

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
OFFICE OF THE CLERK,
Washington, DC, January 8, 1999.

Hon. J. DENNIS HASTERT,
The Speaker, U.S. House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: Pursuant to the permission granted to Clause 5 of Rule III of the Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives, the Clerk received the following message from the Secretary of the Senate on January 8, 1999 at 10:35 a.m.

that the Senate passed S. Res. 1
that the Senate passed S. Res. 2
that the Senate made two appointments:
Senate Legal Counsel
Deputy Senate Legal Counsel

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely,

JEFF TRANDAH, Clerk.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE

The SPEAKER laid before the House the following communication from the Clerk of the House of Representatives:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
OFFICE OF THE CLERK,
Washington, DC, January 15, 1999.

Hon. J. DENNIS HASTERT,
The Speaker, U.S. House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: Pursuant to the permission granted to Clause 5 of Rule III of the Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives, the Clerk received the following message from the Secretary of the Senate on January 15, 1999 at 2:15 p.m.

that the Senate passed without amendment H. Con. Res. 1

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely,

JEFF TRANDAH, Clerk.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

The SPEAKER laid before the House the following communication from the Chairman of the Committee on Ways and Means:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS,
Washington, DC, January 6, 1999.

Hon. DENNIS HASTERT,
Speaker, House of Representatives,
The Capitol, Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: I am forwarding to you the Committee's recommendations for certain designations required by law for the 106th Congress.

First, pursuant to Section 8002 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, the Committee designated the following members to serve on the Joint Committee on Taxation for the 106th Congress: Mr. Archer, Mr. Crane, Mr. Thomas, Mr. Rangel and Mr. Stark.

Second, pursuant to Section 161 of the Trade Act of 1974, the Committee recommended the following members to serve as official advisors for international conference meetings and negotiating sessions on trade agreements: Mr. Archer, Mr. Crane, Mr. Thomas, Mr. Rangel and Mr. Levin.

With best personal regards, I am

Sincerely,

BILL ARCHER, Chairman.

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RESIGNATION AS MEMBER OF COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT REFORM

The SPEAKER laid before the House the following resignation as a member of the Committee on Government Reform:

CONGRESS OF UNITED STATES,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
January 7, 1999.

Hon. DENNIS J. HASTERT,
Speaker of the House, U.S. House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: I hereby respectfully request a leave of absence from the Committee on Government Reform, effective immediately. My request is made with the understanding that I will retain all seniority on the Committee.

If you have any questions regarding this request, please do not hesitate to contact me. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

CHRISTOPHER COX,
U.S. Representative.

The SPEAKER. Without objection, the resignation is accepted.
There was no objection.

PROPOSED BILL FOR YUCCA MOUNTAIN, NEVADA, TEM- PORARY NUCLEAR WASTE STOR- AGE FACILITY HAS DISASTROUS IMPACTS ON DISTRICTS

(Mr. GIBBONS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. GIBBONS. Mr. Speaker, early on in the 106th session of Congress, in the first few weeks, we have already seen a disastrous bill introduced to establish a temporary nuclear waste storage facility in Nevada. Several problems, Mr. Speaker, become very evident when this legislation is examined.

First, it is moving nuclear waste from 109 reactor sites, which would traverse 43 States and endanger the lives of every person along these routes. Also, the geologic suitability of the site is in question. In the last 20 years there have been more than 621 earthquakes within a 50-mile radius of the proposed site.

The Congressional Budget Office estimates a central interim storage facility like this will cost \$2.3 billion, seven times more expensive than expanding the current on-site storage at these power generating facilities.

The facts demonstrate some of the major problems associated with this bill: the safety of every American, and the fleecing of every taxpayer in this country. Educating the American people on issues as important as this should be every Member's responsibility, because they are the ones who will be held responsible for the devastating impacts on their districts.

FURBYS CITED AS THREAT TO U.S. NATIONAL SECURITY

(Mr. TRAFICANT asked and was given permission to address the House

for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. TRAFICANT. Mr. Speaker, the President is on trial, we are bombing Baghdad, Kosovo is in turmoil, and the American steel industry is literally being raped.

After all this, the National Security Agency has designated a new major threat to our Republic, the furby; that is right, this furby cyberpet, that stands 4 inches tall and sells for \$30, has just been designated as the next great threat to our freedom.

Beam me up, Mr. Speaker. Beam me up. I say, the only threat these furbys really pose is they seem to appear to be much smarter than the bungling nincompoops at the National Security Agency. I recommend, for \$30 a smack, here, that we hire furbys and fire those bureaucrats. Think about that one. Furby this, James Bond.

LET WORKERS OWN THEIR POR- TION OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY FUND INVESTMENT IN THE STOCK MARKET

(Mr. SMITH of Michigan asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. SMITH of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, I rise to commend the President for his decision to tackle the social security issue in his tonight's State of the Union Address. I welcome his leadership on this critical issue, and I look forward to his proposal that I hope is complete and that can be scored by the Social Security Administration actuaries in a way that will keep social security solvent.

I am encouraged that the President has recognized the power of the capital markets to increase the return on social security taxes, and that he specifically is suggesting investments in the stock market. I urge the President to let workers own these investments themselves, rather than have government use and spend these revenues, as they have the social security trust fund.

The Supreme Court has ruled that there is no relation between the taxes that a worker pays and what the worker is entitled to receive in benefits when they retire. This means that worker-owned accounts are the only way to make sure workers benefit from these investments, rather than government.

EDUCATION: SPEND MONEY IN THE CLASSROOMS, NOT ON BU- REAUCRACY

(Mr. ROYCE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. ROYCE. Mr. Speaker, nothing is more important to Americans than the education of their children. Schools are one of the prides of our local communities, and we must do all that we can

do to strengthen them. It is parents and it is teachers that know what is best for our children, and they are the ones that we must empower.

The Dollars to the Classroom Act signals a dramatic shift in how Federal education dollars are delivered to our Nation's schools. In today's system, too many precious education dollars get lost in the bureaucracy, in the red tape. This money must be spent in the classrooms, not on more bureaucracy. That is why the Dollars to the Classroom Act is so important. It represents what our schools should be, schools where parents and local school districts decide what is the best way to teach their children, not Washington.

This legislation requires that 95 percent of Federal funds be spent in the classrooms. This is one of our Republican education proposals. Currently only 65 percent of funds actually reach classrooms for our children. They are spent here in the bureaucracy.

Our children are our future leaders. It is strong moves like these that will improve our local schools, and improve the quality of life for every American. I urge support for the Dollars to the Classroom Act.

SPECIAL ORDERS

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. LAHOOD). Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 6, 1999, and under a previous order of the House, the following Members will be recognized for 5 minutes each.

TRIBUTE TO THE TENNESSEE VOLUNTEERS FOOTBALL TEAM

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Tennessee (Mr. DUNCAN) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. DUNCAN. Mr. Speaker, I have often said that in my district, the colors orange and white are almost as patriotic as red, white, and blue. That is because orange and white represents the official colors of the University of Tennessee and the Tennessee Volunteers football team, now the undisputed NCAA national football champion.

Mr. Speaker, just a few short weeks ago the Tennessee Vols completed a perfect 13-0 season and earned their first national championship in 47 years.

Under the eye of the great coach Phillip Fulmer, the winningest active coach in the NCAA, who has now won about 85 percent of his games as the head coach, the Vols captured their second consecutive SEC championship. To top it all off, Coach Fulmer was named both the SEC and National Football Coach of the Year.

Many other people also have helped make this past season more memorable than ever. The Vols defense, led by defensive coordinator John Chavis, held 7 opponents to 14 points or less and 8 to under 100 yards rushing this season. The Vol defense ended the 1998 season

ranked 6th nationally in rushing defense, and had one of the best overall defenses in the Nation.

The Vol offense, led by now departed offensive coordinator David Cutcliffe, who took the top spot at the University of Mississippi, powered through opponents all season long. The new offensive coordinator is not new to aggressive and successful play. Coach Randy Sanders, who took over the offensive reins during the Fiesta Bowl, was previously the quarterbacks and running backs coach at UT.

Coach Sanders' first game saw his offense perform exceptionally well against the tough Florida State defense. The Volunteer offense had a tremendous season indeed, averaging over 211 yards rushing per game, leading the SEC and ranking among the top nationally.

Mr. Speaker, who else could assemble such a great coaching talent and staff but the greatest athletic director in the Nation, Doug Dickey? Coach Dickey has had amazing success in his career at UT. As head football coach from 1964 through '69, Coach Dickey put the UT football program back on the map, winning two SEC championships and leading the Vols to high national rankings in several bowl game appearances.

For the last 13 years Coach Dickey has been a true leader in the field of college athletics, and has built the University of Tennessee into a sports powerhouse in the NCAA. Additionally, his efforts to build scholarship fundraising have led to an increase in UT's level of giving from \$800,000 to more than \$9 million annually to the athletic department.

Mr. Speaker, the people I have mentioned thus far have contributed a great amount to the success of the UT football program, but they alone could not have done it without a host of great Volunteer athletes. The Volunteer football squad achieved a perfect season last year, and joined the 1951 Volunteers as the only other national championship team in Tennessee football history.

The championship team was led by four captains, all of whom brought outstanding leadership and exciting action to the Volunteer team. All American linebacker and co-Captain Al Wilson was the emotional leader of the Vol defensive team, and perhaps in the biggest game of the season Al Wilson broke the single game individual "caused fumble" record in a match-up against Florida.

Co-Captain and placekicker Jeff Hall had an amazing season, earning the SEC all-time scoring record with 371 points in his career. He also had a game-winning field goal at the buzzer, to win the season opener against Syracuse. More importantly, Jeff Hall was named an academic All-American and SEC player.

Co-Captain Shawn Bryson and Mercedes Hamilton helped the Vol offense dominate opponents throughout the

season. Both players started every game, and provided much needed support to the offensive effort. Bryson, who started every game as fullback, rushed in one game for over 200 yards on 21 carries with four touchdowns.

Mercedes Hamilton, who started every game as offensive right guard, was a key blocker who helped lead the Vol offensive running game. Mr. Speaker, without a doubt, most quarterbacks would rather not have had to follow a player like Peyton Manning. However, Tee Martin, the fantastic leader of the Tennessee offense, rose to the challenge.

Under enormous pressure, Martin posted a tremendous season, completing an NCAA record 24 consecutive passes in a 2-game period against Alabama and South Carolina.

His favorite receiver, Peerless Price, was another Vol who certainly lived unto his name Peerless. He led the Vols with 61 catches for over 900 yards in 1998, and finished his career ranked third on UT's all-time list for receptions and receiving yards, and also had a 100-yard kickoff return against Alabama.

Mr. Speaker, there were many key players and others that made this season a very special one for the Vols. As I said before, the Fiesta Bowl gave the Vols their second national title in 47 years.

The 1951 Volunteers, led by the Great Coach, General Robert Neyland, was the last Tennessee team to win the National championship. Some of the greatest names in Tennessee football history came from that very team. Names like: Jim Haslam, Col. Gene Moeller, Gordon Polofsky, Bill "Moose" Barbish, Herky Payne, Tex Davis, Boomer Boring, Any Myers, Pat Shires, Doug Atkins, Andy Kozar, Bob Davis, Bill Addonizio, John Michels, and Don Bordinger all shaped the history of Tennessee football and put the volunteers on the map of NCAA football powerhouses.

I know that the players of the 1951 team are extremely proud of the players and coaches of the 1998 Volunteers.

Finally Mr. Speaker, this year brought an end to the most outstanding college football radio show in the history of the game. The "Voice of the Vols" John Ward and his partner Bill Anderson stepped down after the Fiesta Bowl on January 4th. For over 30 years, Ward and Anderson have given Tennessee football fans around the world chill bumps, calling every game with a heartfelt passion that is second to none in college football. The two are the longest-running broadcast pair in Division 1-A college football.

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate the newly crowned NCAA National Champion Tennessee Volunteers and everyone who has contributed to their perfect season. Go Vols!

THE SURPLUS AND SOCIAL SECURITY

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Michigan (Mr. SMITH) is recognized for 5 minutes.