

quarter out of every dollar that I could have spent during that time.

When I first came to Congress, the political consultants told me to spend every dime of my representational allowance—send out mass mailings, hire all the staff you can, anything to boost your name identification and get you reelected. But, I did not want to do it that way.

I have always remembered that the money we use is taxpayers' money and they expect us to use it wisely and frugally. I made it a practice to watch my office expenses and provide the best service possible at the lowest cost possible.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to enter into the RECORD a letter from the National Taxpayers Union, which says, in part:

DEAR REPRESENTATIVE BROWDER: I have just learned of your most recent effort to save taxpayer dollars through the frugal use of your congressional office account. Returning over \$200,000, about 25 percent of your allotted budget, is certainly worthy of our thanks and praise. Your efforts are especially rewarding for taxpayers because the money returned must, for the first time, be used for deficit reduction.

Your wise use of funds over which you have direct control has resulted in, as I understand it, the return of over \$1 million to the U.S. Treasury in the last 5 years. That's a fine record that your constituents can reflect on with pride.

So, today I am going to sign this facsimile check for \$1 million to the American taxpayer.

Clearly, not every Member of Congress can take the approach that I have taken because of their own philosophy of representation or the nature of their districts. And taxpayers know that I am not Ed McMahon and they are not going to be receiving this check in the mail.

But I want to dramatize this moment to demonstrate that we do not have to spend taxpayer dollars just because we have a taxpayer-funded expense allowance. And I also want our taxpayers to know that many of us do put public service above our own political careers.

NATIONAL TAXPAYERS UNION,
February 9, 1996.

HON. GLEN BROWDER,
U.S. House of Representatives,
Rayburn House Office Building,
Washington, DC.

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As you know, the National Taxpayers Union has for several years supported legislation by Representatives Tim Roemer and Dick Zimmer to ensure that any and all unused office funds returned by thrifty Mem-

bers go only to reduce our annual deficits. You have contributed greatly to further that drive and we are most appreciative.

Again, please accept our thanks and compliments for your frugal management efforts as well as for your legislative leadership on this issue.

Sincerely,

AL CORS, Jr.,
Director, Government Relations.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Ohio [Ms. KAPTUR] is recognized for 5 minutes.

[Ms. KAPTUR addressed the House. Her remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.]

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Indiana [Mr. BURTON] is recognized for 5 minutes.

[Mr. BURTON of Indiana addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.]

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. BROWDER) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Ms. KAPTUR, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. BROWDER, for 5 minutes, today.

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

Mr. FRANKS of Connecticut, for 5 minutes, today.

EXTENSION OF REMARKS

By unanimous consent, permission to revise and extend remarks was granted to:

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. BROWDER) and to include extraneous matter:)

Mr. ANDREWS.

Mr. LANTOS.

Mr. DURBIN.

Mr. RAHALL.

Mr. HILLEARY.

Mr. COBLE.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. BROWDER. Mr. Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 10 o'clock and 14 minutes a.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until Tuesday, March 12, 1996, at 12:30 p.m. for morning hour debates.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 2 of rule XXIV, executive communications were taken from

the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

2213. A letter from the Assistant Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting a final rule under the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act [FIFRA], pursuant to 7 U.S.C. 136w(a)(4); to the Committee on Agriculture.

2214. A letter from the Secretary of the Army, transmitting notification that certain major defense acquisition programs have breached the unit cost by more than 15 percent, pursuant to 10 U.S.C. 2431(b)(3)(A); to the Committee on National Security.

2215. A letter from the Secretary of Defense, transmitting certification that certain officers currently serving in the Armed Forces of the United States have served satisfactorily in their current grades, therefore the Secretary has approved their retirements in the grades listed below: Leon E. Salomon, general, U.S. Army; Howard D. Graves, lieutenant general, U.S. Army; Robert J. Spane, vice admiral, U.S. Navy; and Richard M. Scofield, lieutenant general, U.S. Air Force, pursuant to 10 U.S.C. 1370(c); to the Committee on National Security.

2216. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting a report entitled "Country Reports on Human Rights Practices for 1995," pursuant to sections 116(d)(1) and 502(b) of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961, as amended, and section 505(c) of the Trade Act of 1974, as amended; to the Committee on International Relations.

2217. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting a memorandum of justification for drawdown under sections 552(c)(2) and 506(A)(1) of the Foreign Assistance Act to support the provision of emergency antiterrorism assistance to the Government of Israel, pursuant to sections 506(b) and 652 of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961, as amended; to the Committee on International Relations.

2218. A letter from the Vice President (Government and Public Affairs), National Railroad Passenger Corporation [Amtrak], transmitting a report of activities under the Freedom of Information Act for calendar year 1995, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552(e); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

2219. A letter from the Special Counsel, Office of Special Counsel, transmitting a report of activities under the Freedom of Information Act for calendar year 1995, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552(e); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

2220. A letter from the Administrator, Panama Canal Commission, transmitting a report of activities under the Freedom of Information Act for calendar year 1995, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552(d); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

2221. A letter from the Attorney General of the United States, transmitting the Attorney General's report entitled "Report on State Domestic and Sexual Violence Data Collection," pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 13962; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES ON PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XIII, reports on committees were delivered to the Clerk for printing and reference to the proper calendar, as follows:

Mr. BLILEY: Committee on Commerce. H.R. 2969. A bill to eliminate the Board of Tea Experts by repealing the Tea Importation Act of 1897 (Rept. 104-467, Pt. 2). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

Mr. ROBERTS: Committee on Agriculture. H.R. 2202. A bill to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to improve deterrence of illegal immigration to the United States by increasing border patrol and investigative personnel, by increasing penalties for alien smuggling and for document fraud, by reforming exclusion and deportation law and procedures, by improving the verification system for eligibility for employment, and through other measures, to reform the legal immigration system and facilitate legal entries into the United States, and for other purposes; with amendments (Rept. 104-469, Pt. 3). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

Mr. GILMAN: Committee of Conference. Conference report on H.R. 1561. A bill to consolidate the foreign affairs agencies of the United States; to authorize appropriations for the Department of State and related agencies for fiscal years 1996 and 1997; to responsibly reduce the authorizations of appropriations for United States foreign assistance programs for fiscal years 1996 and 1997, and for other purposes (Rept. 104-478). Ordered to be printed.

DISCHARGE OF COMMITTEES

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

H.R. 2202. The Committees on Banking and Financial Services, Economic and Educational Opportunities National Security,

and Ways and Means, discharged from further consideration. 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. THOMAS (for himself and Mr. FAZIO of California):

H.R. 3058. A bill to amend the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act to extend the period for receipt of absentee ballots, and for other purposes; to the Committee on House Oversight.

By Mr. DURBIN:

H.R. 3059. A bill to direct the Secretary of Health and Human Services to prepare and publish annually a consumer guide to prescription drug prices; to the Committee on Commerce.

MEMORIALS

Under clause 4 of rule XXII,

204. The SPEAKER presented a memorial of the House of Representatives of the State of Georgia, relative to urging the Congress of the United States to reject the proposal to sell facilities used to generate electric power marketed by the Southeastern Power Ad-

ministration; to the Committee on Resources.

ADDITIONAL SPONSORS

Under clause 4 of rule XXII, sponsors were added to public bills and resolutions as follows:

H. Con. Res. 127: Mr. METCALF, Mr. LIPINSKI, Mr. RUSH, and Mrs. MEYERS of Kansas.

H. Con. Res. 144: Mr. RICHARDSON, Mr. SISKY, and Mr. TEJEDA.

DISCHARGE PETITIONS

Under clause 3 of rule XXVII, the following discharge petitions were filed:

Petition 10, March 7, 1996, by Mr. STOCKMAN on House Resolution 210, was signed by the following Member: Steve Stockman.

Petition 11, March 7, 1996, by Mr. BARR on House Resolution 364, was signed by the following member: Bob Barr.

DISCHARGE PETITIONS— ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS

The following Members added their names to the following discharge petitions:

Petition 9 by Mr. CONDIT on House Resolution 333: John S. Tanner.