

THE GENERAL CONTRACTORS  
ASSOCIATION OF NEW YORK, INC.  
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TERRY G. BUMPERS,  
Director, National Alliance for Fair Contract-  
ing, Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. BUMPERS: I enjoyed your letter to Brian Lockett. If the occasion arises, you can distribute this letter to anyone who questions the commitment of heavy construction contractors to union contracting. The General Contractors Association of New York, Inc. represents the heavy construction industry active New York City. We have over 700 contractors using the collective bargaining agreements, that have negotiated with fourteen different locals of the building and construction trades. Our members are firmly committed to union contracting because it is the only sure way to obtain a steady supply of trained and capable workers in New York City over the long term. The support of prevailing wage legislation and union contracting is our protection for the future for all of our members.

The prevailing wages in the heavy construction industry of New York City, at over \$35.00 an hour in wages and fringe benefits, would seem high to many. But the annual take home pay of most of our workforce still leave them eligible for most subsidized housing programs in New York City. We know that we pay a fair wage that allows our workers to support their families and to contribute to their communities in their non-working hours. But we're not paying them enough to live on Park Avenue.

We also know what happens in New York City when there is no prevailing wage legislation like Davis-Bacon protecting the wage levels of construction workers. We have seen in the unregulated building sector in New York City that wages can be driven down to under \$10.00 an hour by preying on the desperation or illegal status of workers. At that level workers earn barely enough to survive. We know that the unregulated industry has no steady workforce, appalling safety records, and little stake in the continuing health of the communities in which its workforce must reside.

Our heavy construction contractors survive and thrive on the effectiveness of their workforce, not on the shine on the equipment. The best assets leave each day at the end of the shift. Those assets are most productive when they are paid enough to work without family worries and to contribute to their communities. We know that decent wages are the key to attracting competent people to enter and stay in the heavy construction workforce.

#### LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT), for today, on account of a death in the family.

Mrs. LINCOLN (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT), for today, on account of medical reasons.

#### 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 Member (at the request of Mr. PALLONE) to revise and extend his remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. CLEMENT, for 5 minutes, today.

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

Mr. LUCAS of Oklahoma, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. RIGGS, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. MICA, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. ROHRBACHER, 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. PALLONE) and to include extraneous matter:)

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas.

Mr. RICHARDSON.

Mr. STARK.

Mr. PALLONE.

Mr. SISISKY.

Mr. EDWARDS.

Mr. COYNE.

Mr. NADLER.

Ms. RIVERS.

Mrs. MALONEY.

Mr. FILNER.

Mr. CLEMENT.

Mr. HINCHEY.

Mr. BONIOR.

Mr. PAYNE of New Jersey.

Mr. WARD.

Mr. BARCIA.

Ms. SLAUGHTER.

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

Mr. CAMP in three instances.

Mr. WALKER.

Mr. MARTINI in two instances.

Mr. DAVIS in two instances.

Mr. CHRYSLER.

Mrs. ROUKEMA in two instances.

Mr. LAZIO of New York.

Mrs. VUCANOVICH.

Mr. TORKILDSEN.

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

Ms. HARMAN.

Mr. FORBES.

Mr. DOOLEY of California.

Mr. HEINEMAN.

Mr. MEEHAN.

Ms. WOOLSEY.

Mr. MENENDEZ in two instances.

Mr. GORDON.

Mr. KLECZKA in two instances.

Mr. MCHUGH.

Mr. COLLINS of Georgia.

Mr. SHAW.

Mr. DOYLE.

Mr. ABERCROMBIE.

Mr. EMERSON.

Mr. SOLOMON in two instances.

Mr. LANTOS.

Mr. POMEROY.

Mr. GOODLING in three instances.

Mr. GILMAN.

Mr. WELDON of Florida.

Ms. LOFGREN.

Mr. BENTSEN.

Mr. FAZIO of California.

Mr. COBLE.

#### SENATE BILLS REFERRED

A bill and concurrent resolution of the Senate of the following titles were taken from the Speaker's table and, under the rule, referred as follows:

S. 1406. An act to authorize the Secretary of the Army to convey to the city of Eufaula, Oklahoma, a parcel of land located at the Eufaula Lake project, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure; and

S. Con. Res. 63. Concurrent resolution to express the sense of Congress that the Secretary of Agriculture should dispose of all remaining commodities in a disaster reserve maintained under the Agricultural Act of 1970 to relieve the distress of livestock producers whose ability to maintain livestock is adversely affected by disaster conditions existing in certain areas of the United States, such as prolonged drought or flooding, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture.

#### ADJOURNMENT

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

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 7 o'clock and 12 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until tomorrow, Friday, June 7, 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:

*[Omitted from the Record of June 5, 1996]*

3430. A letter from the Board of Trustees of the Federal Hospital Insurance Trust Fund, transmitting notification that on April 6, 1993, the Board notified each House of Congress that the reserves of the hospital insurance [HI] trust fund were expected to be exhausted in 1999, on April 11, 1994, the Board affirmed the 1993 notification with a change in the expected date of exhaustion to 2001, and on April 3, 1995, the Board reported that the expected exhaustion date was 2002; as shown in the 1996 trustees report, the HI trust fund is estimated to be exhausted in 2001, the status of the HI trust fund still does not meet the Board's test of short-range financial adequacy, pursuant to section 709 of the Social Security Act; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

*[Submitted June 6, 1996]*

3431. A letter from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Pork Promotion, Research, and Consumer Information Order—Increase in Importer Assessments (Docket No. LS-96-001 FR) received May 30, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

3432. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulations Management, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting the Department's final rule—Montgomery GI Bill—Selected Reserve: Miscellaneous (RIN: 2900-A104) received June 5, 1996, pursuant to U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on National Security.

3433. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulations Management, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting the Department's final rule—Educational Assistance for Members of the Selected Reserve (RIN:

2900-AE43) received June 5, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on National Security.

3434. A letter from the Managing Director, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule—Amendment of Section 73.202(b), Table of Allotments, FM Broadcast Stations (Cassville and Kimberling City, MO) (MM Docket No. 95-179) received June 5, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

3435. A letter from the Director, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule—Amendment of Section 73.202(b), Table of Allotments, FM Broadcast Stations (New Port Richey, Naples Park, Sarasota and Sebring, FL) (MM Docket No. 93-65) received June 5, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

3436. A letter from the Managing Director, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule—Amendment of Section 73.202(b), Table of Allotments, FM Broadcast Stations (Campton and Frenchburg, KY) (MM Docket No. 95-170) received June 5, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

3437. A letter from the Managing Director, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule—Amendment of Part 80 of the Rules Concerning U.S. Coast Guard Vessel Traffic Services [VTS] Systems in Sault Ste. Marie, MI; San Francisco, CA; and Morgan City, LA (WT Docket No. 95-132) received May 31, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

3438. A letter from the Chief Executive Officer, Corporation for National Service, transmitting the semiannual report on activities of the inspector general for the period October 1, 1995, through March 31, 1996, and the semiannual management report on audit followup for the same period, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. app. (Insp. Gen. Act) section 5(b); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

3439. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife and Parks, Department of the Interior, transmitting the Department's final rule—Public Use Regulations for the Alaska Peninsula/Becharof National Wildlife Refuge Complex (U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service) (RIN: 1018-AD34) received June 6, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

3440. A letter from the Chief of Staff, Social Security Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule—Federal Old-Age, Survivors and Disability Insurance; Determining Disability and Blindness; Extension of Expiration Date for Musculoskeletal System Listings (RIN: 0960-AE43) received June 3, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

#### 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. DREIER: Committee on Rules. House Resolution 448. Resolution providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 2754) to approve and implement the OECD Shipbuilding Trade Agreement (Rept. 104-606). Referred to the House Calendar.

Mr. CLINGER. Committee on Government Reform and Oversight. H.R. 3184. A bill to streamline and improve the effectiveness of chapter 75 of title 31, United States Code (commonly referred to as the "Single Audit

Act"); with an amendment (Rept. 104-607). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

Mr. SHUSTER. Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure. House Concurrent Resolution 172. Resolution authorizing the 1996 Summer Olympic Torch Relay to be run through the Capitol Grounds, and for other purposes (Rept. 104-608). Referred to the House Calendar.

Mr. SHUSTER. Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure. H.R. 3186. A bill to designate the Federal building located at 1655 Woodson Road in Overland, MO, as the "Sammy L. Davis Federal Building" (Rept. 104-609). Referred to the House Calendar.

Mr. SHUSTER. Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure. H.R. 3400. A bill to designate the U.S. courthouse to be constructed at a site on 18th Street between Dodge and Douglass Streets in Omaha, NE, as the "Roman L. Hruska United States Courthouse"; with amendments (Rept. 104-610). Referred to the House Calendar.

Mr. SHUSTER. Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure. H.R. 3364. A bill to designate a U.S. courthouse in Scranton, PA, as the "William J. Nealon United States Courthouse"; with amendments (Rept. 104-611). Referred to the House Calendar.

#### 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. SHUSTER (for himself, Mr. OBERSTAR, Mr. BOEHLERT, and Mr. BORSKI):

H.R. 3592. A bill to provide for conservation and development of water and related resources, to authorize the Secretary of the Army to construct various projects for improvements to rivers and harbors of the United States, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

By Mr. BUYER (for himself, Mr. FILNER, and Mr. SOLOMON):

H.R. 3593. A bill to require that reductions in force procedures under the new personnel management system of the Federal Aviation Administration be subject to veterans preference; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, and in addition to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight, 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.

H.R. 3594. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to ensure compliance with veterans preference requirements at the Department of Veterans Affairs; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. BARRETT of Nebraska (for himself and Mr. BEREUTER):

H.R. 3595. A bill to make available to the Santee Sioux Tribe of Nebraska its proportionate share of funds awarded in Docket 74-A to the Sioux Indian Nation, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Resources.

By Mr. CLINGER (for himself and Mr. ENGLISH of Pennsylvania):

H.R. 3596. A bill to provide for the establishment of the Oil Region National Heritage Area, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Resources.

By Mr. DUNCAN:

H.R. 3597. A bill to provide for a study of the establishment of Midway Islands as a national memorial to the Battle of Midway; to the Committee on Resources.

By Mr. KLECZKA:

H.R. 3598. A bill to amend part A of title XI of the Social Security Act to prohibit cer-

tain misuses of the Social Security account number; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. MANTON (for himself, Mr. KING, and Mr. GILMAN):

H.R. 3599. A bill to authorize the President to enter into a trade agreement concerning Northern Ireland and certain border counties of the Republic of Ireland, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. RAMSTAD (for himself, Mr. WOLF, Mr. EMERSON, Mr. KLECZKA, and Mr. McNULTY):

H.R. 3600. A bill to establish a commission to be known as the Harold Hughes Commission on Alcoholism; to the Committee on Commerce.

By Mr. TAUZIN (for himself, Mr. BARTON of Texas, Mr. HAYES, Mr. NORWOOD, Mr. LINDER, Mr. OXLEY, Mr. STEARNS, Mr. TOWNS, and Mr. BAKER of Louisiana):

H.R. 3601. A bill to repeal the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935, to enact the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1996, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce.

By Mr. ZELIFF (for himself, Mr. PETE GEREN of Texas, Mr. CLINGER, Mr. EHLERS, Mr. EMERSON, and Mr. COBLE):

H.R. 3602. A bill to reduce the hazards of dam failures, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

By Mr. TORRES (for himself, Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD, Ms. ESHOO, Mrs. MINK of Hawaii, Mr. BECERRA, Mrs. CLAYTON, Mr. PORTER, Mrs. ROUKEMA, and Mr. HORN):

H. Con. Res. 182. Concurrent resolution expressing the sense of the Congress regarding the need for the President to seek the Senate's advice and consent for ratification of the 1994 Inter-American Convention on the Prevention, Punishment, and Eradication of Violence Against Women; to the Committee on International Relations.

By Mrs. VUCANOVICH (for herself, Mr. CALVERT, Mrs. CLAYTON, Mr. HOBSON, Mr. HUTCHINSON, Mrs. JOHNSON of Connecticut, Mr. LIPINSKI, Mr. MYERS of Indiana, Mr. PETRI, and Mr. WAMP):

H. Res. 449. Resolution relating to breast implants, the Food and Drug Administration, and breast care; to the Committee on Commerce.

#### ADDITIONAL SPONSORS

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

H.R. 52: Ms. DELAURO.

H.R. 359: Mr. SMITH of New Jersey and Mr. FLAKE.

H.R. 580: Mr. ZELIFF.

H.R. 887: Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN.

H.R. 972: Mr. TIAHRT.

H.R. 1023: Mr. LEWIS of California.

H.R. 1073: Mr. BECERRA, Mr. CLYBURN, Mr. MOAKLEY, Mr. KENNEDY of Massachusetts, Ms. VELAZQUEZ, Mr. ROSE, Mrs. MALONEY, Ms. HARMAN, Mr. ROEMER, Mrs. KENNELLY, Mr. NADLER, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. DE LA GARZA, and Mr. DEAL of Georgia.

H.R. 1074: Mr. DEAL of Georgia, Mr. BECERRA, Mr. CLYBURN, Mr. MOAKLEY, Mr. KENNEDY of Massachusetts, Ms. VELAZQUEZ, Mr. ROSE, Mrs. MALONEY, Ms. HARMAN, Mr. ROEMER, Mrs. KENNELLY, Mr. NADLER, Mr. SCHUMER, and Mr. DE LA GARZA.

H.R. 1202: Mr. DURBIN and Mr. CALVERT.

H.R. 1462: Mr. GONZALEZ, Mr. POSHARD, Mr. CHABOT, Mr. GALLEGLY, Mr. BILBRAY, Mr.