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The House met at 12:30 p.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mrs. MYRICK).

DESIGNATION OF SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC,
June 22, 1999.

I hereby appoint the Honorable SUE WILKINS MYRICK to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

J. DENNIS HASTERT,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A message from the Senate by Mr. Lundregan, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate had passed with amendments in which the concurrence of the House is requested, a bill of the House of the following title:

H.R. 1664. An act making emergency supplemental appropriations for military operations, refugee relief, and humanitarian assistance relating to the conflict in Kosovo, and for military operations in Southwest Asia for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1999, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the Senate insists upon its amendments to the bill (H.R. 1664) "An Act making emergency supplemental appropriations for military operations, refugee relief, and humanitarian assistance relating to the conflict in Kosovo, and for military operations in Southwest Asia for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1999, and for other purposes," requests a conference with the House on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses thereon, and appoints Mr. STEVENS, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. SPECTER, Mr. DOMENICI, Mr. BOND, Mr. GORTON, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mr. BURNS, Mr. SHELBY, Mr. GREGG, Mr. BENNETT, Mr. CAMPBELL, Mr. CRAIG, Mrs. HUTCHISON, Mr. KYL, Mr. BYRD, Mr. INOUE, Mr.

HOLLINGS, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. HARKIN, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. REID, Mr. KOHL, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. DORGAN, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, and Mr. DURBIN, to be the conferees on the part of the Senate.

MORNING HOUR DEBATES

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the order of the House of January 19, 1999, the Chair will now recognize Members from lists submitted by the majority and minority leaders for morning hour debates. The Chair will alternate recognition between the parties, with each party limited to 30 minutes, and each Member, except the majority leader, the minority leader, or the minority whip, limited to 5 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Texas (Ms. JACKSON-LEE) for 3 minutes.

TRIBUTE TO LATE TEXAS LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR BOB BULLOCK

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas. Madam Speaker, whenever I fly home to Texas and my plane approaches the State of Texas, I often hear the sound of rising thunder drifting across our land. The rumble is and can be known as the echoes of Texans, past and present, voicing their solid beliefs in individuality, independence and State pride. For the past few days, however, that thunder has been stilled, for the voices of all Texans have been silent in quiet reverence for the passing of our former Lieutenant Governor Bob Bullock, a great Texan and a great American.

After courageously fighting lung cancer and heart disease, Bob Bullock passed away this past Friday. As we Texans like to say, he fought a good fight, but he simply ran out of time.

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his post as Lieutenant Governor, Bullock served 16 years as State Comptroller. He also served Texas as the Secretary of State, as a member of the Texas House of Representatives, and as an Assistant Attorney General. He truly loved public service and loved his State. From his early days as a Texas State Representative in 1956 to his final days as a retired Lieutenant Governor, Bob Bullock placed the interests of his State even before his own. He would often work when he was ailing, but he was committed to the values of our State and of this country.

As Secretary of State he strove to attain campaign and election law changes as well as voting rights for 18-year-olds. Bullock headed the first consumer protection division at the Attorney General's office as an Assistant Attorney General. And while he was a great admirer of history, particularly Texas history, Bob Bullock also knew the value of foreseeing the future, something quite evident when he became one of the first elected officials to use computers in his office.

Because I have known discrimination, I appreciate and applaud Bob Bullock's steadfast commitment to equal opportunity. He would let no one turn him around. As the Texas State Comptroller, he was the first elected official to enact an equal opportunity employment policy in his office. I can recall the many times that Bullock shared political alliances with the late Barbara Jordan, the first black woman elected to the Texas State Senate. Bullock also and always looked beyond a person's race or gender. To him, it was only the person's spirit and character that mattered. He was also a friend of our first historically black State school in the State, one born out of segregation, Texas Southern University.

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Yet it seems that Bob Bullock, like all Texas heroes, transcends his mere accomplishments. It is his character that we will cherish and remember. Bob Bullock was a force. He had a fiery temper that could put even the hottest Texas chili to shame, and he was as demanding on his staff as he was on himself. Bob Bullock, however, won the position of Lieutenant Governor and he had the respect of all the Senators.

He was one who appreciated a good joke. Although I have not completed my tribute to this great leader, this great Texan, let me say, Madam Speaker, to his wife and to his children, we have truly lost an American hero, a Texas hero, but most of all we have lost a friend who cared and loved for his fellow man and woman more than he cared for himself.

God bless you, Bob Bullock, God bless America, and God bless Texas.

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As many know, however, in the midst of the Bullock storm stood a gentle calm. And it is his great capacity for kindness and consideration that most remember. Bob Bullock always had an intense loyalty for his friends and loved ones. He was known for his corps of aides composed of a vast mix of individual talents, a group he affectionately called "the world's largest group of born losers." Through his belief in their abilities, he found ways to optimize the skills and personalities of each person. Perhaps because Bullock stood behind each and every member of his staff, they, too, stood behind him with determination and die-hard loyalty. He also was always ready for a good joke and a hearty laugh.

Bob Bullock learned early in his career that the good of the State often rose well above mere politics. When Governor George W. Bush first entered office, Bullock quickly forged a friendship with the new Governor. Bob Bullock was keen enough to realize that in-fighting with the Capitol could not help his State. He built a foundation for bipartisanship that now drives the State forward.

Bob Bullock now rests in the State Cemetery, which, ironically, now stands in renewed glory thanks to Bullock's renovation efforts. This past Sunday, a crowd of mourners stood below the gray sky and said their quiet good-byes. People from all walks of life attended, a tribute to Bullock's ability to touch a great cross-section of society. And although the entire state claimed him, he loved his beloved Hillsboro and they loved and admired him.

Like all Texas heroes, Bob Bullock embraced the very ideal of Texas. His personality was tough, incendiary, yet compassionate. He was great, and he was grand. And for that, Texas embraced, and still embraces, him.

To his wife Jan, his son and daughter, his stepdaughter, his grandson and all his other family members, we all lost a great Texan and a Great American, long may his legacy be remembered.

RELEASE OF RUDMAN REPORT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of Jan-

uary 19, 1999, the gentleman from Florida (Mr. STEARNS) is recognized during morning hour debates for 5 minutes.

Mr. STEARNS. Madam Speaker, the report of the President's Foreign Intelligence Advisory Board that criticized the state of security at the Department of Energy nuclear weapons laboratories and recommending certain structural reforms was released last week. This advisory board was chaired by former Senator Warren Rudman and includes detailees from the CIA, the FBI, and the Department of Defense. The report was titled, quote, Science at Its Best, Security at Its Worst.

Even though the Clinton administration has tried time and time again to pass the buck on taking responsibility for the security failures and has attempted to place the blame on previous administrations, a current administration spokesman at the White House who was intimately involved in the preparation of the report said the current administration is more culpable than any since the Department of Energy was created in 1977. The Rudman report denounces the administration for ignoring the Republican-proposed reforms at the Energy Department when it took office in 1993.

Here are some of the findings from the Rudman report: One, an Energy Department employee was dead 11 months before officials realized four documents with classified and restricted data were still assigned to him.

It took 45 months to fix a broken doorknob that was stuck in an open position, allowing access to sensitive nuclear information.

Energy Department officials took 35 months to write a work order to replace a lock at a weapons lab facility containing sensitive nuclear information.

Ordering security for mislabeled software took 24 months.

No one knows how many months passed before a security audit team discovered that the main telephone frame door at a weapons lab had been forced open and the lock destroyed.

And lastly, correcting a mistake that allowed secure telephone cryptographic materials to go improperly safeguarded for 51 months.

But most damaging of all is the following section of the Rudman report, and let me read it: "Never have the members of the special investigative panel witnessed a bureaucratic culture so thoroughly saturated with cynicism and disregard for authority. Never before has this panel found such a cavalier attitude towards one of the most serious responsibilities in the Federal Government, control of the design information relating to nuclear weapons. Never before has the panel found an agency with a bureaucratic insolence to dispute, delay and resist implementation of a Presidential directive on security as DOE's bureaucracy tried to do on the President's Decision Directive No. 61 that was issued in February of 1998."