

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

[Ms. PRYCE 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 Illinois [Mr. LIPINSKI] is recognized for 5 minutes.

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

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

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

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentlewoman from Georgia [Ms. MCKINNEY] is recognized for 5 minutes.

[Ms. MCKINNEY 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 Michigan [Mr. SMITH] is recognized for 5 minutes.

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

REPEAL OF GAS TAX

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentlewoman from Texas [Ms. JACKSON-LEE] is recognized for 5 minutes.

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, very briefly, we have had almost 10 days of vigorous discussion on one of the striking concerns or outcries of the American public. It is not that the American public is not willing to pay their fair share, it is a question of fairness, and that is, of course, with the increasing cost of gasoline at the gas pump.

Many of us on both sides of the aisle have agreed that we need to assess the gasoline tax and seek its repeal. We also have heard from the President of the United States, who indicated his willingness to consider such repeal because he too believes in fairness. But we have not yet been able to resolve how we should move forward to come together on behalf of the American people.

I must take great issue with one representation by those of the majority that we will repeal and take it out of education. If there is ever a contradiction, that is one. The American people wholeheartedly support the education of their children. They, too, realize

that education is the cornerstone of success in the 21st century.

So it is the evening that I have filed legislation to repeal the gasoline tax of 4.3 percent and to allow that offset to come from our defense budget, which is in excess of the budget requested by the Department of Defense. Again, the American people simply want fairness, and that fairness is to address their outcry in a manner that balances the burdens and benefits across this Nation.

I think that we should address it, ensure that we continue to educate our children, and be able to find a responsible offset that allows for a continued move toward a fiscally responsible government and one that responds to the concerns of working America, people who work every single day and simply want a fair shake.

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Mr. Speaker, I hope my colleagues will join me in supporting my legislation and acknowledging that it is time now to give America its fair shake and repeal the 4.3-cent gasoline tax.

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

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

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

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

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Mr. WELDON of Pennsylvania (at the request of Mr. ARMEY) from 6 p.m. today and for the balance of the week, on account of official business.

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. FIELDS of Louisiana) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. MEEHAN, for 5 minutes, today.
Mr. LIPINSKI, for 5 minutes, today.
Ms. MCKINNEY, for 5 minutes, today.
Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. FIELDS of Louisiana, for 60 minutes, today.

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

Mr. MCINTOSH, for 5 minutes, on May 9.

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

Mr. WALKER, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. KINGSTON, 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. FIELDS of Louisiana) and to include extraneous matter:)

Mr. ENGEL.
Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts.
Mr. DINGELL.
Mr. HAMILTON.
Mrs. MALONEY.
Mr. HOYER.
Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas.
Ms. DELAURO.
Mr. GORDON in ten instances.
Mr. BAESLER.
Mr. BERMAN.
Mr. KLECZKA.
Mr. GEPHARDT.
Mr. PAYNE of New Jersey in two instances.

Ms. HARMAN in two instances.

Mr. POSHARD.

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

Mr. TAUZIN.
Mr. SANFORD.
Mr. SMITH of Michigan.
Ms. DUNN of Washington.
Mr. QUINN.
Mr. RADANOVICH.
Mr. MOORHEAD.
Mr. ROTH.
Mr. DUNCAN.
Mr. CAMPBELL in two instances.
Mr. FRANKS of Connecticut.
Mr. MARTINI.
Mrs. SMITH of Washington.
Mr. EMERSON.

SENATE BILL REFERRED

A bill of the Senate of the following title was taken from the Speaker's table and, under the rule, referred as follows:

S. 1467. An act to authorize the construction of the Fort Peck Rural County Water Supply System, to authorize assistance to the Fort Peck Rural County Water District, Inc., a nonprofit corporation, for the planning, design, and construction of the water supply system, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Resources.

SENATE ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

The SPEAKER announced his signature to an enrolled bill of the Senate of the following title:

S. 641. An act to amend the Public Health Service Act to revise and extend programs established pursuant to the Ryan White Comprehensive AIDS Resources Emergency Act of 1990.

ADJOURNMENT

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 11 o'clock and 1 minute p.m.), the House adjourned until tomorrow, Thursday, May 9, 1996, at 10 a.m.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

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

2864. A letter from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Milk in the New York-New Jersey and Middle Atlantic Marketing Area; Suspension (DA-96-02 FR) received May 8, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

2865. A letter from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Amendment of General Regulations for Marketing Orders; Adding Stipulation Procedures (FV-95-900-1 FR) received May 8, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

2866. A letter from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Florida Grapefruit, Florida Oranges and Tangelos, and Florida Tangerines; Grade Standards (Docket No. FV-93-301) received May 8, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

2867. A letter from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Melons Grown in South Texas; Change in Cantaloup Container Requirement (Docket No. FV96-979-1 FIR) received May 8, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

2868. A letter from the Acting Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting a report on the transfer of property to the Republic of Panama under the Panama Canal Treaty of 1977 and related agreements, pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 3784(b); to the Committee on National Security.

2869. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Obligation Guarantees: Program Administration (RIN: 2133-AB14) received May 6, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on National Security.

2870. A letter from the Director, Office of Legislative Affairs, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, transmitting the Corporation's final rule—Community Reinvestment Act Regulations (RIN: 3064-AB27) received May 7, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services.

2871. A letter from the Assistant to the Board, Federal Reserve System, transmitting the Reserve's final rule—Community Reinvestment Act Regulations (12 CFR Part 228) Docket No. R-0822—received May 7, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services.

2872. A letter from the Assistant to the Board, Federal Reserve System, transmitting the Reserve's final rule—Uniform Rules and Practice and Procedure (Docket No. R-0878)—received May 8, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services.

2873. A letter from the Assistant to the Board, Federal Reserve System, transmitting the Reserve's final rule—Regulation K—International Banking Operations (Docket No. R-0911) received May 7, 1996, pursuant to

5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services.

2874. A letter from the Assistant Secretary of Education, transmitting final priorities—Training personnel for the Education of Individuals with Disabilities Program and Program for Children and Youth with Serious Emotional Disturbance, pursuant to 20 U.S.C. 1232(d)(1); to the Committee on Economic and Educational Opportunities.

2875. A letter from the Secretary of Education, transmitting notice of Final Priorities—Special Studies Program, pursuant to 20 U.S.C. 1232(d)(1); to the Committee on Economic and Educational Opportunities.

2876. A letter from the Assistant General Counsel for Regulations, Department of Education, transmitting the Department's report on the final regulations for the State Vocational Rehabilitation Services Program—Order of Selection—received May 7, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(B); to the Committee on Economic and Educational Opportunities.

2877. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; New Mexico; Supplement to the New Mexico State Implementation Plan [SIP] to Control Air Pollution in Areas of Bernalillo County (FLR-5500-7) received May 7, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

2878. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Reduced Certification Reporting Requirements for New Nonroad Engines (FLR-5502-5) received May 7, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

2879. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Withdrawal of Direct Final Rule for Approval of Redesignation Request: South Dakota (FLR-5502-1) received May 7, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

2880. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—National Oil and Hazardous Substances Contingency Plan; National Priorities List Update (FLR-5468-7) received May 7, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

2881. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rules—(1) Clean Air Act Interim Approval of Operating Permits Program; Delegation of Section 112 Standards; State of Massachusetts (FLR-5461-6), (2) Clean Air Act Reclassification; Arizona-Phoenix Nonattainment Area; PM10 (FRL-5503-7), (3) Hazardous Air Pollutants; Amendment to Regulations Governing Equivalent Emission Limitations by Permit (FRL-5503-3), and (4) Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Delaware; Amendment of Final Rule Pertaining to Regulation 24—Control of Volatile Organic Compound Emissions, Section 47—Offset Lithographic Printing; Correction (FRL-5503-6) received May 8, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

2882. A letter from the Managing Director, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule—Amendment to the Commission's Rules Regarding a Plan for Sharing the Costs of Microwave Relocation, First Report and Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rule

Making (WT Docket No. 95-157, FCC 96-196) received May 7, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

2883. A letter from the Director, Regulations Policy Management Staff, Food and Drug Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule—GRAS Status of Propylene Glycol; Exclusion of Use in Cat Food (Docket No. 94G-0239) received May 7, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

2884. A letter from the Assistant Legal Adviser for Treaty Affairs, Department of State, transmitting copies of international agreements, other than treaties, entered into by the United States, pursuant to 1 U.S.C. 112b(a); to the Committee on International Relations.

2885. A letter from the Chairman, Armed Forces Retirement Home Board, 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.

2886. A letter from the Director, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting the Office's final rule—Training (RIN: 3206-AF99) received May 8, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

2887. A letter from the Director, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting the Office's final rule—Retirement; Alternative Forms of Annuity (RIN: 2900-AG65) received May 8, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

2888. A letter from the Deputy Associate Director from Compliance, Department of the Interior, transmitting notification of proposed refunds of excess royalty payments in OCS areas, pursuant to 43 U.S.C. 1339(b); to the Committee on Resources.

2889. A letter from the Acting Director, Office of Fisheries Conservation and Management, National Marine Fisheries Service, transmitting the Service's final rules—Groundfish of the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Area; Pacific Ocean Perch in the Western Aleutian District (Modification of a closure) (Docket No. 960129019-6019-01; I.D. 041596A) and Groundfish of the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Area; Pacific Ocean Perch in the Western Aleutian District (Closure) (Docket No. 960129019-6019-01; I.D. 041796A) received May 7, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

2890. A letter from the Secretary of Transportation, transmitting the Department's study on tanker navigation safety standards: Appropriate Crew Size study, pursuant to Public Law 101-380, section 411(c) (104 Stat. 516); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

2891. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulations Management, Department of Veterans' Affairs, transmitting the Department's final rule—Adjudication Regulations; Miscellaneous (RIN: 2900-AH83) received May 8, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

2892. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Revenue Ruling 96-25—received May 7, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

2893. A letter from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Department's final rule—Medicare Program; Payment for Federally Qualified Health Center Services (RIN: 0938-AF14) received May 2, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); jointly, to the Committees on Commerce and Ways and Means.

2894. A letter from the Acting Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting notification of