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House of Representatives

The House met at 2 p.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. PEASE).

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,
March 20, 2000.

I hereby appoint the Honorable EDWARD A. PEASE to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

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

PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend James David Ford, D.D., offered the following prayer:

Our prayer this day, gracious God, is for a renewed sense of vision in our lives and in our work. Enable us to be involved not only with our own objectives, but give us a vision of the goals of our own institution, of those values and ideals that bind us together as one people.

Let us show regard for one another and so honor each other; let us respect each other so we can be instruments of healing in a broken world; let us be good stewards of the grand resources of our blessed Nation, and let us be reconciled together in appreciation one for another.

May honor and healing and reconciliation and respect mark our lives and work now and evermore. Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The gentleman from Indiana (Mr. PEASE) led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

COMMUNICATION FROM HON. RICHARD A. GEPHARDT, DEMOCRATIC LEADER

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from The Honorable RICHARD A. GEPHARDT, Democratic leader:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
OFFICE OF THE DEMOCRATIC LEADER,
Washington, DC, March 20, 2000.

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

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: Pursuant to Section 101(f) of the Ticket to Work and Work Incentives Improvement Act of 1999 (Public Law 106-170), I hereby appoint the following individuals to the Ticket to Work and Work Incentives Advisory Panel:

Mr. Jerome Kleckley of New York to a 4 year term.

Ms. Frances Gracechild of California to a 2 year term.

Yours very truly,
RICHARD A. GEPHARDT.

ADJOURNMENT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the House will stand adjourned to meet at 12:30 p.m. on tomorrow for morning hour debates.

There was no objection.

Accordingly (at 2 o'clock and 1 minute p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until tomorrow, March 21, 2000, 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:

6649. A letter from the Administrator, Food and Nutrition Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Food Distribution Programs: Definition of "Indian Tribal Household" (RIN: 0584-AB67) received January 7, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

6650. 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—212); to the Committee on Appropriations and ordered to be printed.

6651. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting the request for supplemental appropriations for the Department of Defense; (H. Doc. No. 106—211); to the Committee on Appropriations and ordered to be printed.

6652. A letter from the Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, Reserve Affairs, Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense, Department of Defense, transmitting the annual National Guard and Reserve Component Equipment Report for fiscal year (FY) 2001; to the Committee on Armed Services.

6653. A letter from the Under Secretary of Defense, Personnel and Readiness, Department of Defense, transmitting the National Guard Youth Challenge Program Annual Report for Fiscal Year 1999; to the Committee on Armed Services.

6654. A letter from the Managing Director, Federal Housing Finance Board, transmitting the Board's final rule—Information Collection Approval; Technical Amendments to Advances to Nonmembers Rule [No. 99-69] (RIN: 3069-AA91) received January 7, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services.

6655. A letter from the Assistant to the Board, Federal Reserve Board, transmitting the Board's final rule—Bank Holding Companies and Change in Bank Control [Regulation Y; Docket No. R-1057] received January 24, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services.

6656. A letter from the Secretary, Bureau of Economics, Federal Trade Commission,

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transmitting the Commission's final rule—Charges for Certain Disclosures—received January 3, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services.

6657. A letter from the Corporation for Public Broadcasting, transmitting Public broadcasting and telecommunications entities service to minority and diverse audiences, pursuant to 47 U.S.C. 396 (m) (2); to the Committee on Commerce.

6658. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Standards of Performance for New Stationary Sources: Industrial-Commercial-Institutional Steam Generating Units [AD-FRL-6549-3] (RIN: 2060-AF92) received March 7, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

6659. 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; Illinois [IL171-1a; FRL-6536-1] received February 11, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

6660. 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 Georgia: Approval of Revisions to Enhanced Inspection and Maintenance Portion [GA-043-1-9905a; and GA-045-1-9906a; FRL-6528-9] received January 24, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

6661. 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; California State Implementation Plan Revision, South Coast Air Quality Management District [CA 022-0215; FRL-6529-1] received January 24, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

6662. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—North Dakota: Final Authorization of State Hazardous Waste Management Program Revision [FRL-6525-5] received January 20, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

6663. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Approval of Post-1996 Rate of Progress Plan: Indiana [FRL-6527-8] received January 20, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

6664. A letter from the Special Assistant to the Bureau Chief, Mass Media Bureau, Federal Communication Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule—Review of the Commission's Broadcast and Cable Equal Employment Opportunity Rules and Policies and Termination of the EEO Streamlining Proceeding [MM Docket Nos. 98-204 96-16] received February 23, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

6665. A letter from the Director, Office of Congressional Affairs, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule—Use of Alternative Source Terms at Operating Reactors (RIN: 3150-AG12) received January 21, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

6666. A letter from the Assistant Secretary Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting the FY 1999 Annual Report on U.S. Government Assistance to and Coopera-

tive Activities with the New Independent States of the Former Soviet Union; to the Committee on International Relations.

6667. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Uniform Administrative Requirements for Grants and Agreements with Institutions of Higher Education, Hospitals, and Other Non-Profit Organizations [FRL-6526-6] received January 20, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Government Reform.

6668. A letter from the Associate Administrator for Procurement, National Aeronautics and Space Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule—Uniform Administrative Requirements for Grants and Agreements with Institutions of Higher Education, Hospitals, and Other Non-Profit Organizations—received January 28, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Government Reform.

6669. A letter from the Director, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting the Office's final rule—Prevailing Rate Systems; Abolishment of the Washington, MD, Non-appropriated Fund Wage Area (RIN: 3206-A197) received January 21, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Government Reform.

6670. A letter from the Director, Workforce Compensation and Perf. Service, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting the Office's final rule—Emergency Leave Transfer Program (RIN: 3206-A103) received January 21, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Government Reform.

6671. A letter from the Director, Office of Insurance Programs, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting the Office's final rule—Federal Employees' Group Life Insurance Program: New Premiums (RIN: 3206-A154) received January 21, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Government Reform.

6672. A letter from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Policy, Management and Budget, Department of the Interior, transmitting the Department's final rule—Administrative and Audit Requirements and Cost Principles for Assistance Programs (RIN: 1090-AA67) received January 21, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

6673. 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; Emergency Rule to List the Santa Barbara County District Population of the California Tiger Salamander as Endangered (RIN: 1018-AF81) received January 21, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

6674. A letter from the Under Secretary for Oceans and Atmosphere, Department of Commerce, transmitting the activities of the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries Organization for 1999; to the Committee on Resources.

6675. A letter from the Chief of Staff, National Indian Gaming Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule—Minimum Internal Control Standards (RIN: 3141-AA11) received January 24, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

6676. A letter from the Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule—Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Spiny Dogfish Fishery Management Plan [Docket No. 990713189-9335-02; I.D. 060899B] (RIN: 0648-AK79) received February 29, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

6677. A letter from the Assistant Administrator For Fisheries, National Marine Fish-

erie's Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule—Fisheries Off West Coast States and in the Western Pacific; Northern Anchovy/Coastal Pelagic Species Fishery; Amendment 8 [Docket No. 990430115-9314-02; I.D. 030299B] (RIN: 0648-AL48) received January 21, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

6678. 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; Trawling in Steller Sea Lion Critical Habitat in the Central Aleutian District of the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands [Docket No. 000211040-0040-01; I.D. 022300A] received March 3, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

6679. A letter from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule—Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Pacific Cod in Western and Central Regulatory Area in the Gulf of Alaska [Docket No. 991228352-0012-02; I.D. 022200D] received March 3, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

6680. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Branch, U.S. Customs Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting the Department's final rule—Penalties For False Drawback Claims [T.D. 00-5] (RIN: 1515-AC21) received January 20, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

6681. A letter from the Chief Counsel, Bureau of the Public Debt, Department of the Treasury, transmitting the Department's final rule—Marketable Treasury Securities Redemption Operations—received January 20, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

6682. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Branch, Department of Treasury, transmitting the Department's final rule—Customs Brokers [T.D. 00-17] (RIN: 1515-AC34) received March 9, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

6683. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Simpson v. United States—received February 29, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

6684. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Low-Income Housing Tax Credit-2000 Calendar Year Resident Population Estimates [Notice 2000-13] received February 29, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

6685. A letter from the Chairman, Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board, transmitting the Tenth Annual Report describing the Board's health and safety activities relating to the Department of Energy's defense nuclear facilities during the calendar year 1999; jointly to the Committees on Armed Services and Commerce.

6686. A letter from the Board of Governors, Federal Reserve System, transmitting the Board's Monetary Policy Report to the Congress pursuant to the Full Employment and Balanced Growth Act of 1978, pursuant to 12 U.S.C. 225a; jointly to the Committees on Banking and Financial Services and Education and the Workforce.

6687. A letter from the Chair, Medicare Payment Advisory Commission, transmitting the 2000 Report to the Congress: Medicare Payment Policy; jointly to the Committees on Ways and Means and Commerce.

6688. A letter from the Board Members, Railroad Retirement Board, transmitting the Congressional Justification of Budget Estimates for Fiscal Year 2001; jointly to the Committees on Appropriations, Transportation and Infrastructure, and Ways and Means.

6689. A letter from the Chairperson, National Council on Disability, transmitting a report entitled, "From Privileges to Rights: People Labeled with Psychiatric Disabilities Speak for Themselves"; jointly to the Committees on Education and the Workforce, Commerce, and the Judiciary.

6690. A letter from the Chairman, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting the Fiscal Year 2001 Budget Estimates and Performance Plan; jointly to the Committees on Commerce, Appropriations, and Government Reform.

6691. A letter from the Chairman, Federal Election Commission, transmitting a FY2001 Budget Request; jointly to the Committees on House Administration, Appropriations, and Government Reform.

6692. A letter from the Chairperson, National Council on Disability, transmitting a report on issues affecting people with disabilities from diverse racial and cultural backgrounds, "Lift Every Voice: Modernizing Disability Policies and Programs to Serve a Diverse Nation"; jointly to the Committees on Education and the Workforce, the Judiciary, Transportation and Infrastructure, and Government Reform.

6693. A letter from the Acting General Counsel, Department of Defense, transmitting a proposal of draft legislation, "To authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2001 for military activities of the Department of Defense, to prescribe military personnel strengths for fiscal year 2001, and for other purposes."; jointly to the Committees on Armed Services, Resources, Rules, Small Business, Government Reform, Veterans' Affairs, Commerce, and 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:

[The following action occurred on March 17, 2000]

Mr. GILMAN: Committee on International Relations. H.R. 3822. A bill to reduce, suspend, or terminate any assistance under the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 and the Arms Export Control Act to each country determined by the President to be engaged in oil price fixing to the detriment of the United States economy, and for other purposes; with an amendment (Rept. 106-528). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

[Submitted March 20, 2000]

Mr. YOUNG of Alaska: Committee on Resources. House Resolution 182. Resolution expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that the National Park Service should take full advantage of support services offered by the Department of Defense (Rept. 106-529). Referred to the House Calendar.

Mr. KASICH: Committee on the Budget. House Concurrent Resolution 290. Resolution establishing the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2001, revising the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2000, and setting forth appropriate budgetary levels for each of fiscal years 2002 through 2005 (Rept. 106-530). Referred to the Com-

mittee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

DISCHARGE OF COMMITTEE

[The following action occurred on March 17, 2000]

Pursuant to clause 5 of rule X, the Committee on Agriculture discharged from further consideration of H.R. 701.

PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. VISCLOSKY:

H.R. 4033. A bill to amend the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to clarify the procedures and conditions for the award of matching grants for the purchase of armor vests; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. COBLE (for himself, Mrs. BONO, Mr. DELAHUNT, Mr. PEASE, and Mr. WEXLER):

H.R. 4034. A bill to reauthorize the United States Patent and Trademark Office; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. GEKAS (for himself and Mr. YOUNG of Alaska):

H.R. 4035. A bill to establish a commission to review and explore ways for the United States to become energy self-sufficient by 2010; to the Committee on Commerce.

By Mrs. MALONEY of New York (for herself and Mr. SAXTON):

H.R. 4036. A bill to provide that Federal reserve banks and the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System be covered under chapter 71 of title 5, United States Code, relating to labor-management relations; to the Committee on Government Reform.

By Mr. SCARBOROUGH:

H. Con. Res. 289. Concurrent resolution condemning the racist and anti-Semitic views of the Reverend Al Sharpton; 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. 347: Mr. HASTINGS of Washington.
H.R. 515: Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas, Ms. DELAUNO, and Mr. EVANS.
H.R. 1227: Ms. SCHAKOWSKY.
H.R. 1356: Mr. ABERCROMBIE.
H.R. 1689: Mr. BLUNT.
H.R. 1690: Mr. STRICKLAND.
H.R. 2025: Mr. MCGOVERN, Mr. CLAY, and Mr. MORAN of Virginia.
H.R. 2288: Mr. FATTAH.
H.R. 2564: Mr. SKEEN.
H.R. 2736: Mr. KLINK.
H.R. 2909: Ms. WOOLSEY.
H.R. 3044: Ms. SANCHEZ, Mr. McNULTY and Mr. DEFAZIO.
H.R. 3439: Mr. ALLEN, Mr. HASTINGS of Washington, and Mr. ABERCROMBIE.
H.R. 3268: Mr. GILMAN and Mr. DOGGETT.
H.R. 3690: Mr. BALDACCIO.
H.R. 3825: Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. BROWN of Ohio, and Ms. SANCHEZ.
H.R. 3844: Mr. NORWOOD, Mr. EHRlich, and Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN.
H.R. 3998: Mr. KIND and Mr. PASCRELL.
H. Con. Res. 262: Mr. COOKSEY and Mr. CUNNINGHAM.
H. Con. Res. 273: Mr. CAMPBELL.

AMENDMENTS

Under clause 8 of rule XVIII, proposed amendments were submitted as follows:

H.R. 3822

OFFERED BY: MR. GEJDENSON

AMENDMENT No. 1: Page 8, after line 2, insert the following (and redesignate the subsequent section accordingly):

SEC. 7. SENSE OF THE CONGRESS.

It is the sense of Congress that—

(1) using authority under existing law, directly through time exchanges (or "swaps") or through other means, the President and the Secretary of Energy should draw down the Strategic Petroleum Reserve in an economically feasible manner and to a responsible degree, to combat unfair foreign trade practices of OPEC and alleviate the severely deleterious consequences to people and businesses in the United States that those practices have caused; and

(2) the President and the Secretary of Energy should prepare for future threats to the economy and energy supply of the United States by developing methods to—

(A) draw down the Strategic Petroleum Reserve quickly when needed; and

(B) increase the quantity of crude oil in the Strategic Petroleum Reserve over time in an economically reasonable manner.

H.R. 3822

OFFERED BY: MR. GEJDENSON

AMENDMENT No. 2: Page 8, after line 2, insert the following (and redesignate the subsequent section accordingly):

SEC. 7. SENSE OF THE CONGRESS.

It is the sense of Congress that—

(1) using authority under existing law, directly through time exchanges (or "swaps") or through other means, the President and the Secretary of Energy should draw down the Strategic Petroleum Reserve in an economically feasible manner and to a responsible degree, to combat unfair foreign trade practices of OPEC and alleviate the severely deleterious consequences to people and businesses in the United States that those practices have caused;

(2) the President and the Secretary of Energy should prepare for future threats to the economy and energy supply of the United States by developing methods to—

(A) draw down the Strategic Petroleum Reserve quickly when needed; and

(B) increase the quantity of crude oil in the Strategic Petroleum Reserve over time in an economically reasonable manner; and

(3) Congress should immediately pass, and the President should sign into law, legislation to reauthorize the Energy Policy and Conservation Act and extend the President's authority to release oil from the Strategic Petroleum Reserve.

H.R. 3822

OFFERED BY: MR. SANDERS

AMENDMENT No. 3: Page 8, after line 2, insert the following:

(d) LEVERAGE TO SUCCEED IN DIPLOMATIC EFFORTS TO END PRICE FIXING.—In order to increase the chances of diplomatic efforts succeeding to bring about the complete dismantlement of international oil price fixing, the President shall immediately enter into agreements with members of the oil industry for the swap of crude oil from the Strategic Petroleum Reserve for both crude oil and 6,700,000 barrels of home heating oil at a later date. Such arrangements shall provide that—

(1) when the price of crude oil drops below \$25 per barrel for a period of two consecutive weeks, the oil industry shall replenish crude oil to the Strategic Petroleum Reserve; and

(2) when the price of heating oil drops below \$1.00 per gallon for a period of two consecutive weeks, the oil industry shall provide the President with 6,700,000 barrels of home heating oil for the purposes of establishing a Home Heating Oil Reserve.