

REPORT ON NATIONAL EMERGENCY WITH RESPECT TO WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION—MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES (H. DOC. NO. 105-94)

The SPEAKER pro tempore [Mr. COMBEST] laid before the House the following message from the President of the United States; which was read and, together with the accompanying papers, without objection, referred to the Committee on International Relations and ordered to be printed.

To the Congress of the United States:

As required by section 204 of the International Emergency Economic Powers Act (50 U.S.C. 1703(c)) and section 401(c) of the National Emergencies Act (50 U.S.C. 1641(c)), I transmit herewith a 6-month report on the national emergency declared by Executive Order 12938 of November 14, 1994, in response to the threat posed by the proliferation of nuclear, biological, and chemical weapons ("weapons of mass destruction") and of the means of delivering such weapons.

WILLIAM J. CLINTON.

THE WHITE HOUSE, June 5, 1997.

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TRIBUTE TO DEPARTING PAGES

(Mrs. FOWLER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mrs. FOWLER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today as chairman of the House Page Board to pay tribute to our departing pages. I know I speak on behalf of all of my House colleagues when I say thanks for a job well done. You, the pages, have had a unique and historic experience and one which we hope will serve you well as you continue your education and begin your careers.

So much of what we do in Congress is done for the next generation, for you, our pages, who are here in the back of the room today are the next generation. You can be proud that what we have done in this Congress has not only been done for you but with you. Like each Member of Congress, you are now a part of this institution, and as of Friday you will be a part of its history. Some of you may even be part of its future, returning some day as staff members or even Representatives yourselves like the gentleman from Michigan [Mr. DINGELL], the gentleman from Pennsylvania [Mr. KANJORSKI], the gentleman from Arizona [Mr. KOLBE], the gentleman from Virginia [Mr. DAVIS], and the gentleman from Mississippi [Mr. WICKER], or our late colleague, Representative Emerson, the former chairman of the Page Board.

We know that whatever path you choose in life, it will have been enriched by your experience here in the United States House of Representatives. As you prepare to graduate on Friday, we want you to know that this entire House is grateful for your serv-

ice to us and to our country. We wish you all well.

Mr. Speaker, at this time I will include for the Congressional RECORD the names of the pages that we salute today:

Joshua Abrons, Clinton Bonelli, Joshua Booth, Justin Boyson, Elizabeth Bracken, Brett Bruen, William Carr, Marny Cavanaugh, Holli Cavender, Amanda Charters, Kari Charters, Virginia Cloutier, Sara Cobb, Katie Dewberry, Kathryn Eddy, Ryan Edmunds, Jami Feinberg, Ashley Fellers, Lisi Fernandez, Elizabeth Frank, Stephanie Freund.

Wayne Green, Page Griffin, Ryan Hemker, Antonia Henry, Kim Holcomb, Edward Holman, Peter Janelle, Christina King, Todd Koehler, Mary Konitzer, Matt Kummernuss, Sam Langholz, Sarah Lash, Melissa Leuck, Mary Elizabeth Madden, Jennifer Madjarov, Kevin Marlow, Kevin McCumber, Aric Nesbitt, Erik Newton.

Philip Nielsen, Luke Peterson, Melissa Poe, Aaron Polkey, Sabrina Porcelli, Jennifer Scott, Mary Megan Siedlarczyk, Lizzie Smart, Brandon Snesko, Howard Snowdon, Paul Soderberg, Katie Sylvis, Megan Taormino, Erin Tario, Maria Toler, Tyson Vivyan, Pete Voss, Angela Williams, Timothy Willimason, Sarah Wilson.

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, will the gentlewoman yield?

Mrs. FOWLER. I yield to the gentleman from Maryland.

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, on behalf of minority whip BONIOR and the chairman of our Caucus, the gentleman from California, Mr. FAZIO, all of the leadership and all of the Members on this side of the aisle, I am very pleased to join the distinguished gentlewoman from Florida in congratulating our pages.

Mr. Speaker, the pages represent, as the gentlewoman from Florida [Mrs. FOWLER] said, the future. I have risen before on this floor and talked about the page program. I was privileged to be President of the Maryland Senate, and one of the duties of the President of the Maryland Senate was to recruit high school students for the page program.

I would tell, Mr. Speaker, the young people, if I could address them directly, consistent with the rules, I would tell them that this experience will affect you for all of your lives. You will be better citizens. You have had an experience that few citizens in our Nation have. You have been on this floor and seen democracy in action. You have seen how conscientious the Members of this House are.

Too many Americans, I say, Mr. Speaker, if I could directly to the pages, too many Americans do not have a full understanding of how hard Members work. How conscientious they are and how much they care about doing the right thing for their country, irrespective of whether they are conservatives or liberals, moderates, Republicans, Democrats or Independents. You have learned that firsthand. So you will have something that millions and millions of your neighbors and friends and relatives will not have had: firsthand experience, how the greatest

democratic institution in the world works.

And you will have the opportunity to go back and tell our fellow citizens, too many of whom tend to be cynical, that the system works and that they need to participate, not necessarily run for Congress, maybe some of you will do that, but to participate by voting, by speaking out, by writing, communicating, by involving themselves in the democratic process.

I am very pleased, Mr. Speaker, to join the very distinguished gentlewoman from Florida as a former member of the Page Board, never a page but an intern to a Member here, so like you, having had an early experience, I say to our young people, go back to your communities, go back to your schools, go back to your States and help teach democracy. Make our country better. We will be the better for it.

Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentlewoman for yielding to me.

Mr. KOLBE. Mr. Speaker, will the gentlewoman yield?

Mrs. FOWLER. I yield to the gentleman from Arizona, former member of the Page Board.

Mr. KOLBE. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentlewoman for yielding to me. I thank her for taking this time for those who serve here to take a moment out of our day at the end of this week and at the end of a year of experience for our pages to thank them. Normally we stand in the well of this House here and we address our colleagues who are out here in front of us. But this evening we stand here and address the pages who stand behind the rail over there and have served us so well and, I might add, the pages who sit behind me over here at the documentarian's table.

To all of these pages, let me say that we thank you. We thank you for the service that you have given, we thank you for the confidence that you give us in the future of our country.

I began, as I think most of the pages know, I began my own service in public service, my own service in Government nearly 40 years ago when I came here as a page. In those days the program was quite different and I came as a sophomore in high school and stayed through my senior year.

I know from that experience what a difference it has made in my life, how it has fundamentally changed my own life. When I think back on the class of 1960, two of whom in addition to myself have served this House so ably, Donn Anderson, the Clerk of the House, Ron Lasch, who is the Republican floor assistant over on our side. And I think of the others who have not chosen to participate in the Congress of the United States but participate in their own communities and participate in our public life in other ways.

So what the gentleman from Maryland [Mr. HOYER] said is so very true, that no matter where you go, no matter what career, no matter what profession you follow, no matter where life takes you, this experience will always

be a profoundly important one for you. I cannot make any other prediction for you, but I can guarantee you that, 40 years from now, you will look back on this experience and say that it has been an extraordinarily important one for you.

There are many people who have said that the page program is unnecessary, that it is too difficult, that we really ought to change it, that we ought to not have high school students, that we ought to have regular employees doing the work. We have resisted that through the years. I think there has been strong support in this House of Representatives to keep the page program as it is for young men and women who come to us from all over the country, from all walks of life, all communities, from every kind of ethnic and economic background because of what they represent and because of what they stand for as the future of our country and for the hope that they give us and the message that they take back to their communities. So you are a part.

The gentlewoman from Florida [Mrs. FOWLER] has said, now, of the history of this House of Representatives and your service is not forgotten. We have a lot of people who make the flow and the work in this House go well. It takes a lot of people for an organization this big to carry on its daily activities. It may seem to you sometimes that your work has not been that important, but collectively and together it is a vital cog of the machinery of the House of Representatives that makes this place function smoothly, not always so smoothly but usually smoothly, to function smoothly and to function well.

I think that each and every one of us has enjoyed the opportunity over the course of this last year or, for some of you, the last 5 months to get to know you, to get to understand your hopes and your dreams, your aspirations. Through you we also understand just a little bit better about the young people of America, about the hopes for our country and for ourselves. So we thank you for the service that you have given us and we thank you even more for what you represent for this country.

Speaking personally, I want to say I wish you all very well. I know that you are going to go back to your schools and your communities and I predict each and every one of you is going to be a great and wonderful success with your life. We hope we have contributed to a little bit of your understanding and we hope that when you go home to your schools next year, to your communities this summer, and you hear somebody say about how bad government is and they express the cynicism that I know you have heard before and we will all hear again, that you will say, stand up and say, but there are a lot of good people that are involved and there are a lot of people that work hard, a lot of people that care. And this is what the process is all about and

this is what democracy, this is what liberty, this is what our freedoms are all about. You are a part of that and we thank you for that service. Godspeed.

Mr. KILDEE. Mr. Speaker, will the gentlewoman yield?

Mrs. FOWLER. I yield to the gentleman from Michigan, another member of the Page Board.

Mr. KILDEE. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentlewoman for yielding to me.

The very first vote I cast in the House of Representatives in January 1977 was to cast my vote to elect Tip O'Neill Speaker of the House. And the best assignment that Tip O'Neill gave to me many, many years ago was to serve on the Page Board. It has been a very enjoyable assignment. It has been an assignment where my hope for the future has been sustained every year as class after class of pages have come through.

Let me say this from the bottom of my heart. No class, no group of pages has surpassed or been better than this class this year. Indeed, you made the chairman, myself as ranking member, our job very, very easy this year. You have been extraordinarily good. There is a program in America, a very good program for young people called Close Up, and it is a great program. And I always meet with my Close Up students. Some of you may have participated in that at one time. But no group of young people see the Congress and the Government as close up as you. You have seen history. You have seen us at our best, and sometimes perhaps you have seen us at our worst. But you have seen Government. I think that you leave here not with cynicism but with hope and trust in the Government.

When I was about your age, Franklin D. Roosevelt was President of the United States. He spoke these words many, many years ago, but I think they are as applicable today, perhaps even more so, than when he spoke them. He said there is a strange cycle in human events; to some generations much is given, of other generations, much is expected. This generation of Americans has a rendezvous with destiny.

□ 1900

Meeting you, the pages, this year, I am very confident that all of you can meet the challenges of that rendezvous, and I ask that God bless you.

Mr. DAVIS of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, will the gentlewoman yield?

Mrs. FOWLER. I yield to the gentleman from Virginia.

Mr. DAVIS of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I want to take this opportunity to say, as my colleagues, to all of the pages who will be leaving this evening, thank you very much for a job well done. I guess tomorrow night is the time. But thank you very much for a job well done.

This has been an outstanding class. Many of you know that I served 4 years as a page in Congress from 1963 to 1967. Some of the defining moments in my

life were based on that time period: The day President Kennedy was shot, the vote on the test ban treaty, the debates over civil rights.

Paging has changed since that time. It is a much more select group, for one, than when I started. Screened academically. A very carefully run program today, producing some outstanding results.

We have talked about how hard Members work, but we need to take note of how hard you have worked, and, hopefully, you have learned some lessons during this time. Hard work and attention to academics, focus, the long hours you put in and the discipline that you have had to find in yourself, with all of the different things going on around you has been helpful and will put you in great stead as you progress through life, whether you stay active in politics and government or whether you do not. But we have seen some good results.

And we have shared some good times together. The passage of the balanced budget today, I think, is a fitting tribute to you, because we do this with our next generation in mind, as we put together a balanced budget resolution that hopefully will lead to the first balanced budget in a generation by the year 2002, to give your generation an opportunity to succeed. And it is with you in the future that we did this.

The experiences that I have had have stayed with me through my life and defined what I have done. I have always had an appreciation for government, but whether you end up running for office, staying active in government and politics, or just going out and being ambassadors to your community, we have given you an opportunity that few young people have. I know you have learned from this and will take it with you.

And from our experience here and from our perspective as Members, we wish you Godspeed in the time ahead and thank you for a job very well done. We are proud to have been a part of the process that you have undergone in the last few months.

Mrs. FOWLER. Before I yield further, Mr. Speaker, I understand that we can have the pages come up and sit. The Parliamentarian says it is okay, so that their parents and friends at home can see you better.

So while we complete honoring you, why do you not come have a seat in our chairs so that you can enjoy this better.

So if the gentleman from Mississippi does not mind for just one minute, hopefully the cameras will get a good view of them and the folks back home can see them as well and these great young men and women that we are honoring now.

And I want to thank the gentleman from Arizona [Mr. HAYWORTH] for coming up with this great idea of having them come forward. We should know someone from the media would come up with this sort of idea.

Mr. WICKER. Mr. Speaker, will the gentlewoman yield?

Mrs. FOWLER. I yield to the gentleman from Mississippi.

Mr. WICKER. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentlewoman for yielding and also thank the gentleman from Arizona for his excellent idea of bringing these young people forward.

Let me add my comments to those very eloquent remarks that have been made this evening on behalf of the pages and to thank you for your time of service here.

The gentleman from Virginia [Mr. DAVIS] mentioned that he was a page for 4 years in the United States Senate. I was a page for only 1 month, and that was in 1967, in October of 1967, and it is hard for me to believe that it has been almost 30 years since I came here to serve as a congressional page for the honorable Jamie Whitten, who later on became chairman of the Committee on Appropriations and served 53 years in the United States House.

But this is a very excellent group of young people, Mr. Speaker. They are a particularly good looking group, too. And they worked mighty hard for us and they performed good service for their country and for the United States House of Representatives.

They have seen us on the floor in debate, they have seen us also in a more human sense walking up and down the back aisles there and in the cloakrooms. And I simply would say to these young people, I hope you will go back as goodwill ambassadors for this House of Representatives and for our system of government; the greatest system of government ever known to the mind of man, the oldest Constitution existing on the planet today.

You have seen a great deal of history. You saw the second inauguration of President Clinton, you saw the reelection of a Republican majority for the first time since the 1920's, therefore you saw divided government and all of the challenges that that brought for us, a President of one party and a Congress of the other party having to come together. And today you saw the fruition of that, rising to the occasion to pass on a bipartisan basis a balanced budget which will bring us to the first balanced budget since I was in high school.

Some of you today had the opportunity to see Mother Teresa of Calcutta. Others may have had to see that on closed circuit. But you really saw a remarkable little piece of history there with Mother Teresa. And to see this distinguished lady receive the Medal of Honor from Congress, a woman slight of stature, with very little personal wealth, and to think of the impact that that one individual has had across the face of the globe. I am certainly glad that you had that opportunity.

Mother Teresa wished for us today and for our children joy, peace and love, and she expressed the prayer that we would persevere in the time to come, and that is my wish and my

prayer for you as you leave this job. Godspeed to you and thank you very much.

Mrs. MORELLA. Mr. Speaker, will the gentlewoman yield?

Mrs. FOWLER. I yield to the gentleman from Maryland.

Mrs. MORELLA. Mr. Speaker, first of all, I want to thank the page board for making such a great selection of such a fine group of young people to be here to serve their country and to specifically help us.

We heard my colleagues all say about the fact that they were pages or they worked as a staff member here when they were very young and the memories they had. I was never a page. The first time I came on the floor of the House of Representatives was when I was sworn in in 1987. And so I say to you what a grand opportunity you have had at such a young age to be here in the Chamber of the House of Representatives where all the joint sessions are held, where all of the policy is molded here, where your friends and families can turn on C-SPAN and see what is happening, but you are here and you have been part of it and it is going to continue to be part of you. You will have been touched in so many ways that you will realize many of them at a later time.

I very much appreciate the kind of service that you have given us. I have always found, and I know my colleagues agree, I have always found that despite the hour, you have been upbeat, you have been enthusiastic, you have at least smiled and pretended to have been enthusiastic about what you did. When we had requests, you were always there, always responded to us.

As a matter of fact, I was always amazed, I think that you could recognize more Members of Congress than I thought I could at times, because you had the pictures and you knew who it was.

I can remember sometimes in the Cloakroom where you had a message for somebody and somebody might have been sleeping, and you say is that so-and-so; now, do I dare to wake him? It happened very rarely, but there were nights when we were here very, very late and you were here very, very late.

I recognize the fact that you also had to go to classes, and I think 10 o'clock was the cutoff; that if you were here up until 10 o'clock, you might not have class the next day, but you would have to make up for it. Whatever. My point is, for young people you had to juggle a very burdensome schedule that was exceedingly difficult, because you had to study, you had to be awake, you had to be alert, you had to follow through with your own studies as well as come here and move around and move with the rhythms of this very vibrant House of Representatives.

I am sure at times you wanted to change the schedule yourself, and you might have felt that had you been there you would have had voting in a more timely manner.

I was lucky this time, too, because I was able to nominate somebody who became a page with you, Christina King, and I know she did a great job, and I have always been very proud of her and she would pop into the office to say hello. But I felt that each and every one of you were my pages. It is because of the way you handled yourself, the way you handled your jobs. Any one of you I could have stopped and asked for something and you would have been very responsive.

I know there were times when we were rather tired, and maybe despondent, although we do not really get too despondent around here, but we would look to you and you would enliven us because you represented the future and you represented people who have an enthusiasm, who have an energy, who have personality, who work hard and who are driven by ethics.

So I commend you. I want to thank you. Again, I know that this will be part of your lives in the future; that you will all do well. I know you have all met each other, and I think that is pretty exciting, people from so many different States, and you realize that each State is not an individual country, that each State does have much in common with the other and that people are people.

So when you go out into the world, and I remember something from "Everything I Needed to Know About Life I Learned in Kindergarten," and that is when you go out into the world, watch out for traffic, hold hands, and stick together. And I hope that you will have an opportunity to be able to stick together as you go out into the world. And I personally thank you very much.

Mr. PAYNE. Mr. Speaker, will the gentlewoman yield?

Mrs. FOWLER. I yield to the gentleman from New Jersey.

Mr. PAYNE. Mr. Speaker, I am happy to have an opportunity to say a few words. I am actually here by mistake. I was just passing by and stumbled in and said, wow, look at this. This is a great looking group, I said to myself. I think you would probably look better than the crowd that sits in here every day. So I decided to sit and to listen, and I am glad I did.

I would like to first of all congratulate the page board members who have taken an interest, and to the chairperson, the gentlewoman from Florida [Mrs. FOWLER], for the outstanding job that she has done with the leadership of this very important board, and also the ranking member, the gentleman from Michigan [Mr. KILDEE], who I have the privilege of serving with on the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

Let me just echo what my colleagues have said. It just has not been said by everyone, so I am going to simply join in with the praises to you.

I have the opportunity sometimes, when I bump into some of you as I ride the trolley, and I will say hello and ask your names and where you are from

and what grade you are in, because I am always curious and interested in young people. I think that young people are indeed our most valuable possessions and as a nation we have an obligation to try to make opportunities for young people because that will guarantee that this great Nation will continue to be great.

I started my career as a schoolteacher. I was a secondary schoolteacher in the city of Newark. Many of the young people there did not have many opportunities. I brought them to the local YMCA and they were able to have opportunities at the local YMCA in Newark. They became involved in a program called Youth in Government, where they were able to become mock legislators, and they would go to the statehouse to be legislators during a period of time where they would learn legislation. So you have had that opportunity to really be here to see how legislation is crafted and created.

Your work is so important. When you go back, I think you have to be diplomats. You have to talk to your colleagues and tell them about your opportunities, and you have to encourage them to become interested in government. You know, young people are not as interested in our elective process as they ought to be, and I think you have a responsibility now, an obligation, to go back and tell young people when they become 18 that they should register to vote; that we need to have people participating in the electoral system to make it strong and to make it good.

So you have an obligation that goes forth from this place and this time to tell them, the cynics, that they have to get involved, that if they dislike what is going on, they have to change it.

□ 1915

Senior citizens vote. That is why we have so much senior citizens, housing. Have you heard of any young people's housing lately? No. Well, we have got to get young people involved. We have to get them participating.

So I am just here, like I said, to congratulate all of the pages. I, too, will have the opportunity to have my first page that will be coming in on Sunday, Andre, from the town of Irvington; and I feel very, very excited about it. Our Page Board selected him, and I really have not met him yet. I am going to meet him on Saturday and his family before he comes down. So I am just as excited, I think, as he is. It is a tremendous program. Keep up the good work.

Just one other thing. There is an interesting thing that happened in my district. Three little boys, 9, 10 and 11, found \$500 in Newark, cash. But they also found the name of the person with this \$500, and what these boys did was to go to a lady in the neighborhood and said, "We found this \$500," it was about a week ago, and they said that it should be returned to the person.

When we found out about it, we found out that none of these three boys ever

owned a bike, none of them had ever been to a summer camp, they lived in public housing, and they lived in very impoverished situations, lived with relatives, grandparents. But for them to say that this did not belong to them and to try to find the person that it belonged to, and actually these little boys, and it just happened a week ago, were ridiculed by some of the kids in the neighborhood. How stupid it was, they said, for them to give back \$500 that they found, that they should try to get it back to the person who lost it and that they do not even own a bicycle.

I do not know, but they probably got about five bicycles each by now because the community came out. They are going to go to camp for the first time in their lives. They are going to go there with all nice new clothes on because we want to make sure all of that happens.

So I just say that to say that the future belongs to those who prepare for it. Our Nation, I believe, is in good hands because of people like you. You have to go back to your neighborhoods and convert others to being just like you.

Mrs. FOWLER. On behalf of all of the Members of the House, we want to thank the pages for their service and wish them well in their future endeavors.

Mr. SMITH of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, I wanted to take a moment from our legislative business to recognize and commemorate the end of a tour of duty for our 1996-97 House pages. This year, 61 young men and women from across America took time away from their families and friends to come to Washington and perform a time-honored public service.

The tasks of a House page are not always glamorous, but are nonetheless necessary and valuable. They serve as messengers and aides. They learn about the workings of Government and observe history being made. In fact, I believe some of my colleagues in this House once had the honor of serving in the page program.

I wish I could take the time to name all of our pages, but allow me to at least make mention of those in our Michigan delegation: Ryan Hemker, Virginia Cloutier, Antonia Henry, Paul Soderberg, and Aric Nesbitt.

I have had the privilege of sponsoring one of these fine pages: Ryan Hemker of Coldwater, MI. Ryan, a top student at Quincy High School, has demonstrated all of the characteristics we have come to expect from our pages. He is industrious, intelligent, and a true leader in the page program. It was my privilege to have the opportunity to get to know him and the other pages in this year's program.

Now, as their term as pages comes to a close, I wanted to salute these young people for their efforts, their dedication, and their enthusiasm to serve the Members of this, the people's House. I am confident that their contributions here will be long remembered and that they will distinguish themselves in their communities just as they have here in Washington.

To all of our pages, I offer my best wishes and thanks.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A message from the Senate by Mr. Lundregan, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate agrees to the report of the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 1469) an act making emergency supplemental appropriations for recovery from natural disasters, and for overseas peacekeeping efforts, including those in Bosnia, for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1997, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the Senate agrees to the report of the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendment of the Senate to the resolution (H. Con. Res. 84) a concurrent resolution establishing the congressional budget for the U.S. Government for fiscal year 1998 and setting forth appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 1999, 2000, 2001, and 2002.

HOURLY OF MEETING ON SATURDAY, JUNE 7, 1997

Mr. DREIER. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that when the House adjourns on Friday, June 6, 1997, that it adjourn to meet at 10 a.m. on Saturday, June 7, 1997.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. PEASE). Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from California?

There was no objection.

ADJOURNMENT FROM SATURDAY, JUNE 7, 1997, TO TUESDAY, JUNE 10, 1997

Mr. DREIER. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that when the House adjourns on Saturday, June 7, 1997, it adjourn to meet at 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, June 10, 1997, for morning hour debates.

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

There was no objection.

DISPENSING WITH CALENDAR WEDNESDAY BUSINESS ON WEDNESDAY NEXT

Mr. DREIER. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the business in order under the Calendar Wednesday rule be dispensed with on Wednesday next.

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

There was no objection.

SPECIAL ORDERS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 7, 1997, and under a previous order of the House, the following Members will be recognized for 5 minutes each.