

And today as I stood here, which is the epicenter of freedom, a center that will ring throughout the ages, and I saw the Speaker of the House today step forward and give a splendid example of personal responsibility, I was proud not only to be an American but to be a Member of this Chamber.

And I certainly was hoping that my children were watching on TV. It was a splendid speech. And the minority leader of the Senate, a Democrat, TOM DASCHLE, also applauded the speaker and said that he thought that the Speaker had done what he needed to do. And I also looked across the Chamber at my Democratic friends, and I saw several good Democrats who applauded the Speaker, who even gave him a standing ovation because they knew that, like I, that this was a moment that transcended mere politics, mere party labels, mere ideology, and instead, we were not looking at the leader of a political party but a man who was going to be a leader of a movement that will take us well into the next century.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Ms. HARMAN (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT), for today after 3 p.m., on account of official business in the district.

Mr. COSTELLO (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT), for today, on account of an illness in the family.

Mr. CRANE (at the request of Mr. ARMEY), for today, on account of illness.

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

Mrs. KELLY, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. MCINTOSH, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. GOSS, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. CHRISTENSEN, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. HUNTER, for 5 minutes, today.

Mrs. MORELLA, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. JONES, for 5 minutes, on April 23.

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

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

Mr. RUSH, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. HINOJOSA, 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:)

Mr. LEVIN.
Ms. NORTON.
Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas.
Mr. LANTOS.
Mr. LIPINSKI.
Mr. HAMILTON.
Mr. STOKES.
Mr. DOYLE.
Mr. NEAL of Massachusetts.
Mr. FOGLIETTA.
Mr. BARCIA.
Mr. SKELTON.
Mr. MENENDEZ.
Mr. EVANS.
Mr. HOYER.
Mr. BORSKI.
Mr. DELLUMS.
Mr. KILDEE.
Ms. ESHOO.
Mrs. MALONEY of New York.
Mr. HILLIARD.
Mr. MARKEY.
Mr. CLAY.
Mr. WEYGAND.
Mr. CAPPS.
Mr. ACKERMAN.

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

Mr. GILMAN in three instances.

Mr. FAWELL.

Mr. ENSIGN.

Mr. WALSH.

Mr. MCKEON in two instances.

Mr. PAPPAS.

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey.

Mr. PACKARD.

Mr. COLLINS.

Mr. GOODLING.

Mr. FORBES.

Mr. YOUNG of Florida.

Mr. BAKER.

Mr. SOLOMON in two instances.

Mr. HANSEN.

Mr. RADANOVICH.

Mr. EVERETT.

Mr. HORN.

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

Mr. HILLEARY in two instances.

Mrs. MORELLA.

Mr. SKAGGS.

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey.

Ms. FURSE.

Mr. THOMPSON.

Mr. KLINK.

Mr. LAZIO of New York.

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

Mr. THOMAS, from the Committee on House Oversight, reported that that committee had examined and found truly enrolled a bill of the House of the following title, which was thereupon signed by the Speaker:

H.R. 1003. An act to clarify Federal law with respect to restricting the use of Federal funds in support of assisted suicide.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 8 o'clock and 52 minutes

p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until Monday, April 21, 1997, at 3 p.m.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

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

2851. A letter from the Director, Defense Finance and Accounting Service, Department of Defense, transmitting notification that the Defense Finance and Accounting Service [DFAS] is initiating a cost comparison of all Department of Defense [DOD] transportation accounting functions, pursuant to 10 U.S.C. 2304 note; to the Committee on National Security.

2852. A letter from the Secretary of the Army, transmitting notification that certain major defense acquisition programs have breached the unit cost by more than 25 percent, pursuant to 10 U.S.C. 2431(b)(3)(A); to the Committee on National Security.

2853. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Defense, transmitting a draft of proposed legislation entitled "Revisions to the Appointment of Members to the National Ocean Research Leadership Council"; to the Committee on National Security.

2854. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Defense, transmitting a draft of proposed legislation to authorize a food cost based basic allowance for subsistence for enlisted military personnel; to the Committee on National Security.

2855. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of the Treasury, transmitting a draft of proposed legislation to authorize the U.S. participation in and appropriations for the U.S. contribution to the 11th replenishment of the resources of the International Development Association, pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 1110; to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services.

2856. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of the Treasury, transmitting a draft of proposed legislation to authorize consent to and authorize appropriations for a U.S. contribution to the interest subsidy account of the successor to the enhanced structural adjustment facility of the International Monetary Fund, pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 1110; to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services.

2857. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of the Treasury, transmitting a draft of proposed legislation to authorize appropriations to pay for the U.S. capital subscription as part of the eight general capital increase of the Inter-American Development Bank, pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 1110; to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services.

2858. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of the Treasury, transmitting a draft of proposed legislation to authorize U.S. participation in and appropriations for the U.S. contribution to the sixth replenishment of the resources of the Asian Development Fund, pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 1110; to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services.

2859. A letter from the Acting General Counsel, Department of Energy, transmitting a draft of proposed legislation entitled the "Powerplant and Industrial Fuel Use Repeal Act"; to the Committee on Commerce.

2860. A letter from the Managing Director, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting the Commission's "Major" final rule—Rulemaking To Amend Parts 1, 2, 21, and 25 of the Commission's Rules to Redesignate the 27.5-29.5 GHz Frequency Band, To Establish Rules and Policies for Local

Multipoint Distribution Service and for Fixed Satellite Services [CC Docket No. 92-297] received April 16, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

2861. A letter from the Chair, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule—Statement of Compliance with Section 223 of the Small Business Regulatory Enforcement Fairness Act of 1996 [Docket No. RM97-2-000; Order No. 594] received April 7, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

2862. A letter from the Chairman, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting a draft of proposed legislation to authorize appropriations for the Nuclear Regulatory Commission for fiscal year 1998, pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 1110; to the Committee on Commerce.

2863. A letter from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting the 11th, 12th and 13th annual reports to Congress of the Orphan Products Board [OPB]; pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 236(e); to the Committee on Commerce.

2864. A letter from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Department's "Major" final rule—Individual Market Health Insurance Reform: Portability from Group to Individual Coverage; Federal Rules for Access in the Individual Market; State Alternative Mechanisms to Federal Rules [BPD-882-IFC] (RIN: 0938-AH75) received April 9, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

2865. A letter from the Director of Congressional Relations, U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, transmitting the Commission's annual report for fiscal year 1996, pursuant to 15 U.S.C. 2076(j); to the Committee on Commerce.

2866. A letter from the Secretary of Commerce, transmitting a report regarding highly migratory species, pursuant to 16 U.S.C. 971; to the Committee on Resources.

2867. A letter from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting the 29th in a series of reports on refugee resettlement in the United States covering the period October 1, 1994, through September 30, 1995, pursuant to 8 U.S.C. 1523(a); to the Committee on the Judiciary.

2868. A letter from the Assistant Attorney General, Department of Justice, transmitting the Department's report on settlements for calendar year 1996 for damages caused by the FBI, the Drug Enforcement Administration, the U.S. Marshals Service, and the Immigration and Naturalization Service, pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 3724(b); to the Committee on the Judiciary, April 17, 1997.

2869. A letter from the Secretary, Judicial Conference of the United States, transmitting recommendations for the uniform percentage adjustment of each dollar amount specified in title 11 regarding bankruptcy administration and in 28 U.S.C. 1930 with respect to bankruptcy fees, pursuant to 11 U.S.C. 104 note; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

2870. A letter from the Secretary, Judicial Conference of the United States, transmitting a draft of proposed legislation to authorize the appointment of additional bankruptcy judges and for other purposes, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. 152(b)(2); to the Committee on the Judiciary.

2871. A letter from the Secretary, Judicial Conference of the United States, transmitting the report of the Judicial Conference of the United States on the Confidentiality of Communications Between Sexual Assault Victims and Their Counselors, pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 13942 (c); to the Committee on the Judiciary.

2872. A letter from the Assistant Secretary of the Army (Civil Works), Department of Army, transmitting the Department's final rule—Danger Zones and Restricted Areas (U.S. Army Corps of Engineers) [33 CFR Part 334] received April 14, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

2873. A letter from the Acting Administrator, General Services Administration, transmitting an informational copy of the construction prospectus for the U.S. Secret Service classroom building in Beltsville, MD, pursuant to 40 U.S.C. 606(a); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

2874. A letter from the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, transmitting a report covering the disposition of cases granted relief from administrative error, overpayment and forfeiture by the Administrator in 1996, pursuant to 38 U.S.C. 210(c)(3)(B); to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

2875. A letter from the Assistant Attorney General, Department of Justice, transmitting a draft of proposed legislation to allow the Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation to permit Federal Bureau of Investigation employees to participate in leave sharing programs with employees of other Department of Justice components and other Federal agencies; jointly, to the Committees on Government Reform and Oversight and the Judiciary.

2876. A letter from the Secretary of Commerce, transmitting a draft of proposed legislation to reauthorize and make reforms to programs authorized by the Public Works and Economic Development Act of 1965; jointly, to the Committees on Transportation and Infrastructure and Banking and Financial Services.

2877. A letter from the Director, U.S. Arms Control and Disarmament Agency, transmitting a draft of proposed legislation to implement the obligations of the United States under the Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production, Stockpiling and Use of Chemical Weapons and on Their Destruction, known as "the Chemical Weapons Convention" and opened for signature and signed by the United States on January 13, 1993; jointly, to the Committees on International Relations, the Judiciary, and Government Reform and Oversight.

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. BLILEY: Committee on Commerce. H.R. 688. A bill to amend the Solid Waste Disposal Act to require at least 85 percent of funds appropriated to the Environmental Protection Agency from the leaking underground storage tank trust fund to be distributed to States for cooperative agreements for undertaking corrective action and for enforcement of subtitle I of such act (Rept. 105-58 Pt. 1).

DISCHARGE OF COMMITTEE

Pursuant to clause 5 of rule X the Committee on Ways and Means discharged from further consideration. H.R. 688 referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

TIME LIMITATION OF REFERRED BILL

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

H.R. 688. Referral to the Committee on Ways and Means extended for a period ending not later than April 17, 1997.

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 (for himself, Mr. HAMILTON, Mr. MCINTOSH, Ms. CARSON, Mr. PEASE, Mr. BURTON of Indiana, Mr. ROEMER, Mr. HOSTETTLER, Mr. SOUDER, and Mr. VISLOSKY):

H.R. 1358. A bill to amend the Solid Waste Disposal Act to permit a Governor to limit the disposal of out-of-State solid waste in the Governor's State, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce.

By Mr. DEFAZIO (for himself, Ms. FURSE, Ms. HOOLEY of Oregon, Ms. CHRISTIAN-GREEN, Mrs. MALONEY of New York, Mr. GUTIERREZ, Mr. HINCHEY, and Mr. LEWIS of Georgia):

H.R. 1359. A bill to amend the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978 to establish a means to support programs for electric energy conservation and energy efficiency, renewable energy, and universal and affordable service for electric consumers; to the Committee on Commerce.

By Mr. DIAZ-BALART (for himself, Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN, Mrs. JOHNSON of Connecticut, Mr. BONILLA, Mr. KENNEDY of Rhode Island, Mrs. MEEK of Florida, Mr. MANTON, Mr. MEEHAN, and Ms. CHRISTIAN-GREEN):

H.R. 1360. A bill to amend the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996 to provide for an exception to limited eligibility for SSI and food stamps for certain permanent resident aliens who are unable because of physical or developmental disability or mental impairment to naturalize; to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committee on Agriculture, 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.

By Mr. ANDREWS (for himself and Mr. PORTER):

H.R. 1361. A bill to prohibit economic support fund assistance under the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 for the Government of Turkey for fiscal year 1998 unless that Government makes certain improvement relating to human rights; to the Committee on International Relations.

By Mr. STUMP (for himself, Mr. EVANS, Mr. STEARNS, Mr. GUTIERREZ, Mr. SMITH of New Jersey, Mr. KENNEDY of Massachusetts, Mr. EVERETT, Mr. FILNER, Mr. QUINN, Mr. CLYBURN, Mr. DAN SCHAEFER of Colorado, Ms. BROWN of Florida, Mr. MORAN of Kansas, Mr. DOYLE, Mr. COOKSEY, Mr. MASCARA, Mr. HUTCHINSON, Mr. PETERSON of Minnesota, Mrs. CHENOWETH, Ms. CARSON, Mr. LAHOOD, Mr. REYES, Mr. HAYWORTH, Mr. SNYDER, and Mr. BARRETT of Nebraska):

H.R. 1362. A bill to establish a demonstration project to provide for Medicare reimbursement for health care services provided to certain Medicare-eligible veterans in selected facilities of Department of Veterans Affairs; to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committees on Commerce, and Veterans' Affairs, 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.