

Commerce, I have seen the high-technology economy at work in other parts of the country and around the world. I have seen how connecting to the Internet makes a difference in the education of children. I have seen how connecting to the Internet makes a business prosper or fail. I have seen the promise of the broadband technologies, in effect high-speed Internet connects, to an economy are going to make the difference between whether some economies succeed or fail.

And I have lived in the State of Louisiana that I love dearly and yet I know suffers from a high illiteracy rate and a need for children to be uplifted, an economy that desperately needs a connect to this high-technology economy; and yet I see these numbers that say we are 47th, and I see so many other States lingering near the bottom of this list.

And so on next Monday we have convened what might be the last big high-technology summit conference of this millennium where on October 11 in Baton Rouge we are going to feature such speakers as:

Bill Kennard, the Chairman of the Federal Communications Commission, Robert Pitofsky, the chairman of the Federal Trade Commission,

Barry Diller, the chairman and CEO of USA Networks,

Charlie Ergen, chairman of Echostar Satellite Communications,

Bob Coonrod, chairman of the Corporation for Public Broadcasting,

Greg Maffei, the Senior Vice President of Microsoft,

Afshin Mohebbi, the President and CEO of Quest Communications,

Mike McCurry, former White House spokesman, now a cochairman with our own Susan Molinari of the broadband Coalition, an organization formed to try to make sure every part of America, not just the few States that have high-technology connects, but every part of America is brought together; that we do not have a digital divide in the new economy of the future; along with folks like Hal Krisbergh, chairman and CEO of Worldgate Communications, a company that is manufacturing equipment that can put every child in this country on the Internet on television without the necessity of a computer for about \$5 a month rental, technologies that mean the difference between children being left behind, and businesses being left behind and economies being left behind or being a part of the new fast economy that is being described as the new economy of the new millennium.

This summit conference will be available to all of America on the Internet, and I want to tell you how you can log in, how you can tune in. If you are interested in knowing how critical it is for your homes and your businesses to be connected to the Internet and to be, more importantly, connected to the high-speed Internet of the future, the broadband services that are going to combine all the new economies on the

Internet with the high-speed visual and audio and data services that are going to be available on those services. If you are interested, you can tune in. It will be broadcast live on the Internet all day long next Monday, and you can find it at www.mobitel.com.

That site is connected to other ISPs or Internet service providers.

You can tune in, you can get a sense of how your State can do what Louisiana, I hope, will do, and that is start a major effort to connect every family, every business to this new economy and to the high speed Internet. Join us at www.mobitel.com on Monday all day at LSU and learn what the future looks like for your State.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Ms. KAPTUR (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT) for today on account of personal business.

Ms. GRANGER (at the request of Mr. ARMEY) for today after 3:30 p.m. on account of personal reasons.

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

Mr. HILL of Indiana, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. CARSON, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. BROWN of Ohio, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. TOWNS, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. WATERS, for 5 minutes, today.

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

Mr. RAMSTAD, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. TAUZIN, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. NETHERCUTT, for 5 minutes, today.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 5 o'clock and 52 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until tomorrow, Friday, October 8, 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:

4710. A letter from the Chief, Office of Regulations and Administrative Law, USCG, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Special Local Regulations: Winston Offshore Cup, San

Juan, Puerto Rico [CGD07 99-056] (RIN: 2115-AE46) received October 4, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

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 Alaska: Committee on Resources. H.R. 748. A bill to amend the Act that established the Keweenaw National Historical Park to require the Secretary of the Interior to consider nominees of various local interests in appointing members of the Keweenaw National Historical Parks Advisory Commission; with amendments (Rept. 106-367). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

Mr. YOUNG of Alaska: Committee on Resources. H.R. 1615. A bill to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to extend the designation of a portion of the Lamprey River in New Hampshire as a recreational river to include an additional river segment (Rept. 106-368). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

Mr. YOUNG of Alaska: Committee on Resources. H.R. 2140. A bill to improve protection and management of the Chattahoochee River National Recreation Area in the State of Georgia; with an amendment (Rept. 106-369). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

Mr. PORTER: Committee on Appropriations. H.R. 3037. A bill making appropriations for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000, and for other purposes (Rept. 106-370). 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 Mr. HANSEN:

H.R. 3035. A bill to designate certain lands in the State of Utah as wilderness, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Resources.

By Mr. SHUSTER (for himself, Mr. OBERSTAR, Mr. PETRI, and Mr. RAHALL):

H.R. 3036. A bill to provide for interim continuation of administration of motor carrier functions by the Federal Highway Administration; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

By Mr. ANDREWS (for himself, Mr. GRAHAM, and Mr. OWENS):

H.R. 3038. A bill to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to clarify the exemption from the minimum wage and overtime compensation requirements of that Act for certain computer professionals; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

By Mr. BATEMAN:

H.R. 3039. A bill to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to assist in the restoration of the Chesapeake Bay, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

By Mrs. CHENOWETH-HAGE (for herself, Mr. YOUNG of Alaska, Mr. DUNCAN, Mr. DOOLITTLE, Mr. PETERSON of Pennsylvania, Mr. HILL of Montana, Mr. SCHAFER, Mr. SHERWOOD, and Mr. HAYES):

H.R. 3040. A bill to require the appointment of the Chief of the Forest Service by

the President, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate; to the Committee on Agriculture.

By Mr. DEUTSCH:

H.R. 3041. A bill to provide for a demonstration project to allow certain organizations that provide care under Medicare to purchase home-care services from self-employed caregivers through home-care referral agencies; to the Committee on Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Ways and Means, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. GOODE:

H.R. 3042. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1031 Volens Road in Nathalie, Virginia, as the "Susie A. Davis Post Office"; to the Committee on Government Reform.

By Mr. GREEN of Wisconsin:

H.R. 3043. A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of the Army to establish a combat artillery medal; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. HILL of Indiana (for himself, Mr. DINGELL, Mr. FROST, Mr. DUNCAN, Mr. CRAMER, Mr. PASTOR, Mr. ROEMER, Mr. SCOTT, Mr. STUPAK, Mr. ETHERIDGE, Mr. BARRETT of Wisconsin, Mr. SANDLIN, Ms. HOOLEY of Oregon, Ms. CARSON, Mrs. TAUSCHER, Mr. LARSON, Mrs. JONES of Ohio, Mr. BAIRD, Mr. HOEFFEL, Mr. PHELPS, Mr. GONZALEZ, Mr. LUCAS of Kentucky, Mr. WU, and Mr. MOORE):

H.R. 3044. A bill to provide grants to local educational agencies to develop smaller schools; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

By Mr. LAZIO (for himself, Mr. BARTETT of Wisconsin, Mrs. KELLY, Mr. EHlers, and Mr. MCHUGH):

H.R. 3045. A bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to extend the authority of State Medicaid fraud control units to investigate and prosecute fraud in connection with Federal health care programs and abuse of residents of board and care facilities; to the Committee on Commerce.

By Mr. LEACH (for himself, Mr. LAFALCE, Mrs. ROUKEMA, and Mr. VENTO):

H.R. 3046. A bill to preserve limited Federal agency reporting requirements on banking and housing matters to facilitate congressional oversight and public accountability, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services.

By Mr. MATSUI (for himself, Mr. WELLER, Mr. ANDREWS, Mr. BENTSEN, Mr. GEJDENSON, Mrs. KELLY, and Mr. POMEROY):

H.R. 3047. A bill to amend the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 and the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to require plans which adopt amendments that significantly reduce future benefit accruals to provide participants with adequate notice of the changes made by such amendments; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce, and in addition to the Committee on Ways and Means, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. MCCOLLUM:

H.R. 3048. A bill to amend section 879 of title 18, United States Code, to provide clearer coverage over threats against former Presidents and members of their families, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Ms. MCKINNEY (for herself and Mr. ROHRBACHER):

H.R. 3049. A bill to cancel the bilateral debt owed to the United States by the heavily indebted poor countries, to prohibit United States funding of the International Monetary Fund until debt owed to the International Monetary Fund by the heavily indebted poor countries has been canceled, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services, and in addition to the Committee on International Relations, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. SPRATT (for himself, Mr. SPENCE, and Mr. SKELTON):

H.R. 3050. A bill to provide for the posthumous advancement of Rear Admiral (retired) Husband E. Kimmel and Major General (retired) Walter C. Short on the retired lists of their respective services; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. UDALL of New Mexico (for himself, Mr. SKEEN, Mrs. WILSON, Mr. KILDEE, Mr. HAYWORTH, Mr. KENNEDY of Rhode Island, Mr. YOUNG of Alaska, Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California, and Mr. BECERRA):

H.R. 3051. A bill to direct the Secretary of the Interior, the Bureau of Reclamation, to conduct a feasibility study on the Jicarilla Apache Reservation in the State of New Mexico, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Resources.

By Mr. VITTER:

H.R. 3052. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow certain coins to be acquired by individual retirement accounts and other individually directed pension plan accounts; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. WELDON of Pennsylvania (for himself and Mr. ANDREWS):

H.R. 3053. A bill to provide for assessments and contingency planning relating to emerging missile threats to the United States; to the Committee on Armed Services, and in addition to the Committee on International Relations, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. WEYGAND:

H.R. 3054. A bill to support the fiscal year 2000 proposed budget; to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services.

H.R. 3055. A bill to support the fiscal year 2000 proposed budget; to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services.

By Mr. DEAL of Georgia:

H. Con. Res. 194. Concurrent resolution recognizing the contributions of 4-H Clubs and their members to voluntary community service; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

By Mr. LANTOS (for himself, Mr. SAWYER, Mr. LAHOOD, Mr. BURTON of Indiana, Mr. WAXMAN, Mr. CONDIT, Ms. DEGETTE, Mr. HOUGHTON, Mr. INSLEE, Mr. JACKSON of Illinois, Mr. LIPINSKI, Mrs. MYRICK, Mr. OXLEY, Mr. PACKARD, Mr. SCHAFER, Mr. UDALL of Colorado, Mrs. McCARTHY of New York, and Mr. SCARBOROUGH):

H. Res. 324. A resolution supporting National Civility Week, Inc. in its efforts to restore civility, honesty, integrity, and respectful consideration in the United States; to the Committee on Government Reform.

By Mr. LAFALCE (for himself, Mr. NETHERCUTT, Ms. DEGETTE, and Mr. WELDON of Pennsylvania):

H. Res. 325. A resolution expressing the sense of the House of Representatives regarding the importance of increased support and funding to combat diabetes; to the Committee on Commerce.

MEMORIALS

Under clause 3 of rule XII, memorials were presented and referred as follows:

261. The SPEAKER presented a memorial of the Legislature of the State of Louisiana, relative to House Concurrent Resolution No. 222 memorializing the United States Congress to continue to support and fund the United States-Asia Environmental Partnership, the Environmental Partnership, the Environmental Technology Network for Asia, and the Council of State Governments' State Environmental Initiative; to the Committee on International Relations.

262. Also, a memorial of the Legislature of the State of Louisiana, relative to House Concurrent Resolution No. 257 memorializing the Congress of the U.S. to limit the appellate jurisdiction of the federal courts regarding the specific medical practice of partial-birth abortions; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

263. Also, a memorial of the Legislature of the State of Louisiana, relative to House Concurrent Resolution No. 56 memorializing the United States Congress to appropriate sufficient funds to install lighting on Interstate Highway 10 and Interstate Highway 310 in the vicinity of the intersection of Jefferson Parish, and St. Charles Parish, Louisiana; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

264. Also, a memorial of the Legislature of the State of Louisiana, relative to House Concurrent Resolution No. 266 memorializing the U.S. Congress to appoint a task force to close the Mississippi River Gulf Outlet; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

265. Also, a memorial of the Legislature of the State of Louisiana, relative to House Concurrent Resolution No. 342 memorializing Congress to take measures which would allow recipients of Social Security benefits and other government benefits to marry or remarry without fear of losing or experiencing a reduction in such benefits or other adverse financial consequences; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

266. Also, a memorial of the Legislature of the State of Louisiana, relative to House Concurrent Resolution No. 284 memorializing the United States Congress to take such actions as are necessary to allow social security recipients born between 1917 and 1921 to receive an equal amount of social security benefits as those recipients born between 1910 and 1916; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

PRIVATE BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 3 of rule XII:

Mr. FLETCHER introduced A bill (H.R. 3056) for the relief of Margaret M. LeBus; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

ADDITIONAL SPONSORS

Under clause 7 of rule XII, sponsors were added to public bills and resolutions as follows:

H.R. 72: Mr. TOWNS.

H.R. 123: Mr. SHAYS and Mr. BATEMAN.

H.R. 218: Mr. REYES.

H.R. 303: Mr. FLETCHER, Ms. PELOSI, and Mr. GOODLATTE.

H.R. 354: Mr. BASS, Mr. GALLEGLY, Mr. SESSEN, Mr. DOOLITTLE, Mr. MALONEY of Connecticut, Mr. TANCREDO, Mrs. BIGGERT, and Mr. BARR of Georgia.

H.R. 460: Mr. POMBO and Mr. BARCIA.