

PROCEEDINGS OF THE HOUSE SUBSEQUENT TO SINE DIE ADJOURNMENT

FIRST SESSION, ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH CONGRESS

¶133.56 MESSAGES AND COMMUNICATIONS RECEIVED SUBSEQUENT TO SINE DIE ADJOURNMENT

COMMUNICATION FROM THE HONORABLE
ERNIE FLETCHER, MEMBER OF CON-
GRESS—RESIGNATION FROM THE HOUSE
OF REPRESENTATIVES

The text of the communication from
the Honorable Ernie Fletcher, Member
of Congress, dated December 8, 2003, is
as follows:

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
December 8, 2003.

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

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: It has been a privilege
to work with you. I am grateful for the sup-
port, guidance and opportunities you have
provided during my years in the House—es-
pecially by allowing me to play a leadership
role in so many important healthcare initia-
tives. As I begin a new path in Kentucky, I
will appreciate even more the trials of lead-
ership and the courage of conviction you
have exemplified. Thank you for your friend-
ship, and know that I have come to admire
the gracious and professional manner in
which you lead the House.

During the past 5 years, I have had the
great honor to serve as the Representative for
the people of the Sixth Congressional
District of Kentucky. My service in the U.S.
Congress has been a rewarding professional
experience. I thank every one of my con-
stituents who put their trust and faith in my
leadership.

Having recently been selected by the peo-
ple of Kentucky to serve as the next Gov-
ernor of that great Commonwealth, I will re-
sign my seat representing the Sixth Congres-
sional District of Kentucky effective, upon
taking the gubernatorial oath of office at
midnight on Tuesday, December 9, 2003.

I look forward to working with the distin-
guished Members of the House in my new po-
sition, and have appreciated their friendship,
support, and collegiality during my years in
Congress.

Sincerely,

ERNIE FLETCHER,
Member of Congress.

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
December 8, 2003.

Hon. PAUL PATTON,
*Governor, Commonwealth of Kentucky,
Frankfort, KY.*

DEAR GOVERNOR PATTON: For the past five
years, it has been my honor and privilege to
serve the people of Central Kentucky in the
U.S. House of Representatives. This past No-
vember, I was offered another opportunity to
serve the Commonwealth of Kentucky as the
next Governor.

I hereby wish to tender my resignation as
Kentucky's Sixth Congressional District
Representative effective upon taking the gu-
bernatorial oath of office on Tuesday, De-
cember 9, 2003.

Sincerely,

ERNIE FLETCHER,
Member of Congress.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CLERK— MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

The text of the communication from
the Honorable Jeff Trandahl, Clerk of
the House, dated December 10, 2003, is
as follows:

OFFICE OF THE CLERK,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, December 10, 2003.

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

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: Pursuant to the per-
mission granted in Clause 2(h) of Rule II of
the Rules of the U.S. House of Representa-
tives, the Clerk received the following mes-
sage from the Secretary of the Senate on De-
cember 10, 2003 at 11:43 a.m.

That the Senate agreed to House amend-
ment S. 686.

That the Senate passed S. Res. 281.

That the Senate passed without amend-
ment H.R. 2620.

That the Senate passed without amend-
ment H.J. Res. 82.

That the Senate passed without amend-
ment H. Con. Res. 345.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely,

JEFF TRANDAHL,
Clerk of the House.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE SPEAKER— SPEAKER SUCCESSOR DESIGNATION AP- POINTMENT

The text of the communication from
the Speaker of the House of Representa-
tives, the Honorable J. Dennis
Hastert, dated December 11, 2003, is as
follows:

OFFICE OF THE SPEAKER,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, December 11, 2003.

Hon. JEFF TRANDAHL,
*Clerk of the House of Representatives,
U.S. Capitol, Washington, DC.*

DEAR MR. CLERK: For purposes of House
Joint Resolution 80 for the 108th Congress, I
hereby designate Representative Tom DeLay
of Texas to act jointly with the Majority
Leader of the Senate or his designee, in the
event of my death or inability, to notify the
Members of the House and Senate, respec-
tively, of any reassembly under section 2 of
such joint resolution. In the event of the
death or inability of my designee, the alter-
nate Members of the House listed in the let-
ter bearing this date that I have placed with
you are designated, in turn, for the same
purpose.

Sincerely,

J. DENNIS HASTERT,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

¶133.57 ENROLLED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTION SIGNED BY THE SPEAKER SUBSEQUENT TO SINE DIE ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Trandahl, Clerk of the House,
subsequent to sine die adjournment of
the 1st Session, 108th Congress, re-
ported and found truly enrolled bills
and joint resolution of the House of the

following titles, which were thereupon
signed by the Speaker on December 11,
2003:

H.R. 100. An Act to restate, clarify, and re-
vise the Soldiers' and Sailors' Civil Relief
Act of 1940.

H.R. 622. An Act to provide for the ex-
change of certain lands in the Coconino and
Tonto National Forests in Arizona, and for
other purposes.

H.R. 1006. An Act to amend the Lacey Act
Amendments of 1981 to further the conserva-
tion of certain wildlife species.

H.R. 1012. An Act to establish the Carter G.
Woodson Home National Historic Site in the
District of Columbia, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2620. An Act to authorize appropria-
tions for fiscal years 2004 and 2005 for the
Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000,
and for other purposes.

H.J. Res. 82. A joint resolution making fur-
ther continuing appropriations for the fiscal
year 2004, and for other purposes.

¶133.58 SENATE ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED BY THE SPEAKER SUBSEQUENT TO SINE DIE ADJOURNMENT

The Speaker, subsequent to sine die
adjournment, notified the Clerk of the
House that announced he had approved
and signed bills of the Senate of the
following titles on December 11, 2003:

S. 686. An Act to provide assistance for poi-
son prevention and to stabilize the funding
of regional poison control centers.

S. 811. An Act to support certain housing
proposals in the fiscal year 2003 budget for
the Federal Government, including the
downpayment assistance initiative under the
HOME Investment Partnership Act, and for
other purposes.

S. 877. An Act to regulate interstate com-
merce by imposing limitations and penalties
on the transmission of unsolicited com-
mercial electronic mail via the Internet.

S. 1680. An Act to reauthorize the Defense
Production Act of 1950, and for other pur-
poses.

S. 1683. An Act to provide for a report on
the parity of pay and benefits among Federal
law enforcement officers and to establish an
exchange program between Federal law en-
forcement employees and State and local en-
forcement employees.

S. 1929. An Act to amend the Employee Re-
tirement Income Security Act of 1974 and the
Public Health Service Act to extend the
mental health benefits parity provisions.

S. 1947. An Act to prohibit the offer of cred-
it by a financial institution to a financial in-
stitution examiner, and for other purposes.

¶133.59 BILLS PRESENTED TO THE PRESIDENT PRIOR TO SINE DIE ADJOURNMENT

Honorable Jeff Trandahl, Clerk of the
House, prior to sine die adjournment of
the 1st Session, 108th Congress, re-
ported that, on December 7, 2003, he
presented to the President of the
United States, for his approval, the fol-
lowing bills of the following titles:

H.R. 1. An Act to amend title XVIII of the
Social Security Act to provide for a vol-

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untary prescription drug benefit under the medicare program and to strengthen and improve the medicare program, and for other purposes.

¶133.60 BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTION PRESENTED TO THE PRESIDENT SUBSEQUENT TO SINE DIE ADJOURNMENT

Honorable Jeff Trandahl, Clerk of the House, subsequent to sine die adjournment of the 1st Session, 108th Congress, reported that, on December 12, 2003, he presented to the President of the United States, for his approval, the following bills and joint resolution of the following titles:

H.J. Res. 82. An Act making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2004, and for other purposes.

H.R. 100. An Act to restate, clarify, and revise the Soldiers' and Sailors' Civil Relief Act of 1940.

H.R. 622. An Act to provide for the exchange of certain lands in the Coconino and Tonto National Forests in Arizona, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1006. An Act to amend the Lacey Act Amendments of 1981 to further the conservation of certain wildlife species.

H.R. 1012. An Act to establish the Carter G. Woodson Home National Historic Site in the District of Columbia, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2620. An Act to authorize appropriations for fiscal years 2004 and 2005 for the Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000, and for other purposes.

¶133.61 BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS APPROVED BY THE PRESIDENT PRIOR TO SINE DIE ADJOURNMENT

The President, prior to sine die adjournment of the 1st Session, 108th Congress, notified the Clerk of the House that on the following dates, he had approved and signed bills and joint resolutions of the following titles:

October 31, 2003:

H.J. Res. 75. A joint resolution making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2004, and for other purposes.

November 6, 2003:

H.R. 3289. An Act making supplemental appropriations for defense and for the reconstruction of Iraq and Afghanistan for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004, and for other purposes.

November 7, 2003:

H.J. Res. 76. A joint resolution making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2004, and for other purposes.

November 10, 2003:

H.R. 2691. An Act making appropriations for the Department of the Interior and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004, and for other purposes.

November 11, 2003:

H.R. 1516. An Act to provide for the establishment by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs of additional cemeteries in the National Cemetery Administration.

H.R. 1610. An Act to redesignate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 120 East Richie Avenue in Marceline, Missouri, as the "Walt Disney Post Office Building".

H.R. 1882. An Act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 440 South Orange Blossom Trail in Orlando, Florida, as the "Arthur 'Pappy' Kennedy Post Office".

H.R. 1883. An Act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1601-1 Main Street in Jacksonville, Florida, as the "Eddie Mae Steward Post Office".

H.R. 2075. An Act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1905 West Blue Heron Boulevard in West Palm Beach, Florida, as the "Judge Edward Rogers Post Office Building".

H.R. 2254. An Act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1101 Colorado Street in Boulder City, Nevada, as the "Bruce Woodbury Post Office Building".

H.R. 2309. An Act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2300 Redondo Avenue in Long Beach, California, as the "Stephen Horn Post Office Building".

H.R. 2328. An Act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2001 East Willard Street in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, as the "Robert A. Borski Post Office Building".

H.R. 2396. An Act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1210 Highland Avenue in Duarte, California, as the "Francisco A. Martinez Flores Post Office".

H.R. 2452. An Act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 339 Hickville Road in Bethpage, New York, as the "Brian C. Hickey Post Office Building".

H.R. 2533. An Act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 10701 Abercorn Street in Savannah, Georgia, as the "J.C. Lewis, Jr. Post Office Building".

H.R. 2746. An Act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 141 Weston Street in Hartford, Connecticut, as the "Barbara B. Kennelly Post Office Building".

H.R. 3011. An Act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 135 East Olive Avenue in Burbank, California, as the "Bob Hope Post Office Building".

H.R. 3365. An Act to amend title 10, United States Code, and the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to increase the death gratuity payable with respect to deceased members of the Armed Forces and to exclude such gratuity from gross income, to provide additional tax relief for members of the Armed Forces and their families, and for other purposes.

November 12, 2003:

H.J. Res. 52. A joint resolution recognizing the Dr. Samuel D. Harris National Museum of Dentistry, an affiliate of the Smithsonian Institution in Baltimore, Maryland, as the official national museum of dentistry in the United States.

November 17, 2003:

H.R. 1442. An Act to authorize the design and construction of a visitor center for the Vietnam Veterans Memorial.

H.R. 3288. An Act to amend title XXI of the Social Security Act to make technical corrections with respect to the definition of qualifying State.

November 22, 2003:

H.R. 274. An Act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to acquire the property in Cecil County, Maryland, known as Garrett Island for inclusion in the Blackwater National Wildlife Refuge.

H.R. 2559. An Act making appropriations for military construction, family housing, and base realignment and closure for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3054. An Act to amend the Policemen and Firemen's Retirement and Disability Act to permit military service previously performed by members and former members of the Metropolitan Police Department of the District of Columbia, the Fire Department of the District of Columbia, the United States Park Police, and the United States Secret Service to count as creditable service for purposes of calculating retirement annuities payable to such members upon payment of a contribution by such members, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3232. An Act to reauthorize certain school lunch and child nutrition programs through March 31, 2004.

November 24, 2003:

H.R. 1588. An Act to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2004 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe personnel strengths for such fiscal year for the Armed Forces, and for other purposes.

H.J. Res. 79. A joint resolution making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2004, and for other purposes.

December 1, 2003:

H.R. 2754. An Act making appropriations for energy and water development for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004, and for other purposes.

December 2, 2003:

H.R. 3182. An Act to reauthorize the adoption incentive payments program under part E of title IV of the Social Security Act, and for other purposes.

December 3, 2003:

H.R. 23. An Act to amend the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 to authorize communities to use community development block grant funds for construction of tornado-safe shelters in manufactured home parks.

H.R. 1683. An Act to increase, effective as of December 1, 2003, the rates of disability compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and the rates of dependency and indemnity compensation for survivors of certain service-connected disabled veterans, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1904. An Act to improve the capacity of the Secretary of Agriculture and the Secretary of the Interior to conduct hazardous fuels reduction projects on National Forest System lands and Bureau of Land Management Lands aimed at protecting communities, watersheds, and certain other at-risk lands from catastrophic wildfire, to enhance efforts to protect watersheds and address threats to forest and rangeland health, including catastrophic wildfire, across the landscape, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2744. An Act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 514 17th Street in Moline, Illinois, as the "David Bybee Post Office Building".

H.R. 3175. An Act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2650 Cleveland Avenue, NW in Canton, Ohio, as the "Richard D. Watkins Post Office Building".

H.R. 3379. An Act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 3210 East 10th Street in Bloomington, Indiana, as the "Francis X. McCloskey Post Office Building".

December 4, 2003:

H.R. 2622. An Act to amend the Fair Credit Reporting Act, to prevent identity theft, improve resolution of consumer disputes, improve the accuracy of consumer records, make improvements in the use of, and consumer access to, credit information, and for other purposes.

December 6, 2003:

H.R. 421. An Act to reauthorize the United States Institute for Environmental Conflict Resolution, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1367. An Act to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to conduct a loan repayment program regarding the provision of veterinary services in shortage situations, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1821. An Act to award a congressional gold medal to Dr. Dorothy Height in recognition of her many contributions to the Nation.

H.R. 3038. An Act to make certain technical and conforming amendments to correct the Health Care Safety Net Amendments of 2002.

H.R. 3140. An Act to provide for availability of contact lens prescriptions to patients, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3166. An Act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 57 Old Tappan Road in Tappan, New York, as the "John G. Dow Post Office Building".

H.R. 3185. An Act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 38 Spring Street in Nashua, New Hampshire, as the "Hugh Gregg Post Office Building".

H.R. 3349. An Act to authorize salary adjustments for Justices and judges of the United States for fiscal year 2004.

December 8, 2003:

H.R. 1. An Act to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for a voluntary program for prescription drug coverage under the Medicare Program, to modernize the Medicare Program, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow a deduction to individuals for amounts contributed to health savings security accounts and health savings accounts, to provide for the disposition of unused health benefits in cafeteria plans and flexible spending arrangements, and for other purposes.

¶133.62 SENATE BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS APPROVED BY THE PRESIDENT PRIOR TO SINE DIE ADJOURNMENT

The President, prior to subsequent to sine die adjournment of the 1st Session, 108th Congress, notified the Clerk of the House that on the following dates, he had approved and signed bills and joint resolutions of the Senate of the following titles:

November 5, 2003:

S. 3. An Act to prohibit the procedure commonly known as partial-birth abortion.

November 11, 2003:

S. 470. An Act to extend the authority for the construction of a memorial to Martin Luther King, Jr.

S. 926. An Act to amend section 5379 of title 5, United States Code, to increase the annual and aggregate limits on student loan repayments by Federal agencies.

November 17, 2003:

S. 677. An Act to revise the boundary of the Black Canyon of the Gunnison National Park and Gunnison Gorge National Conservation Area in the State of Colorado, and for other purposes.

S. 924. An Act to authorize the exchange of lands between an Alaska Native Village Corporation and the Department of the Interior, and for other purposes.

November 18, 2003:

S. 313. An Act to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to establish a program of fees relating to animal drugs.

December 1, 2003:

S. 1066. An Act to correct a technical error from Unit T-07 of the John H. Chafee Coastal Barrier Resources System.

S. 1590. An Act to redesignate the facility of the United States Postal Service, located at 315 Empire Boulevard in Crown Heights, Brooklyn, New York, as the "James E. Davis Post Office Building".

S.J. Res. 18. A joint resolution commending the Inspectors General for their efforts to prevent and detect waste, fraud, abuse, and mismanagement, and to promote economy, efficiency, and effectiveness in the Federal Government during the past 25 years.

S.J. Res. 22. A joint resolution recognizing the Agricultural Research Service of the Department of Agriculture for 50 years of outstanding service to the Nation through agricultural research.

December 3, 2003:

S. 117. An Act to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to sell or exchange certain land in the State of Florida, and for other purposes.

S. 189. An Act to authorize appropriations for nanoscience, nanoengineering, and nanotechnology research, and for other purposes.

S. 286. An Act to revise and extend the Birth Defects Prevention Act of 1998.

S. 650. An Act to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to authorize the Food and Drug Administration to require certain research into drugs used in pediatric patients.

S. 1685. An Act to extend and expand the basic pilot program for employment eligibility verification, and for other purposes.

S. 1720. An Act to provide for Federal court proceedings in Plano, Texas.

S. 1824. An Act to amend the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 to reauthorize the Overseas Private Investment Corporation, and for other purposes.

December 6, 2003:

S. 579. An Act to reauthorize the National Transportation Safety Board, and for other purposes.

S. 1152. An Act to reauthorize the United States Fire Administration, and for other purposes.

S. 1156. An Act to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve and enhance provision of health care for veterans, to authorize major construction projects and other facilities matters for the Department of Veterans Affairs, to enhance and improve authorities relating to the administration of personnel of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

S. 1768. An Act to extend the national flood insurance program.

S. 1895. An Act to temporarily extend the programs under the Small Business Act and the Small Business Investment Act of 1958 through March 15, 2004, and for other purposes.

¶133.63 BILL APPROVED BY THE PRESIDENT SUBSEQUENT TO SINE DIE ADJOURNMENT

The President, subsequent to sine die adjournment of the 1st Session, 108th Congress, notified the Clerk of the House that he had approved and signed the following bill on December 9, 2003, of the following title:

H.R. 3348. An Act to reauthorize the ban on undetectable firearms.

¶133.64 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:

[The following report was filed on January 2, 2003]

Mr. BOEHLERT. Committee on Science. Summary of Activities of the Committee on Science for the 107th Congress (Rept. 107-809). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.