

REMOVAL OF NAME OF MEMBER
AS COSPONSOR OF H.R. 1462

Mr. POSHARD. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that my name be removed as a cosponsor of H.R. 1462.

Mr. Speaker, I would also like to second the comments made by my dear friend, the gentleman from Kansas, about the services for Bill Emerson.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Illinois?

There was no objection.

DESIGNATION OF THE HONORABLE
CONSTANCE A. MORELLA TO ACT
AS SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE TO
SIGN ENROLLED BILLS AND
JOINT RESOLUTIONS THROUGH
MONDAY, JULY 8, 1996

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC
June 27, 1996.

I hereby designate the Honorable Constance A. Morella to act as Speaker pro tempore to sign enrolled bills and joint resolution through Monday, July 8, 1996.

NEWT GINGRICH,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the designation is agreed to. There was no objection.

HOURLY OF MEETING ON TUESDAY,
JULY 9, 1996

Mr. WATTS of Oklahoma. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that when the House adjourns on Monday, July 8, 1996, it adjourn to meet at 12:30 p.m. on Tuesday, July 9, 1996, for morning hour debates.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Oklahoma?

There was no objection.

HOURLY OF MEETING ON
WEDNESDAY, JULY 10, 1996

Mr. WATTS of Oklahoma. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that when the House adjourns on Tuesday, July 9, 1996, it adjourn to meet at 9 a.m. on Wednesday, July 10, 1996.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Oklahoma?

There was no objection.

AUTHORIZING THE SPEAKER TO
DECLARE A RECESS ON WEDNESDAY,
JULY 10, 1996, FOR THE
PURPOSE OF RECEIVING IN
JOINT MEETING HIS EXCEL-
LENCY, BINYAMIN NETANYAHU,
PRIME MINISTER OF ISRAEL

Mr. WATTS of Oklahoma. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that it may be in order at any time on Wednesday, July 10, 1996, for the Speaker to declare a recess, subject to the call of the Chair, for the purpose of

receiving in joint meeting his Excellency, Binyamin Netanyahu, Prime Minister of Israel.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Oklahoma?

There was no objection.

DISPENSING WITH CALENDAR
WEDNESDAY BUSINESS ON
WEDNESDAY, JULY 10, 1996

Mr. WATTS of Oklahoma. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that business in order under the Calendar Wednesday rule be dispensed with on Wednesday, July 10, 1996.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Oklahoma?

There was no objection.

GRANTING MEMBERS OF THE
HOUSE PRIVILEGE TO EXTEND
AND REVISE REMARKS IN CON-
GRESSIONAL RECORD

Mr. WATTS of Oklahoma. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that for today all Members be permitted to extend their remarks and to include extraneous material in that section of the RECORD entitled "Extension of Remarks."

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Oklahoma?

There was no objection.

AUTHORIZING SPEAKER AND MI-
NORITY LEADER TO ACCEPT
RESIGNATIONS AND MAKE AP-
POINTMENTS, NOTWITHSTAND-
ING ADJOURNMENT

Mr. WATTS of Oklahoma. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that notwithstanding any adjournment of the House until Monday, July 8, 1996, the Speaker and the minority leader be authorized to accept resignations and to make appointments authorized by law or by the House.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Oklahoma?

There was no objection.

PERMISSION FOR COMMITTEE ON
SMALL BUSINESS HAVE UNTIL
WEDNESDAY, JULY 3, 1996, TO
FILE REPORT ON H.R. 3158, PILOT
SMALL BUSINESS TECHNOLOGY
TRANSFER PROGRAM EXTEN-
SION ACT OF 1996

Mr. WATTS of Oklahoma. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Small Business be permitted to file its report on H.R. 3158, the Pilot Small Business Technology Transfer Program Extension Act of 1996, before 4 p.m. on Wednesday, July 3.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Oklahoma?

There was no objection.

THE GRAY WHALE SHOULD BE
PROTECTED, NOT HUNTED

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

Mr. METCALF: Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to announce that the Makah Tribe's proposal to hunt five gray whales a year in the Pacific Northwest has been put on hold for at least 1 year. It is my hope that it will eventually be put on hold permanently.

Today, the Clinton administration's delegation to the International Whaling Commission meeting in Aberdeen, Scotland withdrew its request for Makah whaling rights, but has indicated it will renew the request at the IWC meeting next year.

Mr. Speaker, I strongly believe that Congress needs to hold public hearings, so we can give the Clinton administration direction on this issue.

Opposition to this proposal cuts across ideological and political lines. Environmentalists, Republicans, Democrats, and even seven Makah elders question the tribe's need to renew whaling.

Yesterday, my distinguished colleague from the other side of the aisle, Mr. MILLER of California, joined with me in introducing a resolution in the Resources Committee opposing the Clinton administration's support for the gray whale hunt. The resolution passed unanimously.

Let me give some background on this issue. For centuries, the Makah Indians, who live on the Olympic Peninsula, hunted the gray whales that migrated past their villages. Seventy years ago, the hunts were abandoned when the whale population plummeted.

Only 2 years ago, gray whales were removed from the endangered species list, and since that time, a number of native groups in both the United States and Canada have eyed the hunting of the gray whale as a lucrative commercial venture.

Makah tribal leaders say they want to start hunting the gray whale again as a way of reviving their culture. They insist that the whales would be used for ceremonial and subsistence purposes—but they have also reserved the right to commercial whaling in the future.

In fact, seven elders of the Makah Tribe strongly oppose the proposal. They question the need for resuming the hunting of gray whales, and some of them have questioned the motives of the tribal officials making the request, fearing the hunt will become a commercial enterprise.

According to the June 19 edition of the Seattle Post Intelligencer, one gray whale could fetch as much as \$1 million in Japan. Norwegian whaling interests have offered the tribe harpoons and a boat.

Another factor is that 13 native groups in Canada have already indicated their intention to resume whaling if the Makah Tribe is given a green light by the IWC. The Makah Tribal leaders say they want to kill only five whales a year, but if they start, how many more would be taken by other native groups? Where would it stop, once it started?

In addition to supporting the Makah request, the U.S. delegation to the IWC also supported a request by Russia to allow whaling of the

endangered bowhead whale by a native group. Meanwhile, that same delegation opposed Japan's request for a small-scale whale hunt for scientific research. Mr. Speaker, it is plainly clear the Clinton administration has no real whaling policy.

This lack of a coherent policy is why we definitely need to hold congressional hearings on the Clinton administration's support of renewing commercial whaling under the guise of Native American hunting rights.

As a member of the Fisheries, Wildlife and Oceans Subcommittee and the Subcommittee on Native American and Insular Affairs, I intend to do everything in my power to stop this tragedy before it gets started.

I would like to close by quoting from an editorial which appeared in the June 23 *Seattle Times*:

By supporting the Makah bid to the IWC, the U.S. sets up an untenable double standard—Native American whaling is legitimate but Japanese whaling is not. It will get worse; tribes from Washington to the Bering Sea are sharpening their harpoons, waiting for the Makahs to get the go-ahead.

The *Seattle Times* editorial continues:

As creatures that routinely migrate the globe, whales demand a coherent and consistent international policy. If the world community approves the Makahs' whale hunt, then Japan deserves the same. But the long, grim history of commercial whaling points to a tougher response: No more harpoons. Whales are for watching.

Mr. Speaker, I have the good fortune occasionally to observe gray whales from my home on Whidbey Island. The Gray Whale should be protected, not hunted.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Mr. HALL of Ohio (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT), for today, on account of personal business.

Mr. YATES (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT), for today, after 8 p.m., on account of personal 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. POSHARD) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mrs. COLLINS of Illinois, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. KAPTUR, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. FALEOMAVEGA, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. PALLONE, for 5 minutes, today.

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

Mr. RIGGS, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. METCALF, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. LARGENT, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. BARR, for 5 minutes, today.

ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

Mr. THOMAS, from the Committee on House Oversight, reported that that committee had examined and found truly enrolled bills of the House of the following titles, which were thereupon signed by the Speaker:

H.R. 2437. An act to provide for the exchange of certain lands in Gilpin County, Colorado.

H.R. 3525. An act to amend title 18, United States Code, to clarify the Federal jurisdiction over offenses relating to damage to religious property.

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ADJOURNMENT TO MONDAY, JULY 8, 1996

Mr. WATTS of Oklahoma. Mr. Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. PETRI). Pursuant to the provisions of House Concurrent Resolution 192 of the 104th Congress, the House stands adjourned until noon on Monday, July 8, 1996.

Thereupon (at 1 o'clock and 16 minutes a.m.), pursuant to House Concurrent Resolution 192, the House adjourned until Monday, July 8, 1996, at 12 noon.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

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

3860. A letter from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Almonds Grown in California; Order Amending the Order (FV93-981-1) received June 27, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

3861. A letter from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Spearmint Oil Produced in the Far West; Order Amending the Order (FV95-985-4) received June 27, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

3862. A letter from the Under Secretary for Food, Nutrition, and Consumer Services, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Food Stamp Program: Automated Date Processing Equipment and Services; Reduction in Reporting Requirements (Food and Consumer Service) (RIN: 0584-AB92) received June 26, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

3863. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Notification Procedures for Pesticide Registration Modification (FRL 5372-8) received June 27, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

3864. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Pesticide Worker Protection Standard; Language and Size Requirements to Warning Sign (FRL-5358-7) received June 27, 1996, pursuant to 5

U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

3865. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Pesticide Worker Protection Standard; Language and Size Requirement for Warning Sign (FRL-5358-8) received June 27, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

3866. A letter from the Administrator, Farm Service Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Tobacco-Tobacco Loan Program (RIN: 0560-AE41) received June 27, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

3867. A letter from the Acting General Sales Manager and Acting Vice President, Commodity Credit Corporation, Foreign Agricultural Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Commodity Credit Corporation Supplier Credit Guarantee Program (RIN: 0551-AA30) received June 26, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

3868. A letter from the Under Secretary of Defense, transmitting the Department's report on nonmajor acquisition programs, pursuant to 10 U.S.C. 2220(b); to the Committee on National Security.

3869. A letter from the Under Secretary of Defense, transmitting the Department's report on payment of restructuring costs under defense contracts, pursuant to 10 U.S.C. 2324 note; to the Committee on National Security.

3870. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Operating-Differential Subsidy for Bulk Cargo Vessels; Maintenance and Repair Subsidy (Maritime Administration) (RIN: 2133-AB27) received June 27, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on National Security.

3871. A letter from the Deputy Secretary of Defense, transmitting the Department's report entitled "Effect of Closure of Fitzsimons Army Medical Center on Provision of Care to Military Personnel, Retired Military Personnel, and their Dependents," pursuant to Public Law 104-106, section 747(a) (110 Stat. 387); to the Committee on National Security.

3872. A letter from the Acting Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting a copy of Presidential Determination No. 96-35: Determination Under Section 2(b)(2)(D) of the Export-Import Bank Act of 1945, as Amended: People's Republic of China; to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services.

3873. A letter from the Assistant Secretary of Education, transmitting notice of final priority and limitation on use of funds; Elementary School Mathematics and Science Equipment Program for the fund for the improvement of education, pursuant to 20 U.S.C. 1232(f); to the Committee on Economic and Educational Opportunities.

3874. A letter from the Assistant Secretary, Department of Education, transmitting Final Priority—Postsecondary Education Program for Individuals with Disabilities, pursuant to 20 U.S.C. 1232(f); to the Committee on Economic and Educational Opportunities.

3875. A letter from the Assistant General Counsel for Regulations, Department of Education, transmitting the Department's report on postsecondary education programs for individuals with disabilities, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(B); to the Committee on Economic and Educational Opportunities.

3876. A letter from the Deputy Executive Director and Chief Operating Officer, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, transmitting the Corporation's final rule—Reorganization, Renumbering, and Reinvention