

the lines, but redrawing of the lines for her district, the State legislature can choose, if they wish, to redraw all of the lines in the whole State. They have that option. They can choose to draw lines as far away as several thousand miles, in Buffalo, on the border of Canada if they wish. They have that option. Being told by the courts to redraw lines mean they have an option.

Some people in the State legislature, powerful people, the Governor is powerful, the majority leader in the senate, they are powerful Republicans, they may try to get revenge on the Democrats who won in districts that were primarily Republican, who had a large percentage of Republicans, and they may try to draw boundaries in ways which impact on those districts. Some Democrats may choose to want to make some adjustments and get even with some of their enemies by redrawing some lines somewhere.

Mr. Speaker, the scenario that does not make sense is also possible. It does not make sense to do that. The wild scenario of drawing lines throughout the State is one possibility. The scenario of common sense is to just make adjustments downstate in the area of New York City.

Now, I say all of this because it is important if people have questions, they want to know is my district in jeopardy? Why am I concerned about this? I am not concerned primarily because it impacts on my district at all. I am concerned about the future of the Voting Rights Act. I am concerned about the principle of effective Government policies to focus on problems that exist as a result of past Government behavior, past wrongs that were done, past official policies.

When the Constitution was written and they made slaves, they did not even refer to slaves. They said other individuals would be counted as three-fifths, other Indians would be counted as three-fifths of a man. We enshrined in the Constitution a grave error, and the policy decision, the wrong policy decision was perpetrated from then on.

We failed to include in the Declaration of Independence the long section that Jefferson wrote condemning slavery. It was taken out as a compromise. So we failed again in our public policy to deal with the problem. Later on, Jefferson attempted to pass a bill which banned slavery in all of the States that would be added to the Union and it lost by 1 vote in Congress. It lost by 1 vote. We failed in public policy again. It went on and on until you have the blood bath of the Civil War.

So we have a responsibility to correct the results, the by-product of past Government failures. What the Swiss are doing finally, in their offering of a fund for \$5 billion is saying that we accept some of that responsibility in the case of what happened with the Jews in the Second World War. The Swiss are setting a great example.

I was speaking to some bankers this morning at a breakfast and I said,

look, you bankers who worry so much about the Community Reinvestment Act and the small amount of money you put into big cities and minority neighborhoods, you worry about every penny and you nickel and dime us to death. Why do you not look at the example now being set by the Swiss? Why not have the American millionaires and the tremendous amounts of accumulation of American wealth in America respond to some human needs in America in the same way the Swiss now begin to respond? It took the Swiss 50 years.

Switzerland is a beautiful little country; I have been there twice. It is amazing how clean it is, how orderly it is; law and order is fantastic in Switzerland. Switzerland has a very educated population. In Switzerland the people dress nicely, they look nice and they act nicely, but that does not govern morality. There is no correlation between sanitation and cleanliness and morality.

They behaved abominably. They behaved like the worst of humanity by operating in cahoots with the Germans to take the wealth of all of these helpless people. They denied entry into Switzerland to people who were running from the terror of the Holocaust. They did terrible things. Some people have said, well, they have \$5 billion they are now willing to put up. That is not enough. They want justice. Let us calculate how much they have earned and all the money they stole and make them pay up.

I do not think we should ask for justice, it has taken so long to this point. Reconciliation is greater than justice, reconciliation is more important than justice. Justice we may never have. Steps have been taken toward reconciliation; let us accept those steps.

I think I have said before that sometimes it seems that civilization is not going forward. Terrible things have happened in a nation like Germany, with large numbers of educated people, leaders, the history of producing the greatest musicians in the world, the greatest scientists, the greatest mathematicians. A nation like Germany created also some of the greatest crimes against humanity on a scale that no other set of terrorists have ever been able to accomplish in the world.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Mr. SCHIFF (at the request of Mr. ARMEY) for today and on March 8 on account of official business.

Mr. STRICKLAND (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT) for today on account of official business.

Mr. DREIER (at the request of Mr. ARMEY) for today and tomorrow on account of personal reasons.

SPECIAL ORDERS GRANTED

By unanimous consent, permission to address the House, following the legis-

lative program and any special orders heretofore entered, was granted to:

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

Mr. SKAGGS, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. MCCARTHY of Missouri, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. WISE, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. ENGEL, for 5 minutes, today.

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

Ms. GRANGER, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. PAPPAS, for 5 minutes, on March 6.

Mr. ROHRBACHER, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. SCARBOROUGH, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. GIBBONS, for 5 minutes, on March 6.

Mr. SMITH of Michigan, for 5 minutes, today and on March 11.

Mr. FORBES, for 5 minutes, on March 6.

(The following Member (at his own request) to revise and extend his remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. HORN, for 5 minutes today.

(The following Member (at the request of Mr. OWENS) to revise and extend his remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. KASICH, 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 Ms. NORTON) and to include extraneous matter:)

Mr. VENTO.

Mr. MILLER of California.

Mr. CONDIT.

Mr. SERRANO.

Mr. WEYGAND.

Mr. KUCINICH.

Ms. HARMAN.

Mr. TOWNS.

Mr. LEVIN.

Mr. BENTSEN.

Mr. WAXMAN.

Mr. BERMAN.

Mr. ABERCROMBIE.

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

Mr. BILIRAKIS.

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey.

Mr. PORTER.

Mr. GOODLING.

Mr. GOSS.

Mr. PORTMAN.

Mr. THOMAS.

Mr. GILMAN in two instances.

Mr. DEAL of Georgia in two instances.

Mr. GOODLATTE.

Mr. COOK.

Mr. PACKARD.

Mr. CALLAHAN.

Mr. WOLF.

Mr. WALSH.
Mr. MCINTOSH.
Mr. EWING.
Mr. BURTON of Indiana.

Mrs. JOHNSON of Connecticut.

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

Mrs. MORELLA.
Mr. DAN SCHAEFER of Colorado.
Mr. SHAYS.
Mr. SKELTON.
Mr. CONDIT.
Mr. PICKERING.
Ms. STABENOW.
Mr. SHAW.
Mr. ENGEL.
Mr. MCDERMOTT.
Mr. SHERMAN.
Mr. ORTIZ.
Mr. CHRISTENSEN.
Ms. HARMAN.
Mr. SCHUMER.
Mr. CLAY.
Mrs. MALONEY of New York.
Mr. RAHALL.
Mr. VENTO.
Mr. QUINN.
Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas.
Mr. SOLOMON.

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 February 28, 1997:

H.R. 668. An act to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to reinstate the Airport and Airways Trust Fund excise taxes, and for other purposes.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 5 o'clock and 12 minutes p.m.), the House adjourned until tomorrow, Thursday, March 6, 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:

2093. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting a report pursuant to section 1306(c) of the National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 1997, pursuant to Public Law 104-201, section 1306(c) (110 Stat. 2707); to the Committee on National Security.

2094. A letter from the Managing Director, Federal Housing Finance Board, transmitting the Board's reports entitled "1997 Salary Rates" for its employees in grades 1-15 and "Executive Level Salary Ranges" for its executive level employees, pursuant to section 1206 of the Financial Institutions Reform, Recovery, and Enforcement Act of 1989 [FIRREA]; to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services.

2095. A letter from the Acting Director, Defense Security Assistance Agency, transmitting the Department of the Army's proposed lease of defense articles to the NATO Maintenance and Supply Agency [NAMS] [Transmittal No. 08-97], pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2; to the Committee on International Relations.

2096. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting notification of a proposed manufacturing license agreement for production of major military equipment with Spain (Transmittal No. DTC-13-97), pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2776(d); to the Committee on International Relations.

2097. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting notification of a proposed manufacturing license agreement for production of major military equipment with Spain (Transmittal No. DTC-12-97), pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2776(d); to the Committee on International Relations.

2098. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting certification of a proposed manufacturing license agreement for production of major military equipment with Japan (Transmittal No. DTC-19-97), pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2776(d); to the Committee on International Relations.

2099. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting notification of a proposed manufacturing license agreement for production of major military equipment with the United Kingdom (Transmittal No. DTC-39-97), pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2776(d); to the Committee on International Relations.

2100. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting certification of a proposed license for the export of defense articles or defense services sold commercially to Switzerland (Transmittal No. DTC-2-97), pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2776(c); to the Committee on International Relations.

2101. A letter from the Director of Fiscal Resources, Department of the Interior, transmitting a report of activities under the Freedom of Information Act for the calendar year 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552(d); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

2102. A letter from the Director of Communications and Legislative Affairs, Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, transmitting a report of activities under the Freedom of Information Act for the calendar year 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552(d); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

2103. A letter from the Chairman, Federal Maritime Commission, transmitting a report of activities under the Freedom of Information Act for the calendar year 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552(d); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

2104. A letter from the Chairman, International Trade Commission, transmitting a report of activities under the Freedom of Information Act for the calendar year 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552(d); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

2105. A letter from the Acting Executive Secretary, National Security Council, transmitting a report of activities under the Freedom of Information Act for the calendar year 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552(e); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

2106. A letter from The Special Counsel, Office of the Special Counsel, transmitting a report of activities under the Freedom of Information Act for the calendar year 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552(d); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

2107. A letter from the Director, U.S. Trade and Development Agency, transmitting a report of activities under the Freedom of Information Act for the calendar year 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552(d); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

2108. A letter from the Director, Financial Services, Library of Congress, transmitting a copy of the U.S. Capitol Preservation Commission annual report for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1996; to the Committee on House Oversight.

2109. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting notification of his determination that Israel is not being denied its right to participate in the activities of the International Atomic Energy Agency, pursuant to Public Law 99-88, chapter V (99 Stat. 232); Public Law 100-461, title I (102 Stat. 2268-3); jointly, to the Committees on International Relations and Appropriations.

2110. A letter from the Director of Communications and Legislative Affairs, Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, transmitting a copy of the Commission's report entitled "Federal Sector Report on EEO Complaints and Appeals, FY 1995" and a copy of the EEOC's "Annual Report on the Employment of Minorities, Women, and People with Disabilities in the Federal Government, FY 1995," pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 2000e-4(e); jointly, to the Committees on Government Reform and Oversight and Education and the Workforce.

2111. A letter from the Fiscal Assistant Secretary, Department of the Treasury, transmitting the Department's December 1996 "Treasury Bulletin," pursuant to 26 U.S.C. 9602(a); jointly, to the Committees on Ways and Means and Transportation and Infrastructure.

2112. A letter from the Assistant Attorney General of the United States, transmitting a draft of proposed legislation entitled "Anti-Gang and Youth Violence Act of 1997"; jointly, to the Committees on the Judiciary, Education and the Workforce, and Commerce.

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. EHLERS:

H.R. 922. A bill to prohibit the expenditure of Federal funds to conduct or support research on the cloning of humans; to the Committee on Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Science, 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.

H.R. 923. A bill to prohibit the cloning of humans; to the Committee on Commerce.

By Mr. MCCOLLUM (for himself, Mr. SCHUMER, and Mr. LUCAS of Oklahoma):

H.R. 924. A bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to give further assurance to the right of victims of crime to attend and observe the trials of those accused of the crime; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. SMITH of New Jersey (for himself, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. DEFAZIO, Mr. KLUG, Mr. DICKEY, Mr. NEUMANN, Mr. ACKERMAN, Mr. BARRETT of Nebraska, Mr. LIPINSKI, Mr. FRANKS of New Jersey, Mrs. MALONEY of New York, Mr. CHABOT, Mrs. KENNELLY of Connecticut, Mr. WATTS of Oklahoma, Mr. STARK, Mr. HOEKSTRA, Ms. JACKSON-