

erty, and the pursuit of happiness for all its citizens;

Whereas the United States endured a civil war for emancipation, and in doing so, formed a permanent union and a society of equals;

Whereas the United States has outlawed racial, ethnic, and religious bigotry to create the world's greatest multicultural society;

Whereas the United States respects the individual and welcomes each one's participation in our democratic society;

Whereas the United States is the pre-eminent land of opportunity which rewards hard work, ingenuity, and perseverance;

Whereas the ethnic diversity of the United States has provided an abundance of energy, creativity, and prosperity;

Whereas people in the United States recognize and reward the contributions of members from every group;

Whereas people in the United States are working to close opportunity gaps so that all may share in the great prosperity of our Nation;

Whereas people in the United States of all backgrounds have sacrificed their lives in war to defend the cause of freedom for people around the world; and

Whereas people in the United States of African, Asian, European, Latin American, Middle Eastern, and Native American backgrounds cherish and celebrate their various national, ethnic, and religious heritages: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate concurring),* That it is the sense of the Congress that all people in the United States should reach out across our differences in ethnicity, race, and religion to respect each other and to celebrate, in friendship and unity, one America.

When said concurrent resolution was considered and agreed to.

A motion to reconsider the vote whereby said concurrent resolution was agreed to was, by unanimous consent, laid on the table.

*Ordered,* That the Clerk request the concurrence of the Senate in said concurrent resolution.

¶113.20 NOTICE—MOTION TO INSTRUCT CONFEREES—H.R. 2670

Mr. TANCREDO, pursuant to clause 7(c)(1)(B) of rule XXII, announced his intention to instruct the managers on the part of the House at the conference with the Senate on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the bill (H.R. 2670) making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce, Justice, and State, the Judiciary, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000, and for other purposes, to agree, to the extent within the scope of the conference, to provisions that (1) reduce non-essential spending in programs authorized within the Departments of Commerce, Justice, and State, the Judiciary, and other related agencies; (2) reduce spending on international organizations, in particular, in order to honor the commitment of the Congress to protect Social Security; and (3) do not increase overall spending to a level that exceeds the higher of the House bill or the Senate amendment.

¶113.21 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A message from the Senate by Mr. Lundregan, one of its clerks, an-

nounced that the Senate agrees to the report of the Committee of Conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 1906) "An Act making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000, and for other purposes."

¶113.22 MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT—TELECOMMUNICATION PAYMENTS TO CUBA

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. COOKSEY, laid before the House a message from the President, which was read as follows:

*To the Congress of the United States:*

As required by section 1705(e)(6) of the Cuban Democracy Act of 1992, 22 U.S.C. 6004(e)(6), as amended by section 102(g) of the Cuban Liberty and Democratic Solidarity (LIBERTAD) Act of 1996, Public Law 104-114, 110 Stat. 785, I transmit herewith a semiannual report "detailing payments made to Cuba . . . as a result of the provision of telecommunications services" pursuant to Department of the Treasury specific licenses.

WILLIAM J. CLINTON.

THE WHITE HOUSE, October 13, 1999.

By unanimous consent, the message, together with the accompanying papers, was referred to the Committee on International Relations.

¶113.23 NOTICE—MOTION TO INSTRUCT CONFEREES—H.R. 1501

Ms. JACKSON LEE, pursuant to clause 7(c)(1)(B) of rule XXII, announced her intention to instruct the managers on the part of the House at the conference with the Senate on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the bill (H.R. 1501) to provide grants to ensure increased accountability for juvenile offenders, to insist that (1) the committee of conference should immediately have its first substantive meeting to offer amendments and motions, including gun safety amendments and motions, and (2) the committee of conference report a conference substitute by October 20, the six month anniversary of the tragedy at Columbine High School in Littleton, Colorado, and with sufficient opportunity for both the House and the Senate to consider gun safety legislation prior to adjournment.

¶113.24 RECESS—9:27 P.M.

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. TOOMEY, pursuant to clause 12 of rule I, declared the House in recess at 9 o'clock and 27 minutes p.m., subject to the call of the Chair.

¶113.25 AFTER RECESS—11:07 P.M.

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. DREIER, called the House to order.

¶113.26 SUBMISSION OF CONFERENCE REPORT—H.R. 2684

Mr. WALSH submitted a conference report (Rept. No. 106-379) on the bill

(H.R. 2684) making appropriations for the Departments of Veterans Affairs and Housing and Urban Development, and for sundry independent agencies, boards, commissions, corporations, and offices for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000, and for other purposes; together with a statement thereon, for printing in the Record under the rule.

¶113.27 RECESS—11:08 P.M.

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. DREIER, pursuant to clause 12 of rule I, declared the House in recess at 11 o'clock and 8 minutes p.m., subject to the call of the Chair.

¶113.28 AFTER RECESS—11:57 P.M.

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. DREIER, called the House to order.

¶113.29 WAIVING POINTS OF ORDER AGAINST THE CONFERENCE REPORT TO ACCOMPANY H.R. 2684

Mr. SESSIONS, by direction of the Committee on Rules, reported (Rept. No. 106-380) the resolution (H. Res. 328) waiving points of order against the conference report to accompany the bill (H.R. 2684) making appropriations for the Departments of Veterans Affairs and Housing and Urban Development, and for sundry independent agencies, boards, commissions, corporations, and offices for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000, and for other purposes.

When said resolution and report were referred to the House Calendar and ordered printed.

¶113.30 PROVIDING FOR THE CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 2679

Mr. SESSIONS, by direction of the Committee on Rules, reported (Rept. No. 106-381) the resolution (H. Res. 329) providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 2679) to amend title 49, United States Code, to establish the National Motor Carrier Administration in the Department of Transportation, to improve the safety of commercial motor vehicle operators and carriers, to strengthen commercial driver's licenses, and for other purposes.

When said resolution and report were referred to the House Calendar and ordered printed.

¶113.31 PROVIDING FOR THE CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 3064

Mr. SESSIONS, by direction of the Committee on Rules, reported (Rept. No. 106-382) the resolution (H. Res. 330) providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 3064) making appropriations for the government of the District of Columbia and other activities chargeable in whole or in part against revenues of said District for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000, and for other purposes.

When said resolution and report were referred to the House Calendar and ordered printed.

¶113.32 ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

Mr. THOMAS, from the Committee on House Administration, reported

that that committee had examined and found truly enrolled bills of the House of the following titles, which were thereupon signed by the Speaker:

H.R. 560. An Act to designate the Federal building and United States courthouse located at the intersection of Comercio and San Justo Streets, in San Juan, Puerto Rico, as the "Jose v. Toledo Federal Building and United States Courthouse."

H.R. 1906. An Act making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000, and for other purposes.

#### ¶113.33 SENATE ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

The SPEAKER announced his signature to enrolled bills of the Senate of the following titles:

S. 322—An Act to amend title 4, United States Code, to add the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday to the list of days on which the flag should especially be displayed.

S. 800—An Act to promote and enhance public safety through use of 9-1-1 as the universal emergency assistance number, further deployment of wireless 9-1-1 service, support of States in upgrading 9-1-1 capabilities and related functions, encouragement of construction and operation of seamless, ubiquitous, and reliable networks for personal wireless service, and for other purposes.

And then,

#### ¶113.34 ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Mr. SESSIONS, at 11 o'clock and 58 minutes p.m., the House adjourned.

#### ¶113.35 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:

Mr. SENSENBRENNER: Committee on Science, H.R. 1753. A bill to promote the research, identification, assessment, exploration, and development of methane hydrate resources, and for other purposes; with amendments (Rept. No. 106-377, Pt. 1). Ordered to be printed.

Mr. HYDE: Committee on the Judiciary, H.R. 2260. A bill to amend the Controlled Substances Act to promote pain management and palliative care without permitting assisted suicide and euthanasia, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 106-378 Pt. 1). Ordered to be printed.

Mr. WALSH: Committee on Conference. Conference report on H.R. 2684. A bill making appropriations for the Departments of Veterans Affairs and Housing and Urban Development, and for sundry independent agencies, boards, commissions, corporations, and offices for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 106-379). Ordered to be printed.

Ms. PRYCE of Ohio: Committee on Rules. House Resolution 328. Resolution waiving points of order against the conference report to accompany the bill (H.R. 2684) making appropriations for the Department of Veterans Affairs and Housing and Urban Development, and for sundry independent agencies, boards, commissions, corporations, and offices for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 106-380). Referred to the House Calendar.

Mr. SESSIONS: Committee on Rules. House Resolution 329. Resolution providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 2679) to amend title 49, United States Code, to establish the National Motor Carrier Administra-

tion in the Department of Transportation, to improve the safety of commercial motor vehicle operators and carriers, to strengthen commercial driver's licenses, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 106-381). Referred to the House Calendar.

Mr. LINDER: Committee on Rules. House Resolution 330. Resolution providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 3064) making appropriations for the government of the District of Columbia and other activities chargeable in whole or in part against revenues of said District for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 106-382). Referred to the House Calendar.

#### ¶113.36 TIME LIMITATION OF REFERRED BILL

Pursuant to clause 5 of rule X the following action was taken by the Speaker:

H.R. 1753. Referral to the Committee on Resources extended for a period ending not later than October 18, 1999.

#### ¶113.37 PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XII, public bills and resolutions were introduced and severally referred, as follows:

By Mrs. CUBIN:

H.R. 3063. A bill to amend the Mineral Leasing Act to increase the maximum acreage of Federal leases for sodium that may be held by an entity in any one State, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Resources.

By Mr. ISTOOK:

H.R. 3064. A bill making appropriations for the government of the District of Columbia and other activities chargeable in whole or in part against revenues of said District for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Appropriations.

By Mr. BOEHNER (for himself, Mr. SAWYER, Ms. KAPTUR, Ms. PRYCE of Ohio, Mr. OXLEY, Mr. REGULA, and Mr. STRICKLAND):

H.R. 3065. A bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to remove the limit on amount of Medicaid disproportionate share hospital payment for hospitals in Ohio; to the Committee on Commerce.

By Mr. CARDIN:

H.R. 3066. A bill to amend the Uruguay Round Agreements Act with respect to the rules of origin for certain textile and apparel products; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mrs. CHENOWETH-HAGE (for herself and Mr. SIMPSON):

H.R. 3067. A bill to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain facilities to Nampa and Meridian Irrigation District; to the Committee on Resources.

By Mr. ENGLISH (for himself, Mr. PETERSON of Pennsylvania, Mr. SHUSTER, Mr. COYNE, Mr. HOLDEN, Mr. MURTHA, Mrs. WILSON, Mr. GREENWOOD, Mr. PITTS, Mr. WELDON of Pennsylvania, Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania, Mr. BORSKI, Mr. DOYLE, Mr. GOODLING, Mr. KANJORSKI, Mr. NEY, Mr. KLINK, Mr. TOOMEY, Mr. SHERWOOD, Mr. HOEFFEL, Mr. FATTAH, Mr. MASCARA, and Mr. GEKAS):

H.R. 3068. A bill to designate the Federal building and United States courthouse located at 617 State Street in Erie, Pennsylvania, as the "Samuel J. ROBERTS Federal Building and United States Courthouse"; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

By Mr. FRANKS of New Jersey (for himself, Ms. NORTON, Mr. WISE, and Mr. TRAFICANT):

H.R. 3069. A bill to authorize the Administrator of General Services to provide for redevelopment of the Southeast Federal Center in the District of Columbia; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

By Mr. HULSHOF (for himself, Mr. ARCHER, Mr. SHAW, Mr. CAMP, Ms. DUNN, Mr. ENGLISH, Mr. FOLEY, Mr. HAYWORTH, Mr. HERGER, Mr. HOUGHTON, Mr. RAMSTAD, Mr. THOMAS, and Mr. WELLER):

H.R. 3070. A bill to amend the Social Security Act to establish a Ticket to Work and Self-Sufficiency Program in the Social Security Administration to provide beneficiaries with disabilities meaningful opportunities to work, to extend health care coverage for such beneficiaries, and to make additional miscellaneous amendments relating to Social Security; 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. OWENS:

H.R. 3071. A bill to amend title XII of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to provide grants to improve the infrastructure of elementary and secondary schools; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

By Mr. TOOMEY (for himself, Mr. STENHOLM, Mr. BARTLETT of Maryland, Mrs. BIGGERT, Mr. BOEHNER, Mr. BARR of North Carolina, Mr. CALVERT, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mrs. CHENOWETH-HAGE, Mr. CONDIT, Mr. CRANE, Mrs. CUBIN, Mr. DEMINT, Mr. DOOLITTLE, Ms. DUNN, Mr. FLETCHER, Mr. FRANKS of New Jersey, Mr. GOODE, Mr. GREEN of Wisconsin, Mr. GREENWOOD, Mr. HASTINGS of Washington, Mr. HAYES, Mr. HAYWORTH, Mr. HERGER, Mr. HILL of Montana, Mr. HOSTETTLER, Mr. JOHN, Mrs. JOHNSON of Connecticut, Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas, Mr. JONES of North Carolina, Mr. KNOLLENBERG, Mr. KUYKENDALL, Mr. LARGENT, Mr. MCINTOSH, Mr. MICA, Mr. MILLER of Florida, Mr. GARY MILLER of California, Mr. NETHERCUTT, Mr. PETERSON of Pennsylvania, Mr. PITTS, Mr. POMBO, Mr. RADANOVICH, Mr. RILEY, Mr. ROHRBACHER, Mr. RYAN of Wisconsin, Mr. RYUN of Kansas, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. SAXTON, Mr. SHAW, Mr. SHERWOOD, Mr. SIMPSON, Mr. SISISKY, Mr. STEARNS, Mr. SUNUNU, Mr. TANCREDO, Mr. TIAHRT, Mr. VITTER, and Mr. WALDEN of Oregon):

H. Con. Res. 197. Concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress that there should be no increase in Federal taxes in order to fund additional Government spending; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

#### ¶113.38 ADDITIONAL SPONSORS

Under clause 7 of rule XII, sponsors were added to public bills and resolutions as follows:

H.R. 2: Mr. HILL of Montana and Mr. LUCAS of Oklahoma.

H.R. 531: Mr. UDALL of Colorado.

H.R. 552: Mrs. EMERSON.

H.R. 815: Mrs. MEEK of Florida.

H.R. 1071: Mr. MASCARA, Mr. HINCHEY, Mr. SANDLIN, Mr. OLVER, and Mr. SCOTT.

H.R. 1083: Mr. ARMEY.

H.R. 1093: Mr. SWEENEY.

H.R. 1095: Mr. CLYBURN, Mr. PHELPS, Mr. NADLER, and Ms. MCCARTHY of Missouri.

H.R. 1103: Mr. SHAYS.

H.R. 1115: Ms. MILLENDER-MCDONALD, Mr. NADLER, Mr. PETERSON of Minnesota, Mr.