

are religious intrusive. "I have taught Sunday school class or otherwise taken an active part in my church," if that is any business of the school.

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Number 24, I believe in a God who answers prayers. I believe that tithing, giving one-tenth of one's earnings to the church, is one's duty to God. Number 41, I pray to God about my problems. Number 43, I like to spend holidays with my family. Number 53, it is important that grace be said before meals. Number 59, I care what my parents think about the things I do. Number 63, I believe there is life after death. Number 72, I read the bible and other religious writings regularly. Number 78, I love my parents. Number 82, I believe that God created man in his own image. Number 91, if I ask God for forgiveness, my sins are forgiven. Number 95, I respect my father and mother.

EDUCATION

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. REDMOND). Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Indiana [Mr. SOUDER] is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. SOUDER. Mr. Speaker, I want to finish this point, because in my kids' own high school in Indiana, a survey was passed out in class through the high school yearbook that led me to get upset in my first term, and we passed some legislation here, but it concerned questions asked about anal sex, among other things, and it was one of the most offensive surveys I have ever read, even worse than this, even though this is probing even deeper into religious beliefs. But in Indiana the school board responded. They changed the rules of the school and they took back the test.

The parent of the child who was in this class is taking it up with her school board and it can have an impact. When something happens in our local schools, we can try to do something about it and try to affect change. But when something happens in Washington, we are virtually powerless to change that. I say that as a United States Congressman. We are virtually powerless. It is very frustrating.

And if we let Washington take over the national testing, it is a frightening scenario ahead.

Mr. SHADEGG. If the gentleman will yield, I just want to conclude what we talked about the last hour. I applaud the gentleman for going into those other areas and pointing out that it is not just the one example that I chose of math, which is what the President is proposing, math and science, but indeed in other areas it goes into far more subjective subjects, far more invasive and intrusive questions, but importantly, as the gentleman pointed out, those invasions, those abuses, those trends occur at the States level where we have a chance to deal with them.

I just want to conclude this hour, or the hour and now 5 minutes we picked up, by saying I hope that our colleagues listening realize that it is not that we do not care about the education of our children. I know the gentleman has young children both in high school, grade school and in college, I guess, and I have mentioned earlier in the hour I have young children. I care very much about their education. And as I said, I resent it when the other side says Republicans do not care about education or Republicans do not care about public education. I care deeply about public education. And as I said, I went all the way through public education myself and both my children are in public education.

I hope that those listening understand that we can deeply believe in education, we can deeply believe in public education, and we can be very concerned and very, very much opposed to national testing, a sound-good motherhood and apple pie idea, because of the dangerous consequences.

What the gentleman said is exactly right. If we have tests written in Fort Wayne, Indiana, or in Phoenix, Arizona, or wherever it might be, we can deal with the problems that might creep into those. But if they are written in Washington, D.C., in a mindless bureaucracy which is hard to penetrate and where, quite frankly, only the views of the most deeply imbedded, entrenched educational bureaucracy are heard, I think we will lose control of our kids' education.

I do want to point out that this is a critical issue; that it is in a conference report. There are members in the United States Senate mentioned in Lynne Cheney's article who are fighting against the Senate position on this issue, who agree with us that as good sounding as national testing is, it is, in fact, bad for education in America. And I would urge our colleagues to talk with their friends on the other side and try to get them to accede to the House position on this issue and let us study this issue further and make sure we do not write a national test.

I also want to point out that having read Lynne Cheney's column, which mentioned Steven Leinwand, I wanted to find his actual article. I have the actual article and it does in fact say it is time to acknowledge that continuing to teach pencil and paper computational algorithms to our students is not only unnecessary but counterproductive and dangerous.

He goes on to say that learning long division and its computational cousins, meaning subtraction and multiplication, is an obsolete notion.

These are rather shocking notions that are written here. I also wanted to point out that several times in my remarks I talked about mathematics association with which Mr. Leinwand is associated and it is called the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics, and they have already written a national assessment which has reduced

the math portion of the exam where we do computational skills by 20 percent already.

These are not us talking about crazy ideas that some individual extreme person has. These are trendy ideas that are catching on across America and could be dangerous if they in fact take hold and are embodied into a single national test.

Mr. SOUDER. Reclaiming my time, Mr. Speaker, I want to thank the gentleman from Arizona for bringing the attention of this country to the math standards.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Mr. SCHIFF (at the request of Mr. ARMEY) for today through October 24, on account of medical reasons.

Mr. POMBO (at the request of Mr. ARMEY) for today, on account of personal reasons.

Mr. GREENWOOD (at the request of Mr. ARMEY) for today, on account of waiting in hospital with his family while his father has triple bypass surgery.

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

Mr. PALLONE, for 5 minutes, today.

Mrs. CLAYTON, for 5 minutes, today.

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

Ms. NORTON, for 5 minutes, today.

Mrs. MINK, for 5 minutes, today.

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

Mr. GOSS, for 5 minutes each day, on October 7, 8, and 9.

Mr. BILBRAY, for 5 minutes, on October 8.

Mr. JONES, for 5 minutes, on October 7.

Mr. HULSHOF, for 5 minutes, on October 7.

Mr. SMITH of Michigan, for 5 minutes each day, on October 7, 8, and 9.

Mr. HUNTER, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. SOUDER, 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. FALEOMAVAEGA) and to include extraneous matter:)

Mr. POSHARD.

Mr. VISCLOSKEY.

Mr. SHERMAN.

Mr. KIND.

Mr. LEVIN.

Mrs. MALONEY of New York.

Mr. SCHUMER.

Mr. RAHALL.

Mr. KLECZKA.

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

Mr. ROGAN

Mr. BEREUTER.

Mr. STUMP.

Mr. KING.

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

Mr. CLYBURN.

Mr. BILIRAKIS.

Mr. BLUNT.

Mr. SABO.

Mr. GOODLING.

Mr. ETHERIDGE.

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. 2378. An act making appropriations for the Treasury Department, the United States Postal Service, the Executive Office of the President, and certain Independent Agencies, for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998, and for other purposes.

BILLS 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, bills of the House of the following titles:

October 2, 1997:

H.R. 1948. An act to provide for the exchange of lands within Admiralty Island National Monument, and for other purposes.

H.R. 394. An act to provide for the release of the reversionary interest held by the United States in certain property located in the County of Iosco, Michigan.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 11 o'clock and 21 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until tomorrow, Tuesday, October 7, 1997, at 9 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:

5359. A letter from the Acting Comptroller General, the General Accounting Office, transmitting an updated compilation of historical information and statistics regarding rescissions proposed by the executive branch and rescissions enacted by the Congress through the close of fiscal year 1996; (H. Doc.

No. 105-143); to the Committee on Appropriations and ordered to be printed.

5360. 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; State of Missouri [MO 027-1027; FRL-5891-2] received October 3, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

5361. A letter from the Director, Regulations Policy and Management Staff, Office of Policy, Food and Drug Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule—Code of Federal Regulations; Authority Citations [Docket No. 97N-0365] received October 1, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

5362. A letter from the Director, Regulations Policy and Management Staff, Office of Policy, Food and Drug Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule—Natural Rubber-Containing Medical Devices; User Labeling [Docket No. 96N-0119] received October 3, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

5363. A letter from the Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule—Lost Securityholders [Release No. 34-39176; File No. S7-21-96] (RIN: 3235-AG99) received October 2, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

5364. A letter from the 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. 98-10), pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2776(b); to the Committee on International Relations.

5365. 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 the Czech Republic (Transmittal No. DTC-49-97), pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2776(c); to the Committee on International Relations.

5366. 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 Israel (Transmittal No. DTC-74-97), pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2776(c); to the Committee on International Relations.

5367. 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-99-97), pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2776(d); to the Committee on International Relations.

5368. 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-100-97), pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2776(d); to the Committee on International Relations.

5369. 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 Canada (Transmittal No. DTC-105-97), pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2776(c); to the Committee on International Relations.

5370. 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 Republic of Korea (Transmittal No. DTC-95-97), pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2776(d); to the Committee on International Relations.

5371. 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 Spain (Transmittal No. DTC-77-97), pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2776(c); to the Committee on International Relations.

5372. 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 Japan (Transmittal No. DTC-87-97), pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2776(d); to the Committee on International Relations.

5373. A letter from the Assistant Legal Adviser for Treaty Affairs, Department of State, transmitting copies of international agreements, other than treaties, entered into by the United States, pursuant to 1 U.S.C. 112b(a); to the Committee on International Relations.

5374. A letter from the Director, U.S. Arms Control and Disarmament Agency, transmitting the report on the verifiability of the Comprehensive Nuclear Test Ban Treaty, pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2577(a); to the Committee on International Relations.

5375. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting a copy of D.C. Act 12-127, "CFO Membership on the Health and Hospitals Public Benefit Corporation Board, Council Review of Board Promulgations, and Approval of Organizational and Operational Plan Amendment Act of 1997" received October 3, 1997, pursuant to D.C. Code section 1-233(c)(1); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

5376. A letter from the Auditor, District of Columbia, transmitting a copy of a report entitled "Audit of the District of Columbia's Crime Victims Compensation Program for the Period October 1, 1993 through February 28, 1997," pursuant to D.C. Code section 47-117(d); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

5377. A letter from the Chairman, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting the Commission's strategic plan for fiscal years 1997 through 2002, pursuant to Public Law 103-62; to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

5378. A letter from the Chairman, Occupational Safety and Health Review Commission, transmitting the Commission's strategic plan for fiscal years 1997 through 2002, pursuant to Public Law 103-62; to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

5379. A letter from the Acting Assistant Secretary for Policy, Management and Budget, Department of the Interior, transmitting the Department's final rule—Department of the Interior Acquisition Regulation; Regulatory Streamlining (RIN: 1090-AA65) received October 3, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

5380. A letter from the Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule—Atlantic Tuna Fisheries; Adjustments [I.D. 092697C] received October 6, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

5381. A letter from the Assistant Secretary and Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks, Department of Commerce, transmitting the Department's final rule—Changes to Patent Practice and Procedure [Docket No. 960606163-7130-02] (RIN: 0651-AA80) received October 1, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on the Judiciary.

5382. A letter from the Acting Assistant Secretary (Civil Works), the Department of the Army, transmitting a report on the storm damage reduction and shoreline protection project for Rehoboth Beach and