

the delay of the release of this report, despite the fact that there are national security concerns, we do have our own counterintelligence efforts, it appears that in this city, politics is pre-eminent.

Again let me state this. I take no joy in this. It is mind-boggling, it is disturbing, but every American should ask themselves this question: Have our leaders in the administration been good custodians of the Constitution? Have they provided for the common defense; or, in boastful claims of reinventing government, claiming draw-down, a reduction in government employees, eviscerated our military to the tune of a quarter million personnel, put American lives at risk, and brought us to this? A question not of personal conduct in terms of relationships but of actions taken that jeopardize and threaten the security of every American. That is the juncture at which we find ourselves now.

No one takes joy in this but the strength of the American people is in understanding once a problem has been confronted through our constitutional processes, through the fact that we must all stand at the bar of public opinion and let the public render a judgment, that we can rectify the problem.

Jefferson spoke of it, that the vitality of this country would eventually overcome those who would follow mistaken policies, for whatever reason, and that is the challenge that we confront, not as Democrats or Republicans but as Americans, because nothing less than our national security and our national vitality in the next century is at stake. This is the stark reality that we confront.

That is why all of us who serve in this Chamber, Mr. Speaker, as constitutional officers to provide for the common defense, to provide for our national security, must have answers to these hard questions. And that is why, Mr. Speaker, the Attorney General of the United States should tender her resignation immediately, the National Security Adviser should tender his resignation immediately, and those who are elected officials will have the verdict of history decide but that history and history's judgment will not be a century away, it will be forthcoming and in short order.

Mr. KINGSTON. Let me just say this. I think the gentleman from Arizona is absolutely right, as certainly Jefferson was, about the vitality of the American people and may they use that strength quickly and decisively on this particular scandal. But we have got to protect our Nation and our national security interest.

That is one reason why this Congress is going to move ahead to make recommendations to get rid of the spies at Los Alamos and anywhere else. But one thing I want to emphasize is that this is a bipartisan effort. That report, the Cox report, passed unanimously from a bipartisan committee. This is not

about getting onto the White House. This is about national security. I think that it is very important that we all keep in mind that the Democrats and Republicans on this one are scared to death.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT) for today on account of official business.

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

Ms. MILLENDER-MCDONALD (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT) for today on account of official business.

Mr. MCCOLLUM (at the request of Mr. ARMEY) for today after 8:00 p.m. and May 26 until 3:00 p.m. on account of family business.

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. UDALL of New Mexico) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:

Ms. NORTON, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. PALLONE, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. FILNER, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. CUMMINGS, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. UNDERWOOD, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. CARSON, for 5 minutes, today.

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

Mr. DIAZ-BALART, for 5 minutes each day, today and on May 26.

Mr. FLETCHER, for 5 minutes, on May 27.

Mr. JONES of North Carolina, for 5 minutes, today.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 11 o'clock and 59 minutes p.m.), the House adjourned until tomorrow, Wednesday, May 26, 1999, at 10 a.m.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 8 of rule XII, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

2314. A letter from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Cranberries Grown in the States of Massachusetts, et al.; Temporary Suspension of a Provision on Producer Continuance Referenda Under the Cranberry Marketing Order [Docket No. FV99-929-1 IFR] received May 10, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

2315. A letter from the the Director, the Office of Management and Budget, transmitting cumulative report on rescissions and deferrals, pursuant to 2 U.S.C. 685(e); (H. Doc. No. 106-71); to the Committee on Appropriations and ordered to be printed.

2316. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting a request of transfers from the Information Technology Systems and Related Expenses account; (H. Doc. No. 106-70); to the Committee on Appropriations and ordered to be printed.

2317. A letter from the Assistant General Counsel for Regulations, Office of the Secretary, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting the Department's final rule—Section 8 Tenant-Based Assistance; Statutory Merger of Section 8 Certificate and Voucher Programs [Docket No. FR-4428-1-01] (RIN: 2577-AB91) received May 18, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services.

2318. A letter from the Assistant General Counsel for Regulations, Office of the Secretary, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting the Department's final rule—Revised Restrictions on Assistance to Noncitizens [Docket No. FR-4154-F-03] (RIN: 2501-AC36) received May 18, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services.

2319. A letter from the President and Chairman, Export-Import Bank, transmitting a statement with respect to a transaction involving U.S. exports to Saudi Arabia; to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services.

2320. A letter from the Chairman, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, transmitting the Corporation's semiannual report on the activities and efforts relating to utilization of the private sector, pursuant to 12 U.S.C. 1827; to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services.

2321. A letter from the Regulations Policy and Management Staff, FDA, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Service's final rule—Secondary Direct Food Additives Permitted in Food for Human Consumption [Docket No. 98F-0342] received May 20, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

2322. A letter from the Attorney Advisor, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Passenger Automobile Average Fuel Economy Standards [Docket No. NHTSA-98-4853] (RIN: 2127-AG95) received May 20, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

2323. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Land Disposal Restrictions Phase IV: Treatment Standards for Wood Preserving Wastes, Final Rule; and Land Disposal Restrictions Phase IV: Treatment Standards for Metal Wastes, Final Rule; and Zinc Micronutrient Fertilizers, Final Rule; and Carbamate Treatment Standards, Final Rule; and K088 Treatment Standards, Final Rule [FRL-6335-7] (RIN: 2050-AE05) received April 29, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

2324. A letter from the Legal Advisor, Cable Services Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule—Implementation of Section 304 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996; Commercial Availability of Navigation Devices [CS Docket No. 97-80] received May 21, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

2325. A letter from the Special Assistant Chief, Mass Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting the

Commission's final rule—Amendment of Section 73.202(b) Table of Allotments, FM Broadcast Stations (East Brewton, Alabama and Navarre, Florida) [MM Docket No. 97-233 RM-9162] received May 14, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

2326. A letter from the Director, Office of Congressional Affairs, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule—Consolidated Guidance about Materials Licenses: Program-Specific Guidance about 10 CFR Part 36 Irradiator Licenses, dated January 1999—received May 17, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

2327. A letter from the Deputy Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule—Rule-making for EDGAR System [Release Nos. 33-7684; 34-41410; IC-23843; File No. S7-9-99] (RIN: 3235-AH70) received May 17, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

2328. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting a report on the status of efforts to obtain Iraq's compliance with the resolutions adopted by the U.N. Security Council, pursuant to Public Law 102-1, section 3 (105 Stat. 4); (H. Doc. No. 106-69); to the Committee on International Relations and ordered to be printed.

2329. A letter from the Director, Defense Security Cooperation Agency, transmitting notification concerning the Department of the Navy's Proposed Letter(s) of Offer and Acceptance (LOA) to United Kingdom for defense articles and services (Transmittal No. 99-15), pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2776(b); to the Committee on International Relations.

2330. A letter from the Chairman, International Fund for Ireland, transmitting the Fund's 1998 Annual Report; to the Committee on International Relations.

2331. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting a copy of D.C. ACT 13-64, "Solid Waste Facility Permit Amendment Act of 1999" received May 19, 1999, pursuant to D.C. Code section 1-233(c)(1); to the Committee on Government Reform.

2332. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting a copy of D.C. ACT 13-58, "Insurance Demutualization Amendment Act of 1999" received May 19, 1999, pursuant to D.C. Code section 1-233(c)(1); to the Committee on Government Reform.

2333. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting a copy of D.C. ACT 13-65, "Closing of Public Alleys in Square 51, S.O. 98-145, Act of 1999" received May 19, 1999, pursuant to D.C. Code section 1-233(c)(1); to the Committee on Government Reform.

2334. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting a copy of D.C. ACT 13-66, "Chief Technology Officer Year 2000 Remediation Procurement Authority Temporary Amendment Act of 1999" received May 19, 1999, pursuant to D.C. Code section 1-233(c)(1); to the Committee on Government Reform.

2335. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting a copy of D.C. ACT 13-59, "Petition Circulation Requirements Temporary Amendment Act of 1999" received May 19, 1999, pursuant to D.C. Code section 1-233(c)(1); to the Committee on Government Reform.

2336. A letter from the Director, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting the Department's final rule—Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Thelypodium howellii ssp. spectabilis (Howell's spectacular thelypody) (RIN: 1018-AE52) received May 21, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

2337. A letter from the Director, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting the Department's final rule—Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Threatened Status for Johnson's Seagrass (RIN: 1018-AF62) received May 21, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

2338. A letter from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule—Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Species in the Rock sole/Flathead sole/"Other flatfish" Fishery Category by Vessels Using Trawl Gear in Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area [Docket No. 990304063-9063-01; I.D. 042799B] received May 5, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

2339. A letter from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule—Fisheries of the Economic Exclusive Zone Off Alaska; Groundfish Fisheries by Vessels Using Hook-and-Line Gear in the Gulf of Alaska [Docket No. 990304062-9062-01; I.D. 051299E] received May 20, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

2340. A letter from the Chief, Regs and Admin Law, USCG, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Rules of Practice, Procedure, and Evidence for Administrative Proceedings of the Coast Guard [USCG-1998-3472] (RIN: 2115-AF59) received May 20, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

2341. A letter from the Acting Chief, Office of Regulations and Administrative Law, USCG, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Safety Zone: 4th of July Celebration Fireworks Display, Great South Bay, Sayville, New York [CGD01-99-040] (RIN: 2115-AA97) received May 20, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

2342. A letter from the Chief, Regs and Admin Law, USCG, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Safety Zone: Groton Long Point Yacht Club fireworks display, Main Beach, Groton Long Point, CT [CGD01-99-039] (RIN: 2115-AA97) received May 20, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

2343. A letter from the Acting Chief, Office of Regulations and Administrative Law, USCG, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Special Local Regulations: Hudson Valley Triathlon, Hudson River, Kingston, New York [CGD01-98-155] (RIN: 2115-AE46) received May 20, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

2344. A letter from the Chief, Regs and Admin Law, USCG, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Drawbridge Operating Regulation; Lake Pontchartrain, LA [CGD08-99-032] (RIN: 2115-AE47) received May 20, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

2345. A letter from the Acting Chief, Office of Regulations and Administrative Law, USCG, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Drawbridge Operation Regulations; River Rouge (Short-Cut Canal), Michigan [CGD09-98-055] (RIN: 2115-AE47) received May 20, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

2346. A letter from the Program Support Specialist, Aircraft Certification Service,

Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Airworthiness Directives; McDonnell Douglas Helicopter Systems (MDHS) Model 369E, 369FF, 500N, and 600N Helicopters [Docket No. 99-SW-11-AD; Amendment 39-11113; AD 99-08-07] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received May 20, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

2347. A letter from the Acting Chief, Office of Regulations and Administrative Law, USCG, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Special Local Regulations: Fleet's Albany Riverfest, Hudson River, New York [CGD01-98-163] (RIN: 2115-AE46) received May 20, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

2348. A letter from the Program Support Specialist, Aircraft Certification Service, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Airworthiness Directives; Raytheon Aircraft Corporation Beech Models 65-90, 65-A90, 65-A90-1, 65-A90-2, 65-A90-3, 65-A90-4, B90, C90, C90A, E90, H90, and F90 Airplanes [Docket No. 90-CE-18-AD; Amendment 39-11171; AD 99-10-07] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received May 20, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

2349. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Uniform National Discharge Standards for Vessels of the Armed Forces [FRL-6335-5] (RIN: 2040-AC96) received April 29, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

2350. A letter from the Chairman, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting a draft of proposed legislation that would make changes to the Atomic Energy Act of 1954 and the Energy Reorganization Act of 1974; jointly to the Committees on Commerce and Transportation and Infrastructure.

2351. A letter from the Deputy Assistant Administrator, National Ocean Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting an announcement concerning the Request for Proposals for the Ecology and Oceanography of Harmful Algal Blooms Project; jointly to the Committees on Resources, Commerce, Science, and Armed Services.

2352. A letter from the Secretary of Energy, transmitting a draft of proposed legislation which would provide a more competitive electric power industry; jointly to the Committees on Ways and Means, Commerce, Agriculture, Transportation and Infrastructure, Resources, and the Judiciary.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES ON PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XIII, reports of committees were delivered to the Clerk for printing and reference to the proper calendar, as follows:

Mr. YOUNG of Florida: Committee on Appropriations. Report on Suballocation of Budget Allocations for Fiscal Year 2000 (Rept. 106-163). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

Mr. SESSIONS: Committee on Rules. House Resolution 189. Resolution providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 150) to amend the Act popularly known as the Recreation and Public Purposes Act to authorize disposal of certain public lands or national forest lands to local education agencies for use for elementary or secondary schools, including public charter schools,