

tool of the environmental extremists, they had better think again. Just today I read that an organization dedicated to tearing out the dams and transportation waterways along the Snake and Columbia Rivers have already petitioned the White House to designate the Columbia River as an American Heritage River, which would end the water-based barge transportation, affecting hundreds of thousands of jobs, communities and families in the Northwest. No, this is an issue of control of the wealth and control of our people.

What is next, Mr. Speaker? Part 2, No. 2, calls for aerial and satellite surveillance of the rivers. Well, I ask myself, will I have to wear a number on my hat, on the top of my head, so that the Federal bureaucrats in Washington, DC, using aerial photographs, can monitor when I am out skipping rocks on the river with my grandchildren? What is next?

Yes, Mr. Speaker, this issue is indeed about control of our resources, our wealth and our people. It is sad.

As I discussed earlier, water is the lifeblood of America, of the West and of my State, Idaho. But it is not just control over water that is threatened by this un-American "make our backyard every bureaucrat's business" Heritage Rivers initiative.

Nothing less than private property rights and freedom from unnecessary and harmful Federal intrusion is at stake. Farmers, ranchers, fishermen, homeowners and others who live along rivers and deeply love their rivers may find themselves with diminished rights and reduced control over their property and their activities on the river.

Mr. Speaker, these people, the ones who know the river and depend on its health and preservation, should not lose their rights because Federal bureaucrats or Eastern environmentalists want to initiate a warm and fuzzy, politically correct Federal program or another Clinton photo-op.

State sovereignty, individual freedom, protection of property rights are the ideals that have distinguished this Nation, this great Nation. We do ourselves and all American citizens a disservice if we allow power to be usurped in this fashion.

I urge my colleagues to stand up against this ill-conceived and misdirected American Heritage Rivers initiative and to cosponsor the Chenoweth-Pombo bill.

Mr. Speaker, the imposition of the Clinton-Gore extreme environmentalist policies has taken a tragic toll on the West. We are losing our culture, we are losing our heritage, and we are losing the very way of life that we love so much. My good friend Perry Pendley sums up this feeling about the West in his book, "War on the West," when he writes, and I quote:

"The environmental extremists' vision of the West is of a land nearly devoid of people and economic activity, a land devoted almost entirely to the preservation of scenery and wildlife habitat. In their vision, everything be-

comes a vast park through which they might drive, drinking Perrier and munching on organic chips, staying occasionally in the bed-and-breakfast operations into which the homes of westerners have been turned, with those westerners who are able to remain fluffing the duvets and pouring cappuccino. They are well on their way to achieving their objective."

Mr. Speaker, I think Perry Pendley hit the nail on the head. Many people in the United States east of the Mississippi just view the West as one big national park, and the American Heritage Rivers initiative is just one more assault in a long line of programs designed to turn the West into a playground for the East.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Mr. FLAKE (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT) for today and the balance of the week on account of official business.

Mr. FARR of California (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT) for today and the balance of the week on account of a death in the family.

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

Mr. GEPHARDT, for 5 minutes, today.
Mr. BONIOR, for 5 minutes, today.
Mr. PALLONE, for 5 minutes, today.
Mr. OLVER, for 5 minutes, today.
Mr. STRICKLAND, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. JACKSON LEE of Texas, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. SNYDER, for 5 minutes, today.
Ms. WOOLSEY, for 5 minutes, today.
Ms. KAPTUR, for 5 minutes, today.
Mr. LAMPSON, for 5 minutes, today.
Mr. EDWARDS, for 5 minutes, today.
Ms. CLAYTON, for 5 minutes, today.
Mr. HEFNER, for 5 minutes, today.
Mr. ETHERIDGE, for 5 minutes, today.
Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. STABENOW, for 5 minutes, today.
Mr. ROTHMAN, for 5 minutes, today.
Mr. ALLEN, for 5 minutes, today.
Mr. SANDERS, for 5 minutes, today.

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

Mr. PAUL, for 5 minutes, today.
Mr. JONES, for 5 minutes each day, on June 11 and 12.
Mr. PAPPAS, for 5 minutes, today.
Mr. FOX of Pennsylvania, for 5 minutes, today.
Mr. KINGSTON, 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. CAPPS) to revise and ex-

tend their remarks and include extraneous material:

Mr. BERMAN.
Mr. DAVIS of Illinois.
Mr. RANGEL.
Mr. OLVER.
Mr. FAZIO of California.
Ms. SANCHEZ.
Mr. SANDERS.
Mr. LANTOS.
Ms. ESHOO.
Mr. BOYD.
Mr. MORAN of Virginia.
Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts.
Mr. STOKES.
Mr. SABO.
Mr. MEEHAN.
Mr. KUCINICH.
Mr. PASCRELL.
Mr. SCHUMER.
Mr. RAHALL.
Mr. PAYNE.
Mr. HOYER.
Mr. TORRES.
Mr. BROWN of California.
Mr. STARK.
Mr. DINGELL.
Mr. FARR of California.
Mr. GEPHARDT.

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

Mr. QUINN.
Mr. PITTS.
Mr. BURTON of Indiana.
Mr. STEARNS.
Mr. GILMAN.
Mr. COLLINS.
Mr. BONILLA.
Mr. DAVIS of Virginia.
Mr. SPENCER.
Mr. WALSH.
Mr. KNOLLENBERG.
Mr. GOODLING.
Mr. MCCOLLUM.
Mr. LEWIS of California.
Mr. DREIER.
Mr. RIGGS.
Mr. DOOLITTLE.
Mr. MCHUGH.

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

Mr. SHERMAN.
Mr. ETHERIDGE.
Mr. COOKSEY.
Mr. LUCAS of Oklahoma.
Mr. WELDON of Florida.

SENATE BILL REFERRED

A Bill of the Senate of the following title was taken from the Speaker's table and, under the rule, referred as follows:

S. 610. An act to implement the obligations of the United States under the Chemical Weapons Convention; to the Committee on International Relations and in addition, to the Committee on the Judiciary, 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,

BILL PRESENTED TO THE PRESIDENT

Mr. Thomas, from the Committee on House Oversight reported that that

committee did on the following date present to the President, for his approval, a bill of the House of the following title: On June 9, 1997: 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.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 10 o'clock and 45 minutes p.m.), the House adjourned until tomorrow, Wednesday, June 11, 1997, 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:

3693. A letter from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Melons Grown in South Texas; Assessment Rate [Docket No. FV97-979-1 FIR] received June 6, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

3694. A letter from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Imported Fire Ant; Approved Treatments [Docket No. 96-063-4] received June 5, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

3695. A letter from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Viruses, Serums, Toxins, and Analogous Products; Revision of Standard Requirements for Clostridium Perfringens Types C and D Toxoids and Bacterin-Toxoids [Docket No. 92-090-2] received June 10, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

3696. A letter from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Viruses, Serums, Toxins, and Analogous Products; Definition of Biological Products and Guidelines [Docket No. 93-152-2] (RIN: 0579-AA65) received June 10, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

3697. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Bifenthrin; Pesticide Tolerances for Emergency Exemptions [OPP-300495; FRL-5719-3] (RIN: 2070-AB78) received June 4, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

3698. A letter from the Chief, Natural Resources Conservation Service, transmitting the Service's "Major" final rule—Environmental Quality Incentives Program [Workplan Number 96-004] (RIN: 0578-AA19) received June 2, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

3699. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting his requests for an FY 1997 supplemental appropriation and for FY 1998 budget amendments

that will adjust his pending budget requests to be consistent with the recently negotiated Bipartisan Budget Agreement between the President and the Leadership of Congress, pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 1107; (H. Doc. No. 105-95); to the Committee on Appropriations and ordered to be printed.

3700. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulations Management, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting the Department's final rule—Reservists' Education: Increase in Rates Payable Under the Montgomery GI Bill—Selected Reserve (RIN: 2900-AI54) received May 23, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on National Security.

3701. A letter from the Attorney-Advisor, Federal Housing Finance Board, transmitting the Board's final rule—Community Support Requirement [Docket No. 97-39] (RIN: 3069-AA35) received June 6, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services.

3702. A letter from the Attorney-Advisor, Federal Housing Finance Board, transmitting the Board's final rule—Technical Amendments to Definition of Deposits in Banks or Trust Companies [Docket No. 97-38] (RIN: 3069-AA63) received June 6, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services.

3703. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Employment Standards, Department of Labor, transmitting the Department's final rule—Executive Order 12933 of October 20, 1994—"Nondisplacement of Qualified Workers Under Certain Contracts" (Employment Standards Administration, Wage and Hour Division) (RIN: 1215-AA95) received May 22, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

3704. A letter from the Chairperson, National Commission on Libraries and Information Science, transmitting the twenty-fifth annual report of the activities of the Commission covering the period October 1, 1995 through September 30, 1996, pursuant to 20 U.S.C. 1504; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

3705. A letter from the Deputy Executive Director and Chief Operating Officer, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, transmitting the Corporation's final rule—Allocation of Assets in Single-Employer Plans; Interest Assumptions for Valuing Benefits [29 CFR Part 4044] Received June 10, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

3706. A letter from the Secretary of Education, transmitting a draft of proposed legislation to assist states and secondary and postsecondary schools to develop, implement, and improve career preparation education so that every student has an opportunity to acquire academic and technical knowledge and skills needed for postsecondary education, further learning, and a wide range of opportunities in high-skill and high-wage careers; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

3707. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Department's "Major" final rule—Substances Prohibited From Use in Animal Food or Feed; Animal Proteins Prohibited in Ruminant Feed [Docket No. 96N-0135] (RIN: 0910-AA91) received June 6, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

3708. 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: Revisions to Several Chapters and Appendices of the Alabama Department of Environmental Management (ADEM) Administration Code for the Air Pollution Control Pro-

gram [AL-044-1 9710a; FRL-5829-9] received June 4, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

3709. 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; Ohio Ozone Maintenance Plan [OH104-2a; FRL-5840-8] received June 9, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

3710. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Hazardous Waste Management System; Testing and Monitoring Activities [FRL-5839-6] received June 9, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

3711. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Hazardous Waste Management System; Carbamate Production, Identification and Listing of Hazardous Waste; Land Disposal Restrictions; Authorization of State Hazardous Waste Programs; and CERCLA Hazardous Substance Designation and Reportable Quantities [EPA530-Z-97; FRL-5839-7] (RIN: 2050-AD59) received June 9, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

3712. A letter from the Deputy Director, Regulations Policy Management Staff, Office of Policy, Food and Drug Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule—Indirect Food Additives: Adjuvants, Production Aids, and Sanitizers [Docket No. 96F-0369] received June 6, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

3713. A letter from the Director, Regulations Policy Management Staff, Office of Policy, Food and Drug Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule—Neurological Devices; Effective Date of Requirement for Premarket Approval of Cranial Electrotherapy Stimulators [Docket No. 93N-0027] received June 6, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

3714. A letter from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting a draft of an Administration legislative proposal for revitalizing the Public Health Service; to the Committee on Commerce.

3715. A letter from the Director, Resource Management and Planning Staff, Trade Development, International Trade Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule—Market Development Cooperative Program [Docket No. 970424097-7097-01] (RIN: 0625-ZA05) received June 3, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on International Relations.

3716. A letter from the Secretary of Commerce, transmitting the semiannual report on the activities of the Office of the Inspector General and the Secretary's semiannual report on final action taken on Inspector General audits for the period from October 1, 1996 through March 31, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. app. (Insp. Gen. Act) section 5(b); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

3717. A letter from the Chairman, Board of Directors, Panama Canal Commission, transmitting the semiannual report on the activities of the Office of Inspector General for the period October 1, 1996, through March 31, 1997; and the semiannual management report 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.

3718. A letter from the Deputy Director for Administration, Central Intelligence Agency, transmitting a report of activities under