

United States citizens by a congressional act called the Organic Act of Guam. In 1951, the United States signed a peace treaty with Japan, officially ending the Pacific War. In that treaty, the United States forgave or foreclosed or made impossible any claim for any war action by the Japanese by any American citizen or American national. So the peace treaty, in effect, foreclosed the opportunity for the people of Guam to be allowed the opportunity to make a war claim to Japan.

So what we have today is that the people of Guam cannot make a war claim against Japan, nor are they included in the war claims legislation that has been passed by Congress. So what we have today is a situation that is intolerable, that is unconscionable, and cries out for some justice.

Fortunately, with the collaboration of Senator DANNY INOUE over in the Senate, he and I have introduced legislation to grant the people of Guam the opportunity to submit war claims for death and injury and for forced march and forced labor. In order to validate these claims, we are proposing that in the future, we will establish a commission to validate the existence of these claims and certainly to review the tortured history of the claims situation in regards to the people of Guam.

The one other irony is that, as I mentioned earlier in this speech, is that in anticipation of a Japanese invasion of the Aleutian Islands, the civilians who lived in the Aleutian Islands were evacuated. In anticipation of Japanese war action in Guam, the only civilians that were evacuated were U.S. citizens. The people of Guam who were not citizens obviously were not evacuated. Legislation was granted to compensate those for property damages and for damages claimed as a result of the Japanese occupation to illusion islanders, but no such similar legislation has been passed for the people of Guam.

It is painful sometimes to talk about such issues because sometimes people think that we are talking about money issues. In one sense, we are. But we are not asking for what we do not deserve, and we are only asking for the same treatment as other American citizens and nationals who experienced exactly the same kind of condition.

In trying to bring honor and closure to the World War II experience, we have done many things in this country. We are establishing a World War II memorial on the mall. The original design of that World War II memorial called for 50 columns to commemorate each of the 50 States and one more for the District of Columbia. Incredibly, a place like Guam was left out of the memorial.

Fortunately, through a lot of conversation and personal appearances and letters and everything else, we have been able to rectify that so that Guam will be given the same kind of prominence in that memorial as any other State or territory, because, based on what I have told my colleagues this

evening, its contribution to the war effort was not only great in terms of winning the war against Japan, but enormous in terms of the suffering of individuals and their families.

So it is in their name, it is in the name of the people of Guam that we ask that consideration be given to this legislation, that it be widely supported. It is in their name that I ask that we bring some closure to this war experience for those who have survived to this age. Certainly, most people have passed on. Most of the people who experienced World War II as mature adults have passed on from Guam, and it is a way, it is a tragic circumstance because so many of them that suffered during the Japanese occupation will never see any kind of compensation or recognition for their efforts.

Every single family in Guam has some connection to the war experience. I always do not like to talk about it in those terms, but sometimes those are the terms that most people understand.

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My parents have 11 children. I am the only one that was born after World War II, and all the rest were born either during the war or prior to the war. Three of them died during the war.

For my parents, for my father while he was still alive, and for my mother who still lives today as a very energetic 85-year-old woman, there is no concern and there was never any concern about war restitution or the legislation or seeking any legislative initiative.

In fact, I will have to say that for most of the people who experience it, they barely mention it. It is really part of our attempt, for those of us who come from the generation who profited from their experience, it is our attempt to help make whole what must have been a horrific experience and to try to bring some closure and honor to their experience.

So today, even though we are one day late and actually in Guam time we are two days late, I want to again congratulate all the Marines and sailors and airmen and soldiers who participated in the battle for Guam.

There are so many out there. I am in strong communication with several of them. If they have not gone back to Guam, they should go back to Guam and see what they helped make possible. For those people who came down from the hills, the Chamorro people of Guam, who endured the Japanese occupation, let us never forget that they made their contribution to liberty and they made their contribution to American ideals as well.

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. UNDERWOOD) to revise and

extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. PALLONE, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. STUPAK, for 5 minutes, today.

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

Mr. BURTON of Indiana, for 5 minutes, July 28.

Mr. BILIRAKIS, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. EHRlich, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. DAVIS of Virginia, for 5 minutes, July 29.

Mr. RAMSTAD, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. TIAHRT, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. KOLBE, for 5 minutes, July 29.

Mr. MORAN of Kansas, for 5 minutes, July 26.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 7 o'clock and 17 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until Monday, July 26, 1999, at 12:30 p.m., for morning hour debates.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

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

3190. A letter from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Karnal Bunt; Compensation for the 1997-1998 Crop Season [Docket No. 96-016-35] (RIN: 0579-AA83) received July 12, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

3191. A letter from the General Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Changes in Flood Elevation Determinations [Docket No. FEMA-7289] received July 12, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services.

3192. A letter from the General Counsel, National Credit Union Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule—Credit Union Service Organizations—received July 13, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services.

3193. A letter from the General Counsel, National Credit Union Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule—Investment and Deposit Activities; Credit Union Service Organizations—received July 13, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services.

3194. 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 Tennessee: Approval of Revisions to the Tennessee SIP Regarding National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants and Volatile Organic Compounds [TN-207-1-9924a; TN-214-1-9925a; FRL-6379-4] received July 13, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

3195. A letter from the Secretary of Commerce, transmitting the first of six annual

reports under the International Anti-Bribery and Fair Competition Act of 1998; to the Committee on Commerce.

3196. A letter from the Chairman, Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting the annual report of the Securities Investor Protection Corporation for the year 1998, pursuant to 15 U.S.C. 78ggg(c)(2); to the Committee on Commerce.

3197. 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 under a contract to Japan [Transmittal No. DTC 48-99], pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2776(c); to the Committee on International Relations.

3198. 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 under a contract to The Netherlands [Transmittal No. DTC 65-99], pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2776(c); to the Committee on International Relations.

3199. 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 under a contract to Japan [Transmittal No. DTC 67-99], pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2776(c); to the Committee on International Relations.

3200. 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 under a contract to the United Kingdom [Transmittal No. DTC 49-99], pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2776(c); to the Committee on International Relations.

3201. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting certification of a proposed Manufacturing License Agreement with Oman [Transmittal No. DTC 71-99], pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2776(d); to the Committee on International Relations.

3202. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting certification of a proposed Technical Assistance Agreement with the United Kingdom [Transmittal No. DTC 14-99], pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2776(d); to the Committee on International Relations.

3203. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting certification of a proposed Manufacturing License Agreement with Finland [Transmittal No. DTC 9-99], pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2776(d); to the Committee on International Relations.

3204. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting certification of a proposed Manufacturing License Agreement with Norway [Transmittal No. DTC 53-99], pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2776(d); to the Committee on International Relations.

3205. A letter from the Director, Retirement and Insurance Services, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting the Office's final rule—Federal Employees Health Benefits (FEHB) Program and Department of Defense (DoD) Demonstration Project (RIN: 3206-AI63) received July 12, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Government Reform.

3206. A letter from the Director, Retirement and Insurance Service, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting the Office's final rule—Federal Employees Health Benefits (FEHB) Program and Department of Defense (DoD) Demonstration Project; and Other Miscellaneous Changes (RIN: 3206-AI67) received July 12, 1999, pursuant to

U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Government Reform.

3207. 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; Final Designation of Critical Habitat for the Rio Grande Silvery Minnow (RIN: 1018-AF72) received July 2, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

3208. 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; Shallow-water Species Fishery by Vessels using Trawl Gear in the Gulf of Alaska [Docket No. 990304062-9062-01; I.D. 062399A] received July 12, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

3209. A letter from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting the thirty-first in a series of reports on refugee resettlement in the United States covering the period October 1, 1996, through September 30, 1997, pursuant to 8 U.S.C. 1523(a); to the Committee on the Judiciary.

3210. A letter from the Assistant Attorney General for Administration, Justice Management Division, Department of Justice, transmitting the Department's final rule—Amendment to the Justice Acquisition Regulations (JAR) Regarding: Electronic Funds Transfer (RIN: 1105-AA68) received July 1, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on the Judiciary.

3211. A letter from the Secretary, Federal Trade Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule—Premerger Notification: Reporting and Waiting Period Requirements—received July 1, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on the Judiciary.

3212. A letter from the Program Analyst, Office of the Chief Counsel, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Airworthiness Directives; McDonnell Douglas Model DC-9-10, -20, -30, -40, and -50 [Docket No. 97-NM-49-AD; Amendment 39-11224; AD 99-15-05] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received July 15, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

3213. A letter from the Program Analyst, Office of the Chief Counsel, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Airworthiness Directives; Boeing Model 777-200 Series Airplanes [Docket No. 98-NM-243-AD; Amendment 39-11214; AD 99-14-05] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received July 1, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

3214. A letter from the Senior Regulations Analyst, Office of the Secretary, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Participation by Disadvantaged Business Enterprises in Department of Transportation Programs [Docket No. OST-97-2550] (RIN: 2105-AB92) received July 1, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

3215. A letter from the Attorney, Research and Special Programs Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Hazardous Materials: Revision to Regulations Governing Transportation and Unloading of Liquefied Compressed Gases (Chlorine) [Docket No. RSPA-97-2718 (HM-225A)] (RIN: 2137-AD07) received July 1, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

3216. A letter from the the Clerk of the House of Representatives, transmitting the

annual compilation of personal financial disclosure statements and amendments thereto filed with the Clerk of the House of Representatives for the period of January 1, 1998, through December 31, 1998, pursuant to Rule XXVII, clause 1, of the House Rules; (H. Doc. No. 106-103); to the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct and ordered to be printed.

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. ISTOOK: Committee on Appropriations. H.R. 2587. A bill making appropriations for the government of the District of Columbia and other activities chargeable in whole or in part against revenues of said District for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000, and for other purposes (Rept. 106-249). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

Mr. COBLE: Committee on the Judiciary. H.R. 1565. A bill to amend the Trademark Act of 1946 relating to dilution of famous marks, and for other purposes; with an amendment (Rept. 106-250). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

Mr. YOUNG of Alaska: Committee on Resources. H.R. 2181. A bill to authorize the Secretary of Commerce to acquire and equip fishery survey vessels (Rept. 106-251). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

Mr. YOUNG of Alaska: Committee on Resources. H.R. 1487. A bill to provide for public participation in the declaration of national monuments under the Act popularly known as the Antiquities Act of 1906; with an amendment (Rept. 106-252). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XII, public bills and resolutions were introduced and severally referred, as follows:

By Ms. BROWN of Florida (for herself, Mr. EVANS, Mr. FILNER, Mr. SHOWS, and Mr. UDALL of New Mexico):

H.R. 2586. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to increase the amount of veterans' burial benefit paid for plot allowances, and to provide for the payment to States of plot allowances for veterans eligible for burial in a national cemetery who are buried in cemeteries of such States; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. ISTOOK:

H.R. 2587. A bill making appropriations for the government of the District of Columbia and other activities chargeable in whole or in part against revenues of said District for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000, and for other purposes.

By Mr. CRAMER (for himself and Mr. WICKER):

H.R. 2588. A bill to amend the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to provide that certain employees of Federal, State, and local emergency management and civil defense agencies may be eligible for certain public safety officers death benefits, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. CRANE (for himself, Mr. ROHR-ABACHER, and Mr. COX):

H.R. 2589. A bill to provide for the privatization of the United States Postal Service; to the Committee on Government Reform.