

The House of Representatives will lose a great leader, an ardent advocate and a brilliant legislator as Congressman MFUME leaves to assume his new responsibility. But our loss is the NAACP's gain. I am confident that Congressman MFUME will make great strides in the advancement of the rights of African-Americans and continue his effort to improve interracial relations throughout the country. These goals are given special significance during the celebration of Black History Month.

Mr. SABO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to express my strong support for Black History Month. This year we are celebrating African-American women of yesterday, today, and tomorrow. In Minnesota, we are fortunate to have a fine tradition of civic leaders who have dedicated their lives to enriching the lives of others through their selfless contributions. Today, I'd like to recognize three, among many, of the African-American women in Minnesota who have become shining role models for us all.

In its brief history, the State of Minnesota has had many fine leaders who were also African-American women. In 1923, Ethel Ray Nance—1899–1992—was the first black woman hired by the Minnesota Legislature and was the first black police woman in Minnesota. During her long life, Ms. Nance was an activist in several civil rights organizations, including the National Association for Advancement of Colored People [NAACP]. She also served as the director of research for the National Urban League.

In more recent years, Nellie Stone Johnson, who celebrated her 90th birthday in December 1995, has been one of the most outspoken and thoughtful leaders in Minnesota's African-American community. Generations of Minnesotans owe Nellie a great deal for her dedication to community building, to civil rights, and to economic fairness. In the tradition of Hubert Humphrey and Walter Mondale, Nellie Stone Johnson has been rock solid in her commitment to the most vulnerable in our society.

Finally, representing a new generation of African-American women leaders, Minneapolis Mayor Sharon Sayles Belton, elected in 1993, is the first African-American and the first female mayor of Minneapolis. Mayor Sayles Belton began her public service career immediately after college—when as a civil rights worker she traveled to Jackson, MS, to register voters. She later became the first African-American president of the Minneapolis City Council. As mayor, she has continued her efforts to strengthen families and children by focusing on education, crime prevention, and the economic development of neighborhoods in the city.

I am proud to say that these women, and many other African-Americans, have had an important impact on my life and the lives of many Minnesotans. I wish to thank them for their service to the community, the women's movement, and the United States of America. All citizens should be grateful for their accomplishments and endeavors. Mr. Speaker, as we observe Black History Month, I commend Ethel Ray Nance, Nellie Stone Johnson, Mayor Sayles Belton, and all African-Americans for their contributions to our society.

Mrs. COLLINS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to join my colleagues in proud observa-

tion of Black History Month and its 1996 theme, "African-American Women: Yesterday, Today, and Tomorrow." I thank the chairman of the Congressional Black Caucus, Congressman PAYNE, and the distinguished gentleman from Ohio, Congressman STOKES, for once again reserving this annual special order.

This year, as we celebrate the vital role which African-American women have played in our Nation's growth and development, I would first like to spend a moment reflecting on the life of one of the most influential of these women who recently passed away, the Honorable Barbara Jordan of Texas.

Having served with Barbara in this House, I can tell you first hand of the tremendous intellect, passion, and presence she commanded. As an untiring, articulate, and outspoken defender of the Constitution and the rights and liberties of all citizens, she was effective in ensuring access to legal services for the poor, advancing consumer protection at the Federal level, and securing a livable minimum wage for all working Americans among other numerous achievements.

Morton Dean of ABC News summed up the overwhelming impact Barbara Jordan had on American society when he said, "Where she walked, barriers fell, historic barriers against blacks and women in politics. When she talked hearts swelled, awakened to America's potential." We will all miss her deeply.

But before Barbara Jordan, Mr. Speaker, there were other African-American heroines who blazed a path of opportunity for her, and there will be many more who will come after. It is each and every one of these women that we also honor today.

We all know of Hattie McDaniel, the first African-American to win an Academy Award for her role in "Gone with the Wind" in 1939. Her breakthrough performance opened the door for other black actresses and performers such as Lena Horne, Cicely Tyson, Whoopi Goldberg, and Angela Bassett to showcase their talents and skills on both the American and world stage and screen.

Nor can we forget in the field of literature the incredible poetry of Phillis Wheatley and Maya Angelou, novels of Toni Morrison and Alice Walker, and writings of Jean Toomer and June Jordan. These African-American authors have lifted our spirits, our hopes, and our dreams with their thoughtful words and honest reflections.

From inspirational words stem inspirational music and we would be remiss not to mention the incredible jazz vocals of "The First Lady of Song," Ella Fitzgerald, or the deep rhythm and blues notes belted out by "The Queen of Soul," Aretha Franklin. What about Billie Holiday, Mahalia Jackson, Sarah Vaughan, and Dinah Washington?—each of them being an exceptional African-American female artist of the modern era.

In the world of sports, black women have as role models the outstanding track and field star Jackie Joyner-Kersey, holder of the world record in the heptathlon and winner of four Olympic medals in this event as well as Althea Gibson, the first African-American tennis player to participate in and win a championship at Wimbledon.

I could go on and on for hours Mr. Speaker, elaborating on the lives of courageous abolitionists Sojourner Truth and Harriet Tubman,

the great civil rights activists Rosa Parks and Fannie Lou Hamer, and such deft legislators as Shirley Chisholm and, as I have mentioned, Barbara Jordan. As you can see, African-American women have an exceptionally rich history of contributions to this country, from the arts and athletics to politics and our overall social progress. It is therefore only fitting that this year's observance of Black History Month recognizes and heralds the many accomplished and talented among us, before us, and those yet to come.

Again, I thank my distinguished colleagues for this special order and yield back the balance of my time.

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#### RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. METCALF). Pursuant to clause 12 of rule I, the House stands in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

Accordingly (at 10 o'clock and 38 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

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#### AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. METCALF) at 12 o'clock and 1 minute a.m.

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#### LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Mrs. SEASTRAND (at the request of Mr. ARMEY) after 4:30 p.m. today and for the balance of the week on account of illness in the family.

Mr. RADANOVICH (at the request of Mr. ARMEY) after 4:30 p.m. today on account of illness in the family.

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#### 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. MILLER of California) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. VOLKMER, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. NORTON, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. UNDERWOOD, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. KAPTUR, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. TOWNS, for 5 minutes, today.

Mrs. CLAYTON, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. MILLER of California, for 5 minutes, today.

Mrs. MALONEY, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. WISE, for 5 minutes, today.

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. BEREUTER) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. TIAHRT, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. SMITH of Michigan, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. BEREUTER, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. CHAMBLISS, for 5 minutes, today.

(The following Member (at her own request) to revise and extend her remarks and include extraneous material:)

Ms. PELOSI, for 5 minutes, today.

#### BILLS PRESENTED TO THE PRESIDENT

Mr. THOMAS, from the Committee on House Oversight, reported that that committee did on the following days present to the President, for his approval, bills of the House of the following title:

On January 31:

H.R. 2029. An act to amend the Farm Credit Act of 1971 to provide regulatory relief, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2111. An act to designate the Federal building located at 1221 Nevin Avenue in Richmond, CA, as the "Frank Hagel Federal Building".

H.R. 2726. An act to make certain technical corrections in laws relating to Native Americans, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1868. An act making appropriations for foreign operations, export financing, and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1996, and for other purposes.

On February 1:

H.R. 2353. An act to amend title 38, United States Code, to extend the authority of the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to carry out certain reports from the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

#### ADJOURNMENT

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. METCALF). Without objection and pursuant to an earlier order, the House stands adjourned.

Accordingly (at 12 o'clock and 2 minutes a.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until Tuesday, February 6, 1996, at 8 p.m.

#### EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 2 of rule XXIV, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

1997. A letter from the Chairman, Panama Canal Commission, transmitting the Commission's report, including unaudited financial statements, covering the operations of the Panama Canal during fiscal year 1995, pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 3722; to the Committee on National Security.

1998. A letter from the Acting President and Chairman, Export-Import Bank of the United States, transmitting the semiannual report on tied aid credits, pursuant to Public Law 99-472, section 19 (100 Stat. 1207); to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services.

1999. A letter from the Director, Defense Security Assistance Agency, transmitting notification concerning a technology base research and development project with the Netherlands (Transmittal No. 04-96), pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2767(f); to the Committee on International Relations.

2000. A letter from the Director, Defense Security Assistance Agency, transmitting notification concerning a cooperative project to conduct a 12-month feasibility study to

investigate and define a standard submarine rescue system (Transmittal No. 03-96), pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2767(f); to the Committee on International Relations.

2001. A letter from the Director, Defense Security Assistance Agency, transmitting a report of those foreign military sales customers with approved cash flow financing in excess of \$100 million as of October 1, 1995, pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2765(a); to the Committee on International Relations.

2002. A letter from the Director, Defense Security Assistance Agency, transmitting notification concerning the Department of the Navy's proposed Letter(s) of Offer and Acceptance [LOA] to the United Kingdom for defense articles and services (Transmittal No. 96-21), pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2776(b); to the Committee on International Relations.

2003. A letter from the Director, Defense Security Assistance Agency, transmitting a report containing an analysis and description of services performed by full-time U.S. Government employees during fiscal year 1995 who are performing services for which reimbursement is provided under section 21(a) or section 43(b), pursuant to section 25(a)(6) of the Arms Export Control Act; to the Committee on International Relations.

2004. A letter from the Director, Defense Security Assistance Agency, transmitting a report containing the status of loans and guarantees issued under the Arms Export Control Act, pursuant to section 25(a)(11) of the Arms Export Control Act; to the Committee on International Relations.

2005. A letter from the Auditor, District of Columbia, transmitting a copy of a report entitled, "Review and Analysis of the District's Accounts Receivable," pursuant to D.C. Codes, section 47-117(d); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

2006. A letter from the Chairman, Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations, transmitting the Commission's 37th annual report of the Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations, pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 4275(3); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

2007. A letter from the Comptroller General of the United States, transmitting the list of all reports issued or released in November 1995, pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 719(h); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

2008. A letter from the Chairman, Consumer Product Safety Commission, transmitting the annual report under the Federal Managers' Financial Integrity Act for fiscal year 1995, pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 3512(c)(3); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

2009. A letter from the Secretary, Mississippi River Commission, Department of the Army, transmitting a copy of the annual report in compliance with the Government in the Sunshine Act for the Mississippi River Commission during the calendar year 1995, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552b(j); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

2010. A letter from the Director, United States Arms Control and Disarmament Agency, transmitting the annual report under the Federal Managers' Financial Integrity Act for fiscal year 1995, pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 3512(c)(3); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

2011. A letter from the Assistant Attorney General, transmitting a draft of proposed legislation entitled the "Federal Debt Collection Procedures Improvements Act of 1995"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

#### 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. GOSS: Committee on Rules. House Resolution 355. Resolution providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 2924) to guarantee the timely payment of Social Security benefits in March 1996 (Rept. 104-460). Referred to the House Calendar.

Mr. LEACH: Committee on Banking and Financial Services. H.R. 2406. A bill to repeal the United States Housing Act of 1937, deregulate the public housing program and the program for rental housing assistance for low-income families, and increase community control over such programs, and for other purposes; with an amendment (Rept. 104-461). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

#### 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. ARCHER (for himself, Mr. CRANE, Mr. THOMAS, Mr. SHAW, Mrs. JOHNSON of Connecticut, Mr. BUNNING of Kentucky, Mr. HOUGHTON, Mr. HERGER, Mr. MCCRERY, Mr. HANCOCK, Mr. CAMP, Mr. RAMSTAD, Mr. ZIMMER, Mr. NUSSLE, Mr. SAM JOHNSON, Ms. DUNN of Washington, Mr. COLLINS of Georgia, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. HAYES, Mr. LAUGHLIN, Mr. ENGLISH of Pennsylvania, Mr. ENSIGN, and Mr. CHRISTENSEN):

H.R. 2924. A bill to guarantee the timely payment of Social Security benefits in March 1996; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. HYDE (for himself, Mr. ARCHER, Mr. WELDON of Florida, Mr. MCCOLLUM, Mr. GEKAS, Mr. COBLE, Mr. SMITH of Texas, Mr. HASTERT, Mr. SCHIFF, Mr. THOMAS, Mr. CANADY, Mr. INGLIS of South Carolina, Mr. GOODLATTE, Mr. BOUCHER, Mr. CRANE, Mr. SHAW, Mrs. JOHNSON of Connecticut, Mr. MCCRERY, Mr. CAMP, Mr. CAMPBELL, Mr. SAM JOHNSON, Mr. CHRISTENSEN, Mr. GANSKE, Mr. LIPINSKI, and Mr. HANCOCK):

H.R. 2925. A bill to modify the application of the antitrust laws to health care provider networks that provide health care services; and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. EWING (for himself, Mr. DREIER, Mr. KOLBE, Mr. KNOLLENBERG, and Mr. MANZULLO):

H.R. 2926. A bill to extend nondiscriminatory treatment—most-favored-nation treatment—to the products of certain nonmarket economy countries; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. BILBRAY (for himself, Mr. HUNTER, Mr. PACKARD, Mr. CUNNINGHAM, and Mr. FILNER):

H.R. 2927. A bill to amend the Fair Housing Act regarding local and State laws and regulations governing residential care facilities; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. NEUMANN:

H.R. 2928. A bill to amend title II of the Social Security Act to ensure the integrity of the Social Security trust funds by requiring the managing trustee to invest the annual surplus of such trust funds in marketable interest-bearing obligations of the United States and certificates of deposit in depository institutions insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, and to protect such trust funds from the public debt limit; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. MARKEY:

H.R. 2929. A bill to amend title I of the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of