation.

(b) OFFICERS.—The officers and the election of officers are as provided in the articles of incorporation.

§ 240106. Powers

The corporation has only the powers provided in its bylaws and articles of incorporation filed in each State in which it is incorporated.

§ 240107. Restrictions

(a) STOCK AND DIVIDENDS.—The corporation may not issue stock or declare or pay a dividend.

(b) POLITICAL ACTIVITIES.—The corporation or a director or officer as such may not contribute to, support, or otherwise participate in any political activity or in any manner attempt to influence legislation.

(c) DISTRIBUTION OF INCOME OR ASSETS.—The income or assets of the corporation may not inure to the benefit of, or be distributed to, a director, officer, or member during the life of the charter granted by this chapter. This subsection does not prevent the payment of reasonable compensation to an officer or reimbursement for actual necessary expenses in amounts approved by the board of directors.

(d) LOANS.—The corporation may not make a loan to a director, officer, or employee.

(e) CLAIM OF GOVERNMENTAL APPROVAL OR AUTHORITY.—The corporation may not claim the approval or the authority of the United States Government for any of its activities.

§ 240108. Duty to maintain tax-exempt status

The corporation shall maintain its status as an organization exempt from taxation under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (26 U.S.C. 1 et seq.).

§ 240109. Records and inspection

(a) RECORDS.—The corporation shall keep—

(1) correct and complete records of account;

(2) minutes of the proceedings of its members, board of directors, and committees having any of the authority of its board of directors; and

(3) at its principal office, a record of the names and addresses of its members entitled to vote.

(b) INSPECTION.—A member entitled to vote, or an agent or attorney of the member, may inspect the records of the corporation for any proper purpose, at any reasonable time.

§ 240110. Service of process

The corporation shall comply with the law on service of process of each State in which it is incorporated and each State in which it carries on activities.

§ 240111. Liability for acts of officers and agents

The corporation is liable for the acts of its officers or agents acting within the scope of their authority.

§ 240112. Annual report

The corporation shall submit an annual report to Congress on the activities of the corporation during the prior fiscal year. The report shall be submitted at the same time as the report of the audit required by section 10101 of this title. The report may not be printed as a public document.

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SUBTITLE III—TREATY OBLIGATION ORGANIZATIONS

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CHAPTER 3001—THE AMERICAN NATIONAL RED CROSS

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§ 300101. Organization

(a) FEDERAL CHARTER.—The American National Red Cross (in this chapter, the "corporation") is a body corporate and politic in the District of Columbia.

(b) NAME.—The name of the corporation is "The American National Red Cross".

(c) PERPETUAL EXISTENCE.—Except as otherwise provided, the corporation has perpetual existence.

§ 300102. Purposes

The purposes of the corporation are—

(1) to provide volunteer aid in time of war to the sick and wounded of the armed forces, in accordance with the spirit and conditions of—

(A) the conference of Geneva of October, 1863;

(B) the treaties of the Red Cross, or the treaties of Geneva, August 22, 1864, July 27, 1929, and August 12, 1949, to which the United States of America has given its adhesion; and

(C) any other treaty, convention, or protocol similar in purpose to which the United States of America has given or may give its adhesion;

(2) in carrying out the purposes described in clause (1) of this section, to perform all the duties devolved on a national society by each nation that has acceded to any of those treaties, conventions, or protocols;

(3) to act in matters of voluntary relief and in accordance with the military authorities as a medium of communication between the people of the United States and the armed forces of the United States and to act in those matters between similar national societies of governments of other countries through the International Committee of the Red Cross and the Government, the people, and the armed forces of the United States; and

(4) to carry out a system of national and international relief in time of peace, and to apply that system in mitigating the suffering caused by pestilence, famine, fire, floods, and other great national calamities, and to devise and carry out measures for preventing those calamities.

§ 300103. Membership and chapters

(a) MEMBERSHIP.—Membership in the corporation is open to all the people of the United States and its territories and possessions, on payment of an amount specified in the bylaws.

(b) CHAPTERS.—(1) The chapters of the corporation are the local units of the corporation. The board of governors shall prescribe regulations related to—

(A) granting charters to the chapters and revoking those charters;

(B) the territorial jurisdiction of the chapters;

(C) the relationship of the chapters to the corporation; and

(D) compliance by the chapters with the policies and regulations of the corporation.

(2) The regulations shall require that each chapter adhere to the democratic principles of election specified in the bylaws in electing the governing body of the chapter and selecting delegates to the national convention of the corporation.

§ 300104. Board of governors

(a) BOARD OF GOVERNORS.—(1) The board of governors is the governing body of the corporation with all powers of governing and managing the corporation. The board has 50 members. The governors shall be appointed or elected in the following manner:

(A) The President shall appoint 8 governors, one of whom the President shall designate to act as the principal officer of the corporation with the title and functions provided in the bylaws. The other governors appointed by the President shall be officials of departments and agencies of the United States Government, whose positions and interests qualify them to contribute to carrying out the programs and purposes of the corporation. At least one, but not more than 3, of those officials shall be selected from the armed forces.

(B) The chapters shall elect 30 governors at the national convention under procedures for nomination and election that ensure equitable representation of all chapters, with regard to geographical considerations, the size of the chapters, and the size of the populations served by the chapters.

(C) The board shall elect 12 governors as members-at-large. Those governors shall be individuals who are representative of the national interests that the corporation serves, and with which it is desirable that the corporation have close association.

(2) One-third of the members elected to the board shall be elected at each national convention, and take office at that time or as soon as practicable after the convention.

(b) TERM OF OFFICE AND VACANCIES.—(1) The term of office of each governor is 3 years. However, the term of office of a governor appointed by the President (except the principal officer of the corporation) expires if, before the end of the 3-year term, the governor retires from the official position held at the time of appointment as a governor.

(2) The President shall fill as soon as practicable a vacancy in the office of the principal officer of the corporation or in the position of another governor appointed by the President. The board shall make a temporary appointment to fill a vacancy occurring in an elected position on the board. An individual appointed by the board to fill a vacancy serves until the next national convention.

(c) EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.—The board may—

(1) appoint, from its own members, an executive committee of at least 11 individuals to exercise the powers of the board when the board is not in session; and

(2) appoint and remove, or provide for the appointment and removal of, officers and employees of the corporation, except the principal officer of the corporation.

(d) VOTING BY PROXY.—Voting by proxy is not allowed at any meeting of the board, at the national convention, or at any meeting of a chapter. However, the board may allow the election of governors by proxy at the national convention if the board believes a national emergency makes attendance at the national convention impossible.

§ 300105. Powers

(a) GENERAL.—The corporation may—

(1) adopt bylaws and regulations;

(2) adopt, alter, and destroy a seal;

(3) own and dispose of property to carry out the purposes of the corporation;

(4) accept gifts, devises, and bequests of property to carry out the purposes of the corporation;

(5) sue and be sued in courts of law and equity, State or Federal, within the jurisdiction of the United States; and

(6) do any other act necessary to carry out this chapter and promote the purposes of the corporation.

(b) DESIGNATION.—The corporation is designated as the organization authorized to act in matters of relief under the treaties of Geneva, August 22, 1864, July 27, 1929, and August 12, 1949.

§ 300106. Emblem, badge, and brassard

(a) EMBLEM AND BADGE.—In carrying out its purposes under this chapter, the corporation may have and use, as an emblem and badge, a Greek red cross on a white ground, as described in the treaties of Geneva, August 22, 1864, July 27, 1929, and August 12, 1949, and adopted by the nations acceding to those treaties.

(b) DELIVERY OF BRASSARD.—In accordance with those treaties, the delivery of the brassard allowed for individuals neutralized in time of war shall be left to military authority.

§ 300107. Annual meeting

The annual meeting of the corporation is the national convention of delegates of the chapters. The national convention shall be held annually on a date and at a place specified by the board of governors. In matters requiring a vote at the national convention, each chapter is entitled to at least one vote. The board shall determine on an equitable basis the number of votes that each chapter is entitled to cast, taking into consideration the size of the membership of the chapters and of the populations served by the chapters. The board shall review the allocation of votes at least every 5 years.

§ 300108. Buildings

(a) OWNERSHIP.—The United States Government shall retain ownership of the corporation's permanent headquarters, comprised of buildings erected on square 172 in the District of Columbia, including—

(1) the memorial building to commemorate the service and sacrifice of the women of the United States, North and South, during the Civil War, erected for the use of the corporation;

(2) the memorial building to commemorate the service and sacrifice of the patriotic women of the United States, its territories and possessions, and the District of Columbia during World War I, erected for the use of the corporation; and

(3) the permanent building erected for the use of the corporation in connection with its work in cooperation with the Government.

(b) MAINTENANCE AND EXPENSES.—Those buildings shall remain under the supervision of the Administrator of General Services. However, the corporation shall care for and maintain the buildings without expense to the Government.

§ 300109. Endowment fund

The endowment fund of the corporation shall be kept and invested under the management and control of a board of 9 trustees elected by the board of governors. The board of governors shall prescribe regulations on terms and tenure of office, accountability, and expenses of the board of trustees.

§ 300110. Annual report and audit

(a) SUBMISSION OF REPORT.—As soon as practicable after July 1 of each year, the corporation shall submit a report to the Secretary of Defense on the activities of the corporation during the fiscal year ending June 30, including a complete, itemized report of all receipts and expenditures.

(b) AUDITING OF REPORT AND SUBMISSION TO CONGRESS.—The Secretary shall audit the report and submit a copy of the audited report to Congress.

(c) PAYMENT OF AUDIT EXPENSES.—The corporation shall reimburse the Secretary each year for auditing its accounts. The amount paid shall be deposited in the Treasury of the United States as a miscellaneous receipt.

§ 300111. Reservation of right to amend or repeal

Congress reserves the right to amend or repeal the provisions of this chapter.

SEC. 2. THE FLAG.

(a) Chapter 1 of title 4, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the following new sections:

"§ 4. Pledge of allegiance to the flag; manner of delivery

"The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, 'I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one Nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.', should be rendered by standing at attention facing the flag with the right hand over the heart. When not in uniform men should remove their headdress with their right hand and hold it at the left shoulder, the hand being over the heart. Persons in uniform should remain silent, face the flag, and render the military salute.

"§ 5. Display and use of flag by civilians; codification of rules and customs; definition

"The following codification of existing rules and customs pertaining to the display and use of the flag of the United States of America is established for the use of such civilians or civilian groups or organizations as may not be required to conform with regulations promulgated by one or more executive departments of the Government of the United States. The flag of the United States for the purpose of this chapter shall be defined according to sections 1 and 2 of this title and Executive Order 10834 issued pursuant thereto.

"§ 6. Time and occasions for display

"(a) It is the universal custom to display the flag only from sunrise to sunset on buildings and on stationary flagstaffs in the open. However, when a patriotic effect is desired, the flag may be displayed twenty-four hours a day if properly illuminated during the hours of darkness.

"(b) The flag should be hoisted briskly and lowered ceremoniously.

"(c) The flag should not be displayed on days when the weather is inclement, except when an all weather flag is displayed.

"(d) The flag should be displayed on all days, especially on New Year's Day, January

1; Inauguration Day, January 20; Lincoln's Birthday, February 12; Washington's Birthday, third Monday in February; Easter Sunday (variable); Mother's Day, second Sunday in May; Armed Forces Day, third Saturday in May; Memorial Day (half-staff until noon), the last Monday in May; Flag Day, June 14; Independence Day, July 4; Labor Day, first Monday in September; Constitution Day, September 17; Columbus Day, second Monday in October; Navy Day, October 27; Veterans Day, November 11; Thanksgiving Day, fourth Thursday in November; Christmas Day, December 25; and such other days as may be proclaimed by the President of the United States; the birthdays of States (date of admission); and on State holidays.

"(e) The flag should be displayed daily on or near the main administration building of every public institution.

"(f) The flag should be displayed in or near every polling place on election days.

"(g) The flag should be displayed during school days in or near every schoolhouse.

"§ 7. Position and manner of display

"The flag, when carried in a procession with another flag or flags, should be either on the marching right; that is, the flag's own right, or, if there is a line of other flags, in front of the center of that line.

"(a) The flag should not be displayed on a float in a parade except from a staff, or as provided in subsection (i) of this section.

"(b) The flag should not be draped over the hood, top, sides, or back of a vehicle or of a railroad train or a boat. When the flag is displayed on a motorcar, the staff shall be fixed firmly to the chassis or clamped to the right fender.

"(c) No other flag or pennant should be placed above or, if on the same level, to the right of the flag of the United States of America, except during church services conducted by naval chaplains at sea, when the church pennant may be flown above the flag during church services for the personnel of the Navy. No person shall display the flag of the United Nations or any other national or international flag equal, above, or in a position of superior prominence or honor to, or in place of, the flag of the United States at any place within the United States or any Territory or possession thereof: *Provided*, That nothing in this section shall make unlawful the continuance of the practice heretofore followed of displaying the flag of the United Nations in a position of superior prominence or honor, and other national flags in positions of equal prominence or honor, with that of the flag of the United States at the headquarters of the United Nations.

"(d) The flag of the United States of America, when it is displayed with another flag against a wall from crossed staffs, should be on the right, the flag's own right, and its staff should be in front of the staff of the other flag.

"(e) The flag of the United States of America should be at the center and at the highest point of the group when a number of flags of States or localities or pennants of societies are grouped and displayed from staffs.

"(f) When flags of States, cities, or localities, or pennants of societies are flown on the same halyard with the flag of the United States, the latter should always be at the peak. When the flags are flown from adjacent staffs, the flag of the United States should be hoisted first and lowered last. No such flag or pennant may be placed above the flag of the United States or to the United States flag's right.

"(g) When flags of two or more nations are displayed, they are to be flown from separate staffs of the same height. The flags should be of approximately equal size. International usage forbids the display of the flag of one nation above that of another nation in time of peace.

"(h) When the flag of the United States is displayed from a staff projecting horizontally or at an angle from the window sill, balcony, or front of a building, the union of the flag should be placed at the peak of the staff unless the flag is at half staff. When the flag is suspended over a sidewalk from a rope extending from a house to a pole at the edge of the sidewalk, the flag should be hoisted out, union first, from the building.

"(i) When displayed either horizontally or vertically against a wall, the union should be uppermost and to the flag's own right, that is, to the observer's left. When displayed in a window, the flag should be displayed in the same way, with the union or blue field to the left of the observer in the street.

"(j) When the flag is displayed over the middle of the street, it should be suspended vertically with the union to the north in an east and west street or to the east in a north and south street.

"(k) When used on a speaker's platform, the flag, if displayed flat, should be displayed above and behind the speaker. When displayed from a staff in a church or public auditorium, the flag of the United States of America should hold the position of superior prominence, in advance of the audience, and in the position of honor at the clergyman's or speaker's right as he faces the audience. Any other flag so displayed should be placed on the left of the clergyman or speaker or to the right of the audience.

"(l) The flag should form a distinctive feature of the ceremony of unveiling a statue or monument, but it should never be used as the covering for the statue or monument.

"(m) The flag, when flown at half-staff, should be first hoisted to the peak for an instant and then lowered to the half-staff position. The flag should be again raised to the peak before it is lowered for the day. On Memorial Day the flag should be displayed at half-staff until noon only, then raised to the top of the staff. By order of the President, the flag shall be flown at half-staff upon the death of principal figures of the United States Government and the Governor of a State, territory, or possession, as a mark of respect to their memory. In the event of the death of other officials or foreign dignitaries, the flag is to be displayed at half-staff according to Presidential instructions or orders, or in accordance with recognized customs or practices not inconsistent with law. In the event of the death of a present or former official of the government of any State, territory, or possession of the United States, the Governor of that State, territory, or possession may proclaim that the National flag shall be flown at half-staff. The flag shall be flown at half-staff thirty days from the death of the President or a former President; ten days from the day of death of the Vice President, the Chief Justice or a retired Chief Justice of the United States, or the Speaker of the House of Representatives; from the day of death until interment of an Associate Justice of the Supreme Court, a Secretary of an executive or military department, a former Vice President, or the Governor of a State, territory, or possession; and on the day of death and the following day for a Member of Congress. The flag shall be flown at halfstaff on Peace Officers Memorial Day, unless that day is also Armed Forces Day. As used in this subsection—

"(1) the term 'half-staff' means the position of the flag when it is one-half the distance between the top and bottom of the staff;

"(2) the term 'executive or military department' means any agency listed under sections 101 and 102 of title 5; and

"(3) the term 'Member of Congress' means a Senator, a Representative, a Delegate, or the Resident Commissioner from Puerto Rico.

"(n) When the flag is used to cover a casket, it should be so placed that the union is at the head and over the left shoulder. The flag should not be lowered into the grave or allowed to touch the ground.

"(o) When the flag is suspended across a corridor or lobby in a building with only one main entrance, it should be suspended vertically with the union of the flag to the observer's left upon entering. If the building has more than one main entrance, the flag should be suspended vertically near the center of the corridor or lobby with the union to the north, when entrances are to the east and west or to the east when entrances are to the north and south. If there are entrances in more than two directions, the union should be to the east.

"§ 8. Respect for flag

"No disrespect should be shown to the flag of the United States of America; the flag should not be dipped to any person or thing. Regimental colors, State flags, and organization or institutional flags are to be dipped as a mark of honor.

"(a) The flag should never be displayed with the union down, except as a signal of dire distress in instances of extreme danger to life or property.

"(b) The flag should never touch anything beneath it, such as the ground, the floor, water, or merchandise.

"(c) The flag should never be carried flat or horizontally, but always aloft and free.

"(d) The flag should never be used as wearing apparel, bedding, or drapery. It should never be festooned, drawn back, nor up, in folds, but always allowed to fall free. Bunting of blue, white, and red, always arranged with the blue above, the white in the middle, and the red below, should be used for covering a speaker's desk, draping the front of the platform, and for decoration in general.

"(e) The flag should never be fastened, displayed, used, or stored in such a manner as to permit it to be easily torn, soiled, or damaged in any way.

"(f) The flag should never be used as a covering for a ceiling.

"(g) The flag should never have placed upon it, nor on any part of it, nor attached to it any mark, insignia, letter, word, figure, design, picture, or drawing of any nature.

"(h) The flag should never be used as a receptacle for receiving, holding, carrying, or delivering anything.

"(i) The flag should never be used for advertising purposes in any manner whatsoever. It should not be embroidered on such articles as cushions or handkerchiefs and the like, printed or otherwise impressed on paper napkins or boxes or anything that is designed for temporary use and discard. Advertising signs should not be fastened to a staff or halyard from which the flag is flown.

"(j) No part of the flag should ever be used as a costume or athletic uniform. However, a flag patch may be affixed to the uniform of military personnel, firemen, policemen, and members of patriotic organizations. The flag represents a living country and is itself considered a living thing. Therefore, the lapel flag pin being a replica, should be worn on the left lapel near the heart.

"(k) The flag, when it is in such condition that it is no longer a fitting emblem for display, should be destroyed in a dignified way, preferably by burning.

"§ 9. Conduct during hoisting, lowering or passing of flag

"During the ceremony of hoisting or lowering the flag or when the flag is passing in a parade or in review, all persons present except those in uniform should face the flag and stand at attention with the right hand over the heart. Those present in uniform should render the military salute. When not in uniform, men should remove their headdress with their right hand and hold it at the left shoulder, the hand being over the heart. Aliens should stand at attention. The salute to the flag in a moving column should be rendered at the moment the flag passes.

"§ 10. Modification of rules and customs by President

"Any rule or custom pertaining to the display of the flag of the United States of America, set forth herein, may be altered, modified, or repealed, or additional rules with respect thereto may be prescribed, by the Commander in Chief of the Armed Forces of the United States, whenever he deems it to be appropriate or desirable; and any such alteration or additional rule shall be set forth in a proclamation.".

(b) The analysis of chapter 1 of title 4, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the following new items:

"4. Pledge of allegiance to the flag; manner of delivery.
"5. Display and use of flag by civilians; codification of rules and customs; definition.
"6. Time and occasions for display.
"7. Position and manner of display.
"8. Respect for flag.
"9. Conduct during hoisting, lowering or passing of flag.
"10. Modification of rules and customs by President.".

SEC. 3. CONFORMING PROVISIONS.

Section 1332 of title 44, United States Code, is amended by striking "the United Spanish War Veterans,".

SEC. 4. CONFORMING CROSS-REFERENCES.

(a) TITLE 10.—Title 10, United States Code, is amended as follows:

(1) In section 2249b, strike "the provisions of section 3 of the Joint Resolution of June 22, 1942 (56 Stat. 378, chapter 435; 36 U.S.C. 175), and any modification of such provisions under section 8 of that Joint Resolution (36 U.S.C. 178)" and substitute "section 7 of title 4 and any modification of section 7 under section 10 of title 4".

(2) Section 2543 is amended as follows:

(A) In subsection (e)(1), strike "subsection (b)(2) of the first section of the Presidential Inaugural Ceremonies Act (36 U.S.C. 721)" and substitute "section 501 of title 36".

(B) In subsection (e)(2), strike "the proviso in section 9 of the Presidential Inaugural Ceremonies Act (36 U.S.C. 729)" and substitute "section 507 of title 36".

(3) In section 9441(b), strike "section 2 of the Act of July 1, 1946 (36 U.S.C. 202)" and substitute "section 40302 of title 36".

(b) TITLE 18.—Section 2320(d) of title 18, United States Code, is amended as follows:

(1) In clause (1)(B), strike "section 110 of the Olympic Charter Act" and substitute "section 220706 of title 36".

(2) In clause (2), insert "and" after the semicolon.

(3) In clause (3), strike "; and" and substitute a period.

(4) Strike clause (4).

SEC. 5. LEGISLATIVE PURPOSE AND CONSTRUCTION.

(a) NO SUBSTANTIVE CHANGE.—Sections 1 and 2 of this Act restate, without substantive change, laws enacted before August 16, 1997, that were replaced by those sections. Those sections may not be construed as making a substantive change in the laws replaced. Laws enacted after August 15, 1997, that are inconsistent with this Act supersede this Act to the extent of the inconsistency.

(b) REFERENCES.—A reference to a law replaced by section 1 or 2 of this Act, including a reference in a regulation, order, or other law, is deemed to refer to the corresponding provision enacted by this Act.

(c) CONTINUING EFFECT.—An order, rule, or regulation in effect under a law replaced by section 1 or 2 of this Act continues in effect under the corresponding provision enacted by this Act until repealed, amended, or superseded.

(d) ACTIONS AND OFFENSES UNDER PRIOR LAW.—An action taken or an offense committed under a law replaced by section 1 or 2 of this Act is deemed to have been taken or committed under the corresponding provision enacted by this Act.

(e) INFERENCES.—An inference of a legislative construction is not to be drawn by reason of the location in the United States Code of a provision enacted by this Act or by reason of a caption or catch line of the provision.

(f) SEVERABILITY.—If a provision enacted by this Act is held invalid, all valid provisions that are severable from the invalid provision remain in effect. If a provision enacted by this Act is held invalid in any of its applications, the provision remains valid for all valid applications that are severable from any of the invalid applications.

SEC. 6. REPEALS.

(a) INFERENCES OF REPEAL.—The repeal of a law by this Act may not be construed as a legislative inference that the provision was or was not in effect before its repeal.

(b) REPEALER SCHEDULE.—The laws specified in the following schedule are repealed, except for rights and duties that matured, penalties that were incurred, and proceedings that were begun before the date of enactment of this Act:

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1912 Dec. 10	1		37	647	36	5
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1920						
May 29	214	(1st complete par. on p. 659)	41	659	36	7
May 31	216		41	691	36	4701–4707
1921						
Mar. 3	131		41	1354	36	5
1922						
Apr. 6	121		42	490	36	3502
1923						
Mar. 3	228		42	1441	36	61–66
Mar. 4	283		42	1509	36	121, 122b, 123–125, 127, 128, 131, 132, 138–138c
1924						
Apr. 2	81	1 (2d, last provisos in par. under heading "American Battle Monuments Commission").	43	35	36	122, 133
June 7	292	1 (provisos in par. under heading "American Battle Monuments Commission").	43	522	36	122, 133
	296		43	535	36	81–88
	369		43	665	36	15
1925						
Feb. 6	142		43	808	36	20d
Feb. 24	303		43	966	36	91–105
1926						
Feb. 5	11		44	4	36	18a
Apr. 22	171	1 (2d–last provisos in par. under heading "American Battle Monuments Commission").	44	307	36	122, 133–135
May 5	246		44	403	36	14
1927						
Feb. 11	104	1 (provisos in par. under heading "American Battle Monuments Commission").	44	1071	36	122, 133–137
1928						
May 16	580	1 (provisos in par. under heading "American Battle Monuments Commission").	45	575	36	122, 134, 135
May 18	643		45	617	36	143
1929						
Feb. 20	270	1 (1st, 2d, last provisos in par. under heading "American Battle Monuments Commission").	45	1231, 1232	36	122, 134, 135
June 14	23		46	11	36	4902
1930						
Feb. 7	42		46	66	36	13
Apr. 19	201	1 (1st, 2d, last provisos in par. under heading "American Battle Monuments Commission").	46	230, 231	36	122, 134, 135
1931						
Feb. 23	281	1 (1st, 2d, last provisos in par. under heading "American Battle Monuments Commission").	46	1356	36	122, 134, 135
Mar. 3	436		46	1508	36	170
1932						
June 17	268		47	320	36	90a–90k
June 30	330	1 (1st, 2d, last provisos in par. under heading "American Battle Monuments Commission").	47	454	36	122, 134, 135
1933						
Mar. 3	214		47	1544	36	16
May 20	36		48	73	36	145
June 16	101	1 (1st, last provisos in par. under heading "American Battle Monuments Commission").	48	285	36	122, 135
1934						
Apr. 30	184		48	657	36	146
June 7	425		48	925	36	3502, 3504
1935						
Feb. 2	3	1 (1st, 3d, last provisos in par. under heading "American Battle Monuments Commission").	49	7	36	121a, 122, 135
June 28	323	1, 2	49	426	36	491, 491 note
July 5	373		49	457	36	3301–3310
Aug. 12	508	1 (par. under heading "Memorial to Personnel of American Expeditionary Forces").	49	594	36	491 note
1936						
Mar. 19	156	1 (1st, 3d, last provisos in par. under heading "American Battle Monuments Commission").	49	1169	36	121a, 122, 135
May 28	471		49	1390	36	111–120
June 15	546		49	1501	36	139–139b
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Aug. 16	666		50	668	36	149
Aug. 25	762		50	798	36	3201, 3201 note, 3202–3209
1938						
Mar. 28	56		52	148	36	150
May 23	259	1 (1st, 3d, last provisos in par. under heading "American Battle Monuments Commission").	52	412	36	121a, 122, 135
June 29	796		52	1226	36	5401, 5402
1939						
Mar. 16	11	1 (1st, 3d, last provisos in par. under heading "American Battle Monuments Commission").	53	525	36	121a, 122, 135
May 11	123		53	739	36	151
1940						
Apr. 18	107	1 (1st, 3d, last provisos in par. under heading "American Battle Monuments Commission").	54	113	36	121a, 122, 135
June 6	239		54	232	36	140, 140 note, 140a–140c
Sept. 24	730		54	960	36	149 note
Oct. 10	840		54	1093	36	151a
1941						
Apr. 5	40	1 (provisos in par. under heading "American Battle Monuments Commission").	55	95	36	121a, 122, 135
1942						
June 22	435		56	377	36	171–178
June 27	450	1 (provisos in par. under heading "American Battle Monuments Commission").	56	395	36	121a, 122, 135
July 15	505		56	659	36	90a, 90c, 90e–90j
July 30	537		56	728	36	149 note
Sept. 26	563		56	758	36	97
Oct. 17	615		56	796	36	179–182
Oct. 29	633		56	1012	36	43, 45
Dec. 22	806		56	1074	36	171–178
1943						
June 26	145	101 (provisos in par. under heading "American Battle Monuments Commission").	57	171	36	121a, 122, 135
1944						
June 27	286	101 (provisos in par. under heading "American Battle Monuments Commission").	58	363	36	121a, 122, 135
1945						
May 3	106	101 (provisos in par. under heading "American Battle Monuments Commission").	59	107	36	121a, 122, 135
Aug. 11	363		59	530	36	155
Dec. 28	607		59	668	36	172
1946						
Mar. 28	113	101 (provisos in par. under heading "American Battle Monuments Commission").	60	62	36	121a, 135
June 26	502		60	317, 318	36	121, 123–125, 127, 128, 131, 132, 138–138b
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July 23	298		61	403	36	67–67s
1948						
Apr. 20	219	101 (last proviso in par. under heading "American Battle Monuments Commission").	62	179	36	122
June 30	755		62	1150	36	156
1949						
July 11	302		63	409	36	155a, 155b
Aug. 3	385		63	492	36	157
Aug. 24	506	101 (last proviso in par. under heading "American Battle Monuments Commission").	63	633	36	122
1950						
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May 11	182		64	158	36	169g
June 30	431	1–14, 16–19	64	312, 315	36	221–234, 236–239
Aug. 30	823	1–13, 15–21	64	563, 566	36	271–283, 285–291
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Oct. 27	593		65	659	36	158
1952						
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July 5	578	101 (provisos in 1st par. under heading "American Battle Monuments Commission").	66	395	36	121b, 122
1953						
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1954						
June 14	297		68	249	36	172
June 24	359	101 (provisos in pars. under heading "American Battle Monuments Commission").	68	275	36	121b, 122, 122a, 125a
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Aug. 9	658		69	589	36	426
1956						
Mar. 29	102		70	60	36	4707
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June 29	86–533	(23)	74	249	36	139b
July 12	86–642	(provisos in 1st par. under heading "American Battle Monuments Commission").	74	475	36	121b, 122, 122a
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Apr. 7	87–20		75	43	36	164
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Dec. 17	88–209		77	402	36	169
Dec. 23	88–240		77	477	36	426, 426 note
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June 24	88–321		78	221	36	155a
July 14	88–372		78	314	36	4301–4318
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Aug. 31	88–527	(provisos in 1st par. under heading "American Battle Monuments Commission").	78	731	36	121b, 122, 122a
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June 13	94–33		89	211	36	157b
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SEC. 7. TECHNICAL AMENDMENTS.

(a) Section 9503(e)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (26 U.S.C. 9503(e)(3)) is amended by adding a period at the end of the paragraph.

(b) Title 49, United States Code, is amended as follows:

(1) In section 5108(f), strike "section 552(f)" and substitute "section 552(b)".

(2) In section 15904(c)(1), insert "section" before "15901(b)".

(c)(1) Chapter 491 of title 49, United States Code, as enacted by the Act of November 20, 1997 (Public Law 105–102, 111 Stat. 2205), is amended as follows:

(A) In section 49106(b)(1)(F), strike "1996" and substitute "1986".

(B) In section 49106(c)(3), strike "by the board" and substitute "to the board".

(C) In section 49107(b), strike "subchapter II" and substitute "subchapter III".

(D) In section 49111(b), strike "retention of" and substitute "retention by".

(2) The Schedule of Laws Repealed in the Act of November 20, 1997 (Public Law 105–102, 111 Stat. 2217), is amended by striking "1996" in the items related to Public Laws 99–500 and 99–591 and substituting "1986".

(3) The amendments made by this subsection are effective as of November 20, 1997.

(d) Effective October 11, 1996, section 5(45)(A) of the Act of October 11, 1996 (Public Law 104–287, 110 Stat. 3393), is amended by striking "ENFORCEMENT;" and substituting "ENFORCEMENT:".

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from Indiana (Mr. PEASE) and the gentleman from California (Mr. BERMAN) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Indiana (Mr. PEASE).

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. PEASE. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks on H.R. 1085, the bill under consideration.

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

There was no objection.

Mr. PEASE. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

H.R. 1085, as amended, is a bill to revise, codify and enact certain general and permanent laws related to patriotic and national observances, ceremonies and organizations, as title 36, United States Code "Patriotic, and National Observances, Ceremonies and Organizations."

This bill has been prepared by the Office of the Law Revision Counsel of the House of Representatives as a part of the responsibilities of that office to prepare and submit to the Committee on the Judiciary for enactment into positive law all titles of the United States Code.

The manager's amendment to H.R. 1085, as amended, consists of technical changes to title 49, United States Code, Transportation, that are of a nonsubstantive nature and correct discrepancies that occurred in H.R. 1086 between the electronic format and hard copy versions of the bill as introduced and reported and the enacted version.

The Law Revision Counsel has informed me that he has satisfied H.R. 1085, as amended, makes no substantive changes in the law; therefore, no additional cost to the government would be incurred as a result of enactment of H.R. 1085, as amended.

I urge my colleagues to support H.R. 1085 as amended.

Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. BERMAN. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

H.R. 1085 is a bill prepared by the Office of the Law Revision Counsel that codifies without substantive change certain general and permanent laws related to title 36, concerning patriotic and national observances, and title 49, concerning transportation.

This is part of the Law Revision Counsel's program of recommending technical changes to the positive law titles of the United States Code which consolidate and streamline existing law. The bill makes no substantive changes, and I urge the Members to support it.

Mr. Speaker, I have no further requests for time on my side, and I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. PEASE. Mr. Speaker, I have no further requests for time, and I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Indiana (Mr. PEASE) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 1085, as amended.

The question was taken; and (two-thirds having voted in favor thereof) the rules were suspended and the bill, as amended, was passed.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

FAA RESEARCH, ENGINEERING, AND DEVELOPMENT AUTHORIZATION ACT OF 1997

Mr. SENSENBRENNER. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and take from the Speaker's table the bill (H.R. 1271) to authorize the Federal Aviation Administration's research, engineering, and development programs for fiscal years 1998 through 2000, and for other purposes, with Senate amendments thereto, and concur in the Senate amendments.

The Clerk read as follows:

Senate amendments:

Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert:

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "FAA Research, Engineering, and Development Authorization Act of 1997".

SEC. 2. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.

Section 48102(a) of title 49, United States Code, is amended—

(1) by striking "and" at the end of paragraph (2)(J);

(2) by striking the period at the end of paragraph (3)(J) and inserting in lieu thereof a semicolon; and

(3) by adding at the end the following:

"(4) for fiscal year 1998, $226,800,000, including—

"(A) $16,379,000 for system development and infrastructure projects and activities;

"(B) $27,089,000 for capacity and air traffic management technology projects and activities;

"(C) $23,362,000 for communications, navigation, and surveillance projects and activities;

"(D) $16,600,000 for weather projects and activities;

"(E) $7,854,000 for airport technology projects and activities;

"(F) $49,202,000 for aircraft safety technology projects and activities;

"(G) $53,759,000 for system security technology projects and activities;

"(H) $26,550,000 for human factors and aviation medicine projects and activities;

"(I) $2,891,000 for environment and energy projects and activities; and

"(J) $3,114,000 for innovative/cooperative research projects and activities; and

"(5) for fiscal year 1999, $229,673,000.".

SEC. 3. RESEARCH GRANTS PROGRAM INVOLVING UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS.

(a) PROGRAM.—Section 48102 of title 49, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the following new subsection:

"(h) RESEARCH GRANTS PROGRAM INVOLVING UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS.—

"(1) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration shall establish a program to utilize undergraduate and technical colleges, including Historically Black Colleges and Universities and Hispanic Serving Institutions, in research on subjects of relevance to the Federal Aviation Administration. Grants may be awarded under this subsection for—

"(A) research projects to be carried out at primarily undergraduate institutions and technical colleges;

"(B) research projects that combine research at primarily undergraduate institutions and technical colleges with other research supported by the Federal Aviation Administration; or

"(C) research on future training requirements on projected changes in regulatory requirements for aircraft maintenance and power plant licensees.

"(2) NOTICE OF CRITERIA.—Within 6 months after the date of the enactment of the FAA Research, Engineering, and Development Authorization Act of 1997, the Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration shall establish and publish in the Federal Register criteria for the submittal of proposals for a grant under this subsection, and for the awarding of such grants.

"(3) PRINCIPAL CRITERIA.—The principal criteria for the awarding of grants under this subsection shall be—

"(A) the relevance of the proposed research to technical research needs identified by the Federal Aviation Administration;

"(B) the scientific and technical merit of the proposed research; and

"(C) the potential for participation by undergraduate students in the proposed research.

"(4) COMPETITIVE, MERIT-BASED EVALUATION.—Grants shall be awarded under this subsection on the basis of evaluation of proposals through a competitive, merit-based process.".

(b) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—Section 48102(a) of title 49, United States Code, as amended by this Act, is further amended by inserting ", of which $750,000 shall be for carrying out the grant program established under subsection (h)" after "projects and activities" in paragraph (4)(J).

SEC. 4. NOTICES.

(a) REPROGRAMMING.—If any funds authorized by the amendments made by this Act are subject to a reprogramming action that requires notice to be provided to the Appropriations Committees of the House of Representatives and the Senate, notice of such action shall concurrently be provided to the Committees on Science and Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate.

(b) NOTICE OF REORGANIZATION.—The Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration shall provide notice to the Committees on Science, Transportation and Infrastructure, and Appropriations of the House of Representatives, and the Committees on Commerce, Science, and Transportation and Appropriations of the Senate, not later than 30 days before any major reorganization (as determined by the Administrator) of any program of the Federal Aviation Administration for which funds are authorized by this Act.

SEC. 5. SENSE OF CONGRESS ON THE YEAR 2000 PROBLEM.

With the year 2000 fast approaching, it is the sense of Congress that the Federal Aviation Administration should—

(1) give high priority to correcting all 2-digit date-related problems in its computer systems to ensure that those systems continue to operate effectively in the year 2000 and beyond;

(2) assess immediately the extent of the risk to the operations of the Federal Aviation Administration posed by the problems referred to in paragraph (1), and plan and budget for achieving Year 2000 compliance for all of its mission-critical systems; and

(3) develop contingency plans for those systems that the Federal Aviation Administration is unable to correct in time.

Amend the title so as to read: "An Act to authorize the Federal Aviation Administration's research, engineering, and development programs for fiscal years 1998 and 1999, and for other purposes.".

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from Wisconsin (Mr. SENSENBRENNER) and the gentleman from Tennessee (Mr. GORDON) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Wisconsin (Mr. SENSENBRENNER).

Mr. SENSENBRENNER. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, H.R. 1271 authorizes the FAA to carry out its Research, Engineering and Development program for fiscal years 1998 and 1999. The objective of the RE&D program is to develop and validate the technology and knowledge required for the FAA to ensure the safety, efficiency and security of our national air transportation system.

Technologies developed through the RE&D program are helping to transform our Nation's aging aviation system into a modern air traffic management system capable of meeting the increased aviation demands of the coming century. Examples of recent advances developed utilizing RE&D funds include quieter aircraft technology, more reliable aircraft control equipment, advanced explosive detection systems, and longer lasting runways.

Overall, H.R. 1271 authorizes $226.8 million in fiscal year 1998 and $229.6 million in fiscal year 1999 for the FAA to carry out the RE&D program. Critical projects and activities of the program include research and development in the areas of air traffic management, navigation, weather, aircraft safety, systems security and human factors.

Finally, H.R. 1271 contains language to require the FAA to provide Congress with notice of any major reprogramming or reorganization effort within the RE&D program and directs the FAA to move immediately to access

the pending effect of the year 2000 computer program on the agency's information system. The legislation does not, however, include an authorization of funds for implementing the Flight 2000 demonstration program requested by the administration in the fiscal 1999 budget request. The Committee on Science plans to hold authorization hearings beginning next month on this program.

I would like to commend the gentlewoman from Maryland, (Mrs. MORELLA), the chairwoman of the Subcommittee on Technology, the gentleman from California (Mr. BROWN), the ranking member of the committee, and the gentleman from Tennessee (Mr. GORDON), the ranking member of the subcommittee, and other members of the Committee on Science for their hard work in crafting this legislation.

H.R. 1271 is a true bipartisan bill which originally passed the House by the overwhelming vote of 414 to 7. Late last year the Senate amended and passed H.R. 1271. The Senate amendment made two significant changes to the bill. First. It struck the fiscal year 2000 authorization and, second, it increased the authorization for RE&D by $5.6 million in fiscal year 1999.

Mr. Speaker, H.R. 1271, as amended by the Senate, is a good bill and I strongly urge my colleagues to demonstrate our Nation's commitment to civil aviation research and development by voting aye today and sending this bill to the President.

Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. GORDON. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume, and I rise in support of H.R. 1271, the FAA Research, Engineering and Development Act of 1997.

H.R. 1271 is the product of a bipartisan process to strengthen the research and development activities of the FAA. The FAA's RE&D programs are key to increasing the capacity and efficiency of the national aerospace system while ensuring its safety and security.

H.R. 1271 reverses the downward trend in FAA's research, engineering and development account, which has declined by 20 percent in the last 2 years. This funding increase will improve research in areas such as noise abatement and weather prediction, areas identified by outside advisory panels that need increased support.

H.R. 1271 also includes language urging the FAA to address the year 2000 computer problem. Unless the necessary steps are taken, FAA's air traffic control operations could be disrupted in 2000. However, this is not simply a problem limited to the United States airspace. The air traffic control system of every nation must be corrected, and I urge the FAA to take the lead to make other countries aware of this problem and the steps needed to correct it.

In addition, this bill includes my proposed establishing a competitive research grants program for primarily undergraduate institutions. This program will support research relevant to FAA's technology needs and, more importantly, will help develop the technical expertise to address FAA's future technology requirements. This provision had widespread support of the House and the other body.

Finally, I wanted to acknowledge that H.R. 1271 does not authorize FAA's new Flight 2000 program. However, it is my understanding that we will review this program in the next month and can then authorize funding as part of the FAA's overall reauthorizing bill. I urge my colleagues to support H.R. 1271.

Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. SENSENBRENNER. Mr. Speaker, I yield 4 minutes to the gentlewoman from Maryland (Mrs. MORELLA), the subcommittee chairwoman.

Mrs. MORELLA. Mr. Speaker, I thank the chairman of the Committee on Science for yielding me this time, and, Mr. Speaker, as chair of the Committee on Science's Subcommittee on Technology I am really very pleased to bring before this body full support for H.R. 1271, the FAA Research, Engineering and Development Act of 1997.

The legislation authorizes $226.8 million in fiscal year 1998 and $229.7 million in fiscal year 1999 for the Federal Aviation Administration to conduct research, engineering and development activities that are helping to increase the efficiency and safety of aviation. H.R. 1271 authorizes funding for the FAA to conduct RE&D projects in activities including research on aircraft structures and materials, systems security, the use of satellite communication and navigation, airport safety, human factors, and FAA internal improvements.

In addition, the fiscal year 1999 authorization level ensures that sufficient funding is available for the research and development of new technologies to reduce aircraft noise, to conduct FAA air traffic control modernization efforts, and to improve weather information. Improving weather information is especially important since it is both the single largest contributor to delays and a major factor in aircraft accidents.

The bill also establishes a program that utilizes undergraduate and technical colleges to research methods that will assist the FAA in carrying out its important missions.

And finally, Mr. Speaker, H.R. 1271 includes a sense of Congress concerning the need for the Federal Aviation Administration to assess immediately the effect of the year 2000 computer problem on its computer systems. This provision is significant and this bill past the House earlier this year by a vote of 414 to 7.

I want to commend the gentleman from Wisconsin (Mr. SENSENBRENNER), the chairman of the committee; and I want to commend the gentleman from California (Mr. GEORGE BROWN), the ranking member, and the gentleman from Tennessee (Mr. BART GORDON), my Subcommittee on Technology member, for the work they have done. This is indeed a bipartisan product.

I encourage all my colleagues to join me in supporting H.R. 1271 and, by sending this legislation to the President for his signature into law, Congress will assist the FAA to develop a national aviation system that is universally recognized as the safest, most technologically advanced system in the world.

Mr. GORDON. Mr. Speaker, I yield such time as she may consume to the gentlewoman from Texas (Ms. JACKSON-LEE).

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman from Tennessee (Mr. GORDON) for yielding me this time.

This is truly a bipartisan bill and I am rising to support H.R. 1271. Noting the increased amount of aviation travel among our citizens in this country, it is extremely important that we have a bill that focuses on many aspects of safety but also focuses on the vision and the future of the aviation industry.

In particular, I would like to thank and congratulate the gentleman from Wisconsin (Mr. SENSENBRENNER), the chairman of the committee, the gentlewoman from Maryland (Mrs. MORELLA), the chairman of the subcommittee, the gentleman from California (Mr. BROWN), the ranking member, and my friend the gentleman from Tennessee (Mr. BART GORDON), the ranking member on the Subcommittee on Technology.

With the vision and insight to emphasize research and opportunities for undergraduate institutions in particular, the gentleman from Tennessee's effort provides for a merit-based competitive process that will allow our undergraduate institutions to involve themselves in research in the FAA.

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Interestingly enough, most research opportunities are viewed at our graduate schools, opportunities for our graduate students. But how important it is to recognize, for example, that institutions like Texas Southern University in my district, that has a Department of Transportation, can ably lend themselves to engage in merit-based competitive grant opportunities to do search research for the FAA.

In particular, I am very pleased that language that I offered in committee and that was supported by committee is included in this bill which encourages research to undergraduate students at our Nation's historically black

colleges and universities and Hispanic serving institutions. As many of my colleagues may know, the majority of our HBCUs and Hispanic serving institutions are primarily undergraduate institutions.

Included in the section which funds research grant programs involving undergraduate students is a provision that includes historically black colleges and universities and Hispanic serving institutions in the language of the bill. This section targets at primarily undergraduate institutions that involve undergraduate students in their research on subjects of relevance to the Federal Aviation Administration. It begins to formulate professionals at an early age.

In 1996, the Federal Aviation Administration awarded a total of $15 million to institutions of higher education for research and development activities. Of that total $15 million in 1996, only $120,000 was awarded to historically black colleges and universities and $130,000 was awarded to Hispanic serving institutions. That is less than 1 percent.

For fiscal year 1997, of the $10 million awarded to institutions of higher education, the overall amounts awarded to minority institutions doubled but still was not impressive. Of the $10 million, $260,000 was awarded to HBCUs and $200,000 was awarded to Hispanic serving institutions. This is a sad and telling story on the state of research development within our minority universities and colleges.

Without open opportunities and without encouragement for everyone to be treated equally in this Nation, it is extremely important to create these opportunities of research.

The HBCU and Hispanic serving institutions language in this bill serves to unquestionably reflect that undergraduate students at minority institutions should aggressively compete for grant awards within the FAA. This language seeks to promote minority university awareness of research opportunities.

According to the President's Board of Advisors on Historically Black Colleges and Universities, our minority universities are often an untapped resource for research, technological and analytical competence. Although many HBCUs are underfunded in laboratory equipment, HBCUs have an overwhelming success rate in producing the Nation's top black mathematicians, scientists, and physicians.

Mr. Speaker, when we are called by name, we tend to act; we are more likely to respond. This bill does just that. It calls minority universities by name in an effort to highlight and bring to the attention of the FAA the fact that HBCUs and Hispanic serving institutions are alive and well and should be included in the research efforts of the FAA. It aids our minority institutions and others in understanding that minority universities and undergraduate students should effectively compete for research opportunities with the Federal Government.

This is a call for my colleagues to listen and to act. This is a call for us to participate in the technology of this Nation and creating safety for this Nation as well.

Mr. Speaker, while some of my colleagues may correctly state and understand that the classification of undergraduate students should include historically black colleges and universities as well as Hispanic serving institutions, it is important, however, to note that there are some in our country who do not appreciate this bill, this particular view. Consequently, our minority universities are often overlooked or forgotten.

Clearly, with this language, we have opened the doors of opportunity. H.R. 1271 allows undergraduate students at HBCUs and Hispanic serving institutions to definitely know that they too can participate in research that benefits the FAA and compete for research and development dollars that will help build a better America.

Again, I thank the committee; And the call is now out for our universities all over the Nation that include minorities to participate in this new technological advance.

I must add that I am pleased to note that under this subsection, grants are awarded based on the evaluation of proposals through a competitive, merit based process. My good colleague, BART GORDON of Tennessee, was successful in including this overall undergraduate section in the bill.

There is no doubt that there is an overwhelming need for research dollars to be awarded to historically black colleges and universities, as well as Hispanic serving institutions. At the FAA, the numbers speak for themselves.

This is why I am pleased with H.R. 1271 and the inclusion of HBCUs in the language of the bill. It is a good first step in reaching out to minority institutions that can and must compete in the research and development arena.

Hispanic serving institutions are colleges and universities that educate mostly Hispanic and Latino students. I am proud to announce that my new district, the 18th Congressional District, includes a good portion of the Heights in Houston, Texas. In the Heights are people of all racial and ethic backgrounds including the Hispanic culture. Many of the residents of the Heights attend both HBCUs and Hispanic serving institutions as well as majority colleges and universities. I am proud to be a representative of each.

Mr. SENSENBRENNER. Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the distinguished gentleman from Virginia (Mr. DAVIS).

Mr. DAVIS of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I thank my colleague and appreciate the leadership that he has shown, along with the gentlewoman from Maryland (Mrs. MORELLA) and the gentleman from Tennessee (Mr. GORDON) and the gentleman from California (Mr. BROWN), the respective committee and subcommittee chairmen over on the minority side.

I rise in support of the concurring amendments to H.R. 1271, the FAA Research, Engineering and Development Authorization Act of 1997. The House overwhelmingly passed this bill last April by a vote of 414 to 7 to authorize funding for the FAA's research, engineering, and development programs for fiscal years 1998, 1999, and the year 2000. The Senate also passed this bill with amendments, which include the elimination of funding authorization for fiscal year 2000 and an increase in funding levels over the original House bill.

I ask all of my colleagues to affirmatively lend their support to this legislation. It is crucial to ensuring that the FAA is able to continue research and development projects that will improve the safety, security, capacity, and productivity of our Nation's air traffic control system. The FAA's Research and Development program also conducts aviation medical research, environmental research to mitigate aircraft noise and engine emission and airway facilities maintenance. Indeed, this bill is essential to the well-being of air passengers as well as the many Americans who are affected daily by air traffic and the attendant noise and pollution.

The amendments to H.R. 1271 authorize $226.6 million for fiscal year 1998 and $229.673 million for fiscal year 1999, funding levels that are slightly higher than those originally approved by this body. These increases will allow the FAA to focus research, engineering and development on safeguarding sensitive computer and information system data that control air traffic management. It will permit the FAA to place a higher priority on weather research projects, reflecting the recommendation of both the FAA Research, Engineering and Development Advisory Committee and the National Academy of Science. Weather is the single largest contributor to delays and a major factor in aircraft accidents and incidents.

Additionally, these monies will allow FAA safety inspectors to take proactive, rather than reactive, measures to reduce the rate of aviation-related accidents.

Mr. Speaker, this legislation is critical to our Nation's ability to maintain and improve safe air travel, and I urge all of my colleagues to vote in favor of H.R. 1271 with the amendments.

Mr. SHUSTER. Mr. Speaker, I am including in the RECORD copies of correspondence between Chairman SENSENBRENNER and myself from April, 1997.

By including this in the RECORD, I want to reiterate the Transportation

and Infrastructure Committee's exclusive jurisdiction of the traditional activities in the facilities and equipment account.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
COMMITTEE ON SCIENCE,
Washington, DC, April 23, 1997.

Hon. BUD SHUSTER,
Chairman, House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, House of Representatives, Washington, DC.

DEAR BUD: On April 16, 1997, the House Committee on Science marked up and reported out H.R. 1271, FAA Research, Engineering, and Development Authorization Act of 1997.

Traditionally, provisions in this bill have been incorporated into the FAA Authorization Acts when considered on the House Floor, indicating your substantive interest in the research components of the FAA.

Because of our Committee's desire to expeditiously consider H.R. 1271, it is my understanding that you will not object to its consideration by the House.

I acknowledge that H.R. 1271 in no way impacts the traditional jurisdictional lines under which the Committee on Science and the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure have operated for years. Under the Rules of the House, the Science Committee only has jurisdiction over civil aviation research and development funded through the Research, Engineering, and Development account. The Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure has jurisdiction over FAA's other functions. Historically, the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee has had exclusive jurisdiction over the Facilities and Equipment account. H.R. 1271 is not intended to change that.

I appreciate your willingness to work with us to expedite the consideration of H.R. 1271. I look forward to continuing to work with you on these issues.

Sincerely,
F. JAMES SENSENBRENNER, Jr.,
Chairman.

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES,
COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, April 23, 1997.

Hon. F. JAMES SENSENBRENNER, Jr.,
Chairman, Committee on Science, Washington, DC.

DEAR JIM: Thank you for your letter of April 23, 1997 concerning H.R. 1271, the FAA Research, Engineering, and Development Act of 1997 which your Committee has reported out. This legislation authorizes funding for FAA's R&D programs for fiscal years 1998–2000.

As you correctly point out, the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee has traditionally taken a great deal of interest in the research components of FAA. The letter is to confirm that because of your willingness to accommodate our concerns about the bill and because of your desire to take the bill to the Floor expeditiously, I have no objections to its consideration. Also, I appreciate your acknowledgment that the bill in no way impacts the traditional jurisdictional lines under which our Committees have operated, especially with regard to the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee's exclusive jurisdiction over the facilities and Equipment Account.

Finally, I would ask that a copy of our exchange of letters on this matter be placed in the Record during consideration of the bill on the Floor. Thank you for your cooperation and assistance on this matter.

With warm personal regards, I am
Sincerely,
BUD SHUSTER,
Chairman.

Mr. GORDON. Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. SENSENBRENNER. Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. GOODLATTE). The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Wisconsin (Mr. SENSENBRENNER) that the House suspend the rules and concur in the Senate amendments to H.R. 1271.

The question was taken; and (two-thirds having voted in favor thereof) the rules were suspended and the Senate amendments were concurred in.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

ISSUING CERTIFICATE OF DOCUMENTATION FOR VESSEL PRINCE NOVA

Mr. LOBIONDO. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to take from the Speaker's table the Senate bill (S. 1349) to authorize the Secretary of Transportation to issue a certificate of documentation with appropriate endorsement for employment in the coastwise trade for the vessel Prince Nova, and for other purposes, and ask for its immediate consideration in the House.

The Clerk read the title of the Senate bill.

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

Mr. CLEMENT. Mr. Speaker, reserving the right to object, I yield to the gentleman from New Jersey (Mr. LOBIONDO) to explain his unanimous consent request.

Mr. LOBIONDO. Mr. Speaker, this bill authorizes the Secretary of Transportation to issue a certificate of documentation for employment in the coastwise trade for the vessel Prince Nova. The owner operates an auto and ferry service across Long Island Sound between Long Island Sound, New York, and New London, Connecticut.

The company plans to purchase the ferry Prince Nova to improve and expand its ferry service. With an upgraded ferry service, the owner will be better able to meet the growing transportation demands of the Long Island region. Allowing the Prince Nova to operate in the Long Island Sound will benefit transportation needs in the region as well as foster economic growth and job.

This bill has already been approved by the House as part of H.R. 2204, the Coast Guard Authorization Act of 1997; and the House approved H.R. 2204 on October 21, 1997, by voice vote.

Mr. Speaker, I want to commend the efforts of our colleague, Congresswoman Nancy JOHNSON, for her leadership in bringing this important matter to our attention; and I urge my colleagues to support this bill.

Mr. CLEMENT. Mr. Speaker, I support S. 1349, a bill to authorize the Secretary of Transportation to issue a certificate of documentation to the vessel Prince Nova for employment in the coastwise trade of the United States.

Mr. Speaker, this is identical to the waiver of the Prince Nova that was included in the Coast Guard Authorization Act of 1996, when it passed the House on October 21, 1997. Unfortunately, the Senate has not acted on that authorization act.

The Prince Nova is going to be purchased by the Cross Sound Ferry Service, a family-owned business providing ferry service across the Long Island Sound between Orient Point, Long Island, New York, and New London, Connecticut.

This waiver is needed since the Prince Nova was built in Canada. However, in order to upgrade the vessel and meet U.S. Coast Guard requirements, the Cross Sound Ferry Service is going to have to spend over $4.2 million in a U.S. shipyard.

Mr. Speaker, ferry services are an integral portion to many of our urban transportation systems. Enactment of S. 1349 will allow the ferry service between New London, Connecticut, and Long Island, New York, to grow and flourish into the next millennium.

This bill is supported by the governor of Connecticut, Governor John Roland, and the Connecticut delegation.

Mrs. JOHNSON of Connecticut. Mr. Speaker, I rise to support this legislation which is so important to the transportation system in my home State of Connecticut. Simply stated, this bill would permit the documentation of a Canadian-built ferry under the U.S. flag as a replacement vessel for essential ferry service in Connecticut. Because of the importance of this service, Governor John Rowland of Connecticut has urged our favorable consideration of this measure.

Cross Sound Ferry Services, Inc., a privately-owned, non-subsidized ferry service in New London, would like to improve existing passenger ferry service across Long Island Sound by acquiring the Canadian ferry PRINCE NOVA. The prohibitive cost of the new construction and the lack of suitable U.S.-built ferries on the market necessitate this purchase. Cross Sound plans to spend well in excess of three times the purchase price for the PRINCE NOVA to upgrade the vessel in a U.S. shipyard. This upgrade is needed both to meet strict Coast Guard safety standards and to modernize the vessel. Cross Sound needs this legislative waiver to document the ferry under the U.S. flag.

Granting a coastwise waiver for this vessel will create the following economic, job creation, and transportation benefits for Connecticut, other New England states, and Long Island:

This waiver will result in 24 new merchant mariner jobs and 11 additional positions related to the vessel's operations.

The bill's requirement to spend not less than $4.2 million will create 17 much-needed new shipyard jobs at the Thames shipyard in New

London, as well as increased purchasing of goods and services.

Unlike other ferry operations providing comparable service, Cross Sound will provide this service without the need for public funds or subsidies.

With an upgraded ferry service through the acquisition of this replacement vessel, Cross Sound will be better able to adequately meet the growing transportation demands of the New England region as documented in numerous transportation studies.

In addition to realizing these benefits, enactment of this legislation is needed as soon as possible to avoid very unusual transactional costs associated with any delay related to the purchase, including (1) the outlay of periodic option deposits to retain the right to purchase the vessel, (2) winter lay up charges if the vessel is not moved to the U.S., and (3) the loss of revenue if shipyard work for compliance with Coast Guard safety standards and other vessel upgrades is delayed.

A similar waiver was included in H.R. 2204, the Coast Guard Authorization Act, passed by the House in the First Session of this Congress. Consequently, the substance of this bill is without controversy and objection. Therefore, I am pleased that we are to take up S. 1349 and for the reasons I have stated urge its adoption at this time.

Mr. CLEMENT. Mr. Speaker, I withdraw my reservation of objection.

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

There was no objection.

The Clerk read the Senate bill, as follows:

S. 1349

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. DOCUMENTATION OF THE VESSEL PRINCE NOVA.

(a) DOCUMENTATION AUTHORIZED.—Notwithstanding section 27 of the Merchant Marine Act, 1920 (46 U.S.C. App. 883), section 8 of the Act of June 19, 1886 (24 Stat. 81, chapter 421; 46 U.S.C. App. 289), and section 12106 of title 46, United States Code, the Secretary of Transportation may issue a certificate of documentation with appropriate endorsement for employment in the coastwise trade for the vessel PRINCE NOVA (Canadian registration number 320804).

(b) EXPIRATION OF CERTIFICATE.—A certificate of documentation issued for the vessel under subsection (a) shall expire unless—

(1) the vessel undergoes conversion, reconstruction, repair, rebuilding, or retrofitting in a shipyard located in the United States;

(2) the cost of that conversion, reconstruction, repair, rebuilding, or retrofitting is not less than the greater of—

(A) 3 times the purchase value of the vessel before the conversion, reconstruction, repair, rebuilding, or retrofitting; or

(B) $4,200,000; and

(3) not less than an average of $1,000,000 is spent annually in a shipyard located in the United States for conversion, reconstruction, repair, rebuilding, or retrofitting of the vessel until the total amount of the cost required under paragraph (2) is spent.

The Senate bill was ordered to be read a third time, was read the third time, and passed, and a motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

SUNDRY MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Sundry messages in writing from the President of the United States were communicated to the House by Mr. Sherman Williams, one of his secretaries.

SPECIAL ORDERS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 7, 1997, and under a previous order of the House, the following Members will be recognized for 5 minutes each.

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DEFERRALS OF BUDGETARY RESOURCES—MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. PEASE) laid before the House the following message from the President of the United States; which was read and, together with the accompanying papers, without objection, referred to the Committee on Appropriations and ordered to be printed:

To the Congress of the United States:

In accordance with the Congressional Budget and Impoundment Control Act of 1974, I herewith report eight new deferrals of budgetary resources, totaling $4.8 billion.

These deferrals affect programs of the Department of State, the Social Security Administration, and International Security Assistance.

WILLIAM J. CLINTON.

THE WHITE HOUSE, *February 3, 1998.*

TRIBUTE TO THE HONORABLE RONALD V. DELLUMS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 7, 1997, the gentleman from Missouri (Mr. SKELTON) is recognized for 60 minutes as the designee of the minority leader.

Mr. SKELTON. Mr. Speaker, it is with mixed feelings that I address the House today and preside over this special order. On the one hand, we honor a truly outstanding American and Member of this body. On the other hand, he will be leaving as a Member of the United States House of Representatives on February 6. It is with that as a prelude that I precede my remarks.

I might also say, Mr. Speaker, that we had intended to take this special order up at 5 o'clock this evening, and there are those who are still traveling back to Washington from their districts that I know would wish to be a part of this. Hopefully they will submit their statements for the RECORD at a later time.

Mr. Speaker, in the early and middle years of the 1800s, there was a giant of an orator who spoke in this body and also spoke in the other body, the United States Senate. His name, of course, was Daniel Webster. I doubt if anyone has been measured to his status or his level until my friend RON DELLUMS, who is one of the finest orators of our day, and, I think, of any day and time in this body, came along.

A few years ago, after a very interesting debate, a young page approached me outside the chamber and remarked that Congressman DELLUMS was undoubtedly the finest speaker in the House of Representatives, to which I agreed with the young gentleman's observations.

As our colleague and good friend RON DELLUMS prepares to close this chapter of his life, 27 years as a Member of Congress, I would like to say a few words about the man and about the legacy.

He is one of those rarities, a native who was born in Oakland, California. He served in the Marine Corps, used the GI Bill to go to college, and worked as a psychiatric social worker, a skill he put to good use here years later in this Congress.

How would I describe him? First, he is a friend. He is a teacher, he is a role model. He is also a man of passion, of eloquence, and of intelligence, as anyone who has observed him in countless House debates knows so very well.

He has a liberal badge that he wears with honor, and has been a leading figure in that part of the Democratic Party for over a generation. He demonstrated his courage on several occasions, of his convictions, and he used his position and status as a Member of Congress to draw public attention to an issue he considered important.

I believe it was Speaker NEWT GINGRICH who once described RON DELLUMS as the "Conscience of Congress."

RON DELLUMS's accomplishments in the Committee on National Security, formerly known as the House Armed Services Committee, and here in Congress are numerous. He was the first African-American to serve on the House Armed Services Committee in 1973. He was the first to serve as a subcommittee chairman, which was Military Construction, from 1983 to 1989. He was the first to serve as the Chairman of the full committee, from 1993 to 1995.

He has been a longtime opponent of large defense expenditures. At the same time he has always supported, always supported, those measures designed to improve the welfare of the men and women who served our Nation in uniform, as well as their families.

He worked closely with the former Secretary of Defense, Bill Perry, to promote procurement and reform legislation, which passed, Mr. Speaker, with bipartisan support in 1994.

Maybe his most significant accomplishment in Congress occurred with the Anti-Apartheid Act of 1986, which prohibited new investment in South Africa. It capped a 15-year effort on his

part and passed with overwhelming support as a result of his persistence. Less than 10 years later, in 1994, he traveled to South Africa and witnessed the inauguration of Nelson Mandela as President of South Africa.

RON DELLUMS can take justifiable credit for having been a leader on that issue in Congress and having contributed to the remarkable and positive outcome in South Africa.

But as part of his legacy here in Congress and on the committee on which I serve, RON DELLUMS conducted himself in exemplary fashion, with fairness, I will repeat, with fairness; with integrity, I will repeat, with integrity; and, of course, with the highest of dignity.

As both Chairman and ranking member of the committee, he was committed to the democratic process. Yes, he had strong views about many issues the committee dealt with, arms control, defense spending, individual weapons systems, and many, many more, but he was scrupulously fair, to ensure that all points of view were heard and were considered, so that no one, no Member was shut out of the democratic process, whether it be in committee or here on the floor of the House.

While Congressman DELLUMS took his responsibilities seriously as a Member of this body, as Chairman of the House Armed Services Committee and as ranking member of the House Committee on National Security, he maintained a down-to-earth attitude about himself. He remained a friend; approachable and bright. When asked for advice, he gave it; when asked for friendship, he gave it.

Congressman DELLUMS can take great satisfaction that he leaves this body, this Congress of the United States, having made a difference, a major difference.

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We can also have the knowledge that he leaves many friends here. We hope he will maintain contact with each of us. We wish him and his family health. We wish them happiness and success. We wish them the very, very best in the days and years ahead. I am proud to call him my friend, I am proud to call him my colleague. We will miss him.

I yield to the gentleman from Virginia (Mr. SISISKY).

Mr. SISISKY. Mr. Speaker, it is difficult to say everything in my heart about RON DELLUMS. However, I must follow up on my colleague from Missouri concerning a speech that Mr. DELLUMS gave concerning apartheid in South Africa. It has been my custom when I do not know how I am going to vote on a subject, I come to the floor, not in front of the television set, but come to the floor to see how Members really conduct themselves. I am one of the oldest Members in the House of Representatives, I believe, so I can say from experience, I have heard a lot of speeches in my lifetime, both before World War II, after World War II. I have never heard a speech like that in my life. I was in doubt, and it was not just the words that he spoke. It was how he conducted himself and the feeling that just permeated, permeated this House of Representatives.

I know how proud he must be to return to South Africa and see the peaceful transformation of government, and I can tell my colleagues that there were a lot of people involved, but I can tell my colleagues this, that he is the one that is most responsible.

I have known RON now for 16 years, and without question, he is the fairest chairman I have ever served under. I remember a chairman I had in the State legislature where a member of another party was shouting something, said, Mr. Speaker, Mr. Speaker, this is not fair, and he picked up the rule book and he said, young man, show me in this book where the chairman has to be fair. He was fair, and I do not know a single Member of this body, both Democrat and Republican, that served on his committee who would disagree.

His faith in democracy has always been the hallmark of his belief that everyone deserved their say, and that is what led him to fight for his views on the committee. But it also is what led him as chairman just as forcefully for the committee bill and the will of the majority, even when their views were not his own. The ability to do that is truly the mark of a truly great man.

It is also the mark of a great man that RON is respected by all men and women, as I said before, on both sides of the aisle. I can assure my colleagues that he won their respect the old fashioned way: He earned it.

Throughout the year when I went through my chemotherapy, Mr. DELLUMS would call me or my staff to see how I was doing and let me know that I was on his mind and his heart. Believe me, it meant a lot to know that every time RON saw my staff, his first concern was about me.

Now, having been here 16 years, there are a lot of stories that I could tell about RON DELLUMS. But RON, you will be thankful to know that I will not tell them. But there is one story that does a pretty good job of explaining how I feel about you.

Several years ago, when RON was still chairman of the Subcommittee on Procurement of the House Committee on National Security, we were in markup, and we were debating something, and I do not even remember what it was. It obviously was not aircraft carriers, because uncharacteristically for me, I had not said anything. So when you looked in my direction, I started putting in my 2 cents, because I thought you wanted me to. When you cut me off, I said I only started talking because you looked like you had expected me to say something. And you replied, Mr. SISISKY, I was not looking at you, I was looking at the brother behind you. And you were talking about my staff guy.

I later learned that when he saw you the next day, he told you that the next time you saw him, do not say the brother, say my brother. And that goes for me too. From the bottom of my heart, I wanted you to know what an honor it is for me to have known you and to call you my brother.

Mr. SKELTON. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Tennessee (Mr. CLEMENT).

Mr. CLEMENT. Mr. Speaker, I have not had the opportunity to know RON DELLUMS as long as many others have. I have only been in Congress 10 years where many of the others have served with him as many as the 27 years that RON DELLUMS has been in the U.S. House of Representatives.

Congressman DELLUMS was born in 1935 in Oakland, CA. As a lot of my colleagues know also, he served in the Marine Corps from 1954 to 1956. He sure got a lot of formal education, and he was also a psychiatric social worker in California as well, and I am sure that helped him a lot serving in the U.S. House of Representatives.

He was elected to the Berkeley City Council, but then, in 1970 he had the opportunity to run for the U.S. Congress and defeated an incumbent who had been here for a number of years.

RON DELLUMS is a special kind of person because he really meets people extremely well, and as I have heard so many people say, he sure has changed a lot since he has been here as well. He is not the same person as he was when he was first elected to the U.S. House of Representatives and was sworn in in 1971. But we all mellow over the years, but what RON DELLUMS has done, from talking to others and watching and observing myself, he really listens to what one has to say. He really cares about what one has to say.

I will never forget when he had the opportunity to move up as chairman of the Committee on National Security, which is now chairman of the Committee on National Security, and a lot of people wondered, what kind of chairman would he be? Should I support him, or not? But he had made so many friends over the years, even though some of them may have differed with him on various issues. But one can have a difference of opinion without having a difference of principle, and that is why it was really unanimous, or almost unanimous, for him to be chairman of the Committee on National Security.

We remember his battles and his fights concerning South Africa and his fight for freedom and independence. We know of his friendship with Nelson Mandela and always standing by Nelson Mandela's side. I have also heard

that his grooming sure has changed over the years too from bell bottoms to one of the most best dressed Members of the U.S. House of Representatives. He is a passionate leader of the old school, eloquent in his causes, and dignified in so many ways. He is intelligent, he is forceful, he is firm, he stands up for what he believes is right in the best interests of the Ninth Congressional District in California, the State of California, and the people of America.

The world has changed, RON DELLUMS has changed from cold war to the end of the cold war, from Vietnam to Bosnia, South Africa, and everything else he has done and what he has accomplished for the best interests of America and the best interests of the world, and for world peace, and to keep a strong national defense. Congratulations, Congressman RON DELLUMS.

Mr. SKELTON. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from St. Louis (Mr. CLAY), my fellow Missourian.

Mr. CLAY. Mr. Speaker, Congressman RON DELLUMS has been one of the most effective and dynamic Members to serve in this Congress during the 27 years that he has been a Member. I was here when the young fellow came 27 years ago, so I know what he has meant to this body. He has been an inspiration both to his constituents and to his colleagues in his tremendous dedication to this body and to the people of the Ninth District of California. He has elevated both to new heights.

RON DELLUMS came to Congress as a young firebrand to champion causes deemed unpopular by those who opposed social justice and racial equality. He was an early leader in the battle for civil and human rights at home and abroad, a committed advocate for the homeless, the downtrodden and the dispossessed. DELLUMS was an outspoken supporter of protecting the environment before much of our Nation even recognized the need for better environmental protection laws. He has been an eloquent and distinguished voice on behalf of millions of neglected men and women in developing nations around the world.

In 1970, DELLUMS came to Congress as an anti-Vietnam war peacenik with a vision of a better future for our Nation. In those days, no one imagined that he would one day emerge as chairman of the powerful House Committee on National Security. But his keen mind and sharp intellect allowed him to perceive things and events that were not yet to come.

DELLUMS is a visionary who recognized early in his career that in order to be effective in dismantling the military-industrial complex and in redirecting the vast resources of Government, he had to develop an intrinsic understanding of how the whole system truly functioned.

When he was asked why he joined the Committee on National Security, RON DELLUMS said, and I quote, "I did not join the Committee on National Security to learn about missiles, planes, and ships. I joined because I knew I would need to become an expert in this field in order to argue successfully for military spending reductions that would free up resources for the desperate human needs that I see every day in my community."

So RON DELLUMS became an expert. Then he led the battles to free up resources for human needs, and soon the wind was at his back and his community and the Nation reaped the fruits of his labors.

Mr. Speaker, on the surface, DELLUMS is suave and debonair and charming, dynamic, intelligence, dapper, eloquent, urbane, hip and cool, but beneath the surface, DELLUMS is much more. He is heartfelt sincerity, utterly committed to serving the cause of justice and determined to eradicate racism and sexism. Congressman DELLUMS will forever rank among the finest and most effective Members that have ever served in this body. He is a man of grace and integrity. I am proud to have served in this body with RON DELLUMS and proud to call him my friend.

Mr. SKELTON. I thank the gentleman from Missouri. I yield to the delegate from the Virgin Islands (Ms. CHRISTIAN-GREEN).

Ms. CHRISTIAN-GREEN. Mr. Speaker, it has truly been a privilege and an honor to serve for even this brief time with a gentleman of the caliber of Congressman RON DELLUMS. This weekend the Congressional Black Caucus joined in a dinner tribute to Congressman DELLUMS and the legacy he will be leaving not only to our caucus, but to the entire Congress of the United States.

As I join my colleagues in toasting this great leader and public servant, I, as a new Member, reminisced about the few times that we were able to spend time together and thanked him for the lessons that are inherent in the story of his life and time in politics, lessons of courage, of character, of principle, of integrity, and of unswerving commitment and service.

RON, I would be sad at your leaving the House at this time, except that you have given us so very much and enriched our lives and the work of this House so greatly that your presence and your impact will remain with us for many years in Congresses to come. We also take comfort in knowing with a certainty that in leaving you would never abandon the causes to which you have devoted all of your life, but that wherever you go and whatever you do, you will always be our strong, active and dedicated partner in the yet unfinished work of bringing justice and peace to our country and to the world.

So it is with great pleasure that I join all of my colleagues in saying a heartfelt thank you. We also thank your constituents who sent you here to represent them and us these 28 years, and the family who so graciously shared you with us and this country. And we ask for God's continued blessings on you and on them, and may God go with you, my brother.

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Mr. SKELTON. Mr. Speaker, I yield 3 minutes to the gentleman from Mississippi (Mr. TAYLOR), who is also a member of the Committee on National Security.

Mr. TAYLOR of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman from Missouri (Mr. SKELTON) for yielding.

I am going to divert a little bit from the course. Everyone has spoken at great length of RON's social commitment to our Nation, but I think very few realize how much he has done for the defense of our Nation, and I do not think he ever got the credit that he deserves for that. For the 2 years that the gentleman was Chairman of the Committee on Armed Services, I want the people to what know he has done.

I happen to come from shipbuilding country. It is the major employer where I live. Our country was once a great maritime power and, up until 1980, we were building about 100 commercial ships a year.

One of the ironies of the Reagan years that most people do not realize is, while the defense structure of our Nation went up incredibly during those years and we were building many warships, we went from building 100 commercial ships a year to none by the time President Reagan left office.

The year that RON DELLUMS assumed the chairmanship of the House Committee on Armed Services, this great Nation built fewer merchant ships than the Nation of Vietnam. They built one.

One of the legacies that RON will always carry with him is that, working with his committee, he spearheaded the effort and made it possible for the National Shipbuilding Initiative to become law, for our Nation to take the first steps toward becoming a maritime power again.

The loan guarantee program that the gentleman from California allowed to become law and that he spoke so eloquently for started the first Federal loan guarantees of U.S.-built commercial ocean-going ships since 1980.

Since that date, because of his actions, because of his forceful commitment, the loan portfolio now stands at $2 billion and 260 vessels have either been built or being built. This is a Nation that on the day RON DELLUMS took over the committee was not building one. That is $1.1 billion for U.S. flag vessels; $670 million of vessels that are being built by Americans to be exported; and $130 million for something that the gentleman personally worked to include and that is the modernization of our shipyards so that we could

remain competitive with our counterparts around the world.

Specifically, there are 17 commercial ocean-going vessels that have been built as a result of RON DELLUMS' good work. Fifteen of them are double-hulled tankers, so that in the future, if a ship hits a rock or hits another vessel and is carrying oil or chemicals, the chances are nine out of ten that it will not leak into the oceans or the rivers of the worlds.

Ships are being built in the district of the gentleman from Virginia (Mr. SISISKY) at Newport News. They are being built in the district of the gentleman from Alabama (Mr. CALLAHAN). They are being built in, of all places, the home State of F. Edward Hebert, the State of Louisiana. I think Mr. Hebert would certainly want to apologize for some of the shabby treatment that RON got early on in his career, but he was magnanimous to take care of those folks when he had the chance.

Two passenger ferries, five shipyards are being modernized, and one shipyard is being reopened as a result of that. There are approximately 200 liquid, dry cargo, and power barges that have been built as a result of this.

At this present time, there are 20 applications totaling $1.2 billion on file, again, for a Nation that was building no commercial ships on the day RON DELLUMS took over.

But it is not just that. I think in his life and in what he preaches, he believes in peace through strength. I think the best way we would agree to prevent a war is to be so strong that no one wants to go to war with us.

In the 2 years that RON DELLUMS was Chairman, 13 Navy combatants were authorized, including six DDGs Aegis class destroyers, the finest in the world; one LHD; one aircraft carrier; two Navy oceanographic vessels to search the seas for places to hide our submarines and places for the enemy to hide theirs; two support ships; and one mine warfare ship. Because it became so apparently clear during the Gulf War how vulnerable this Nation was and how the world's traffic lanes for ships were vulnerable to the use of mine warfare.

So in addition to all the good things that the gentleman has done from the heart, I think this is something that he did to strengthen our Nation and prevent the next generations from having to go to war and, above all, to put Americans like my family and his family, the people from Oakland and the people from South Mississippi, to give them the chance to make things here in this Nation, things that are important for what the gentleman once described as an "island Nation."

Mr. Speaker, I say to RON DELLUMS, "God bless you and thank you for what you have done."

Mr. SKELTON. Mr. Speaker, I yield 3 minutes to the gentlewoman from Florida (Mrs. MEEK).

Mrs. MEEK of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I want to thank the gentleman from Missouri (Mr. SKELTON) for giving me this time and also thank the Speaker for giving me time to give some privilege to one of the finest men I have ever met and one of the finest Congresspersons we will ever know.

This man brings dignity to the word Congressman. He brings grace. He brings poise. He brings intellect, which is so direly needed here in Congress. He brings that.

As I have said many times, RON DELLUMS reminds me of a Shakespearian actor. His gait reminds me of it, his elegance, his articulation, his knowledge of the issues. RON DELLUMS is "A Man for All Seasons," and he has shown us that here in the Congress.

He is a man of peace who boldly, as Chairman of the powerful Committee on Armed Services, kept peace at the top of his agenda. He was able to make peace and armed services compatible to each other. And with that he set a pace, he set a model for this Congress.

Throughout his leadership, the fiery anti-war activist surprised his critics with his stewardship of the committee. He did what he was constitutionally prepared to do when he came into this Congress and that was to carry out the Constitution yet be very, very noble and dedicated to his constituents.

He was not just civil. He was courtly.

Many times, Mr. Speaker, I would come to the floor just to hear RON DELLUMS' speech. I did not really care what he said, but to hear him speak and the way he articulated, the way he stuck with the issues, the way he was able to debate the question and was able to get along with people who did not agree with him and to give them facts and carry those facts through.

Every Congressperson could learn something if they were to sit and listen to RON DELLUMS. He is always in command of the legislative details. He does not come here to fool anybody with buffoonery. He comes here with facts, fair and polite to witnesses and restrained in expressing his own views on defense policy. He managed floor debate on defense issues so efficiently, Mr. Speaker, that he won praise from many of his ardent critics.

During times of peace, RON DELLUMS has consistently advocated for a defense builddown, economic conversion planning, and efforts to retrain workers and to provide community impact aid during this period.

RON DELLUMS is a futurist. He has looked to the future while many of us were able to stay right with the past or to stay right in the future, he has gone forward into the future.

Not one with a hidden agenda, RON DELLUMS pretty much places things right on the line. If he did not agree with you, he would go into the crowd of 39 Members of the Congressional Black Caucus. He was the only one who had a different opinion, but he brought his opinion, and he openly discussed it, and he won many of us over.

Much of his thinking on the military is outlined in his book, Defense Sense: The Search for a Rational Military Policy. That brings out the scholarly acumen of RON DELLUMS, how he is able to convert his ideas and to put them on paper.

The other scholarly aspect of RON DELLUMS is his intellect in articulating what he feels. He is an intellectual. He is an idea man. He loves ideas, and he loves to debate them. That is RON DELLUMS.

Mr. Speaker, I will not talk any longer, but my colleagues should know what I know about what he did for South Africa when he helped America to understand about South Africa and how he was able throughout his career to be a man of peace.

Mr. Speaker, I say to the gentleman from California, "RON, you go and you leave us with a legacy. That is a legacy of peace, that is a legacy of understanding, and that is a legacy of intellectual acumen."

Mr. SKELTON. Mr. Speaker, I yield 3 minutes to the gentleman from Massachusetts (Mr. MARKEY).

Mr. MARKEY. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman from Missouri (Mr. SKELTON).

The gentleman from Missouri and the gentleman from California (Mr. DELLUMS) and I, we shared three offices in a corner of the Rayburn Building for 10 years. And I know that the gentleman from Missouri felt ideologically isolated for most of those 10 years in between the two offices of MARKEY and DELLUMS. But, without question, the atmosphere of collegiality and conversation was one where both IKE SKELTON and ED MARKEY could agree that for 28 years RON DELLUMS has been the conscience of Congress on peace and arms control issues for this country and for this globe.

He fought the neutron bomb during the Carter administration. He fought the B-1 bomber during the Carter and the Reagan administrations. He fought the MX missle throughout the Reagan administration. He fought the Trident II-D-5 missiles throughout the Reagan administration. He fought the B-2 bomber through the Reagan, the Bush, and the Clinton administrations. And he has also been one of the leaders in pushing for a negotiated arms control agreement.

He was one of the prime leaders of the nuclear freeze movement, fought for a comprehensive test ban, fought for a ban on antisatellite weapons. He opposed the efforts to abrogate the ABM treaty to exceed the SALT II limits.

And then in what I believe is his most famous speech here on the floor, his famous "Litany of Lunacy" speech, discussing in eye-watering detail each

one of the increasingly more stupid basing modes that were designed for the MX Missile, dense pack, rail mobile, small underwater missiles, and point defense ABM deployment, each one of them devastated by the DELLUMS' knife to the heart.

Now, some people say, well, he was a gadfly in the early years, but he matured over time. Well, I do not think in his third year in Congress Richard Nixon put RON DELLUMS on his enemy's list because he was a gadfly. One has to be a lot more effective than that than to come to the President of the United States' attention on a little list he is keeping inside of his top drawer.

When he came out and said that we should put economic sanctions on South Africa, he was a gadfly. But of course the one thing that turned Nelson Mandela from a political prisoner into the President of a country was RON DELLUMS' efforts over 10 years as the gadfly, but then as a visionary as the world begins to accept his understanding of what had to happen in order to change the climate in this world.

When he became Chairman of the Subcommittee on Military Construction, all the members said, he is pretty reasonable on those issues. And when he became Chairman of the Subcommittee on Research and Development, they said he is pretty reasonable on those issues. And when he became chairman of the National Security Committee, everyone started to say he is pretty reasonable on those issues. But he never compromised his principles at any time.

Now, as far as I am concerned, one of the great things that is going to come out of this is that we will all remember RON DELLUMS as someone who, not only sounded good on every single issue that he ever spoke to on this floor, but never, ever looked as good as RON DELLUMS when he was out here on the floor.

This is a combination that is unique to RON DELLUMS of all of the Members that I have ever known in my 22 years in the United States Congress. For me, the most poetic, ultimate result of his career will be that, for eternity, his portrait will sit above the Chair in the National Security Committee, looking down at every chairman of every Joint Chiefs of Staff that will ever testify before the National Security Committee. And RON DELLUMS will be peering down at him asking him the question: Yes, sir, I understand your interest in every weapon system that has been put as a blueprint on the design board of the Pentagon, but have you considered all of the other needs of society? Have you balanced your request so that all of the other problems in our society can be dealt with as well?

RON DELLUMS, you are my friend. You are my hero here in Congress for my 22 years. I mourn your leaving, but I am glad for you because you have served our country as well and nobly as any man in your generation, and I thank you for it.

Mr. SKELTON. Mr. Speaker, I yield 3 minutes to the gentleman from Texas (Mr. EDWARDS).

Mr. EDWARDS. Mr. Speaker, when Members retire from this institution, many of us stand up out of politeness to pay our respects. Today is different. Today, all of the Members of the House speaking truly speak from their heart.

The world has changed much since a young RON DELLUMS came to this body. He came here when we were mired in the depths of the Vietnam war. Today the world is at peace. He came when school children were fearful of being bombed by nuclear weapons from the Soviet Union because of the Cold War. Today they no longer have that fear, and the world is at nuclear peace.

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He came when Nelson Mandela was a prisoner and now he is a President. And in all of those steps of progress of history is the footprint of RON DELLUMS. He has made a difference for our country, and he has made a difference for our world. And as we sit here and listen to the great accomplishments of RON DELLUMS, I must say as his friend that we respect him because of what he has accomplished. We respect him for what he has done. But truly, we love him because of his deep personal character. Winston Churchill once said that we make a living by what we get; we make a life by what we give. Based on what he has given both in making a difference and in his personal character, RON DELLUMS has led a great and productive life.

Mr. Speaker, when I think of RON DELLUMS, I think of four words. Dignity is the first, perhaps his lasting legacy to this institution. Always speaking from the heart when he came to this floor, always dealing with the indignities he once had to face as a new Member having to share a seat on the Committee on Armed Services, facing that with great dignity to the point that he rose to become the chairman of that very same committee.

I think of fairness when I think of RON DELLUMS, someone who respected the will of this House, was willing to listen to all Members from different points of view and from both parties, and in letting every Member of this House have his or her say.

I think of the word "caring." As one who represents over 43,000 Army soldiers, I want to express my thanks to RON DELLUMS for helping protect the impact aid program which sees that if our military families are off fighting in a war thousands of miles away from their homes, at least they can do so knowing that their children will get a first class education back home.

Despite the fact of his fairness, for which we all respect, let no one mistake the fact that RON DELLUMS has been effective. Listen to the stories that have already been told. Talk to two of the greatest leaders, great defenders of the B-2 program. I think it says a lot that the most effective fighters in favor of the B-2, the gentleman from Washington (Mr. DICKS) and the gentleman from Missouri (Mr. SKELTON), are here on this floor to pay their respects to the man who literally led the fight against that major defense program.

Fortunately our Founding Fathers were wise enough to design an institution that is bigger than any one of us. This institution will go on when RON DELLUMS retires. But, Mr. Speaker, I know I speak for all of us when I say that this institution will be less because of his retirement but more because of his service and his lasting legacy of dignity to this great body and to this country.

We salute you and wish you well, our friend, RON DELLUMS.

Mr. SPRATT. Mr. Speaker, if the gentleman will continue to yield, Mr. DICKS is out here to argue with DELLUMS about the B-2. He has not buried that axe yet.

Mr. SKELTON. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Missouri (Mr. GEPHARDT), the minority leader of this House.

Mr. GEPHARDT. Mr. Speaker, this is a very, very important time to tell one of our departing Members how much we think of him, respect him, care about him and recognize the tremendous contribution that he has made to the House of Representatives, to his district, to his constituents, to the country of the United States, and finally I would say to the world, which can be said about very few of us who come through this place.

There is a whole list of things I could say, many of them have been said. I would like to repeat all of them, but I do not want to do that because it is not necessary. RON DELLUMS has excelled in so many ways in the years that he has been here. There are two things I want to bring out about him that I think are maybe the most important.

All of us come here to make a difference. It is the only reason to be here, it is the only reason to take on public service. Public service is hard work. It takes from your family, takes from your private time, and the reason to do this is to make a difference.

RON DELLUMS, you have made a difference in many, many ways, but I want to pick out two that I think are the most important.

First you made a difference in the way you have conducted yourself in the House in terms of getting all of us to remember and understand that even though we come here with deeply held beliefs and views, the most important thing we have to do here is to be able to reconcile those views with one another, to resolve conflict. That is the

great achievement of the Congress is that with all the views that come here from all over the country, from all kinds of backgrounds, from all kinds of States and places, here in this hallowed room we resolve the conflict. You have been chairman and now ranking member of one of the most important committees in the House, the Committee on Armed Services, the defense function, which is our first commitment to our constituents. And you, in probably the best way it has ever been done, resolved the conflict in that committee.

Let me read what the Almanac of American Politics says about RON DELLUMS: His performance is a fine example of how a chairman can preside fairly and with dignity while conscientiously disagreeing with the views of his colleagues even when different from his own.

That is high praise, and it is well deserved. Every member of that committee would say, you are the best that has ever been in the leadership of that committee because you fairly resolved the conflict on a minute-by-minute, day-by-day, year-by-year basis.

The second example of achievement in making a difference is South Africa. I remember, I was here in the early 1980s when RON DELLUMS came onto this floor and argued to us and to the world that America should stand for certain values of freedom and human rights, and all of the opponents of that position came out and said, well, he may be right on the values, but no one will follow. Other countries will not follow our lead. Then others said, we will lose business because we will lose contracts in South Africa. And finally people argued, well, it will hurt the good people of South Africa, you will be hurting the very people you are trying to help.

And RON DELLUMS kept coming back on this floor repeatedly after he had lost over and over and over again. He kept saying what in his heart he felt was right for the people of South Africa, the people of America and the people of the world. And finally, we overrode a veto. The first time Ronald Reagan as President was overridden with a veto was on that bill authored by RON DELLUMS, and we changed the policy of the United States.

And a few months after that I am looking at the TV on a Sunday morning, and here they are looking at a field in South Africa, and out of prison came Nelson Mandela. Tears streamed down your face as you saw the fulfillment of the commitment of RON DELLUMS to the values and morals that this country was founded on. He understood that in the Declaration of Independence, when it said, these inalienable rights, that they were universal rights and human rights across the world, not just for the United States. And because RON DELLUMS, you stood for those inalienable universal human rights, Nelson Mandela today is the President of South Africa. And those rights have been held up once again by America as inalienable, universal human rights.

Mr. DELLUMS, you made a difference, you made a big difference, not only in this Chamber and in this body and in this country, but in the world. Few of us, if any of us, can say that. We are going to miss you. You are leaving at a time in your life when you can go on and do great things in other places. We wish you well, and we are here to support you and help you in any way we can. God bless you.

Mr. SKELTON. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Washington (Mr. DICKS).

Mr. DICKS. Mr. Speaker, I want to compliment the minority leader, DICK GEPHARDT, who has been our majority leader and caucus chairman, for an outstanding speech. I came over here today because I have had the privilege of working with RON DELLUMS for 22 years. We have had days when we have been allies, when we have fought against the antisatellite weapon and against Star Wars, and we had a different airlifter than maybe the one that the Pentagon wanted, and there was never a better man to be an ally with. And we have had days over here, as someone has mentioned, where we disagreed on a few issues.

But the thing that I appreciated about RON DELLUMS, and I think that it is something that we have gotten away from in the House, is that he is always willing to stand up here on the floor and engage in true debate on the issues and to have a discussion and to challenge your ideas, but he is always willing to let you challenge his, and out of that I think comes an understanding of these technical issues that we are forced to deal with in the area of national defense.

I can tell my colleagues, when people talk about fairness, even though Mr. DELLUMS and I would disagree on certain issues but we would be allies on others, when you needed a friend, and in this Congress you have to go home and get reelected, and one time I had a terrible problem and that was on the Nisqually River. We wanted to build a fish hatchery for salmon, which now has become an endangered species in the Northwest. I went to Chairman DELLUMS and I said to him, the best place to have this fish hatchery is on a piece of Army land. And he said to me, what do you want to do about this? I said, the Army will not let us have the piece of land, but they have suggested that if you can get Mr. DELLUMS to put it in the military construction authorization bill, that we will transfer the land to the Nisqually Indians. And so DELLUMS, as he could synthesize this, said to me, are you telling me that you want me to take this land away from the Army and give it to the Indians? And I said, yes. And he said, right on, brother. And I will tell you, that was the fastest transfer we ever got.

And there are other issues where we worked together on a school district and a whole bunch of other things. But as the gentleman from Missouri (Mr. GEPHARDT) mentioned, I think all of us will remember the fight over South Africa and also the great debates that we had during the Cold War era of whether we are going to maintain arms control, whether we are going to make certain that we did not breach the ABM agreement. We did not override the SALT II limits, all those things we were allies.

And I will just tell you this: There are a lot of people over at the Pentagon, a lot of people in the industry who were very fearful when Mr. DELLUMS became chairman of the Committee on Armed Services. But we never had a fairer, better chairman. Even though sometimes he did not even vote for his own bill, he brought it to the floor, let everybody debate it, passed it and got it done, got the work done. And most importantly, in another era where he is sometimes forgotten, is that when he had to go sit down with the United States Senate, he did well on behalf of the House of Representatives.

So even though we have had our disputes, I am going to miss RON DELLUMS because I am not going to know who to debate anymore. Where is the challenge going to be? Who is going to be the leader on the more liberal side of our caucus?

But I have admired him. I admire his commitment to his constituency, to his family and just not a better man to work with and serve with. I am proud of the fact that we have been friends and we will be friends in the future, and we will work together on important issues, I am sure, when you come back to the Congress from time to time to see your old friends. God bless and good luck and we appreciate your great service to this institution.

Mr. SKELTON. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from California (Mr. HORN).

Mr. HORN. Mr. Speaker, we all know that RON DELLUMS was the first African-American member of the House Committee on National Security.

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I came in the 103rd Congress, when he was chairman, and I can testify that in those two years not one single Democrat, not one single Republican ever criticized him.

It has been said repeatedly today that he was without question one of the fairest chairs this House has ever had. And all I can say for some chairs—we do not have too many of those old autocrats any more—but all of us could take a lesson from RON as to how to conduct a meeting. He was fair. Everybody had their say.

He was much like Phil Hart, who chaired Senate Judiciary: The Southerners had their say, the Northerners had their say. And his colleagues in the Senate named a building after him. RON, all the buildings seem to be gone, but you never know around here, you might get one named after you yet.

In modern times we all know that he was one of the few who chaired two full committees in this House, the other being the District of Columbia. He also continued his cause for civil and human rights that he has been committed to all his life, and he still did that as a Member of Congress and as a chair, as has been noted with the South African situation.

It is his personal dealings with individual Members that I think all of us remember; that he treated our requests with respect, and he did the best he could do about those requests. He was a very accommodating chair.

But I think what has not been mentioned since I walked onto the floor is he has a tremendous sense of humor. And I think my favorite RON DELLUMS story is when he participated in his first conference with, we shall say euphemistically, the other body. And he sat there with great interest, and across from him was one Member of the other body. On his side of the table, there were about 30 Members of the House. And there was a staff member that was next to the Member from the other body. After the Senator across the table had said a few paragraphs, the staff member took over the meeting. Everybody on the House side was used to it, RON was not. He and each of his colleagues were prepared to discuss each section of the bill with representatives of the other body. The Senate staff member kept on. Finally RON just let out a big yawn. Since he is rather tall, and has a commanding presence, when RON says something you turn around and listen. Someone said, "What's the matter, RON?" There was a pause and RON replied, "Well, I am just wondering, if I die and I am going to be reincarnated, what would I like to be? And there was a longer pause. And he mused: "I think I would like to be a Senate staff member."

That comment broke up the tension of the meeting. We all regret RON DELLUMS' decision to retire. Of course, he has a great sense of humor. But more important, he is a compassionate man. He has been an effective legislator. He is truly a beloved colleague of Members on both sides of the aisle. RON, I thank you for all you have done for America and human rights in the world, and not simply for the free state of Berkeley, California.

But you are a great colleague, RON. We are all glad to have you as a friend.

Mr. SKELTON. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Texas (Mr. REYES).

Mr. REYES. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for yielding to me. I rise to pay tribute to my good friend and colleague, Congressman RON DELLUMS. Like many of my colleagues, I was saddened to learn that RON was leaving us, especially when I realized that he was leaving us so soon.

I want everyone to know that I respect RON and that I consider him a pioneer, I consider him a mentor and I consider him a friend. I consider RON DELLUMS a pioneer because he came to this House as a Representative at a time when there were very few minorities in Congress.

He led the way for African-Americans, he pioneered the way for women, for Hispanics and other minorities. He did not shy away from issues of importance to these groups and others. He boldly stood on this floor and in the committee and passionately debated matters of grave concern to this Nation and to the world. In so doing, he raised issues that others would rather ignore, but he knew that they must be brought and discussed here in this body.

I consider RON DELLUMS a mentor because from the day I joined the House Committee on National Security he always was available to answer any questions and provide guidance to those of us that were new to the committee. He was quick to share his expertise and to mentor new Members. For that I really appreciate your friendship.

RON DELLUMS took time to bring the freshmen members of the committee together on many different occasions about many different issues, and he shared his knowledge of the process, of the experience, and he took time to guide us through a very nasty mine field of the authorization process, and we really appreciate that, RON.

I consider RON DELLUMS a friend, first and foremost, because I could always come to him to ask advice. I could always count on him for lending some sort of rationalization and levity to sometimes a cantankerous atmosphere.

I think that, RON, you, more than other Members of this institution, realize that you have always been an integral and an important part of a process that is as real and vital as America itself. I want to wish you all the best and know that in the next chapter of your life you will continue to make a significant impact on the lives of many others.

I want to end by telling you, my good friend, vaya con Dios, mi amigo, mi hermano, go with God, my friend and my brother. God bless.

TRIBUTE TO THE HONORABLE RONALD V. DELLUMS

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. PEASE). Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 7, 1997, the gentleman from South Carolina (Mr. SPRATT) is recognized for 60 minutes.

Mr. SPRATT. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Maryland (Mr. HOYER).

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, I have prepared remarks, as so many do, but I have much more in my heart that is not written down in these prepared remarks, and so I will include them.

They talk about my sadness in hearing of RON's decision to retire. Not sadness for him, because for him it is the right thing to do at this time, but sadness for his colleagues and his friends, his brothers, as my colleague who previously spoke enunciated; sadness for the people of California and of Berkeley and of his district; sadness for this institution.

RON DELLUMS is a tall man. He is a stately man. The Washingtonian called him one of the best dressed men in Washington. He is indeed one of the best dressed men in this country. But those are superficial distinctions, because the measure of the man that we know as RON DELLUMS is not on the outside, it is on the inside. A man of great conviction, which he couples with great courage, which he applies to deeply held principles as he debates the issues of the day and, indeed, of the centuries. RON DELLUMS is a man of purpose, a man of humor, and a man of serious resolution. RON DELLUMS is a man who has demonstrated the best there is in this body.

Many of us will rise and say from time to time we disagreed with RON DELLUMS and, very frankly, we could say that about any person in this House, because never do we always agree with everybody else. But there was never, ever a disagreement that RON DELLUMS was one of the most respected, if not the most respected person in this body. And when he rose to speak, people listened, not because they were convinced they would agree but because they were convinced that they would learn and they would hear the best side of the argument.

We are all very sad, RON, that you are leaving this body. It will be a lesser body for your leaving. We will be less happy for your absence, but we will be eternally grateful to God that he gave you to us to enrich our lives, enrich our intellects, and expand our knowledge.

RON DELLUMS tells a story about being a Negro when he tried to join the Marines. And he joined the Marines and was considered to be an officer. And because they found he was a Negro, not an African-American, not a black, but a Negro, he was not admitted to OCS. How ironic that he would rise to be the chairman of the Committee on Armed Services of the House of Representatives, one of the most powerful representatives of the defense establishment in America.

And the great thing about RON DELLUMS is he looks back on that without rancor, without anger, but with a conviction that America has changed, and

America has changed for the better. It has done so in part because of the leadership of our friend and our colleague, a great American, a great Member of Congress, and a great member of humankind.

Thank you, RON, for all you have given and all you have meant to all of us.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a dear friend of mine, Congressman RON DELLUMS of California. It is with great sadness that I note that RON will be retiring from the 105th Congress, after serving in this body for 27 years.

RON brought a tremendous amount of insight to his work in Congress. Having once worked as a social worker he ran for the Berkeley city council in 1967, starting his political career. In 1970, he beat a Democratic incumbent to win a seat in Congress.

Times were turbulent when RON entered Congress, particularly in his home town of Berkeley, California. He immediately sought and won a seat on the Armed Services Committee, where he became a leader in helping to craft American military and foreign policy and advocated for an end to the Vietnam war.

RON used his seat on Armed Forces to push for arms reductions, peaceful resolution of international conflict and for alternatives to the use of military force.

Representing Berkeley and Oakland, California, RON used his position on Armed Forces to advocate for funding of social programs to invigorate and renew these two cities. He pushed for money to be spent on the poor and uneducated and gave voice to those in society who often do not have a voice in government.

In 1993, he became chairman of the Armed Service Committee. His chairmanship is remembered as being very even handed with a strong respect for the input of all committee members. As chairman on the committee, and continuing this Congress through his role as the ranking member, RON has consistently examined the military's role in the post cold-war era, while advocating for stronger rules on sexual harassment and discrimination in America's Armed Forces.

While he and I have sometimes differed on our national security goals, RON has always taken the views of other Members into his consideration. This sense of fairness and respect for this institution is what will be missed.

Along with identifying himself as a progressive expert in military affairs, RON has been a consistent champion of civil rights and equal rights for all Americans. In 1971, as a freshman Member, RON first proposed sanctions against South Africa. Throughout a bitter battle in the 70's and 80's these sanctions were finally passed in 1986. Through his dedication and leadership, Congress imposed sanctions on the apartheid government of South Africa, which led to democracy and full party participation. The highlight of RON DELLUMS work on bringing this issue to the attention of Congress and the American people was when South African President Nelson Mandela addressed Congress. This day must have been one of RON's best days and fondest memory while serving in Congress.

I will miss my friend RON and the work we have done together. The institution of Congress is losing one of its finest Members, not to mention one of its best dressed according to Washingtonian Magazine. His tireless advocacy for the poor, and less fortunate will be missed by myself and many Members of this body.

I wish RON the best of luck and continuing success in all of his endeavors.

Mr. SPRATT. Mr. Speaker, I will now reclaim my time for a short time.

RON, we go back 15 years. A long time. When I came here in 1983, you had just reached the first plateau of power in the House. You had become a subcommittee chairman. It took you 12 years to rise up the seniority ladder, which tells us a lot about your doggedness, your determination and diligence. Even when you reached this point, you were not really at the pinnacle. You were the chairman of the Subcommittee on Facilities and Installations, better known as the MilCon subcommittee.

There was some rumbling in those days among the barons on the committee, the upper tier, about letting this gadfly have the reins of power, even this subcommittee, which was a subordinate subcommittee, because you were not cut from the same bolt as the rest of the committee. You did not always vote, rarely voted for the defense authorization bill, much less supported it on the floor. And they worried you might take the subcommittee chair and use it to roll the committee.

Of course, no one dared to breathe these concerns in the open. And it was a good thing, because in a few months time they were totally allayed. They were allayed because you took the chair of the subcommittee with the dignity that comes to you naturally, and you wielded that gavel with such civility that even your opponents came to praise you.

I was on the floor, I was on your subcommittee and on the floor when we brought the first military construction bill to the floor under your chairmanship, and I remember it as clearly as yesterday Members like Jack Edwards from Alabama and Sonny Montgomery from Mississippi rising one after the other, not just because they had been accommodated in the bill, but because they had been dealt with fairly and squarely and they felt this was an effective player, expressing their appreciation for the role you had taken.

I was always glad to go to your hearings. I was one of the loyal attendees at those hearings, partly because of the way you conducted them, but I found out that RON DELLUMS is a lot more than just good form. You chaired this subcommittee, which had a dull, unexciting jurisdiction, but had once been the subcommittee with the only annual authorizing authority in the Committee on Armed Services, because in those days, back in the late 50s, early 50s, base structure affected force structure. It was a critical determinant. So Members wanted to serve on this committee, and you still grasped the significance of that point.

You reoriented the committee away from just nickeling and diming the MilCon budget to using the MilCon budget as a fulcrum for asking lot bigger questions about what we were buying and why.

We have been lots of places together. We have landed in C–130s in South America that I would not even want to drive up to in a Land Rover. Aguacate. Why were they building this landing strip at Aguacate?

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We would have found out. It was a CIA headquarters supporting the Contras.

Someone, I think it was in the Reagan administration, it might have been outside the administration, suggested that, with enough shovels, survival in a nuclear war would be no problem; civil defense was feasible. And you were, in classic style, indignant. You called this person before the committee to defend his position, and you presented a series of witnesses, the sort of whom we seldom saw on the Committee on Armed Services, Physicians for Social Responsibility.

The room was packed that day; and they came and gave dramatic, graphic evidence of what would happen in the event of a nuclear attack and how no hospital in America, even the hospitals in New York City, would be remotely equipped well enough to handle a nuclear attack, even a small nuclear attack.

Now others understood these arguments and they made them, but you drove them home relentlessly. So much so that, by the end of the Reagan years, even Ronald Reagan himself would say, nuclear war cannot be won and must never be fought. That was your contribution to this place.

Now a lot of folks may say, well, he came from Berkeley. It was easy. You did not have to go home in South Carolina and defend those positions or Texas, which was, I think, originally your native home. You went back to Berkeley, and those things were easy to defend in Berkeley.

But they missed an essential point about RON DELLUMS. I do not think the subject matter was of your natural bend. I think you could have spent 20 years here far more pleasantly following your own interest in manpower training or maybe even staying on the Committee on International Relations and pursuing questions of foreign affairs or dealing with human rights and civil rights and things that really did inspire you.

A lot of Members come here and serve effectively. But most of them come here, including myself, and we carry water for our own constituency. Those are the axes we grind.

The significance about your service and one of the examples that you set is that you came here and took up a topic that was really not something that was your natural bend. You stayed with it doggedly. You pursued it, and you never let go of it, and you made an enormous contribution by mastering the subject and being a fair and impartial critic.

Throughout the 1980s, we had heard ED MARKEY tell the story; and everybody here who lived through that period could come and give an anecdote about those different fights: the MX, not 1 year but 5 or 6 years; the B1; then the B2; the Persian II; SDI; Star Wars; and, of course, apartheid in South Africa and a number of other things.

You made an enormous contribution. You saved the country money. You swam against the stream at a time when a lot of people were criticizing you for the course you were taking, and I guess the happy irony is that you served long enough to see the stream actually turn in your direction.

I remember one time in the late 1980s or the early 1990s when the administration brought its budget to the House Armed Services Committee and you intercepted the Chairman and said, Mr. Chairman, you have to permit me this leeway so that I can say that this budget seeks less than I sought in the Black Caucus budget just 4 or 5 years ago.

That is how much things changed in your direction and how much I think you have indicated.

In the end, what you will be remembered for, what we remember you for is not the fight over the MX or the B-2 or any individual episode about that. I remember the trip we took to Central America. We were coming back and you told me why you were in politics, that you had come out of the Vietnam protest movement at Berkeley and Oakland, street fights in the City Council, vehement politics, and you had risen among these who were convinced there was no way to move the system, no way to change the establishment, and insisted against all the odds that rational discourse mattered, that if you were persistent enough and patient enough, that if you tried hard enough and were articulate and passionate and rational, discourse could make a difference. And you wanted to bring that to this institution and institutionalize it in the House of Representatives and American democracy.

That is what you will be remembered for because you succeeded. You succeeded because you were passionate, you were indignant, you were forceful, you could easily be raised to anger. But, in the end, you were rational, fairminded and civil and a classy guy, all and all.

I am one of those who say, I am sad to see you are going. We fought some together and fought some against each other, but it has been a great battle along the way. But I know, serving on the committee, that more than any other Member, we will have an omnipresent reminder of RON DELLUMS.

There is a stunning portrait, almost an icon, of RON DELLUMS hanging in that room today; and it will hang there for a long time to come. Indeed, RON looked around the room not long after it was hung and said, "You know, this place is filling up. They are going to have to remove some of these portraits one of these days. But I do not think they are going to remove mine," he said with a wry smile, "because I am the only brother hanging on the wall."

We are not going to remove that. It is going to hang there as a message of a kind of gravatus that we all are called to when we deal with questions of war and peace, of the kind of high mission that we all should be about, not the bazaar where we were swapping off interest and brokering deals and things like this. These are questions of life and survival of war and peace, fundamental questions that are important that you constantly called us to the significance of.

That is the message that RON DELLUMS will leave in that room. To every witness who sits in that chair, to every Member who comes in the room, that portrait of you will be a call to conscience.

You taught us what democracy is about. You made this great institution, the Republic, work a lot better.

I am proud I have been your colleague, proud to have been your friend; and I say with a heavy heart that I hate to see you leave. But I will never forget the example that you left for me and all the rest of us.

Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from New York (Mr. GILMAN).

Mr. GILMAN. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for yielding.

Mr. Speaker, over the past 25 years, I have had the honor of working with RON DELLUMS in a number of capacities in the Foreign Affairs Committee, on the Postal and Civil Service Committee. I am confident that Members on both sides of the aisle are going to miss RON. We are going to miss his strong leadership and his presence here in the Congress on so many important issues.

He has served his constituents in the 9th District of California and all Americans well during his 27 years here in the Congress. It is a long time to be in public service.

The first African Member of the House Armed Services Committee, RON soon became chairman during the 103d Congress, where he stressed the basic principle of majority rule; and his colleagues on both sides of the aisle noted his evenhanded manner during committee meetings.

Known more for his opposition to excessive military spending, RON displayed a sense of fairness and integrity that not many of our Members possess. Being a leader for quality education, RON has helped to aid Americans from all backgrounds, races and creeds. His vision helped to develop the national movement known as the Rainbow Coalition.

During his years here in the Congress, I met many Members from all walks of life. However, RON DELLUMS stands in a class by himself. He is a true gentleman, the embodiment of integrity, fairness and compassion.

RON has been one of our most effective orators in this body, engaging in many historic debates, in defense of B2, aircraft carriers, Bosnia, South Africa, human rights, just to mention a few. While we may not have always agreed with RON's arguments, we have had the highest regard for him and the highest amount of respect.

RON, you have left your mark on this body. You have left your mark on our Nation. We are going to miss you. We wish you happiness and wealth and success in the years ahead. God bless.

Mr. SPRATT. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentlewoman from Oregon (Ms. FURSE).

Ms. FURSE. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for yielding.

I think I would like to address my remarks to the RON DELLUMS who is known outside of this body. As a former peace activist, a person who ran a peace institute, RON DELLUMS was the shining home for us that there was somebody there who cared about peace, who stood for peace, who worked for peace. That was so important to those of us outside this body.

When I came to this body, the greatest honor that I have had in my few years here is that I served while RON DELLUMS was Chairman of the Armed Services Committee. I served on that committee. And he acted so fairly, with such honesty, that there was truly space in that committee for a peacenik like myself and the most hawkish other Member. He treated us all with respect and all with dignity.

But I want to tell a little thing about a personal insight that I think I may have on the impact of RON DELLUMS, an impact beyond this place.

I think we, as Members of Congress, we all think we are pretty well known. Well, we might be well known in our own district. Maybe some of us are known in our own district. But I had the great honor to travel with RON to South Africa for the great moment when Nelson Mandela, who he had helped free, became the president of South Africa. And I noticed there that little children who were around us would come up to RON. They knew him. They knew him not as a Congressman. They knew him as a man of peace who was a warrior for justice. And we all, all have to thank you, RON, for being that, the man of peace, the warrior for justice. Thank you.

Mr. SPRATT. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Florida (Mr. FOLEY).

Mr. FOLEY. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for yielding.

I, too, join today with my colleagues in saluting a great American, a wonderful friend, a wonderful colleague. The United States Congress and the constituents of the 9th Congressional District in California will sorely miss you, RON.

One of my first days on this floor in the 104th Congress I had a chance to witness what I believe is one of the greatest orators of this chamber, and that was you. You inspired me that day. You delivered a speech that was so important in my life. And I think of the fights we have had since, not against each other but for common issue, and that was the B–2 bomber. And I learned so much. I learned so much.

I think the greatest thing we can do in this body is share knowledge and share opportunity with your colleagues to make this country a better place, and you have shared more than you can ever imagine with this young Member from Florida.

I have learned style. I have learned grace. I have learned about equality. I have learned about patience. I have learned that there is a time to speak and there is a time to listen.

You have taught me so much of those great lessons here. You have been able to reach out across the audience. You have been able to reach out across the aisle. You have been able to focus on some of America's greatest strengths and shore up some of our great weaknesses.

I believe you brought together people of all races, all ethnicities in the fight for a strong defense. But you also taught me that a strong defense does not mean just throwing money at the Pentagon and hoping it makes the right destination. When we joined together in the fight against excess spending and waste, it was not about shortchanging our men and women, it was about making certain that they, in fact, had more, that we treated them better, that we took care of their housing, that their families lived above the poverty level. But the only way to do that was making choices, difficult choices.

I know you did not come here to argue against this defense contractor or that or this weapon system or that. You came here to make a difference. And you have done that. You have continued us on a course of military strength but, more important, fiscal sanity.

I will miss deeply the debate when it arrives again for some of these important projects. There will be not one voice that can replace you, I can assure you. There will be no one in this Congress that can rise to your level of eloquence in debate nor, I believe, rise to your level of sincerity.

You have been a true patriot, a fine American, a role model for all children. I wish you well and Godspeed in your new career, and I wish your community its best in finding someone who will pick up the challenges, be as good to the constituents as you have been, be a role model that you have been and fill that big void that will be left by your departure.

I do wish you well, RON. You are a wonderful human being, and it has been my distinct pleasure and high honor to serve with you in this Congress.

Mr. SPRATT. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. STOKES).

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Mr. STOKES. Mr. Speaker, I want to thank the gentleman from South Carolina (Mr. SPRATT) for taking out this special order in honor of our colleague, RON DELLUMS. For the last 27 years, the Ninth Congressional District of California has benefited from the leadership and dedication of one of America's finest lawmakers. RON'S retirement will bring to closure a distinguished record of public service for California and for the American people.

When RON DELLUMS was elected to Congress in 1970, he brought to Capitol Hill the determination to make a difference in the Vietnam War, in the war against poverty, in the social and economic injustice in this country. His previous service as a member of the Berkeley City Council helped prepare him for the task at hand. His advocacy for peace in a turbulent world caused his reputation to precede him in the Congress. RON DELLUMS came to Congress as a legend.

RON DELLUMS came into the Congressional Black Caucus at the moment he came into the Congress. We welcomed him in the Congressional Black Caucus.

I recall the battle that we undertook during his first term in order to secure a seat for RON on the Committee on Armed Services. There had never been an African American to serve on that committee, and the committee did not want RON DELLUMS. They rejected his application because he was too militant. They felt that they did not want him on that committee.

To the credit of the Congressional Black Caucus, we stood up for RON DELLUMS and demanded that he be given an opportunity to serve on that committee. Nothing could have made me prouder and other Members of the Congressional Black Caucus who were here at that time than the day we saw you become chairman of the committee on which they wanted to deny you a seat. As others have said here today, there is the pride all of us take for the great service you gave, with your picture hanging with dignity and distinction in that Committee on Armed Services room.

It was on this committee that the Nation began to take notice of this young, articulate legislator. It was RON DELLUMS who challenged the Congress to cut defense spending and invest in our children's future. He challenged the Nation to put families first, reminding us of the human needs that he saw in his congressional district and cities across America. He was a fearless advocate in opposition to what he often referred to as our insane military policy.

Mr. Speaker, others have mentioned RON DELLUMS' opportunity to sponsor legislation in this body that helped change the world. In 1971, he introduced legislation calling for the economic sanctions against South Africa in an effort to end that country's racist apartheid regime. RON DELLUMS utilized the halls of Congress to call our Nation to conscience. He led protests at the South African Embassy. He was vocal, and, most importantly, he never wavered. Fifteen years it took before the Congress passed his antiapartheid legislation over President Reagan's veto. When we welcomed Nelson Mandela to Capitol Hill upon his release from the South African prison, the first person he asked to see was RON DELLUMS.

All of us were proud when we went to South Africa and our delegation stood there in celebration of the inauguration of Nelson Mandela, whereas the speaker before me, the gentlewoman from the State of Oregon (Ms. FURSE), mentioned that RON DELLUMS was known by even little school children. RON DELLUMS' name until South Africa, to all of our pride, is a household word.

RON DELLUMS' service on the Committee on Armed Services, the Permanent Select Committee and the Post Office and Civil Service Committee earned him the respect and admiration of his colleagues on both sides of the aisle. I am also proud of RON's leadership as the past chairman of the Congressional Black Caucus.

Mr. Speaker, as he departs this chamber, many of us can say that we shared a special relationship with RON DELLUMS. As I reflect upon our time in the United States Congress, I will always remember the very special personal friendship that RON and I shared in this body.

I will also remember, RON, your advocacy for health legislation, the RON DELLUMS comprehensive health legislation that you fought for for such a long period in this body. I will remember also you were the architect for many years of the Congressional Black Caucus budget. You saw that as a means of setting priorities for the Nation and for the Congress.

I will always remember your eloquence, how all of us took pride any

time you walked in the well of the House, the eloquent way in which you debated anyone who was willing to take you on.

We will also always remember the Dellums amendments to military bills. You did not always win, but you always fought.

Mr. Speaker, we salute RON DELLUMS today for his tenacity, his courage, and his commitment. Few individuals leave this chamber with the type of legislative accomplishments which can be credited to RON DELLUMS. His leadership will be missed. I will miss him as a good friend, a treasured colleague, someone who has been a credit to his race, to his Nation, and in particular to the United States Congress in which he served with great distinction.

Mr. SPRATT. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Connecticut (Mr. SHAYS).

Mr. SHAYS. Mr. Speaker, as I was listening to my colleagues, I thought what a special moment this is that we get to share with each other and how grateful I am to have this opportunity to share this moment with all of you.

RON, I think of you as a very beautiful man inside and out. I think of you as a great legislator, and I do not use that word advisedly, a great legislator, an outstanding chairman, and a true friend to so many. I think you have more friends in this place than any other Member of Congress.

I think of you as very gracious, highly intelligent, gentle, but very strong, and an absolute wonderful articulate spokesman for the causes you had every reason to believe so passionately in.

As I was listening, I realized I had never seen you fulfill a partisan role. When you spoke, I never thought you were speaking as a partisan.

RON, you helped bring out the very best in all of us, you help bring out the very best in this institution, and you don't even ever have to wonder if you have left your mark. You have left your mark with everyone here, with so many people around this country. You left a mark that cannot be replaced.

Mr. SPRATT. Mr. Speaker, I yield 3 minutes to the gentleman from Georgia (Mr. LEWIS).

Mr. LEWIS of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I want to thank my good friend and colleague, the gentleman from South Carolina (Mr. SPRATT), for calling this special order. I join him and all of my colleagues in paying tribute to an extraordinary Member of this House, the gentleman from California, RON DELLUMS.

He is my friend, he is my colleague, and he is my brother. I knew RON DELLUMS long before I came to Congress. I knew him as a progressive thinker and a rare, gifted political leader.

When I came to Congress in 1987, I sought out RON DELLUMS because of his steadfast commitment to principles. On all the big global issues, he is always leading the pack, serving as a compass for the right thing to do. As a supporter of disarmament, a crusader for social justice, and a defender of human rights, RON DELLUMS has been a sure and steady voice for investing in human needs, rather than the B-2 bomber.

As the chairman and the ranking member of the Committee on National Security, RON DELLUMS fought hard for a rational military policy, a policy that calls for reduction in the use of arms and the downsizing of military manpower and in the budget.

Through his hard work, he sought peace rather than war. Although he came to this body as a former marine, he must be looked upon today as a peaceful warrior, not only here in America, but around the world.

His record in Congress has followed a very old Biblical teaching: They shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning knives; nation shall not lift swords against nation, or even again be trained for war; and each man shall dwell under his own vine, under his own fig tree, undisturbed.

Some of the great lovers of peace are those who have known war. RON DELLUMS has known war and has courageously sought peace. He has sought to build a world community, a community at peace with itself.

RON DELLUMS, as I said before, is my colleague, our colleague, our friend, and my brother. We are more than lucky; we are truly blessed that he has brought honor to our country as a champion of peace.

RON, we are going to miss you. We are going to miss your clear and distinct voice. We are going to miss your ability and your capacity to speak about building a world community based on peace, rather than division. We are going to miss your warm and abiding spirit.

I told you this before. I must tell you again. I hate to see you go. You know, if I was out on the street, I would say it another way. I probably would say, brother, maybe I would say, you are one that I hate to see go.

Your contribution has been so great that your absence will leave us weakened and less determined. We need you and people like you in public service now more than ever before.

You have told this Congress, you have told the American people and nations around the world to lay down the tools and instruments of violence. Time and time again you have stood in this well and told us to redirect our resources toward human beings, those who need food to eat, those who need to learn, and those who need to have a livable wage.

I hope one day as a Nation and as a people we heed your call, and I hope that day is soon. God knows, your call for peace is the right thing to do.

As you leave us this week, I know you will go on with your life's work, and I know you will be welcomed home by your family and the people of California's Ninth District. And, as you leave, may your journey continue to be blessed. And I want to thank you for your gift of public service to this Nation and to this world. Thank you, RON DELLUMS. Thank you, RON DELLUMS, for being you. We respect you, we love you, and we will always admire you.

Mr. SPRATT. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentlewoman from Michigan (Ms. KILPATRICK).

□ 1700

Ms. KILPATRICK. As I sat here this afternoon, Mr. Speaker, and listened to my colleagues talk about Mr. RONALD DELLUMS, there really was not much I could add that has not already been said, but I thought I better come anyway, RON.

Over 20 years ago I was elected to the Michigan House of Representatives and it was during that time 20 years ago that I started watching RON DELLUMS from this well. Your integrity, your strength, your confidence, that you showed Americans around the world, when we are public servants and believe that this is the land of the free and the brave, that we can do anything and, inspired by God, that we are, and we must, represent.

So as I sat here today and listened to my colleagues talk about you and your strength and your dignity, what comes to mind, as I finally got here 20 years later to actually serve with you, I am honored to have had the opportunity. You really do not know how many people around this country know and feel that when you are on this floor and take this mike, we know it is going to be all right.

I want you to know that as you leave here this week, this Congressperson, as well as many of us in this Congress, as well as State legislatures, know that you are our role model, that in spite of the many difficulties that many of us feel and witness on a day-to-bay basis as elected officials that we truly can rise above the fray. Since I have been here you told me one day that your will, in addition to speaking out and representing, is so that men, particularly African-American men, can know that we have the strength and the integrity to build America, to offer hope for our families and our communities.

So as you leave here this week, my brother, your spirit lives in this House of Representatives, and as men and women who serve in this body, if we can have the strength and the determination that Mr. RON DELLUMS has shown by his actions, the world will be a better place. Your family is waiting for you and I know you will serve them well. As elected officials, we sometimes shorten our families. So you have to be there when you have to be there, but we are going to miss you.

I want you to know from the bottom of my heart as I serve in this Congress and as I served in the State legislature, your spirit, your integrity, and your strength has certainly made me a better woman. God bless you, my brother.

Mr. SPRATT. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Rhode Island (Mr. KENNEDY).

Mr. KENNEDY of Rhode Island. Mr. Speaker, I am very honored today to be able to rise and speak about my good friend, RON DELLUMS. I am pleased to be able to rise on behalf of my family who, if every member of my family who has ever worked with RON could be here standing in my place today, they would be doing so and a lot more eloquently than I am about to do. But nonetheless, if my eloquence has anything to do with it, it has definitely been because I have been listening to you, RON, for the last 3 years as my ranking member of the Committee on National Security. I think if anybody in this House thinks about you and how articulate you are, how educated and intellectual you are, and how principled you are; moreover, how principled you are, RON, they know that they have heard the best debates about where this country should go and where it has not gone the way it should be going from you over your many years in public service.

I have been fortunate to be able to come to know you in the 3 years I have been in the Congress and to be able to really consider one of the great opportunities I have had in this Congress to serve with the likes of yourself. A good friend of mine is a daughter of the late Al Lowenstein, and in the book about Al Lowenstein I saw that you were there campaigning for him as you were for the causes that he believed in stopping the Vietnam War and really fighting for peace and justice for all.

I think today I could go on and on as so many have about the many accomplishments you have had in this Congress, but I wanted to talk about one accomplishment that you had that I know will go down in the history of this country and of this Congress and which I think epitomizes your service in this legislature, in this body, and that is the singular effort that you made in Congress to change the course of this country's relationship to the government of South Africa, such that you could bring about the independence and apartheid by using your position in the United States Congress to raise the level of awareness in this country towards the racism and the dictatorial regime in South Africa and helped marshal support in this Congress to eventually see victory in the sanctions legislation. I think it epitomizes you as a man of courage, first for standing up for what was right and for what needed to be done. Despite a lack of popular support at the time, when you first came to the Congress, and in 1971 first introduced this legislation, you only did so with one other original cosponsor of the bill. Your strength is embodied in this effort, because you stuck with it. You knew the moral conviction that you had was right. Despite all the political pundits all aside, you stayed on this fight because it was the right fight, as you have done on every fight of conscience that you have faced in this Congress.

Finally, this fight showed you as a man of patience. We all know of your marathon quote of how it takes time to get legislation passed in this Congress, and once again, your fight very early on for the United States sanctions for apartheid was emblematic of your long struggle to see something through from beginning to end. Despite President Reagan's veto, you got the Congress to override his veto, and I know from my father, speaking to my father, he said you were the singular leader on that fight and has always spoken about your great leadership there.

I think that there is nothing that can make you feel more proud than to have seen Nelson Mandela come to be President of that great country and to know that you have had a hand in changing the lives of so many people in the world, not only as a Member of this United States Congress, but as a leader for the right principles, no matter where they are. Whether they are in your district, whether they are in my district, whether they are in the confines of the continental United States, or whether they are around the world, you have stood for the kinds of principles that we should all measure ourselves by, no matter what legislative body, because you stand for humanity, and humanity is the most basic principle of all. No matter who we are, where we come from, we all share the same humanity, and you have helped bring that back into perspective on every issue that you have ever tackled. RON, it has been a great honor for me to serve with you. I love you, and I wish you the best for your future.

Mr. SPRATT. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentlewoman from California (Ms. WATERS).

Ms. WATERS. Mr. Speaker, I almost feel guilty taking this time to say something about my friend, RON DELLUMS. Just a night or so ago, I had the opportunity to introduce him, and I took 17 minutes in the introduction, and enjoyed every minute of it. I could not let this moment pass, despite the fact I took 17 minutes to introduce him and say a lot of things that I wanted to say about him. I want my friends out there in America, however, to know how I feel about RON DELLUMS.

RON DELLUMS is my friend, he is my colleague, and he is a man that I have admired for many, many years. I do not know exactly when I first came to know RON DELLUMS. It seems as if I have known him all my life. I do know that over 20 years ago, I was so moved by his courage and his commitment, so moved by what he stood for, I called his office and said, I want to do a fundraiser for RON DELLUMS, because I heard that someone is going to attempt to oppose him. And so I remember the joy that I experienced putting that fund-raiser together. I did not go simply to our friends in the African-American community or in the civil rights community; I went to my friends in Beverly Hills and other places who were involved in the peace movement, and we had a wonderful venue and a wonderful home, and that gathering was like much of what I am seeing here today. It was a real rainbow gathering of the rich and the not-so-rich, of whites and blacks, Latinos, Asians, it was a mixture of people who represented America, people who too were attracted to RON DELLUMS, because of his commitment and his courage and what he had done for all of us. We were able to raise some money for RON DELLUMS, but my life came in contact with his after that time in so many different ways.

RON DELLUMS defended me on the floor of one of our State conventions where we were fighting to keep Mr. Ziggy Arrowitz off the delegation because of what he had done on the question of affirmative action and some other kinds of things.

RON DELLUMS and I have worked together in many ways. I was inspired by his 15 years of work trying to dismantle apartheid. I carried the counter bill in the State legislature, and we were able to prevail after RONALD DELLUMS was able to lead this country and this Nation to dismantle apartheid by way of sanctions. I sat with RON DELLUMS in South Africa at the inauguration of Nelson Mandela, and I watched his face as the leaders of the world paraded past us, and I watched his face when the military did the great formations in the airplanes that went above us, and I watched his face when Nelson Mandela took the podium. I know that RON DELLUMS could not help but feel proud of his contributions of the work that he had done on behalf of his constituents and this Nation.

I come today, along with people like the gentleman from California (Mr. CUNNINGHAM), who is sitting here on the floor, waiting to speak about RON DELLUMS. MAXINE WATERS on the left, Mr. CUNNINGHAM on the right, and those in the middle. What a testament to a man's work; what a testament to what he has been able to contribute.

This speaks more than any initiative the President could have about race and race relations. This speaks more than the President can ever talk about when he talks about his vision for peace, or any President, for that matter. This man has done it.

I would like to close with a quote from RON DELLUMS when he was asked

in 1984 in a response to an invitation from Harper's to draft an acceptance speech as though he were the Democratic presidential nominee that year. He said a lot of things, but this is what I will always remember and what moves me. RON DELLUMS said,

> I offer a new agenda: An agenda for world peace and for a just and compassionate society here at home. It is an agenda that proposes a foreign policy of nonintervention and international cooperation, an agenda that redefines our legitimate national security interests as the defense of the United States, an agenda that rejects any attempts to control the internal affairs of other sovereign nations through economic extortion, political intimidation, or overt or covert force. True peace entails more than the absence of war. It requires an unceasing effort to eliminate militarism, racism, and social and economic injustice and to promote personal freedom and human dignity.

That really says it all.

Let me wrap it up by saying to those who used to say to RON DELLUMS: We want you to be President; we want you to be the Secretary of Defense. RON DELLUMS would simply say, I do not want to be the President, I do not want to be the Secretary of Defense; I want to be the Secretary of Peace, and I guess that says it all.

RON, we love you, we will never forget you. Most of us will always aspire to be like you, to have the integrity that you have shown, that you have demonstrated. Most of us would always want to be what you have shown us we could be and what we should be. We love you today and we will love you forever.

Mr. SPRATT. Mr. Speaker, I simply want to explain to everyone on the floor the situation we find ourselves in. We are down now to 5 minutes about, before 5:20, at which time the time belongs to the gentleman from Texas (Mr. DELAY). He has already delayed an hour. He will be here to claim the time at 5:20 for an hour. If he is not here, other Members can ask for recognition for 5 minutes until he arrives here, as I understand the procedure, but once he arrives, the procedure for today is over, and those who would like to make a statement will have to come tomorrow.

I have a list that I am not going to be able to accommodate in that period of time, but I would ask everybody whom we can reach in the next few minutes to speak as succinctly as possible.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. PEASE). The gentleman is correct with respect to the procedure in the absence of the gentleman from Texas. That is by of course unanimous consent.

The Chair also reminds all Members that for those who are unable to make their comments presently to the gentleman from California, there is general leave insertion where comments may be included in the RECORD.

□ 1715

Mr. SPRATT. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from California (Mr. CAMPBELL).

Mr. CAMPBELL. Mr. Speaker, "His life was gentle and the elements so conspired in him as to cause all nature to stand up and say this was a man." Those are the words Shakespeare puts in his play to be spoken of Julius Caesar.

I was thinking of those words, and then our remarkably eloquent colleague spoke. I cannot match the gentlewoman from California (Ms. WATERS) in eloquence, but we know where the eloquence comes from: the combination of mind and heart. When those two come together, there is an eloquence that inspires even those less gifted, of whom I am one.

So, without apology, Mr. Speaker, I offer to all the House this tribute to RON:

You stood up to a President of the United States because you believed in the Constitution. You believed that the United States should not put men and women in harm's way without the approval of Congress. You had the courage to bring that lawsuit, RON. You stood up to Presidents of the United States more than once because you believed in the Constitution and you believed particularly in the war-making powers given by that Constitution to the people of this body.

Secondly and lastly, when I was out of office, RON remembered me. I ran for office in 1992 for another office. I lost. My wife works for the University of California at Berkeley. She needed some assistance. RON, you did not forget who I was.

That is the person as to whom all the elements shall stand up and say this is a man. You are that man. On my wife's behalf, I am grateful. On behalf of people of Oakland and Alameda and Berkeley, we are grateful.

Mr. SOLOMON. Mr. Speaker, will the gentleman yield?

Mr. CAMPBELL. I yield to the gentleman from New York.

Mr. SOLOMON. Mr. Speaker, excuse me. I am out of breath. I just ran down from a meeting of the Committee on Rules, but I was afraid that I would not be here to pay my respects to someone that I would say is the man that I respect the most in this entire Chamber of 435 Members.

RON DELLUMS and I, 20 years ago, had many, many fights on this floor. We went at each other with every strength that we each had. But, over the years, this man has taught me a lesson; and that is if you are sincere, if you believe in your principles, that the other side would respect you.

RON, I am going to tell you something. On this side of the aisle, you are a man of integrity. You are a man of more sincerity than anyone else I know, and we are going to sorely miss you. You are a great Member and a great American, and I hope that you will always come back to visit us because you belong in this House. You are a great man; and I salute you, sir.

Mr. SPRATT. Mr. Speaker, I yield 3 minutes to the gentleman from California (Mr. FAZIO).

Mr. FAZIO of California. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman from South Carolina (Mr. SPRATT) very much for yielding. I do not think we have 3 minutes, so I will speak briefly and put the rest of my remarks in the RECORD.

The so-called Berkeley radical who became a Statesman, RON DELLUMS, deserves the time he has had on the floor and far many more hours that may be accorded before too long. But we are going to miss him, and we are going to miss him largely because he was a unique Member of this institution, a man of great complexity, a man of great contrast who grew in this job in a way that few can.

He started out as a social worker and became conversant with the complexities of SDI and all of the other issues and weapons systems that were the meat and potatoes of the Armed Services Committee. Here he is, a Marine Corps veteran who became, as the gentlewoman from Oregon (Ms. FURSE) said earlier, the symbol of the Peaceniks, the people who came here because they wanted to make a difference in the broadest sense of that term.

Here he is, a guy who is most proud of his race, but who never failed to reach out to anybody who differed from him; a man who is a proud African-American, but who studied his personal history and was proud of every element of his ancestry. Maybe, in that sense, the beginning of a new kind of multiracial American who made a real impact on Members across the political spectrum and certainly across all those other lines that sometimes divide us: race, ethnicity, religion.

I had the great privilege to travel with RON DELLUMS to Africa, to Zambia, to South Africa, to Namibia, not at a time when we could enjoy Nelson Mandela being sworn in but at a very difficult time when the Nationalist Party was moving toward accommodating the reality of the black majority in that nation.

RON DELLUMS was the right American to lead that delegation, just as he tried to lead the Congress to an overwhelming margin, enough to override a veto to bring together a consensus on this floor for a policy on South Africa.

Mr. Speaker, I simply have a lot more to say that I will say in the RECORD, but I want to indicate personally how much I appreciated the contribution he made and also how much I wish him and his family well. He is leaving now most appropriately not for us but for himself and for the people he loves the most and who need him; and

for that we understand and offer you, in the knowledge that it is appropriate and timely, Godspeed.

It is with reservation that I rise today to try to put into words what the service of my friend RON DELLUMS has meant to this institution, this country and nation on behalf of his constituents, I say I have reservation only because of the difficult task inherent in speaking about one of the most eloquent speakers this chamber has ever known. It is his eloquence combined with his passion that has made RON DELLUMS the effective leader he has been.

Many, if not the majority, in the Chamber have disagreed at one time or another with RON DELLUMS. But who in this chamber could ever disagree with the way RON DELLUMS made his point? At its best, this is a house of civility and courtesy, and while many have forgotten this, RON DELLUMS constantly reminded us of this each and every time he was recognized on this floor. He truly perfected the art of disagreeing without being disagreeable.

RON DELLUMS had the pleasure of representing an East Bay constituency that demanded to be heard. They could not have found a better spokesman. And over time RON DELLUMS has become not only their spokesman, an advocate, but a statesman.

Like it or not, RON DELLUMS tells you how he feels. With this in mind, I will tell you how I feel. Thankful. Thankful for your passionate commitment, it is unparalleled. I can only hope that someone in this body can carry on your legacy, but they will never replace you because you're an original in your time. It is often said, you only take with you what you leave behind. Well RON, your legacy has never been in doubt. We are all better off because you chose to serve here. Thank you RON for all of your hard work and tireless effort on behalf of your colleagues, constituents, the State of California and your country and indeed the world.

Mr. SPRATT. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentlewoman from the District of Columbia (Ms. NORTON).

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman from South Carolina for yielding. Had he not taken out this special order, there would have been 100 Members to come to the floor who would not have allowed RONALD DELLUMS to leave this Chamber without expressing their views.

Mr. Speaker, we have heard about the gentleman's extraordinary record of services on the Armed Services Committee, the Committee on National Security, about South Africa, about the Vietnam war, about civil rights, about helping people get out of poverty. But I am here to talk about a committee that RON DELLUMS chaired for 17 years, the Committee on the District of Columbia. I am here to speak for the people I represent in thanks and in great gratitude to RONALD DELLUMS.

His attitude toward the city and toward the Minority during the time he chaired the Committee on the District of Columbia was a virtual model for this body. Toward the minority, the gentleman from Virginia (Mr. BLILEY) will tell you there was collegial disputatiousness, always willing to join an issue, always as an officer and a gentleman joining an issue.

Let me tell my colleagues as toward this city, I look at it now as what surely must be its low point as it rises; and I remember that RON DELLUMS chaired the committee at its high point, perhaps second only to when the city got home rule. It was when he was chairman that we got a 40 percent increase of Federal payment to make up for years of no increase.

RON DELLUMS was no pushover. He believed in appropriate oversight. He had impeccable judgment about exactly what that meant, because RON DELLUMS was the ultimate democrat with a small D. RON was called to preside over people who had not elected him. He did so with grace in principle and with elegance.

Mr. Speaker, in the name of the 600,000 residents of the District of Columbia, Representative RONALD V. DELLUMS, I am here to thank you this afternoon.

Mrs. MINK of Hawaii. Mr. Speaker, it is a great honor for me to join my colleagues in this tribute to RONALD V. DELLUMS—an advocate for peace, justice and equity for all in this nation and throughout the entire world.

From humble beginnings, with a strong belief in equity and opportunity, RON built a life of helping others. RON often tells a story about a time when he was given a choice—a job or an education—and he choose an education, because of his strong belief that education was the equalizing factor in this country, and that with a good education one could advance not only themselves, but their ideas, their principles and their causes.

This is precisely what RON has accomplished throughout his life—advancing the causes of justice, equity, peace, of equal education and employment opportunities for the most disadvantaged and vulnerable in this nation. I have no doubt that as he leaves this House he will move his crusade forward and continue to do everything in his power to make this world a better place.

RON was not one to take the House Floor often, but when he did we all remembered it. We can all remember at least one occasion, when this body so embroiled by heated debate, with both sides raising their voices to make their points, was quieted by the impassioned and calm voice of RON DELLUMS. When RON spoke people listened—if they agreed, or disagreed with what he said—they listened. Throughout the entire history of this House there are few who can match the oratory skills of RON DELLUMS.

It was 27 years ago when RON came to the House. I remember that class of 1970 and the passionate voice of reason that he brought to the House in those troubled times. It was war, not only in Vietnam, but in the rhetorical battlefield at home. I have fought beside RON in many wars, not with weapons of destruction, but with the might of justice and peace on our side.

In those days it wasn't unusual for just 10 or a dozen Members to stand together on uncompromising principle, and make an unpopular vote. Often I'd look at the voting board knowing my name would be one of the few, and knowing I was in good company because RON DELLUMS' name was there too.

When I returned to the Congress, after a 14 year-break, one of the first key votes I had to take was on the authorization of the Persian Gulf War in 1991. So many things about that situation reminded me of our debates over Vietnam—one of which was the reasoned leadership of RON DELLUMS.

His efforts related to the Gulf War, including a lawsuit to preserve Congressional authority over the declaration of war, was born of the many struggles we faced in those tumultuous years of the early 1970s.

Over the years of his service, RON has marked a number of firsts. The first African-American to serve on the House National Security Committee (formerly Armed Forces Committee) and first African American to Chair the Committee.

A progressive member in support of reduced military spending, many had their doubts when RON became chair. But his integrity and character proved true. He accomplished the work of the Committee, in a fair manner, allowing the will of the Members to prevail. Of course it never stopped him from advocating his progressive agenda—offering amendments to reduce the B–2 or other weapons systems on the floor—but never using his position to an unfair way to push his agenda.

RON has done many great things during his tenure in the House many that have been mentioned today. One of the things I will always remember is the annual Black Caucus Budget. The establishment of this alternative budget which focused on the basic human needs of our country—health, nutrition, education, housing, etc. * * *—served as a document of conscience for our Nation. Today we are closer to the goals of that budget than we have been in decades. RON and his effort to craft those budgets each year, even in times of enormous deficits or when military might was more in vogue, always served to remind us of what was truly important in this country—the lives of our children and families, their health and education.

With all his responsibilities in the Armed Services Committee, with his many causes and crusades, RON was a man who listened. I appreciate RON because he listened to the people of Hawaii. When we sought to obtain $400 million from the Navy to clean-up the island of Kahoolawe, Rep. ABERCROMBIE and I went to RON DELLUMS and asked for his help. He understood the unique situation in which this island which had been used for bombing by the Navy for decades was not being returned to the Hawaiian people. He listened and understood as we explained the significance this island held for the Native Hawaiian people. It is a fact that without his help, the clean-up initiative now underway on Kahoolawe would not have happened. Hawaii owes a great debt of gratitude to RON, for helping us bring to resolution one of Hawaii's greatest dilemmas in recent years.

RON we will miss your passion, or levelheadedness, your understanding and compassion. But we know that you move on to take those genuine qualities and continue working

on behalf of the people of this country. *Mahalo* and *Aloha* for your service to this House and to this country.

Ms. DELAURO. Mr. Speaker, I would like to thank Representative SKELTON and Representative SPRATT for giving us the opportunity to honor and bid farewell to our friend and colleague, Representative RON DELLUMS.

RON DELLUMS has set a tremendous example for all of us. Throughout his 27 years in Congress, he has always been a gentleman, something that requires true strength today. In the midst of all the battles here, he has always treated every person with the same high level of respect. For this he will always be honored.

In the more than a quarter of a century that RON DELLUMS has represented the 9th District of California, he has also remained true to himself and to his principles. This is sometimes even more difficult than always remaining a gentleman. Trained as a social worker, he has dedicated his life to serving others. He understands that our national security must rest on a solid domestic foundation. When our citizens are well fed, well housed, well educated, and there is justice for all, our Nation is secure.

His passion for ensuring security and justice for all Americans has formed the foundation of his leadership on so many fronts. As chair of the House Armed Services Committee and the ranking member of the House National Security Committee, which I had the honor to sit on with him, he worked to keep Congress focused on halting the nuclear arms race, and combating racial discrimination and sexual harassment in our military. He has led the fight to protect the civil rights of all Americans, and to achieve comprehensive healthcare throughout the country.

The House is losing a great leader. He leaves behind a high standard of respect and commitment that all of us should strive to reach. Only then might we begin to fill his shoes.

Mr. SPENCE. Mr. Speaker, the National Security Committee will meet tomorrow to officially honor and pay tribute to our friend and colleague RON DELLUMS. As public officials, we always honor somebody, somewhere, for heroic deeds. It is a sad statement on this job, however, that we tend not to honor our own frequently enough or well enough. So it is entirely appropriate that so many of our colleagues have come down to the floor to participate in this special order.

It is appropriate that we honor and thank our friend and colleague, RON DELLUMS, for his outstanding service during a long and distinguished career as a member of the Armed Services and National Security Committees and of the House.

I took special note of RON's eloquent words last week during the farewell ceremony in his honor hosted by Secretary of Defense Cohen—words I wish everyone could have heard. RON spoke to the inadequacy, at times like this, of words such as "thank you." I could not agree more. Simply saying thank you seems small and inadequate. Yet most of us know of no other way to recognize our feelings after more than 25 years, for us old-timers, of working with him.

Members who serve on the National Security Committee represent all regions of the country and cover the political and ideological spectrum. Yet, I believe that the committee consistently functions on a more bipartisan basis than any other committee in the House, and possibly the entire Congress. And there is no one I have served with over the many years who has done more to protect and promote the bipartisan nature of this committee's deliberations than RON DELLUMS. As I observed during the ceremony to unveil his portrait last September, regardless of the issue at hand, RON has always tried to ensure that the "idea" never got lost in the "politics." I believe that this is the truest testament to RON's integrity and his leadership.

Anyone who has worked with RON is aware of his talents and his accomplishments. I think it is also safe to say that anyone who has worked with or against RON, whichever the case might be, has come away from that experience having had to dig a little deeper and think a little harder. Of course, if you happen to be on the other side of the issue from RON, you also come away hoping next time you will be on the same side. While we are here to honor RON for the many years of dedicated service to his constituents and the Nation, many of us are here, I suspect, on a more personal level, in recognition of the influence he has had on our lives. I know he has had a great influence on mine.

Although RON's memory will be a strong presence in the National Security Committee for years to come, a presence which is also guaranteed by his impressive portrait that hangs over my shoulder, his day-to-day presence will be missed. I wish RON and his family the best in what I hope is a long, healthy, and productive retirement from public service.

Ms. PELOSI. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to our distinguished colleague, Congressman DELLUMS. The unwavering determination and fighting spirit of this political hero will be sorely missed when he leaves this body.

First elected to Congress in 1970 as an advocate for peace, Mr. DELLUMS remains as passionate and dedicated to his ideals today as he was almost three decades ago. Never one to shy away from the tough issues, RON has gained the respect of all those he has encountered because of the strength of his convictions, his commitment to democracy, and his ability to disengage from partisanship.

Congressman DELLUMS carries the distinguished honor of being the only Member to chair two standing committees. For seven Congresses he chaired the District of Columbia Committee and recently served as chairman of the Armed Services Committee, since renamed the National Security Committee. Currently, Mr. DELLUMS is the ranking Democratic Member to the National Security Committee.

Through his tenure on the National Security Committee, RON has become an expert on defense issues, an important resource for all those committed to peace. RON's contribution was fittingly recognized last week when Secretary of Defense William Cohen presented him with the Distinguished Public Service Medal, the military's highest civilian award. I was fortunate to attend that ceremony, an event made more momentous when you consider that when Congressman DELLUMS was first elected to this body he was an outspoken opponent of the Vietnam war.

Congressman DELLUMS' contributions to this House are legion. We will miss particularly his humble spirit, his tenacity, his eloquence and humor, and his unbending commitment to improving our country. I join with all of my colleagues in wishing our friend well as he moves on to his new challenge.

Mr. MCGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor one of the truly great Members of this body and to regretfully wish him farewell—the Honorable RONALD V. DELLUMS of the 9th Congressional District of California.

When RON DELLUMS spoke on the floor of the House, people listened. He was always eloquent. Always well-reasoned. Always a passionate intellect.

When RON DELLUMS spoke out about the evils of apartheid in South Africa, at first it seemed his words fell on deaf ears. But no one can remain deaf to the power of his words and his reason. Over time, the Nation listened to RON DELLUMS and the Congress acted to impose sanctions against the apartheid government of South Africa. It would not have happened without RON DELLUMS.

He was among the first to hear the cries of the people from Central America, from Haiti, from Bosnia. He was often the voice of the voiceless on the floor of this House. And what a voice he brought to their struggles. The voice and acts of RON DELLUMS have saved lives around the world. And thousands are grateful for his advocacy, both here and abroad.

And when RON DELLUMS—whether in the National Security Committee or on the floor of the House—spoke about the need to examine truly the priorities and purpose of our military budget, everyone listened. It didn't matter where you stood on this debate. You listened. Because no one has researched, reflected upon, or debated alternatives to our current military planning more than RON DELLUMS. And his voice and influence on these matters will be sorely missed.

RON DELLUMS set a standard that I hope I and all my colleagues will try to emulate. A standard for intellectual integrity. For democratic debate and dialogue. For respect and honesty in all his dealings with friends and foes. For passionate engagement in the challenges that confront our Nation and our people. And for oratory that moved debate on issues forward with its eloquence, reason and compassion.

I had thought I would have more time to learn from this great Member of Congress. I will miss his presence deeply in the halls of this Congress. I wish him well in his new endeavors. And I hope that he will continue to remain engaged in the domestic and foreign policy-setting of this country he has served so well.

Mr. MURTHA. Mr. Speaker, it's been a great honor for me to work with Congressman DELLUMS over the past twenty three years since I came to Congress. By the time I arrived, in 1974, Congressman DELLUMS was already an experienced Member of Congress and a member of the House Armed Services Committee, staking out his reputation as a scholarly, well-informed and thoughtful debater of military policy. People often asked how RON and I could work so well together—we start from different philosophical bases, we represent very different areas of the country—but

the answer is simple. We share a deep concern for the individual American soldier, we share a deep concern for the Nation's defense being strong, and we share a goal of finding the common ground that will keep America's domestic and military policy in balance. But it is also because I highly respect him. RON DELLUMS is a man who has always been true to his convictions, but still fair and open-minded; a man who has deep and abiding respect for our legislative traditions built on the foundations of free speech and open debate; a man who has studied and has had a clear grasp of the major national security issues of the day; a man who could be a formidable legislative opponent but a fast personal friend at the same time; an honorable man whose legendary statesmanship in the House of Representatives retained a needed measure of grace in an increasingly belligerent forum. He will be missed, and will certainly leave behind a hole in the fabric of this Chamber that will not easily be filled. I wish him the best of luck and happiness in his future endeavors.

Mr. BLAGOJEVICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to join my colleagues in paying tribute to our friend and respected colleague, Congressman RON DELLUMS, on his retirement from the U.S. House of Representatives.

As I stand here today to pay tribute to Congressman DELLUMS, I am reminded of the often repeated story about Vice President Hubert Humphrey. Legend has it that on the day that Humphrey was celebrating his 60th birthday, he was playing with one of his grandchildren. They were having a good time, and at one point the child looked up at Humphrey and said, "Grandpa . . . how long have you been fighting for working people?" Humphrey thought for a moment and said "I've been fighting for working people for 65 years." The boy said, "But Grandpa . . . how can you have been fighting for working people for 65 years if you're only 60 years old today?" Without missing a beat, Humphrey answered "Easy—I put in a lot of overtime."

Well, in his twenty six years in the U.S. House of Representatives, RON DELLUMS has put in a lot of overtime—working for freedom in South Africa and around the globe, fighting for the interests of working men and women, striving to complete the agenda of the civil rights movement and to secure equal rights for women, and acting as a respected voice in the field of military policy and the defense budget. In that time, Congressman DELLUMS has earned a reputation as one of the hardest working, straightest talking and most respect people ever to serve in the United States Congress. He has rightly been called one of the finest orators to ever serve here, and "The conscience of Congress."

RON DELLUMS was elected to Congress in 1970 during our great national debate over the Vietnam war. Congressman DELLUMS passionately advocated for an end to U.S. involvement in that conflict, and for a more rational foreign policy for our Nation. During his time in Congress, Congressman DELLUMS worked tirelessly for civil rights for women and other minorities, for measures to protect our environment and for increased investment in our communities and our citizens. Perhaps more than any other single person in this country, Congressman DELLUMS' years of work helped to bring about an end to Apartheid and a peaceful transfer to power in South Africa. He introduced the first bill calling for economic sanctions against that country in 1971. That legislation passed fifteen years later over President Ronald Reagan's veto.

Congressman DELLUMS has been a respected leader in efforts to curb military spending and to reverse the nuclear arms race. His leadership has been crucial in defeating needless weapons systems like the MX and Pershing II Missiles, and the B–2 Stealth Bomber and to fundamentally change the way we think about the defense budget.

Congressman DELLUMS was the first African American member of Congress to serve on the House Armed Services Committee. He later served as the Chairman, and as Ranking Member of that Committee. RON also served as the Chairman of the House Committee on the District of Columbia—the first Member ever to chair two different standing full committees of the House of Representatives. He also served as the Chair of the Congressional Black Caucus and on the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence.

As a freshman Member of the House, I have only had the opportunity to serve with RON for a brief time. But I can honestly say that working with Congressman DELLUMS has made a lasting impression on me and on what I view as the model of a Member of this House. RON's hard work, his sense of values and unwavering commitment to his beliefs and the interests of the men and women who sent him here are an inspiration and a model for anyone who wants to know what a public servant ought to be.

I am proud to have served with RON DELLUMS and to have had the opportunity to call him a colleague and a friend. And while this House will be losing a tremendous asset, I know that Congressman DELLUMS will bring the same dedication, passion and drive to his future endeavors as he has to his career here. RON, thank you for your help and good luck to you.

Mr. MILLER of California. Mr. Speaker, it is with great admiration and heavy sadness that I rise tonight to pay tribute to one of the greatest Members of Congress this Country has known.

This Friday, our colleague, RONALD V. DELLUMS, will officially resign the seat he has held since 1970.

My colleagues and many in the public that watch Congress are familiar with RON—with his style, his passion, his eloquence, his issues, and his brilliant mind.

He's always been known as the best dressed Member of Congress. He's always been known as one of Congress's great orators, colorfully and articulately dancing in the well of the House to draw support for his positions. And he's always been known as one of the greatest advocates for peace and human rights.

It will not be easy for me or my colleagues to adjust to a Congress without RON DELLUMS. Many a good team has gone on to win without one their star players. But it isn't easy.

RON DELLUMS changed Congress and he helped to change America. I have enjoyed every year we have spent together fighting for peace, justice, and dignity.

It has been said that RON DELLUMS is the conscience of Congress. We will miss him for that. But we will also expect him to let his conscience be felt from wherever he may be. And knowing RON, he will not shy away from that responsibility.

RON has been our modern day "drum major for peace." He saved us from many weapons systems that we didn't need, couldn't afford, and probably couldn't control.

He stopped the MX missile years ago. And he should be credited with helping to drive the final nail into the coffin of the senseless B–2 bomber.

RON DELLUMS brought the titans of apartheid to their knees, dragging a reluctant American Government along the way.

He fought for civil rights for all Americans.

More than nearly any other Member of Congress he helped to clearly draw the connection between a bloated military budget and the many starving communities throughout our country.

Whether it was the war in Vietnam or the Cold War against the Russians, RON DELLUMS brought the facts and the passion to the table every time to argue against further gorging the giant while ignoring the children.

He has been here to serve the people of America and to fight for human rights around the world. He was never here to fight for the monied special interests that only seek to use Congress to further their already privileged positions in society.

And RON DELLUMS always helped his friends. When it came time to close down the military establishment in the Bay Area and other communities, RON fought to ensure that the base closure process was fair and expeditious.

We all owe him a huge debt of gratitude. Like many of you here, I will miss him in the Halls of Congress. And like you, I will be calling out his name when we need a helping hand.

We have a job to do in America. RON DELLUMS did not fight in Congress all these years so we could go on vacation. Wages are too low, defense budgets are too high, and wars are still to frequent.

So the challenge remains for us all. Maybe if we all learn to dress as well as RON does, to dance on the House floor as he does, and to carry the convictions of a more just society with us to work every day as he does, just maybe we will be able to make America even better and the world a little bit safer.

RON, if it is not too late to ask, please, don't go. But if you must go, go in peace, and go with the satisfaction of a man who did all he could to achieve his goals on behalf of this great Nation.

Mr. WAXMAN. Mr. Speaker, February 6, 1998 will mark the retirement from the House of Representatives of one of the most respected Members of Congress, our friend and colleague RON DELLUMS.

RON was first elected to the House of Representatives in 1970, a tumultuous time in our Nation's history when we were being pulled apart by the war in Vietnam. Since that time he has been a tireless and impassioned critic of war's human toll. He has never wavered in his belief that the strength of our Nation rests in the care with which we invest in our people

and their communities and not in the accumulation of weapons.

As a champion of the Congressional Black Caucus' alternative budget, RON expanded the terms of the debate on the Federal budget to include the kitchen-table interests of the American people—jobs, access to health care, affordable housing, and education. Ron has made an immeasurable contribution to the debate on our national priorities and his departure will leave a large void for us to fill. We are fortunate to have his tremendous legacy to serve as a guiding example of principled and committed public service.

In his work on some of the most contentious issues before Congress, RON has been eloquent and gracious, always acting out of principle and never out of personal or political gain. His liberal values have never weakened and he has been one of Congress' most distinguished spokespersons for the powerless in our society. RON has raised the level of discourse in every debate he has participated in. No Member has done more to preserve the decorum and dignity of the House and he retires with the respect and admiration of Members of both parties.

I wish RON all the best as he begins this new phase in his life.

Mr. WATTS of Oklahoma. Mr. Speaker, our colleague, Congressman RON DELLUMS of California, is not only a fine and distinguished Member of this body, he is also a fine American, a man whom all of our children should study as a role model . . . not because of his impeccable dress, especially today, in an era when kids are content to run around with baseball caps turned backwards and inside out . . . but for his example of what leadership and statesmanship is all about.

Congressman RON DELLUMS has paid some serious dues over the course of his life to get to where he is today. He is a man who decided early on, at age 18, to enlist in the United States Marine Corps and risk his life for this country's prosperity. After many years as an activist, working to give a voice to the voiceless in the San Francisco Bay Area, RON DELLUMS decided to serve his country once again, as a Member of the U.S. Congress.

As a member of the House National Security Committee for over 26 years, RON DELLUMS has worked tirelessly to advance the interests of America's military men and women. Even in instances when Members on the Committee have disagreed with his views, Congressman RON DELLUMS has been fair, deliberate, and open-minded.

In my dealings with him, I have noticed that RON DELLUMS has always worked tirelessly to resolve disputes within the National Security Committee and move along the business of building the best American military possible. He was truly a positive force in U.S. House of Representatives, an honest leader, a true statesman.

Mr. Chairman, it has really been a pleasure to work with my colleague, Congressman RON DELLUMS. It has also been, for me, a learning experience. His grace under fire, his poise and his confidence in his work are qualities that all of us should emulate.

Every Member of this institution, regardless of party affiliation, should respect and honor the contributions that Congressman RON DELLUMS has made to the United States Congress, and indeed, to the United States of America. RON, Godspeed and God bless.

Mr. PICKETT. Mr. Speaker, our friend and colleague RON DELLUMS is a man of high principle and integrity who has undertaken his duties and responsibilities in the House of Representatives with vigor and determination. I knew him best as chairman of the House Armed Services Committee where he was recognized by all for his fair, even handed, and collegial way of leading the Committee to the conclusion of its annual work of producing a Defense Department Authorization Bill.

This is no easy task. Partisan and personal agendas often derail progress. Keen perception and mature understanding were essential to bring together the competing interests.

RON DELLUMS had the patience and willingly devoted the time needed for full and thorough debate and consideration. No one was ever denied the opportunity to participate.

But his performance as an accomplished and proud chairman of the Armed Services Committee is only part of the story.

He is a respected and admired Member of this body who has worked tirelessly and diligently to establish a record of solid achievement. He understands better than most the corrosive effect of unmet social needs in American society today. And he hasn't been bashful or reticent about forcefully and eloquently voicing his views about what is needed to bring about a more just society in our Nation.

Perhaps more than anything else RON DELLUMS has established himself as a role model. He has shown that in America today you can still rise from modest beginnings, overcome adversity, and make a positive and beneficial contribution in the government of our Nation.

RON DELLUMS is destined for even greater things. RON, I join my colleagues in congratulating you on your long, honorable and distinguished service in the House of Representatives and wish you every measure of happiness and success in your new endeavors. May God bless you.

Mr. UNDERWOOD. Mr. Speaker, I join my colleagues today in paying a special tribute to the distinguished gentleman from California. Congressman RON DELLUMS was a leader in the quest for a rational military policy that included forcing the armed forces to cease abusive excesses in spending in the mid 1980's. At the same time, he led the way towards creating a more robust and responsible military. Congressman DELLUMS' sense of fair play and integrity was transparent throughout every aspect of his long career. He campaigned tirelessly to rid our military of racial discrimination and sexual harassment. He demonstrated to our military leaders, in clear and insightful diction, that there is a way to institute fiscal austerity that respects and maintains the dignity of dismissed civilian employees by providing retraining and early retirement incentive packages.

Mr. DELLUMS' commitment to the National Security Committee, his constituents, and his friends is unparalleled in the history of this institution. From my own experience, has concern and compassion to reach out and help members of the National Security Committee feel included in the legislative process brought only more laurels on an already well respected leader. His deep concern to stop and listen to members with lesser known but no less critical issues was comforting and appreciated. Mr. DELLUMS never criticized a reasonable request and welcomed creative solutions to complex problems no matter where they came from.

Mr. DELLUMS was the kind of man who could put forth his own agenda, question the accepted truth and raise his skepticism toward a poor idea without being a spoiler to the process. His genius was in his ability to educate and shape ideas. He could raise awareness on an esoteric issue and present his case in logic so clear that one would come away with greater understanding of the issues that truly mattered.

It will be a very long time before this institution will see the likes of a RON DELLUMS again. His presence as a leader, a colleague and a friend will be sorely missed by myself, the National Security Committee, and this Nation. From the bottom of my heart, Mr. DELLUMS, I bid you a heartfelt Si Yu'os Ma'ase for your service to your country and your dedication to your friends.

Mr. ORTIZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to my friend who is a brilliant legislator, and a patriot whose passion is peace.

I have been honored to serve with RON DELLUMS on the House Armed Services Committee, where we worked together as Members and which RON later chaired. Since 1995, RON leads the Democratic Members on the National Security Committee in the creation of defense policy in an incredibly fair and democratic fashion. There are a host of things that people can say about our friend RON DELLUMS, but the thing that will most often be associated with him, by those who worked closely with him day in and day out, is his dedication to basic fairness.

I told someone once that RON DELLUMS had more integrity in his little finger than most men will ever have. But there is no doubt at all that RON's legacy here in the House of Representatives, and in the House Armed Services or National Security Committee, will be his innate fairness in all the things that he did. I imagine that most of you know this already, but RON has a most decided opinion about nearly everything that has to do with U.S. defense policy. During our service together, we agreed almost as much as we disagreed.

But there was never, ever any question about how RON would approach policy questions—he bent over backwards to make sure everyone was able to express an opinion and make their argument. He never exclusively favored his side of the opinion while he was Chairman—or anytime—he heard arguments, took the vote, and cherished the democratic principals that bind us all together. He believes very strongly in the concept of reduced Pentagon spending, and has strongly advocated his concerns via amendments to the Budget Resolution and Defense Authorization Bill. But that philosophy never conflicted with how he conducted the business of the committee that wrote defense policy.

He is a man who personifies the dignity of public service. He is also a student of the human condition and an avid student of U.S. defense policy. His study of the former has led him to develop deep friendships that surpass

party and politics; and his study of the latter makes him one of the most knowledgeable members of the National Security Committee. His depth of knowledge of the issues makes him a formidable advocate for U.S. taxpayers in the budget wars we fight in Congress each year.

RON, I will miss you very much, on many levels. Most of all, I will miss your personal presence and your friendship on the Floor of the House each day and in the National Security Committee. I also will miss your intelligence and your wit as a colleague in the realm of making public policy. Your presence will be sorely missed, mi amigo. Adelante . . .

Ms. BROWN of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the achievements of my colleague and our distinguished U.S. Representative of the 9th Congressional District of California, RON DELLUMS. Congressman DELLUMS will retire from Congress on Friday, February 6, 1998.

Congressman DELLUMS, currently in his 13th term, has remained a vigorous advocate for arms reductions, peaceful resolutions of international conflict, and for alternatives to the use of military force and covert intervention as a principle investment of U.S. foreign policy.

During Congressman DELLUMS' first campaign, he embraced the agenda of the Civil Rights movement, for the Equal Rights Amendment for Women, along with other elements of the social justice and human rights agenda. He remains a staunch advocate for these causes having noted:

> I did not join the Armed Services Committee to learn about missiles, planes, and ships; I joined because I knew that I would need to become an expert in this field in order to argue successfully for military spending reductions that would free-up resources for the human needs that I see in my everyday community.

Throughout his tenure in the U.S. Congress, Mr. DELLUMS has provided critical leadership in the effort to curb military spending and in effect, reverse the nuclear arms race. He has often been the first to articulate the danger, waste, or redundancy of weapon programs. In addition, he has vigorously examined the state of our military establishment including its purposes, its budget, and other issues including sexual harassment and racial discrimination in the armed forces.

After serving 2 years with the U.S. Marine Corps, Congressman DELLUMS received his A.A. degree at Oakland City College, a B.A. from San Francisco State University, and a M.S.W. from the University of California at Berkeley.

This distinguished gentleman, born in Oakland, CA, began his career as a psychiatric social worker, a job training and development program manager, and a nationally prominent consultant on community job-development programs.

Being a U.S. Representative who served in the armed forces and provided expertise in the field of social work, Mr. DELLUMS has often used the words of the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. with regards to the social effects of our military spending, which states: "The bombs that are being dropped in Vietnam are exploding in the ghettos and the barrios of America." Mr. DELLUMS, like the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. saw the burden that the Cold War placed on the economy as it robbed our communities of its vital resources.

During 24 years of service in the U.S. House of Representatives, Congressman RON DELLUMS has served in many capacities, including: Foreign Affairs Committee; Select Committee to Investigate the Intelligence Community; Post Office and Civil Service Committee; Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence; chair of the Congressional Black Caucus in the 101st Congress; and as the representative and military panel member of the North Atlantic Assembly.

We have been most fortunate to have Mr. DELLUMS in our U.S. Congress for he has been a leader for rational military policy and has remained committed to the belief that world peace leads to social justice.

Today, we not only recognize our U.S. Representative, RON DELLUMS, but we salute him as a great American hero.

Thank you Congressman DELLUMS for your dedication and commitment to serve our Nation. You will be missed.

Mr. MATSUI. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise today to pay tribute to our colleague Congressman RONALD DELLUMS. As you know Congressman DELLUMS' 27-year career in the House will soon end as he retires from public service on Friday, February 6, 1998.

A former Marine and graduate of San Francisco State University and the University of California, Mr. DELLUMS has spent the better part of three decades advocating the progressive social policies endemic to the Ninth District of California. Comprising the cities of Oakland and Berkeley, the Ninth District has long served as a stage for the healthy exchange of political dialogue.

Upon arrival to the capital in 1971, Mr. DELLUMS won a seat on the Armed Services Committee as an opponent to the Vietnam War. He is quick to point out that our former preoccupation with the Cold War and the Soviet Union adversely impacted our public policy decisions. His contention that this preoccupation led to large federal debts and underfunded social programs inspired his fight for social responsibility. Mr. DELLUMS lent his voice to those who called for cuts in defense spending and pleaded for the redirection of those funds to social programs.

Mr. DELLUMS has demonstrated time and again that social justice fosters peace amongst us all. He has been a strong proponent of policies such as the 1991 Civil Rights Restoration Act, the Americans with Disabilities Acts and the reauthorization of the 1967 Voting Rights Act. He also has been one of the most vocal advocates for reproductive choice and public funding for women dependent on government supported health care.

Mr. Speaker, I have had the honor and privilege of working with Mr. DELLUMS to secure redress for World War II Japanese-American internment camp internees. As battles raged overseas, many Americans incurred wounds of injustice on our own soil. Mr. DELLUMS recognized this breach of civil liberties and fought for the reparations due those wrongly imprisoned in their own country.

Few could replicate Mr. DELLUMS' noble sense of justice. In 1971 he introduced a bill which would enforce economic sanctions on the apartheid regime of South Africa. Patience and persistence prevailed when, in 1986, Mr. DELLUMS finally won the fight with passage of the bill. His determination paid off, democracy reigns in South Africa and apartheid is no longer.

Mr. Speaker, in recognition of Mr. DELLUMS' years of dedicated service to the people of the Ninth District, his commitment to the advancement of progressive social policies, and the leadership he has given the Armed Services and House District of Columbia Committees, I ask my colleagues to join me in saluting him and wishing him a very happy and active retirement.

Ms. HARMAN. Mr. Speaker, it is with mixed emotions that I join my colleagues in bidding adieu to RON DELLUMS, and wishing him fair winds as he starts the next chapter in his admirable life.

It has been a honor to serve with him, both as a member of the California Delegation and as a member of the House National Security Committee. In all my dealings with him, RON has extended to me, and others, a degree of fairness and sincerity rarely found in this body. He has also afforded me opportunities that, if strict seniority were followed, I would not otherwise have bad.

For example, as a freshman member of the then-Armed Services Committee, which RON chaired, he turned the gavel over to me one day. It was a long day's hearing to receive testimony from the newly appointed Secretary of Defense, and our former colleague, Les Aspin. I was at the very bottom tier of seats, and, much to Secretary Aspin's credit, the hearing had already lasted for hours. Suddenly, one of the committee's aides came up to me to say that Chairman DELLUMS wanted to speak to me. What horror! What had I done to draw attention from the Chairman? What protocol had I violated? But, in fact, RON invited me—one of the most junior members—to chair the hearing while I asked my questions of the witness. To others, an inconsequential act. To me, a very generous gesture.

Such examples of RON's largess are not uncommon. Indeed, his entire public career has been devoted to giving voice to the aspirations of individuals at the bottom rungs of our society, or in my case, the committee. Individuals disadvantaged or facing discrimination from any source came under RON's caring wings. Undoubtedly, this caring attitude was shaped by early events in his life. One story RON has told, in particular, stands out in my mind.

As a new Marine recruit, RON scored the highest possible on a test the Marines used to select potential candidates for officer training. Called into the office of a superior responsible for reviewing such candidates, RON stood at attention, saying with Marine precision "Private RON DELLUMS reporting, sir."

To his surprise, RON was asked what his race was. "Negro," he said clearly and distinctly. "Dismissed," replied the officer.

Such institutional bias has always been a source of great concern to RON. His, for example, was one of the earliest voices calling for strong U.S. policies to break the much-hated, but institutionally-rooted, policy of apartheid in South Africa.

Similarly, as a member and chairman of the Armed Services Committee, RON has fought

for the average soldier and has fought to change the military's policies toward women and gays. At a ceremony last week when Secretary Cohen awarded him the Defense Department's distinguished service award, RON pointed out that his disagreement with policies deploying forces never translated into anything other than the greatest of respect for the soldiers who were the instrument of those policies.

This respect was also showered on his colleagues in this body. Indeed, if for noting else, RON will be remembered for his ultimate decency and his admonitions to others to avoid personality and invectiveness in the course of heated debate on the House floor. As he has often said, debate over ideas need not be blackened by harsh and unnecessary attacks on the motives of the individuals debating. Ideas, in their own right, will rise or fall on the arguments and evidence supporting them, not on the character or failings of their proponents.

Mr. Speaker, fortunately, the record is replete with the many successes of RON DELLUMS. Though often in the minority, RON has caused this body—both collectively and as members individually—to think before moving forward on a policy. In exercising his conscience, he has shaped many policies and he has influenced and touched many members, including this one.

I wish my friend, his family and staff, a fond adieu.

Mr. BERMAN. Mr. Speaker, RON DELLUMS started his political career as an "outsider"—working to change the establishment and speaking out against the Vietnam War.

Twenty-eight years later, he has risen to the top of the establishment and is a distinguished authority on military policy.

When contemplating his progress, two points stand out:

One—He has advanced in stature while holding fast to the values and ideals that first brought him to Congress, and

Two—In a very unique manner, he has earned enormous respect for his ideas and his leadership, even from those who vehemently disagree with him.

I'm sure that many in the military thought that the ascension of RON DELLUMS the Chairmanship of the House Armed Services Committee was Armaggedon itself.

Instead, they found a careful and intellectual examination of the military establishment that won RON DELLUMS the regard of many of its staunch defenders, as well as those who thought that most military dollars would be better spent elsewhere.

RON DELLUMS has been a champion for peace, for social justice, for human rights, for the environment, for arms control, for equality and for the working men and women of America. —and all this while maintaining his position as one of the best dressed Members in Congress...

It is impossible to overstate the range and depth of his influence. We will greatly miss his leadership.

Mrs. FOWLER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor our colleague RON DELLUMS of California, who is departing the Congress after serving here for 27 years.

Whether coordinating community activism in the Bay area in the 1960s; deliberating on policy issues as a member of the Berkeley City Council, to which he was elected in 1967; or posing critical questions about defense, civil rights, and human rights policies while serving in the United States Congress, where he has been a continuous presence since 1971, RON DELLUMS has stayed true to his principles. He has always been guided by a passion for what he believes in, and has never been afraid to speak his mind—even if that meant he has sometimes stood alone in doing so.

I first got to know RON DELLUMS when I joined the then-House Armed Services Committee as a freshman member in 1993. RON served as the committee's chairman during the 103rd Congress, replacing our former colleague Les Aspin, who was appointed Secretary of Defense.

Though I often found myself in disagreement with RON on matters of policy, I consistently found myself drawn to him on other grounds. He was an eminently fair chairman, who gave even the lowest-ranking members of his committee, majority and minority alike, the opportunity to speak their piece. As a freshman member, I was especially grateful for this.

But I soon realized that RON's open and welcoming style of leadership was emblematic not just of a fundamental sense of fairness, but of much more. Just as important, it stemmed from RON's respect for the rights of others and his recognition that, above all, we are each elected to this great House to do the people's work. He has always understood that free and open debate in service of the people we serve is what brings the greatest value to that which is accomplished here. While RON enters every important debate prepared to articulate his own views with characteristically sincere passion, he has always respected and given his fullest attention to the views of his colleagues. Most of all, he has always been determined to facilitate a level of debate that would do service to even the weightiest issue being examined. In my mind, these are qualities that have often set him apart.

Though RON now leaves our company to pursue new challenges, the quest for justice and human dignity remains his lodestar. I have learned much about character and leadership from my association with him, and though I am sorry to see him leave this body, I am confident and pleased that his pursuits will both challenge his own intellect and further his noble goals. Mr. Speaker, I offer him, most sincerely, my very best wishes for the future, and look forward to our paths crossing again soon.

Mr. FROST. Mr. Speaker, it was with great regret that I learned of the retirement of my friend, Congressman RON DELLUMS. One of our most esteemed Members, and the second longest serving Member in the California Delegation, RON DELLUMS has decided to retire after spending 27 years working on behalf of America's families.

As a young man, RON DELLUMS has worked to end conflicts around the world and find alternatives to military force. He has also campaigned hard for stronger civil rights in this country, for equal rights for women and for greater environmental protections.

I'm also proud to say that Congressman DELLUMS' father was from Corsicana, Texas which is in my district. Corsicana can be truly proud of all the Dellums and their contribution to American society.

During his tenure in Congress, RON DELLUMS was the first African-American Member ever appointed to the House Armed Services (now National Security) Committee. As Chairman of that Committee in the 103rd Congress, Congressman DELLUMS provided critical leadership during a difficult time of cuts and reductions in our military capacity.

It has been an honor and a privilege to serve in the House with Representative DELLUMS. Clearly, RON's hard work and dedication to public service have improved the lives of all Americans, and he will be sorely missed. I wish him well in his retirement.

Mr. SENSENBRENNER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a dedicated public servant. For more than two decades, RON DELLUMS has provided an example of tireless service to his constituents. The House of Representatives has been a fortunate beneficiary of RON DELLUMS' experience and talents, and among both his constituents and colleagues, his contributions will be greatly missed.

Mr. DELLUMS made his mark as a staunch defender of human and civil rights. He never failed to remember the social concerns of the people who entrusted him with his office. Yet, Mr. DELLUMS also displayed a commitment to fiscal responsibility, devoting much of his career to reducing military spending.

Mr. DELLUMS was elected to the House of Representatives in 1970. He served a term as Chairman of the House Armed Services Committee beginning in 1993, allowing him to more effectively pursue his goal of a leaner post-Cold War military. He developed a reputation as a thoughtful legislator who advocated collegial debate on even the most divisive issues.

Although we have differed on many policy matters, I believe RON DELLUMS to be an honorable legislator and a valuable colleague. He has served this body with integrity and dedication. I join my colleagues on both sides of the aisle today in bidding him farewell.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. SPRATT. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks on this tribute to the gentleman from California (Mr. DELLUMS).

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

There was no objection.

REPORT ON RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 2625, RONALD REAGAN WASHINGTON NATIONAL AIRPORT

Mr. GOSS, from the Committee on Rules, submitted a privileged report (Rept. No. 105–411) on the resolution (H. Res. 344) providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 2625) to redesignate Washington National Airport as "Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport," which was referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed.

REPORT ON RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.J. RES. 107, CONCERNING ATTORNEYS' FEES, COSTS, AND SANCTIONS PAYABLE BY THE WHITE HOUSE HEALTH CARE TASK FORCE

Mr. GOSS, from the Committee on Rules, submitted a privileged report (Rept. No. 105–412) on the resolution (H. Res. 345) providing for consideration of the joint resolution (H.J. Res. 107) expressing the sense of the Congress that the award of attorney's fees, costs, and sanctions of $285,864.78 ordered by United States District Judge Royce C. Lamberth on December 18, 1997, should not be paid with taxpayer funds, which was referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed.

FURTHER TRIBUTE TO THE HONORABLE RONALD DELLUMS AND THE NAMING OF RONALD REAGAN WASHINGTON NATIONAL AIRPORT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 7, 1997, the gentleman from Texas (Mr. DELAY) is recognized for 60 minutes as the designee of the Majority Leader.

Mr. DELAY. Mr. Speaker, I came down to the floor to take a special order to talk about another Ronald; but I am going to take this opportunity to talk about this RONALD that I have come to respect, a gentleman that, when he was Chairman of the then Arms Services Committee, was one of the most giving, open, and stalwart, a real stalwart man when he was Chairman.

I was shocked this morning. I knew it was coming, but I was shocked this morning as I was sitting in that chair waiting for 1-minutes, and the Chair read the gentleman's resignation.

It came home that the gentleman from California (Mr. DELLUMS) is actually leaving this House. We are losing one of its finest Members, a Member that I have great respect for, because he always did his homework, was so articulate and eloquent on this floor.

He always got my attention when he stood up and took the microphone. He would stop every Member in their tracks to hear what he had to say, and there are very few Members that have served in this body that can claim the respect that both sides of the aisle had for the gentleman from California.

And the incredible reputation that the gentleman from California (Mr. DELLUMS) has brought to this House; he has elevated this House. He has elevated the distinction of this House by serving here, and this House will greatly miss him when he leaves.

Mr. Speaker, I am glad to yield to the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. KASICH).

Mr. KASICH. Mr. Speaker, let me just say that there really are not enough minutes here for me to speak, and I am going to have to visit my friend in his office, my great friend, Mr. DELLUMS.

He and I started hanging out together. That early day, I was very much alone, as you remember, RON, because a lot of Republicans could not figure out why you and I had become such great friends; and it is so amazing to see so many Republicans come to the floor and salute you.

The fact is that we relate to each other best when we can touch each other's hearts; and it really does not matter in the Congress of the United States if, at the end of the day, whether we think differently. What matters at the end of the day is, are we honest of heart and are we willing to put ourselves on the line for what we believe in. That is why people come here today and salute you, because you are pure of heart, and you do put your shoulder to the wheel to try to bring about change.

No one ever questions your sincerity or your dedication to your country. That is why I feel so strongly about you.

But it is not as a colleague, is it, RON, for you and me? RON DELLUMS came to my wedding; and he gave me an elephant, a crystal elephant, which was hard for him to begin with, not give me a crystal donkey, right? He gave me a crystal elephant.

He wrote a note to my wife and to me, and it said: Dear JOHN and Karen, no matter where I am and no matter where you are, you should know that I love you both.

That may be one of the most prized, maybe is the most prized gift that I have ever received from anybody in the House of Representatives. Because no matter where you are, my wife and I love you and yours, your family. You are going to leave here, but you are not going to be able to get away from me, and I am not going to be able to get away from you.

You are a very special man that has been able make all of us feel better about our work in the House of Representatives. But what I am most proud of is that I have made a lifelong friend who will stand with me and I with him no matter what the circumstances, no matter what the day. Whether the sun shall rise or whether the rain shall fall, we will be together for the rest of our lives.

God bless you and Godspeed, friend RON DELLUMS.

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Mr. DELAY. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman from Ohio.

I yield to the gentlewoman from Houston, Texas (Ms. JACKSON-LEE).

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas. I thank the gentleman from Texas (Mr. DELAY), and I thank my friend, the gentleman from California (Mr. CUNNINGHAM). I think in this time of personal acknowledgment, when we all have issues to discuss, I think we should let the American people realize that we are part of the human family. I have said to someone that I was going to come and hug the gentleman on the floor so that I might get some time to be able to share my thoughts. And I did not hug the gentleman from Texas (Mr. DELAY), but I appreciate him realizing how important it is for me to come and share some very personal moments.

RON, my dilemma and my frustration, my sadness is that I cannot say that I had 30 years or 10 years or even 5 years. But I think I have reminded you on a regular basis that I got by extension some of the kindness and the love and the brotherhood that you shared with our mentor and friend from Texas, Mickey Leland. It was through Mickey that the 18th Congressional District, the people of the 18th Congressional District got to claim RON DELLUMS.

I would say to you that I am sad that you are not my President, not my Secretary of Defense or my national security chairman, if you will, or advisor to the President. I would have liked that, though I respect all that you have done and what you chose to be.

Interestingly enough, we have words on paper, but I want to just say these words as I share briefly with you, this is your story. It is his story, the story is yours of what you have done for this Congress and for the American people. We could come here and humorously talk about the time that he came first to this body and first to the committee that you chaired and had to sit in one chair with another colleague of yours, Pat Schroeder. We can all laugh about that, but we can take the intensity of the time and how unique you were. But we can also take from that that you did not lay down the gauntlet, refusing to continue and persevere, and you wound up as the chairman of the Committee on National Security, now named, and as well you now pose in that committee with the most striking portrait that I think we will ever see and your humorous comments to the artist who said, do you want me to take this wrinkle out, this blemish out, this wrinkle out. And you said, absolutely not. It took me a long time to get all these warts and wrinkles and I want everybody to realize it. I am proud that you did that.

You have always been willing in debate to listen to the other fellow or the other lady. You have always been willing, though you have had an independent voice in time of crisis, and I came here during Bosnia, and you were eloquent in explaining to those who would be for or against what your position was, so I think that in this Congress we have been blessed, one by your power and your eloquence, your love. I have been blessed by brotherhood through Mickey. His family has been

blessed. His boys have been blessed because they know RON DELLUMS. And certainly I would say that you have taken the responsibility of chairmanship, and I respect the leadership role of our majority leader and our majority whip, in this instance the gentleman from Texas (TOM DELAY). They have to gather people together. You had the chairmanship. Therefore, you had to gather people together. But as the chairman, you wielded a lot of power.

I think the American people need to realize that you never impeded someone else from gaining, from expressing, from fighting and from being successful. That is key. Robert Frost said that the road less traveled by, and that has made all of the difference. I believe that you went the road less traveled by for the other road was so very crowded but an easy road to travel. You took it upon yourself to say, as the others go this way, I am going the road that may be the most difficult or the bridge or the mountain most difficult to climb.

As I close, so many of us always quote Dr. Martin Luther King. I have always said that he left us a legacy, whether we realize it or not, more than his actions during his life but it was his words. And we always quote the famous words that he offered about the content of one's character not being judged by the color of one's skin. I always believe that those words are easy to say. But it is really doing and acting upon those words, to really have character that others can watch and see and feel and touch and say, I like that guy. I like that lady. I like what they exude or what they stand for.

So I simply want to say that my frustration comes to a close. The words are not enough. They are not eloquent enough. They are not spiritual enough. They are not strong enough. I am leaving sort of not complete because I do not feel that I have captured your spirit of who you are. But I hope you know by my presence here this evening by a small measure you not only have my love and admiration and respect, but the people of the 18th Congressional District and the spirit of Mickey Leland watches you every day and wishes you the very best with your family, continuing to be strong.

I always tell my children, fly high where the eagles fly, fly high where you belong. God bless you, RON DELLUMS. God bless you and your family. The United States is blessed by your legacy and your story. God bless you.

With the announcement of his sudden retirement from the Congress last month, Representative RONALD V. DELLUMS, the esteemed Former Chairman of the House National Security Committee (previously called the House Armed Services Committee), began to write the final chapter of a brilliant legacy of public service spanning well over three decades, that simply can not go without recognition.

After a distinguished tour of service in the United States Marine Corps, Congressman DELLUMS began to prepare himself to pursue a career of helping others. Congressman DELLUMS was the first member of his family to attend college, and completed his studies with a Masters degree in Social Work from the University of California. The Congressman's chosen field was that of psychiatric social work before he realized his true calling was in the area of public interest.

While serving as a well-respected community activist in the Bay Area, Congressman DELLUMS was persuaded by friends that he could be an even greater good to the local community by serving on the Berkeley City Council. The Congressman consented to these requests, and was elected to the Berkeley City Council in 1966. After four years on the City Council, in 1970, Congressman DELLUMS challenged the incumbent of the Ninth Congressional District of California, and won. From this point on, I guess one could say that the "rest was history".

DELLUMS, upon his arrival in Washington in 1971, emerged as one of the most controversial figures on Capitol Hill. Always willing to be a balanced and independent voice in times of crisis, Congressman DELLUMS soon rose to national prominence as one of the most intelligent and articulate members of this Congress. Congressman DELLUMS was widely recognized as the kind of man that did not just give lipservice to his announced legislative priorities, but actually worked tirelessly to meet these objectives in order to better serve his constituency and the nation at large. There is only one word that can accurately describe a man like this, integrity.

Mr. DELLUMS, first as Chairman of the Acquisitions Subcommittee and then as the Full Committee Chairman, showed the kind of exemplary dignity befitting of the Chairman's gavel. Even though Congressman DELLUMS was always an advocate of lower military spending, he never used the power of the Chair as a means of impeding any opposing views held by his colleagues. DELLUMS used only his intellect and his vote as a way of expressing his views on pending legislation, and I am sure that this is how the framers of the Constitution envisioned a Congressional Representative would conducted his or herself.

I honestly can not think of a higher compliment to give to a lawmaker than to say that he consistently stood upon their convictions in the face of opposition with honor and dignity. RONALD V. DELLUMS, without exception, remained this kind of man of convictions, during his nearly thirty years of service in the United States Congress, and this must be applauded. Like Robert Frost said, Congressman DELLUMS took "the road less traveled by, and that has made all of the difference". In conclusion, I believe that few will disagree with me when I say, Congressman DELLUMS, it is unlikely that we will see your kind again any time soon, rest assured that your labors in this place will not be forgotten.

Mr. DELAY. I thank the gentlewoman from Texas.

Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from California (Mr. CUNNINGHAM), my dear friend.

Mr. CUNNINGHAM. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman from Texas for yielding to me. This is really special for me because quite often it is hard to say you are wrong. When I came to Congress, I did not respect RON DELLUMS. Coming out of the military, I had preconceived ideas, notions. As a matter of fact, I thought he was unfair at times, and we even came once, when there was an issue on the conference where they had 14 Members one year on conference, and I had winnowed my way to number 13, and then they cut it to 12. I came to the chairman and said, Mr. Chairman, you are unfair. It got pretty heated right back here in this back room. And both of us in the heat of the battle looked at each other both with tears in our eyes, and we ended up embracing each other, I would like to state for the record in a manly way, Mr. Speaker.

But since then I think over these past few years, I say quite a few years since I have been here, Ron and I have become good friends. And it does not mean that we do not differ on issues. I disagree vehemently with national security issues with my friend from California and come from a different perspective. But I want to tell you one thing, one of the hardest things that there is on this floor, and I think my colleagues would agree with, is when you are really dedicated in your heart trying to help something and someone accuses you, whether it is cutting education or cutting Medicare, and you are trying your best to do what you believe is right for this country, RON DELLUMS never did that. He always spoke to the issue. He never spoke through partisanship or anything. I think that is part of the reason, RON, that you were fair. I was wrong.

I think there is a Jewish proverb that I think that best exudes what the gentleman from California represents. It was taken from a movie called the Jazz Singer. He and I are old enough to remember Al Jolson. And then Neil Diamond later played in that movie. But it was about a father who had lost a son, not to death but to an argument. And the father wanted his son to be a cantor, and the son wanted to be a jazz singer. And there was so much conflict between them that the father ripped his coat in a Jewish fashion and disavowed that he had a son. I have two daughters. You can use this same proverb. But the proverb goes like this, the father calls to his son and says, son, come home. We have argued too long. And his son replies, father, I cannot. There is too much between us. And the father replies, son, come as far as you can, and I will come the rest of the way.

RON DELLUMS has always come the rest of the way. I think that is why most of us, even though we disagree a lot of times with politics, do I want you as President? No. Do I want you as Secretary of Defense? No. But I want you as my friend for life, and I want you to always know you are welcome

at my table in my home with my family. God bless you, RON.

Mr. DELAY. I thank the gentleman from California.

For other Members on the floor, I came down to the floor to give another kind of special order, so I have agreed to two more speakers, and then I will go to Mr. DELLUMS. Then I have to, because I am running out of time, go to my special order.

I yield to the gentleman from Missouri (Mr. SKELTON).

Mr. SKELTON. Mr. Speaker, I appreciate my friend from Texas allowing me to speak.

The tribute that we have witnessed this evening on the floor of the House of Representatives has never been equal. I took out an hour special order that was used. The gentleman from South Carolina (Mr. SPRATT) took out an hour which was used. We are very grateful to our friend from Texas for allowing us to have a few more words of tribute honoring RON DELLUMS.

This gentleman will be sorely missed. But I tell you, RON DELLUMS, that this tribute that we have participated in and witnessed this evening hopefully in days and years ahead will warm your heart to know of the friendship, the respect and the affection with which we hold you. We wish you the very, very best in the days to come.

Just the other day you received a distinguished service medal from the Secretary of Defense. He told a story about how Bishop Tutu was honored. And he spoke about how the words "thank you" sound so little but yet mean so much. So let me say to my friend, thank you.

Mr. DELAY. I thank the gentleman from Missouri.

I yield to the gentleman from California (Mr. LEWIS), the distinguished chairman of the Subcommittee on VA, HUD and Independent Agencies.

Mr. LEWIS of California. Mr. Speaker, I appreciate my colleague from Texas yielding to me. It indeed is a great honor for me in just a few moments sharing the thoughts that I shared personally on more than one occasion with and about my dear friend RON DELLUMS. It is one thing to talk about how you feel about public affairs. It is one thing to talk about how you feel about friends and family. But if you have spent much of your life in a thing called public affairs and serving people, it is impossible to begin to tell your colleagues and your friends just how much you would wish that your life could in a small part emulate that which has been my experience with RON DELLUMS.

I first heard about this fellow at a time when he certainly had no idea that I might be around. I was then a graduate intern in the San Francisco area, assigned as a part of that work to the East Bay Labor Council where I had the privilege to spend a good deal of time with a fellow by the name of Jeffrey Cohelan. When I really heard about RON DELLUMS was a few years after that when RON DELLUMS had the audacity to run against Congressman Cohelan in a primary and defeat that incumbent Member of the Democratic Party in the House.

RON DELLUMS, from the perspective that was a Republican perspective, was from the radical left. I mean, indeed, he was the heyday of the Berkeley days. And my perception of him was so different than one could get from afar by way of just that background and experience of mine. I mean, he beat a guy who had been good to me, and he was obviously one of these guys from the nutty left.

And then years after that, as I began to look at public affairs in a different kind of way, recognizing that very few of our problems are solved by partisan politics alone, recognizing that the importance of work in public affairs comes down to the quality of the people that we attract. It says on one of those buildings in California, bring me men to match my mountains. And in many a way, our people have a way of doing that regardless of the label.

RON DELLUMS is one of the great Americans to ever serve in the House of Representatives. I want to say that from the bottom of my heart, but I want to say much more than time will allow. So I will take this moment to tell RON that the time that we have spent together here on the floor, the time we have spent together, special time in other parts of this building, I have grown to have an affection for you that I can express about few others outside of my family, there are few that I care for more. RON DELLUMS is exactly the kind of person that gives me hope for the future of our society as well as the future of our government. If we can continue to attract people of this talent, of this ability to communicate verbally and otherwise, people who really care as he cares, then the country, the Republic and indeed much of the world, not only will be better for it but has a great future in reflecting upon his work.

□ 1745

RON, God bless you and your family, and to say the least, we will miss you. So farewell, my friend.

Mr. DELAY. Mr. Speaker, as usual, when we get on the floor, we have to yield to more Members, and I will yield to the other Californians that are here. But I warn anybody that may be on their way over to the floor, that in 5 minutes I am going to take my special order.

So I will yield to the gentleman from California, (Mr. FARR).

Mr. FARR of California. Well, Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman very much for yielding to me. I appreciate the fact that he is on the floor tonight to take special order time to talk about another great Californian, Ronald Reagan, and we are taking that time to talk about another great Ronald, RONALD DELLUMS, both from California, and I appreciated the gentleman's yielding.

I am here as a relatively new Member, only having served 5½ years in the House. But I think that the history of the 70s, the history of the 80s, the history of the 90s saw incredible change in our country. And this House, during all that period, probably spent more time discussing our national security, our national defense, the Vietnam War, Panama, and the Middle East. We had lots of problems.

Probably history will point out that the most talked about person of these eras, two-and-a-half decades, is going to be RON DELLUMS, because in the people's House, he was an unusual person. He represented people that had not been represented before in Congress. He spoke about unusual ideas, many of which were unpopular. And they became the position of our Nation. He just said them before anyone else.

He provided new leadership. Nobody of African-American descent had ever been chair of the Committee on Armed Services. And the fact he was taking that chair and had the opportunity to be there, he had life threats against him in this building as a Member of Congress.

So as a newer Member to the people's House and one who is interested in the history of this House, I think that RON DELLUMS' legacy will be something that will be talked about for decades to come. Our country will be proud of him, and is, but most importantly our grandchildren will know about RON DELLUMS.

You served us well. You will be remembered forever. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. Speaker, it is with both honor and sadness that I rise to pay tribute to one of our colleagues, and a fellow Californian, RON DELLUMS, who is retiring from Congress after nearly three decades of service in the House of Representatives.

RON has had a long and honorable career in public service, and his district knew him well long before he ran for Congress. He was involved in social work, economic development, and community politics for many years before being elected to the Berkeley City Council in 1967, a momentous time in Bay Area politics. Three years later, he ran for Congress for a seat which had been held for decades by the Republican Party. RON not only won the seat, he has kept it ever since, frequently winning by sizeable margins.

Needless to say, RON came to the House of Representatives in 1970 as one of the most progressive progressives. When he joined the Armed Services Committee, he was considered so extreme that he had to fight—literally—for a seat on the dias. Knowing his views were in the minority, RON nonetheless spoke out eloquently and repeatedly against

bloated and wasteful defense spending. His speeches on the subject stand among the very best ever delivered on the floor of the House: well-reasoned, intelligent, compelling, and eloquent.

As many will attest, one of RON's greatest talents is his ability to balance his strong, outspoken beliefs with a deep sense of fairness. I was honored to serve under his leadership when I served on the Committee on Armed Services; in fact, RON was my first Chairman when I came to Congress in 1993. As the most junior Member of the Committee, RON accorded me the upmost respect and assistance, for which I am deeply grateful. As Chairman, RON was always open, fair, and willing to listen to all arguments, whether he agreed or disagreed with them. His respect for the minority, acceptance of opposing views, and tremendous rhetorical skills are worthy of emulation by those in positions of leadership.

RON's long tenure attests to his effective service to his district. So beloved is RON that some of his constituents have actually become offended when someone dares challenge him in an election year. Indeed, RON's stature is such that he is known and admired by people throughout California. I know that some of my constituents were just as sad to hear of RON's retirement as those from his own district.

It has been a tremendous honor to serve in the House of Representatives with RON DELLUMS. The Bay Area, the State of California, and the U.S. House of Representatives will greatly miss his presence, and I wish him and his family the very best in the years ahead.

Mr. DELAY. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from California (Mr. ENGEL).

Mr. ENGEL. Well, it is actually the gentleman from New York.

Mr. DELAY. Mr. Speaker, I apologize to the gentleman.

Mr. ENGEL. Mr. Speaker, I want to thank the majority whip for yielding me this time, and it just shows that RON DELLUMS is appreciated all the way from California to New York, across the country and then back.

One of the nice things about serving in this body, and this is my 10th year in this body, is when you first come to Congress you meet people who are giants, you meet people you have read about, you meet people you have seen and that you really did not know. And the thought that you, as an elected Member of Congress, as a new Member, are a colleague of somebody whom you have heard about and read about and seen is really something to behold.

I felt that way when I first came to Congress, and I still feel that way with regard to RON DELLUMS. And I would never have forgiven myself if I had not come to the floor this evening to say just a few words in tribute to RON, because you can never say enough to really capture the whole image of the man.

I think of all the people I have served with in Congress, there is nobody kinder, there is nobody greater, there is nobody who cares more about this country. There is nobody who is a better friend than RON DELLUMS. We have broken bread many times together at lunch and had many, many great talks.

At first RON DELLUMS came to my attention when he was leading the protests against the Vietnam war. And a lot of us at that time felt as he did, but he seemed to capture everything and knew just exactly what to say. And in the course of the 10 years I have served with RON, I have never known anyone to have more integrity, more concern for this country, more love for this country, more love for the people with whom he served in the House of Representatives.

We are really going to miss RON. It's very nice, RON, to be able to hear people say all these nice things about you while you are still alive. It is really, really nice. But I think you can see from the heart both sides of the aisle, people who would call themselves liberals and conservatives and moderates and everything in between, are all saying the exact same things.

And at a time in Congress when many people do not agree with many other people, we all agree about one thing, and that is that RON DELLUMS is a class act. Thank you, my friend. I am going to miss you, and I hope you will keep in touch. But you have served this country well, you have served your friends well, and class act is really the word.

And I want to thank the majority whip for granting me the time.

Mr. DELAY. And, Mr. Speaker, once again I apologize to the gentleman from New York, but well said.

My last Speaker is the gentlewoman from California (Ms. WOOLSEY).

Ms. WOOLSEY. And, Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for letting us do this. I promise I would have been here earlier, but I was on an airplane coming from a very rainy, rainy California.

I tell RON this story because it made such an impact on me. RON DELLUMS came to my district and spoke in front of a group of my friends. He spoke outside and the birds stopped singing because they were listening to him. There was not a person listening that had a dry eye. Every single person in that group, and there was at least 100 some people, had a story that they remembered about RON DELLUMS and what he has done for this country. So then I had the fortune to come here and work with you, RON, and I am so privileged that that has been part of my growing up here as a very junior Member of this Congress.

And I appreciate you for daring all of us in this House of Representatives by giving us the challenges to go and do more than we thought we should do and could do. You dared us to not just settle for what is politically possible. You dared us and you inspired us to think beyond the day-to-day battles, to look at the big picture; to think about what we are doing and how it relates to our children, our families, our seniors, our communities. You did not ever have one small vision of what you were doing and talking about.

I, like those ahead of me, could go on and on, but I want to tell you, RON, that I have always thought of you as the dean of our delegation, of the Bay Area delegation, the California delegation; the person that has taught me the most about integrity. But what I am going to miss the most with your leaving us is that booming voice here on this House floor. I am going to miss that. I am going to miss your leadership and I will miss your message, but I will not forget it. Thank you for being my friend.

Mr. DELAY. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from California (Mr. DELLUMS) for a response.

Mr. DELLUMS. Mr. Speaker, I thank my distinguished colleague from Texas for his generosity, and in respect to the special order that the gentleman is calling, I shall be brief and I appreciate his gesture of generosity to my colleagues as well as to myself.

First, let me say in a humorous spirit, to capture the notion of my colleague from New York, it is kind of like a funeral, but the marvelous thing is I am still alive to hear it and to walk away, and so that is good. Hopefully, at some point before my service has ended on Friday the 6th, I will have some opportunity to take the well and to speak to all of my colleagues about what for me has been an extraordinary journey of 31 years across four decades in public life, 27 years of them here.

Suffice to say at this moment that I want to thank the gentleman from Missouri (Mr. IKE SKELTON) for setting up this special order and to all of my colleagues who took the time to participate. My heart is full at this moment. My heart soars like an eagle at this moment. And in the course of these few hours, I have felt every emotion from laughter and joy to tears and sadness.

Just suffice at this moment to say that I never came here to become a celebrity. I never came here to become a big personality. I am just a guy from the Bay Area who came here to try to do a job. I have been extremely honored to serve in the Congress of the United States. Late night talk show host jokes about politicians notwithstanding, it is indeed an honor to have gotten up every single day to march to the floor of the United States Congress with life and death in my hands, along with 434 other colleagues, to try to shape the course of history in this country and throughout the world. It has been an extraordinary honor.

Later, hopefully, I will be able to say more, but I leave without cynicism. The day that I take the plane out of Washington for the last time, know that I go with my optimism and my idealism intact and that I will miss all

of you here, friends and foes alike, supporters and adversaries alike.

We have become a family. You are part of my consciousness. Those of you I had to challenge, stay up to 3 and 4 and 5 in the morning to try to be sharp enough to debate you because I figured you would be up to 3 and 4 getting ready for me, hopefully, we made each other better people. I am a better person for having served here.

Thank you very much for an evening that I will remember. It has been a most stunning and extraordinary and amazing evening. I am full by the evening and I am humbled by the evening. I thank you for your generosity, and I yield back to the gentleman.

Mr. DELAY. Mr. Speaker, I can only say that it is indeed a tribute to have as many Members come down to this floor. It shows you what kind of man the gentleman is. He is a great American, as the gentleman from California says, and the House will remember him and revere him and he will go down in history and young people will read about him. So we say farewell, but we always want him to come back.

I also rise to pay tribute to another Californian, another Ron, one of the greatest Presidents of this century, Ronald Wilson Reagan.

Now, later this week the House will take up a bill that will name the National Airport after Ronald Reagan. This legislation will be a fitting tribute to the greatness of Ronald Reagan. It will signify the soaring spirit of this man who did so much to lift the spirits of the American people.

Now, some people, especially my colleagues who occupy the far left of the political spectrum, disagree with this legislation. They say that we should not name the National Airport after Reagan because of his actions with the air traffic controllers. Well, let me just set the record straight. By breaking the PATCO union, Ronald Reagan struck a blow for the American people and for the American taxpayer.

Let me quote President Reagan. "I believe in the collective bargaining in the private sector. I do not believe in it for the public sector because I do not believe that public employees can be allowed to strike. Public employees are striking against the people, and the people are the highest sources of power, other than the Lord himself, that the government has."

Ronald Reagan set a very important precedent when he battled against that union. He established that no special interest could hold hostage the whole of the American people. Some Democrats may not appreciate that principle. After all, the Democrats are the party of the special interests.

Ronald Reagan was a President of principle. That is why the American people still love him so much. That is why we will celebrate his birthday this week. They knew where he stood on any issue. They knew he believed in the American spirit and that he lived the American dream. Born in a small town in Illinois, Ronald Reagan came not from a background of wealth or privilege. He worked his way up from tough circumstance to become the President of the United States, a President we could all believe in.

It was Reagan who said, "Don't let anyone tell you that America's best days are behind her; that the American spirit has been vanquished. We have seen it triumph too often in our lives to stop believing in it now." Today, we need a President who stands for the best that America has to offer. Ronald Reagan was that kind of President. We still feel the impact of the vision of Ronald Reagan: It is a vision of hope, a vision of opportunity, a vision of faith and a vision of freedom.

It was Ronald Reagan who said that the government was too big and it spends too much. It was Ronald Reagan who said the answer to government that is too big is to stop feeding its growth. It was Ronald Reagan who said raising taxes will not balance the budget, it will only encourage more government spending and less private investment; raising taxes will slow economic growth, reduce production and destroy future jobs, making it more difficult for those without jobs to find them and more likely that those who now have jobs can keep them.

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It was Ronald Reagan who campaigned so effectively for a line item veto, something that my colleague, the gentleman from New York (Mr. SOLOMON), worked so hard to get signed into law. It was Ronald Reagan's wife, Nancy, who led the fight against illegal drug use. Her campaign that urged children to "just say no" inspired the American people to take responsibility for their actions. It also inspired a 67-percent drop in illegal drug use. Now that is the kind of moral leadership that we need. It is leadership based on the principles of freedom and personal responsibility.

Today we are working on an agenda that is inspired by the Reagan vision for America, and this agenda has four pillars: First, we want to make the Government smaller and smarter so that it takes up no more than 25 percent of the average family's income. Americans are overtaxed, overregulated and overgoverned. It is not right that most people spend half the year working for the Government.

Mr. Speaker, I just challenge the American people who, during this week, look at today and tomorrow. Today, the American people are still working for the Government. Tomorrow, it will not be until after lunch that they start working for themselves this week. Over 50 percent of the American family's income goes to the Government.

If we add up local, State, and Federal taxes and the cost of regulation, 50 cents out of every hard-earned dollar goes to the Government. No wonder it takes one parent to work for the Government, while it takes another parent to work for the family today.

Washington confiscates too many of the hard-earned dollars, spends too much; it wastes too much and has too much power and authority over our lives. This was true when Ronald Reagan was president, and it is still true today. The only way to return power and authority from Washington back to the people is to limit the amount of money politicians get their hands on in the first place.

Look at what is happening to the Clinton budget that was introduced just yesterday. All of a sudden, the President and the politicians have found what they think are surpluses in our budget. Because of a good, sound, fiscal policy, we actually may balance the budget and surpluses may flow. And what is their first reaction is to raise the size of government, start taxing and spending again.

Think about it. Just think about it. The less that we send to Washington, the less Washington can waste. Hard-working Americans deserve a break today, and we are committed to keeping more of their money in their pockets and less in Washington.

Our focus in 1998 will be to increase family income by cutting taxes and making Government more accountable for the way it spends the people's money.

But tax relief is only the first step. The only way to ensure limited government and individual freedom is to eliminate the IRS as we know it today. We believe it is morally wrong for a free people to live in fear of any government agency. We believe it is morally wrong for citizens in a democracy to be assumed guilty until proven innocent.

Yet even IRS reform is not enough. The real problem lies with the Tax Code itself. It is too long, it is too complicated, and it is simply unfair. It makes lawyers and accountants rich and the rest of us poor. It punishes achievement and discourages hard work and savings and innovation.

Mr. Speaker, let us replace the Tax Code with a new system that is fair, consistent, easy to understand, easy to comply with, and less coercive and intrusive. We need a Tax Code that encourages savings and investment. Most importantly, we need a Tax Code that confiscates less for Washington and keeps more in the people's pockets. Now, that is a Ronald Reagan vision.

A second pillar of our agenda is education. A philosopher once said that "only the educated are truly free." Our schools have to improve if we are going

to protect our freedom. Nothing is more important than the education of our young people.

I have struggled with this issue. Because, while I believe that education should be a top priority for the American people, I also believe that this priority is best accomplished at the local and the State level. But I do believe that the Federal Government can play a role and that role should be in promoting greater freedom and greater choices for the parents of our children.

Our education plan proposes fundamental change. Official Washington now has 760 education programs and 39 different bureaucracies, spending over $100 billion a year. It is mind boggling. That does not make any sense. It does not make any sense for Washington to tax the people's community and then graciously give back the money with all kinds of strings attached.

We want to cut those strings. We want to remove outdated rules and restrictions that are holding back our schools from the future. Even the best teachers cannot get results when their school is a dangerous, violent place.

We hope the President will stop his opposition to our proposal to give freedom of choice to low-income families in Washington, D.C. These families have children who are stuck at dead-end, drug-infested schools. We want those families to have the same option exercised by all of us, including the President and the Vice President, the option to choose the kind of education that best meets the needs of their own children. Republicans believe that American education should be the best in the world.

The third pillar of our agenda is the war on drugs and crime. When a mother sends her son off to a foreign war, she worries ceaselessly about his safety. Yet every day, every day, millions of mothers put their children on the school bus and send them off into a domestic war zone. Ronald Reagan understood the plague of drugs and he stood firmly against illegal drug use. He was a role model for the American people.

The leadership from the White House today is less clear, and that explains our current problems. Teen drug abuse has reached epidemic proportions, and there are no safe havens from this insidious modern plague. Overall, teenage drug use has nearly doubled in the 1990s; and, perhaps most frightening of all, nearly half of all 17-year-olds say that they can buy marijuana within an hour.

The scourge of drugs and horrible violent crimes are reminders that a good economy is not everything. We have to guard against America becoming rich in things but poor in spirit, and that starts at the top with our police and our elected leaders of this country.

Too often I think Government's well-intentioned programs have backfired, have led to dependency and illegitimacy and despair in the area of welfare, for example. We have some solutions to this problem.

First, if we wish to solve the drug crisis, we have to start with the family and the school and in our churches and synagogues. Teens with families that eat together and play together and pray together are the ones that are least likely to try drugs. If the battle against drug abuse is waged at home, the war is half won. Ronald Reagan understood that fact, and his lovely wife Nancy's campaign to "just say no" was effective. We need that kind of moral leadership in the White House today.

Second, parents must demand that their schools be made drug-free. We need to empower teachers so that they can kick drug dealers out of their schools. We have to demand accountability and zero tolerance by principals for any drug use on school grounds; and if those principals do not adhere to zero tolerance, we need to get rid of those principals and replace them with ones that will.

Third, the Federal Government has an important role. We must do a better job in defending our borders, our national borders, from drug dealers. We have to be more diligent in our policing and arresting and prosecution of anyone who sells this poison.

Next, we need to get as tough on these people as they are on us, ending parole for violent offenders, increasing prison capacity, mandatory penalties for crimes committed with a gun, cracking down on juvenile criminals, and making the death penalty a very real threat. If we are truly committed to protecting the innocent, we must do more to punish the guilty.

Finally, we have to set examples for our children. For those who say that sin is not important, that morals are not important, that setting examples are not important, I say no wonder we cannot win this war.

The fourth pillar of our agenda for the future is also a part of the Reagan legacy. Ronald Reagan signed the law that saved Social Security for the next generation. Now we have to take steps today to save and strengthen Social Security for the next century. Today, more young people believe in UFOs than believe that they will ever see a Social Security check; and we have to make this system one that all Americans can believe in.

President Clinton's proposal to hold on to any surplus until we reform Social Security is just flat wrong. In fact, it does not even make any sense. I believe that this is just a sneaky way for the Government to keep more of the taxpayers' money. But we need to fix Social Security. Ultimately, it comes down to the question of control. Who should make these key decisions about the people's retirement? The people or the Federal Government?

Now, we believe that the American people need to play a more active role in designing a retirement system that they can control, and I think we can design a better system that all Americans will believe in. A national commission or a national debate with the active participation of the American people will help us design such a system. Such a debate would be a further reflection of the Reagan legacy.

According to press accounts, Bill Clinton is worried about his legacy once he leaves office. The legacy that a president leaves is not just the legislation he signs, not the programs that he proposes or even the speeches he makes. The legacy is also the vision he promotes for a better America.

President Reagan saw the brighter side of an American dream. He saw a land of boundless opportunity and a people of boundless energy. He saw an America that served as a shining city on the hill, an America that served as a beacon of light for the rest of the world. He believed that a government that preserved freedom was a limited government that knew its role in society. He believed that freedom, coupled with personal responsibility, created wealth and fostered happiness. He knew that the world was a dangerous place and that an America was a force for good in making it a less dangerous place. He also knew that the position of the president of the United States was not only a job but also a symbol of freedom to people across the world.

Reagan also knew that, as president, he did serve as a role model for the Nation's youth; and he did his best to bring dignity to the office and to the Nation. I knew Ronald Reagan. I served under Ronald Reagan. Ronald Reagan was a friend of mine.

President Clinton, you are no Ronald Reagan. Ronald Reagan had his enemies, but even his enemies respected his vision of America. They had no choice.

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I wanted to wish President Reagan a happy birthday, and I am sure that the current fight to name the National Airport in his honor bewilders him and Nancy. It bewilders me. But we should not let this partisanship get the best of us. We should adopt Ronald Reagan's good humor and push forward on this legislation. It will be the best thing we can do for the image of this city and the image of our capital.

Mr. COX of California. I wonder if the gentleman would yield.

Mr. DELAY. I would love to yield to the gentleman that worked for Ronald Reagan in the White House, the gentleman from California and the Chairman of the Policy Committee, Mr. COX.

Mr. COX of California. I thank the whip, and I thank him especially for his inspiring remarks about an inspired man, a hero of mine and his and so many Americans.

What happened during the 20th century, which really spans Ronald Reagan's lifetime, was nothing less than the rise of totalitarianism as a model of the state and its defeat in the great war, World War II, that our folks, some of us here in Congress, fought in, and its defeat subsequently in the Presidency of Ronald Reagan, when he led the victory of the West in the Cold War, and he led the intellectual victory that results now in Democrats and Republicans agreeing on the central point that free enterprise, not a state-run economy, is the model for America and the whole world and for the creation of jobs and opportunities for people everywhere.

In that sense, Ronald Reagan, while he was a Republican by registration at the end of his life and a Democrat to campaign for FDR and Harry Truman earlier in his career, was really a person who transcended partisan politics. He had Democrats and Republicans voting with him every single time he did one of the great things for which we remember him. Of course, that was the good Democrats and the good Republicans who always were siding on the majority with Ronald Reagan. But it took those Boll Weevil Democrats to join with the Republicans in the House to bring us those incredible tax cuts.

I remember when President Reagan spoke when I was a freshman here in Congress, having worked for him in the White House, he spoke to us towards the end of his term, in January, but he did not stand at your lectern, he stood at the one on the other side, which is, of course, where the Democrats address the House, not Republicans.

Halfway through his remarks, some of us, since he was speaking only to the Republican Conference, I am sure you remember it, some of us thought he just made a mistake and didn't understand how the House worked and showed up on the wrong side of the aisle. But halfway through the remarks he crossed over to the lectern you are speaking at right now, and he said, I am crossing the aisle right now to talk to you because that is what I did midway through my adult lifetime: I changed parties, and, as he was always so fond of saying, I didn't leave the Democratic Party, some of the people in the Democratic Party left me.

Nowhere was that more true than in the area of foreign policy and national security, because while Ronald Reagan was winning the Cold War in Europe, bringing about ultimately the collapse of the whole Soviet empire and the freedom of what we then referred to as the captive nations of central Europe and the Baltics and so on, he also was fighting for democracy right here in our hemisphere, nowhere more forthrightly than in Central America.

I remember what was at stake at that time. I remember that the Sandinistas, the Communists, with the aid of Soviet troops, Soviet military spending, Soviet advisors, Bulgaria and East German advisors, were building a very expansionist Communist state that threatened the new democracies of Central America in the 1980s. Not only Ronald Reagan but many in Congress felt very, very strongly this had to be stopped and contained. The Sandinista Communist Government of Nicaragua, which had come to power by force, told all the workers who they were supposed to be liberating that the right to strike was now abolished; it would be illegal to go on strike, because this was, after all, a Communist government and they didn't allow such things.

They shut down La Prensa, the main newspaper, that had been such a wonderful outlet for the views of competing political interests in Nicaragua, and they assassinated the editor of La Prensa. The editor's widow, Violeta Chamorro, quit the revolutionary government of Nicaragua to fight for democracy and to talk about democracy, to the extent that the government would let her, in the pages of La Prensa.

Well, in this climate, the President sought humanitarian and military aid to the people who were fighting to get democracy back in Nicaragua, and the United States Senate went along with him. He asked, because everything hinged on the vote here in the House of Representatives, to come and stand where President Clinton just stood the other night, to address us about the importance to the whole world, and certainly to the cause of democracy, of winning this battle and of sending that aid to the freedom fighters in Nicaragua.

But the Speaker of the House turned him down. So I got a request from Don Regan, then the Chief of Staff, to answer this legal question, if you will: Can the Speaker of the House, Jim Wright, turn down the President of the United States when he asks to come and address the body? Has this ever been done before in American history? Is there precedent for it, and can he get away with it?

Well, it turned out as a matter of tact, judgment and political comity, it was a huge mistake, but as a matter of law, yes, the Speaker of the House had the right to bar the President from coming to address the Nation and the Congress, which he did.

President Reagan was not a lawyer, so while I was disappointed to have to give him that legal answer, what he said in reply, very quickly, was, "They have TV's up there on Capitol Hill in their offices, don't they?" Of course, you know what happened. The President went on national television and addressed the country and, incidentally, all the Members of the Congress in their offices, and as a result of the speech that the President made explaining his case, laying it out, just as Harry Truman did, he pointed out in that speech when he was seeking aid to stop communism in Europe after the war, he won.

Here in the Democratically-controlled House of Representatives, where the Speaker of the House prevented the President from speaking and making that pitch, the vote was 221 to 209 for the Edwards-Skelton-Ray-Chandler amendment to the MILCON bill, the military construction appropriations bill, and we provided $100 million in humanitarian and military aid, which the Senate had already agreed to, to the freedom fighters in Nicaragua.

Of course, Violeta Chamorro became the democratically-elected President of Nicaragua, and Nicaragua, along with Guatemala, Honduras and the rest of the nations enjoying democracy in Central America, became part of this late 20th-century tide against statism, against communism, for free enterprise, for democracy, for individual rights, for the right to strike, for free press, for all of the things that communism was against.

So, when I think of that story, I think not only of what Ronald Reagan accomplished, but what it tells us about who he was. He was not a creature of Washington. He was much closer to the American people than he ever was to politicians on Capitol Hill. Even those of us who are now in Congress who so strongly support and agree with everything Ronald Reagan did understand the reason we love him is because he is just like we are when we are at home with our constituents, not like all the back room wheeling and dealing that we see here on Capitol Hill.

He is a remarkable figure, and I considered it an honor to have worked for him. I am delighted that very shortly in honor of his birthday we will be naming, in bipartisan fashion, I am quite sure, just like everything Ronald Reagan ever accomplished, we will be naming the National Airport in bipartisan fashion, the National Airport, the Ronald Reagan National Airport. It is a small thing to do in honor of a very, very great man.

Mr. DELAY. I thank the gentleman from California. His words are like a paintbrush, painting who the real Ronald Reagan was. Many of us that serve in this House serve in this House because of his inspiration, and getting us involved in politics and dragging us out of the private sector, and making us stand up, as he did, for freedom and personal responsibility. I appreciate the gentleman for coming down and helping me with this special order.

DEVELOPMENTS IN ARMENIA

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. ROGAN). Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 7, 1997, the

gentleman from New Jersey (Mr. PALLONE) is recognized for 10 minutes.

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to speak to my colleagues and the Armenian people, as well as the American people, about the situation in the Republics of Armenia and the Nagorno Karabagh.

I had actually planned to come to the floor of the House to discuss my trip to the region of Armenia during the January break and the peace process in Nagorno Karabagh and the American role in that process, and I hope to do that during this time. But events today in Armenia require that I first provide an update on important developments in the past few hours.

Earlier today, Armenia's power, Mr. Levon Ter-Petrosyan submitted his resignation. According to wire service reports, barely five hours ago, President Ter-Petrosyan announced, "That I have faced demands to resign. Considering that in this situation exercising the President's constitutional powers may cause a serious destabilization of the situation, I accept this demand and announce my resignation."

Given president Ter-Petrosyan's academic background, it is not surprising his resignation speech, broadcast on Armenian television, adopted a philosophical tone. But I believe he reflected the broad pro-democracy consensus of his country when he stated, "I call on you to display restraint, keep the order in the country, and run legal, civilized elections of the new president. That will be a manifestation of the maturity of the state we have formed for the last eight years, and a deposit of maintaining the image abroad. I wish the new president success for the good and welfare of the Armenian people. I am very grateful to you for your trust and support. If I did something good, I do not expect any gratitude. I ask your indulgence for all my errors and the things that I did not do."

While details about the political situation are still emerging, it is my understanding that a new election will be held within 40 days. What we can say at this early hour is this: Today's developments prove that Armenia has firmly established itself as a functioning democracy, where the rule of law is observed and obeyed.

In the midst of political turmoil, president Ter-Petrosyan's decision to step down was done in a peaceful way, in the spirit of a civil government with a clear constitutional framework. In many other emerging Democrats, such a political crisis may well have led to violence and instability.

Considering the potentially volatile nature of the situation with Nagorno Karabagh and the ongoing threat of aggression from the neighboring Republic of Azerbaijan, today's developments demonstrate the impressive maturity that the Armenian democratic political system has already achieved in little more than half a decade.

Mr. Speaker, President Ter-Petrosyan has served as President of Armenia since the country first gained its independence when the Soviet Union collapsed in 1991. Indeed, he was one of the most important leaders in the struggle by the Armenian people to achieve their independence from Moscow.

He also was instrumental in one of the galvanizing issues for the Armenian for the Armenian nation, the independence of Nagorno Karabagh, known to the Armenians as Artsakh, the Armenian ethnic enclave which Stalin's map-makers gave to Azerbaijan, but which is historically Armenian territory.

Born in Syria, Mr. Ter-Petrosyan moved to Yerevan, the Armenian capital, as a one-year-old in 1946. He spent much of his life as an academic, writing six books on Armenian history, and was arrested by the Soviet authorities in 1966 for his involvement in the dissident movement. He first came to power in 1991 and was reelected in 1996.

I had the privilege, Mr. Speaker, of meeting with President Ter-Petrosyan on several occasions, both here in Washington and on my two visits to Armenia.

President Ter-Petrosyan first came to this building, the U.S. Capitol, in 1990, when Armenia was still theoretically part of the Soviet Union, at least in the minds of the communist leaders in Moscow. But it was clear at that time that we were in the presence of one of the new generation of post-Soviet leaders, people who until recently have been outsiders, marginalized, even imprisoned, but were now prepared to assume the burdens of leadership in a new era of democracy, market economies and respect for human rights.

This quiet and serious scholar impressed many of us with his sincere dedication to the pursuit of truth and his obvious love for his country and people. I believe it was Senator KENNEDY who at that time described him as the George Washington of Armenia.

Whatever the outcome of the current political situation, several things should be clear: First, Armenia is a stable, constitutional democracy, and the transition of power is being handled and will continued to be handled in an orderly and peaceful way.

Second, President Levon Ter-Petrosyan will, I believe, in the long run, earn the respect of supporters and opponents alike for leading his country through the often very difficult and confusing early years of democracy emerging from decades of dictatorship and foreign domination.

His country has stayed on the democratic path, despite the stress and economic hardships brought about by the illegal blockades brought about by the illegal blockades maintained by Armenia's neighbors, Azerbaijan and Turkey.

During my visit to the region last month, it was apparent that differences on how to address this situation of Nagorno Karabagh were causing deep divisions among the various political factions within Armenia.

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Yet despite the differences over strategy, the basic goal is clear: The Armenians of Karabagh fought off aggression to protect their homeland. All Armenians, in Karabagh and the Republic of Armenia and Armenian Americans, will not stand idly by to watch the people of Karabagh lose their hard-fought independence. They will not accept any settlement that compromises the security and self-determination of Karabagh.

Which brings me, Mr. Speaker, to the issue that I had planned to talk about before today's dramatic political developments happened. On both of my visits to Nagorno Karabagh, I had the privilege of addressing the Karabagh Parliament, and I believe I am the only Member of Congress to do so, although I know several of my colleagues in this body have visited Karabagh. I met with the various civilian and military leaders of Karabagh. On my recent trip, I had the opportunity to go to the front lines in the tense standoff between the Karabagh and Azerbaijani forces.

The conflict has become a diplomatic priority for the United States. A special U.S. negotiator for the region has been appointed, and the United States is a cochair, along with France and Russia, of the so-called Minsk Group, the Conference of the OSCE, commonly known as the Helsinki Commission, charged with resolving the Karabagh conflict.

Mr. Speaker, I am sorry to say, I am not pleased with the way these negotiations are going, and I believe that our own U.S. foreign policy is pushing Armenia and Karabagh into accepting proposals that are unacceptable. My primary concerns have always been to promote a lasting peace, guarantee the right of self-determination and maintain a long-term U.S. engagement with all the nations of the Caucasus region. I have been particularly concerned that the Minsk Group process does not result in a settlement being imposed upon the people of Karabagh.

In light of my second visit to the region, in which I had the opportunity to inspect frontline areas, as well as to meet the civilian and military officials in Stepanakert, it is now clear to me that the top priority of the negotiations must be better enforcement of the cease-fire. This point was brought home to me in a very powerful way during a front-lines tour when the military officials I was traveling with were fired upon by Azeri forces. The members of my party indicated to me that the incident was fairly commonplace.

It is abundantly evident that the cease-fire is shaky, at best. I believe the Minsk Group negotiations must address the following objectives: Establish a separation of the Karabagh and Azeri forces by at least 1 kilometer; and, that an international observer force be put in place to monitor the separation of the parties.

The peace process should also set as a priority direct negotiations without preconditions between all sides. As is abundantly clear to anyone who has visited or simply read about this conflict, it pits forces from Karabagh against force from Azerbaijan. While the good offices of the United States, France and Russia can be helpful in facilitating the negotiations, only direct talks between the two warring parties will finally resolve the conflict and establish the confidence-building measures that will help build a lasting peace.

Finally, Mr. Speaker, the issue of security guarantees for the people of Karabagh must be addressed. It is my opinion that a phased approach for withdrawal from certain territories while leaving the crucial issues of status unresolved, as the Minsk Group and including the United States has proposed, will continue to cause the Karabagh Armenians to feel insecure. The people of Karabagh are not about to negotiate the very factors that enhance their bargaining positions, the occupied areas, without ironclad provisions governing their status and a clearly stated mandate for safeguarding the security of a future status arrangement. Direct negotiations between the parties would improve the chances of achieving an agreement that leaves the people of Karabagh with a sense that their security needs will be addressed.

Mr. Speaker, as the cochairman of the Congressional Caucus on Armenian Issues, I have been pleased to work with colleagues from both sides of the aisle to help the people of Armenia and Karabagh. Late last year, just before adjournment, members of the Appropriations Subcommittee on Foreign Operations succeeded in approving for the first time direct U.S. humanitarian aid to Karabagh. I am concerned, however, that not all of the relatively modest amount of $12.5 million will even get to the people in Karabagh who need assistance and I will continue to monitor closely the provisions of said aid to Karabagh as I am sure will many of my colleagues, including the Speaker, who is here this evening.

As of yesterday, we are beginning the fiscal year 1999 budget process, and I am sure that the pro-Armenia forces of this Congress will again work together to show our support for the people of Armenia and Karabagh, and we will continue to urge our State Department to pursue policies in the Caucasus region that will promote peace and stability, while recognizing the precious value of self-determination for the people of Karabagh.

I just want to say once again, Mr. Speaker, that this evening we heard about the President's resignation. It is a momentous occasion, but it was done with an incredible amount of dignity and respect for the democratic process, and I think it bodes very well for the future of Armenia, as well as relations between Armenia and our country.

CENSUS 2000

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 7, 1997, the gentleman from Florida (Mr. MILLER) is recognized for 60.

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, tonight I want to introduce myself to the American people and to all the stakeholders in the 2000 decennial census. My name is DAN MILLER and I represent the 13th Congressional District in Florida. I am the new chairman of the Subcommittee on the Census. The task of our subcommittee is to work with and to oversee the Census Bureau to ensure that we have a successful 2000 census.

For many Americans listening tonight, the 2000 census may not seem like the most interesting subject. I know it is tough to get excited about how to count people. We do, after all, count sheep in our head to try to fall asleep. But the census is important, and it has real impact on us and our government.

Why do we take a census every 10 years? For two reasons. Let me repeat that, for two reasons. First, we take the census to apportion the Representatives, and the House Representatives among the 50 States. As the population grows and shifts between States, the numbers of Members each State elects to represent it in this House may increase or decrease.

The second reason is to redraw the district boundaries of congressional and legislative districts to equalize those districts' populations. That is done so each Member represents the same number of people.

This must be done for congressional, State legislative, county and even city council districts. This is necessary to preserve the historic gains of our civil rights laws and guarantee one person, one vote. The census is the underpinning of our entire Federal, State and local government systems.

There is a lot of other important data that we receive from the census, like how many people in homes, our ethnic heritages, how many of us are married, how many people have dependent children, et cetera. But these issues are secondary. We must do a fair, honest and accurate census every 10 years so every American can be represented and have a voice in their government.

The House of Representatives, as the voice of the American people, therefore is the preeminent Federal stakeholder in the census. The Senate does not need a census to exist. The executive branch does not need a census to exist, the judicial branch does not need a census to exist, but the House of Representatives literally needs a census conducted every 10 years to exist as a constitutional body. The legitimacy of the House of Representatives and the American system of democracy rests on a successful census.

So let me say what should be obvious. The House of Representatives must have a huge say in the planning, preparation, and implementation of the 2000 census. It would seem crazy if the executive branch would ever consider moving forward with a plan which the majority of the House of Representatives does not support. The President has preeminence in conducting foreign policy, but the Constitution clearly gives this Congress the lead in conducting the census. But crazy as it sounds, the Census Bureau has unilaterally decided to try a radical new approach to conducting the census. They know Congress disapproves, but they still plan to carry out this untested, risky method that in all likelihood will not even work. The Clinton administration has known for at least three years now, since they released the outlines of their unprecedented plan, that many Members of the House have serious reservations. Chairman Clinger made it quite clear in 1996 in a report from the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight. The report stated, "The committee is seriously concerned" about the Bureau's plan. Chairman Clinger added that the committee was concerned that the Bureau's new method "may undermine public confidence in the decennial census and reduce public participation." Chairman Clinger concluded with this serious concern: "It appears that the fundamental constitutional purpose for the decennial census, which is to apportion the House of Representatives, has been deemphasized." In other words, the Census Bureau seems to have forgotten what the census is all about.

The Census Bureau's own Inspector General took the Census Bureau to task last fall for poor relations with Congress. The Inspector General stated in clear terms, "The Bureau needs to increase its credibility with Congress."

Just last November, a clear congressional majority passed the funding bill for the Commerce Department, and in that legislation the House and Senate made clear its position. We believe that the Census Bureau's plan, let me quote from the legislation, "poses the risk of inaccurate, invalid and unconstitutional census."

I would think that statement alone, which was included in the legislation

signed by the President, would send a strong signal to the Census Bureau that their new plan does not have enough political support for it to move forward. Yet, they do not seem to get the message.

Some say Congress has delegated its authority to the employees at the Census Bureau to conduct the census any way they choose. On the other hand, a great number of respected legal minds believe the Clinton plan is unconstitutional. That is an open question of both constitutional and statutory law. The House of Representatives will soon be filing suit as agreed to by the majority in Congress last year, to prevent the unlawful use of the polling techniques at the heart of the Bureau's unprecedented plan. Hopefully, the court will resolve these issues. But no matter what they decide, the administration is wrong to try and ram down some new plan without political consensus.

I am not a lawyer, so I will not try to make a complex legal argument tonight. I am, however, a Member of the House of Representatives, so I will make a civic argument. It is beyond comprehension that the Clinton administration would move forward if it is so clear that the House of Representatives disapproves. We are going to file suit to stop their plan. That should give the administration a pretty strong signal that we do not like what they are doing. It is simply bad government for the Census Bureau to unilaterally push ahead on something that the House does not approve and the American people know very little about.

Again, the legitimacy of the House is at stake, and with it, the confidence of the American people and their system of representative democracy. Our opinion, whether the Census Bureau agrees with it or not, must carry great weight. I think it is worth pointing out that the House, like most people, do not have a radical, impractical idea of how we should conduct the census. Common sense says we simply need to count everybody. The majority of Members simply want the Bureau to use the basic method we have always used in this country. We want to make some common sense improvements and spend enough money to make sure we count all Americans, but we are not trying to push an unprecedented, untested method on the Bureau, nor are we advocating an approach that will not work.

In fact, it is the administration that has the unprecedented and highly complex idea of how to conduct the census. They have unilaterally decided to abandon the method we have used in this country for 200 years because they have a new academic theory. If the Clinton administration believes they have a better method, they should present the plan to Congress and get our approval, but the simple fact that they want to try an untested, unprecedented method, the burden of proof is on them. The burden of receiving explicit congressional approval is on them. The burden of convincing the American people to pay for this extravagant experiment is on them.

The House has wisely formed a subcommittee to conduct oversight on the census, and I am honored to serve as its chairman and we will have a very successful committee. I believe the Census Bureau wants to work with us, but at the moment they do not have a leader. Martha Riche, the Director for the past several years, left office last week. This is a difficult time to lose a census director. The Commerce Inspector General and the General Accounting Office have made clear that the census is not in great shape at this moment. In a few months, they will be conducting some important dress rehearsals in Sacramento, California, and Charleston, South Carolina and in South Dakota. Simultaneously, they must continue ramping up for the 2000 census. The Bureau is in dire need of leadership and organization, and they need a director as soon as possible.

I want to make my position clear about the qualifications needed for the next census director. First, Mr. President, do not play political games with the legitimacy of the House of Representatives. Do not send up a political spokesperson who is not committed to faithfully carrying out the intent of the law. I have said I have no litmus test, but, Mr. President, you better not have a litmus test either. Your nominee must be prepared to plan and carry out a full enumeration, because that is the will of the majority of this Congress.

Article I of our Constitution requires Congress to conduct the decennial census to apportion Representatives among the States. We take it very seriously. I believe, therefore, that it would be wise to consult the House extensively before we nominate a new census director. We cannot risk the people's confidence in the 2000 census. The next census director must not be a political lightning rod for untried ideology. In no measure a successful census is defined by the people's confidence and its fairness and accuracy. The majority of the Representatives and Senators oppose the administration's new untested methodology of how to conduct the 2000 census. It would be a tragic mistake to put forward a nominee who the congressional majority views as unwilling to work with us.

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Over the next several months, our subcommittee plans to hold a series of hearings to learn more about the status of the planning for the census. We intend to examine the design flaws in the Bureau's complicated plans. We will make sure that the Bureau moves forward with planning for a new numeration as the recent legislation signed by the President requires.

I hope to offer constructive and practical ideas of how we can improve on past censuses without risking a failed census. I do not believe in throwing out the baby with the bath water. We have a great deal of work to do to save the census. Let us get started.

AGREEMENT BETWEEN GOVERNMENTS OF UNITED STATES AND LATVIA CONCERNING FISHERIES OFF THE COAST OF THE UNITED STATES—MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. ROGAN) laid before the House the following message from the President of the United States; which was read and, together with the accompanying papers, without objection, referred to the Committee on Resources and ordered to be printed:

To the Congress of the United States:

In accordance with the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (16 U.S.C. 1801 et seq.), I transmit herewith an Agreement between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Republic of Latvia extending the Agreement of April 8, 1993, Concerning Fisheries Off the Coasts of the United States, with annex, as extended (the 1993 Agreement). The present Agreement, which was effected by an exchange of notes at Riga on February 13 and May 23, 1997, extends the 1993 Agreement to December 31, 1999.

In light of the importance of our fisheries relationship with the Republic of Latvia, I urge that the Congress give favorable consideration to this Agreement at an early date.

WILLIAM J. CLINTON.

THE WHITE HOUSE, *February 3, 1998.*

ANNUAL REPORT OF RAILROAD RETIREMENT BOARD, FISCAL YEAR 1996—MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following message from the President of the United States; which was read and, together with accompanying papers, without objection, referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure and the Committee on Ways and Means:

To the Congress of the United States:

I transmit herewith the Annual Report of the Railroad Retirement Board for Fiscal Year 1996, pursuant to the provisions of section 7(b)(6) of the Railroad Retirement Act and section 12(l) of the Railroad Unemployment Insurance Act.

WILLIAM J. CLINTON.

THE WHITE HOUSE, *February 3, 1998.*

DISAPPOINTMENT WITH THE PRESIDENT'S BUDGET SUBMISSION

(Mr. MILLER of Florida asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, today the Committee on the Budget began the process of reviewing the 1999 budget submission of the President. It was very disappointing for a Member who is a very fiscally conservative Member to see a proposal that has more smoke and mirrors of how to spend more money.

We had a budget agreement that we agreed to last year, and I had the pleasure of being at the South Lawn of the White House when the President signed that document in August. Less than 6 months later, we have $150 billion more in spending. I know they have a lot of neat little gimmicks of how to disguise the spending, but the bottom line is it is not in the spirit of the budget agreement that was signed last year and in the reconciliation bill that was signed into law by the President. That was not the intent of the agreement that we worked on last year.

For those of us who went along with that agreement, knowing that we would have to have tight spending controls this coming year, we feel very, very disappointed; and I feel it is not right to try to get us to move ahead with more spending programs at this time.

One of the ways to justify it is this tobacco settlement. I am not a pro-tobacco Congressman. I would be classified as an anti-tobacco Congressman. But the point is, we should not begin spending money until we have it in our hands.

We do not know what kind of agreement will be reached. The administration claims they are going to send one up in a few weeks, but we do not have a plan before us right now. So how are we going to have this money and why are we spending it before we have it in our hands? I think it is very risky and irresponsible to try to spend that money.

I also am very concerned that what is going to drive a tobacco settlement is that we want to spend money. We need to spend more money on day care, so I will settle any type of tobacco agreement. That will be very risky and dangerous. The tobacco settlement should stand on its own.

Yes, there are going to be some revenues there; and, yes, we are going to share some of that with the States. We have to address the whole liability issue, which is a great concern to all of us. There are a lot of legal fees involved that are going to be questioned.

It is going to be a complicated process. It is going to be worked on in a bipartisan fashion, and we need to move forward on that. But let us not spend that money now. It is not part of the budget. We do not have the money in our hands. So to try to say this is the reason we want to have a budget agreement so we can spend money on these new programs is just plain wrong.

So I am very disappointed that this administration sent up a budget that, because of smoke and mirrors, they classify things as mandatory spending. They are using waste and fraud as a way to save money, and we will spend it even though we do not have it in our hands. Let us stop playing tricks with the American people and let us talk straight with them.

Let us live with the agreement that we agreed to last year. Let us live within the spending caps. Let us wait and see if we have a surplus. And when we have the surplus, my opinion personally is that we need to address the debt problem, start applying it to the debt. We do have a Social Security problem and a transition cost as we reform Social Security. And, number three, we should give tax cuts to the American people.

So I think we should address that once we have the surplus in hand. Until we have that surplus in hand, there is no way that we can continue doing that.

PRESIDENT'S BUDGET RETURNS TO THE ERA OF BIG GOVERNMENT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 7, 1997, the gentleman from South Dakota (Mr. THUNE) is recognized for 60 minutes as the designee of the Majority Leader.

Mr. THUNE. Mr. Speaker, last week, we heard in the President's State of the Union address some of his priorities and his agenda for this next year. And, interestingly enough, when the budget came out this past week, we got a more detailed description about some of his ideas for new Washington spending.

I harken back to 1994 and what happened at that point in time and after the big government agenda was annihilated at the polls in 1994. In the State of the Union address in 1995, the President came forward and said, the era of big government is over. I think a lot of people in this country took consolation in that statement. That was just a few short years ago.

Well, now a couple of years later, we are talking about a potential surplus, which is something that is remarkable—the first in our country's history in some 30 years. Yet I am reminded of the fact I think about whenever we start talking about a surplus in this particular environment in Washington, D.C. It is like a liberal politician's dream, but a taxpayer's nightmare.

Mr. Speaker, I think as we look at the statement in 1995 about the era of big government being over and then look at where we are today in terms of potential surplus and what that means for the future of this country and what that means for our country's budget, I think we have to make some important decisions. We are truly at an historic crossroads in terms of the future of this country.

Now, when the President laid out his budget, I think there were some $150 billion in new Washington spending included in that budget; and, with respect to his goals, I think most of us probably were in agreement, on the importance of priorities like caring for and educating our children as well as providing health care for an aging population. These are important issues and on that I think all of us agree.

However, the differences are very clear in trying to determine how best to achieve those goals and particularly in the context of a potential revenue surplus.

The President's programs are an incredibly expansive reach by the Federal Government into the lives of most Americans. It is remarkably inconsistent on the one hand to talk about using a potential surplus to pay down the debt and to pay back Social Security and, on the other hand, to talk about increasing the size and reach of the Federal Government by some $150 billion in new Washington spending and bigger government.

Many people, myself included, have been very confused by the mixed signals that the President is sending. Now I happen to believe that there is a responsible public policy approach to dealing with a potential surplus. For that reason, I am cosponsoring legislation offered by the gentleman from Wisconsin (Mr. NEUMANN) which is consistent with a number of important policy objectives.

Simply put, the Neumann legislation would apportion any potential surplus in three ways. First, it would allocate two-thirds of any surpluses to paying off debt and restoring the governmental trust funds: Social Security, transportation, environmental. The final third would go toward reducing taxes on hard-working Americans.

It goes a step beyond that in a very important way, by putting a systematic plan in place to retire our country's $5.5 trillion debt in the course of the next 30 years, spending 1 percent less than what we take in in revenue every year, and applying that 1 percent to paying down the debt. Again assuming modest or moderate economic growth rates, we can be completely debt free by the year 2026.

In addition to winning the war on drugs, I cannot think of anything else that would be more important for the future of our children and our grandchildren. It would also free up the $250 billion annually that the Congress appropriates every year just to pay the interest on our $5.5 trillion debt.

That is an important point. We go through the budgetary process every year. Before we spend anything on roads and bridges or highways, before we spend anything on any other social programs, we have to appropriate the $250 billion in round numbers that is necessary and essential to pay for the interest on the $5.5 trillion debt.

Just as important, the Neumann legislation would allow us actually to give something back to the taxpayers. After all, it is their money. I happen for one to believe that if the President is able to build $150 billion into his budget for new Washington spending, in the alternative, he ought to be able to come up with that amount of money to give back to the taxpayers.

I believe that the best way that we can help working families deal with tough issues like child care is to give them some money back and to allow them to make the best decision about how to address this very important need.

The President's proposal tends toward installing Uncle Sam as your nanny. His plan would have Washington determine which children and which child care providers get Washington's assistance.

The bottom line question I think we have to ask ourselves as members of this country is, who would we rather have raising our kids? Would we rather have the Federal Government do it, or would we rather have the American family? For me, that is a no-brainer.

But if we give people inside the Washington Beltway long enough, they will try to create a risk-free society. Big government will eventually guarantee you child care, education, health care, guarantee a job, probably guarantee a fixed income, guarantee a retirement, possibly a big screen television, and the list goes on and on.

But the cost will be high. Because, in doing all that, there will be a corresponding decrease in the freedom that we enjoy in this country and more and more taxes to pay for all that security. Ultimately, we end up with a bureaucrat in the crib, a bureaucrat at day care, a bureaucrat in the classroom, a bureaucrat in the workplace, and a bureaucrat in your living room. We may, in fact, even have a bureaucrat in the coffin with us just to make sure that we do not, in fact, take anything with us.

The question I think we have to ask is, where does it all end? There is a better way, and that is to say to the people of this country that we trust their judgment. We believe that they are capable of caring for their children and making good decisions about their future. We believe that, as a matter of principle, America is infinitely better off when families are making decisions rather than bureaucrats. In the same way, we believe that America is infinitely better off when parents are teaching values rather than bureaucrats.

I know that may shock the yuppy intellectuals who operate government institutions, but that is all part of the debate that we are having in this country today. If there is anything in President Clinton's budget or in his State of the Union speech that troubles me more than anything else, it is this obsession with targeting. From spending Federal dollars to providing tax relief, the President desperately wants to create winners and losers. Everything is targeted.

Now since when have we become so differentiated as a culture so as to require this sort of governmental micromanagement? I think at times we have all been guilty of it. But if we are truly striving, as he said, toward a more perfect union, we ought to look for ways in which we allow all Americans, irrespective of whether they are married or single, with or without children, young or old, whatever their national heritage is, to participate in the benefits of greater freedom that comes with lower taxes. We should not discriminate among taxpayers based upon marital status. We should, on the other hand, strive to make all taxpayers equal in the law.

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Furthermore, we ought to consistently look at ways to make the Tax Code simpler and less complicated for the American people. Almost every tax relief proposal that I have heard of to date further complicates the Tax Code. This is the absolute wrong direction in which to head if our underlying objective is making government less intrusive and more user-friendly.

It is for these reasons that I am proud today along with my friend, the gentlewoman from Washington (Ms. DUNN), to be introducing two pieces of tax relief legislation that I believe will serve as alternatives to the new Washington spending in the President's budget, and at the same time these bills are consistent with the dual goals of, one, distributing tax relief broadly and evenly and, secondly, of simplifying an already inordinately complicated Tax Code.

Members of Congress, both Democrats and Republicans, if they are sincere about helping to lower the tax burden on working families, should be 100 percent behind these bills. There is no targeting. There is no gimmickry. There are no loopholes, just plain and simple common sense.

The first bill, the Middle Class Tax Relief Act of 1998, addresses the issue of bracket creep by allowing working families to make more money before they fall into the higher tax bracket. It lowers taxes by raising the income threshold at which the 28 percent tax bracket would apply. Very simply put, more and more of the income of working Americans would be subject to the 15 percent tax bracket rather than the much higher 28 percent tax bracket.

This legislation will help Americans who are doing better and therefore making more and as a consequence have graduated from the 15 percent tax bracket to the higher 28 percent tax bracket. Due to bracket creep, 28 cents of each additional dollar they earn now goes to the Federal Government. Talk about a disincentive to improving your lot in life. Under our legislation, many of these hard-working people will have an incentive to continue to be hard-working people because they will have been liberated from the higher tax rate on each additional dollar that they earn.

Now, the real beauty in this legislation is it gives no preference based upon status, marital or otherwise. Presently the higher 28 percent tax rate begins to apply to a single person making $25,350. Our legislation would raise that threshold to $35,000. For heads of household, the 28 percent rate starts at $33,950. We would raise that to $52,600. For married couples the 28 percent rate starts at $42,350. We would raise that in our proposal to $70,000.

According to the Tax Foundation, over 29 million filers in this country would see their taxes lowered under this proposal, with the average savings of nearly $1,200 per filer. In fact, over 10 million filers would actually move out of the 28 percent bracket, the higher tax bracket, into the lower 15 percent bracket.

Once again, let me say and repeat that this is an infinitely better approach to assisting families with their child care needs than is the discriminatory Washington knows best approach embodied in the President's plan. A $1,200 tax cut could pay for 16 weeks of child care, 4 car payments and up to 3 months of housing bills, or 14 weeks of grocery bills. That is real help for working families.

Our other bill, the Taxpayer Choice Act of 1998, would raise the personal exemption from the current $2,700 to $3,400. Again, this simple change will help hard-working Americans by allowing them to reduce their taxable income by an additional $700 per dependent, thereby lowering their overall tax burden.

This legislation will deliver broad-based tax relief to taxpayers in the lower and middle-income ranges. In fact, under this legislation, 95 percent of the people, particularly those in the lower income categories, would benefit. It really delivers relief to low and middle-income taxpayers, and that is something I think we desperately need. That is helping people who are your W-2 wage earners, the people that oftentimes get left out of many of the discussions. Furthermore the change is straightforward and easy to calculate. For someone in the 15 percent tax

bracket, the bill would result in a savings of $100, or for a family of four, when you multiply that, $400 or the possible equivalent of 5 weeks of child care, a car payment, housing payment or 5 weeks of grocery bills.

Again, I would restate that this is real relief. For someone in the 28 percent tax bracket, that would amount to $200 in tax savings per individual or $800 per family of four. That again is the possible equivalent of 10 weeks of child care, almost 10 weeks of grocery bills, three car payments or a couple of housing payments, and, as is true today, the deduction would phase out for wage earners whose incomes exceed $124,500.

Let me again reiterate one point. That is that we agree with the President that working families in America need relief. However, the President, to coincide with his need for a relevant agenda, has mistakenly interpreted that need as a request for more Washington spending. We, on the other hand, know that what working families are really asking for is not more Federal Government, but relief from more Federal Government.

We have heard American families. We agree with you that your family should not have to sacrifice one more dime of your hard-earned money to build new government bureaucracies that will further undermine your ability to care for yourself and your family. We will stand with American families, and the bills that we have introduced today make it abundantly clear that no surplus government revenue should go to more Washington spending. Rather, they should go into your pocket—through tax relief and restoring the trust funds. That is common-sense government.

The legislation we have introduced today also should fit in nicely with what I believe ought to be a reality before the turn of the century, and that is a brand new Tax Code that is simple and fair.

Americans waste too much time and money filling out tax returns. It is a dream for lobbyists, for lawyers and for tax preparers. It is a nightmare for the American taxpayer. Ultimately the only way we will get real reform is to kill the beast and start all over. Every time Congress starts chipping around the edges like we did last summer, we make the Code even more complicated than it is today, some 480 different forms, 6,000 pages and 34½ pounds. It is time to say, enough already.

It will not be easy because there is a lot of internal resistance in this city to changing the status quo, but it has to be done. I had some accountants from South Dakota in my office just this last week. They agreed. They are probably in the best position to benefit from the complexity of the Code as it exists today. They agree that the current Code is an abomination.

The two bills that we have introduced today are consistent with a simpler, fairer approach to the Tax Code. I hope they will serve as the beginning of a discussion about replacing the Code with a view of taxation that finds its foundation and its basis in the policies of former Presidents John Kennedy and Ronald Reagan, and that is a policy and a view that invites all Americans to participate in the benefits of a growing economy that will spur investment and create jobs by limiting taxes and by minimizing the burden of tax compliance.

These are our goals. I look forward to working with this Congress to making them become a reality. To that end I would ask the Members of this body on both sides of the aisle to support this important legislation.

Mr. KINGSTON. Mr. Speaker, will the gentleman yield?

Mr. THUNE. I yield to the gentleman from Georgia.

Mr. KINGSTON. Mr. Speaker, I overheard the beginning of your speech, and I thought it was very important that you pointed out that 2 years ago the President said that the era of big government is over. And yet the other day, yesterday, he said, we are now at the end of an era. So apparently the era of big government being over was only a 2-year period of time, a 24-month little spurt in United States history. What the President is now saying is that the era is over, and here is how I want to spend the surplus.

Now, I do not know how the good folks in your district are, but I know the good folks in coastal Georgia, if they have a credit card debt and they go 1 month without using the credit card, that does not mean that the bank calls them up and says, hey, last month your credit card balance was zero, go out and buy some new clothes and a new stereo, and go on a nice vacation and take your family out to eat. What they say is, hey, I am glad you finally quit spending on the damn credit card. Now start paying down your credit card debt.

The position we are in as a country, just because for the first time in 30 years we are going to have no deficit, it does not mean that we have paid down our $5.1 trillion debt. And what we need to do is have a sensible approach that you have outlined in terms of paying down the debt and having not increased government and not gone out and spent on a lot of new programs and so forth.

I really appreciate your class taking the leadership on this and common sense tax reforms, targeting to put values back in the system and reward people who are out there working and not the folks who want to take advantage of it.

Mr. THUNE. I appreciate the comments of the gentleman from Georgia. I happen to agree that in the course of the last couple years, somehow we have gone from the era of big government is over, to it is back.

In the current proposals that are pending before Congress right now, which we will have an opportunity to evaluate and act upon in the months ahead, clearly the discussion was had with the pollsters as to what are the most popular things, the most attractive things that we can talk about in terms of policies, and yet at the same time, without telling the taxpayers of this country that ultimately you are the people who are going to have to pay the bill on this. I think in fairness we have to make clear that inasmuch as these different things sound very attractive on the surface, the bottom line is they are an incredible, enormous expansion of big government; an incredible expansion into the lives of most Americans. As the people in my State of South Dakota would probably tell you, that is something that they would rather not see, because when I came here, I told them that I would work to make government smaller, more responsive, and more user-friendly. And in fact, what we are talking about is a bigger preemption and government usurping more authority, and more of the decisionmaking and control that parents and families and individuals ought to have.

I might add, again, in reemphasizing something that I said earlier, that so much of what the President has proposed over the course of his tenure is to identify or isolate specific groups and make them either winners or losers under his proposals. The things that we are talking about here in terms of tax relief do in fact provide it in an evenly distributed and broad way that allows people, whether you are married or not, whether you are single, to participate in the benefits of lower taxes, and that ultimately is where we want to go. I know that the gentleman from Georgia has a keen interest in that subject.

Mr. KINGSTON. I think that the gentleman has raised a good point that taxes are an indication of the size of your government. One of the things that when we talk about a balanced budget, if we had government the size that we do today, if we had the same size government or budget years and years ago, we would have always had a surplus.

The fact is our budget is overgrown. We are like the 300- or 400-pound fat boy who has finally quit gaining weight. And we are saying, oh, yes, now you are in great shape because you are not gaining weight anymore.

The fact is we have a huge, massive government, as the President has proposed it, $1.7 trillion government. That is a whole heck of a lot of bureaucrats, a whole heck of a lot of rules, regulations and Washington busybodies who have nothing to do in this world but to stick their nose into your family, your

household, your bedroom, your kitchen table, your refrigerator. They are going to give us rules for this and that, labeling laws, restrictions and so forth. If you go out and talk to businesses, I do not see how they stay in business anymore, small or large or mid-sized businesses, just too much bureaucracy.

One of my favorite stories, and it is not hard to get one on OSHA, is a plumbing contractor in my district was installing a P-trap in a kitchen or bathroom sink. The P-trap is a little pipe that goes like that. Most of these days one uses PVC pipe. This is just like your bathroom cabinet and probably 80 percent of the houses in America, your typical middle-class ranch house. The plumbing contractor was using glue, PVC pipe underneath this sink in a bathroom.

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And OSHA fined him for using a hazardous substance in a confined space without a gas mask. And that is the kind of government that we have, when we have a $1.7 trillion dollar debt. They are not really worried about worker safety as much as they are concerned about bureaucratic job security, and they are going to come in and tell us how to run our lives or our offices because they have to justify their own existence.

But I think that what the gentleman is talking about with his targeted tax reductions does start the very important process of rolling back the size of government and the government regulations and interference with our lives and commerce.

Mr. THUNE. Well, the gentleman's experience is not unlike that of many, I would submit, around the country. And clearly we have come a very long way in this country from the concept I think that we had at our foundation, the conception that our forefathers had of this country, that government would only do for people those things that they cannot do for themselves. And somehow along the way we have complicated and convoluted and confused that concept to the point where today, as the gentleman knows, there are just enormous amounts of red tape and regulations and burdens that are placed upon citizens living in our society and a commensurate loss of the freedoms, the personal freedoms, that they used to enjoy in America.

I cannot help but recollect something I was reading the other day about the number of words that we have in government which is a good illustration. In the Lord's prayer there are some 66 words. In the Gettysburg address, 286 words, and the Declaration of Independence, some 1,326 words. And yet we have 26,940 some words governing the sale of cabbage in America today. So it has crept into, I think, all aspects of our lives.

And clearly it is something that we all recognize as a legitimate and vital role for the government to play, but what this administration, what this budget, what the proposals that we are going to be looking at over the course of the next few weeks would purport to do is to grow and expand that role into new areas of American life and create an even bigger dependence upon the Federal Government. And, again, what people have to realize is ultimately they have to pay for that, and they will pay for it in the form of higher taxes and they are also going to be giving up a good amount of freedom in the decision-making process, because when we marry ourselves to the government and when we become the so-called partnership with government, we end up being the junior partner.

I thought it was interesting a while back in the Washington Post that there was a senior administration official that said because we had gotten our fiscal house in order we could afford to be a little more generous. That was an interesting comment because it reflected a mentality that I think permeates this entire city, and that is that it is their money. I realize, and I think what the gentleman from Georgia realizes, is that ultimately it is the money of the taxpayers of this country. And that is a concept, that is a truth, that is a principle that I will never forget in representing the people of my good State of South Dakota, and I would suspect the gentleman from Georgia will never forget in representing the people of his district as well.

A PERSPECTIVE ON CRIME POLICY

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 7, 1997, the gentleman from Georgia (Mr. KINGSTON) is recognized for 60 minutes.

Mr. KINGSTON. Thank you, Madam Speaker. I wanted to talk a little bit about an article that I read called U.S. Victory in the Crime War, written by Timothy Maier, and it was from "The World and I" magazine. It is a great article, and it just puts a perspective on some of the crime policy that we talk about.

I live in an area that has a lot of crimes, a lot of sad stories. I was talking to the DA, Steve Kelly, the other day about a case that he had where a 68-year-old woman was raped while her husband was held at gun point by some teenage thugs. And Mr. Kelly is a very aggressive, very competent DA, and he was able to get a prosecution on that, but it was just a heartbreaking story.

I remember another story in Savannah, Georgia, of a woman who was bathing her 2-year-old in the bathtub and somebody knocked on the door. And she looked out and decided not to answer it, and so the perpetrator went from the front door to the back door, kicked it in and raped this woman while she was bathing her 2-year-old.

And those kinds of heartbreaking stories we all hear, and we all hear too often, but in the crime debate we often forget the victim.

What I wanted to talk about is some of the things Mr. Maier had pointed out. The good news is that over the last 4 years violent crime, which includes aggravated assault, rape and murder, dropped 7 percent. Homicides fell 11 percent, about 7 people per 100,000 in population. Robberies were down 8 percent. Aggravated assaults dropped 6 percent. And rapes dropped 3 percent. Property crime, such as burglary and auto theft, also dropped. So there is a lot of good news.

Now, the interesting part is who is claiming credit for this. And, of course, in Washington we want to point to our tough crime policy and the President wants to point to some of his policies, but Mr. Maier said that the real success lies in the State governments, since that is where so many of the violent crimes end up in court. He pointed out that the States that have truth in sentencing laws, such as Virginia, are leading the way in the reductions of crime. He pointed out that in Virginia that they have had a truth in sentencing law and their simple policy is we want to get the bad guys off the streets.

Think about this, Madam Speaker. The hard working taxpayers in your district in New York should not be afraid to walk down the street at night. They paid for the street. They should not have to look over their shoulders. But the thugs who beat up old people and grab girls off the streets, they should be in jail. They should be afraid to walk down the streets, because we want to catch them and we want to lock them up and segregate them from decent society.

And so what Mr. Maier has pointed out is States that have the truth in sentencing laws and building new prisons, and they are purging these people off the streets, getting rid of the bad apples, they are leading the way. So truth in sentencing was part of it.

Now, another thing he looked at, another factor, was the COPS program. The President has said that because we have 100,000 new cops on the street it has made a new difference. But the reality is that there are not 100,000 new cops on the streets. And depending on who you are talking to, that number is actually as low as 20,000 and sometimes up to 57,000 people.

One thing he did show, he said there are more than 17,000—he talked about Washington, DC. He said in Washington, D.C. there are more than 17,000 police officers, including Federal police in Washington, but the city still averages 60,000 violent crimes a year. Here we are in the Nation's capital and one person out of eight is going to be a victim of a violent crime.

So does the Cops on the Street program work? I would say we really do

not know for sure, but I can say this: The communities that have been flexible with the money seem to have been the most successful.

In Statesboro, Georgia, they have actually put a police satellite station in one of the housing projects that was in an area where there was high drug high crime, lots of problems. And right smack in the middle of it the police in Statesboro put in a satellite station. I went to visit it and they said immediately they ran out the bad apples. The children come up to the police officers now. Instead of being afraid of them, they come up and hug them. They tell them when somebody from out of the housing area is in the area that should not be.

And the turnaround in that area has been tremendous. The commercial businesses, which had been closing down, are coming back and reopening. Church groups come to this area. It has been a great community success story in Statesboro, Georgia, and now they have done this in another housing project.

So when the COPS grant money is used in the way that the local community needs it to be used, I think that it does have an impact.

The third factor which Mr. Maier examined in terms of reducing crime was what about gun control. The President was quick to say, well, it is the Brady bill. The Brady bill is something that requires a background check on people before they can buy a gun. But Mr. Maier points out that in the time that it has existed, which I believe is 4 years now, that under the law there have only been seven prosecutions and of those seven, only three were sent to prison for illegally trying to obtain a handgun. So we have to say that really is not the main factor.

Now, he does point out something else. What portion of violent crimes actually involve the handgun. The answer is about 10 percent. And this statistic suggests that controlling handguns is not the final factor. In fact, Mr. Maier pointed out from 1980 to 1992 the number of firearms increased by 18 percent. But during the same period of time, the portion of violent crimes committed without a firearm dropped 4 percent. So the bottom line, according to Mr. Maier, is more guns on the street does not necessarily increase gun crime. And he shows a lot of examples.

One thing that is very interesting also is that he points out that in terms of guns, or where a gun has been fired or displayed, which actually comes to about 2½ million times a year in self-defense, the number of police arrests for violent crimes has fallen. So that there has been a positive impact for those folks who own guns and who use it to defend themselves.

The next factor that Mr. Maier looks at is juvenile crime. And one of the things that we are all concerned about is how much violent crime can be traced to young children. And young children can be anywhere from 13, 14 years old, in their mid-teens to their young 20s. But it is depressing to look at the stats on that.

The FBI statistics show that while violent crime is declining, juvenile crime continues to increase. The number of juveniles charged with murder increased 104 percent nationwide from 1970 to 1992. Since 1980, juvenile gang killings have increased 371 percent, and the rate of recidivism for juveniles runs as high as 75 percent. In fact, the FBI shows that before someone goes to jail as a juvenile, he usually commits 15 different offenses that have gone by unpunished.

One of the big problems is that the age group of the drug pushers who are in their mid-20s go out and recruit the very, very young kids for the most dangerous, the most risky part of their business, and they consider these kids both expendable and impressionable. You can get them to do things that older and smarter folks would not want to do. So when there is a turf war, usually the casualties are your 16 and 17-year-olds.

The next question, the final thing I want to touch base on, Mr. Maier says are we actually winning the drug war. And a lot of people will point out the fact that we are grabbing more marijuana and drugs as they come into our country. Although it would depend on what statistic you look at, we are probably grabbing as little as 15 percent of what is actually coming into our country from south of the border. And one of the things that has happened, because there has been a de-escalation in terms of prosecutions, that the drug dealers are actually more set in, and their territories are somewhat established because they are not gunning it out any more.

This is a real interesting article on crime. I think that what Mr. Maier does is raise some things that we in public policy need to consider. I believe that this Congress should continue to go in the direction that it has: Full sentencing of 10 years means 10 years. If someone is in jail they need to have a work program. No more sitting around watching TV, lifting weights and playing basketball. It means also the work that they do should be meaningful. It should be skill building, so that when they get out they can utilize that into a paying job.

I think also there should be an education program. I believe that a lot of these people who are in jail are intelligent but, somewhere along the line, they dropped out of school. They had a problem. They need to have that second chance while they are in jail, tied in with good behavior or whatever, but give them that opportunity.

Finally, I do think there needs to be spiritual rehabilitation, because I think that is the beginning of real rehabilitation for anyone behind bars. I believe that taking these steps, sending out the message that we are serious, that a person cannot just be caught selling drugs and get their hand slapped any more, I think if we continue on this path, that our crime rates will continue the downward trend.

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SOCIAL SECURITY TRUST FUND

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 7, 1997, the gentleman from Wisconsin (Mr. NEUMANN) is recognized for 30 minutes as the designee of the Majority Leader.

Mr. NEUMANN. Madam Speaker, I rise tonight to talk about a lot of the issues that are facing the country today and what we are hearing about as it relates to the President's budget plan. I rise in particular to talk about an issue that I think many of our senior citizens, many of our folks in their 50s and 40s and many of our young people are also concerned about, and that is Social Security.

My son, who mowed lawns last summer and earned a reasonable amount of money doing it, like $1,500, because he did a lot of them, talked to me about whether or not he should pay any taxes on it. And, of course, for a young person in their teenage years who mowed lawns last summer and earned some money, there is no Federal taxes due. But then I said to him, "You still have got to file, Matt; you have still got to file a tax return."

And my 15-year-old son, who is going to file his tax return, has to pay into the Social Security Trust Fund. As a matter of fact, he found that he paid over about 15 percent of all of his earnings into the Social Security Trust Fund because he would be treated as a self-employed person.

So when we talk about the Social Security issue, it is certainly very important to our young people to understand very clearly that they are putting this money away for retirement. But, in fact, it does not seem to affect them because they do not believe Social Security is going to be there for them; and they are certainly, at age 15, are not very interested in thinking ahead to retirement. They are more interested in buying a car and their college education than they are in thinking ahead to retirement.

So when we think about this Social Security issue, I start with the younger group to understand that it does have an impact on them. When we get to the folks in their 30s and 40s, they are putting this money away. It is being taken out of their paychecks. But instead of being put away in a fund for them, it goes into the Social Security Trust Fund.

I would like to spend a little time tonight talking about how the United States Government handles this money that is being taken out of their paychecks and how that affects our senior citizens and the potential of Social Security actually being there for them when they reach the retirement age.

If I could ask one of our pages to bring that stand over, I brought a couple of pictures with me.

For any of my colleagues that have seen these numbers before, we took the time today to update the Social Security numbers so that it reflects what is actually going on in the Social Security system in 1998.

This whole thing becomes relatively easy to understand as it relates to Social Security if we just take a look at how much money is actually coming in and how much is going out to our senior citizens in Social Security.

Virtually every worker that has a paycheck has money taken out of their paycheck for Social Security. Altogether, the United States Government in 1998 will collect about $480 billion in Social Security money from the paychecks of workers in America. The Social Security system will write out checks to our senior citizens of $382 billion.

This is pretty straightforward. They are collecting $480 billion, and they are paying $382 billion out to our senior citizens. That leaves a $98 billion surplus. That is to say, they are collecting $98 billion more than they are paying back out to our senior citizens in benefits.

That money is supposed to be put away. It is supposed to be put into a savings account so that when they are, these two numbers turn around, the baby-boom generation is clearly headed toward retirement, and eventually we reach a point where there is not enough money in and too much money being written out in checks to our senior citizens. Well, this money that is supposed to be put away in a savings account today is not actually happening today.

I would like to talk about this and the reference of what the President referred to in his budget address and something that many of us in this Congress feel very strongly about.

That $98 billion that came in goes directly into the big government checkbook, the general fund. Now we spend all the money out of the general fund, and when we are all done spending that money there is not enough money left to put the $98 billion down in the Social Security Trust Fund. So, instead, what our Government does is it makes an accounting entry and simply puts an IOU down here in the Social Security Trust Fund.

The technical name for this is a nonnegotiable Treasury bond. But the bottom line is that $98 billion of surplus goes straight into the big government checkbook. They spend all the money out of the big government checkbook, and there is nothing left to put in the Social Security Trust Fund. So they simply make an accounting entry. It is called a nonnegotiable Treasury bond that goes down here.

It is important to understand what nonnegotiable Treasury bond means. Nonnegotiable Treasury bonds means it cannot be sold.

So when we come back to this other picture and we take a look at what happens down the road a little ways when the baby-boom generation gets here, remember the revenues, the amount of money that is coming in today, is higher than the amount of money that is being paid out to our seniors in benefits. So today it works.

The idea is that when those two numbers turn around, there is not enough money coming in, we are supposed to be able to go to this trust fund and get the money to make good on the Social Security payments. The problem is this: Since that trust fund is full of IOUs, or nonnegotiable, nonmarketable, something you cannot sell, it is full of IOUs, and since it is full of IOUs, when the time comes that there is not enough money coming in and too much going out, where is the money going to come from? And at that point in time, we reach the point where we either have to raise taxes on workers or we have to reduce benefits to our senior citizens; and neither one of those are very desirable.

Now, what has happened in the budget plan, we heard the President say that he was going to put Social Security first in our consideration. And when we listened to the rest of the State of the Union address, Social Security first, and then we heard about a whole series of new spending programs.

Now I think it is important to understand that when we say we are going to put Social Security first and then we describe a whole raft of new spending programs that what is actually happening is Social Security is not actually being put first but someplace else down the list.

So let us look at what happened in the State of the Union address and in the budget that the President presented this week.

The extra Social Security money, that $98 billion, it is still going in the government checkbook. We are still spending virtually all of the money out of that big government checkbook.

But the President said, okay, we are going to run a surplus for the first time; and that is good. We should not downgrade this or say this is all bad. The good news is that this is the first time since 1969 that, even with the Social Security money, they got to a point where they balanced the budget, according to Washington definition.

Here is what the President proposed. He proposed to keep putting the $98 billion into the big government fund. When we are all done spending all the money that we spend for a year out of the big government checkbook, whatever is left over we will put aside for Social Security.

Today I sat in the Committee on the Budget, and I had a chance to listen to Mr. Raines describe exactly what was going to happen. I think it is very, very important that my colleagues understand the $98 billion still goes into the big government checkbook; the money gets spent out of the big government checkbook. The only things we are talking about is that small surplus or $9 billion, that is the leftover amount out of this checkbook; and it does not even get put into the Social Security Trust Fund. What they actually are going to do is pay down debt with that money.

Now, paying down debt is good. Getting to a balanced budget is good. Spending less money than we have in our checkbook, that is good. But the idea that the only thing we are going to do for Social Security is put the leftovers down there, that is not okay, and that is the reason I am here tonight talking about the Social Security issue.

About 2 years ago we wrote in my office a bill called the Social Security Preservation Act, and I am happy to say many people on both sides of the aisle are now cosponsors on the Social Security Preservation Act.

Here is what it does. The Social Security Preservation Act simply takes that $98 billion and directs it straight down here into the Social Security Trust Fund. What we want to do is cut off that cash flow into the big government checkbook so that Social Security, in fact, is treated first.

Now what this would do is put all $98 billion down into the trust fund this year; and that would mean that, instead of reporting a $9 billion surplus, we would instead be reporting approximately an $87 billion deficit.

I do not want to take anything away from the people that have done a lot of hard work, good hard work, out in this city to get us to a "balanced budget." We need to understand, in Washington when they say "balanced budget," what they mean is the dollars coming into the Federal Government is equal to the dollars going back out from the Federal Government. By that definition, their budget was balanced here for the first time since 1969; and, again, that is good. That is important, and it is good. But what we really need to do is start putting this money right straight down here in the Social Security Trust Fund so we honestly reflect the situation that exists out here.

I come from the private sector. Before 1995, I never held a public office. In the private sector, when we ran a business, if we would have taken the pension money, put it in our general account and spent all the money out of

the general account and put an IOU in the trust fund, the way Social Security is working today, they would have arrested us in the private sector. It would be absolutely illegal to do the same thing in the private sector that we do with Social Security today.

So I am here tonight to call on my colleagues to join us in the Social Security Preservation Act. I do not consider it an Einstein kind of bill. It is pretty common sense, pretty straightforward. It simply says the extra money coming in for Social Security ought to be put down here in the Social Security Trust Fund. It is bill H.R. 857, and I am asking tonight that my colleagues join me in this bill.

We have been working at this for 3 years out of my office, and I am happy to say it has now come to the forefront. Let us not accept anything less than truly putting Social Security first as we look at the budget this year. There is no good reason at this point in time that we cannot be putting true money, real dollars, down here in the Social Security Trust Fund so that our senior citizens are once again safe.

I should add in this conversation, this is not only about preserving Social Security for our senior citizens. This is about people in their 40s and 50s who are expecting to get Social Security when they retire; and, equally important, it is about those same people in their 30s and 40s and 50s that, if this is not done and we reach a point where there is not enough money coming in for Social Security to pay the benefits, that choice between cutting Social Security benefits for our senior citizens or raising taxes for workers is going to be a very tough choice. And it is something that we need to head off right now by simply doing what the Social Security system was set up to do in the first place.

I think it is time that H.R. 857, our Social Security Preservation Act, gets brought to the floor of the House of Representatives; and I think it is time that we have enough cosponsors of this bill. We have got 85 or 90.

And, again, I want to emphasize that there are both Republicans and Democrats on this bill. This is not a partisan issue. This is an issue about what is right for the seniors of this country, what is right for the workers of this country, and what is right as we look forward into the future as it relates to Social Security.

Having said this, I think it is important that we look at where we are at in this budget before we hear lots of new proposals for spending.

If I could ask to bring those other charts and just take a little look back on where we have been and a little look forward of where we are going to. And, again, for any of my colleagues who have seen parts of this presentation before, we have updated these charts.

I always show the first one, which we have not changed. That is the growing debt facing our country. What this shows is the growth in debt from 1960 all the way up to where we are today. We will notice the debt is still rising today. Even though in Washington we are hearing that the budget is balanced, most people would think that when the budget is balanced the debt stops growing.

But, again, I talk about the Social Security issue. Remember that even when the budget is balanced, that is to say the dollars coming into Washington are equal to the dollars going out of Washington, and again remember that is the first time in nearly 30 years that has happened, that is good. But even when we get to that point, there is still a debt to the Social Security Trust Fund. That is why we see that, even though we are hearing about a balanced budget, the debt is still rising.

I think it is also important to understand just how big this debt is. For anybody that has seen parts of this presentation before, a week ago I brought the numbers out here that were approximately a year and a half old, and it was $5.3 trillion. The reality is the debt, the United States Government debt, has now grown to $5.5 trillion.

Let me put that another way. The United States Government has spent $5.5 trillion on behalf of the American people more than what they collected in taxes.

That is an awful big number. So let me translate that into English. If we divide that debt by the number of people in the United States of America, the debt is now $20,400 for every man, woman, and child in the United States of America. Or, for a family of five, like mine, the debt is now $102,000.

The kicker of this whole thing is really the bottom line here. We see a lot of people say, "So what if we are in debt?" But the "so what" part is that we are paying interest on that debt; and a family of five, like mine, or any group of five in America, they are actually paying $580 a month every month to pay nothing but the Federal interest on that debt.

We need to put this in perspective of where we are at today and what is really going on in this country as we listen to budget discussions.

We saw the President on TV recently where he put that big zero in there; the budget is balanced. We need to not forget that this debt is still out there and that our families are paying $580 a month every month to pay nothing but interest on the debt.

And for any of my colleagues who think their families are not paying that much every month to pay interest on the debt, just think about walking in the store and buying a pair of shoes for your kids. The store owner makes a small profit when you buy that pair of shoes and, of course, part of that profit gets sent out here to Washington, D.C.

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As a matter of fact, $1 out of every $6 that the United States Government collects from taxpayers gets spent on nothing other than interest on this Federal debt.

The beauty is we are going forward. And they start talking about running surpluses, and as we eventually start running true surpluses, surpluses that allow for the Social Security money to be set aside, if we start running true surpluses, we can start paying this debt down.

A second bill I would like to mention tonight is called the National Debt Repayment Act. What the National Debt Repayment Act is is really the second part of restoring Social Security. It is much like a home mortgage payment.

I come from the home building business before I was elected to office, so it is kind of like the same thing we used to do with folks when they moved into a house. This debt is much like a home mortgage for many people. What we suggested we do in the National Debt Repayment Act is simply set up a home mortgage-type repayment plan and pay the debt off.

Under our plan, under the National Debt Repayment Act, the entire Federal debt would be paid off by the year 2026, and maybe sooner. It could go faster. We use two-thirds of any surpluses to go to debt repayment. We dedicate the other one-third to the other problem that I think is very real in this country, and that is taxes are too high. So two-thirds of any surpluses that materialize go to debt repayment.

I have dedicated much of this tonight to Social Security. Let me talk about how this affects the Social Security System. The theft of that Social Security Trust Fund money, the taking of that money and spending it on other government programs, that has been going on since 1983. There is about $600 billion that is supposed to be in the Social Security kitty today that is not there.

The first thing we need to do for Social Security is what I described earlier, the Social Security Preservation Act. We need to stop taking the money out this year, $9 billion. We need to put that money into the Social Security Trust Fund. But that doesn't solve the problem of that $600 billion that has been taken since 1983. So the second thing we need to do is recognize that $600 billion is part of this $5.5 trillion.

Now, as we repay this debt, our National Debt Repayment Act would put the money back into the Social Security Trust Fund. Let me say that again, because it is a little confusing, because it is a little difficult to understand that this $5.5 trillion, it represents a whole bunch of different things. But one of the things that makes up this $5.5 trillion is the Social Security Trust Fund money, the $600

billion that has been taken out since 1983. So under our National Debt Repayment Act, as we are paying down the Federal debt, we are also restoring the Social Security Trust Fund.

That bill again is called the National Debt Repayment Act, and what it does is dedicate two-thirds of any surpluses to reducing the debt, paying the debt back, like a home mortgage repayment plan, and the other one-third to another big problem in our country, which is taxes are too high on the American people. So two-thirds to debt repayment, one-third to lowering taxes.

Now, as we start repaying this Federal debt, I think a couple other things happen. First, as the debt goes down, the amount of interest we need to collect from the taxpayers goes down. So as the debt goes down, we should be able to provide tax relief to the workers out there.

The overall bill when we look at the National Debt Repayment Act, it pays off the debt in its entirety by the year 2026, so we can give this Nation to our children debt-free; it restores the Social Security Trust Fund. It puts the money back into Social Security that has been taken out. And for the people in the work force today, there will be no need to collect the additional tax money, because we will not need the money to pay interest on the debt as we keep paying this thing down.

It is also significant to just take a look at some of the things that have changed from before to where we are at today. This will probably make a little more sense right-side up than it does upside down. I think it is important to take a glance at least briefly at this chart to understand how it is we got to where we are today.

I have heard a lot of discussions about who gets credit; it is the Democrats, the President, it is the Democrats in the House, it is the Republicans in the House. I think it is time as Americans we recognize it really doesn't matter who gets credit. The fact is we have reached for the first time in nearly 30 years a point where the United States Government did not spend more money than they had in their checkbook.

We still got problems. The Social Security Trust Fund is a huge problem. It needs to be put first, and it needs to be put truly first, not first after we create a whole bunch of new spending programs.

I would like to show this chart, because it helps people understand just exactly how we got to where we are today.

When I took office in 1995, we had just lived through the 1993 tax increase and more broken promises of a balanced budget than I care to think about. You can start back to Gramm-Rudman-Hollings Act in 1985 or 1987, or the budget deal in 1990, or the 1993 deal where they raised taxes significantly. The bottom line is the theory was that if we could take more money out of the pockets of the American people, the people that were here in office, they were going to take more money out of the pockets of the American people, and somehow if they took enough money from the American people, that would lead us to a balanced budget.

When we were elected in 1995, that changed. That theory that raising taxes was going to balance the budget was thrown out. As a matter of fact, that 1993 tax increase is why a lot of us are here. The American people did not want higher taxes and more Washington spending. They wanted a balanced budget by controlling the growth of Washington spending. They wanted less Washington and more money in their own pockets. They wanted less Washington, a balanced budget and lower taxes. That is what they wanted. That is why there was a changeover in 1995. In 1995, before we got here, the spending growth rate in Washington was 5.2 percent. That is this red column. That is how fast spending was going up each year on an average basis over the previous 7 years.

Since we have been here, it is going up by 3.2 percent. So the growth of Washington spending has been dramatically slowed over the last 3 year period of time. It is down by 40 percent.

The good news is the year we just completed, it was not only below 3.2, but actually down to 2.6 percent. It is the first time in a long time it has been actually under the rate of inflation.

Let me say that again so it makes a little more sense. The rate of growth of spending in Washington was actually less than the rate of growth of inflation in our country. So Washington did actually shrink, perhaps for the first time in a generation, last year in real dollar terms.

Now, do not let anybody mistake me saying that that means Washington is small enough. Washington still takes way too much money from the American people, they spend too much money out here, and there is all kinds of waste that should be eliminated. So I am not trying to lead anybody to believe the job is done. This job is not done. We have a long ways to go.

Are we on the right track? Slowing the growth of Washington spending by 40 percent in two years, getting us to a point where we actually have a balanced budget and spent less money than we have in our check book for the first time since 1969? That is all good stuff.

We need to keep this in perspective of the Social Security Trust Fund, we need to understand we have a long ways to go, we need to recognize the progress that has been made, but at the same time we are recognizing that progress, we need to recognize how far we still have to go.

There is one other topic I would like to briefly discuss today. We talked about the past and how we had broken promises and how we had tax increases from 1993. We have talked about our new theory of less Washington, leading us to a balanced budget and more money in the pockets of the people.

I would like to talk specifically about that more money in the pockets of the people, because last year, for the first time, taxes were cut for the American people.

I was somewhat shocked this weekend, I was at a particular place in our district, we had about 200 people there, in our State, we had about 200 people there, not many people actually knew that the tax cut package had been passed into law and was available right now in January 1998 for virtually any taxpayer with a child under the age of 17 earning less than $110,000 a year.

Right now, today, January 1998, if a child under the age of 17 is in your family, you can fill out a new W-4 form and start taking home $33 a month more right now, this January. It is a $400 per child tax credit.

Now, if you do not do anything, you are still going to get the tax credit, but you are not going to get it until 1999. By going in and filling out a new W-4 form, any parent or constituent of ours or my colleagues out there in America can literally start taking home $33 a month more right now. The $33 a month is the $400 tax credit divided up amongst the 12 months. All we have to do, all that has to be done, is a new W-4 has to be filled out.

Let me make that very clear. If we have a family in our districts that has a child under the age of 17, and they go in and fill out a new W-4, and then they look at their December paycheck and they compare it to their January paycheck, their January paycheck should be $33 bigger than their December paycheck. For a family with three kids, that is $100 a month. All a family has to do is simply go in and fill out a new W-4, and a family with three kids under the age of 17 starts taking home $100 a months more immediately.

There is more to the tax cut package. We put education as a top priority. If you have a freshman or sophomore in college, in virtually all cases they are eligible for a $1,500 tax credit.

Again, let me translate that. Because if the people do not do anything, they are going to get the $1,500 dollars back at the end of the year, April of 1999. But you can start getting that money back in your pocket right now.

The college students I know, they have got college tuition bills to pay right now and in the fall of this year. If a senior in high school is looking ahead to college, that college bill comes due in fall of this year, not in April 1999.

So what the parents need to do is go in and change the W-4 forms. If you are going to have a freshman or sophomore

in college, you start taking home $125 a month right now, January 1998. There is no reason to wait.

There is another problem with not doing it. If you do not fill out a new W-4 form to take that extra money into their home right now today, that means that Washington is going to be getting $33 per month per child, or $125 a month for a freshman or sophomore in college, and that money is going to be coming out here to Washington, instead of the people keeping it in their own homes. When Washington sees this big pile of money that actually belongs out there in the homes of the American people, when Washington sees that big pile of money, they are going to want to spend it.

So the problem with this waiting until 1999 to get the tax credit is that Washington gets the people's money in the interim, and it is very difficult in this city when people see this money to get them to not spend it.

So it would be a tremendous help to all of the elected officials, all of my colleagues here and myself in Washington, if the people would very simply keep their own money in their homes. For juniors and seniors in college, it is 20 percent of the first $5,000 cost, up to $1,000 total.

If folks own their own home, and I am going on with some of the other tax cut provisions that are included, if folks own their own home and they sell it, they have been there for 2 years or longer, there is no longer any Federal taxes due in the vast majority of the cases.

If someone has made an investment in stocks and bonds, and, again, I spend a lot of time with people in Wisconsin, and as I ask people in Wisconsin, I ask rooms full of people how many own a stock or bond or mutual fund, and virtually every hand in the room goes up. We are in a day and an age where people have made investments into stocks and bonds and mutual funds. I talk to them about the fact if they make a profit, and I tell them I hope they make a profit, I do not know of anybody who invests in stocks or bonds or mutual funds with the intent of losing money, I hope they make a profit. That means the economy is good. That is what this is all about.

So when they make that profit, instead of sending 28 cents out of every dollar to Washington, they now only send 20 cents, because capital gains is reduced from 28 percent to 20, and if you earn less than $41,000 a year, it was reduced from 15 percent down to 10. These are very significant changes.

Then I talk to a lot of folks in the room where the kids are grown and gone and they are starting to think seriously about retirement. I talk to them about the Roth IRA. It is a new kind of IRA where you can put $2,000 per person per year into this account, and you do not get the tax break up front, but all of the interest and earnings that accumulates on that $2,000 between whenever you put it in and retirement, it accumulates absolutely tax-free, and when you take it out there is no taxes due. A monumental change in the Tax Code.

One other thing to mention in the Tax Code change, there are a lot of middle income families in America today that, for whatever reason, to find out they can't have their own children and would like to adopt a child. I think this is a very important, very significant Tax Code change.

In America today, it costs about $10,000 to get through the legal red tape to adopt a child. So what we have done in the Tax Code is provided a $5,000 adoption tax credit, so that if a middle income family finds themselves in a situation where they cannot have their own children and they would like to adopt a child, that tax credit is now available to assist and to help in that particular situation.

I have talked about a lot of issues here tonight. If I could close with where we started basically, and that is the Social Security issue, I think it is very, very important as the people listen to the debate here in Washington and my colleagues talk about Social Security and putting Social Security first, I think it is very important that we remember Social Security is collecting this year alone $98 billion more than it is paying out our seniors in benefits. That money is being spent on other government programs right now. At this point the proposal is simply to give the leftovers to Social Security.

It does not have to be that way. The Social Security Preservation Act would require that that $98 billion, not IOU's, real money, gets put directly into the Social Security Trust Fund, so Social Security would once again be safe and solvent for our senior citizens.

There is $600 billion that has been taken out of the Social Security Trust Fund and spent on other Government programs between 1983 and today. Our National Debt Repayment Act, we do not have to ignore that money. It is not gone. We do not have to say we cannot pay that money back.

That $600 billion that has been taken out of the Social Security Trust Fund, that is all part of the national debt, the $5.5 trillion. All we have to do is pass the National Debt Repayment Act and as we repay that Federal debt, we find ourselves in a position where part of that debt is the Social Security Trust Fund, so the money gets back into the Social Security Trust Fund.

So tonight I am encouraging my colleagues to join me in two separate bills, the Social Security Preservation Act, which truly would put Social Security first, and the National Debt Repayment Act, which would pay off the entire Federal debt by the year 2026, so our children inherit a debt-free Nation. It would restore the Social Security Trust Fund, so Social Security would again be solvent for our senior citizens, and it would lower taxes, taking one-third of any surpluses and dedicating it toward tax reduction.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Mr. BECERRA (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT) for today and the balance of the week, on account of medical reasons.

Ms. ESHOO (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT) for today and the balance of the week, on account of a death in the family.

Mr. MANTON (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT) for today, on account of personal business.

Mr. UNDERWOOD (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT) for today and tomorrow, on account of district business.

Mr. GILLMOR (at the request of Mr. ARMEY) for January 27, on account of the birth of a granddaughter.

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. PEASE) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:

Mr. WOLF, for 5 minutes on February 5.

Mr. GEKAS for 5 minutes today.

EXTENSION OF REMARKS

By unanimous consent, permission to revise and extend remarks was granted to:

The following Members (at the request of Mr. Clement) and to include extraneous matter:

Mr. Skelton.
Mr. Lantos.
Mr. Pascrell.
Mr. Berman.
Mr. Farr of California.
Mr. Stark.
Mr. Deutsch.
Mr. Barrett of Wisconsin.
Mr. Hamilton.
Mr. Manton.
Mr. Schumer.
Mr. Levin.
Mr. Kleczka.
Mr. Fazio of California.

The following Members (at the request of Mr. Pease) and to include extraneous matter:

Mr. Talent.
Mr. Radanovich.
Mr. Gilman.
Mr. Ramstad.
Mr. Solomon.
Mr. Sensenbrenner.

The following Members (at the request of Mr. Miller of Florida) and to include extraneous matter:

Ms. Ros-Lehtinen.
Mr. Bilirakis.
Mrs. Johnson of Connecticut.
Mr. Packard.
Mr. Smith of New Jersey.
Mr. Barrett of Wisconsin.
Mr. Dellums.
Mr. Combest.
Mr. Kanjorski.
Mr. Blagojevich.
Mr. Payne.
Mr. Knollenberg.
Mr. Kildee.
Mr. Kind.
Mr. Filner.
Mr. McIntosh, in two instances.
Mr. Oberstar.
Mr. Torres.
Mr. Baker.
Mr. Gillmor.
Ms. Stabenow.
Mr. Farr of California.
Mr. Clyburn.

The following Members (at the request of Mr. Neumann) and to include extraneous matter:

Mr. Clyburn, in three instances.
Mrs. Mink of Hawaii.
Mr. Thune.

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ADJOURNMENT

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

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 8 o'clock p.m.), the House adjourned until tomorrow, Wednesday, February 4, 1998, at 10 a.m.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 2 of rule XXIV, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

6724. A letter from the Acting Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Peanuts Marketed in the United States; Relaxation of Handling Regulations [Docket Nos. FV97-997-1 IFR and FV97-998-1 IFR] received January 22, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

6725. A letter from the Acting Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Oranges, Grapefruit, Tangerines, and Tangelos Grown in Florida and Imported Grapefruit; Relaxation of the Minimum Size Requirement for Red Seedless Grapefruit [Docket No. FV98-905-2 IFR] received January 23, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

6726. A letter from the Acting Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Hazelnuts Grown in Oregon and Washington; Establishment of Interim and Final Free and Restricted Percentages for the 1997-98 Marketing Year [Docket No. FV98-982-1 IFR] received January 23, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

6727. A letter from the Acting Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Tomatoes Grown in Florida and Imported Tomatoes; Final Rule to Change Minimum Size and Size Designation Requirements [Docket No. FV97-966-1 IFR] received January 9, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

6728. A letter from the Acting Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Grapes Grown in a Designated Area of Southeastern California; Revision to Container Requirements [Docket No. FV98-925-2 IFR] received January 9, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

6729. A letter from the Acting Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Tart Cherries Grown in the States of Michigan, et al.; Temporary Suspension of Proviso for Exporting Juice and Juice Concentrate; Establishment of Regulations for Handler Diversion [Docket No. FV97-930-4 IFR] received January 9, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

6730. A letter from the Acting Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Oranges, Grapefruit, Tangerines, and Tangelos Grown in Florida; Limiting the Volume of Small Florida Red Seedless Grapefruit [Docket No. FV97-905-1 IFR] received January 9, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

6731. A letter from the Acting Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Grapes Grown in a Designated Area of Southeastern California; Temporary Suspension of Continuing Assessment Rate [Docket No. FV98-925-1 IFR] received January 9, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

6732. A letter from the Acting Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Onions Grown in South Texas; Decreased Assessment Rate [Docket No. FV98-959-1 IFR] received January 9, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

6733. A letter from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Humane Treatment of Dogs and Cats; Wire Flooring [Docket No. 95-100-2] (RIN: 0579-AA78) received January 23, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

6734. A letter from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Horses from Mexico; Quarantine Requirements [Docket No. 96-052-3] received January 26, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

6735. A letter from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, transmitting the Service's final rule— Restrictions on the Importation of Ruminants, Meat and Meat Products From Ruminates, and Certain Other Ruminant Products [Docket No. 97-127-1] received January 9, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

6736. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Approval and Promulgation of State Implementation Plans for Louisiana: Motor Vehicle Inspection and Maintenance Program; Correction [LA-33-1-7374; FRL-5955-9] received January 23, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

6737. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Consolidation of Certain Food and Feed Additive Tolerance Regulations [OPP-300572; FRL-5755-9] (RIN: 2070-AB78) received January 13, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

6738. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Carboxin; Extension of Tolerance for Emergency Exemptions [OPP-300604; FRL-5766-5] (RIN: 2070-AB78) received January 26, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

6739. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Zinc Phosphide; Pesticide Tolerances for Emergency Exemptions [OPP-300453; FRL-5588-1] (RIN: 2070-AB78) received December 11, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

6740. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Sodium Bicarbonate and Potassium Bicarbonate; Tolerance Exemptions [OPP-300440A; FRL-5572-2] (RIN: 2070-AB78) received December 11, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

6741. A letter from the Administrator, Farm Service Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Tree Assistance Program (RIN: 0560-AF17) received January 23, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

6742. A letter from the Manager, Federal Crop Insurance Corporation, Risk Management Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Hybrid Seed Crop Insurance Regulations; and Common Crop Insurance Regulations, Hybrid Seed Corn Crop Insurance Provisions (RIN: 0563-AA78) received January 12, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

6743. A letter from the Manager, Federal Crop Insurance Corporation, Risk Management Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—General Crop Insurance Regulations; Hybrid Sorghum Seed Endorsement and Common Crop Insurance Regulations; Hybrid Sorghum Seed Crop Insurance Provisions (RIN: 0563-AB03) received December 15, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

6744. A letter from the Manager, Federal Crop Insurance Corporation, Risk Management Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Common Crop Insurance Regulations; Canola and Rapeseed Crop Insurance Provisions [7 CFR Part 457] received December 29, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

6745. A letter from the Manager, Federal Crop Insurance Corporation, Risk Management Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Potato Crop Insurance Regulations; and Common Crop Insurance Regulations, Northern Potato Crop Insurance Provisions, Central and Southern Potato Crop

Insurance Provisions, Northern Potato Quality Endorsement Crop Insurance Provisions, Northern Processing Potato Quality Endorsement Crop Insurance Provisions, Certified Seed Potato Endorsement Crop Insurance Provisions, and Northern Potato Storage Endorsement Crop Insurance Provisions [7 CFR Parts 422 and 457] received December 15, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

6746. A letter from the Manager, Federal Crop Insurance Corporation, Risk Management Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Common Crop Insurance Regulations; Basic Provisions; and Various Crop Insurance Provisions (RIN: 0563–AB03) received December 10, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

6747. A letter from the Manager, Federal Crop Insurance Corporation, Risk Management Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Pea Crop Insurance Regulations; and Common Crop Insurance Regulations, Dry Pea Crop Insurance Provisions [7 CFR Part 457] received January 8, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

6748. A letter from the Manager, Federal Crop Insurance Corporation, Risk Management Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Sweet Corn Insurance Regulations; and Common Crop Insurance Regulations, Processing Sweet Corn Crop Insurance Provisions [7 CFR Parts 437 and 457] received January 8, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

6749. A letter from the Manager, Federal Crop Insurance Corporation, Risk Management Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Public Information [7 CFR Part 412] received January 12, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

6750. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting a request for emergency appropriations of $6,000,000 for the Department of Agriculture from the sale of grain in the disaster reserve established in the Agricultural Act of 1970, pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 1107; (H. Doc. No. 105—198); to the Committee on Appropriations and ordered to be printed.

6751. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting a report of eight new deferrals of budgetary resources, totaling $4.8 billion, pursuant to 2 U.S.C. 684(a); (H. Doc. No. 105—205); to the Committee on Appropriations and ordered to be printed.

6752. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting the Budget of the United States Government, Fiscal Year 1999, pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 1105(a); (H. Doc. No. 105—177); to the Committee on Appropriations and ordered to be printed.

6753. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting the report on military expenditures for countries receiving U.S. assistance, pursuant to section 511(b) of the Foreign Operations, Export Financing, and Related Programs Appropriations Act, 1993; to the Committee on Appropriations.

6754. A letter from the Acting Director, Defense Finance and Accounting Service, transmitting notification that the Defense Finance and Accounting Service is modifying the scope of the cost comparison study of accounting functions supporting the Defense Commissary Agency announced on July 18, 1997, pursuant to 10 U.S.C. 2304 nt.; to the Committee on National Security.

6755. A letter from the Director, Office of the Secretary, Department of Defense, transmitting the Department's final rule—Compensation of Certain Former Operatives Incarcerated by the Democratic Republic of Vietnam (RIN: 0790–AG43) received January 27, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on National Security.

6756. A letter from the Director, Office of the Secretary, Department of Defense, transmitting the Department's final rule—National Policy on Reciprocity of Failures and Guidelines for Implementation of Reciprocity (RIN: 0790–AG55) received January 27, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on National Security.

6757. A letter from the Director, Office of Secretary, Department of Defense, transmitting the Department's final rule—Personnel Security Policies for Granting Access to Classified Information (RIN: 0790–AG54) received January 27, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on National Security.

6758. A letter from the Director, Office of the Secretary, Department of Defense, transmitting the Department's final rule—National Policy on Technical Surveillance Countermeasures (RIN: 0790–AG56) received January 27, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on National Security.

6759. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Determination of Fair and Reasonable Guideline Rates for the Carriage of Bulk and Packaged Preference Cargoes on U.S.-Flag Commercial Vessels [Docket No. R–158] (RIN: 2133–AB19) received January 22, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on National Security.

6760. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulations Management, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting the Department's final rule— Reservists' Education: Increase in Rates Payable Under the Montgomery GI Bill —Selected Reserve (Coast Guard) (RIN: 2900–AI89) received December 11, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on National Security.

6761. A letter from the Administrator, Rural Housing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Rural Rental Housing Assistance (RIN: 0575–AC15) received December 22, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services.

6762. A letter from the Director, Office of Legislative Affairs, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, transmitting the Corporation's final rule— Risk-Based Capital Standards: Market Risk [12 CFR Part 325] received December 18, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services.

6763. A letter from the Managing Director, Federal Housing Finance Board, transmitting the Board's final rule—Membership Eligibility [No. 97–66] (RIN: 3069–AA66) received January 21, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services.

6764. A letter from the Assistant General Counsel for Regulations, Department of Education, transmitting a report on a notice of relief from regulatory provisions for Student Assistance General Provisions, Federal Perkins Loan, Federal Work-Study, Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant, Federal Family Education Loan, William D. FORD Federal Direct Loan, and Federal Pell Grant Programs, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(B); to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

6765. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Mine Safety and Health, Department of Labor, transmitting the Department's final rule—National Mine Health and Safety Academy (RIN: 1219–AB04) received December 1, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

6766. A letter from the Deputy Executive Director and Chief Operating Officer, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, transmitting the Corporation's final rule—Allocation of Assets in Single-Employer Plans; Interest Assumptions for Valuing Benefits [29 CFR Part 4044] received January 12, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

6767. A letter from the Deputy Executive Director and Chief Operating Officer, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, transmitting the Corporation's final rule—Allocation of Assets in Single-Employer Plans; Interest Assumptions for Valuing Benefits [29 CFR Part 4044] received December 11, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

6768. A letter from the Deputy Executive Director and Chief Operating Officer, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, transmitting the Corporation's final rule—Finding Aids; Terminology; Benefits Payable in Terminated Single-Employer Plans; Allocation of Assets in Single-Employer Plans (RIN: 1212–AA75) received January 8, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

6769. A letter from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting the 1995 annual report on the National Health Service Corps (NHSC), the NHSC Scholarship Program (NHSCSP), and the NHSC Loan Repayment Program (NHSC/LRP), pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 254b(g); to the Committee on Commerce.

6770. A letter from the Director, Office of Rulemaking Coordination, Department of Energy, transmitting the Department's final rule—Nuclear Classification and Declassification (RIN: 1901–AA21) received January 14, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

6771. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Pennsylvania; 15 Percent Plan and 1990 VOC Emission Inventory for the Pittsburgh-Beaver Valley Area [PA 098–4055; FRL–5946–7] received January 12, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

6772. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Commonwealth of Puerto Rico; Final Approval of State Underground Storage Tank Program [FRL–5938–5] received January 16, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

6773. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Underground Storage Tank Program: Approved State Program for the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico [FRL–5938–6] received January 16, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

6774. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Protection of Stratospheric Ozone: Allocation of 1998 Essential Use Allowances [FRL–5953–6] (RIN:

2060–AG48) received January 22, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

6775. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Approval and Promulgation of State Implementation Plan; Ohio [OH58–1a; FRL–5954–6] received January 22, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

6776. A letter from the Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Mercury Study Report, pursuant to section 112(n)(1)(B) of the Clean Air Act, as amended in 1990; to the Committee on Commerce.

6777. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Hazardous Waste Management Program: Incorporation by Reference of Approved State Hazardous Waste Program for Florida [FRL–5948–1] received January 14, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

6778. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; State of Missouri [MO 041–1041; FRL–5948–4] received January 15, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

6779. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Acid Rain Program: Revisions to Permits, Allowance System, Sulfur Dioxide Opt-Ins, Continuous Emission Monitoring, Excess Emissions, and Appeal Procedures [FRL–5936–3] (RIN: 2060–AF43) received December 10, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

6780. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Determination of Attainment of the One-Hour Ozone Standard for the Poughkeepsie, New York Ozone Nonattainment Area and Determination Regarding Applicability of Certain Reasonable Further Progress and Attainment Demonstration Requirements [Region 2 Docket No. NY 26–2–176a; FRL–5936–8] received December 10, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

6781. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Tennessee; Final Authorization of Revisions to State Hazardous Waste Management Program [FRL–5956–4] received January 26, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

6782. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Approval and Promulgation of State Plans for Designated Facilities and Pollutants; Utah; Control of Landfill Gas Emissions from Existing Municipal Solid Waste Landfills [UT001–0010a and UT0011a; FRL–5948–7] received January 8, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

6783. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Florida: Final Authorization of State Hazardous Waste Management Program Revisions [FRL–5948–2] received January 8, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

6784. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Indiana [IN80–1a; FRL–5929–5] received January 8, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

6785. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Preliminary Assessment Information and Health and Safety Data Reporting; Stay of a Final Rule [OPPTS–82049A; FRL–5577–6] received December 11, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

6786. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Solid Waste Programs; Management Guidelines for Beverage Containers and Resource Recovery Facilities Guidelines; Removal of Obsolete Guidelines [FRL–5670–6] received December 11, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

6787. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Final Authorization of State Hazardous Waste Management Program; Missouri [FRL–5832–8] received December 11, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

6788. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; District of Columbia; Interim Final Determination for Approval of the District of Columbia New Source Review Submittal [SIPTRAX DC032–2005; FRL–5832–9] received December 11, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

6789. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Preliminary Assessment Information and Health and Safety Data Reporting; Addition of Chemicals [OPPTS–82049; FRL–5397–9] received December 11, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

6790. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Benzidine-Based Chemical Substances; Significant New Uses of Certain Chemical Substances [OPPTS–50617A; FRL–5396–6] (RIN: 2070–AA58) received December 11, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

6791. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Utah; Improved Motor Vehicle Inspection and Maintenance Program [UT-NHA–02; FRL–5834–9] received December 11, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

6792. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Pennsylvania; 15 Percent Plan and 1990 VOC Emission Inventory for the Philadelphia Area [PA 099–4063; FRL–5837–6] received December 11, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

6793. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—National Ambient Air Quality Standards for Nitrogen Dioxide: Final Decision [AD-FRL–5632–1] (RIN: 2060–AC06) received December 11, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

6794. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Aliphatic Ester; Revocation of a Significant New Use Rule [OPPTS–50622D; FRL–5715–2] (RIN: 2070–AB27) received December 11, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

6795. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Revocation of Significant New Use Rules for Certain Chemical Substances [OPPTS–50581D; FRL–5715–3] (RIN: 2070–AB27) received December 11, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

6796. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Acquisition Regulation: Limitation of Future Contracting [FRL–5684–1] received December 11, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

6797. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Acquisition Regulation; Removal of Outdated or Unnecessary Coverage [FRL–5639–5] received December 11, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

6798. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Program Guidelines—received December 11, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

6799. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Credible Evidence Revisions [FRL–5691–2] (RIN: 2020–AA27) received December 11, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

6800. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Technical Amendments to Ocean Dumping; Amendment of Site Designation; Correction of Effective Date Under Congressional Review Act [FRL–5944–9] received January 5, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

6801. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Technical Amendments to Solid Waste Programs; Management Guidelines for Beverage Containers and Resource Recovery Facilities Guidelines;

Removal of Obsolete Guidelines: Correction of Effective Date Under Congressional Review Act [FRL-5944-7] received January 5, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

6802. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Technical Amendments to Final Authorization of State Hazardous Waste Management Program; Missouri: Correction of Effective Date Under Congressional Review Act [FRL-5944-8] received January 5, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

6803. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Technical Amendments to Credible Evidence Revisions; Correction of Effective Date Under Congressional Review Act [FRL-5943-4] received January 5, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

6804. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Technical Amendments to Preliminary Assessment Information and Health and Safety Data Reporting; Addition of Chemicals; Stay of Final Rule: Correction of Effective Date Under Congressional Review Act [FRL-5944-5] received January 5, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

6805. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Technical Amendments to Zinc Phosphide; Pesticide Tolerances for Emergency Exemptions: Correction of Effective Date [FRL-5944-4] received January 5, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

6806. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Technical Amendments to Sodium Bicarbonate and Potassium Bicarbonate; Tolerance Exemptions: Correction of Effective Date [FRL-5943-8] received January 5, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

6807. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Technical Amendments to Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Pennsylvania: 15 Percent Plan and 1990 VOC Emission Inventory for the Philadelphia Area: Correction of Effective Date [PA 099-4063; FRL-5945-4] received January 5, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

6808. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Technical Amendments to Acquisition Regulation: Removal of Certification Requirements Regarding Collection, Use, Access, Treatment, and Disclosure of Confidential Business Information: Correction of Effective Date [FRL-5944-3] received January 5, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

6809. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Technical Amendments to Acquisition Regulation: Limitation of Future Contracting: Correction of Effective Date [FRL-5943-5] received January 5, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

6810. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Technical Amendments to Benzidine-Based Chemical Substances; Significant New Uses of Certain Chemical Substances: Correction of Effective Date [FRL-5943-6] received January 5, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

6811. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Technical Amendments to Aliphatic Ester; Revocation of Significant New Use Rule: Correction of Effective Date [FRL-5943-9] received January 5, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

6812. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Technical Amendments to Revocation of Significant New Use Rules for Certain Chemical Substances: Correction of Effective Date [FRL-5943-7] received January 5, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

6813. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Technical Amendments to Acquisition Regulation; Removal of Outdated or Unnecessary Coverage: Correction of Effective Date [FRL-5945-5] received January 5, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

6814. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Technical Amendments to Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans: Utah; Improved Motor Vehicle Inspection and Maintenance Program: Correction of Effective Date [FRL-5945-2] received January 5, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

6815. A letter from the Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the second triennial report on the Status of the Hazardous Air Pollutant Program under the Clean Air Act; to the Committee on Commerce.

6816. A letter from the AMD—Performance Evaluation and RECORDS Management, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule—Amendment of Section 73.202(b), Table of Allotments, FM Broadcast Stations (Waelder and Yorktown, Texas) [MM Docket No. 97-22, RM-8953, RM-9075] received January 16, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

6817. A letter from the AMD—Performance Evaluation and RECORDS Management, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule—Amendment of Section 73.202(b), Table of Allotments, FM Broadcast Stations (Goldsmith, Texas) [MM Docket No. 97-197, RM-9154] received January 16, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

6818. A letter from the AMD—Performance Evaluation and RECORDS Management, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule—Amendment of Section 73.202(b), Table of Allotments, FM Broadcast Stations (Gideon, Missouri) [MM Docket No. 97-120, RM-9054] received January 16, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

6819. A letter from the Director, Regulations Policy and Management Staff, Office of Policy, Food and Drug Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule—Indirect Food Additives: Polymers [Docket No. 96F-0213] received January 22, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

6820. A letter from the Director, Regulations Policy and Management Staff, Office of Policy, Food and Drug Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule—Listing of Color Additives Exempt From Certification; Ferrous Lactate; Confirmation of Effective Date [Docket No. 93G-0017] received January 22, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

6821. A letter from the Deputy Director, Regulations Policy and Management Staff, Office of Policy, Food and Drug Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule—Indirect Food Additives: Adjuvants, Production Aids, and Sanitizers [Docket No. 96F-0101] received January 22, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

6822. A letter from the Director, Regulations Policy and Management Staff, Office of Policy, Food and Drug Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule—Indirect Food Additives: Adhesives and Components of Coatings; Adjuvants, Production Aids, and Sanitizers [Docket No. 95F-0210] received January 26, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

6823. A letter from the Director, Regulations Policy and Management Staff, Office of Policy, Food and Drug Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule—Policy on 180-Day Marketing Exclusively for Drugs Marketed Under Abbreviated New Drug Applications; Clarification [Docket No. 85N-0214] received December 3, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

6824. A letter from the Director, Office of Congressional Affairs, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule—Deliberate Misconduct by Unlicensed Persons (RIN: 3150-AF35) received January 23, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

6825. A letter from the Chairman, Nuclear Waste Technical Review Board, transmitting the second report of 1997 as required by the Nuclear Waste Policy Amendments Act of 1987, Public Law 100-203; to the Committee on Commerce.

6826. A letter from the Secretary of Transportation, transmitting the Superfund Financial Transactions Report for Fiscal Year 1997, pursuant to Public Law 99—499, section 120(e)(5) (100 Stat. 1669); to the Committee on Commerce.

6827. A letter from the Deputy Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule—Covered Securities Pursuant to Section 18 of the Securities Act of 1933 [Release No. 33-7494, 34-39542, File No. S7-17-97] (RIN: 3235-AH18) received January 14, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

6828. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting a report on actions and policies of the National Union for the Total Independence of Angola (UNITA) and the national emergency declared in Executive Order 12865, pursuant to 50 U.S.C. 1703(c); (H. Doc. No. 105—189); to the Committee on International Relations and ordered to be printed.

6829. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting a 6-month periodic report on the national emergency declared by Executive Order 12924 of August 19, 1994, to deal with the threat to the national security, foreign policy, and economy of the United States caused by the lapse of the Export Administration Act of 1979, pursuant to 50 U.S.C. 1641(c); (H. Doc. No. 105—191); to the Committee on International Relations and ordered to be printed.

6830. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting notification that the emergency declared with Libya is to continue in effect beyond January 7, 1998, pursuant to 50 U.S.C. 1622(d); (H. Doc. No. 105—193); to the Committee on International Relations and ordered to be printed.

6831. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting a report on developments concerning the national emergency with respect to Libya that was declared in Executive Order 12543 of January 7, 1986, pursuant to 50 U.S.C. 1703(c); (H. Doc. No. 105—194); to the Committee on International Relations and ordered to be printed.

6832. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting notification that the emergency declared with respect to grave acts of violence committed by foreign terrorists that disrupt the Middle East peace process is to continue in effect beyond January 23, 1998, pursuant to 50 U.S.C. 1622(d); (H. Doc. No. 105—195); to the Committee on International Relations and ordered to be printed.

6833. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting a report on actions and expenses directly related to the exercise of powers and authorities conferred by the declaration of a national emergency in Executive Order 12808 as expanded with respect to the Bosnian Serbs in Executive Order 12934 covering the period from May 30 through November 29, 1997, pursuant to 50 U.S.C. 1641(c); (H. Doc. No. 105—199); to the Committee on International Relations and ordered to be printed.

6834. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting a report on developments concerning the national emergency with respect to Iran that was declared in Executive Order 12170 of November 14, 1979, pursuant to 50 U.S.C. 1703(c); (H. Doc. No. 105—201); to the Committee on International Relations and ordered to be printed.

6835. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting a report on the status of efforts to obtain Iraq's compliance with the resolutions adopted by the U.N. Security Council, pursuant to Public Law 102—1, section 3 (105 Stat. 4); (H. Doc. No. 105—202); to the Committee on International Relations and ordered to be printed.

6836. A letter from the Acting Director, Defense Security Assistance Agency, transmitting notification concerning the Department of the Navy's proposed Letter(s) of Offer and Acceptance (LOA) to the Taipei Economic and Cultural Representative Office in the United States for defense articles and services (Transmittal No. 98-19), pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2776(b); to the Committee on International Relations.

6837. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting the Department's report on PLO compliance, pursuant to Public Law 101—246, section 804(b) (104 Stat. 78); to the Committee on International Relations.

6838. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting the bimonthly report on progress toward a negotiated settlement of the Cyprus question, including any relevant reports from the Secretary General of the United Nations, pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2373(c); to the Committee on International Relations.

6839. A letter from the Secretary of Defense, transmitting a report that the Department is renotifying $1.3 million in FY 1994 funds to implement the Cooperative Threat Reduction (CTR) Program, pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 5955; to the Committee on International Relations.

6840. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting a report relating to the approval and implementation of the Agreement for Nuclear Cooperation Between the United States and the People's Republic of China, pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 2153(d); (H. Doc. No. 105—197); to the Committee on International Relations and ordered to be printed.

6841. A letter from the Assistant Legal Adviser for Treaty Affairs, Department of State, transmitting copies of international agreements, other than treaties, entered into by the United States, pursuant to 1 U.S.C. 112b(a); to the Committee on International Relations.

6842. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting a report on continued U.S. contributions in support of peacekeeping efforts in the former Yugoslavia; (H. Doc. No. 105—190); to the Committee on International Relations and ordered to be printed.

6843. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting a report in accordance with the resolution of advice and consent to ratification of the Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production, Stockpiling and Use of Chemical Weapons and on Their Destruction, adopted by the Senate of the United States on April 24, 1997; (H. Doc. No. 105—192); to the Committee on International Relations and ordered to be printed.

6844. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting a report in accordance with the resolution of advice and consent to ratification of the Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production, Stockpiling and Use of Chemical Weapons and on Their Destruction, adopted by the Senate of the United States on April 24, 1997; (H. Doc. No. 105—203); to the Committee on International Relations and ordered to be printed.

6845. A letter from the Director, Bureau of Economic Analysis, Economics and Statistics Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule— International Services Surveys: BE-22 Annual Survey of Selected Services Transactions With Unaffiliated Foreign Persons (RIN: 0691-AA30) received January 5, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on International Relations.

6846. A letter from the Director, Bureau of the Census, transmitting the Bureau's final rule—Establishing New Research Data Centers [Docket No. 971231318-7318-01] received January 15, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

6847. A letter from the Secretary, Mississippi River Commission, Department of the Army, transmitting the report in compliance with the Government in the Sunshine Act for 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552b(j); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

6848. A letter from the Director for Executive Budgeting and Assistance Management, Department of Commerce, transmitting the Administration's final rule—Financial Assistance for Internship Program for Postsecondary Students —received December 10, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

6849. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Privacy Act; Implementation [Docket No. OST-96-1472] (RIN: 2105-AC60) received January 26, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

6850. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—OMB Approval Numbers Under the Paperwork Reduction Act [FRL-5943-2] received January 6, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

6851. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Acquisition Regulation: Removal of Certification Requirements Regarding Collection, Use, Access, Treatment, and Disclosure of Confidential Business Information [FRL-5860-6] received December 11, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

6852. A letter from the Director, Financial Management, General Accounting Office, transmitting the FY 1997 annual report of the Comptrollers' General Retirement System, pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 9503(a)(1)(B); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

6853. A letter from the Senior Deputy Chairman, National Endowment for the Arts, transmitting the FY 1997 report pursuant to the Federal Managers' Financial Integrity Act, pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 3512(c)(3); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

6854. A letter from the Director, Office of Congressional Affairs, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule—Electronic Freedom of Information Act: Implementation (RIN: 3150-AF78) received January 8, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

6855. A letter from the Office of Independent Counsel, transmitting the 1997 annual report in compliance with the Inspector General Act Amendments of 1988, pursuant to Public Law 100—504, section 104(a) (102 Stat. 2525); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

6856. A letter from the Director, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting the Office's final rule—Pay Administration Under the Fair Labor Standards Act (RIN: 3206-AG70) received January 5, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

6857. A letter from the Chief Administrative Officer, Postal Rate Commission, transmitting a report of activities under the Freedom of Information Act for 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552(d); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

6858. A letter from the Secretary, Postal Rate Commission, transmitting the report in compliance with the Government in the Sunshine Act for 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552b(j); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

6859. A letter from the Board Members, Railroad Retirement Board, transmitting a

report of activities under the Freedom of Information Act for the period January 1, 1997 through September 30, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552(d); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

6860. A letter from the Board Members, Railroad Retirement Board, transmitting the FY 1997 report pursuant to the Federal Managers' Financial Integrity Act, pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 3512(c)(3); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

6861. A letter from the Director, Selective Service System, transmitting the FY 1997 report pursuant to the Federal Managers' Financial Integrity Act, pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 3512(c)(3); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

6862. A letter from the Director, Financial Services, Library of Congress, transmitting the United States Capitol Preservation Commission Annual Report for the fiscal year ended September 30, 1997; to the Committee on House Oversight.

6863. A letter from the Acting Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife and Parks, Department of the Interior, transmitting the Department's final rule—1997–98 Refuge-Specific Hunting and Sport Fishing Regulations (RIN: 1018–AE18) received January 9, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

6864. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Land and Minerals Management, Department of the Interior, transmitting the Department's final rule—Amendments to Transportation Allowance Regulations for Federal and Indian Leases to Specify Allowable Costs and Related Amendments to Gas Valuation Regulations (RIN: 1010–AC06) received December 11, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

6865. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Land and Minerals Management, Department of the Interior, transmitting the Department's final rule—Royalty Relief for New Leases in Deep Water (RIN: 1010–AC14) received January 12, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

6866. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Land and Minerals Management, Department of the Interior, transmitting the Department's final rule—Royalty Relief for Producing Leases and Certain Existing Leases in Deep Water (RIN: 1010–AC13) received January 9, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

6867. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Ocean Dumping; Amendment of Site Designation [40 CFR Part 228] received December 11, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

6868. A letter from the Service Federal Register Liaison Officer, Fish and Wildlife Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Disposition of Surplus Range Animals (RIN: 1018–AD75) received January 22, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

6869. A letter from the Service Federal Register Liaison Officer, Fish and Wildlife Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—1997 Migratory Bird Hunting and Conservation Stamp (Federal Duck Stamp) Contest (RIN: 1018–AE07) received January 22, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

6870. A letter from the Service Federal Register Liaison Officer, Fish and Wildlife Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Designated Ports for Listed Plants (RIN: 1018–AD97) received January 22, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

6871. A letter from the Director, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule—Designated Critical Habitat; Umpqua River Cutthroat Trout [Docket No. 970715175–7292–02; I.D. No. 042997B] (RIN: 0648–AG58) received January 22, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

6872. A letter from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule—Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Summer Flounder and Scup Fisheries; Adjustments to the 1998 Quotas; Commercial Summer Period Scup Quota Harvested for Massachusetts [Docket No. 971015246–7293–02; I.D. 010798C] received January 15, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

6873. A letter from the Office of Independent Counsel, transmitting the annual report for the Office of Independent Counsel-Barrett, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. 595(a)(2); to the Committee on the Judiciary.

6874. A letter from the Assistant Attorney General for Administration, Department of Justice, transmitting the third annual report on the Communications Assistance for Law Enforcement Act of 1994, as amended, pursuant to Public Law 103—414; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

6875. A letter from the Assistant Attorney General, Department of Justice, transmitting the 1996 Annual Report of the National Institute of Justice; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

6876. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting the Department's final rule—VISAS: Issuance of new or replacement immigrant visas [Public Notice 2664] received January 6, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on the Judiciary.

6877. A letter from the Director, Office of Management and Budget, transmitting recommendations for necessary legislative changes involving the relationship between the Federal Advisory Committee Act and the Negotiated Rulemaking Act of 1990, as amended, pursuant to Public Law 104—320, section 11(e) (110 Stat. 3874); to the Committee on the Judiciary.

6878. A letter from the Chairperson, United States Commission on Civil Rights, transmitting the Commission's report entitled "Racial and Ethnic Tensions in American Communities: Poverty, Inequality, and Discrimination," pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 1975; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

6879. A letter from the the Acting Assistant Secretary (Civil Works), the Department of the Army, transmitting the report on authorization of a flood damage reduction project for the Blue River Basin at the Dodson Industrial District, Kansas City, Missouri, pursuant to Public Law 104—303, section 101(a)(18); (H. Doc. No. 105—185); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure and ordered to be printed.

6880. A letter from the Executive Director, Architectural and Transportation Barriers Compliance Board, transmitting the Board's final rule —Americans with Disabilities Act Accessibility Guidelines for Building and Facilities; Building Elements Designed for Children's Use [Docket No. 94–2] (RIN: 3014–AA17) received January 26, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

6881. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Model A310 and A300–600 Series Airplanes (Federal Aviation Administration) [Docket No. 96–NM–247–AD; Amdt. 39–10282; AD 98–01–20] (RIN: 2120–AA64) received January 13, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

6882. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Airworthiness Directives; Dornier Model 328–100 Series Airplanes (Federal Aviation Administration) [Docket No. 97–NM–113–AD; Amdt. 39–10274; AD 98–01–11] (RIN: 2120–AA64) received January 13, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

6883. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Airworthiness Directives; British Aerospace (Jetstream) Model 4101 Airplanes (Federal Aviation Administration) [Docket No. 97–NM–127–AD; Amdt. 39–10276; AD 97–11–02 R1] (RIN: 2120–AA64) received January 13, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

6884. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Airworthiness Directives; Empresa Brasileira de Aeronautica S.A. Models EMB–110P1 and EMB–110P2 Airplanes (Federal Aviation Administration) [Docket No. 96–CE–66–AD; Amdt. 39–10273; AD 98–01–10] (RIN: 2120–AA64) received January 13, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

6885. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Airworthiness Directives; Precision Airmotive Corporation Carburetors (Federal Aviation Administration) [Docket No. 97–ANE–16; Amdt. 39–10270; AD 98–01–06] (RIN: 2120–AA64) received January 13, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

6886. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Drawbridge Operation Regulations; New Jersey Intracoastal Waterway [CGD05–97–003] (RIN: 2115–AE47) received January 13, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

6887. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Modification of Class D Airspace South of Abbotsford, British Columbia, on the United States Side of the U.S./Canadian Border, and the Establishment of a Class C Airspace Area in the Vicinity of Point ROBERTS, Washington [Airspace Docket No. 93–AWA–16] (RIN: 2120–AA66) received November 17, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

6888. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Amendment to Class E Airspace; Gillette, WY; correction (Federal Aviation Administration) [Airspace Docket No. 97–ANM–11] received January 22, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

6889. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting

the Department's final rule—Standard Instrument Approach Procedures; Miscellaneous Amendments (Federal Aviation Administration) [Docket No. 29114; Amdt. No. 1846] received January 22, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

6890. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Standard Instrument Approach Procedures; Miscellaneous Amendments (Federal Aviation Administration) [Docket No. 29115; Amdt. No. 1847] received January 22, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

6891. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Standard Instrument Approach Procedures; Miscellaneous Amendments (Federal Aviation Administration) [Docket No. 29101; Amdt. No. 1843] (RIN: 2120–AA65) received January 22, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

6892. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Standard Instrument Approach Procedures; Miscellaneous Amendments (Federal Aviation Administration) [Docket No. 29107; Amdt. No. 1845] received January 22, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

6893. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Airworthiness Directives; Boeing Model 747 Series Airplanes Equipped with Pratt & Whitney JT9D–3 and -7 Series Engines (Federal Aviation Administration) [Docket No. 97–NM–267–AD; Amdt. 39–10284; AD 98–02–02] (RIN: 2120–AA64) received January 22, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

6894. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Airworthiness Directives; Fokker Model F28 Mark 0100 and Mark 0070 Series Airplanes (Federal Aviation Administration) [Docket No. 95–NM–94–AD; Amdt. 39–10285; AD 98–02–03] (RIN: 2120–AA64) received January 22, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

6895. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Amendment to Class D and Class E Airspace Areas; Manhattan, KS (Federal Aviation Administration) [Airspace Docket No. 97–ACE–21] received January 22, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

6896. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Amendment to Class E Airspace; Columbia, NE (Federal Aviation Administration) [Airspace Docket No. 97–ACE–32] received January 22, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

6897. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Amendment to Class E Airspace; Norfolk, NE (Federal Aviation Administration) [Airspace Docket No. 97–ACE–33] received January 22, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

6898. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Amendment to Class E Airspace; Poplar Bluff, MO (Federal Aviation Administration) [Airspace Docket No. 97–ACE–28] received January 22, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

6899. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Amendment of Class E Airspace; Marshall Army Airfield, Fort Riley, KS (Federal Aviation Administration) [Airspace Docket No. 97–ACE–20] (RIN: 2120–AA66) received January 22, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

6900. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Amendment to Class E Airspace; Audubon, IA (Federal Aviation Administration) [Airspace Docket No. 97–ACE–30] received January 22, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

6901. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Amendment to Class E Airspace; Kansas City, Richards-Gebaur Airport, MO (Federal Aviation Administration) [Airspace Docket No. 97–ACE–10] (RIN: 2120–AA66) received January 22, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

6902. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Amendment to Class E Airspace; Vinton, IA (Federal Aviation Administration) [Airspace Docket No. 97–ACE–13] (RIN: 2120–AA66) received January 22, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

6903. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Amendment to Class E Airspace; Lee's Summit, MO (Federal Aviation Administration) [Airspace Docket No. 97–ACE–11] (RIN: 2120–AA66) received January 22, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

6904. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Amendment to Class E Airspace; Lincoln, NE (Federal Aviation Administration) [Airspace Docket No. 97–ACE–24] (RIN: 2120–AA66) received January 22, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

6905. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards Rear Impact Guards; Rear Impact Protection [Docket NHTSA–98–3342, Notice 1] (RIN: 2127–AA43) received January 22, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

6906. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Certification of Speed Limit Enforcement [NHTSA–97–3196] (RIN: 2125–AE17) received January 22, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

6907. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Modification of Class E Airspace; London, OH (Federal Aviation Administration) [Airspace Docket No. 97–AGL–46] (RIN: 2120–AA66) received January 15, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

6908. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Modification of Class E Airspace; Osceola, WI (Federal Aviation Administration) [Airspace Docket No. 97–AGL–49] (RIN: 2120–AA66) received January 15, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

6909. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Modification of the Legal Description of Class E Airspace; Aberdeen, SD (Federal Aviation Administration) [Airspace Docket No. 97–AGL–37] (RIN: 2120–AA66) received January 15, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

6910. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Standard Instrument Approach Procedures; Miscellaneous Amendments (Federal Aviation Administration) [Docket No. 29102; Amdt. No. 1844] (RIN: 2120–AA65) received January 15, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

6911. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Amendment of Class E Airspace; Sparta, TN (Federal Aviation Administration) [Airspace Docket No. 97–ASO–30] (RIN: 2120–AA66) received January 15, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

6912. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Establishment of Class E Airspace; St. Elmo, AL (Federal Aviation Administration) [Airspace Docket No. 97–ASO–23] (RIN: 2120–AA66) received January 15, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

6913. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Modification of Class E Airspace; Ashtabula, OH (Federal Aviation Administration) [Airspace Docket No. 97–AGL–56] (RIN: 2120–AA66) received January 15, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

6914. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Modification of Class E Airspace; Akron, OH (Federal Aviation Administration) [Airspace Docket No. 97–AGL–55] (RIN: 2120–AA66) received January 15, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

6915. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Industrie Model A320 Series Airplanes (Federal Aviation Administration) [Docket No. 95–NM–90–AD; Amdt. 39–10275; AD 98–01–12] (RIN: 2120–AA64) received January 15, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

6916. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Model A330 and A340 Series Airplanes (Federal Aviation Administration)[Docket No. 97–NM–314–AD; Amdt. 39–

10277; AD 98-01-15] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received January 15, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

6917. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Airworthiness Directives; Fokker Model F27 Mark 050 Series Airplanes (Federal Aviation Administration) [Docket No. 97-NM-247-AD; Amdt. 39-10278; AD 98-01-16] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received January 15, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

6918. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Model A320 Series Airplanes (Federal Aviation Administration) [Docket No. 97-NM-179-AD; Amdt. 39-10279; AD 98-01-17] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received January 15, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

6919. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Airworthiness Directives; Dornier Model 328-100 Series Airplanes (Federal Aviation Administration) [Docket No. 97-NM-111-AD; Amdt. 39-10280; AD 98-01-18] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received January 15, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

6920. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Airworthiness Directives; Dornier Model 328-100 Series Airplanes (Federal Aviation Administration) [Docket No. 97-NM-109-AD; Amdt. 39-10281; AD 98-01-19] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received January 15, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

6921. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Airworthiness Directives; Boeing Model 737-100, -200, -300, -400, -500 Series Airplanes (Federal Aviation Administration) [Docket No. 97-NM-45-AD; Amdt. 39-10283; AD 98-02-01] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received January 15, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

6922. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Special Local Regulation; Laughlin, Nevada [CGD11-97-004] (RIN: 2115-AE46) received January 26, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

6923. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Drawbridge Operation Regulations: Mystic River, MA [CGD01-96-002] (RIN: 2115-AE47) received January 26, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

6924. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Drawbridge Operation Regulations; Minnesota River [CGD08-97-004] (RIN: 2115-AE47) received January 26, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

6925. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Airworthiness Directives; CFM International CFM56-5B/2P Series Turbofan Engines (Federal Aviation Administration) [Docket No. 97-ANE-29-AD; Amdt. 39-10286; AD 98-02-04] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received January 26, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

6926. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Airworthiness Directives; Cesna Aircraft Company Models 172R and 182S Airplanes (Federal Aviation Administration) [Docket No. 97-CE-150-AD; Amdt. 39-10287; AD 98-01-01] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received January 26, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

6927. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Airworthiness Directives; Boeing Model 777-200 Series Airplanes (Federal Aviation Administration) [Docket No. 97-NM-335-AD; Amdt. 39-10288; AD 98-02-06] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received January 26, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

6928. A letter from the Assistant Secretary, Federal Maritime Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule—Simplification of Service Contract Filing Requirements [Docket No. 97-23] received December 1, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

6929. A letter from the Secretary of Transportation, transmitting the 6-year report on state-of-the-art technology in highway design and construction utilized on the Blair County, Pennsylvania, demonstration project, pursuant to Public Law 97—424, section 131(b)(2); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

6930. A letter from the Director, Program Office, National Institute of Standards and Technology, transmitting the Institute's final rule—Advanced Technology Program [Docket No. 970822200-7272-02] (RIN: 0693-AB44) received December 4, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Science.

6931. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulations Management, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting the Department's final rule—Minimum Income Annuity (RIN: 2900-AI83) received January 5, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

6932. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting an updated report concerning the emigration laws and policies of Mongolia, pursuant to 19 U.S.C. 2432(b); (H. Doc. No. 105—196); to the Committee on Ways and Means and ordered to be printed.

6933. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting an updated report concerning the emigration laws and policies of Albania, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, and Uzbekistan, pursuant to 19 U.S.C. 2432(b); (H. Doc. No. 105—200); to the Committee on Ways and Means and ordered to be printed.

6934. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting an updated report concerning the emigration laws and policies of Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Moldova, the Russian Federation, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Ukraine, and Uzbekistan, pursuant to 19 U.S.C. 2432(b); (H. Doc. No. 105—204); to the Committee on Ways and Means and ordered to be printed.

6935. A letter from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting the report on data processing, pursuant to Public Law 104—193, section 106(a) (110 Stat. 2164); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

6936. A letter from the Chief Counsel, Bureau of the Public Debt, transmitting the Bureau's final rule—Sale and Issue of Marketable Book-Entry Treasury Bills, Notes, and Bonds [Department of the Treasury Circular, Public Debt Series No. 1-93] received November 18, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

6937. A letter from the Chief Counsel, Bureau of the Public Debt, transmitting the Bureau's final rule—Regulations Governing Book-Entry Treasury BONDS, Notes, and Bills; Determination Regarding State Statutes [Department of the Treasury Circular, Public Debt Series, No. 2-86] received November 17, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

6938. A letter from the Chief Counsel, Bureau of the Public Debt, transmitting the Bureau's final rule—Sale and Issue of Marketable Book-Entry Treasury Bills, Notes, and Bonds [Department of the Treasury Circular, Public Debt Series No. 1-93] received January 23, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

6939. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Children and Families, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Department's final rule—Repeal of Obsolete Title IV-A and IV-F Program Rules (RIN: 0970-AB84) received December 9, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

6940. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Employment and Training, Department of Labor, transmitting the Department's final rule—Unemployment Insurance Program Letter [No. 39-97] received December 1, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

6941. A letter from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Department of Labor, transmitting the Department's final rule—Welfare-to-Work Grants (RIN: 1205-AB15) received November 24, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

6942. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Treatment of Hybrid Arrangements under Subpart F [Notice 98-11] received January 20, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

6943. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Determination of Issue in the Case of Certain Debt Instruments Issued for Property [Rev. Rul. 98-7] received January 21, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

6944. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Nuclear Decommissioning Funds; Revised Schedules of Ruling Amounts [TD 8758] (RIN: 1545-AU28) received January 20, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

6945. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Rulings and determination letters [Rev. Proc. 98-17] received January 20, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

6946. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Employment taxes [Rev. Proc. 98-16] received January 20, 1998,

pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

6947. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Election Not to Apply Look-Back Method in De Minimis Cases [TD 8756] (RIN: 1545–AV78) received January 20, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

6948. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Dispositions of Certain Life Estates [Rev. Rul. 98–8] received January 21, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

6949. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Obligations of States and Political Subdivisions [REG–110965–97] (RIN: 1545–AV47) received January 21, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

6950. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Small Business Taxpayer Advance Pricing Agreements [Notice 98–10] received January 22, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

6951. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Weighted Average Interest Rate Update [Notice 98–9] received January 26, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

6952. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Continuity of Interest and Continuity of Business Enterprise [TD 8760] (RIN: 1545–AU72 and 1545–AU73) received January 26, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

6953. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Last-in, first-out inventories [Rev. Rul. 98–9] received January 27, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

6954. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Examination of returns and claims for refund, credit, or abatement; determination of correct tax liability [Rev. Proc. 98–19] received January 27, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

6955. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Installment Obligations received From Liquidating Corporations [TD 8762] (RIN: 1545–AB43) received January 27, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

6956. A letter from the National Director, Tax Forms and Publications Division, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule— Requirements for Privately Designed and Printed Federal Tax Return Forms [Rev. Proc. 97–54] received December 12, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

6957. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Last-in, first-out inventories [Rev. Rul. 98–6] received January 14, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

6958. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Eligible Deferred Compensation Plans under Section 457 [Notice 98–8] received January 14, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

6959. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Filing Requirements for Returns Claiming the Foreign Tax Credit [TD 8759] (RIN: 1545–AP36) received January 26, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

6960. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Continuity of Interest [TD 8761] (RIN: 1545–AV80) received January 26, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

6961. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Branch, U.S. Customs Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—TECRO/AIT Carnet Issuing and Guaranteeing Association—received January 22, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

6962. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Branch, U.S. Customs Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Addition of Hong Kong to the List of Nations Entitled to Special Tonnage Tax Exemption [TD 98–3] (RIN: 1515–AC27) received December 16, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

6963. A letter from the the Director, the Congressional Budget Office, transmitting CBO's final sequestration report for Fiscal Year 1998, pursuant to Public Law 101—508, section 13101(a) (104 Stat. 1388—587); (H. Doc. No. 105—187); to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union and ordered to be printed.

6964. A letter from the the Director, the Office of Management and Budget, transmitting OMB's final sequestration report to the President and Congress for Fiscal Year 1998, pursuant to Public Law 101—508, section 13101(a) (104 Stat. 1388—587); (H. Doc. No. 105—188); to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union and ordered to be printed.

6965. A letter from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Department's final rule—Medicare Program; Application of Inherent Reasonableness to All Medicare Part B Services (Other than Physician Services) [HCFA–1908–IFC] (RIN: 0938–AI37) received January 13, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); jointly to the Committees on Commerce and Ways and Means.

6966. A letter from the the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, the Department of State, transmitting notification that the President has exercised the authority to suspend restrictions on the maintenance of a Palestine Liberation Organization Office for a duration of six months, pursuant to section 539(d) of the Foreign Operations, Export Financing, and Related Programs Act, FY 1998; (H. Doc. No. 105—186); jointly to the Committees on International Relations and Appropriations, and ordered to be printed.

6967. A letter from the Chairman, National Transportation Safety Board, transmitting a copy of the Board's appeal letter to the Office of Management and Budget regarding the initial determination of their fiscal year 1999 budget request, pursuant to 49 U.S.C. app. 1903(b)(7); jointly to the Committees on Transportation and Infrastructure and Appropriations.

6968. A letter from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Department's "Major" final rule—Medicare Program; Schedule of Limits on Home Health Agency Costs Per Visit for Cost Reporting Periods Beginning on or after October 1, 1997 [HCFA–1904–NC] (RIN: 0938–AI36) received January 12, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); jointly to the Committees on Ways and Means and Commerce.

6969. A letter from the Acting Assistant Secretary for Force Management Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting notification of determinations that institutions of higher education have been deemed ineligible for certain Federal funding, pursuant to section 514 of the Omnibus Consolidated Appropriations Act, 1997; jointly to the Committees on National Security, Education and the Workforce, and Appropriations.

6970. A letter from the Chairperson, National Council on Disability, transmitting the Council's report entitled "National Disability Policy: A Progress Report," pursuant to 29 U.S.C. 781(a)(8); jointly to the Committees on Education and the Workforce, the Judiciary, and Transportation and Infrastructure.

6971. A letter from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting a report in response to a congressional directive contained in House Report No. 104–173, regarding contract support cost escalation; jointly to the Committees on Resources, Appropriations, and Commerce.

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:

[Submitted January 29, 1998]

Mr. SHUSTER: Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure. H.R. 2625. A bill to redesignate Washington National Airport as "Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport"; with amendments (Rept. 105–408). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

[Submitted January 30, 1998]

Mr. GOODLING: Committee on Education and the Workforce. H.R. 2846. A bill to prohibit spending Federal Education funds on national testing without explicit and specific legislation; with an amendment (Rept. 105–409). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

[Submitted February 3, 1998]

Mr. SMITH of Texas: Committee on the Judiciary. H.R. 429. A bill to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to provide for special immigrant status for NATO civilian employees in the same manner as for employees of international organizations (Rept. 105–410). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

[Submitted February 3, 1998]

Mr. SOLOMON: Committee on Rules. House Resolution 344. Resolution providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 2625) to redesignate Washington National Airport as "Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport" (Rept. 105–411). Referred to the House Calendar.

Mr. GOSS: Committee on Rules. House Resolutions 345. Resolution providing for consideration of the joint resolution (H.J. Res. 107) expressing the sense of the Congress that the award of attorneys' fees, costs, and sanctions of $285,864.78 ordered by United States District Judge Royce C. Lamberth on

December 18, 1997, should not be paid with taxpayer funds (Rept. 105–412). Referred to the House Calendar.

PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 5 of Rule X and clause 4 of Rule XXII, public bills and resolutions were introduced and severally referred, as follows:

By Mr. ADERHOLT (for himself, Mr. RAHALL, Mr. RILEY, Mr. BACHUS, Mr. LAHOOD, Mr. TANNER, Mr. JENKINS, Mr. CRAMER, and Mr. BOUCHER):

H.R. 3137. A bill to amend section 4615 of the Balanced Budget Act of 1997 to delay for 18 months the prohibition of payment under the Medicare Program for home health services consisting of venipuncture solely for the purpose of obtaining a blood sample and to require submission of a report on the impact of implementing such section; to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committee on Commerce, 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. BACHUS (for himself, Mr. PAUL, and Mr. ADERHOLT):

H.R. 3138. A bill to require congressional approval for certain uses of the exchange stabilization fund; to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services.

By Mr. BERRY (for himself, Mr. BROWN of Ohio, Mr. NEAL of Massachusetts, Mr. STARK, Mr. FILNER, Mr. LEWIS of Georgia, Ms. DELAURO, Mr. FROST, Mr. BAESLER, Mr. PETERSON of Minnesota, Mr. SANDLIN, Ms. SLAUGHTER, Mr. STENHOLM, Mr. TANNER, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. PASCRELL, and Mr. DAVIS of Illinois):

H.R. 3139. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to stop overpayment for drugs and biologicals under the Medicare Program; to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committee on Commerce, 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. BOSWELL (for himself and Mr. CUNNINGHAM):

H.R. 3140. A bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to provide that certain muzzle loading firearms are to be treated as antique firearms for purposes of the Federal firearms laws; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. DUNCAN:

H.R. 3141. A bill to direct the Secretary of the Army to issue to certain veterans who served in the disputed Italy-Yugoslavia area at the end of World War II the "Italy" clasp for the World War II Army Occupation Medal; to the Committee on National Security.

By Mr. FALEOMAVAEGA:

H.R. 3142. A bill to amend the Second Morrill Act to provide that funds for the land grant college of American Samoa shall not be subject to annual appropriation by the legislature of American Samoa; to the Committee on Agriculture.

By Mr. FOLEY (for himself, Mr. YATES, Mr. WEXLER, Mr. SHERMAN, Mrs. KELLY, Mr. FILNER, Mr. LAZIO of New York, Mr. FROST, Ms. FURSE, and Mr. HORN):

H.R. 3143. A bill to prohibit foreign insurance companies from doing business in the United States unless they disclose any financial dealings they had with individuals who survived or died in the Holocaust, to prohibit an insured depository institution from transacting any business with or on behalf of any such foreign insurance company, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services, 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 Mrs. JOHNSON of Connecticut:

H.R. 3144. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide additional tax relief to families to increase the affordability of child care, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committees on Education and the Workforce, Government Reform and Oversight, House Oversight, and 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. KLECZKA:

H.R. 3145. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to enact into law eligibility requirements for interment in Arlington National Cemetery; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. NADLER (for himself, Mr. CONYERS, and Mr. HILLIARD):

H.R. 3146. A bill to amend title 11 of the United States Code relating to bankruptcy; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. OBERSTAR (for himself, Mr. LATOURETTE, Mr. DINGELL, Mr. OBEY, Mr. CONYERS, Ms. KAPTUR, Mr. LIPINSKI, Mr. TRAFICANT, Mr. VISCLOSKY, Mr. PETERSON of Minnesota, Mr. STUPAK, Mr. LAFALCE, Mr. JOHNSON of Wisconsin, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. JACKSON, and Ms. RIVERS):

H.R. 3147. A bill to authorize the United States to enter into an executive agreement with Canada relating to the establishment and operation of a binational corporation to operate, maintain, and improve facilities on the Saint Lawrence Seaway, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, and in addition to the Committee on International Relations, 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. STABENOW (for herself, Mr. BARCIA of Michigan, Mr. KILDEE, Ms. KILPATRICK, and Ms. CARSON):

H.R. 3148. A bill to establish food safety research, education, and extension as a priority of the Department of Agriculture, to require the use of a designated team within the Department of Agriculture to enable the Department and other Federal agencies to rapidly respond to food safety emergencies, and to improve food safety through the development and commercialization of food safety technology; to the Committee on Agriculture.

By Mr. THUNE (for himself and Ms. DUNN of Washington):

H.R. 3149. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to increase the amount of the personal exemption; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. GEKAS (for himself, Mr. MCCOLLUM, Mr. BOUCHER, and Mr. MORAN of Virginia):

H.R. 3150. A bill to amend title 11 of the United States Code, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. THUNE (for himself and Ms. DUNN of Washington):

H.R. 3151. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to reduce individual income taxes by increasing the amount of taxable income which is taxed at the lowest income tax rate; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. HAYWORTH (for himself, Mr. ARMEY, Mr. ARCHER, Mr. THOMAS, Mr. DELAY, Mr. BOEHNER, Mr. ENGLISH of Pennsylvania, Mr. BEREUTER, Mr. COMBEST, Mrs. EMERSON, Mr. ENSIGN, Mr. CRANE, Mr. GOSS, Mr. ISTOOK, Mr. SAM JOHNSON, Mr. LIVINGSTON, Mr. RAMSTAD, Mr. ROYCE, Mr. SALMON, Mr. SESSIONS, and Mr. STUMP):

H.J. Res. 107. A joint resolution expressing the sense of the Congress that the award of attorneys' fees, costs, and sanctions of $285,864.78 ordered by United States District Judge Royce C. Lamberth on December 18, 1997, should not be paid with taxpayer funds; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. MORAN of Virginia (for himself and Mr. LATOURETTE):

H.J. Res. 108. A joint resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States to allow the limitation of contributions and expenditures respecting elections; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. SAXTON:

H. Con. Res. 207. Concurrent resolution expressing the sense of the Congress that the International Monetary Fund should raise funds in private financial markets, rather than from member countries, in order to reduce the risk of loss to United States taxpayers; to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services.

By Mr. GINGRICH (for himself and Mr. BARR of Georgia):

H. Res. 346. A resolution expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that a commemorative postage stamp should be issued in honor of General Lucius D. Clay; to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

By Mr. HASTINGS of Florida:

H. Res. 347. A resolution expressing the sense of the House of Representatives with respect to the spiraling violence in Algeria; to the Committee on International Relations.

MEMORIALS

Under clause 4 of rule XXII, memorials were presented and referred as follows:

240. The SPEAKER presented a memorial of the Senate of the State of New Jersey, relative to Senate Resolution No. 114 urging Congress to adopt House Concurrent Resolution 14 of 1997, which encourages efforts to reunite family members separated during the Holocaust; to the Committee on International Relations.

241. Also, a memorial of the Legislature of the State of Minnesota, relative to Resolution No. 1 memorializing Congress to support legislative initiatives to discourage use of public resources for movement of professional sports franchises and to repeal antitrust exemptions for professional sports; jointly to the Committees on Commerce, the Judiciary, and Ways and Means.

ADDITIONAL SPONSORS

Under clause 4 of rule XXII, sponsors were added to public bills and resolutions as follows:

H.R. 59: Mr. BURTON of Indiana, Mr. PAXON, Mr. ROYCE, and Mr. KINGSTON.

H.R. 165: Mr. ENSIGN.
H.R. 339: Mr. NETHERCUTT.
H.R. 611: Mr. WALSH.
H.R. 685: Mr. KUCINICH.
H.R. 693: Mr. FORBES, Mr. CALVERT, Mr. MANZULLO, and Mr. NEY.
H.R. 806: Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts.
H.R. 820: Mr. DIXON.
H.R. 859: Mr. SESSIONS, Mrs. MYRICK, and Mr. DELAY.
H.R. 900: Mr. DELAHUNT and Mr. OBEY.
H.R. 934: Mr. FOLEY.
H.R. 971: Mr. ENGEL.
H.R. 979: Mr. GEJDENSON, Mrs. ROUKEMA, Mr. BISHOP, Mr. HUTCHINSON, Mr. HEFLEY, Mr. BAESLER, Mr. WYNN, and Mr. WAMP.
H.R. 992: Mr. GILLMOR.
H.R. 1005: Mr. TAYLOR of Mississippi.
H.R. 1061: Mr. INGLIS of South Carolina, Mrs. MINK of Hawaii, Mr. BALDACCI, Mr. MOLLOHAN, Mr. PETERSON of Minnesota, and Mr. KENNEDY of Rhode Island.
H.R. 1126: Mr. SANFORD, Mr. CHAMBLISS, and Mr. SUNUNU.
H.R. 1173: Ms. KAPTUR, Ms. HOOLEY of Oregon, and Mr. DAVIS of Illinois.
H.R. 1289: Mr. MOLLOHAN, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. HAYWORTH, Mr. BURR of North Carolina, and Mrs. TAUSCHER.
H.R. 1320: Mr. SANDLIN.
H.R. 1329: Mrs. LOWEY, Mr. ENGEL, Mr. BENTSEN, Mr. RUSH, and Mr. SESSIONS.
H.R. 1354: Ms. SÁNCHEZ.
H.R. 1356: Mr. ADERHOLT, Mr. GOODE, Mr. HANSEN, Mr. HINOJOSA, Mr. PETERSON of Minnesota, Mr. HUNTER, and Mr. MCCOLLUM.
H.R. 1378: Mr. CAMP and Mr. WATKINS.
H.R. 1401: Mr. PALLONE.
H.R. 1425: Mr. PAYNE, Mr. POSHARD, and Mr. MARKEY.
H.R. 1432: Mr. WEXLER.
H.R. 1591: Mr. DELAY.
H.R. 1601: Mr. MASCARA, Ms. SLAUGHTER, Mr. BAESLER, Mr. TAYLOR of Mississippi, Mr. HORN, Mr. GREENWOOD, and Mr. COYNE.
H.R. 1624: Mr. MALONEY of Connecticut, Ms. LOFGREN, and Mr. VISCLOSKY.
H.R. 1628: Mr. LAFALCE.
H.R. 1631: Mr. PETERSON of Minnesota.
H.R. 1632: Mrs. LOWEY, Mr. KUCINICH, and Ms. CHRISTIAN-GREEN.
H.R. 1635: Mr. DELAHUNT, Mr. LATOURETTE, Mr. CRAMER, Ms. MCCARTHY of Missouri, Mr. MCDADE, Mr. LAFALCE, Mr. PORTER, Mr. GILCHREST, Mr. WOLF, Mr. GEPHARDT, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. MARKEY, and Mr. BALDACCI.
H.R. 1656: Mr. FOX of Pennsylvania, Mr. FROST, and Mr. GUTIERREZ.
H.R. 1689: Mr. GOODE, Mr. PETERSON of Pennsylvania, Mr. RAMSTAD, Mr. ENSIGN, Mr. WICKER, Mr. SKEEN, Mr. WATTS of Oklahoma, Mr. KING of New York, Mr. COMBEST, Mr. INGLIS of South Carolina, Mr. SHADEGG, Mr. SAM JOHNSON, Mr. LEWIS of Kentucky, and Mr. SUNUNU.
H.R. 1693: Ms. FURSE.
H.R. 1705: Mr. BASS and Mrs. MORELLA.
H.R. 1773: Mr. FILNER and Mr. PETERSON of Minnesota.
H.R. 1782: Mr. YATES.
H.R. 1799: Mr. CLYBURN.
H.R. 1872: Mr. COBURN and Mr. SANFORD.
H.R. 1995: Mr. BECERRA, Mr. DIXON, Mr. MALONEY of Connecticut, Ms. DELAURO, Mr. UNDERWOOD, and Mr. ADAM SMITH of Washington.
H.R. 2001: Mr. CALLAHAN.
H.R. 2081: Mr. PETERSON of Minnesota and Mr. WAMP.
H.R. 2090: Mr. SHAYS and Mr. SAXTON.
H.R. 2100: Mr. PETERSON of Minnesota.
H.R. 2128: Mr. PETERSON of Minnesota.
H.R. 2174: Ms. PELOSI, Mr. TOWNS, Mr. EDWARDS, Mr. WATT of North Carolina, Mrs. MINK of Hawaii, Mr. TURNER, Mr. SAWYER, Mr. PAYNE, and Mr. BROWN of California.
H.R. 2189: Ms. FURSE, Mr. LANTOS, and Ms. KILPATRICK.
H.R. 2228: Mr. FROST, Ms. FURSE, Mr. JACKSON, and Mr. SHERMAN.
H.R. 2229: Mr. SHERMAN.
H.R. 2263: Mr. GREENWOOD, Mr. FORBES, and Mr. PETERSON of Pennsylvania.
H.R. 2327: Mr. HOEKSTRA and Mr. ANDREWS.
H.R. 2351: Mrs. KENNELLY of Connecticut and Mr. GONZALEZ.
H.R. 2380: Mr. BAKER.
H.R. 2397: Mr. CANADY of Florida and Mr. DAVIS of Illinois.
H.R. 2432: Mr. JENKINS, Mr. FILNER, and Mr. YOUNG of Alaska.
H.R. 2453: Mr. HINCHEY and Mr. GILCHREST.
H.R. 2509: Mr. GILLMOR and Mr. FARR of California.
H.R. 2524: Mr. FORD, Ms. SLAUGHTER, and Mr. FILNER.
H.R. 2543: Mr. GREEN.
H.R.2549: Mr. STUPAK and Mrs. LOWEY.
H.R. 2556: Mr. TANNER.
H.R. 2586: Mr. BERRY, Mr. JOHN, and Mr. KIND of Wisconsin.
H.R. 2592: Mr. NETHERCUTT.
H.R. 2602: Mr. WEXLER.
H.R. 2635: Ms. NORTON, Ms. PELOSI, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. BENTSEN, Mr. HINCHEY, Mr. MCNULTY, Ms. KILPATRICK, Ms. KAPTUR, Ms. RIVERS, Ms. ESHOO, Mr. PRICE of North Carolina, Mr. SHAYS, and Mr. STOKES.
H.R. 2639: Mr. SHAYS, Ms. HOOLEY of Oregon, and Mr. ENGEL.
H.R. 2695: Mr. STARK, Mr. BROWN of California, and Mr. SHERMAN.
H.R. 2697: Mr. FILNER and Ms. SLAUGHTER.
H.R. 2708: Mr. LUTHER, Mr. PACKARD, Mr. OXLEY, Mr. SHIMKUS, Mr. BARRETT of Nebraska, and Mr. SAWYER.
H.R. 2718: Mr. DOOLITTLE and Mr. SMITH of Michigan.
H.R. 2740: Mr. CANNON, Mr. KNOLLENBERG, Mr. GUTKNECHT, Mr. HILL, Mr. PETERSON of Minnesota, and Mr. HALL of Texas.
H.R. 2748: Mr. TAYLOR of Mississippi.
H.R. 2752: Mr. TAYLOR of North Carolina, Mr. CUNNINGHAM, Mr. MCGOVERN, Mrs. CHENOWETH, Mr. FROST, Mr. RADANOVICH, Mr. HUNTER, Mr. WALSH, Mr. POMBO, Mr. CALVERT, Mr. SKEEN, Mr. BILBRAY, Mr. MCDADE, and Mr. PACKARD.
H.R. 2754: Mr. RANGEL.
H.R. 2807: Mr. SHAYS.
H.R. 2819: Mr. HULSHOF, Mr. FROST, Mrs. THURMAN, Ms. KILPATRICK, Mr. COYNE, and Mr. DOOLEY of California.
H.R. 2821: Mr. BURR of North Carolina, Mr. FORD, Mr. RODRIGUEZ, and Mr. FOLEY.
H.R. 2829: Mr. BERMAN, Mrs. CLAYTON, Mr. GALLEGLY, Mr. HASTINGS of Washington, Mr. HINOJOSA, Mr. MEEHAN, Mr. PETERSON of Pennsylvania, Mr. DAN SCHAEFER of Colorado, Mr. TANNER, Mr. UNDERWOOD, and Mr. WEYGAND.
H.R. 2837: Mr. GALLEGLY.
H.R. 2843: Mr. COOKSEY.
H.R. 2870: Mr. FALEOMAVAEGA, Mr. LIPINSKI, Mr. WEXLER, and Mr. KOLBE.
H.R. 2888: Mr. KNOLLENBERG and Mr. KIND of Wisconsin.
H.R. 2914: Mr. COSTELLO.
H.R. 2923: Ms. CARSON and Mr. WISE.
H.R. 2936: Mr. WATTS of Oklahoma, Mr. SESSIONS, and Mr. TIAHRT.
H.R. 2943: Ms. SLAUGHTER.
H.R. 2951: Mr. SANDERS, Mr. WISE, Mr. RAHALL, and Mr. WAXMAN.
H.R. 2968: Mr. MCINTOSH and Mr. CANADY of Florida.
H.R. 3010: Mr. MCGOVERN.
H.R. 3016: Mr. HINCHEY.
H.R. 3039: Mr. PAYNE and Mr. SMITH of New Jersey.
H.R. 3050: Mr. FROST, Mr. GORDON, and Mrs. MALONEY of New York.
H.R. 3089: Ms. GRANGER, Ms. DUNN of Washington, Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN, Mr. BEREUTER, and Mrs. EMERSON.
H.R. 3100: Mr. CLYBURN, Mr. DEFAZIO, Mr. DEUTSCH, Mr. MEEHAN, Mr. POSHARD, Mr. SCOTT, Mr. SERRANO, and Mr. YATES.
H.R. 3104: Mr. ARMEY, Mr. WELLER, Ms. DUNN of Washington, Mr. SHADEGG, Mr. PAPPAS, Mr. BOB SCHAFFER, Mr. RADANOVICH, Mr. BURTON of Indiana, Mr. INGLIS of South Carolina, Mr. NORWOOD, Mr. SCARBOROUGH, Mr. COBURN, Mr. GOODE, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. DICKEY, Mr. HILL, and Mr. HEFLEY.
H.R. 3107: Mr. SMITH of New Jersey.
H.R. 3111: Mr. LIPINSKI.
H.R. 3121: Mr. NADLER, Mr. FOSSELLA, and Mr. TOWNS.
H.R. 3131: Mr. DREIER.
H. Con. Res. 19: Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN and Mr. WATTS of Oklahoma.
H. Con. Res. 177: Mr. NEUMANN.
H. Con. Res. 203: Ms. KAPTUR, Mr. SANDLIN, Mr. MCGOVERN, Mr. KLINK, Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN, Mr. COYNE, and Mrs. MEEK of Florida.
H. Con. Res. 205: Mr. BONIOR, Mr. SERRANO, and Mr. FROST.
H. Res. 16: Mr. SCHUMER.
H. Res. 172: Mr. PALLONE.
H. Res. 218: Mrs. CLAYTON, Mr. HEFNER, Mr. COBLE, Mr. BALLENGER, Mr. PRICE of North Carolina, Mr. MCINTYRE, Mrs. MYRICK, and Mr. BURR of North Carolina.

PETITIONS, ETC.

Under clause 1 of rule XXII, petitions and papers were laid on the clerk's desk and referred as follows:

32. The SPEAKER presented a petition of Warrensburg Town Board, Warrensburg, New York, relative to Resolution No. 185-97 expressing strong opposition to H.R. 971 and requesting that the House of Representatives defeat this bill; to the Committee on Agriculture.

33. Also, a petition of the LeClaire City Council, LeClaire, Iowa, relative to Resolution No. 98-02 urging the President, Congress, and Department of Defense to reconsider the moving of the 114 personnel and accompanying mission of the Defense Information Systems Agency, Defense MEGACENTER Rock Island, from Rock Island Arsenal Island to St. Louis and instead move the entire Defense Information System Agency, Defense MEGACENTER St. Louis personnel and mission to Rock Island to maximize cost savings to the government; to the Committee on National Security.

34. Also, a petition of the Libertarian Party of Wisconsin, Greenfield, Wisconsin, relative to memorializing Congress to cease certain activities concerning the United Nations; to the Committee on International Relations.

35. Also, a petition of the Societas Docta, Inc., Knoxville, Tennessee, relative to petitioning the House of Representatives, the Senate and President of the United States of America to maintain and extend the affirmative action programs; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

AMENDMENTS

Under clause 6 of rule XXIII, proposed amendments were submitted as follows:

H.R. 2625

OFFERED BY: MR. DEFAZIO

AMENDMENT NO. 1. Page 3, after line 23, insert the following:

SEC. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE.

This Act shall take effect on the date that the Secretary of Transportation secures the consent of the Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority for the redesignation made by section 1.

H.R. 2625

OFFERED BY: MR. MORAN OF VIRGINIA

AMENDMENT NO. 2. Amend the title to read as follows: "A bill to rename the Washington National Airport located in the District of Columbia and Virginia as the 'George Washington National Airport'.".

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AMENDMENT NO. 3. Page 3, line 2, strike "Ronald Reagan" and insert "George Washington".

Page 3, line 6, strike "Ronald Reagan" and insert "George Washington".

Page 3, lines 17 and 18, strike "RONALD REAGAN" and insert "GEORGE WASHINGTON".

Page 3, line 22, strike "Ronald Reagan" and insert "George Washington".

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AMENDMENT NO. 4. Page 3, after line 23, add the following new section:

SEC. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE.

This Act shall take effect on the date that the Secretary of Transportation secures the consent of the Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority for the redesignation made by section 1.

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AMENDMENT NO. 5. Page 3, after line 23, add the following new section:

SEC. 3. FUNDING.

(a) ESTABLISHMENT OF FEES.—The Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority shall establish and collect fees for reserved parking provided for Members of Congress at the airport referred to in section 1 at rates comparable to the rates charged for public parking at the airport.

(b) USE OF PROCEEDS.—The Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority shall use the proceeds of the fees collected pursuant to subsection (a) to cover the costs of the redesignation made by section 1 until such redesignation is completed.

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(Amendment in the Nature of a Substitute)

AMENDMENT NO. 6. Page 3, after line 23, add the following new section:

SEC. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE.

This Act shall take effect on the date that the Secretary of Transportation determines that a referendum proposing the redesignation made by section 1 has been approved by the voters of Arlington County, Virginia.