

Ms. LEE, Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania, Mr. SISISKY, Mr. FARR of California, Mr. MEEKS of New York, and Mr. CUMMINGS.

H. Con. Res. 128: Mr. LEWIS of Georgia, Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York, Mr. MALONEY of Connecticut, Mr. MEEHAN, Mr. HINCHEY, Mr. NEAL of Massachusetts, Mr. DAVIS of Illinois, Mr. VENTO, and Mr. RUSH.

H. Con. Res. 133: Mr. MATSUI.

H. Con. Res. 146: Mr. HASTINGS of Florida and Mr. BROWN of Ohio.

H. Con. Res. 147: Mr. McNULTY, Mr. CAPUANO, Ms. SLAUGHTER, Mrs. MINK of Hawaii, Mr. McDERMOTT, Mr. GILCHREST, Mr. SAWYER, Mr. HASTINGS of Florida, Ms. WATERS, Mr. SANDLIN, Ms. MILLENDER-MCDONALD, Mr. KENNEDY of Rhode Island, Mr. DOYLE, Mr. GUTIERREZ, Mr. STUPAK, Mr. WAXMAN, Mr. FROST, Mrs. MEEK of Florida, Ms. RIVERS.

H. Res. 89: Mr. BARRETT of Wisconsin.

H. Res. 202: Mr. BARRETT of Wisconsin.

#### ¶76.33 PETITIONS, ETC.

Under clause 3 of rule XII, petitions and papers were laid on the clerk's desk and referred as follows:

33. The SPEAKER presented a petition of the Puerto Rico Bar Association Board of Directors, relative to Resolution No. 34 petitioning the President of the United States to cease the target practices of the United States of North America at the island of Vieques and adjacent water bodies; to the Committee on Armed Services.

34. Also, a petition of the Legislature of Rockland County, relative to Resolution No. 208 petitioning Congress to enact legislation prohibiting the physical destruction of the American Flag by Constitutional Amendment; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

### WEDNESDAY, JULY 14, 1999 (77)

#### ¶77.1 APPOINTMENT OF SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The House was called to order by the SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. TAYLOR of North Carolina, who laid before the House the following communication:

WASHINGTON, DC,

July 14, 1999.

I hereby appoint the Honorable CHARLES H. TAYLOR to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

J. DENNIS HASTERT,

*Speaker of the House of Representatives.*

#### ¶77.2 APPROVAL OF THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. TAYLOR of North Carolina, announced he had examined and approved the Journal of the proceedings of Tuesday, July 13, 1999.

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

#### ¶77.3 COMMUNICATIONS

Executive and other communications, pursuant to clause 2, rule XIV, were referred as follows:

3017. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting notification that the President has requested and made available appropriations of \$100,000,000 in budget authority for the Department of Health and Human Services' Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program; (H. Doc. No. 106-94); to the Committee on Appropriations and ordered to be printed.

3018. A letter from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting the ninth annual report on the renovation of the Pentagon Reservation; to the Committee on Armed Services.

3019. A letter from the Acquisition and Technology, Under Secretary of Defense, transmitting the report regarding the Department of Defense Strategy to Address Low-Level Exposures to Chemical Warfare Agents, May 1999; to the Committee on Armed Services.

3020. A letter from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services, Department of Education, transmitting Special Education—Training and Information for Parents of Children with Disabilities, pursuant to 20 U.S.C. 1232(f); to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

3021. A letter from the Corporation for National Service, transmitting their 1998 Annual Report; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

3022. A letter from the Acting Assistant Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting two reports regarding the latest data available in the Toxics Release Inventory; to the Committee on Commerce.

3023. A letter from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting a report regarding Infertility and Sexually Transmitted Diseases; to the Committee on Commerce.

3024. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting certification of a proposed license for the export of defense articles or defense services sold commercially under a contract to Saudi Arabia [Transmittal No. DTC 139-98], pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2776(c); to the Committee on International Relations.

3025. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting certification of a proposed license for the export of defense articles or defense services sold commercially under a contract to Norway, Ukraine, Russia, and the United Kingdom [Transmittal No. DTC 6-99], pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2776(c); to the Committee on International Relations.

3026. A letter from the Acting Deputy Under Secretary, International Programs, Office of the Under Secretary of Defense, transmitting a copy of Transmittal No. 06-99 which constitutes a Request for Final Approval for the Memorandum of Agreement between the U.S. and Italy concerning technology demonstration and system prototype projects, pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2767(f); to the Committee on International Relations.

3027. A letter from the President and Chief Executive Officer, Overseas Private Investment Corporation, transmitting the annual report of the Corporation for Fiscal Year 1998, pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2200a; to the Committee on International Relations.

3028. A letter from the Secretary of the Interior, transmitting the Semiannual Report of the Office of Inspector General for the 6-month period of October 1, 1998, through March 31, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. app. (Insp. Gen. Act) section 5(b); to the Committee on Government Reform.

3029. A letter from the Chairman, Consumer Product Safety Commission, transmitting the Semiannual Report of the Inspector General for the period October 1, 1998 through March 31, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. app. (Insp. Gen. Act) section 5(b); to the Committee on Government Reform.

3030. A letter from the Corporation for National Service, transmitting the Inspector General's Semi-Annual Report and the Corporation's Report of Final Action, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. app. (Insp. Gen. Act) section 5(b); to the Committee on Government Reform.

3031. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Management and Chief Financial Officer, Department of the Treasury, transmitting notification of a vacancy in an office within the Department; to the Committee on Government Reform.

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3033. A letter from the District of Columbia Auditor, transmitting a report entitled, "Audit of Advisory Neighborhood Commission 4B for the period 10/01/95 through 09/30/98"; to the Committee on Government Reform.

3034. A letter from the Chairman, Federal Housing Finance Board, transmitting a report on the activities of the Board's Office of the Inspector General for the six-month period ending March 31, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. app. (Insp. Gen. Act) section 5(b); to the Committee on Government Reform.

3035. A letter from the Chairman, Federal Maritime Commission, transmitting the Commission's Final Annual Performance Plan for FY 2000; to the Committee on Government Reform.

3036. A letter from the Chairman, Board of Governors, Federal Reserve System, transmitting the Semiannual Report to Congress prepared by the Board's Inspector General, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. app. (Insp. Gen. Act) section 5(b); to the Committee on Government Reform.

3037. A letter from the Chairman, National Science Board, transmitting the Acting Inspector General's Semiannual Report to Congress, covering the period of October 1, 1998, through March 31, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. app. (Insp. Gen. Act) section 5(b); to the Committee on Government Reform.

3038. A letter from the Office of the Attorney General, transmitting the Semiannual Management Report and the Office of the Inspector General Semiannual Report for the period October 1, 1998 to March 31, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. app. (Insp. Gen. Act) section 5(b); to the Committee on Government Reform.

3039. A letter from the Board of Directors, Panama Canal Commission, transmitting the semiannual report of the Inspector General of the Panama Canal Commission, covering October 1, 1998 through March 31, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. app. (Insp. Gen. Act) section 5(b); to the Committee on Government Reform.

3040. A letter from the Acting Director, United States Information Agency, transmitting the Inspector General's Semiannual Report for the period October 1, 1998, through March 31, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. app. (Insp. Gen. Act) section 5(b); to the Committee on Government Reform.

3041. A letter from the Chairman, Federal Election Commission, transmitting the Commission's 1998 Annual Report, pursuant to 2 U.S.C. 438(a)(9); to the Committee on House Administration.

3042. A letter from the Commissioner, Bureau of Reclamation, Department of the Interior, transmitting a modification report describing the need for the safety modifications and the proposed corrective actions, along with other pertinent technical information applicable to Willow Creek Dam, Sun River Project, Montana; to the Committee on Resources.

3043. A letter from the Secretary of Labor, transmitting the first Self-Employment Assistance Program Report; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

3044. A letter from the Commissioner, Social Security Administration, transmitting the 1999 Annual Report of the Supplemental Security Income Program; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

3045. A letter from the Director, Office of Thrift Supervision, transmitting the Office's 1998 Annual Consumer Report, pursuant to 12 U.S.C. 1462a(g); jointly to the Committees on Banking and Financial Services and Commerce.