

EXTENSION OF REMARKS

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

(The following Members (at the request of Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD) and to include extraneous matter:)

Mr. SERRANO.
Mr. JACKSON of Illinois.
Mrs. MALONEY.
Mr. ORTIZ.
Mr. STARK.
Mr. SCHUMER.
Mr. JACOBS.
Mr. MENENDEZ.
Mr. HINCHEY.
Mr. MATSUI.
Mr. BENTSEN.

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

Mr. DIAZ-BALART.
Mr. ENGLISH of Pennsylvania.
Mr. QUINN.
Mr. ENSIGN.
Mr. GUNDERSON.
Mr. COLLINS of Georgia.
Mr. ALLARD.
Mr. SCARBOROUGH, in three instances.
Mr. SHAW.
Mr. BILIRAKIS.
Mr. HASTERT.

BILLS PRESENTED TO THE PRESIDENT

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

H.R. 419. An act for the relief of Benchmark Rail Group, Inc, and

H.R. 701. An act to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to convey lands to the city of Rolls, Missouri.

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

Mr. MCINTOSH, in two instances.
Mr. TATE.
Mr. BLUTE.
Mr. MCDERMOTT.
Mr. FARR in California.
Mr. PASTOR.
Mr. TORRES.
Mr. MURTHA.
Mrs. CLAYTON.
Mr. HOKE.
Mr. VENTO.
Mr. FIELDS of Texas.
Mr. SCHUMER.
Mr. KOLBE.
Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas.

OMISSION FROM THE RECORD

The following was inadvertently omitted from the RECORD of Thursday, July 11, 1996, at Page H7447.

Mr. CANADY of Florida. Mr. Chairman, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts. Mr. Chairman, I yield 2 minutes to the gentlewoman from California [Ms. WATERS].

Ms. WATERS. Mr. Chairman, I rise in strong opposition to the so-called Defense of Marriage Act.

As I listen to the dire predictions, the "sky is falling" rhetoric and hateful pronouncements, I am reminded of one of the greatest declarations in our Nation's history: We have nothing to fear but fear itself. We have nothing to fear, Mr. Chairman. Same-sex marriage is legal in no jurisdiction in the United States. We have nothing to fear.

The Hawaii case, *Bare versus Lewin* decided 3 years ago and making its way through the appeals process, will not be finally resolved for some time. There is no crisis. We have nothing to fear. Eleven States have already invoked their unquestioned power and enacted laws, objected to same-sex marriage. There is no need for new laws. We really have nothing to fear.

Loving, long-term relationships between men and women or between same-sex couples do not threaten our children, our families or our communities. On the contrary, stable relationships enhance society's ability to raise healthy, engaged, and productive citizens. There is no problem. We have nothing to fear but fear itself.

Many Members of this Chamber are simply afraid to face the changes that are taking place in our society. We cannot run away from change, Mr. Chairman. We cannot embrace fear and scare tactics as society advances and evolves. We have a responsibility to represent all Americans, as Members of the House of Representatives. Let us not be guided by prejudice, ignorance, and fear. Let us not use a segment of our population to employ a political strategy for this election year. Let us act with compassion, strengthen vision.

We have nothing to fear but fear, Mr. Chairman. Oppose this bill.

Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts. Mr. Chairman, to close for our side, I yield my remaining time to the gentleman from Massachusetts [Mr. STUDDS], my friend and colleague.

(Mr. STUDDS. asked and was given permission to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. STUDDS. Mr. Chairman, somebody may wonder why I or my colleague from Massachusetts [Mr. FRANK] have not taken greater personal umbrage at some of the remarks here. I was thinking a moment ago that there might even be grounds to request that someone's words be taken down because my relationship, that of the gentleman from Massachusetts and, I suspect, others in the House, was referred to, among other things, I believe, as perverse. Surely if we had used those terms in talking about anyone else around here, we would have been sat down in one heck of a hurry.

I am not taking this personally, because I happen to be able, I hope, to put this in some context. I would ask those, anyone listening to this debate this hour of the morning, to listen carefully to the quality and the tone of the words over here and the quality of the tone of the words over here. I would also ask people to wonder how in

God's name could a question like this be divided along partisan lines. There is nothing inherently partisan that I know of about sexual orientation. I do not believe that there is some kind of a misdivision of this question between the aisles, and yet there is a strange imbalance here in the debate and the tone and quality of the debate.

I want to salute some of the folks who have spoken over here, the distinguished gentleman from Georgia. We have talked about this before. I marched, although he did not know it at the time, with him in 1963 in the city with Dr. King. I was about as far from Dr. King as I am from the gentleman from Georgia when he delivered that extraordinary speech.

Two years later I marched, although the gentleman did not know it, behind him from Selma to Montgomery. A few years after that, when it was the first march for gay and lesbian rights in Washington in 1979, I was a Member of Congress too damn frightened to march for my own civil rights. Actually, I changed my jogging path so that I could come within view of the march. I thought that was very brave of me at the time.

But what I know is, because I had heard people like the gentleman from Georgia and because I am of the generation, and there were many, who were inspired by Dr. King is that this is, as someone has said, the last unfinished chapter in the history of civil rights in this country, and I know how it is going to come out. I do not know if I am going to live to see the ending, but I know what the ending is going to be. There is, as the gentleman said before me change, there has always been change.

As I observed earlier, the men who wrote the Constitution, to which we all swear our oath here, many of them owned slaves. Slavery was referred to specifically in the Constitution. People of color were property when this country was founded.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 4 o'clock and 47 minutes p.m.) under its previous order, the House adjourned until Tuesday, July 16, 1996, at 10:30 a.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:

4118. A letter from the Assistant to the Board, Federal Reserve System, transmitting the Board's final rule—Management Official Interlocks Docket Number R-0907—received July 11, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services.

4119. A letter from the Assistant Secretary, Department of Education, transmitting notice of final priority for school-to-work

urban/rural grants using fiscal year [FY] 1995 funds, pursuant to 20 U.S.C. 1232(f); to the Committee on Economic and Educational Opportunities.

4120. A letter from the Administrator, Energy Information Administration, transmitting the Administration's report entitled "Uranium Purchases Report 1995," pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 2296b-5; to the Committee on Commerce.

4121. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; California State Implementation Plan Revision, El Dorado County Air Pollution Control District, Placer County Air Pollution Control District, and Ventura County Air Pollution Control District (FRL-5464-6) received July 12, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

4122. 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; Illinois: Motor Vehicle Inspection and Maintenance (FRL-5532-3) received July 12, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

4123. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Tennessee: Approval of Revisions to the Tennessee SIP Regarding Construction Permits and Volatile Organic Compounds (FRL-5533-5) received July 12, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

4124. 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; Washington: Revision to the State Implementation Plan Vehicle Inspection and Maintenance Programs (FRL-5514-4) received July 12, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

4125. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans and Designation of Areas for Air Quality Planning Purposes; State of Louisiana; Correction of Classification; Approval of the Maintenance Plan; Redesignation of Pointe Coupee Parish to Attainment for Ozone (FRL-5531-4) received July 12, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

4126. A letter from the Acting Director, Defense Security Assistance Agency, transmitting notification concerning the Department of the Navy's proposed Letter(s) of Offer and Acceptance [LOA] to Japan for defense articles and services (Transmittal No. 96-55), pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2776(b); to the Committee on International Relations.

4127. A letter from the Acting Director, Defense Security Assistance Agency, transmitting notification concerning the Department of the Navy's proposed Letter(s) of Offer and Acceptance [LOA] to Spain for defense articles and services (Transmittal No. 96-56), pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2776(b); to the Committee on International Relations.

4128. A letter from the Acting Director, Defense Security Assistance Agency, transmitting notification concerning the Department of the Army's proposed Letter(s) of Offer and Acceptance [LOA] to Greece for defense articles and services (Transmittal No. 96-58), pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2776(b); to the Committee on International Relations.

4129. A letter from the Acting Director, Defense Security Assistance Agency, transmitting notification of a cooperative agreement between the United States and Israel for technology research and development projects [TRDP] (Transmittal No. 14-96) received July 12, 1996, pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2767(f); to the Committee on International Relations.

4130. A letter from the Acting Director, Defense Security Assistance Agency, transmitting notification concerning the Department of the Air Force's proposed Letter(s) of Offer and Acceptance [LOA] to Greece for defense articles and services (Transmittal No. 96-57), pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2776(b); to the Committee on International Relations.

4131. A letter from the Comptroller General of the United States, transmitting a report entitled, "Financial Audit: Examination of IRS' Fiscal Year 1995 Financial Statements" (GAO/AIMD-96-101) July 1996, pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 9106(a); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

4132. A letter from the Chair, Federal Subsistence Board, transmitting the Board's final rule—Subsistence Management Regulations for Public Lands in Alaska, Subpart C and Subpart D—1996-1997 Subsistence Taking of Fish and Wildlife Regulations (RIN: 1018-AD42) received July 12, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

4133. A letter from the Assistant Attorney General, Department of Justice, transmitting the Department's annual report on the Asset Forfeiture Program fiscal year 1994, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. 524(c)(6)(A); to the Committee on the Judiciary.

4134. A letter from the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Force Management Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting the Department's report on the Civilian Separation Pay Program, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 5597 note; jointly, to the Committees on National Security and Government Reform and Oversight.

4135. A letter from the Administrator, Federal Aviation Administration, transmitting the Administration's report on the research program on Quiet Aircraft Technology for Propeller-Driven Airplanes and Rotorcraft, pursuant to Public Law 103-305 section 308(a) (108 Stat. 1593); jointly, to the Committees on Transportation and Infrastructure and Science.

4136. A letter from the Railroad Retirement Board, transmitting a report on the actuarial status of the Railroad Retirement System, including any recommendations for financing changes, pursuant to 45 U.S.C. 321f-1; jointly, to the Committees on Transportation and Infrastructure and 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. LIVINGSTON: Committee on Appropriations. Report on the revised subdivision of budget totals for fiscal year 1997 (Rept. 104-672). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

Mr. YOUNG of Alaska: Committee on Resources. H.R. 3249. A bill to authorize appropriations for a mining institute to develop domestic technological capabilities for the recovery of minerals from the Nation's seabed, and for other purposes; with amendments (Rept. 104-673). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

Mr. YOUNG of Alaska: Committee on Resources. S. 1459. An act to provide for uni-

form management of livestock grazing on Federal land, and for other purposes; with an amendment (Rept. 104-674, Pt. 1). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

Mr. CLINGER: Committee on Government Reform and Oversight. H.R. 3586. A bill to amend title 5, United States Code, to strengthen veterans' preference, to increase employment opportunities for veterans, and for other purposes; with an amendment (Rept. 104-675). 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. BUYER:

H.R. 3799. A bill to amend title 49, United States Code, to exclude not-for-hire transportation of agriculture production materials from regulation under the Hazardous Materials Transportation Act; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

By Mr. WAMP:

H.R. 3800. A bill to amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to prohibit political action committees from making contributions or expenditures for the purpose of influencing elections for Federal office, and for other purposes; to the Committee on House Oversight.

By Mr. KLECZKA (for himself and Mr. SENSENBRENNER):

H.R. 3801. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide that the furnishing of recreational fitness services by tax-exempt hospitals shall be treated as an unrelated trade or business and that tax-exempt bonds may not be used to provide facilities for such services; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. TATE (for himself, Mr. HORN, Mrs. MALONEY, and Mr. PETERSON of Minnesota):

H.R. 3802. A bill to amend section 552 of title 5, United States Code, popularly known as the Freedom of Information Act, to provide for public access to information in an electronic format, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

By Mr. BARTON of Texas (for himself,

Mr. GOODLING, Mr. CLAY, Mr. EDWARDS, Mr. LAUGHLIN, Mr. BONILLA, Mr. BEREUTER, Mr. FIELDS of Texas, Mr. MONTGOMERY, Mr. ACKERMAN, Mr. PETE GEREN of Texas, Mr. WILSON, Mr. WATTS of Oklahoma, Mr. GREENWOOD, Mr. BOEHLERT, Mr. EHRLICH, Mr. GONZALEZ, Mr. WELLER, Mr. FROST, Mr. BENTSEN, Mr. DE LA GARZA, Mr. SAM JOHNSON, Mr. SKEEN, Mr. STENHOLM, Mr. TEJEDA, Mr. BATEMAN, Mrs. JOHNSON of Connecticut, Mr. GREEN of Texas, Mr. HALL of Texas, Mr. KING, Mr. THORNBERRY, Mrs. VUCANOVICH, Mr. SMITH of Texas, Mr. COMBEST, Mr. CHAPMAN, Mr. BREWSTER, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. BRYANT of Texas, Mr. SISISKY, Mr. BARRETT of Nebraska, Mr. COLEMAN, Mr. PACKARD, Mrs. KELLY, Mr. STOKES, Mr. LINDER, and Mr. LIPINSKI):

H.R. 3803. A bill to authorize funds for the George Bush School of Government and Public Service; to the Committee on Economic and Educational Opportunities.

By Mr. BONO:

H.R. 3804. A bill to remove the restriction on the distribution of certain revenues from