

H.R. 3546. An act to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey the Wailhalla National Fish Hatchery to the State of South Carolina.

The message also announced 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. 3666) "An Act 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, 1997, and for other purposes."

The message also announced that the Senate had passed bills and a joint resolution of the following titles, in which the concurrence of the House is requested.

S. 1802. An act to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain property containing a fish and wildlife facility to the State of Wyoming, and for other purposes.

S. 1875. An act to designate the United States courthouse in Medford, Oregon, as the "James A. Redden Federal Courthouse".

S.J. Res. 64. Joint resolution to commend Operation Sail for its advancement of brotherhood among nations, its continuing commemoration of the history of the United States, and its nurturing of young cadets through training in seamanship.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER

The SPEAKER. The Chair will recognize ten 1-minutes on each side.

A SAD STATE OF AFFAIRS

(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, the Democratic Party finds itself in a very sad state of affairs. Instead of engaging the Republican Party on issues of importance to the American people, liberal Democrats come to the floor of the House engaged in a campaign to destroy the reputation of one man.

But I say to my colleagues, tearing down one man will not elevate the lives of the American people. Engaging in a smear campaign will not ease the worries of working Americans. The voters do not care about the personal insults we hurl at one another on this floor. They care about their children and the future we leave them. They care about the sad state of education in this country. They worry about crime and drugs, and they struggle under the burden of an insane Tax Code.

I ask my colleagues this one question:

Does that venom with which you speak to the C-SPAN cameras reflect well on the House of Representatives?

I urge my colleagues to think first about this Nation and the reputation of this House and leave the personal attacks in the gutter where they belong.

RELEASE THE SPECIAL COUNSEL'S REPORT ON NEWT GINGRICH

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

Mr. VOLKMER. Mr. Speaker, I am not going to call the Speaker a liar. But it is a fact that the Speaker has not been telling the media the whole truth about the findings of the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct. The Committee on Standards of Official Conduct has found him guilty of six charges.

And I am not going to call the Speaker a law violator even though it appears that the Speaker participated in a scheme to use nonprofit corporation's tax-free contributions for political purposes. That is against the law.

It is quite clear that the Speaker has instructed "Stonewall" not to release the special counsel's report. Why not? Because the report will show that the Speaker—

POINT OF ORDER

Mr. LINDER. Point of order, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. CAMP). The gentleman will state his point of order.

Mr. LINDER. The gentleman from Missouri is referring to matters before the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct, which is explicitly against the House rules.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair sustains the point of order, and the gentleman must proceed in order.

Mr. VOLKMER. Because the report will show that the Speaker is not the lily-white angel his supporters say he is, let us remove this dark cloud that hangs over these Chambers.

NANCY "Stonewall" JOHNSON, release the special counsel's report on NEWT GINGRICH.

POINT OF ORDER

Mr. LINDER. Point of order, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman will state his point of order.

Mr. LINDER. Mr. Speaker, at what point does the Chair decide that these scurrilous attacks on personalities and this abuse of the House rules becomes so out of order that people are asked to take their seat?

Mr. VOLKMER. Release the report.

The SPEAKER pro tempore As stated on September 8 by the Chair, at some point the Chair will put it to the entire House to determine whether Members who continually violate the rules will continue to proceed in order.

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PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRY

Mrs. SCHROEDER. Parliamentary inquiry, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. CAMP). The gentleman will state the parliamentary inquiry.

Mrs. SCHROEDER. Mr. Speaker, is there not a way that the gentleman

from Georgia could test the gentleman from Missouri's words if he wished to?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will answer that question if that situation arises.

Mrs. SCHROEDER. Parliamentary inquiry, Mr. Speaker. Is there not a customary way that this procedure is normally done, rather than asking the Chair to enforce that?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair is proceeding under announced established practices at this point.

INTRODUCTION OF THE JACKIE ROBINSON COMMEMORATIVE COIN ACT

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

Mr. FRANKS of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, yesterday I was joined by Congressman FLOYD FLAKE in introducing legislation entitled the Jackie Robinson Commemorative Coin Act. Our bill authorizes the minting of one-dollar coins to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the breaking of the color barrier in major league baseball by Jackie Robinson.

Jackie Robinson was, in all respects, a great American. If all Jackie Robinson had done was to integrate baseball, that alone would have ensured his place in history. But Jackie Robinson also made baseball truly the national pastime through his outstanding accomplishments on and off the field.

Mr. Speaker, Jackie Robinson is still admired by millions of Americans today. I ask my colleagues to join me in paying tribute to this great athlete and humanitarian by supporting this legislation.

JACKIE ROBINSON COMMEMORATIVE COIN

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

Mr. FLAKE. Mr. Speaker, I rise this morning, along with Mr. BOB FRANKS, to honor the late Jackie Robinson, one of our Nation's greatest historical treasures. We do this by introducing legislation to mint a commemorative coin honoring the 50th anniversary of Jackie Robinson breaking the color barrier in major league baseball.

As we all observe the remarkable pennant and wild card races this week, we should take time out to remember that America's pastime was once not the diverse sport that most Americans enjoy today. Through segregation, African Americans were relegated to the Negro leagues. Although these leagues were considered second rate, the baseball played was of the highest quality. This athletic segregation was the standard for most organized sports, and was a sad reflection of American society in general.

Jackie Robinson, however, became the trailblazer of professional athletic

integration. He was the first of many Negro league stars to play in the big leagues, and he suffered the strains of racism throughout major league ball parks. By successfully bearing this burden, he in fact became a symbol of victory for African Americans, and he carried the torch of equality that lit the flame of equality in America.

Mr. FRANKS and I urge our colleagues to rekindle this flame by cosponsoring the Jackie Robinson Commemorative Coin Act. Join us and our colleagues in the other body in remembering Jackie Robinson's baseball legacy, and honoring him as a great American.

ADMINISTRATION POLICY IS "JUST SAY NOTHING" ON DRUGS

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

Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, why since 1993 have we experienced such a dramatic increase in the use of drugs among our Nation's children, when just a decade ago we were winning that fight? The answer is simple. We now have an administration that has replaced "Just say no" with "Just say nothing."

The facts speak for themselves. Since 1993, marijuana use among 12- to 13-year-olds has increased 137 percent. This should not be surprising when we look at this administration's priorities.

Do Members know that they have over 110,000 IRS agents collecting taxes? That is enough to audit almost every person in the State of Texas. Compare that to 12,000 total drug enforcement and border patrol agents that protect our borders. That is taxes over drugs, 10 to 1. This administration must take responsibility for its failed drug policies and stop this epidemic before it destroys our children's future.

IN SOME SCHOOLS RAPISTS GET COUNSELING WHILE 6-YEAR- OLDS GO TO THE SLAMMER

(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, it is common sense, schools are under attack. Guns, drugs, rape, even murder. Some schools are so bad they hire police to monitor the hallways and to combat this growing phenomenon.

Schools have clamped down all over the country, as evidenced by an action in Lexington, NC, where the schools suspended 6-year-old Johnathan Prevette for kissing a 6-year-old on the cheek. That is right, Johnathan was cited for sexual harassment.

Think about it. In some schools where rapists get counseling, 6-year-olds are getting busted. Mr. Speaker, it does not take a rocket scientist to figure out what is going wrong in our schools, when murderers and rapists are getting probation and counseling

and 6-year-olds are going to the slammer. Johnathan, make sure you do not hug anybody.

I yield back the balance of my friendship that might come out of our schools.

BOB DOLE AND JACK KEMP SHOULD NOT BE COUNTED OUT OF THE PRESIDENTIAL RACE

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

Mr. SALMON. Mr. Speaker, last Saturday my alma mater, the Arizona State Sun Devils, took on the No. 1 ranked, two-time defending national champion cornhuskers of Nebraska. The result should be a lesson to all the pundits who have already written off Bob Dole.

The pundits and so-called experts said A.S.U. had no chance against Nebraska. They pointed out that Nebraska had a 37 game winning streak, and that Nebraska had not been shut out in a regular season game since 1973. The point spread, looking a lot like some of the recent presidential polls, predicted that Nebraska would win by 23 points.

Yet Arizona State managed to shut out Nebraska 19-0.

The experts said Arizona State could not beat Nebraska, but the experts were wrong. The experts also tell us that Bob Dole and Jack Kemp do not have a chance to beat a certain liberal currently living in the White House. We Sun Devils know better.

RELEASE THE ETHICS REPORT AND THE WOMEN FROM THE BASEMENT

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

Mrs. MALONEY. Mr. Speaker, we are appealing to you to release the ethics report and to release the women from the basement.

As a New Yorker, I am anguished that the statute of our State's most distinguished leaders—Susan B. Anthony, Elizabeth Cady Stanton, and Lucretia Mott—have remained in the basement of the Capitol for the past 76 years.

Mr. Speaker, almost every great struggle throughout American history is represented in the Capitol's rotunda, including the leaders of those revolutions, Lincoln, Washington, and King.

Exactly 76 years ago American women gained the right to vote, but our great leaders still are not allowed in the living room to stand beside the great male leaders.

Mr. Speaker, American women ask the same question they asked President Wilson: how long must we wait?

PRESIDENT CLINTON'S NEW REPUBLICAN AGENDA

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

Mr. KNOLLENBERG. Mr. Speaker, I guess we should be happy. After weeks of distortions and millions of dollars of AFL-CIO deceptions, and some downright crazy claims about the 104th Congress, the President has finally come clean. His acceptance speech at the Democratic National Convention and his recent campaign speeches trumpeting his support for our agenda and our outstanding successes kind of amazes me.

In fact, the President took credit for 14 different initiatives that Republicans promised. How is that for extreme? Is he stealing Republican ideas, or, as Jay Leno says, maybe he is just borrowing them until after the election. It seems as if the only extremism is the extreme way the President wants to be reelected.

Now his own party must not even know where he stands. As some of my friends on the other side of the aisle say, if you do not like where the President is, just wait a while. I guess they hope he will come around, just like in 1992. I yield back the balance of the President's Republican agenda.

REPUBLICAN LAWMAKERS AT- TEMPT TO STIFLE QUESTIONS BY SENIOR CITIZENS AND DEMO- CRATS

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

Mr. KLINK. Mr. Speaker, today marks the 1-year anniversary of what I would consider the darkest day of this 104th Congress. Let me set the scene. The Republicans were attempting to cut \$270 billion from Medicare, so they could afford to give tax breaks to the wealthiest individuals and corporations in this entire Nation.

One week earlier, a group of senior citizens who purported to be in favor of that plan came into the Committee on Commerce and they dumped letters on the floor in a show of support. It proved out that many of those letters were from people who were deceased, or they were children, or they were nonexistent.

This time senior citizens arrived in the Committee on Commerce to say they were against what was happening and they wanted to simply know why were there no hearings. Our Republicans, fearing the debate, fearing that question, ordered that those senior citizens, some in wheelchairs, some in walkers, some with canes, be arrested, arrested and hauled away by the Capitol Hill police, photographed, and fingerprinted.

Today it is 1 year later. Many of those seniors will be here again. As